

# SURREY YFC PIGPEN

Jul 2023

## BEARE GREEN YFC IN NATIONAL FINALS

We are thrilled that Surrey Young Farmers have got, not one, not two but three National finalists and they are all from Beare Green YFC! Charlie S, Charlie E, and Hugo are taking part in the "Call my Bluff" competition, Jess is in the Fashion, Make and Model final and Robbie is in the Recycled Metalwork structure final. Beare Green YF have a club bus travelling up to Staffordshire, to support the members.

This is an amazing achievement to represent their club, Surrey and the South East area and we wish them all the very best of luck.



## COWPIE COMPETITIONS DAY

After the disappointing news that we had to cancel this year's Cowpie Show due to waterlogged grounds, we managed to pull off an amazing members day on Sunday 14th May for all our Surrey Young Farmers Clubs to participate in.

A huge thank you to Luke Smith and Georgina Forrest for allowing us to use their farm in the beautiful surrounds of Boxhill and to the Cowpie committee and all our judges and helpers, who rallied round and helped put on a fantastic day for our members.

For many it was their first-time trying stock judging and they really got to understand what is involved. Ryan from Reigate YF, was the overall winner of the Junior Stockman of the Year. We had three orphan lambs at the show with Shannon from Beare Green winning a very close class.



We are always blown away by the originality and quality of the static entries and this year was no exception. From beautifully hand-crafted shepherd's crocks, to painted stones, fascinators, cakes and posters with a 'Day at the Races' theme to hearing all about what your pets get up to.

The barn was packed with decorated wellies, hanging baskets plus wonderful cakes and farm life photos, so the judges had some very difficult decisions.



Members also took part in club games, digger challenge, welly throwing and longest ever main ring tournament, with the day finishing with our famous egg throwing of course! Beare Green won the Senior and Intermediate trophies and were the overall winners. Reigate won the Junior

trophy and Open classes. Brockham were the winners of small clubs Cowpie Aggregate trophy with Merstham winning the small clubs Indoor Rally & Cowpie aggregate trophy. Newdigate were the winners of the Advisory Morris Goblet.





It also meant that many competitors qualified for the South of England Show at Ardingly.....and

# SURREY ARE THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW CHAMPIONS

Our novelty cakes, posters and fascinators did incredibly well, with Charlie E winning the Senior novelty cake competition and Patrick winning the

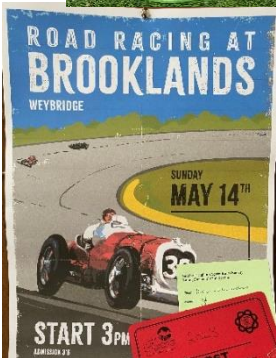


Intermediate class. Chloe's fascinator came second in the Intermediate class with Alice coming third. Olivia's fascinator came third in the junior class.



Our posters did amazingly well with Charlie S winning the

senior class and Catherine coming second. Rufus won the Intermediate class and Chloe won the junior poster class, with Alice coming second. Will from Merstham had the highest placed painted rock over all three classes. Beare Green were the winners of the promotional stand with Reigate just behind them coming second and Newdigate coming fourth. Our recycled metal work structure and fashion design entries both qualified for the National final!



On a very warm, sunny day we had stock judgers taking part in all classes. Evan and Molly were joint winners of the Senior sheep judging, Ryan won the Intermediate beef judging with Nicola coming third in the Junior class. Molly was second in the Senior pig judging and Surrey won the highest team score in pig judging and became the overall show champions.



We could not have done it without the incredible enthusiasm of our members, to take part in all competitions, so thank you to all Surrey Young Farmers. Thank you also to Hugh Broom for running a stock judging training evening before the show.

# CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Surrey Young Farmers joined in with the many celebrations for the coronation of King Charles III. From banquets to visiting London to walk the procession route or making crowns to join with the local village celebrations, we certainly made it an incredible event to remember.





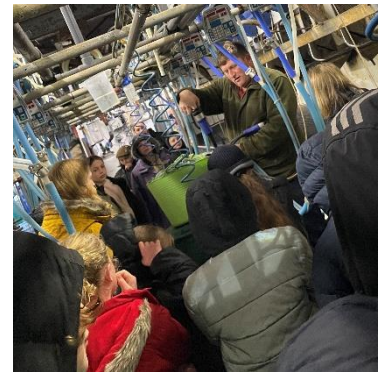
# NEWDIGATE YFC

What a brilliant start to 2023 with a new Young Farmers Club in Newdigate. We are pleased to report on our second term as we have now truly established our club.



We would like to thank Kenward for their sponsorship which has allowed us to participate in a wide variety of activities over the last term. We started the year with 'Meeting the Critters' where we shared our scout hut with a giant tortoise, snakes and lizards.

We spent time out at local farms in preparation for stock judging, sheep and dairy judging. We were pleased to put this into practice on our first competition day, with several members bringing home certificates for their efforts. Our supporters and advisory team also brought home our first trophy. With the lighter evenings we have been able to spend time at our adopted farm in Newdigate where we have our own dedicated forest school area and field, we have spent time cooking 'Smores' and playing outdoor games and a scavenger hunt!



The last few weeks have seen us bowling, undertaking St Johns First Aid Course, Fishing with several members trying this for the first time and finishing up with Rifle Shooting and a BBQ for all our Young Farmer Families.

## "PIGPEN" YOUR NEWSLETTER

Pigpen is the Surrey Young Farmers member's newsletter, and we want to feature your favourite evenings or events.



Surrey Young Farmers get offered amazing and unusual opportunities, from farm visits and tractor rides with the local NFU branch, to running through fields being "chased" by Bill Kears' hounds. From driving tanks after a local military show to making and cooking sausages over open fires.



Every week is different, and we are really grateful to our dedicated leaders and everyone who supports our members and hosts our clubs.

For our next newsletter, we would love to hear from you. So, leaders please ask your club publicity officers to discuss ideas and let's share these amazing club evenings with all our members and supporters.



# FUND RAISER NIGHT HIKE

On Saturday 21 Oct, we will be running our fundraising night hike, where we will walk into the night, with the option to stay overnight and take part in activities the following day. Put the dates Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October, in your diaries.

Further information to follow....



# WIN A FAMILY TICKET TO GODSTONE FARM



Merstham YFC are running a Club Auction for an amazing family day out at one of Surrey's best attractions - Godstone Farm.

Merstham YFC are thrilled to offer a family ticket worth £55 to be auctioned on Thursday 20th July at Godstone Farm 8.15pm. Advanced bids can be submitted to [sandra@surreyyfc.co.uk](mailto:sandra@surreyyfc.co.uk) up to 3pm on 20th July.

**Please put in a bid for this fantastic prize.**

Payment is only collected from the winning bid and will be used to support club activities.

# WE HAVE GONE DIGITAL.....

We did initially experience problems with our digital membership database, but these have been resolved. However, we still have a handful of members "being processed" so please do check and ensure your membership has been completed.



## DIARY DATES 2023

Cranleigh Horse Show & Gymkhana – Rooks Hill Farm, Bramley	Sun 10 Sep
County and competitions meeting – County office	Tue 12 Sep
Safeguarding training – online course available	From Sep
Brockham "Teas on the Green" cake sale (do come and say hello)	Sun 24 Sep - 2.30-5pm
Cowpie committee AGM – Buckland Reading room	Tue 26 Sep – 7.30pm
Surrey County AGM – Buckland Reading room	Tue 3 Oct - 8pm
First Aid Training – County Office	Sat Oct TBC
Surrey YFC Night Hike fundraiser	Sat 21 to Sun 22 Oct
Indoor Rally – Priory School Dorking	Sun 26 Nov
Club Officer Training – Betchworth Village Hall	Sat Dec TBC

For any information on competitions or to help at events, please contact Sandra at **County Office on 01737 844528** [sandra@surreyyfc.co.uk](mailto:sandra@surreyyfc.co.uk)