

SURREY YFC PIGPEN

Jan 2023

"FIT FOR A KING" INDOOR RALLY

We had a fantastic turn out for our Indoor Rally and as always, our judges had an incredibly difficult task selecting winners. Congratulations to Oenone from Cranleigh and Chloe from Beare Green who won the sponge cake and cupcake classes. What an amazing display!



There was no difficulty in identifying members of the Royal household with Chloe and Rufus from Beare Green the class winners and Jasmine from Reigate and Charlie from Beare Green winning the make your own crown competition.



I think our insects and birds have enjoyed a very comfortable winter with all the different homes and feeders that were created. They were all so inventive. Well done to Cian from Reigate and Luke from Chobham and Send on winning their classes.



We could literally start our own Royal mint with the quality of the stamps, coins and notes in our "We're in the



Money" display. Congratulations to Rufus from Beare Green and Harrison from Merstham who were our two very worthy class winners.

On the day Sam from Merstham gave Colin a real run for his money winning the Yes/No challenge, Riley from Chobham & Send showed incredible balls skills winning the "All the Kings men" throwing game and the Reigate team won our new Ultimate challenge. Cranleigh and Beare Green won the club pack, with Merstham just one point behind.

Harrison from Merstham and Alfie from Beare Green were our winning budding artists in the still life drawing class. The Cowpie programme cover was designed by Luke from Chobham & Send, with Charlie S designing the competitions cover and Rufus winning the club promotion class. Charlie E won the pantomime character and gave us a real flavour of what was in store for the Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime.

This year we had two extra speaking competitions, with Malcolm and Katherine Clayton kindly hosting Call my Bluff on stage. It was very close with Beare Green's Hugo, Charlie S & Charlie E winning on the day. The club also won Brains Trust with Rufus, Maxim, Oscar and Patrick. It was a family affair as Ryan, Ashley and Nicola from Reigate won the Reading competition, Ryan was also our junior Member of the Year and Jasmine, Shea and Sebastian from Reigate won the Public Speaking. All speaking teams will go onto represent Surrey at the South East area spring competitions in March and we wish them the very best of luck.

Beare Green were the overall winners and also won the advisory cup, with Reigate second and Chobham & Send third. Thank you to all our judges, leaders and volunteers, for making the day possible and to Beare Green for feeding us so well.



One of the SYF highlights of 2022....

BEARE GREEN HOST AMAZING PANTOMIME...OH YES THEY DID!



Beare Green Young Farmers recently staged a Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime, raising funds for The Red Cross Ukraine Appeal and Cancer Research UK. We sold just over 200 tickets, the performance ran over two days, with a matinee and two evening shows.



Assisted by the mammoth generosity of local businesses, a raffle was held at each performance, along with a bar and tuck shop. Each ticket holder received a hot meal and beverages. Everything was donated to help us with our goal of raising as much money as possible. We exceeded our target and raised £2,235.

Over half of the members at Beare Green were able to perform and assist backstage making the show a massive success.

Despite it being our first attempt at a pantomime show, it turned out fantastic and everyone who attended had a great time! There was plenty of laughter throughout the whole performance. We were even fortunate enough to not have just one Pantomime Dame but three!

Thank you to all that came along and supported us in raising such an enormous amount. Congratulations to all who were part of the team, we are very proud to have had such a huge success.

Article written by Oscar Sacre





SURREY COUNTY FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS



Join us for our **2023 SYF Junior Activity Weekend**

We have an **amazing weekend of activities planned**, including



We will be staying at the beautiful
High Ashurst Teepee Village at Box Hill

The weekend will be **fully catered with all activities on site**
and **evenings spent round the campfire**



Open to Surrey YFC members only - aged between 10 and 17 years

Teepee accommodation, meals (Friday supper through to Sunday lunch), all activities, equipment & tuition included

When: Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th June 2023 **Cost:** £60

Drop off & registration – High Ashurst, Boxhill : Fri 6.30pm

Collection from - High Ashurst, Boxhill : Sun 1.30pm

Application & consent form available from club leaders or County office. Please ensure these are returned to Surrey YFC County Office by Friday 17th March

Limited spaces available – allocated on a first come first served basis, so book now to avoid disappointment

CONGRATULATIONS.....

To Esme Mitchell, Elliott Luck, Jess Sherlock and Ryan, Ashley and Nicola Atfield who took part in the South Eastern Prime Stock Winter Fayre stock judging competition at the South of England showground at the end of November. Between them they virtually won every class... a fantastic result for Surrey and very good practise for Cowpie!



CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Thank you to all the club chairs, vice chairs and secretaries who attended our club officer training just before Christmas. There were bush tucker trials and lots of challenges and Catherine, Lauren and Sandra really appreciated everyone's enthusiasm and hope you learnt a lot more about your roles and responsibilities. We have agreed that members will now become more involved in preparing articles for our Pigpen newsletter and for social media. This has started with an article in this newsletter by Oscar Sacre on the Beare Green pantomime.

WESTNEDGE CHALLENGE



Merstham and Brockham are challenging the current trophy holders Dorking to an evening of competitions, where it "just helps to be small!" All clubs are invited on Thursday 23 March at Betchworth Village Hall from 7.30 to 9pm. So put the date in your diaries and let's find out who will be the next Westnedge Trophy winners?



AIRHOP EXTRAVAGANZA

Beare Green YFC invite all Surrey Young Farmers clubs to share an Exclusive YFC session at AirHop Trampoline Park, Guildford (GU2 8XW) from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm on Wed 22nd February. **They have literally booked the whole place and members, siblings, potential members are all invited.** Please confirm your place with your club leader and we will see you there.



DIARY DATES 2023

AirHop Extravaganza – Guildford
South East area Spring competitions – Wantage
Westnedge Challenge Interclub – Betchworth Village Hall
Stock judging practice
Cowpie Country Show - Lingfield
South of England Show - Ardingly
Activity Weekend - Boxhill

Wed 22 Feb - 7 – 8pm
Sat 11 March
Thu 23 Mar - 7.30 – 9pm
TBC
Sun 14 May
Fri 9 – Sun 11 Jun
Fri 23 – Sun 25 Jun

For any information on competitions or to help at events, please contact Sandra at County Office on 01737 844528 sandra@surreyyfc.co.uk