



# SOMERSET YFC

## NEWSLETTER ~ JUNE 2011!

### SEE YOU AT THE SHOW!

Now the Rally has passed (and what a day it was!) I hope you have all had a little break from Handicrafts etc and instead are looking forward to coming to see all of the action going on this year in the Bath & West Show marquee! The show is between 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> June and thanks to all of you who have volunteered to steward, we really value your help. I hope lots of you will come and see us on the Village Green – there's plenty to see!

Anna

### RALLY 2011 – SEDGEMOOR REALLY GOT THE MUSIC GOING BUT LEFT OUT THE MAYHEM!

**Sedgemoor Group** did a wonderful job at hosting the "Musical Mayhem" Rally at Cutcliffe Farm, Taunton on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May and I'm sure all of you will agree that it was a fantastic Rally!

There was so much going on and it was great to see record numbers of Handicrafts being entered and with scores of members trying their hand at Stockjudging and all of the competitions throughout the day it was clear to see that the battle going on for points was fierce!

The Animal Show was very impressive (to say the least!) and again it was great to see so many entries, showing that Somerset YFC takes a lot of pride in such events and competitions.

But as we all know points do mean prizes and at the end of the day there had to be some winners! **Polden Hills YFC** did a sterling job to retain the R & J Keen Cup (overall) and also the Large Club Cup (this was a great feat as most of them were involved on the Rally Committee!). **Kingsbrompton YFC** did a cracking job to win the Wilf Sherborne Rosebowl (for clubs with under 30 members) and newly-formed **Quantock Vale YFC** continued to prove they are a force to be reckoned with by winning the Vice-President's Cup (for Junior classes with highest overall points) to name a few of the cup-winners from the day.

All of the winners and placings (even if just for a Handicraft class) were very well deserved and you all deserve a pat-on-the-back. The Rally was a fantastic testament to Somerset YFC and all that we are – so well done to you!

I hope you like the snaps to remember the day and thanks to **Shirley Hill** for sending them in.



### DON'T FORGET!

If you or your club won a National qualifier competition at the Rally you will be going onto the next round (at Area or National events) so watch this space and wait to be contacted about the next round.

Well done!

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WIMBLEDON WITH THE TENNIS  
TOURNAMENT!**

Last summer saw the return of a YFC Tennis Tournament and this year the Tennis continues! With plenty of teams entered for the YFC Tournament on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at Wincanton Tennis Club (at the Sports Ground) from 6.30pm it should be a lovely evening so why not come along and support your clubs and fellow members and you can always really get into the spirit with some strawberries and cream!! This year Wincanton, next year Wimbledon!! Good luck to you all!

**BALL TO HONOUR JUST RETIRED  
NFYFC PRESIDENT, LIONEL HILL  
MBE**

Worcestershire YFC are holding a ball on September 10th 2011 to celebrate the achievements of **Lionel Hill MBE**, recently retired NFYFC President. This will be a lovely event and as Lionel has always shown Somerset a lot of affection and support it would be great to send a few of our members along. For further information please contact Hannah Talbot (Worcestershire Vice Chairman) on 07894 879100 / [dipsyhan@hotmail.com](mailto:dipsyhan@hotmail.com) or County Office!

**WELL DONE TO COUNTY VICE-PRESIDENT IAN DYER AND HIS FAMILY!**

(AA Press Release)

Blackmore Farm in Cannington, Somerset has been named AA Guest Accommodation of the Year for England 2011-2012, beating off stiff competition from all over the country.

Blackmore Farm is a working dairy farm that is situated on the outskirts of the village of Cannington, near Bridgwater and offers guests luxury, traditional farmhouse accommodation. The accommodation is situated in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century Manor House, a converted cowshed and a converted cider press. Proprietors **Ian** and **Ann Dyer** have faithfully restored and converted the guest rooms to retain old world charm yet with all the modern comforts for today's visitors to enjoy. Blackmore Farm has 7 guestrooms that are all en-suite and there is a self-catering option in the Cider Press.

Guests are served a delicious traditional farmhouse breakfast in the Great Hall which is a truly atmospheric room complete with knights in armour to watch over you and a huge open fire place.

Ian and Ann have been receiving bed and breakfast guests in their home for the last 22 years. They were both shocked and delighted to be recognized by the AA for their hard work at the Awards Ceremony in London on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Ian said, "We are over the moon to win this award as recognition of the hard work that both ourselves and the staff do to make sure that our guests have a terrific and memorable stay."

The Dyer family work very hard to balance the trials and tribulations of running a successful dairy farm over 850 acres in tandem with their diversification projects. These are including the now award winning bed and breakfast accommodation, farm shop, café and award winning ice cream. As Ian says there are 24 hours in a day after all!

Website [www.blackmorefarm.co.uk](http://www.blackmorefarm.co.uk)

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

#### JUNE

- Weds 1 – Sat 4 **Royal Bath & West Show** Come to the Village Green and see the YFC Marquee!  
 Wednesday 8 **Farrington Gurney YFC Charity Bingo** Wells Tramways, doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm. Info from Ellie, 07853 150256.  
 Friday 10 **ENTRY DEADLINE** – Senior Tag Rugby and Junior Mixed Rounders Tournaments (CLUB entries)  
 Saturday 18 **Quantock Vale YFC Charity Pub Quiz** in aid of GO COMMANDO. Kings Head Inn, Cannington 7.30pm  
 Tuesday 21 **Tennis Tournament** Wincanton Tennis Club 6.30pm  
 Sunday 26 **South-West Area Competitions Day** Lackham College, Wiltshire

#### JULY

- Sunday 3 **Senior Tag Rugby 7's and Mixed Junior Rounders Tournaments** Wincanton Sports Ground 11am – 2pm  
 Wednesday 6 **Federation Management Meeting** County Offices, Westonzoyland 7.45pm  
 Saturday 9 **Severn Group Rally 2012 "Wet & Wild" Weekend**  
 Wednesday 13 **NSAS Countryside Day** North Somerset Showground. Volunteers to help with YFC stand and day welcome! 9am – 2.30pm.  
 Wednesday 13 **Members Council** County Offices, Westonzoyland 7.45pm  
 Friday 15 **Iminster YFC Traditional Barn Dance** With Band, Disco, Bar and Food.  
 Saturday 23 **North Somerset YFC Claverham Big Night Out**  
 Friday 29 **Langport YFC Disco** Muchelney, Langport  
 Saturday 30 **Polden Hills YFC Car Treasure Hunt**  
 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.  
 Friday 19-22 **South West Area Junior Camp** Brecon Beacons

#### SEPTEMBER

- Saturday 10 **Frome Cheese Show**  
 Wednesday 14 **Members Council AGM** County Offices, Westonzoyland 7.45pm  
 Sunday 18 **Stockjudging County Finals** Hosted by Wessex Group  
 Saturday 24 **Polden Hills YFC Disco**

#### OCTOBER

- Sunday 9 **Harvest Service and Supper** Wells Cathedral and Town Hall, from 7pm  
 Saturday 22 **Quantock Vale YFC Harvest Supper** Spaxton Village Hall  
 Thursday 27 **ENTRY DEADLINE** Public Speaking Finals (Club Entries)

#### NOVEMBER

- Wednesday 16 **Federation AGM** Cannington College Main Hall 7.30pm  
 Saturday 19 **Somerset YFC County Ball** The Winter Gardens, Weston-S-Mare 9pm-2am. 16+ members, 18+ non-members.  
 Sunday 27 **Public Speaking County Finals**

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