

SURREY YFC PIGPEN

Jan 2024

NIGHT HIKE raises over £700



Congratulations to the 32 members and 8 helpers who walked either the 6 mile or 10 mile route finishing with a welcoming fire at Norwood Place Barn, with the final stretch through some extremely muddy fields, where the occasional welly (and member) needed to be rescued. On Sunday the members woke up to brilliant sunshine and actually enjoyed sausages and bacon cooked on a BBQ. They then took part in a morning of activities and picnic lunch at the barn. All members who completed the walk received a certificate (thanks Debs).

Thank you to Colin and Stella for organising, to the team who helped man the check points and drove the safety vehicles, to all the parents who donated the drinks and food for the weekend and helped prepare the meals and finally a huge thank you to the parents and leaders, who stayed (but maybe not slept!) at the barn overnight.

We had a great time at HOLLYWOOD!



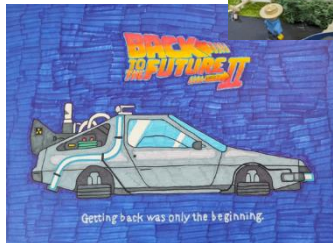
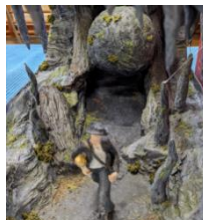
At our Indoor Rally, we enjoyed a fantastic day of competitions, club challenges and speaking competitions, finishing in the afternoon with our movie trailers, walking the red carpet and disco dancing competition.

Bear Green YF were the overall champions, with Reigate in second place and Chobham & Send just beating, Newdigate, Brockham and Merstham in a very closely contested third place



The level of static competition entries was incredibly high and had the judges deliberating for a long time. Jenny from Newdigate won the decorated character on a gingerbread man and Zara from Bear Green won the Hollywood movie on a traybake, as well as the junior movie scene in a shoe box lid. Rufus from Bear Green won the senior competition and also won the senior billboard.





Harrison from Merstham won the junior billboard competition and came joint first in the junior still life drawing with Zara. Charlie S from Beare Green won the senior still life drawing competition. Oscar from Beare Green very appropriately won the oscar competition.

Congratulations to Patrick from Beare Green who won the Hollywood collage competition and Leo from Reigate having the winning junior entry. Everyone's Christmas tables must have looked amazing with the wonderful display of holly and wood table decorations. Leo from Reigate was the junior winner, with Jess from Beare Green winning the senior class.



On the day Sam from Merstham once again gave Colin a real run for his money winning the Yes/No challenge, for the second year running. Riley and Tom from Chobham & Send showed amazing catching skills winning this years "So you think you can do it" and Sebastian from Reigate was the champion in the Hollywood challenge.

Reigate won the club pack and Beare Green were the movie trailers winners, with Newdigate and Merstham in joint second place. The Cowpie competitions cover was designed by Tilda from Chobham & Send, with Rufus winning the club promotion class.

We had a lot of entries for our speaking competitions, with Chloe, Emily & Leo from Reigate winning the Reading class. Patrick, Rufus and Maxim from Beare Green won the Public Speaking and the club also won Situations Vacant with Charlie E, Junior Member of the Year with Charlie S, and the Disco dancing competition.

COWPIE
COMPETITION
SCHEDULE



SUNDAY
12th MAY 2024



They will all go onto represent Surrey at the South East area spring competitions at Sparsholt College, with all rounds now taking place on Saturday 23 March and we wish them all the very best of luck. Alana, Molly and Latasha from Brockham won the "walking the red carpet" competition and we even saw their leaders, Nellie and Lauren having a dress rehearsal earlier in the day!

Thank you to all our judges, leaders and volunteers, for making the day possible and to Beare Green for feeding us so well.

HELP AT COWPIE & SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW

Please put Sunday 12th May for our Cowpie Country Show and Friday 7th June to Sun 9th June for the South of England show in your diaries, as we really need volunteers to help.

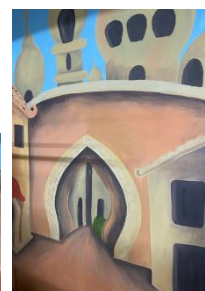
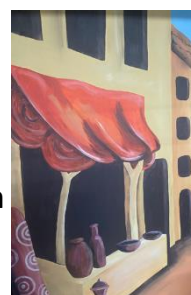
Our Cowpie Country Show totally funds Surrey Young Farmers. It is an amazing day for our members, but we do need parents to please help with car parking, scanning tickets and helping in the SYF marquee and with some stands. Anyone who can give more that two hours help will receive a ticket to the show and lunch in our VIP marquee. Please come along and support us so we can continue to offer amazing opportunities for our members.

BEARE GREEN - ALADDIN

Following on from their pantomime success last year, just before Christmas, Beare Green YF put on three amazing performances of Aladdin. Many congratulations to all Beare Green members who raised an amazing £1,800 for their two chosen charities, Great Ormand Street Hospital and the Amber Foundation.



A special mention goes to Zara, who painted the incredible scenery boards and to the club parents who undertook so many different roles, from cooking lasagnes, to running rehearsals and working in the kitchen and were so totally supportive of Colin, when he was taken unwell. We were thrilled that Colin was able to take part in all performances.....although he really should have been recovering at home!



CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Post our Club AGM's we were delighted to hold our Club Officer Training for members who had been elected to positions of responsibility to run their clubs. Fifteen members joined us from our county wide clubs, for a fun interactive morning followed by a pizza lunch!

The training is designed to support club officers to understand their role within the club, how to promote their club and run a club safely and effectively. The members had an opportunity to interact across clubs with team building activities, with the most fun being had when they were introduced to a new member that they had to look after for the morning. This was an 'egg' they had to name, protect, keep warm and the ultimate challenge was an 'egg venture' where they had to build a structure and drop from height. The challenge created an opportunity for teamwork and good communication skills!

The moment of truth...have our "new egg members" cracked under pressure?



EASTER AIRHOP EXTRAVAGANZA



Voted as the evening club members most wanted to visit again, all Surrey Young Farmers clubs are invited to share an Exclusive YFC session at AirHop Trampoline Park, Guildford (GU2 8XW) from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm on Wed 27th March. **We have literally booked the whole place again and members, siblings, potential members are all invited.** Please confirm your place with your club leader and we will see you there.

ACTIVITY WEEKEND 2024

SURREY COUNTY FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS



Join us for our 2024 SYF Activity Weekend



Back by popular demand we will be returning to
Thames Young Mariners
for an amazing weekend of water sports & fun activities!

ENJOY **stand up paddle boarding, orienteering & team challenges,**
dock jumping, the famous raft building & racing,
games & evenings round the camp fire

We will be staying in teepees overlooking the lagoon
with catering and all activities on-site



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

When: Friday 28th to Sunday 30th June 2024

Cost: £75

Drop off & registration - Thames Young Mariners, Richmond: Fri 6pm

Collection from Thames Young Mariners, Richmond: Sun 1.30pm

Wet suits, buoyancy aids & all water sports equipment included - Qualified instructors for all activities (no experience required) - Meals from Friday dinner through to Sunday lunch

Application forms available from your leader or contact sandra@surreyyfc.co.uk

Please return completed forms to Surrey YFC County Office by Friday 15th March

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

CONGRATULATIONS.....

To Patrick, Rufus, Charlie S, Robbie, Cyril, Charlie E, Ryan, Elliott, Jess, Lottie, Archie, Ashley, Nicola and Harvey from our Beare Green & Reigate YF clubs, 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!



FUNDRAISING



Thank you to everyone who supported the **Skipton Building Society** community scheme. In the end there were only a handful of tokens between the top two charities so we are thrilled to announce SYF were awarded the top grant of £500. In her first official role as Surrey County Chair, Clara visited the branch to collect our cheque

MERRIST WOOD

In January 2024 we have had an exciting opportunity to work with Merrist Wood College. With over 50 students, we held an interactive presentation and workshop to share with the students in Guildford, the fun of being a Young Farmer in Surrey. Our ice breaker session got them all thinking about animal feeds and a guessing game of the three WWW's – What is it? Who is it for? What's in it? With interesting results, they had a lot to learn and lots of fun! Perhaps one to try at your Club?

We hope this exposure will result in new members to existing clubs and the potential for a new club at Merrist Wood College so watch this space.....

DIARY DATES 2024

Cowpie committee meeting - Buckland reading room	Tue 27 Feb
SE Area Spring competitions - Sparsholt college	Sat 23 Mar
Cowpie committee meeting - Buckland reading room	Tue 26 Mar
Air hop Interclub - Guildford	Wed 27 Mar
Cowpie committee meeting - Buckland reading room	Tue 23 Apr
Cowpie Country Show - Lingfield	Sun 12 May
South of England Show - Ardingly	Fri 7 – Sun 9 Jun
Activity Weekend - Thames Young Mariners	Fri 28 – Sun 30 Jun
National Finals - County Showground - Stafford	Sat 6 and Sun 7 Jul

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