

JUNE 2007

HAMPSHIRE YFC NEWS

NEWS ON PAST EVENTS

Horse Show & Rally

To my first Rally Day, it was touch and go for a while but as they say the show must go on!! I know things weren't going to go completely smoothly but it really dawned on me that things could get worse when I was told that the marquee that I had hired had been stolen from the lockup therefore we were without a marquee, and to add to it I wasn't told until lunchtime on Saturday and being stuck on the stand at Sparsholt Open Day didn't help matters and to add insult to injury I didn't have any signal on my mobile in the barn where the stand was situated (Great!!), Thank you to all people that I managed to contact to source another one, we managed to get one which wasn't put up until 5pm on the Saturday evening, therefore none of the usual setting up could be done that day so it was a mad morning before all the members turned up. You could imagine my face when I stepped out of the door to be greeted by the rain which managed to stay with us for most of the day, entries on the horse show were slightly down on previous years due to the weather but can you blame them!!



As usual, HFYFC owe a massive debt of gratitude to Dave and Jean Banks for their hard work in organising this event. Thank you to all the members that help set up in the morning and a special thanks to Rachel & Sam Foote who organised and transported the tables otherwise we could have been judging classes on the floor!

A huge thank you must also go to Peter White (Site Manager) who directed everyone to their relevant pitches and the Beaulieu members who were the security for the evening. There are too many people to thank individually so please can you all take this as a personal thank you.

There were many competitions at the Rally and lots of entries, unfortunately it was decided to abandon the sports events – I can't understand why the tug of war could have been interesting in the wet grass!

I have just managed to work out how the scoring system works and the results for the Shields so here goes:



The Senior Challenge Shield – Romsey YFC

The Junior YFC Trophy – South East Hants YFC

WI Cup for Rural Pursuits – South East Hants YFC

Young Farmer Annual Convention
Friday 27th – Monday 30th April 2007
Torquay

58 Hampshire YFC members attended this years Annual Convention in Torquay for a weekend of informative discussion and a lot of fun. Thanks must go to Creative Images, Romsey 01794 322026 for producing around 60 shirts in record time and at great value



During Friday 27th April, members travelled down to the Devon coast. After the first event (a black tie/lounge suit do on the Friday night) several members attended the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Forum at the Riveria Centre. Three topics were discussed and Hampshire had representatives on each subject. The format of the event involves a presentation from leading voices within the rural community followed by a divide into smaller groups, enabling members to debate a subject and

put their views across.

I joined the Rural Affairs debate where we were given the opportunity to air concerns regarding the rural economy to Dr Stuart Burgess, Chairman and Rural Advocate, Commission for Rural Communities. Topics included affordable housing, the village shop and post office and the rural community. Questions were raised as to why granting of planning permission is not consistent. It was noted that new uncreative wonder village developments are not the answer to affordable rural housing and community progress as the inhabitants do not necessarily support existing amenities. It was also suggested that shops are encouraged to provide other services and adapt their opening hours to suit their customers in a bid to prevent future village shop closures.

The Food and Tourism group mainly focused on the Year of Food & Farming, opportunities and barriers for young entrepreneurs and getting local food into hospitals. The Year of Food & Farming, which starts in September 2007, should be an important tool in educating the general public about food production in the UK and also promote local produce, good farming standards and improve relations between the farming industry and the consumer. With regard to getting local food into hospitals, it was pointed out that one Cornish hospital trust now buys 40% of its food from local producers – more needs to be done in order progress this initiative in other counties.



The final group studied Non-Food Crops and Climate Change. With the food producing market mature, new opportunities should be investigated. The group were urged to research biofuel energy, and press the issues on their local councils in order to improve public awareness on the subject. Germany have incentives to encourage use of anaerobic digestion energy generators which create energy using bio-degrading materials such as manure and compost. They have around 3500 plants and are aiming to have 20% of the countries TOTAL energy (including rail transport, buses, cars) produced using AD generators by 2020.

The Saturday evening was fancy dress Military style with Chappers and Dave and Chesney Hawkes. The AGM was well attended on Sunday morning and what a performance from the Wurzels on Sunday afternoon – they were brilliant!! (Their drummer is 80.) The club shirt party with dancing to superb band The Chip Shop boys was great and several of us swapped shirts – in Alresford we now have Radnor and Gwent young farmers – (an official Welsh theme going on) and I think Rob Edwards had the record for swapping his shirt 6 times!!! It's fair to say the Hampshire Young Farmers had a superb time.....see you in Blackpool!

AGM Report written by Rachel Foote.

UP & COMING COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Meon Valley Committee
In aid of Macmillan Cancer
Saturday 7th July
Wintershill Hall, Durley

007 James Bond Themed night – There will be a sky-diving display by The Tigers from the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, a display of Aston Martins and Ferraris, a Casino Royale marquee, pistol shooting and a flame-throwing juggler. Lots of other ideas are to be confirmed. The main entertainment will be by Southampton Pops Incorporated Orchestra.

The idea is for people to bring picnics and enjoy the open air concert and other attractions. The evening will end with a firework display.

Tickets are £26 each in advance, £24 for groups of 10 or more or £30 on the night and are available from Macmillan Cancer Support, St Mary's Hospital, Milton Road, Portsmouth, PO3 6AD, telephone 023 9278 8700.

The concert is specifically to help people living with cancer in Hampshire.

Avon Valley Wild West Barn Dance
Saturday 7th July
Court Farm Avon
Christchurch

Tickets £13 before 1st June - £15 after 1st June
Call 01425 654045 for tickets

Winchester YFC
Summer Party
Saturday 30th June 2007
Farley Farm, Braishfield

Winchester YFC and Hursley Hambledon Hunt Supporters Club would like to invite you to a summer party at Farley Farm – starting at 6.30pm till very late, bring your tent – camping field available

Disco – Bouncy Slide – Karaoke – BBQ - Bar

Tickets £10 call either Wendy on 01794 368265 or Janet on 01962 775504 for tickets



Winchester YFC
Clay Shoot
Silkstead Farm, Hursley
Saturday 30th June 2007

1.30 for 2oClock start
£30 per person
Please bring your own cartridges (150 Approx)
3 Drives – Stimulated Pheasant and Duck Day

Places are limited so please call Geoff Venn on 01962 775586 or 07974241818 to book.

OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moped Loan Scheme

Do you live in the New Forest aged between 16 –25?

People who wish to use this service must be referred by a Youth Worker, social worker or employment advisor, it is specifically to enable people to access employment or training and the loan period is normally 6 months, but this can be extended by negotiation.

The cost is £12 per week and includes maintenance of the moped, helmet and gloves.

You will need to undertake Compulsory Basic Training which is provided free by the scheme, for further information contact 01425 482773

Hampshire Harvest Festival

We have been approached to see if we can get involve in the Hampshire Harvest Festival Event in Winchester

They are interested in each club having a display – I have said that we will be interested and I will give you all more details when I receive them.

Tug of War Associations

Tug of War events in the area www.tugofwar.co.uk

Young Country Person Award

Strutt & Parker have organised a Young Person Competition for 2007, you will need to be aged between 10 – 18, if you would like more information on this, please contact Kelly at the County office – Closing Date 20th July

YEAR OF FOOD & FARMING

Would you like to get involved in the year of food and farming? We have been invited to join a meeting being held by the South of England Committee on the 17th May – this will give us a chance to have input on decisions being made. If you would like to get involved please contact Kelly at the County office.

As you will know I do not attend all of the events held by the YFC clubs, therefore any photos or reports that can be published in the newsletter need to be sent to the county office. These can be sent via post or email office@hampshireyfc.org

Desperately seeking!!!

Hampshire Young Farmers Supporters Club

We are looking for a new Secretary/treasurer for the supporters club. It is mainly administrative work with just one committee meeting a year in January or February.

If any kind person would like to take on this job please contact the county office or the Chairman of the supporters club committee Stella Leppard 02392 381929 or email stellaleppard@hotmail.com

Hampshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

We are still looking for a Treasurer for the county office, if you are interested; please speak with the County Chairman – Tim Parsons on 07796267627

HFYFC MEMBERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2007		See Key Below-	M	C	S	I
June	4 th	Policies & Development Meeting	M			
	7 th – 9 th	South of England Show		C		
	9 th – 10 th	Council Weekend	M			I
	11 th	Executive Meeting	M			
	17 th	SEA Summer Comps	M			
	25 th	Rally Meeting	M			
	30 th	Winchester YFC Summer Party (Farley Farm Braishfield)			S	
	30 th	Winchester YFC Clay Shoot (Silkstead Farm, Hursley)		C		
July	1 st – 4 th	The Royal Show				I
	8 th	Alton Show				I
	7 th	Avon Valley Wild West Barn Dance			S	
	7 th	Cancer Macmillan – 007 Night			S	
	15 – 16 th	Aldershot Army Show				I
	16 th	Executive Meeting	M			
	23 rd – 26 th	Royal Welsh Show				I
	24 th – 26 th	New Forest & Hampshire County Show				I
September	1 st	Alresford Show				I
	8 th	Romsey Show				I
	19 th – 20 th	Dairy Event 2007				I
	14 th – 16 th	Training for Trainers				
	17 th	Executive Meeting				
	28 th – 30 th	Leadership Development Course – Part 1		C		
October	13 th – 14 th	National Competitions Weekend		C		
	20 th – 21 st	Council Weekend	M			
	28 th	Club Leader Training				
November	9 th – 11 th	Leadership Development Course – Part 2		C		
	17 th	County Dance – Rose Bowl			S	
December	3 rd	County AGM	M			
	10 th	Discovery Selection Weekend				I
	9 th	County Leaders' Day		C		

KEY: M=Meeting, C=Course or Competition, S=Social Event, I= Information.

If you have any club news or events that you would like the other clubs to know about, please email or telephone Kelly Stroud at County Office on office@hampshireyfc.co.uk or 01962 776270