



March 2026 Newsletter

Your roundup of the past month & what's ahead for Dorset YFC

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Bowling Competition 2026

On Tuesday 10th February, the annual DYF 10 Pin Bowling Competition took place at Freshwater. Well done to all the teams that took part, it was fantastic to see so many members have fun & get involved.

A big well done to Marshwood Vale YFC who not only came 1st, but 2nd & 3rd too!



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Bethany Mitchell



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Sophie Berry



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Dorset Young Farmer Competitions

SWA Weekend 2026

Dorset Young Farmers did us proud at the South West Area Weekend in Weymouth achieving:

1st - Situations Vacant 17-21 - Henrietta.

2nd - Sandcastle Building & Junior Reading - Olivia, Millie & Maddie.

3rd - Dance, Situations Vacant 22-28 - Bethany and Junior Public Speaking - Lauren, Hannah & Sophie.

4th - Junior Member of The Year - Eve, Senior Member of The Year - Joanna and Entertainments with **5th** for Brainstrust.

Amazing effort from all the Clubs & Young Farmers and thank you to South West Area for organising such a fantastic weekend!



You Don't Have To Be A Farmer To Be A Young Farmer

Auctioneering Competition

Well done to all our young farmers who took part in the recent Auctioneering Competition at Glanvilles Wootton. Thank you to the judges and a special thank you to Ian Sargent for hosting at Haywood Park Farm.

The Results

First - Henrietta Love
Marshwood Vale YFC

Second - Miles & Harry Blakeney
Gillingham & Shaftesbury YFC

Third - William Griffin
Sherborne YFC

Fantastic efforts from all
the young farmers!!



Welfare and Safeguarding Officer



Mrs Jessica Pitman has joined the County team as the new DWSO for Dorset YFC. If you have any safeguarding incidences, issues, or are looking for advice please contact her on the new, confidential email address:

safeguardingyfcdorset@gmail.com

Fun, Learning and Achievement!

A note from the County Chair...

Hello Everyone,

It has continued to be a busy couple of months for the clubs and county and it has been great to see so many members getting involved and representing Dorset Young Farmer's with enthusiasm and commitment. A highlight of this month was South West Area, where our members once again demonstrated their talent and dedication across a range of competitions. We had great results across the weekend and I was so happy to see other members coming to support those that were competing. I'd like to say a huge well done to everyone that took part in a competition, especially to those of you that were competing at South West Area level for the first time, and good luck to those of you that qualified for Nationals.

We recently held our auctioneering competition on a sunny spring afternoon. This was my first time attending the competition and I was so impressed with the competitors on the day. It is always impressive to see members developing their skills and building confidence - for some, this was their first time taking part in this (or any) YFC competition. These kinds of opportunities are what make YFC so valuable, and it's great to see them being embraced.

Congratulations must also go to Marshwood Vale YFC, who managed to place not only 1st, but 2nd and 3rd as well in this year's bowling competition! With the end of the season approaching, we will soon find out if their aim has been as good in the Dorset YFC skittles league...

As we head into spring, we have more events to look forward to including the Dorset YFC 80th Rally, ploughing match, calf show and fundraising like the fun ride. With warmer days, and longer evenings, I am sure club calendars will be filled with interesting events and meetings.

~Bethany~





Dates For The Diary 2026



Sunday 5 th April	Ploughing Match - Run by Puddletown YFC
Tuesday 7 th April	F&GP and Executive Meeting - 7pm
Sunday 12 th April	Bale Art Competition being judged
Sunday 12 th April	Calf Show - Run by Marshwood Vale YFC
Saturday 18 th April	Dorset YFC 80 th Rally - 9.30am - Rockpitts Farm, Plush
Friday 24 th April	Blandford YFC BBQ Fun Evening - Rawston Farm
Saturday 25 th & Sunday 26 th April	NFYFC Performing Arts and SMOTY Finals - Newtown, Powys
Saturday 25 th April	Clay Pigeon Shoot - AC Shooting School - 11am to 1pm
Sunday 26 th April	NFYFC Annual Meeting of Clubs (AMC) - Newtown, Powys
Saturday 9 th May	Stockjudging Competition - Run by Sherborne YFC - Lower Bagber Farm, Sturminster Newton
Monday 18 th May	Executive Meeting @ Kingston Maurward College 7:30pm
Sunday 24 th May	County Fun Ride - 9am - 12pm Start - Lower Farm, Hilton, DT11 0DQ
May	Dorset Grassland Society Event (Details TBC)
Saturday 6 th June	Blandford YFC Party
Sunday 7 th June	SWA Comps Day - Lackham College
Friday 19 th June	An Evening With Peter Wilson – Sherborne YFC at Thornford Village Hall
Sunday 21 st June	G&S YFC Tractor Run
Sunday 28 th June	SWA Tug of War Comps Day
Tuesday 30 th June	Executive Meeting @ Kingston Maurward College 7:30pm
Saturday 4 th July	NFYFC Competitions Finals Day - Stafford
Saturday 4 th or 11 th July	Puddletown YFC Party
Sunday 5 th July	NFYFC Sports Championships - Stafford
Monday 10 th August	F&GP, Pre AGM and Executive Meeting @ Kingston Maurward College - Time TBC
Friday 21 st August	G&S YFC Party
Friday 21 st - Monday 24 th August	Junior SWA Weekend in Shropshire
Tuesday 22 nd September	Executive Meeting @ Kingston Maurward College 7:30pm
Sunday 4 th October	Wareham & Purbeck Ploughing Match - Kimmeridge
Monday 2 nd November	County AGM

YFC Clubs Pre-AGM & AGM Meetings



Clubs have started to send in the dates of their Pre-AGM & AGM Meetings along with their Harvest Festival Dates. Please can those clubs who have not yet sent dates, email them to the County Office as soon as possible - office@dorsetyfc.org.uk