



# SOMERSET YFC JANUARY NEWSLETTER

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christmas has now been and gone and we hope you all had a lovely festive break and we would like to wish you all a happy new year and that 2012 is a prosperous and fulfilling one for you all.

## INTERMEDIATE BRAINSTRUST

We held the Intermediate Brainstrust finals at County Offices on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December and were pleased to say that the 4 teams who competed were of a very high standard. Our thanks must go to Mrs Jean Tincknell and Mr Alan Lyons for judging the competition. Results were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Exmoor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wiveliscombe
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Chew Valley
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Quantock Vale

Good luck to Exmoor as they move on to South West Area Finals in March.

## CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

This year's Vice-Chairman, Ali Trippick, wanted to open up the traditional carol service to a more wide ranging audience this year and did a brilliant job of organising the Celebration of Christmas on 11<sup>th</sup> December. It was a great success with old and new Young Farmer members coming together to celebrate the start of the festive period with readings, poems and carols. A very big thank you to all those who participated and made it very enjoyable. The collection raised £295.58 for Farm Crisis and Reverend Chris Keys thanked all those who came along and contributed and made the service such a fun evening.

## UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

During January we have a number of sports events coming up and we hope that we have as many entries as possible. This year we have had Jump Rope and Street Dancing added to the programme so please ensure that if you would like your club to participate you have entered a team in time for the finals on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January. After these competitions we have the Mixed Hockey (14-17) Finals on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January, the Mixed Volleyball (18-26) finals on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January and finally rounding off the month with the Rugby 7-a-side finals on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Please can entries be in as soon as possible so that we know how many teams will be competing in each of the events.

## SOUTH WEST AREA WEEKEND

Bookings for SWA are coming in already. Somerset have an allocation of 315 for each evening so please ensure that all booking forms are received, along with payment, by 3<sup>rd</sup> February or any unused tickets will be allocated to oversubscribed Counties. All those attending the SWA weekend must be paid up members by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at the latest and membership numbers must be provided. Booking forms are available on the Somerset YFC website.

## NATIONAL AGM

Letters have gone out to those of you who have requested a place to attend the National AGM in Torquay. We are waiting to receive replies and payments and will be contacting those on the reserve list after Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January and offering them places that have not been paid for and confirmed.

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### **COUNTY OFFICE**

**ADMINISTRATOR:** Mel MacBeath (Tues-Fri)  
**ACCOUNTS/MEMBERSHIP:** Gillian Dossan (Mon, Weds & Thurs)  
**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon (9.30am-3.00pm)  
Tues-Fri (9.00am-5.00pm)

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THE SUPPORT OF –  
SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL  
and  
THE BRIDGWATER  
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**



**Please see the below dates for your diaries;  
why not pin them up at home so all can see  
them and you won't forget things then!  
Don't forget to let us know of any events you  
are doing, and try to avoid clashes in dates  
with other clubs! Thanks!**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – 2012**

**JANUARY**

- Wednesday 4 **Management Committee Meeting** YFC offices 7.45pm  
Wednesday 4 **DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES - STREET DANCING, JUMP ROPE & MIXED VOLLEYBALL (18-26) FINALS**  
Friday 6 **DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES - MIXED HOCKEY (14-17)**  
Wednesday 11 **Street Dancing & Jump Rope Finals** YFC offices 6.30pm  
Wednesday 11 **Members Council Meeting** YFC Offices 7.45pm  
Friday 13 **DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES – MENS 7-A-SIDE RUGBY FINALS**  
Sunday 15 **Mixed Hockey (14-17)** King Alfred School, Highbridge 11am  
Wednesday 18 **Mixed Volleyball (18-26)** Bridgwater College 7.30pm  
Thursday 19 **Freshstart Launch Event** at County Offices  
Friday 20 **DEADLINE FOR JUNIOR MEMBER AND SENIOR AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR ENTRIES**  
Saturday 21 **Chew Valley YFC Snow Ball** at the Webbington Hotel 9.00pm-2.00am  
Wednesday 25 **Bath & West Committee Meeting** at County Offices from 7.45pm  
Friday 27 **DEADLINE FOR NATIONAL AGM PAYMENT**  
Sunday 29 **Mens 7-a-Side Rugby Finals** at Yeovil Recreation Park

**FEBRUARY**

- Friday 3 **DEADLINE FOR SWA WEEKEND TICKET PAYMENT**  
Friday 3 **DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PANTOMIME DETAILS (SCRIPT, CAST LIST, RISK ASSESSMENT ETC)**  
Sunday 5 **11-a-side Mixed Hockey Finals** King Alfred School, Highbridge 11am  
Sunday 19 **Pantomime & Member of the Year** The Playhouse Theatre, W-s-M  
Tue 21-Wed 22 **NFU Conference 2012 'Meeting the Challenge'** at ICC in Birmingham  
Saturday 25 **Severn Group Rally 2012 Auction of Promises** Claverham Village Hall

**MARCH**

- Fri 9-Sun 11 **South West Area Weekend** the Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare  
Wednesday 14 **Members Council Meeting** at County Offices, Westonzoyland from 7.45pm  
Friday 16 **Weston & Banwell YFC Dinner and Dance** – more details to follow.  
Sunday 18 **Generation & League Skittles Finals** at Watchfield Inn, Mark from 7.00pm  
Sunday 26 **Written Pub Quiz** at the Sedgemoor Inn, Westonzoyland from 7.30pm

**APRIL**

- Wednesday 11 **Management Committee Meeting** at County Offices, Westonzoyland from 7.45pm  
Fri 27-Mon 30 **National AGM** Torquay