

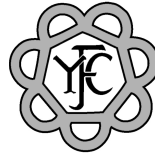


# NORTHANTS YFC NEWSLETTER



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<https://localgiving.com/charity/northantsyfc>

December 2012

*Merry Christmas!*

## COMPETITIONS COMING UP

**PUB QUIZ: Weds 12<sup>th</sup> December** at Lower Benefield Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm, hosted by Oundle.

**SKITTLES: Mon 7<sup>th</sup> January**, venue to be confirmed shortly. Hosted by Kelmarsh. *Entry forms by 20<sup>th</sup> December please.*

**YFC MEMBER OF THE YEAR (17 & under, 18 & over), JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING, INT. BRAINSTRUST & SITUATIONS VACANT: Mon 18<sup>th</sup> February.** Thrapston to host. *Entry forms by 31<sup>st</sup> January please.*

## RESULTS...RESULTS...

**WINTER SPORTS:** Yet again the weather has interfered with our competitions programme – high winds and a very soggy pitch weren't ideal for Rounders or Frisbee so we'll be arranging a new date in the New Year. But it must be before the Skegness weekend (8-10<sup>th</sup> March)

**CHRISTMAS STOCKJUDGING:** An excellent turnout for this year's competition at Thrapston Market, and many thanks to Bletsoes for their continued support.

Top six results as follows (full list on the website):

=1 <sup>st</sup>	Charlotte Middleton (Grendon)	94
	Josh Sharman (Thrapston)	94
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Josh Burton (Kelmarsh)	89
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jamie Boulton (Kelmarsh)	88
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fraser Cruickshank (Grendon)	85
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Burton (Kelmarsh)	84

**BALLROOM DANCING:** A brilliant, fun evening, many thanks to Grendon for hosting it. The top two teams go forward to the Area rounds.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Thrapston	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grendon
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oundle	4 <sup>th</sup>	Kelmarsh

## CHEERLEADING:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Grendon	4 <sup>th</sup>	Kelmarsh
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thrapston	5 <sup>th</sup>	Towcester
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oundle		



## DIARY DATES

### Weds 12<sup>th</sup> December:

Pub Quiz, Benefield Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm

### Sat 15<sup>th</sup> December:

Leics YFC Christmas Cracker, Loughborough

### Mon 17<sup>th</sup> December:

Towcester YFC Xmas Disco  
Towcester Rugby Club

### Sat 29<sup>th</sup> December 2012:

Kelmarsh YFC Festive Duck Doo, Naseby Village Hall

### Mon 31<sup>st</sup> December:

Buckingham YFC Black & White New Year's Eve Ball

### Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2013:

Finance Committee, YFC Office, 7.30pm

### Mon 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013:

Skittles Tournament, venue tbc. 8pm

### Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013:

Staff Management Committee, YFC Office 7.30

### Tues 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013:

Coordinators, White Swan, Holcot, 7.45 for 8pm

### Sat 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013:

Northants YFC Disco "The Big One"

## DRIVE IT HOME CAMPAIGN

I'm sure by now you will have seen or heard something about this road safety campaign which aims to reduce the number of driving incidents involving rural young drivers. The **Drive it Home** campaign, launched by Milly Wastie (National Chairman and Grendon Young Farmer), aims to:

- Educate YFC members on how to stay safe on rural roads and change attitudes so we all become better drivers
- Create Drive it Home Champions who can promote safer driving in their local communities and peer groups
- Offer opportunities for Young Farmer members to improve their driving skills

To watch the ITV Central News film featuring members from Gloucestershire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire at the launch event click here: <http://www.itv.com/news/central/update/2012-11-22/rural-drivers-more-accident-prone-full-report/>

Support the campaign on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/driveithomeyfc](http://www.facebook.com/driveithomeyfc)

**Drive it Home** will continue throughout 2013 and members are encouraged to sign up to one of the courses on offer with road safety charity Brake or a practical driving course with Drive Doctors. For more info on how to get involved and for more resources visit [www.nfyfc.org.uk/driveithome](http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/driveithome)

## NATIONAL CONVENTION, BLACKPOOL

For fully paid up members aged 18 or over only.

- **Accommodation:** We have 90 places booked at the Helmshore Hotel, Blackpool for **3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013**. The cost of b & b for 3 nights will be £95 per person. A booking form has been sent to Club Secretaries – this should be returned as soon as possible so we can confirm numbers. Full payment must be received by the end of February at the very latest. Contact Linsey Belford for hotel info.
- **Fancy Dress theme:** Where's Wally
- **Entertainment Package prices:**  
Advance prices (before 7<sup>th</sup> March):  
3 days £62.00    2 days £53.00    1 day £28.50  
On the day prices are:  
3 days £76.00    2 days £64.00    1 day £36.00  
Associates should add an extra £5 to each of these.  
Entertainment Package Booking forms have already been sent to Club Secretaries and the deadline for bookings is **7<sup>th</sup> March**.
- **NFYFC's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Ball – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool. Tickets (in advance only) £40 each, sold on a first come, first served basis.

## SKEGNESS WEEKEND

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>–Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2013.** **Fancy Dress theme:** Please think about which fancy dress theme you'd like Northants to adopt for the Saturday night Disco at The Suncastle and bring your ideas to the Exec meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

You should get booking forms through from the Area Secretary (Andrew Woodward in Leicestershire) before Christmas but please make a note of the dates now. As usual Clubs will be responsible for booking their own accommodation.

## DIARY DATES

**8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

East Mids Area YFC Comps  
Weekend, Skegness

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2013:**

Northants YFC Country Show  
& Rally, Mad Mile

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013:**

Northants YFC 70<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Celebration

## TOWCESTER YFC CHRISTMAS DISCO

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Towcester Rugby Club

8pm til late

Over 18s    ID required

£5 entry

## KELMARSH YFC FESTIVE DUCK DOO

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

Naseby Village Hall, NN6 6DE

7.30pm – midnight

£5 members

£10 non-members

ID required

More info from Erica

(07724918056) or John

(07976354664)



## BUCKINGHAM YFC BLACK & WHITE NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

8pm – 3am

At Towcester Racecourse

Tickets £35

Contact Tom Wing

07709696846

## NORTHANTS YFC DISCO

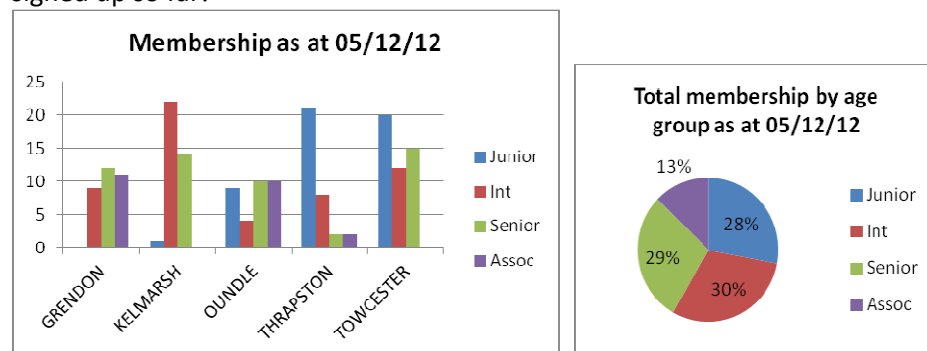
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

More details to follow

Contact Rob on 07825577883

## MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

Can we beat last year's amazing total of 265? You're well on track with 182 signed up so far!



## COUNTY TROPHIES

We shall be doing a stock-take of all the County trophies in the New Year, getting any necessary repairs done and having them all valued for insurance purposes. In order to do this we need you to return them all to the YFC Office



by the end of January 2013. We have an Executive Committee meeting on **Tues 29<sup>th</sup> January** so if you could make sure they all come back then that would be perfect. Any problems please ring Kate Everard.

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

To mark anti-bullying week, NFYFC has launched an online survey to get your feedback on bullying in and outside of YFC. NFYFC is reviewing its anti-bullying policy and feedback from the survey will be used to highlight areas that we need to focus on.

In the last survey, 3 years ago, 70% of YFC members said they had experienced bullying and 78% had seen someone else being bullied. Your responses will help NFYFC get a snapshot of the current situation.

The short online survey is quick and easy and totally anonymous.

[Take the survey!](#)

## CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS!

Buy him a tie! But not just any old tie, a bespoke **Northants YFC tie** – just £10 from the YFC Office. Cheques payable to “Northants YFC” please.



Also for just £10 you can buy the new **Leicestershire R.A.B.I. cookery book**, a collection of recipes from Leicestershire families and personalities. Contact Milly Wastie: 07525323450 or email [milly.wastie@rabi.org.uk](mailto:milly.wastie@rabi.org.uk). All profits will go to R.A.B.I.

## STOCKJUDGING DVD – BORROW A COPY NOW!

The 20-minute film, produced by EBLEX, looks at beef and sheep and explains how to judge them both alive and as carcasses. It also explains how to give reasons during judging, using both live and carcass examples.

The film is available to view either in its entirety or in bite-size chunks on the NFYFC website at <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/eblex> and copies of the DVD are now available for Clubs to borrow from the YFC Office – but they must be returned immediately after use please so they don't get lost.

## LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND YFC CHRISTMAS CRACKER

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
Loughborough Student Union  
Fusion  
8pm – 1am  
£7 members  
£10 non-members

## NOTTS YFC MASQUERADE BALL

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013**  
Colwick Hall Hotel,  
Nottingham NG2 4BH  
7.30pm – 1am  
Tickets £25 (includes 3-course dinner)  
Over 16s only  
Tickets & info from Lauren at  
Notts YFC Office  
01636 672633 or  
[lauren@nottsyfc.co.uk](mailto:lauren@nottsyfc.co.uk)

## LINCOLNSHIRE YFC JINGLE BALL 2012

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Stanhope Hall, Horncastle  
7.30pm – 1am  
Black tie ID required  
**Advance bookings only – deadline 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
Tickets £8 members  
£12 non-members  
Contact:  
[hjones@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:hjones@lincoln.ac.uk)

## FUTURE OF LIVESTOCK FARMING EVENT

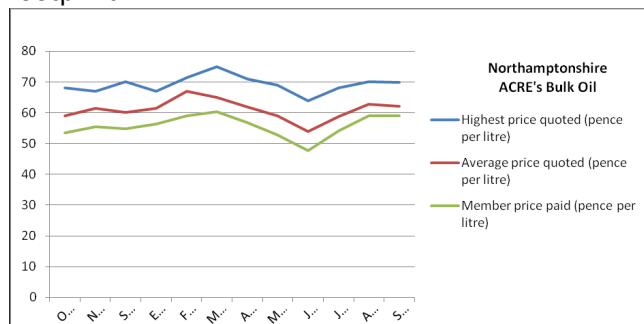
'How 21st century beef and sheep farmers can feed the nation' on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December** at NFU HQ, Stoneleigh Park, Warks, aimed at under-40s in the beef and sheep sectors. Book your free place by email [nfulivestock@nfu.org.uk](mailto:nfulivestock@nfu.org.uk) or visit [www.nfuonline.com/future-livestock](http://www.nfuonline.com/future-livestock) for more info.

## BULK OIL BUYING SCHEME

The Northamptonshire ACRE Bulk Oil Buying Scheme was launched in October 2011. In its first year of operation, the number of members has reached just over 200, and is still steadily growing. During this time, 300 orders have been processed and over 200,000 litres of domestic heating oil have been delivered. With professional negotiators behind us, our members have saved a **total of £28,000** so far.

Many people in rural areas are without mains gas and are therefore reliant on oil. Most individual orders are small, and are consequently at the mercy of high pricing by the oil companies. Fuel poverty is commonly higher amongst those in rural areas and those reliant on oil.

The scheme is most effective in areas where we have a local coordinator. Coordinators, with their local knowledge, are able to help us to increase the membership in their communities through word of mouth and publicity. This generates a knock-on benefit to the community through reduced tanker traffic. A fully loaded tanker does as little as 8 miles per gallon. So by combining a group of local orders into a monthly bulk delivery, the number of tanker miles is minimized, thereby reducing damage to kerbs and verges, and contributing towards a more healthy local carbon footprint.



If you, or any of your friends, family, neighbours or colleagues, would be interested in becoming a coordinator and/or member, please don't hesitate to contact us. The greater the membership, the greater are our chances of maximizing the benefits to both individuals and communities in our county.

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[www.northantsacre.org.uk](http://www.northantsacre.org.uk)

## PROGRAMME IDEA – THE CURVE

Looking to fill a slot in your Club programme? The Curve has been designed especially for YFCs to help you get the very best out of your club and its members.

A series of fun, interactive workshops explore everything from organising the best money spinners to strengthening relationships in your clubs. Each is around 1.5 hours long, but is designed to be flexible to suit your own club.

Choose from a range of ten sessions, including:

- Food4Thought
- Event Budgeting
- Member Retention
- Dream Teams
- New Member Marketing
- Know your Limits

For more details click on The Curve tab at [www.nfyfc.org.uk/skillsandtraining/skillsandtraining](http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/skillsandtraining/skillsandtraining) or contact Sandra James on 02476 857207 or email [Sandra.james@nfyfc.org.uk](mailto:Sandra.james@nfyfc.org.uk)

## WATERLOGGED GRASSLAND?

You might find this EBLEX article of interest, and their Grass MOT document could also be useful – you can access it at:

<http://www.eblex.org.uk/news/waterlogging.aspx>

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The top of the County Championship table is looking very interesting at the moment! Make sure your Club is in with a chance of winning the trophy by entering (and doing well in!) as many competitions as you can in the next 6 months. Good luck!

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Please note that the YFC Office will be closed over Christmas & New Year, from **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December**, re-opening on **Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2103**.



*And a very Happy  
New Year!*