



# SOMERSET YFC

## NEWSLETTER ~ MAY 2011!

### RALLY MONTH IS HERE AT LAST!

I'm sure this is going to be a busy month for most of you, no doubt busy preparing Handicrafts and ensuring Rally entries are up-to-speed ahead of doing battle on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May!

Let's hope the sunshine lasts and ensure that you and your members all stick to the rules to ensure a safe and fun Rally all round. Good luck and remember it's not just the winning that counts! Points mean prizes!

**Anna**

### FANCY ESCAPING FOR CHARITY?!

Wedmore YFC are hosting a "Prison Break" on 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May. Anyone is welcome to enter a team!

Teams must be at least 2 people, aged 18 and over, at a cost of £10 per person and sponsorship.

There will be a Poster, Rules and an Entry Form coming out soon, so watch this space and start planning your escape!

The "Prison Break" is to raise money for Wedmore Organisations.

If you would like more info or to get your hands on an entry form please contact Claire Willcox for more info 07964749701.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL SOMERSET YFC MEMBERS!

Well done to you all for your recruitment skills which are obviously working wonders for your clubs, as membership is up by over 85 members on this time last year! Pat on the back time!

### RALLY 2011 – FINAL INFO!

Please note there will be no alcohol to be brought on-site on 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May; cars will not be allowed into the camping area and all campfires, BBQ's and caravans will be allowed on-site! Tickets for the evening do will be available during the day at £7, £10 on the gate in the evening. You will need ID and U18's will need parental consent forms in order to buy tickets. Consent forms need to be on their person at all times during the weekend, and during the evening they will need to be accompanied by an over 18. Non-members who are U18 will not be allowed into the evening event.

Stockjudging on Friday is from 5.30pm onwards, members are to park at the Rally site and will then be transported to the stockjudging sites.

The Handicrafts shed will be open from 5.30pm-8.30pm on Friday, there is no car access to the shed. On Friday evening there will also be Food, the Bar will be open and Karaoke will be taking place.

On Saturday morning animals can come onto site from 6.30am, food will be available from 7.30am, the Handicrafts shed will be open from 8am-10am, animal showing starts at 9am and other competitions start at 10am.

The Tug-of-War and Main Events will begin at 2pm. Sheep can leave at 3pm, Calves and Handicrafts at 4pm.

The Moonwalking and Air Guitar competitions will be on the stage after the Main Events, with the prize giving at 5.30pm (main results will be in the evening at 10.30pm).

The evening do will start at 7.30pm, U18's will be wristbanded differently and will need to be accompanied by an accompanying senior member, and end at 2am (members must keep noise to a minimum in the campsite during the evenings).

All members are to have left the site by 11am on Sunday morning.

The site will be signposted from Taunton, there is a one-way system in place, so members coming from the south need to use the postcode TA1 3BJ for sat-navs to come to the right entrance for the one-way system.

Entrants in the Fence Erecting will be able to bring a trailer onto the site to get close-by for unloading of materials, and raft teams will also have nearby access.

Please all adhere to the rules and ensure a fun and safe weekend!

Don't forget the sun-cream – let's be positive!! Good luck!

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ADMINISTRATOR - Anna Creed (Tues-Fri)

SPORTS - Kate Lyons ~ 07717 235573ACCOUNTS/MEMBERSHIP - Gillian Dosson (Mon, Weds,  
& Thursdays)

Joy Davenport ~ 07976 092230

STOCKJUDGING - Jo Page ~ 07825 447114

Office open Monday - Friday, 9.30 am - 5.30 pm

SOCIAL EVENTS - Georgina Carter ~ 07810 883334

(3.00 pm on Mondays)

MANAGEMENT CHAIRMAN - Rob Stone ~ 07989 555456ARAC CHAIRMEN - Clare Mitchell ~ 07830 206888 / Roy Hayes ~ 07970 598448**ROYAL BATH & WEST SHOW  
YFC STOCKJUDGING**

The ever-popular YFC Stockjudging Competition is fast approaching; entry forms are now available so if you would like a copy please contact County Office ASAP. Don't forget to get your entries and entry money into us by 20<sup>th</sup> May!

**IS YOUR CLUB HAVING A DO?**

If so you may be interested in having a mobile light tower for car parking, toilets etc. Ben Willcox (Wedmore YFC) has one available to hire. It is 4.8m max height, 2 x 400 watt lamps 20 hour run-time and comes on a road legal trailer. For more information please contact Ben on 07815954349.

**LOOKING FOR A PROJECT?**

We have been contacted by a lady who is looking for reliable and helpful people to help move something a bit heavy! Fees are negotiable but they are looking for about three people to move a fold-down caravan over a low wall and ramp. Not such a bad job just one that needs muscles! They will be grateful for any help, they are in the Keynsham direction. They are also looking for help with general gardening /hedging/fences/wooden raised bed building/hen-keeping and managing etc. If you think you can help please contact Claire on 0117 986 6884.

**SOMERSET YFC IS THE PLACE TO BE AT THE BATH & WEST SHOW THIS YEAR!**

At this year's Royal Bath and West of England Show (1st-4th June) Somerset YFC's marquee on the ever popular Village Green will be the place to be seen! The marquee will be sizzling with talent throughout the four days, with an array of entertainment, competitions and must-see exhibits to whet any showgoers appetite!

Quite literally on Saturday 4th June when the marquee comes alive with "Somerset YFC's Got Talent", a day devoted to a snippet of the great and good in our wonderful Federation. You can witness a highly entertaining (but also informative!) demonstration, in conjunction with Cornish Mutual's "Come Together, Eat Together" campaign, on how to create a family-friendly meat-dish from BBC's Young Butcher of the Year Winner, and member of Polden Hills YFC, Lloyd Tucker. With a bit of a twist the demonstration will lead onto a competition for the members to copy what Lloyd has just done! Cast your mind back to the Generation Game (if you're old enough to remember it!) and you will be on the right track.

As well as this there will also be plenty of singing, dancing and much laughter on the Saturday as we showcase the sheer talent and ingenuity that our members possess.

Ladies Day on Friday will also be celebrated in a rather unique way, once the Stockjudging Competition has finished (keep sending in your entries!), the Ladies will be donning their fancy dress outfits and heavy boots and competing against other groups from across the showground in a Ladies Tug-of-War competition on the Village Green! Not for the faint-hearted but great fun to watch!

The rest of the week certainly won't be a quiet affair in the Marquee either with many Public Speaking demonstrations and competitions, Animal demonstrations, Handicrafts and exhibits to view and of course not forgetting the now-famous homemade cakes and tea available for the weary shopper.

We hope to see plenty of you on the Village Green!

**HOPE YOU ALL HAVE FUN IN BLACKPOOL!**

For those of you trekking to the National AGM at the beginning of the month we hope you all have a fantastic time and I hope you enjoy the ARAC forum and the AGM meeting itself! No doubt there will be plenty of hi-jinks and fun, but make sure you keep it all above board and make Somerset proud of you!

## SOMERSET YFC IS THANKFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF -



SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL

And

THE BRIDGWATER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES - DINNERS, DANCES , DISCOS and Dos....generally!

#### MAY

- Sunday 1 **Fosse Group YFC Friendly Mixed Hockey Tournament** Shepton Mallet Leisure Centre, 11am-2pm. All clubs in Somerset welcome!
- Wednesday 4 **Members Council** County Offices, Westonzoyland 7.45 pm
- Thursday 5 **Wessex Group YFC Races Evening** Wincanton Racecourse. Members, non and associates all welcome. Over 18's £17 entry, to include free drink, over 17's £5 entry. Music to follow racing (last race 8.15pm) from Alexandra Burke. Gates open 3.30pm, first race 5.35pm. Tickets from Naomi Walters (before 18<sup>th</sup> April) 07973 524379.
- Thursday 5 **Sheep Stockjudging Training (Ewes and Lambs)** Lane End Farm, Cocklake, Wedmore from 7pm. Info from Jo Page 07801 863070.
- Fri 6 – 9 **NFYFC Annual Convention** Blackpool.
- Friday 13 **Sedgemoor YFC Rally 2011 Stockjudging** Cutliffe Farm, Sherford, Taunton TA1 3RQ
- Saturday 14 **Sedgemoor YFC "Mayhem at the Musicals" Rally** Cutliffe Farm, Sherford, Taunton TA1 3RQ
- Saturday 21 **Chew Valley YFC 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance** Chew Valley Rugby Club Marquee, Chew Magna. Tickets from Caz Sage 07827 665251 or Michelle Bowden 07900 077594.

#### JUNE

- Weds 1 – Sat 4 **Royal Bath & West Show** Come to the Village Green and see the YFC Marquee!
- Friday 3 **ENTRY DEADLINE** – Rugby and Rounders Tournaments (CLUB entries)
- Wednesday 8 **Farrington Gurney YFC Charity Bingo** Wells Tramways, doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm. Info from Ellie, 07853 150256.
- Tuesday 21 **Tennis Tournament**
- Sunday 26 **South-West Area Competitions Day** Lackham College, Wiltshire

#### JULY

- Saturday 2 **Severn Group Rally 2012 "Wet & Wild" Weekend**
- Sunday 3 **Rugby 7's and Mixed Junior Rounders Tournament**
- Wednesday 6 **Federation Management Meeting** County Offices, Westonzoyland 7.45pm
- Saturday 9 **Bridgwater YFC "Human Horse Racing" and Barn Dance**
- Wednesday 13 **NSAS Countryside Day** North Somerset Showground. Volunteers to help with YFC stand and day welcome!
- Wednesday 13 **Members Council** County Offices, Westonzoyland 7.45pm
- Friday 29 **Langport YFC Disco** Muchelney, Langport
- Sunday 31 **Lowland Games** Muchelney, Langport

#### AUGUST

- Sunday 7 **Summer Sports Day** Chestnut Farm, Hewish, Weston-S-Mare
- Thursday 18 **ENTRY DEADLINE** County Stockjudging Finals. Hosted by Wessex Group.

**NFYFC SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION HOTLINE – 07748 962481  
OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, FULLY CONFIDENTIAL**