

Oxfordshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs



Chairman's Newsletter January 2017

Happy New Year all, I hope you all had a brilliant Christmas and enjoyed the New Year celebrations.

It's that time of year when we reflect on the previous successes of last year and look at the New Year and what can be achieved and will almost certainly will. I think we can all agree that every single club last year had an amazing year with some seeing the highest membership numbers for a good few years. Moving forwards it would be incredible to have 400 members this year; it's more than double we're currently at 275 only 125 to go!

The first events of the county year were the county public speaking competitions and the county quiz, both are fantastic fun and well supported by the clubs. All of the winners from the public speaking will hopefully be taking up the opportunity to represent Oxfordshire YFC at the SEA competitions day on the 4th and 5th of February that we are hosting with Bucks YFC. It is shaping up to be a big day for us and the area, again I'd like to see commitment from the clubs to get entries in and get involved and show the area who we are. and now to another event in February and I must start by saying a big well done to Jack Saunders and his management committee at Faringdon seniors of whom have organised their first ball since restarting the club, it's shaping up to be a big night both for current and ex members of Faringdon and I hope to see many of you there as well.

I've had a long think about the charities I would like the county fundraising for this year at a county level and I've decided the following ones;

BRAKE; a drink driving charity.

SeeSaw: a local charity which helps meet the needs of bereaved children and young people.

Sobell house: a local hospice which cares for patients in their final days and gives support to loved ones to adapt to life with bereavement.

We do a great deal of fund raising at a club level but I'd like to bring this to the county level too, there will be some fund raising events coming up throughout the year so keep a look out.

The 22nd January will see the annual county hockey competition held at Cokethrope school kick off, on that note could I ask that all of the clubs really try and get as many along as possible. Not just to this but to as many club and county events as possible this year I know it's not possible to attend everything with work, education and social commitments but with the more people involved the stronger the competition and the more fun it is!

Good luck to those involved in the competitions coming up, and I'll see some of you on Thursday at club at county.

Best Wishes,

Adam Churchman
County Chairman 16/17