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## So Long, farewell

We had the pleasure of welcoming a number of this year's outgoing exchangees to our Murder Mystery Night in the Rural College. Jane Kilpatrick (Donaghadee), John Cochrane (Coleraine) and Alfred Clyde (Garvagh) set off on short term exchanges to Scotland and Wales whilst 4 others ventured a little further afield and were presented with a small donation as sponsorship towards their trip.

Jennifer McMordie (Moneyrea) was the first to leave on her trip to New Zealand, closely followed by Ruth Marshall (Moneyrea) who headed way out west to Canada. Tanya Johnston (Curragh) travelled north to Norway where she spent several weeks touring the fjords and Fiona Lee (Seskinore) went to see if 'the hills

were alive with the sound of music' in Austria. Fiona finished her exchange with a brief, one night, taster session at the IFYE reunion. **Hopefully next year she'll be able to stay for longer.**

Meanwhile the European Rally team went to Sweden from the 31st July to 7th August and judging by the photos the team consisting of Martyn Blair (Finvoy), James Taylor (Coleraine), Amelia Skillen (Rathfriland), Rebecca McConnell (Rathfriland) and Colin Smith (Straid) had a whale of a time.

No doubt they all have plenty of stories to share and we look forward to hearing about some of their exploits at the AGM in February.

### Upcoming Events

#### 'Christmas with Claire'

Wed 24th Nov

8.00 pm

Greenmount College

See back for details

Book your place with  
Hazel asap.

#### YFA Dinner

Sat 29th January 2011

Templeton Hotel

See inside for details

#### 2011 AGM

Wed 23rd Feb 8pm

Loughry College

Food Tech Rm 6



Outgoing Exchangees, Fiona, Tanya, Ruth and Jennifer with Chairman Philip Walker

## Murder Mystery

Approximately 50 members gathered at the Rural College in Draperstown for our Spring meeting which took the form of a **murder mystery night**. A number of unsuspecting members 'volunteered' to take to the stage and the rest helped to find the murderer as the drama unfolded. We were also delighted to welcome our incoming Welsh exchangees and wish our outgoing ones all the best for their travels. Thanks must go to the Rural College for providing a delicious meal and a superb venue, and to all those who attended for a **great night's craic**.



If you have any ideas for outings or events which you think would appeal to members please contact any member of the committee and we will do our best to include them in our programme.



## Summer Outing

Around 60 members, friends and family went way out west this summer to meet in the shady glens of Gortin for the annual picnic. After lunch they exercised their brains and their bodies with a Woodland Trust treasure trail before rounding off the day with high tea and a paper aeroplane challenge.



### Message from Avril

Dear YFA friends, I was really devastated to find myself in hospital in Dartford rather than seeing the mountains and making new or meeting up with old friends in Salzburg. I was really touched by the greetings I was sent. Thank you for all your kind thoughts.

**Well, I'm still in hospital and will be until at least November.** A month ago I was transferred to **St Mark's Hospital, Harrow** where they have been doing tests and trying to sort out my problems, so although I was looking forward to beautiful views in Austria, I'm now overlooking the Wembley Arch, London City Business Centre and, on a good day, St Paul's Cathedral. I hope you all had a super summer and are feeling refreshed, renewed and ready for whatever the world throws at you! I'm so sorry I didn't get to Austria or Aviemore this year but hopefully, fingers and toes crossed, I'll see you in Finland or Wales.

## LEDERHOSEN AND LAUGHS

The hills were definitely alive, although on this occasion it was with IFYEs rather than music and once again Northern Ireland was represented by a fine group of old (and young) stalwarts at the IFYE reunion in Salzburg, Austria from Saturday 31st to Saturday 7th August. Although the week started gently enough with an opening ceremony in glorious sunshine, in view of the mountains, the blistering heat was quite a challenge for our sensitive skins and some sensitive heads. Sunday afternoon and evening were also most relaxed with traditional Austrian music, dancing and whipping(?) but this was followed on Monday morning with a 6.30 am start and a long day of excursions which travelled the length and breadth of the country. It was well worth it for the fabulous views from the Tree Top Trail and the highest point of Grossglockner as well as industry visits to a variety of environmental and rural diversification projects.

On Tuesday we had a morning of workshops with the emergency services which was fascinating, especially as so much of the service depends on volunteers, among them members of the IFYE organising committee. Who knew Stefan was so responsible?

That afternoon most of the Committee deserted us as we visited several locations from the 'Sound of Music' movie and the bus echoed to the strains of 'Doh a deer' and 'How do you solve a problem like Maria?' The Austrians are bemused (and horrified) as to why this movie fascinates us English speakers so much but they humoured us with the official tour and we even persuaded Andreas to commit treason and sing Edelweiss (admittedly only at 3 am and after being bribed with a small schnapps.)

There were more trips on Wednesday to see tunnel control stations, schools, alpine farms and waterfalls and that evening the 2 hour karaoke session extended into the wee small hours with more and more adventurous dance routines.

Thankfully the General Assembly on Thursday morning was a calming influence on proceedings and introduced some new faces onto the committee. We said goodbye to PRO Andreas Lehmann (Switz.), 1st Vice Pres. Anette Nilsson (Sweden) and Treasurer, Geir Sandvik Hjelen (Norway) and welcomed Norbert Winkler (Austria) as the new treasurer, Gerhard Steinberger (Austria) as 1st Vice President and Sirkku Laurila (Finland) as 2nd Vice President. Hilde Riser moved jobs from Secretary to PRO and Sally Young (Scotland) became the new secretary. Martyn Quayle (IOM) remains in charge for another year.

In the afternoon we all went off to meet our Austrian hosts who showed us around their homes, farms and the local area and then joined us for a fabulous BBQ at the college, cooked by Austrian equivalent of the local WI.

Our last day took us in to Salzburg for a short walking tour and then some free time to explore the city and buy a few souvenirs, not to mention sample the Sachertorte in the famous Austrian coffee shops. The week ended with an official dinner and dance in the college, which went on into the wee small hours.

All in all it was a fabulous week with a bit of everything; sunshine and rain, history and scenery, the rural and the urban, food and drink, and throughout it all an incredibly warm welcome from our ever-cheerful Austrian hosts. The only thing we would have liked a little more of was sleep but until we work out how to put 28 hours in the day that's going to be a tall order!



Trevor introduces himself to the girls



Maxie & Sabine say welcome to Salzburg

## Ulster Events

### ANNUAL DINNER 2011

Friends and family are invited to the reading of the will of Mr Paddy Powers on Saturday 29th January 2011 at the Templeton Hotel, Templepatrick at 8pm

Black dress optional; bring your own tissues

Book with Hazel by Monday 24th January

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 23rd February 2011

in Loughry College, Cookstown at 8pm;

Food Technology building Room 6.

Come along and hear about the travels of the 2010 exchangees.



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*Promoting YFCU Exchanges*

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### Births:

Elizabeth (Euro Rally 02, Canada 03) and Andy Coulter, a daughter, Kate Rosemary (Wales 99, Euro Rally 00) and Clarence Calderwood (Scotland 96, Euro Rally 98), a daughter, Emma Jennifer and Robin Swann (Germany 94, Euro Rally 00), a daughter, Freya Wallace (NZ 93) and Joan (Finland 97) Gregg a son, Simon James (Finland 99) and Anna (Finland 02) Mathers a son, Finlay

Best wishes to Avril Herdman, for a speedy recovery. We look forward to seeing her back at YFA functions in the near future.

If you have any other announcements please notify us and they will be posted on the website.

To keep you informed with the most efficiency and minimal cost we will post up to date information on the web and circulate forms and details by e-mail.

If we do not have your current e-mail address please contact [D.Quinton@o2.co.uk](mailto:D.Quinton@o2.co.uk) and you will be added to the mailing list.

Please help us by passing on information to any interested parties or if you do not have e-mail let us know and we can make other arrangements.

## UK REUNIONS

2010 *Aviemore, Inverness, Scotland*

2011 *Wales*

2012 *Northern Ireland*

## IFYE EUROPEAN REUNIONS

July 2011 *FINLAND*

2012 *SWEDEN*

2013 *WALES*

*For more info check out the website [www.ifye.co.uk](http://www.ifye.co.uk)*



## AUTUMN MEETING

Christmas with Claire



Wednesday 24th November 2010

Make your own nature inspired Christmas decorations and wreath with Claire Woods at Greenmount College

Meet at the Floristry Studio in the Walled garden at

8.00 pm £5 charge to cover materials

Please let Hazel know by Monday 22nd November (tel 81648936 only) if you wish to attend to enable Claire to purchase materials. Mince pies to follow.



FOR MORE DETAILS ON ANY OR ALL YFA EVENTS PLEASE

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