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From the Chairman...

Hello Devon YFC!

Another month has passed and we are now well in to the Autumn of 2018. I hope all your farming work is up to date with plenty of opportunity for finishing harvest and drilling of next year's crops. I am looking forward to the Annual Harvest Festival later this month which we jointly hold with the NFU. There is no better place than Exeter Cathedral for this evening where we get the opportunity to celebrate the past farming year. I hope many of you get the opportunity to join us there.

Speaking Competitions have been well underway over the past few weeks and I have been extremely impressed with the quality of the teams so far. For anyone who hasn't been involved in these competitions it isn't something you should be daunted of and it doesn't matter what your level of public speaking may be, no one is there to judge. I would encourage everyone to give it a go. I myself have benefited hugely from the skills these competitions give you.

Much discussion has been had following the decision to cancel National Convention. This is a decision which has really split the opinion of members and the effect this may have on YFC for many years to come. I really do hope this doesn't leave an irreplaceable void for many members in the YFC calendar and after hearing the promise that there are plans for a new event to be held in 2020 I hope this delivers for the desires of so many members across the Country.

County AGM is being held on the 22nd November this year at Portmore Golf Park, Landkey near Barnstaple. Is it looking to

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be an AGM to remember with so many candidates standing for Officer roles. This is just a testament to how strong we are in this County and I am proud to see so many members wanting to represent the members of this County. I look forward to seeing lots of you there to make sure your vote counts. This year this could be the case more than ever, if a tie is had a re-vote will be taken disregarding proxy votes and only votes in the room will be counted.

I look forward to a jam packed last few weeks of my year as your County Chairman

Colin Tucker

Devon County Chairman



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North Devon Group

North Devon Group have had a great start to the new YFC year with many events to look forward to and a great team on the Committee. All eight clubs are strong with members becoming more and more involved and Chairman's and Secretaries have great aims in mind for the oncoming year.

We kick started the year and Claire Tythcott competed in the National Final for 26 & Under Senior Stockman of the Year held in Staffordshire. We have also had many members taking part in Speaking Competitions and it is safe to say that this has been a great success. We had a team for the Open Brainstrust which consisted of Phil Jones, Meredith Hoskin, Chris Watts and Claire Tythcott and a Senior and Intermediate team for Call My Bluff. Our Senior team was Tom Latham, Meredith Hoskin and Andrew Stentiford. Our Intermediate team which consisted of Claire Tythcott, Bethany Ansdell and Phillip Mogford were delighted to have come first. Claire and Bethany were also recognised for being nominated for the Female Best Speaker award. Well done to everyone that competed!

North Molton YFC

North Molton Young Farmers have had a very successful start to the year. We kick started the year with our Charity Tractor Run held on 30th September 2018. This event was well attended and the journey started at North Molton Sports Club and we stopped half way at The Sandy Way for a delicious carvery. The tractors had to be made before 1990. We overall made £250.

We then held a New Members Evening, which was great fun had by all. We had around 20 new members joining us on the evening to see what Young Farmers is all about. It was fabulous to see lots of new faces.

After this we held another fundraiser which was our Charity Big Breakfast held on 7th October. We all helped each other and the day ran very smoothly with a great turn out and support from the community around us. We were delighted to have made a profit of £270 from this event. Our next fundraiser will be our Christmas Bingo.



We look forward to celebrating our success and Colin's fabulous year as Devon Young Farmers Chairman at our Dinner and Dance on 17th November at Bishops Nympton Village Hall. Contact Meredith for tickets. £20 per person.





Carter Jonas

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In October we held our Tenancy Training Evening with thanks to Becky Heal and Jeremy Smith from Savills for running the evening. It was fantastic to see all the members that attended and as many of you know this training session was fully booked in advance so do keep an eye out for any future sessions to get your place booked early. We were also pleased to welcome Claire Sampson from Devon County Farm Estate to give us an update on the farms which are currently available to apply for within our own County.

Next on our calendar will be a Farm Finance Workshop ran by Carter Jonas -

Carter Jonas would like to offer YFC members advice about how to answer questions including:

- When applying for a loan, what information are the banks looking for?
- What's the difference between fixed and variable rates?
- What's the difference between an annuity or interest only loans?
- What can be used as security?
- The difference between base rate and bank rates.

Approx. 1 hour presentation followed by questions and answers and then join us for light refreshments.

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Gareth Hutchings

AGRI Chairman



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Competitions

Hey everyone!! We are now right in the middle of all the Speaking Competitions.

County Call My Bluff was held on the 13th September at the Waie Inn. It was a very entertaining evening and I think everyone enjoyed hearing lots of interesting stories!! The results are as followed:

Under 21 -

1st - North Devon

2nd - South Dartmoor

3rd - East Devon

Best Male - Pete Shinner (South Dartmoor)

Best Female - Chloe Burrough (East Devon)

Under 26 -

1st - Tarka

2nd - East Devon

3rd - South Dartmoor

Best Male - Bradley Howells (Haldon)

Best Female - Sadie Darke (South Dartmoor)

The next was Intermediate Brainstrust held on the 11th October at the Amory Building.

Well done to all six Groups that competed last night, all the teams did really well and was good to see so many young members taking part. The results are as followed:

1st - East Devon

2nd - South Dartmoor

3rd - Exe Valley

Best Male - Tom Maynard (East Devon)

Best Female - Sophie Pratt (Exe Valley)

Well done Katie Ackland, Tom Maynard, Sophie Pratt and Louise Putt who have been picked to represent Devon at South West Area Round with Hannah Rich and Lily Tucker as Reserves.

Still coming up is the Junior Public Speaking and Situation Vacant on the 23rd October at the Amory Building, Written Pub Quiz on the 8th November at the Waie Inn and After Dinner Speaking on the 10th November at the Amory Building.

See you all very soon everyone!

Emma Cole Competitions Chairman







Who will your Club support this year?

With the new YFC well underway has your Club or Group decided who you will support this year with your members time or raising funds? For the last five years the average fundraising efforts by the members have been continually amazing. The average amount raised together and given away by the Devon members each year has been over £100,000. The Charites that have benefited from the hard work of members include Devon Air Ambulance, CLIC Sargent, Chesnut Appeal, Farms for City Children, British Heart Foundation, RABI, FCN, Hospitals, smaller local Charites etc.

As you can see in this newsletter many of the Clubs like to physically help with local community projects. Colin Tucker (County Chairman) this year has encouraged even more members to get involved with a project in their area, which many Clubs have done. Some great things have been achieved over the year. When people ask the question "What is YFC all about?" let's make sure we are telling them about the fantastic range of activities and achievement's you have been involved in. Let's also make sure the support you give the wider Community is celebrated by putting it on social media, send it to the local press or other publications. You are a very modest bunch but your achievements are well worth shouting about!

If you would like to share an idea or need further help please do contact me.

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Junior Activities Weekend

Once again rare breeds of Young Farmers from all over the South West descended upon the Brecon Beacons to create all kinds of havoc. The Acorn Adventure Centre staff had fresh faces as well as old favourites. It was easy to tell that the Centre look forward to us coming each year as the rules are relaxed and they get to know us really well.

From the minute we arrived eggs, water and cream were being used as weapons and it set the weekend off to a bang. We soon realised that the eggs wouldn't ever run out and we would be forced to watch our backs for flying food throughout the weekend.

We were again lucky enough to be sponsored by Massey Ferguson and hope they will carry on sponsoring us for the years to come (we need our constant supply of sunhats!).

The weekend was full of sabotage and deceit by the leaders and Acorn staff. Two memorable moments will definitely be going to breakfast and being told that the big boss mans' car had been vandalised and that it was one of us who did it! So of course, we spent the next three days trying to work out who was the culprit, to no avail. Until; we got home and Jenna, one of the Leaders, had posted a picture of the car on the group page and it turns out that it was the Leaders who vandalised it in the first place! And the cheeky

in the first place! And the cheeky buggers blamed it all on us!

The next piece of sabotage was during the raft building exercise. We had built our vessel and everything was going swimmingly after belting out a heartfelt rendition of Wonderwall by Oasis we found ourselves fighting the current and not gaining any ground. This left enough time for our 'friends' in the canoes to come and untie the ropes holding our raft together. There were eight on the raft in the beginning and we lost three as they jumped into the canoe to save getting wet. We lost one off the side then another of the other and then I slipped into the water so saved myself before I fell and the last man standing was then pulled in by some Cornish chap.



This then left one trying to tie the raft back together the other trying to get back on and me, holding onto a pole like a monkey with my arms and legs wrapped around it. Let's just say I'm not a good swimmer.

We say a big thank you to Emma Cole for being our Leader and also Ben Cavill for organising this weekend once again. We also would like to thank the Acorn staff and especially Abbie and Harry for letting us be us, but also keeping us safe. For anyone interested in this weekend next year I strongly recommend you get your name down early as places fly away quickly. This was my third and final year so don't worry, you won't have to read my ramblings ever again!

Cheers en'

Ellen Hayball



Sports & Social

Many thanks to the 12 teams that turned up to play Mixed Hockey at St Lukes on 14th October despite the terrible weather.

The results were -

1st - Haldon

2nd - Wimple and Broadclyst

3rd - North Devon

Thank you to our referees, David Ackland and Ian Parish for giving up their Sunday and to our First Aider who was unfortunately needed for some minor injuries.

November will be a busy month with Ice Skating on 13th at Plymouth Pavilions 8pm – 9.30pm; tickets must be purchased in advance £5 each. The County Final of Mens Rugby 18+, Ladies Netball 16-26 and Mixed Touch Rugby 14-17 will be on 17th at Broadclyst. Crealy Fun Evening is on 24th at Crealy Adventure Centre; tickets must be purchased in advance (booking forms are with your Club Secretary). Finally, I hope all your Ballroom Dancing practicing is going well and you are preparing for the County Final which is on the new date of 7th December.

My final event of the year will be 'The Mistletoe Ball' on 15th December at The Matford Centre, Exeter. Official Booking Forms are with your Club Secretary - Devon YFC Members and their guests will be given priority tickets on the Official Club form by 19th November 2018. After the 19th November any remaining tickets will go on general sale.

See you soon Adam Howe Sports & Social Chairman









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Chittlehampton YFC

Chittlehampton Young Farmers continue to do their part to help the community; our latest is sign post cleaning.



Kingsbridge YFC

Kingsbridge Young Farmers have built an outdoor forest school building for one of our local Primary Schools. With the help from some of the parents at East Allington Primary School, Kingsbridge Young Farmers have had most of the materials donated and put up the building.

We started with an old site, with a little garden shed in it! We completely made the site, laid the ground works and assembled the building. The building is going to be used by the Primary Schools children for outdoor learning, like fire pits and den building.

Honiton YFC

Honiton YFC were approached in November 2017 by an elderly lady who was trying to sell her house. She asked if we could clear

an overgrown yard space next to her garage which hadn't been touched for 20 years. She had heard we were doing a Pantomime in the new year and ended up donating us a couple Pantomime costumes in return. We had 10 members on Sunday 12th clear the site from an overgrown mess to a spotless yard space.

In August 2018 Farway Village Hall approached us to decorate their Skittle Alley, one night in the week we went down and cleaned all the walls and ceiling. On Sunday 16th we started decorating the skittle alley with the attendance of 13 members and finished the project in the week on a Tuesday evening.



We went over to the Royal National Institute of Blind people (RNIB) Transcription Centre and packed memory sticks for them. These memory sticks get sent all over the Country from this one office (about 20-25,000 memory sticks a month!!!). They have the 'memory stick challenge' where an organisation sees how many you can pack in an evening, and we are now the reigning champions, packing 14 trays of memory sticks! It's a very rewarding task knowing that you're helping to make someone's



Yarcombe YFC

This year we were asked by Yarcombe Village if we would be willing to help with some improvements at both the Village Hall and the Church.

The Hall Committee over the last year have been starting work on a large number of improvements, the primary one being to tidy up the currently unused tennis court, so that a suitable use can be found. Members spent the morning helping remove the high netted fencing surrounding the tennis court and painting a storage container in car park.

We spent and afternoon at the Church, where we were tasked with digging up an old path which had become overgrown, and with levelling and laying a new path. As well that members helped with various tasks including trimming trees, clearing drains and widening paths.

Additionally, every year the Club helps to provide the bar at the Village's annual Terrier Races, where half our profits are donated back to village, and the other half going towards our chosen Charities for the year.



Lewdown YFC

On the 13th January, 8 members took part in a Community Project at Bratton Clovelly Park. We have never really done one before so we decided we should give something back to the local community. It was then suggested to help re-open Bratton Clovelly Park as it has been shut for several months due to health and safety reasons. With thanks to Becky for getting the woodchip and the Bellamys for the loan of their bobcat, the other helpers had to spread the woodchip from the bobcat and the whole park had new woodchip within a few hours. After this Clovelly Inn kindly gave us all refreshments which was needed and now the children in the Village can use it again! It also gave our Club and the YFC Federation a good name and shows we aren't just about drinking! We have also been raising money from our Charity Events for a local Community Project - The Lewdown Helipad landing site from our Tractor Run and Easter Bingo.



Meshaw YFC

Meshaw YFC have been very busy helping the community by painting the Bishops Nympton Parish Hall and Shop. Everyone involved was very happy with the results and hope the locals appreciate the work.

Meshaw YFC have also been busy cutting Meshaws Churchyard for the 3 months. With the cold Spring the grass growth got delayed but soon the grass was growing faster than ever. Cutting the churchyard is not only great for the community but is also a great laugh and can build great friendships between younger and older members.



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Dan Grist, Caroline Trude, Nick Creasy and I spent the weekend of 22nd and 23rd September doing an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) course; this has resulted in us now being qualified 'suicide' first aiders.

It was an intensive two days giving us skills in how to deal with various situations which we could be faced in both our Rural+ sessions but also everyday life, I think we all agreed that it was very beneficial. It is a great skill to have and we are going to

spread our knowledge throughout the YFC community. This training programme is part of a County wide initiative to create suicide-safer communities and it is the aim that at least two members from every Club are trained.

With all of us part of the Devon YFC Training Team we will be rolling out the new Rural+ training along with the Farming Community Network in the coming 12 months. The aim of this is to reduce the stigma of mental health issues and bring us closer together as a community. If you're interested in hosting a Rural+ evening within your YFC Club please do contact Nick at the County Office. If you have any other questions please feel free to contact me.

Rosie Bennett Honiton YFC



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November	
2	Deadline for Devon YFC and NFYFC Travel Applications
2	Anstey YFC Firework Night
2	Withleigh YFC Take Over Remedies for Halloween Fun 9pm – 2am. 18+ Non Members / 16+ Members. Under 18 Members must be signed in by 21+ Member – parental details required. Last entry – Under 18's 22.30pm / 18+ midnight. R.O.A.R. More information Lara 07718 126987
3-4	Officer Training Weekend at Adventure Okehampton
7	Agrifest South West at Westpoint
8	County Written Pub Quiz at The Waie Inn, 7.30pm for 8pm start
10	County After Dinner Speaking Final at the Amory Building, 6pm
13	County Ice Skating at Plymouth Pavilions $8pm - 9.30pm$. £5 per person (to include skate hire). Tickets must be purchased in advance and is exclusive to Devon YFC Members and their guests
14	County Leaders Training at the Amory Building, 7.30pm
15	General Council at the Amory Building, 8pm
16	Newton St Cyres YFC Dinner and Dance
16	Winkleigh YFC Cider and Pasty Quiz at Winkleigh Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. Teams up to 6 people \pounds 6 per person to include pasty and drink. Book teams with Ashleigh 07949 886480
17	County Travel Interviews at the Amory Building
17	North Devon Group Dinner and Dance at Bishops Nympton Village Hall
17 - 18	English Winter Fair – National Beef/Pig Live & Carcase Competition
18	County Mens Rugby (18+), Ladies Netball (26&U) and Mixed Touch Rugby (14-17) at Clyst Vale Community College, Broadclyst, EX5 3AJ
19	County Leaders Training at the Amory Building, 7.30pm
22	County AGM At Portmore Golf Park, 7.45pm start
23	Tarka Group Dinner and Dance at The Pier House, Westward Ho! 7.30pm
24	Okehampton YFC Dinner and Dance at Strawberry Fields, Lifton. Tickets $\pounds 30$ contact Milly Davies 07749 351348
25	Crealy Fun Evening at Crealy Adventure Park, 7pm onwards. Tickets must be purchased in advance – booking forms available from your Club Secretaries
29	County Treasurer Training at Amory Building, 7.30pm
30	Kenn Valley YFC Christmas Bingo at the Kenn Centre, 7.30pm
30	Whimple and Broadclyst YFC Christmas Disco
30	Axminster YFC Disco at Honiton Rugby Club 9pm – 1am R.O.A.R
December	
1	NFYFC Travel Interviews
1	Chagford YFC Dinner and Dance at Edgemoor Hotel, Bovey Tracy 7pm for 7.30pm. Three course meal and disco £25. Contact Ryan 07816 582806



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