

# SURREY YFC PIGPEN

April 2024

## AIRHOP INTERCLUB

Once again Surrey Young Farmers literally took over the entire venue at AirHop in Guildford for our interclub evening. We had record numbers attending, with 95 members and potential members enjoying a fantastic, but exhausting evening of fun!



## COWPIE - SUN 12 MAY

The countdown is on for our 2024 Cowpie Show .....with everyone working really hard on the final preparations.



Our Cowpie Country show is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at the Blue Anchor Farm on the A22 near Lingfield (RH7 6JL). We have a fantastic day planned and look forward to seeing all members and their families at the show, for a action packed day of activities.

All Surrey Young Farmers have free entry to Cowpie, just show your digital membership card at the gate. Members also have a free lunch at the Members Marquee (just behind the SYF Marquee) and our thanks to the Cranleigh club parents and advisory for preparing and serving these.



We are thrilled this year that our members have been raising baby chicks to bring along to the show. 102 one day old chicks were collected and we are indebted to Richard Keen from Etherley Farm for arranging and transporting the chicks for us and to Lillico, who kindly provided every member with a very generous bag of chick crumb. Please remember to keep your diaries updated.

Our Cowpie show is also your chance to try something new. Why not try stock judging? We have beginner classes and guides are available from the office and there will be white coats that you can borrow on the day. Or maybe try out auctioneering or our digger competition....



Now that the sun is out, remember to take wildlife photos (landscape only) and you could be featured in our 2025 calendar.

Could members please ensure that all entries for the **static competitions are displayed in the Young Farmers Marquee by 10am** (at the very latest) and chicks handed in at the stock marquee (there will be cages for them) by 10am.



**\*\* The M25 will be closed between junctions 9 & 10 on the Cowpie weekend\*\***

# PARENTS/FRIENDS - WE NEED YOUR HELP

Throughout the year, we have a dedicated team of volunteers, who work with our Cowpie Chairman Neil Fuller, to make this amazing day possible.... **but we also need your help.**

The show raises vital funds for Surrey Young Farmers and our members enjoy a thrilling day packed with competitions and team events, but we also need parents/friends support with roles at the showground and to help with the clearing up afterwards.

**Please choose from one of the following:**

**Car parking** - Three shifts 8.30 to 11am, 10.30 to 1pm or 1pm to 3.30pm.

**Ticket scanning** - 1 ½ hour shifts scanning tickets at the entrance,

**SYF marquee attraction** - 1 ½ hours shifts keeping "Daisy" our full-size model cow that visitors can actually milk "topped up",

**Money collection for donkey rides** - 1 ½ hour shifts throughout the day.



Please let your leaders know or email Sandra at County office ([office@surreyyfc.co.uk](mailto:office@surreyyfc.co.uk)). You will receive entry to the show and anyone covering two shifts (or over 2 hours) will also receive a ticket for lunch in our VIP marquee. **Please do stay at the end** and help tidy the showground and collect rubbish. If everyone helps, it shares this huge workload.

# COWPIE COMPETITIONS & TIMINGS

Please remember to let your leaders know by Sat 20 April, the classes you would like to enter.

All classes in red, are qualifying competitions for the South of England Show  
Welly throwing (up to 8 members per club) Countryside ring 10.30 am – 11.30 am

## OPEN CLASSES (SOME HAVE AGE RESTRICTIONS)

Young Stockman of the Year (16 & under) all 4 stock judging classes must be entered  
Stockman of the Year (17 to 28) }

Orphan / Pet Lamb Showing Livestock Marquee 9.30 am - 12.30 pm  
Young Lamb Handler Livestock Marquee 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Mini digger challenge (6 members per club) Behind YFC marquee 10 am - 1 pm

Tractor maintenance In SEVAC tractor area 10 am - 1 pm

Auctioneering – up to 3 members per club Members area Valuation 9.30 – 10.30am  
Competition from 11am

British Wildlife photo competition \* YFC Marquee 10 am  
\* Landscape photos only – winning entries will feature in our 2025 calendar

## CLUB CLASSES

Display board YFC Marquee 10 am  
Club Scrapbook YFC Marquee 10 am  
Club promotion on public address Main Ring 1.15 & 2.30pm  
Best decorated club car Behind YFC Marquee In place by 9am  
The Cube – Countries Around the World YFC Marquee 10 am  
Club Bunting – Young Farmers theme YFC Marquee 10 am  
Picnic hamper / box (by 2 members) YFC Marquee 10 am

## TEAM EVENTS

Main ring 'SYF' Tournament Main Ring 1.15 – 2pm  
Musical Pit Stop Main Ring 2.30 – 3.15pm  
Egg Throwing (for fun) Main Ring 4.15pm  
Prize Giving Outside YFC Marquee 4.45pm

## LIVESTOCK CLASSES

Horse & Pony Management	Livestock Marquee	9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Sheep Judging	Livestock Marquee	9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Sheep Judging Beginner	Livestock Marquee	9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Dairy Judging	Livestock Marquee	9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Dairy Judging Beginner	Livestock Marquee	9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Beef Judging	Livestock Marquee	9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Beef Judging Beginner	Livestock Marquee	9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Pork Pig Judging	Livestock Marquee	9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Pork Pig Judging Beginner	Livestock Marquee	9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Chick Rearing	Livestock Marquee	Caged by 10 am & hand in diary

## STATIC CLASSES

All exhibits in YFC Marquee to be staged by 10am  
All classes in red, are qualifying competitions for the South of England Show  
Painting or drawing of an animal or bird from around the world  
Recycled structure - Landmarks from around the world  
Create a Rio mask – must be wearable  
Novelty Cake with the theme – Around the world  
Shoobox suitcase containing 5 items to travel the world (with list on a postcard)  
Papier Mache hot air balloon  
Poetry – Sustainable futures (A4 including decoration)

## Cookery

Junior – Spiced ginger "Flag" biscuits  
Intermediate – Spicy cheese biscuits  
Senior – Vanilla Macaroons

## ADVISORY & ASSOCIATE CLASSES

British wildlife photo competition  
Painting or drawing of an animal or bird from around the world  
Recycled structure - Landmarks from around the world  
Novelty Cake with the theme – Around the world  
Shoobox suitcase containing 5 items to travel the world (with list on a postcard)  
Cookery – Vanilla Macaroons

# ACTIVITY WEEKEND

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our activity weekend. Please ensure all consent forms are completed and returned. **We have the last few places available**, so please book your place at County office ([office@surreyyfc.co.uk](mailto:office@surreyyfc.co.uk)) for this amazing weekend. Kit details and drop off timings, will be sent out closer to the weekend

SURREY COUNTY FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS



Join us for our **2024 SYF Activity Weekend**



**LAST FEW PLACES AVAILABLE**



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 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Cost:** £75

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 [office@surreyyfc.co.uk](mailto:office@surreyyfc.co.uk)

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

# SOUTH EAST AREA SPRING COMPETITIONS

After their success at our Indoor Rally, we had members taking part in the Reading competition, Public Speaking, Situations Vacant, Junior Member of the Year and Disco Dancing competitions at the South East Area Spring competitions.



We certainly gave the other counties a run for their money, with our Public Speaking, Situations Vacant and Disco Dancing coming second and our Reading team and Junior Member of the Year doing really well against very strong competition. Many congratulations to all members who took part.

## NEWDIGATE PLANT SALE AND RAFFLE



Well done to Newdigate YF, who raised over £1,000 from their plant and cake sale and raffle. The club will be making a donation to the refurbishment of the Newdigate C of E school community swimming pool.

## REIGATE BARN DANCE



This family favourite is open to all clubs and is a fantastic evening. Tickets available from Stella

## DIARY DATES 2024

Cowpie  
South of England Show  
Junior Activity Weekend  
Reigate Barn Dance

Sun 12 May 2024  
Fri 7 - Sun 9 Jun  
Fri 28 - Sun 30 Jun  
Sat 6 July

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](mailto:sandra@surreyyfc.co.uk) [development@surreyyfc.co.uk](mailto:development@surreyyfc.co.uk)