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### August 2005

As most of you will be busy over the summer and will probably not get to read this anyway, I have decided to keep things brief to save paper, ink and time!! Here is a quick report on what you have done in July.

### Royal Show

Well done to the boys from Romsey, Tim and Nigel Parsons, with Ed Smales from Sparsholt, who took part in the Fence Erecting. They were the first to get their fence up but came in 10<sup>th</sup> overall. The Bishops Waltham girls did their cheerleading routine even though it was pouring with rain. I was proud to watch you all carry on even though the mud was slippery and you were all soaked! They came 14<sup>th</sup> out of 22 entries. Tim Parsons's swan came 6<sup>th</sup> in the recycled metalwork competition. There were 8 entries and it was interesting to see that most of them were birds! Sarah Bowden's Thankyou card was equal 28<sup>th</sup> out of 90 entries and Clare Collins recruitment leaflet came joint 16<sup>th</sup> out of 62 entries. Well done to all of you for taking part.

### Isle of Wight Show

I was pleased to attend the Isle of Wight Show on a beautiful sunny Saturday, and help on the IOW YFC stand. It was great to meet some more of the members and thanks Matt for keeping me topped up with refreshment! (He knows what I mean!) I was interested to see that the members had taken part in a raft race on the island with a brilliant looking craft called the Batmobile. It made me wonder if we could get a county raft race going again. Any ideas or would any of you be interested? Here is IOW member Andrew Burden showing how easy it was to ride the unridable bike. It turned out that nobody

else could master how to ride it which meant that the members raised some club funds on the day.

### New Forest Show

A big thanks to all of you who came to the show and helped on the stand or took part in the stockjudging. The weather could have been better but we didn't get too wet. Thanks to Dave & Jean Banks and Linda Humby for sorting out the stockjudging and to the judges that volunteered their time. It was good to see you all there. Well done to Elliot Croft from Alresford who won the dairy judging. It was the first time that he had done this and was most shocked to go home with a cup and £30 prize money. Hopefully we will get some new members from these three days. If you have enquiries at your clubs, please give lots of information and be nice and friendly! (I know that you are all nice and friendly anyway.) I did a short radio interview for The Saint on 107.8fm at the show. Did any of you hear it?

As usual, we had our HFYFC mascot on the stand. Sophie got more attention from the public than any of us did!!

### Canadian Exchangee

A big thank you to the Bishops Waltham members for hosting Lenny for the last week. A big thanks must go to Hilary and Ray for giving him a room and feeding him. Hopefully, lots of you met Lenny during his short stay. He has now gone off to Ireland. Amongst other things, Lenny visited the D Day Museum, the New Forest Show and it was planned that he would go and watch the Saints play Anderlect on Saturday however I have not had this confirmed. It was a good win for us anyway with a 3-2 score!! If you are interested in a YFC Discovery Trip, keep an eye out for the next TEN26 magazine where the details should be printed.

### Gossip

Hilary Hill is about to become the proud parent of rotweiller puppies! They are due in two weeks. I am sure that you will see a photo of them later in the hatches section of our 2006 year book!

### Lastly

Just to let you know that I will be taking some holiday on the 13<sup>th</sup> August for 1 week. I am off to Cornwall so let's hope for some nice weather. As it is the end of the year, the final figures for membership have been sent off and I will start invoicing the clubs when I get a minute. It is that time of year when I am after your money! I am afraid that we also send out our wish list asking for sponsorship towards county competitions. If you can help, we will be very grateful for any donations. Just keep the letterbox selotaped up if you don't want to get my lovely mail!! See you soon.

Kind regards  
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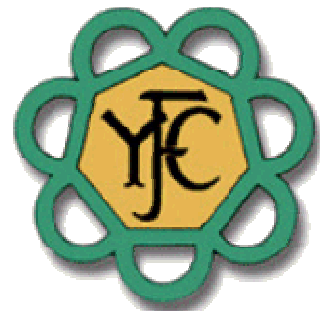
### WANTED

Would the Romsey members who stole my YFC signs from the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance please return them to me. I was quite surprised to see one in Romsey when I passed through the other week! It would have been nice if you had asked first.

### Battle of Cheriton

Once again, we have a promotional stand at the Battle of Cheriton where 2,500 soldiers and 20 canon will re-create the largest cavalry charge in 300 years. (as well as a lot of noise!) If you want to help on the stand, give me a ring. We will be there on the Sunday and Monday of the August Bank Holiday Weekend. Those of you who don't know where Cheriton is, it's near Alresford and it's where I live. If you want to come and watch, it is £6 for Adults and £3 for children. For your information, our local pub, The Flower Pots, has a brilliant beer festival all that weekend too!

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