

Kent Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

Mini Rally 2015

Sunday 17th May 2015

At Saynden Farm, Five Oak Lane, Staplehurst,
Tonbridge, Kent TN12 0HX

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The Eckley Family & Eckley Farms

Schedule

Entries Close Strictly on Sunday 26th April 2015

Competition timings will be released after this,
but hoping to run from about noon to 6pm

Please return entries to abigailhiggins93@hotmail.com
(Using YFC mini rally entries in the subject line please)

Fresh baked pizzas will be available from the farm bakery, run by Hemings Bakehouse.
High Weald Academy YFC will be running a tuck shop for drinks, sweets and crisps.

- Class 1 The Great Kentish Bake Off
- Class 2 Pencil Drawing
- Class 3 Cube Exhibit
- Class 4 Painted Canvas
- Class 5 Fashion Make (& Model)
- Class 6 Garden Sculpture
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- Class 19 Tug of War mixed under 18
- Class 20 4 Person Sack Race
- Class 21 Vegtepals
- Class 22 Music Video

South East Area and Beyond!

Some of the competitions are from the National YFC Competitions Programme and the winning teams will be invited to represent Kent as follows:

Competition	Next Round	National Final
Cube Exhibit	South of England Show	Malvern Show, September 27 th 2015
Painted Canvas	South of England Show	NFYFC Comps Day, Staffs, 4 th July
Fashion Make & Model	South of England Show	NFYFC Comps Day, Staffs, 4 th July
Garden Ornament	South of England Show	NFYFC Comps Day, Staffs, 4 th July
Tug of War – all	South of England Show	Tenbury Show
Floral Art	No area round	Malvern Autumn Show
Cookery	No area round	Malvern Autumn Show
Efficiency with Safety	Not sure!	NFYFC Farm Skills Weekend, Harper Adams, 5 th September 2015
Fence Erecting	Not sure!	NFYFC Farm Skills Weekend, Harper Adams, 6 th September 2015

A note for those sitting exams around this time

Most counties have a rally in May. It is so that county rounds are run in time for area eliminators, so we do not have much flexibility on when these competitions are held. You can still enter some of the same competitions and some different ones at the South of England Show which is 11th to 13th June – entries close April 2nd 2015. Or come to the mini rally for a break from study! And there's always the Kent Show! Good luck with your exams!

Please note the following NFYFC rules – full rules available at <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/programme-and-general-rules-2014-15> The important ones are below!

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. **16 & under** 16 years of age or under on 1 September 2014
- 1.2. **21 & under** 21 years of age or under on 1 September 2014
- 1.3. **26 & under** 26 years of age or under on 1 September 2014
- 1.4. For further information see NFYFC paper 003-14-CPR – Ages at a glance.

2. Membership cards and other identification

- 2.1. All competitors will be required to produce on the day of each round of the competition (County, Area, Region and NFYFC final) their **current, signed NFYFC membership card** that has the members' photograph properly attached.
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 - 2.1.2. This rule does apply to members in their last year of competition, therefore even if they cannot compete in 2014/15 competitions, they must have a 2014-15 membership card for NFYFC finals held on or after 01 September 2014.
- 2.2. Failure to show a membership card will require members aged 18 or over to confirm their ID using another form of photo-ID **and** a paying **£20** fine. They must also, within 7 days of the competition, confirm that they are a member of a YFC Club affiliated to the NFYFC. If this is not confirmed, the competitor/the whole team will be automatically disqualified from the competition and marks will be re-awarded accordingly.

Class 1 The Great Kentish Bake Off

Associate members may enter this class!

Bake and present a cake using ingredients from Kent. Please include a postcard detailing all the ingredients and indicating local ingredients. Cakes should be covered using a plastic container, cake dome, cling film or similar.

Marks – cake 50, presentation 15, local provenance 35

Total 100

If entries permit, this class will be split into Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Associate members' classes.

Class 2 Pencil Drawing

Associate members may enter this class!

Present a pencil drawing of an animals head, maximum size A4 (including mount if applicable). Top tip : take a photo of your animal and draw it from the photo.

If entries permit, this class will be split into Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Associate members' classes.

Class 3 Cube Exhibit

Teams of up to 5 members aged 26 & under to construct an exhibit to depict the theme of "Family Milestones" to a maximum size of 1m x 1m x 1m. Please choose one craft from each heading plus another two, so five items in a cube!

- **Floral Art**

- **Cookery** (Food to be tasted – MUST be covered with Cling Film)

- **Handicraft** (Any other - Including Decorated cake/Photography/Artwork)

Please refer to NFYFC Rules : <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/individual-competition-rules-2014-15> and choose Cube Exhibit.

The Cube Exhibit is an annual competition, so you will get to use your "cube" again next year. The exhibit above is for a silver wedding anniversary, by Aberedw YFC. Thanks to Rob Gore for the photograph. The 5 members made the flower arrangement, the two cakes, the bunting and the wordy art.



Class 4 Painted Canvas



Competitors aged 16 & under will compete as individuals. Competitors should paint, using any medium or mixed media, a **BOXED** canvas (pictured here <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/painted-canvas-competition>) on the theme of "Farming Family" to a maximum size of 65cm x 65cm. You may bring the canvas on the day, or send it along with someone else – you do not need to be present for this round, but should your entry progress to the next round, please check the rules!

Please refer to NFYFC Rules : <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/individual-competition-rules-2014-15> and choose Painted Canvas

Thanks to Rob Gore for the photograph.

Class 5 Fashion Make

Competitors aged 21 & under will compete as individuals to make a garment for a family occasion – think Great British Sewing Bee! You may bring the item on the day, or send it along with someone else – you do not need to be present for this round, but should your entry progress to the next round, please check the rules!

Please refer to NFYFC Rules : <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/individual-competition-rules-2014-15> and choose Fashion Make and Model

Class 6 Garden Sculpture

Competitors aged 26 & under will compete as individuals, constructing a sculpture to a maximum size of 1m x 1m x 1m and weight up to 20kg, on the theme of a “family garden” suitable for a family audience and to be displayed on the ground outside. Any materials may be used and should be predominantly recycled. You may bring the sculpture on the day, or send it along with someone else – you do not need to be present for this round, but should your entry progress to the next round, please check the rules!

Please refer to NFYFC Rules : <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/individual-competition-rules-2014-15> and choose Garden Sculpture

Class 7 Floral Art

Individual member to display a piece of floral art depicting the theme “Family”

Under 16 : Man’s Designer Buttonhole

Under 21 : A door hanging or wreath for a family occasion

Under 26 : A wedding table arrangement

Time allowed : 1 hour. These competitions will run simultaneously, so a competitor may only do one arrangement.

Competitors must supply all their own materials and equipment – so beg foliage and flowers!

Please refer to NFYFC Rules : <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/individual-competition-rules-2014-15> and choose Floral Arts (under 16, under21, under26)

Class 8 Cookery

Team of three members, one under 16, one under 21 and one under 26 to cook four dishes in one hour for an Anniversary Celebration. Competitors must supply all their own ingredients and equipment. (Yes, it’s really hard!)

Please refer to NFYFC Rules : <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/individual-competition-rules-2014-15> and choose Cookery

Class 9 Quad Bike Handling

Competition Aim – To demonstrate skills and safe handling of a quad bike

One member to undertake a task as directed by the judge, and also answer questions about maintenance, safe use, etc. Competitors must bring and wear safety helmets. Competitors must have completed a “Sit on All Terrain Vehicle” training course and bring evidence to show when they book in.

One entry per club please. If there is space to add more entrants we will let you know after entries close.

Class 10 Safe Loading

Competition Aim – To demonstrate skills of making a load safe on a trailer for transport on the public highway.

Team of two members under 26 to make a load (eg bales, barrels, timber) safe on a flat bed trailer using ropes and/or ratchet straps as if it were to be transported along the road. Judge will score based on teamwork, safety of final load, knot tying/use of ratchet straps. (The items will not be heavy – manual handling training is not necessary!) Time allowed 20minutes. **One entry per club please. If there is space to add more entrants we will let you know after entries close.**

Class 11 Connecting a Tractor to an Implement

Competition Aim – To demonstrate safe practice in connecting a tractor to an implement.

One member to connect an implement to a tractor as directed by the judge. A UK Driving Licence must be held by competitors operating tractors. The licence must show full entitlement for the agricultural vehicle category (F). Competitors must bring their driving licence to show. Clubs will be advised what tractor and implement will be used. **One entry per club please. If there is space to add more entrants we will let you know after entries close.**

Participants in Classes 9, 10 and 11 will be asked if they would be interested in representing Kent YFCs in the NFYFC Efficiency with Safety Competition (which is really hard!) The Kent team is likely to proceed straight to the National Final as the other counties in South East Area are unlikely to enter.

Class 12 Parts Identification

Competition Aim – To demonstrate knowledge of agricultural items and parts

Team of two members per club to identify and name agricultural parts and items, eg combine knife section, infrared heat lamp bulb. All teams will participate at the same time.

Class 13 Hay Bale Stockjudging

Competition Aim – To encourage members to learn how to select high quality forage, and develop reason giving skills for all stockjudging.

One individual member to assess four hay bales, ABXY, in five minutes, and then give reasons to the judge. Marks as follows Placing 50, accuracy and observation in reasons 40, presentation and style 10. Total 100. Clubs may enter up to 3 individuals.

Class 14 Fence Erecting

Competition Aim – To demonstrate teamwork, planning, time management skills in erecting a fence.

This years fence is a tree guard! Team of three members (one under 21, two under 26) to erect a stock proof treeguard. Teams must supply their own tools and timber. If you have problems getting hold of timber, please get in touch with Claire Eckley eckleyfarms@waitrose.com Teams MUST compete safely. Teams MUST refer to NFYFC Rules : <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/individual-competition-rules-2014-15> and choose Fence Erecting.

Class 15 Crop and Feedstuff identification

Competition Aim – To demonstrate knowledge of feedstuffs and crops

Team of two members per club to identify and name feedstuffs, crops and weeds, eg sugar beet pulp, mayweed, blackgrass. All teams will participate at the same time.

Class 16 Recycled Pallet

Competition Aim – To demonstrate an imaginative use for a pallet

Each club may enter one recycled pallet. Wheels and other metal hardware may be added, but no other timber. Pallet will be marked on design, workmanship and using as much of the original pallet as possible.

Class 17 & 18 Tug of War (mens 17 and ladies 18)

Competition Aim – a physical team challenge against other clubs! It's healthy!

Team of 8 members, no more than two may be aged 15-17, the rest must be 18 or over. The eight members of the mens team shall weigh no more than 680kg. The eight members of the ladies team shall weigh no more than 540kg. Work boots (like you wear at the Kent Show) and long sleeves must be worn. Hopefully the Tug of War Association will help us run these classes, so please read the rules here:

<http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/individual-competition-rules-2014-15> and choose Tug of War (Mens and Ladies). BUT you may wear work boots, you do not have to have smooth soled boots for this round. Photo from NFYFC web site.



Class 19 Tug of War (mixed 12 to 17 years)

Competition Aim – a physical team challenge against other clubs! It's healthy!

A team shall consist of between 7 and 10 pulling members male or female who must be 12 years of age and over on the day of the competition and under 17 years of age on 1st September 2014. (i.e. Members that have not reached their 17th Birthday on 1st September 2014). **This means competitors MUST have attained their 12th birthday on the day of the competition but can be 17 on the day of the competition.** The members of the team will be weighed as one and will not exceed 560 kg. Lining up women in the team will give a bonus of 10kg for each on the weight allowance, limited to a maximum team weight of 600 kg. Work boots (like you wear at the Kent Show) and long sleeves must be worn. Hopefully the Tug of War Association will help us run these classes, so please read the rules here:

<http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/individual-competition-rules-2014-15> and choose Tug of War Mixed (12-17 years) BUT you may wear work boots, you do not have to have smooth soled boots for this round.

Class 20 Four Person Sack Race

Competition Aim – a physical team challenge

A team shall consist of four members. The team shall negotiate a simple obstacle course together in a dumpy sack.

Class 21 Vegtepals

Associate members may enter this class!

Present a model of a person, animal or character made from vegetables and/or fruit.

Class 22 Music Video

A video to music based on the theme of family. The class will be split into under 17s and over 18s. The under 17s will be judged on entertainment value, choreography, musicality and editing. The over 18s will be judged on the same, as well as how many views the video got on youtube in one week. Videos should be sent in by the 9th may, at the latest.