

Cobblers February 2010

WELCOME & MONTH'S REVIEW

Bonjour

Yes I made it back from Skiing without any broken limbs which was a relief! As a first time skier I really enjoyed the trip and hope to go again! Many of us filled the 6 daytrip with skiing and snowboarding sessions during the day and a variety of evening entertainment. The most memorable night being the mountain meal which involved catching the last ski lift up to the top of the mountain at 4PM, followed by a meal and skiing home down the mountain by candle light. We also managed to achieve a Kent meal on the last night,



Next on the agenda was Ashford's legendry just Missed It Disco on the theme of "Mexican." As you can imagine the disco hall was filled with Sombreros! It was a cracking night with Mr Vesma providing the music and lighting, Well done Ashford!

We had our first Exec of the year on the 18th Jan which was well attended which was swiftly followed by Folk Dancing on the 22nd Feb. This provided a brilliant night's entertainment and a huge learning curve in preparation for our competition later this year. Many thanks to the "Dead Horse Morris" who were fantastic to watch and learn from.



I then attended the Teacher Leaders meeting at Northschool, a good opportunity to speak to the Junior Members and find out some of the competitions they would like at this years Farming Fayre! Lucy and I were invited to Ash Young Farmers Club Meeting on the 24th Jan. The club visited a small Glass Forming Company who operate near Manston Airport. We watched various objects being created and was shown a selection of finished items. Most importantly Matt Cullen has now found his second occupation,



Thanks for the invite Ash!

We have a busy month ahead again with speaking comps at the end of this week, bowling and the county quiz near the end of the month...

Michael

NOTICES & NEWS.....

Schedules and intentions to enter for the Kent Show have now been sent to Clubs. Please ensure these are returned to Darren McNamara by the 5th March 2010.

*Just a reminder!!! All members wanting to attend the National AGM in Torquay must have been entered onto the DATABASE by **APRIL 15TH**. If you are not on the database you will NOT be able to book in.*

... and LOOKING 4WD.....

By the time many of you read this, hopefully a hedge will have received a TRANSFORMATION! During our first 2-day Hedge Laying Course (fingers crossed for slightly warmer conditions)!; pictures to follow....

~~~~~

The YFC Calendar has already proved popular and DIVERSE with Folk Dancing thrown into the usual mix of new year events such as ski-ing and new year"ish" parties!; with Public Speaking events and bowling just around the corner!

~~~~~

Next TRAINING EVENT;

CATTLE TRAINING + DAIRY FARM VISIT

SATURDAY 27th MARCH 2010

Invitations circulated to ALL clubs separately (with full details of day) ALL YFC MEMBERS welcome; I just need to know numbers in advance!

~~~~~

THANK YOU to those who have attended the first Club Leaders and County Exec/Finance meetings; the feedback/information sharing obtained from these is vital to smooth running; look forward to seeing you again; Your TIME is very much appreciated in this way! Please continue to let us know if there are specific items for the agendas, so we can make these as tailored as possible for maximum effect.



*Club Visits;*

*My diary is beginning to fill up quickly now, with visits to NFYFC Staff Conference, Tonbridge & Cobtree YFC's next, so if there is a specific date/event you would like myself/county officers to attend at your club, or anything we can help you with, please do let us know; we would be HAPPY to come along and join in! See you all soon. Philippa*

Section by **PHILIPPA Stedman-Collins**  
County Field Officer  
email; [fieldofficer@kentyfc.co.uk](mailto:fieldofficer@kentyfc.co.uk)  
Text/call; 07896 - 195412

WHAT'S ON?

COUNTY DIARY & EVENTS...

**February**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Ten Pin Bowling – Ashford  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Sub Committee Meeting, Royal Oak, Charing. 8pm  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – County Quiz, North School

**March**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – County Ball, Ramada, Hollingbourne  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – RABI/NFU/YFC Karting, Sittingbourne  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – County Meeting, Royal Oak, Charing. 8pm  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Speed Dating  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – Cattle Training

SOCIAL EVENTS.....

**6<sup>th</sup> March- Kent County Ball**

**County Ball tickets now on sale**

Please contact me on 07841532832!

Tables of 8 or 10

Tickets £28.00

**Deadline for tickets is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**19<sup>th</sup> March**

Speed dating evening,  
Charing Village Hall

**15<sup>th</sup> May**

Scavengers Hunt in Charing

SPORTS & COMPETITIONS ....

Calling all competitive people in young farmers! February is a very busy month with county speaking comps on the 5<sup>th</sup>, county bowling on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the county quiz on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to get involved, all are welcome. If you want any information on how to get involved in any of these events give myself or Romy a ring.

Anyhow we would like to say a big thank you to anyone who attended the folk dancing evening, much fun and giggles were had by all and around 150 pounds was raised on the bar.

Events currently in the pipeline are 5-aside football and a pantomime, I will be putting the feelers out about both of these very soon so would be good to get some positive feedback from you all. Thanks, Ollie.

#### MARKETING & PUBLICITY.....

*The 'Kent Young Farmers' Facebook person is alive and kicking, just type Kent Young Farmers into search to find me and add me. You will also see a group of the same name – it would be great if you could join this too! It's an easier way of sending messages and setting up events.*

*Please keep an eye on what's going on, the County diary has also been added under Info.*

*Ta muchly,*

*Catherine*