

# Update on Dates to remember.....

Wed 10th Jan	Dorset YFC Rally Management Meeting 7.00pm at Courtyard Classroom 11, Kingston Maurward College
Wed 10th Jan	Dorset YFC 2024 Rally Meeting <b>ALL CLUBS TO BE PRESENT PLEASE!</b> Courtyard Classroom, Kingston Maurward College 7.30pm start
Mon 15th Jan	Dorset YFC Management Meeting 7.00pm at Courtyard Classroom 11, Kingston Maurward College
Mon 15th Jan	Dorset YFC 2024 Executive Meeting <b>ALL CLUBS TO BE PRESENT PLEASE!</b> Courtyard Classroom, Kingston Maurward College 7.30pm start
Thurs 18th Jan	<b>County Office Closed</b> - SWA County Organisers Meeting - Devon
Sun 21st Jan	Dorset YFC Speaking Day, Courtyard Classrooms, KMC. Team times have be given out all viewed competitions are listed on the front if you wish to watch.
Sun 4th Feb	SWA Members Committee Meeting
Sun 11th Feb	Dorset YFC Sports Day - 10.00am to 2.00pm - Entries coming out shortly Thomas Hardy Sports Hall and 1610 Astro in Dorchester
Thur 22nd Feb	Dorset YFC Rally Management Meeting 7.00pm at Courtyard Classroom 11, Kingston Maurward College
Thur 22nd Feb	Dorset YFC 2024 Rally Meeting <b>ALL CLUBS TO BE PRESENT PLEASE!</b> Courtyard Classroom, Kingston Maurward College 7.30pm start
24th—25th Feb	NFYFC Council Weekend
Tues 27th Feb	Dorset YFC Management Meeting 6.30pm at Courtyard Classroom 11, Kingston Maurward College
	SWA Behaviour Meeting for all those attending the SWA Weekend you MUST attend to have your ticket signed off and show your membership card on arrival. 7.00pm at Courtyard Classroom 11, Kingston Maurward College
	Dorset YFC 2024 Executive Meeting <b>ALL CLUBS TO BE PRESENT PLEASE!</b> Courtyard Classroom, Kingston Maurward College 7.30pm start
1st—3rd March	South West Area Weekend - Newquay All details will be sent out once received by SWA for those taking part in competitions and full check in details for those staying will be given at the Behaviour Meeting.
Sun 24th March	TBC - Dorset YFC Auctioneering Competition full details TBC
Sat 30th March	Dorset YFC Bale Art Competition to be judged by Andy Seare
Wed 3rd April	Dorset YFC Rally Management Meeting 7.00pm at Courtyard Classroom 11, Kingston Maurward College
	Dorset YFC 2024 Rally Meeting <b>ALL CLUBS TO BE PRESENT PLEASE!</b> Courtyard Classroom, Kingston Maurward College 7.30pm start



**Dorset Young Farmers**

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have so much already planned for this year starting off with our Dorset YFC Competitions Day on Sunday 21st January with a lot of entries from various clubs. If you wish to come along and support your club please see below the start times of those competitions that can be viewed below. All competitions will be held at the Courtyard Classrooms and it is set to be a competitive day with clubs going head to head to gain a space at the South West Area Round in Newquay in March. For our over 18 members hotel sales close on MONDAY at 9.00am!!!



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**COMPETITION START TIMES FOR YOU TO SUPPORT YOUR CLUBS**

### Competitions Speaking Day 2024

**Sunday 21st January 2024**

at Courtyard Classrooms, Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester, DT2 8PY  
*(archway opposite the Main Equestrian Arena)*

10.00am start Junior Reading - Beaminster/Marshwood/Puddletown  
10.00am start MACE Debating - Marshwood/Gillingham & Shaftesbury  
1.00pm Junior Public Speaking - Beaminster/Gillingham & Shaftesbury/Marshwood/Puddletown  
3.00pm Braintrust - Beaminster/Gillingham & Shaftesbury/Marshwood

All Clubs taking part in the competition have now been sent their check in times so please check with your club secretary and also remember we would like to see everyone's membership card on the day so please make sure it is either downloaded on your mobile phone or bring a printed copy, this will ensure that when going onto the next round you are prepared.

**Dorset YFC Sports Day**  
Entries are now with your Club Secretaries and entries close on Wednesday 10th January so please make sure we have all your entries in time to plan the running of the day. We have added a couple of extra competitions to make more of a day of it. Those who win the Junior Mixed Dynamos Cricket and the Senior Mixed Volleyball games will go forward to the South West Area Competitions Day in June



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
Thomas Hardy School Sports Hall, Dorchester, DT1 2ET and 1610 Astro Turf

**Sports taking place on the day**

<p><b>Junior Mixed Dynamos Cricket</b> 1610 Astro (13-16yrs) 10.00am start</p>	<p><b>SNR Mixed Volleyball</b> Sports Hall THS (17-28yrs) 10.00am noon start</p>	<p><b>Junior Mixed Basket Ball</b> Sports Hall THS (10-16yrs) 1.00pm start (approx)</p>	<p><b>SNR Mixed Dodgeball</b> Sports Hall THS (17-28yrs) 11.30am start (approx)</p>
SWA Competitions Day Qualifier 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024 Lackham College	SWA Competitions Day Qualifier 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024 Lackham College	For Dorset YFC only no Qualifier however will gain Upton Oil Points for your Club	For Dorset YFC only no Qualifier however will gain Upton Oil Points for your Club

**Closing date for entries Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 9.00am**  
**Entry Forms will be with your club secretaries. You MUST be a signed up member to take part due to insurance purposes.**

Spectators are welcome





## You don't have to be Farmer to be a Young Farmer

#jointhefun

### A Hedge Fit for a King by two Beaminster YFC Members

A few months ago Logan and Jack from Beaminster YFC were contacted and invited to take part in a National Hedgelaying Society competition hosted by King Charles on his main farm.

The King stipulated that the hedges had to be laid in Southern, Midlands or Welsh style and as Logan and Jack normally work with the Dorset Style they had to learn a new style as they worked on the hedge.

The boys did incredibly well and after met and had a conversation with the King and were then treated to Soup and a Hog Roast afterwards. It was a great day for the boys and King Charles was lovely and made some lovely comments about the boys hedge. He also informed them that he himself had planted that hedge when he was younger- so they really were working on the Kings hedge! Well done boys what a great achievement!!



### Dorset YFC Year Book 2022/23

As some of you have already seen or even purchased at our Entertainments Evening the 2022/23 Year book has now been released. This is available to purchase online or by dropping us an email. The cost of the Year Book is £5.00 each collection (extra £1 postage) Or if you wish to purchase the year book from last year also for £2.50 collection (£1 postage). A big thank you to Amy Wonnacott for producing the Year Book and also to our winner Bethany Mitchell who designed the front cover and won the Rally Competition back in April 2023. Why not purchase a copy today, it's a great way to see how much our members have achieved through the year and a lovely keepsake.



Dorset Young Farmers

SOUTH WEST AREA

# SWA WEEKEND

# NEWQUAY

## 1st - 3rd MARCH 2024

OVER 18 SIGNED UP MEMBERS ONLY

**Dorset YFC Tickets are NOW ON SALE**

CLOSING ON 8/1/24 UNLESS SOLD OUT PRIOR - LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE



Good luck to all our members taking part in the Dorset YFC Competitions Day on the 21st January 2024 we hope you all have a great experience and we look forward to supporting you on the day and also to those who go forward to South West Area in March 2024. Its time to make Dorset YFC Proud. A big thank you in advance to all our judges and trainers who are supporting our members during this period your experience and time is appreciated and valued. Thank you!

### New Chairman's Message

Hello all,

Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and a good new year. Here's to a successful 2024 in YFC!

In December we held the Drama Competition raising funds for county, thank you to everyone who supported the evening.

County held a Christmas meal for their county team at the Brewhouse which was a lovely evening to celebrate Christmas and a nice social for everyone.

Not much went on in December due to clubs having Christmas meals and club meetings. I know lots attended Marshwood Vales Winter Ball at freshwater holiday park which was enjoyed by many and help raise funds for the club.

Here is to the new year and look forward to hearing how the clubs progress in the year and all the good fundraising and club meetings going on!

Amy Wonnacott  
County Chairman

### SWA Weekend 2024



Open to all over 18 signed up Dorset YFC Members. Please remember to purchase your Hotel spaces before Monday 8th January 2024 sales close at 9.00am.

All links can be found in your inboxes or please check with your club secretary.

Don't delay.