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# County Chairman’s Welcome

After six years as part of the federation’s officer team, the time has finally come for me to step up, take the lead, and guide what I believe to be the finest organisation for supporting and encouraging young people to embrace new experiences and connect with others, not just in Cornwall, but across the country.

I am truly honoured to serve as this year’s County Chair, a role I have eagerly anticipated. This year, we’ve already made history, with myself as the newly elected County Chair, alongside Beth Whell of Lostwithiel Young Farmers Club as Vice County Chair, and Milly Bersey of Landrake Young Farmers Club as Junior Vice Chair. We are the first executive committee officers to all be women, a milestone I am incredibly proud of.

This time of year, is always buzzing with excitement as all 20 of our clubs prepare their cubicles for the Royal Cornwall Show, embracing the theme of British Books and Authors. Watching the tent come to life with creative decorations is always a highlight, and I extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who has contributed to making this year’s show a success.

We’ve placed a strong emphasis on participation in our wide range of competitions this year, particularly in speaking and performing arts. I was especially proud to see our beloved Pantomime return during my tenure as Chair. Witnessing clubs unite for the greater purpose of getting more members involved has been inspiring. I’m thrilled to announce that our County Pantomime, featuring members from Helston and St Keverne, Madron, and St Buryan, reached the National Finals, an incredible achievement for all involved. Special recognition goes to:

- Roche & Lostwithiel YFC
- Stratton YFC
- Liskeard YFC
- Threemilestone & St Columb YFC
- Camelford, St Mabyn & Wadebridge YFC

Each of these clubs delivered fantastic pantomimes throughout the County rounds, with Stratton YFC and Camelford, St Mabyn & Wadebridge YFC competing at the County Final.

On a personal note, this year has been particularly rewarding for me. I proudly secured first place in the South West Area Member of the Year award and travelled to Leamington Spa for the National Senior Member of the Year competition final, where I placed third, a moment of immense pride.

One of the biggest and most exhilarating challenges of my role will be the annual WOTNOT event. This year’s edition promises something entirely different from previous years, and I can’t wait to see who steps up to the challenge. Of course, it wouldn’t be Young Farmers without the social camaraderie we all cherish, while also recognising the sheer determination required

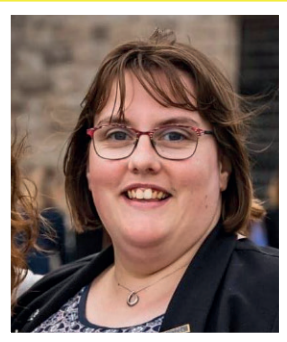
to complete the challenge and raise funds for charity, something our community is known for.

This year, the Cornwall Federation of Young Farmers Clubs is supporting three incredible charities. Many of our events have been raising funds for Cornwall Blood Bikes, as well as supporting our own Federation of Young Farmers Clubs, following my motto that charity starts at home. Additionally, our WOTNOT and other fundraising events throughout the year will support Cornwall Air Ambulance. These charities are incredibly close to my heart, and I know that every penny raised will make a meaningful difference while keeping funds within our county.

On behalf of my officer team, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all members and clubs for their dedication and hard work over the past eight months. Witnessing the talent and success within our federation has been an honour, and I am eagerly anticipating what our clubs will showcase at this year’s show.

As I enter the final months of this incredible journey, I look forward to making the most of every moment in what has truly been one of the greatest roles I have ever held.

**Sophie Olds**  
Cornwall YFC County Chair



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# Cornwall Young Farmers Carol Service 2024

On December 21st, we celebrated our annual Cornwall Young Farmers Carol Service. Although it was unusual to hold our service on a Saturday this year, it didn't impact the turnout from all our supporters. December 2025, we will return to our traditional Friday service.

The evening was filled with festive cheer, featuring some delightfully well-behaved lambs and a semi-well-behaved donkey that added a touch of fun to the evening. A huge thank you to our incredible host clubs this year, St Mabyn and St Columb, for doing a fantastic job in their speaking and nativity scene.

Thanks goes to Lady St Levan our president who gave a lovely speech and introduced the service. We also would like to thank all the volunteers and officers for assisting the Cathedral in setting up, this is not an easy task and so we very much appreciate your support.

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## NFU MUTUAL'S TOP TIPS ON IMPROVING FARM SECURITY

It's a sad fact of life that crime is a big problem for farmers. It can challenge livelihoods as much as bad weather, crop failure or animal health.

However, we can be proactive about the issue by taking measures to make our farm security the best it can be. These measures don't have to be hugely expensive or use up a lot of your valuable time but can be highly effective in preventing your farm from becoming the latest target for criminals.

Let's take a look at some of the main things you should be doing right now to protect your property and equipment.

### Look for existing weaknesses

Before you put any security measures in place, you'll need to analyse your existing set-up. It may be you are already as secure as you can be in certain areas but there may also be glaring gaps that need to be filled. The only way to find out is to check thoroughly and think like a criminal.

### Install security measures

Technology can offer a real advantage in deterring criminals. This includes alarms, security systems and motion activated lights. Put alarms on doors to buildings and point CCTV cameras at the most vulnerable spots on your farm.

Visible deterrents will help. Many criminals on farms are opportunistic and take chances, so having clear security measures could protect farms effectively.

### Check locks on windows and doors

There are good locks and there are locks that anyone with a little knowledge can open quite easily. Check that your padlocks are strong – consider covers to them to stop them being cut through. Don't forget the hinges of the doors, as these can be real weak points. And don't forget to store keys in places that aren't obvious as well.

Expert advice is always welcome, so try the Master Locksmiths Association for a list of established fitters in your area and more information on the security options available to you.

### Check the perimeter

Security starts as soon as your land begins. Bolstering your perimeter security could include additional fencing, ditches to prevent unauthorised vehicles accessing your land and thick prickly hedges. Make sure existing infrastructure is in good working order. Don't offer any obvious open doorways to your property.

### Consider branding and serial numbers

The protection of equipment and vehicles can be vital to your business. You can brand your equipment with unique serial numbers – such as etching into a window or the bodywork. Take photos as well. If your equipment is stolen, this will help with the recovery. Consider everything of value. For example, GPS kit theft has been a problem in recent years.

### Get insurance that covers you fully

Should the worst happen, make sure you have the right level of insurance to cover everything. This includes your livestock, equipment, tractors, etc. The stress of being the victim of a crime is doubled if you find out you won't be getting the compensation to replace missing or broken items.

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# Christmas Tree Trail 2024

In December 2024, we held our first Christmas Tree Trail. Each participating club displayed a Christmas tree in their local area for supporters and the general public to enjoy. The decorations were made as sustainably as possible.

The trees were up and decorated from Sunday, 15th December until Monday, 6th January and the decorations used were made as sustainably as possible.

A map was created of the locations of the Christmas Trees for the public to follow around the whole of Cornwall. A bit of fun for the family for that in-between Christmas and New Year time.

Milly Bersey from Landrake Young Farmers followed the map across Cornwall over the festive break and took some great photos of the trees and decorations which are shared below.

Milly said "I loved it! We took a family day out! Plotted a route, following the map where all trees were in the correct locations. It was great".

Fourteen clubs took part—take a look at some of their work!





## Club Feature: Liskeard YFC

**Liskeard YFC is a successful, friendly club with roughly 35 members attending our weekly Monday evening meetings. We have a great variation of visits planned for the year ahead in our club programme such as farm walks, interesting visits to different businesses, social evenings, and all sorts of fun!**

In October we had our AGM where we handed over the money we raised for the charities chosen for the year 23-24. We raised £5000 for Cancer research UK and another £5000 for the Addington fund which was a great amount of money raised and the club were very pleased to of raised for such great causes.

Also, at our AGM the new officer roles were handed over to Will Lethbridge (Chairman) and Charisse Rowe (Secretary) who have chosen the FCN - Farming community network and The Cornwall Air Ambulance as their chosen charities for this year. These charities are very close to us, and the farming community and you never know when you may need them, with the challenges of farming they will always be needed and we are delighted to support them for the forthcoming year.

Liskeard YFC have some great fundraising events planned for this coming year. In November we started the year off with our Bonfire night which was a great success and luckily the weather was on our side! In December we then held our Christmas tractor run raising over £2000 for our chosen charities this year which we were delighted with and thanks to everyone for their support. Following on we also have some more exciting fundraisers planned such as Dung run, Big Breakfast and a 24h Shearathon which we are very excited for and set to be a great event!

Our club loves to be involved and enter as many competitions as we can and have been very successful in the past. In November some of our members played in the Devon V Cornwall Rugby match and took a great win and with the team being made up of 7 Liskeard members we were very proud. We have also been competing in the winter competitions with our Pantomime 'Buttons' which was great fun to be apart of and a great effort from the club!

YFC is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and really grow your confidence with so many opportunities available! At Liskeard we also welcome new members so if you are age 16-28 we would love to welcome you to our club.





## Club Feature: Madron YFC

**Madron YFC is a small but passionate club, with members who love getting involved in everything we do. Whether it's creative crafts, sports, community events, or learning new skills, our members give it their all.**

So far this year, our club calendar has looked very busy! We were thrilled to start the new club year off by presenting our 2023/24 donations of £3800 to Penhaligon's Friends, which was a great charity to fundraise for. Then quickly, we got stuck into the first of the county events by hosting the County Harvest Festival, with our very own Sophie Olds! It was a great way to kick off the year and see so many clubs from across the county in our home area. The weeks skipped on and we welcomed lots of new faces at our New Members and Pumpkin Carving evenings. As a small club, we always like to get together and have some creative competitions, with one of our newest members winning the best-carved pumpkin.

During the following weeks, Madron YFC attended many competitions including the Western Area Ploughing Match, where both the Boys and the Girls produce stands were successful in picking up first place and special prizes, along with lots of individual placings throughout the club. Madron was especially thrilled to head through to the indoor sports finals, after finishing in the top three at the area rounds at Carn Brea Leisure Centre.

The months quickly passed and we were already heading towards December! The highlight of the month and the best way to kick off the festivities was with our club Christmas meal which was held at The Shire Inn. With over 40 young and old YFC members at our Christmas meal, it was enjoyed by all. The traditional carol singing shortly followed, with members attending Morvah Carol Service, the Zennor WI Christmas Party, the Tinnars Arms and a number of houses to spread some Christmas joy.

One of the best things about Madron YFC, is the interest our members have in the local businesses. We have been fortunate enough to visit a number of businesses in the past few months including Mole Valley Farmers, Mc Faddens Butchers and Acland Farm with Falmouth YFC. Our members greatly enjoyed learning about all the different sectors within the agricultural industry and showed a keen interest in attending more in the future.

This year our Chairman, Will Hosking has chosen to fundraise for The Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust, which will be a great charity for our club year. In the coming weeks, we have got lots of fundraising activities including our Annual Quiz Night and for the first time, we are running a Big Breakfast! It is always exciting to try something new and we are hoping for a successful day raising money.

As a small club, we might not have the biggest numbers, but our members love what we do! Every club night, activity, or event we take part in is packed with enthusiasm, friendship, and a love for getting stuck in. So, remember you don't have to be a farmer to be a young farmer, come and join in!





## Club Feature: Praze YFC

**Praze Young Farmers is a club with ages ranging from 14-28, we have 56 members and we have so many different characters in the club, it's so nice to see everybody's achievements within the club and outside of club life.**

When it comes to the various different competitions Cornwall YFC do, it's amazing to see each club member shine in the different things they are good at. For everyone from your club then to come together against other clubs for the county finals. It is amazing to see what other people come up with when it comes to making entries and putting together performances.

Young Farmers is something so special when it comes to friendships, whether it being our club nights every Friday or just meeting up for a catch up, the friendships we make in Young Farmers are life long and to be able to know you have that friendship is so important.

So far this year we have done numerous different activities to fill our programme, from farm walks, ice skating, cooking and baking, golf, rugby and even some shooting. We also held our charity Dyno day and charity whist drive, the support was absolutely amazing from all our supporters. We are so happy to be able to support our amazing chosen charity ISightCornwall, we can't wait for the rest of the year!

Hopefully with some better weather we can look forward to our Country themed party and rodeo bull competition, our summer boat party, summer nights with our beach games and bbq followed by some fun nights such as beach dog walks, dog agility and some vehicle assault courses.

As a club, coming together is the most important thing! We've recently had our Ladies Tug of War team form, from a team of girls with only a couple having done the competition before, the rest of us hadn't a clue!! We started by forming a team with no practice, signed up for the TOW competition at Cornwall YFC and went straight in to a competition. Many other teams took part but we did amazing, even ended up going to the national finals! Looking at photos and videos from when we first started up to now is so lovely, to see how far we have come as a team. We have now, with amazing sponsorship, got ourselves Tug of War boots for the upcoming season to ensure we are properly prepared.

To be apart of a club and be able to do things like this, I would definitely recommend being apart of young farmers to anyone. If you're looking at joining Praze YFC or any other club or even want to try it, come along and see what you think. The opportunity's given and the friendships are something that you really don't want to miss out on!!



# Claire Hosken

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# Club Feature: St Mabyn YFC

**St Mabyn YFC has become one of the largest clubs in the county with around 50 members. Usually with 30 members turning out to regular club nights where we do a variety of activities including farm walks, visits and talks.**

The new YFC year started with three St Mabyn members; Ollie Symons, Will Symons and Charles Byron joining other Cornish members in the first Cornwall VS Devon rugby match. Watched on by many supporters Cornwall came out the eventual winners.

It was then the turn of the rest of club to have a go at sport with the indoor sports competition, where for the third year in a row St Mabyn qualified for the final. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be this time and hoping for fourth time lucky next year. Christmas is always a busy time for our Club, starting off with our annual carol singing evening. Where members travelled to parents and club leaders' houses singing, sometimes in tune, raising money for our charities. This was great practice for our following weeks club carol service held at St Mabyn Church with some seventy people in attendance, the club enjoyed a festive service followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

The Cornish Winter Fair saw our members compete in a variety of competitions from the club cubicle to pasty making, overall, the club had some great results with several members walking away with prizes. This led onto the Christmas parties, always our members favourite. Tinsel ball, held for the first time in Sailors Nightclub which went down a treat. This year St Mabyn were selected to co-host the County Carol Service held at Truro Cathedral. Members took different roles from Joseph having to walk the donkey up to the altar, to angels and shepherds bearing gifts. We also had four members reading prayers and lessons to some one thousand attendees.

Most recently St Mabyn competed at the County Speaking Day, entering two teams. On their quest to go one better than last year's national runner ups our Braintrust team consisting of Bryony Highmoor, Jess Dally, Christina Merritt and Ellie Rundle took home first place. Our second competition saw our after dinner speaking team consisting of Christina Merritt, Ellie Rundle, Katie Hodges, Grace Smallwood and Lewis Bradley come second losing out to Lostwithiel by 0.02 of a Point! However, mention must go to Grace, Christina and Katie for being selected for the County team.

Things aren't slowing down for our club as practice for this year's Pantomime ramps up for our first round on the 2nd of February. The cast is made up of 25 members from St Mabyn, Wadebridge and Camelford, With the Pantomime "Cowshed Cinderella" written and directed by St Mabyn Member Cari Thomas.

We held our annual dung run on the 9th February raising money for our two charities this year, Cornwall Air Ambulance and Cornwall Blood Bikes.





# Club Feature: Stratton YFC

**Stratton YFC is a friendly, active, and sociable club who meet every Wednesday evening with around 25-30 members turning up every week. Our club evenings are put together by our programme secretaries which do a fantastic job of giving us a variety of evenings including local business visits, Vet talks, first aid talks, farm walks and some games evenings.**

We started off our year with our AGM where Tom Fowler was elected as Chairman and Carly Cobbledick was elected club secretary.

This year we have decided our chosen charities are Farming Community Network (FCN) and Cancer Research, both charities that mean a lot to us personally.

Stratton YFC started the year with many plans to raise as much money for our chosen charities as we could. We started our year strong with planning our first ever Firework evening which was very well supported by friends, family and locals from the community. We then went on to plan our annual Christmas Bingo with a change of location this year, in Bude to try and welcome new members and to get our local community aware of Stratton YFC.

December was a busy month as we also had an annual Christmas carol service at Week St Mary Chapel for parents, members and locals to come along to enjoy the Christmas festivities.

We had a small group of club individuals who wanted to compete in the Winter competitions for Pantomime. Considering we decided to do this in late December and managed to get through to the County Finals where we came a proud 3rd place. We also even came away with Best Supporting Role- Lizzie Hobbs and Best Under 18 Performer- Chloe Martyn. We feel this was a massive achievement for our club as this was the first Pantomime in

about 30 years the club had performed! After giving the Panto team a small rest we decided to perform our Pantomime The Three Little Pigs to our local community, which was well supported! Alongside our Panto we also put on an entertainment of our take on Blankety Blank. Where members dressed up as celebrities and competed against a few people from the audience. A great evening had by all!

The week after we held our annual tractor run which again was well supported by locals. We had a brilliant route put together along the coast line with a small break at Davidstow, before heading back for a BBQ and refreshments. The weather was so good we sold out of ice cream!

Our fundraising doesn't stop there! We have also planned a couple of new fundraisers this year including A Big Breakfast being held at Kilkhampton. We are also doing a Charity Auction (date to be confirmed) but please look out on our socials Instagram and Facebook for updates on this event.

As a club we try to welcome new members to come and join to find out what we are about! This year we are trying to put in as much effort as we can to get Stratton YFC back on the map. With the club coming together and working as a strong team we feel this will be achievable!

If you are interested in what we do and are aged between 14-28 please look us up on Facebook and Instagram to see what we are all about.





## Club Feature: Warleggan YFC

Over the last 12 months club has been very busy with fundraisers and fun filled evenings. At the last AGM we raised £6000 for charities last year. The two charities were FCN (farming community network) and hugs foundation. Both of these charities are very close to the club FCN being a big support to farmers here in need and hugs is a local charity helping children with learning disabilities and rescuing horses. For the forthcoming year we have chosen odd balls and yellow wellies. Which we hope to be able to raise a similar amount of money as we did last year to donate to these next September.

The last couple months we've had fundraisers such as fireworks night and movember. Which we managed to squeeze in before a busy period around Christmas. Over the Christmas period we had a club Christmas meal follow with the county carol service which was a great evening and supported well.

We started off the New Year well with a Christmas tree collection around the local towns and villages.



Our club is fairly small. We have 18 signed up members but they're all committed to the club and always happy to get stuck in when we put on fundraisers or barbecues or when we are just helping out around the community.

As a small club we try to enter as many competitions as we can county level and nationals, some we do well, some we don't do that well but on a whole we try and make the club known at the competitions. Also, if we do competitions, it gives the members a good chance to meet up with other clubs and meet new people which is one of the best parts about young farmers.

If you want to find out more about Warleggan YFC we are on Facebook Instagram and TikTok. We are always looking for new members who are keen and willing to join the club between 14 and 28.



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## Club Feature: Camelford YFC

**Camelford YFC meet every Wednesday evening for their weekly club nights. We are a club made up of over 50 members, from all occupations, as we all know you don't have to be a farmer to be a Young Farmer! Our club is made up of Farmers, Accountants, Solicitors, Butchers, Teachers, Environmental Agents... The list goes on! With such a variety of members comes a variation of interests, but one of our main common interests is Young Farmers!**

We as a club were thrilled to have celebrated our 85th anniversary last year, with our club as strong as ever! We are incredibly lucky to always have constant and consistent support not only in current membership but also from past members and the local community. We love getting involved with our local community and appreciate their encouragement when we put on charity events. Back in February we had our Annual Charity Dung Run, where we saw members fulfilling pre-orders for avid gardeners in the Camelford, Delabole, Boscastle, Tintagel and surrounding areas. Our members were incredibly proud of themselves as we sold over 500 bags and raising in total, over £900 to be donated towards our chosen charities!

Our chosen charities this year were decided by both our Chairman, Beth Wakefield, and our Secretary, Libby Reynolds, at our first committee meeting of the 2024-2025 year. Beth, for her charity chose Davidstow Church. The church is Beth's local church and is very close to her heart as she has family buried there. The church has a small, yet loyal congregation that attend every other week, the church itself while beautiful needs funding for a toilet block that they have been fundraising towards for some years now.

And Libby, for her charity choice, chose, Camelford Cardiology Group. As stated before by Libby, she will always choose a heart or cardiovascular disease-based charity as for personal reasons it will always be a charity close to her... well, heart! The girls were also approached by Camelford Age Concern Group, asking to consider them for a donation this year for funds towards their minibus. After being contacted by the group, both Beth and Libby agreed that we as Young Farmers are lucky to be able to meet weekly, if not more frequently as we have our own cars to get to and from, but for the members part of Camelford Age Concern, they don't have this luxury without their minibus! After all what does happen to our members after they turn 28?

Camelford YFC is a continually active club and are always looking to gain new members who want to get involved in fundraisers, competitions and weekly fun and social nights. So, check out our Instagram and our Camelford Young Farmers Club Facebook page to see not only what we have gotten up to but also what is upcoming in our club program and come along and join us on a Wednesday night. From 14 – 28 years old, from all over Camelford and surrounding areas and from all walks of life get in touch and join tomorrow.

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# Cornwall YFC Winter Competitions

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## Speaking Day

On Sunday 19th January we held our Speaking Day. Well done to all clubs who participated & to friends & family who came to support. A huge thank you to all our judges who helped and volunteered their time as well as our winter competitions sponsor Ian Hodge Fieldsports who continues his support of our winter programme.



Congratulations goes to the following who will be representing Cornwall at the SWA competitions:

### Brainstrust

1st Place - St Mabyn YFC

### After Dinner Speaking

1st Place - Lostwithiel YFC

### Best Speaker

Beth Whell (Lostwithiel YFC)

### Situations Vacant

Senior Winner - Pete Reis Landrake YFC

Junior Winner- Robson, Launceston YFC



## Panto Rounds

On the 1st and 2nd of February, Cornwall YFC hosted the initial two rounds of this year's Pantomime competition. It was an absolute delight, with six teams competing for three spots in the Final.

The competing teams were:

Roche & Lostwithiel YFC

Stratton YFC

Liskeard YFC

Threemilestone and St Columb YFC

Camelford, St Mabyn and Wadebridge YFC

Helston & St Keverne, Madron and St Buryan YFC

Huge congratulations to all our fantastic members who competed! Your performances were exceptional, and every one of you should be immensely proud of your achievements. Thank you to everyone who came to watch, we had a brilliant audience for both rounds, it really wouldn't be panto without it!

What an experience for members to get up on stage and perform! What talent you displayed! Thank you to our 3 judges Ian, Mike and Jen... what a huge task they had deciding who should go forward to the Final on 23rd February. We appreciate you committing your time and expertise to the panel.



The three Pantomimes through to the Final (in no particular order) are;  
Stratton YFC  
Camelford, St Mabyn and Wadebridge YFC  
Helston & St Keverne, Madron and St Buryan YFC

Congratulations must also go to the following members who were also recognised;

### Best leading performer

Ollie Pearce, Helston & St Keverne YFC

### Best supporting performer

Lowri Lougher, Helston & St Keverne YFC

### Best performance by an under 18 member

Ruth, Camelford YFC





## Finals Day for Pantomime, Cheerleading, Junior Member of the Year & Senior Member of the Year

On Sunday the 23rd February, Cornwall YFC hosted the highly anticipated Entertainments Finals at Liskeard Town Hall.

The event showcased a range of exciting competitions, including the Pantomime Finals, vibrant Cheerleading performances, and the prestigious awards for Senior Member of the Year and Junior Member of the Year. It was evident that Cornwall is home to exceptionally talented and dedicated individuals, all of whom contributed to a remarkable celebration of skill and commitment.

A huge thank you goes to Ian Hodge Fieldsports for his continued support of our Winter Competitions programme and for his very generous £1,000 sponsorship. Your contributions not only make these events possible but memorable. We are incredibly grateful!

Congratulations to everyone who participated, the results were as follows:

### Pantomime

1st Place: *St Buryan YFC, Madron YFC, Helston YFC & St Keverne YFC*  
2nd Place: *Wadebridge, Camelford, St Mabyn YFC*  
3rd Place: *Stratton YFC*

Congratulations goes to St Buryan YFC, Madron YFC, Helston & St Keverne YFC who represent the county at South West Area pantomime competition.

Best Producer: *Rachael Eustice*  
Best Leading Role: *Ollie Pearce, Helston & St Keverne YFC*  
Best Supporting Role: *Lizzie Hobbs, Stratton YFC*  
Best U18 Performer: *Stratton YFC*  
Best Moment: *Libby Reynolds, Camelford YFC*

### Cheerleading

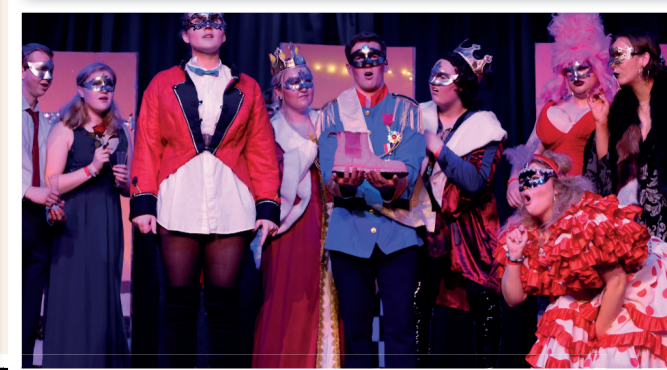
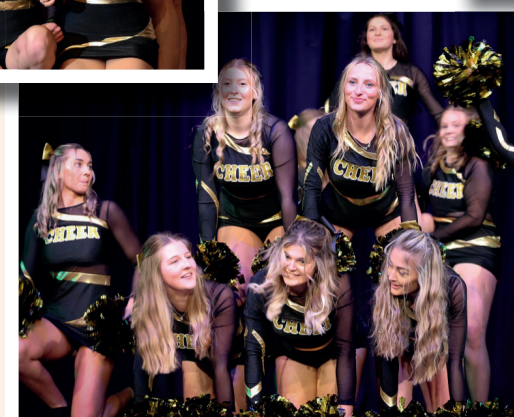
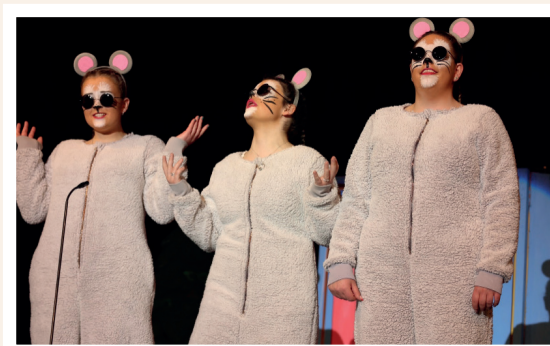
1st Place: *Launceston YFC*  
2nd Place: *Camelford YFC*

### Senior Member of the Year

1st Place: *Sophie Olds, Madron YFC*  
2nd Place: *Nick Uglow, Launceston YFC*  
3rd Place: *Megan Stratton, Roche YFC*  
Special Recognition: *Pete Reis, Landrake YFC*

### Junior Member of the Year

1st Place: *Jenna, Launceston YFC*  
Joint 2nd Place: *Faith, Landrake YFC & Robson, Launceston YFC*





# South West Area Competitions

Over the weekend of the 7th-9th March, Cornwall's members travelled to Weston-Super-Mare to compete in various SWA competitions, proudly representing their county. A huge congratulations to all participants for their exceptional performances, and best wishes to those heading to the National Finals!

## Senior Member of the Year

Sophie Olds from Madron demonstrated outstanding commitment and achievement, taking home first place. Huge congratulations to Sophie.

## Brainstrust

St Mabyn YFC team made up of Ellie Rundle, Jess Dally, Christina Merrit, and Bryony Highmoor secured first place. With Best Chairman of the day being Bryony Highmoor who was recognised for exceptional leadership.

## Pantomime

Produced by Rachael Eustice, the combined efforts of St Buryan YFC, Madron YFC, Helston and St Keverne YFC showcased an outstanding performance, earning them second place and a ticket to the National Final.

## Pantomime - Best Performance in a Leading Role

Ollie Pearce of Helston & St Keverne YFC delivered a standout performance, earning top recognition in this category.

## Pantomime - Best Performance in a Supporting Role

Katie Collins of St Buryan YFC captivated audiences with her incredible contribution, securing this recognition.

## Cheerleading

Launceston YFC took third place, while Camelford YFC secured fourth, an excellent achievement for both clubs.

## Junior Public Speaking

Emily (Roche YFC), Jenna, and Robson (Launceston YFC) achieved a commendable fourth place in this challenging category. A fantastic effort from all three juniors.

## Situations Vacant (Senior)

Senior category competitor Pete Reis from Landrake YFC placed a very commendable fourth place.

## Situations Vacant (Intermediate)

Robson from Launceston YFC was given a Highly Commended award for his efforts.

## Junior Member of the Year

Jenna from Launceston YFC earned a Highly Commended mention as well in the Junior category.

Well done to everyone for their incredible efforts and achievements, Cornwall continues to shine on the competitive stage!

Huge congratulations to the following members who will be taking centre stage at this year's National Finals!

- Sophie Olds, Madron YFC will be competing in in Senior Member of the Year
- St Mabyn YFC team will be competing in the Brainstrust competition
- I Smell a Rat will be performed by St Buryan YFC, Madron YFC, Helston and St Keverne YFC for this year's Pantomime.





# Cornwall YFC Dazzles at the NFYFC Pantomime Final!

**The curtain has closed on an unforgettable weekend at the NFYFC Pantomime Final, where Cornwall YFC took to the stage at the Spa Centre, Leamington Spa on the 13th April, delivering a fantastic performance of I Smell a Rat.**

With members from Helston & St Keverne, Madron, and St Buryan YFCs combining their talents, this production showcased remarkable creativity, teamwork, and theatrical brilliance. Written and produced by the talented Rachael Eustice, I Smell a Rat proved to be a showstopper, captivating the audience with its humour, energy, and gripping storyline.

Inspired by Dick Whittington, this thrilling tale followed Lola, a widowed nightclub owner struggling to keep her business afloat. Just when hope seemed lost, a villain from her past resurfaced, threatening to bring her downfall. But with the help of Dick and his ever-faithful cat, audiences watched as Lola fought back, leading to a triumphant and heartwarming conclusion.

From the costumes to the perfectly timed comedic moments, every scene was brought to life with passion and enthusiasm. The cast's commitment to their roles, coupled with a spectacular production, ensured that I Smell a Rat was met with laughter, applause, and plenty of pantomime magic.

A huge congratulations to all involved in this exceptional performance, and a special thank you to everyone who supported Cornwall YFC along the way. What a show!



# Senior Member of the Year

A huge congratulations goes to our very own County Chairman, Sophie Olds, representing Madron YFC and Cornwall. Sophie was awarded 3rd place at this year's Senior Member of the Year, National Final. Sophie's dedication to the County Team and its members is truly inspiring, and this well-deserved recognition is a testament to her hard work.





# Cornwall YFC Annual Clay Breaker Charity Day

On Saturday, 5th April, we held our annual Clay Breaker Day at Ian Hodge Fieldsports. Unlike last year's downpours, the sun was shining, making for a fantastic day!

A huge thanks goes to Ian Hodge Fieldsports for hosting the day and for his continued support towards the federation.

Thanks also to Mick Moore for overseeing the event and supplying the traps.

Finally, a big thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the day with the BBQ and the scoring.

There were a fantastic 66 entries in total, all gunning for the top prize.

Prizes were awarded to:

**High Scorer**  
*Wayne Taylor*

**Top Lady**  
*Lauren Williams*

**Top Junior (Under 21)**  
*Matt*

**Top YFC Member**  
*Aiden Scott, Roche & District YFC*





# Supporting our YFC Family

On the 18th of March Cornwall YFC hosted our annual multi-agency event, **Supporting Our YFC Family**, bringing together an incredible lineup of charities and networks dedicated to supporting our members and the wider farming community. Each organisation gave their introductions, offering valuable insight into the resources available.

After introductions were made there were opportunities to have informal conversations with representatives and ask any questions. The Community Pharmacy Cornwall was also in attendance, offering blood pressure checks to members, ensuring they had access to valuable health insights and guidance.

A special thanks to FCN for donating the pasties for our pasty supper! And of course, a big thank you to all the clubs that sent representatives to join us—it was wonderful to come together as a community

A huge thank you to the organisations below and representatives who generously gave their time to support the event.

NFU  
The Farming Community Network  
Papyrus  
Land to Sea CBT// Fairwinds Cornwall  
Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association  
Devon & Cornwall Police  
RABI Cornwall  
Community Pharmacy Cornwall



Cornwall Young Farmers

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## County Ball

On the 29th of March, we gathered at Lanhydrock Hotel & Golf Club for this year's County Ball, an evening filled with great company and delicious three-course meal. County Chair Sophie Olds delivered her speech before the celebrations continued with plenty of dancing.

A huge thank you to Lanhydrock Hotel & Golf Club for hosting such a fantastic event, and to Claire Hosken Photography for capturing the evening.





# East vs West Rugby

On Thursday 17th April we held our annual East Vs West Rugby match, kindly hosted by Liskeard Looe Rugby Club.

Well done to all of those who have trained over the past few months to take part & congratulations to the 'East Team', who took home the win!

The final scores were:  
East 17 - 7 West

Congratulations & thank you to all who took part & have dedicated so much time to training

We celebrated in the evening with our annual 'Spring Fling', kindly hosted by the Bond Family.

Thank you to Ian Hampton for kindly taking photos of the teams. You can find more via Ian's website, you can visit using the QR code below.



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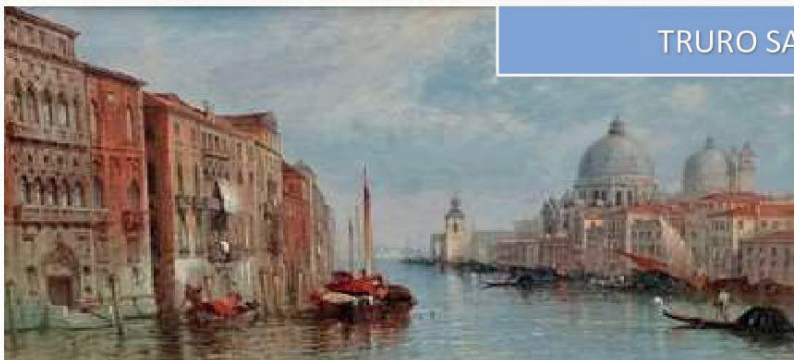
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# Emergency First Aid

Members took part in an invaluable **Emergency First Aid** course, where they gained essential knowledge and hands-on experience in responding to medical emergencies. The training covered key lifesaving techniques, including how to properly bandage wounds, perform CPR, and effectively control bleeding.

A highlight of the day was the opportunity to use a variety of defibrillators, ensuring participants felt confident in deploying these critical devices when needed. Members also engaged in practical first aid scenarios tailored to situations that could arise on farms or during Young Farmers' Club events, helping them prepare for real-life emergencies.

A huge thank you to our dedicated members for committing their time to this vital training, and to Dartington Cattle Breeding Trust for some funding offered towards the course.



# YFC Travel

YFC Travel opens the door to unforgettable experiences, offering members the chance to explore the world in a truly immersive way. From life-changing working scholarships in New Zealand to exciting team travel adventures, there's something for everyone.

Through YFC Travel, members don't just visit new places, they embrace new cultures, meeting lifelong friends & gain invaluable skills. Each travel experience is an opportunity to grow and create lasting memories. It's an adventure that will continue to inspire long after the travels end.

The YFC selection and interview day was held on the 30th November 2024. YFC members can enjoy incredible, bespoke trips to South Africa, Iceland, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Latvia, Budapest, and Slovenia!

Special congratulations go to our Cornwall members for interviewing and being selected for the following trips:

**Iceland with Field Farm Tours October 2025**  
*Marley Lamerton, Roche & District YFC*

**Volunteering in Sri Lanka August 2025**  
*Louise Dymond, Liskeard YFC*

**South Africa with Flooglebinder August 2025**  
*Hannah Goodenough, Camelford YFC*

Thank you to the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust and the Young Farmer Ambassadors for their support of YFC Travel. A big thank you also goes towards the Jubilee Trust who are supporting our members with Scholarships towards their fees.





## Grants available now!

The Dartington Cattle Breeding Trust are working in partnership with Cornwall YFC to offer grants for practical, agricultural skills training.

**Contact Cornwall YFC on [office@cornwallyfc.co.uk](mailto:office@cornwallyfc.co.uk) for more details.**



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