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I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do

On January 30th around 50 members gathered in Corick House to witness the nuptials of a celebrity couple, who shall remain nameless. The bride, resplendent in white, and her husband, several decades her junior, were married by the Reverend Graham and attended by their glamorous bridesmaids, Stephanie and Susan, and bestman, Thomas and groomsman David.

The speeches were led by thankful fathers, Davy and Trevor whilst proud mothers Fiona and Lottie looked on. **Fiona, mother of the bride, got a little 'tired and emotional' during the ceremony but a medicinal sweet sherry soon brought her round to her old self, much to her husband's embarrassment.** The happy couple then led the dancing before departing on their

honeymoon. They are honeymooning separately in Moira and Rasharkin.

Thanks to all those who provided costumes, flowers, music, speeches, the cake and wedding presents and to Corick House for a delicious wedding banquet.

Congratulations also to those who were there celebrating anniversaries.

10years Noelle Hanna, Euro Rally Wales

20 years Joe Graham, Canada

21 years David Neill, Finland, and Linda Davis, Australia

25 years Fiona Patterson,

50 years Fiona Cromie, USA

Upcoming Events

THE ITALIAN JOB

Murder Mystery Night

Tonight we pay tribute to the late, great Godfather Scarfazzi and attempt to find his murderer.

Who will be the master detective and discover whodunit?

Fri 9th April 2010

Derrynoid Centre,
Draperstown

Tickets £15

Numbers by Monday 5th
April 2010 to

Hazel Burton

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The Wedding Party (more photos inside)

The tradition continues

As John had been present at the presentation of so many other gooseberry bushes it seemed only right that he and his good lady wife should have one of their own to mark their nuptials which took place in July 2009. If nothing else it will be an incentive to get his garden started.

John and Jane accept their YFA gooseberry bush



UK REUNION 2009 NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

The 53rd annual UK reunion took place from Friday 23rd to Monday 26th October 2009 at the Gosford Park Hotel near Newcastle –Upon-Tyne. Over the weekend there were agricultural visits to an organic beef and sheep farm, a dairy farm and a farmhouse bed and breakfast business which runs mainly on renewable energy and for the history buffs there was also a tour to the Roman Fort at Vindolanda. Of course throughout the weekend there was much fun and frolics with fancy dress, ceili dancing and most importantly the chance to meet old and new friends. For a full report and photos see the IFYE website.



The bride's mother gets a little tired and emotional.



The Happy Couple

The groom and his right hand men—any woman would be lucky to have any of them!



2010 EXCHANGEES

Congratulations to the following people who have been selected to represent the YFCU as ambassadors for 2010.

European Rally in Sweden:

Team leader—Thoburn McCaughey (Lisnamurrigan), James Taylor (Coleraine), Amelia Skillen (Rathfriland), Rebecca McConnell (Rathfriland), Colin Smith (Straid)

Short term: Scotland—Jane Kilpatrick (Donaghadee)

Wales—John Cochrane (Coleraine), Alfred Clyde (Garvagh)

Long term: New Zealand— Jennifer McMordie (Moneyrea)

Canada—Ruth Marshall (Moneyrea)

Austria— Fiona Lee (Seskinore)

Norway— Tanya Johnston (Curragh)

Sweden— William Kelly (Spa)

Switzerland — Lyndsey Johnston (Moneyrea)

Best wishes to them all for what will, no doubt, be one of the most eventful and memorable experiences of their lifetime!

Viva Las Vegas

YFA members turned out in force for our first joint venture with the YFCU to raise money for the exchange programme. The night began around the roulette and blackjack tables with a starting pot of fifty chips each. After a couple of hours of wheeling and dealing the remaining chips were counted up and prizes were awarded to the high rollers amongst us. After supper the evening ended with dancing into the wee small hours. £374 was raised in the raffle and will go towards the 2010 programme and we look forward to **making next year's fundraiser even bigger and better.**



WHISKEY GALORE by Shirley Walker

On a cold wet Thursday evening at the beginning of December, the YFA clan headed north to Bushmills Distillery. On arrival we proceeded to the visitor centre where we were met with a hearty Christmas atmosphere, craft fare, Christmas music and some rather unusual cocktails.

Our guide for the evening was Sam Turtle, who provided all the facts and figures about the oldest working whiskey distillery in the world. We saw everything from the large vats, to the old oak barrels brought in to give Bushmills its unique flavours. We were then joined by other members of the management team who showed us through the newly modernized bottling and packaging area.

Next was the taste test. Could we tell single malt from bourbon, or was the 10 year old malt the best? The team answered the numerous questions from our members and it was clear to see what a passion they had for their work.

Next stop was Hilary Taggart's house for supper. A cuppa and craic, what more could we ask for? Well there were a couple of westerners who made a night out into a day trip with an overnight stay!

Thank you to those at Bushmills who kindly gave up their time and to Hilary for supper.

A small donation was collected and divided between Chest, Heart and **Stroke, Bushmills' chosen charity, and Fairtrade, which was Hilary's.**



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General meeting took place on Wednesday 24th February 2010 in Loughry College, Cookstown. Chairman Philip Walker welcomed everyone along, especially guest chairman Mr Gordon Marshall and our speakers for the evening, returning 2009 exchangees, William Cochrane (Coleraine) and David McNaugher (Garvagh).

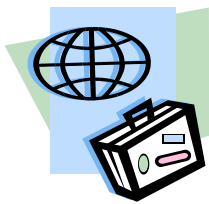
Following the annual reports all offices were declared vacant and the following people were elected for the year 2010-11.

Patron - John Cromie, Chairperson - Philip Walker, Assistant Chairperson—David Hull, Secretary —Hazel Burton, Assistant Secretary—Shirley Walker, Treasurer—Clarence Calderwood, Assistant Treasurer—Thomas Lennox, PRO—Linda Steele, Webmaster—Derek Quinton, IFYE Rep—Derek Quinton, Committee Members— Rosemary Cooper, Margaret Hemphill, Janette Stirling, Stephanie Fulton, Susan Christie, Willie Annett, Eric Crozier.

Gordon wished the new committee well for the year ahead and the floor was **then opened to our returning heroes who received last year's YFA sponsorship.** William Cochrane told us about his trip to New Zealand complete with pest control weekends to beer in willies and bungee jumping (not all at the same time I hasten to add.)

David McNaugher then regaled us with tales of the eventful time he had in **Canada as the only male exchangee in his group. A 'tough' job but he seemed to manage!** He also got the chance to milk sheep, a lot of dairy cows and play **mud volleyball (that'll be change from tug-of-war for the Garvagh folk.)**

Unfortunately we ran out of time for our first ever Wii challenge so that will have to wait for another night. Keep practising!



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YOUNG FARMERS' AMBASSADORS

Promoting YFCU Exchanges

**We're on the
 web**
www.ifye.co.uk

Congratulations

Marriages:

Martyn Blair (Euro Rally 04, Scotland 08) to Barbara McFetridge (Euro Rally 06, Finland 05)

Births:

Noelle (Scotland 96, Euro Rally 00) and John Hanna (Euro Rally 01, Wales 99) a daughter, Rachel

Claire (Euro Rally 04, Germany 03) and Thoburn McCaughey (Euro Rally 03), a son, William

Fiona (Scotland 02) and Shaw Hanna, a son, Callum

Rosie and Robbie Hull (Can 97), a daughter, Molly

YFA Secretary, Hazel (Finland 91) and James Burton, a daughter, Isabelle

UK REUNIONS

2010 *Aviemore, Inverness, Scotland*

29th October

2011 *Wales*

2012 *Northern Ireland*

IFYE EUROPEAN REUNIONS

31st July—7th Aug 2010 *Salzburg, AUSTRIA*

2011 *FINLAND*

2012 *SWEDEN*

For more info check out the website www.ifye.co.uk

Summer Outing Sunday 25th July 2010

Gortin

**An ideal place for hosts to
 changeover. Picnic and even-
 ing meal venues to be**

confirmed.

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.

THE ITALIAN JOB

Spring Meeting—Murder Mystery Night

Friday 9th April 2010

The Courtyard at Derrynoid Centre, Draperstown
 4 Courses for £15 Bookings by Monday 5th April

Our best wishes to our Patron Mr John Cromie and his family, with hopes for a speedy recovery. We look forward to seeing him 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.

NEWSLETTERS

From January 2010 the IFYE Europe newsletter will be circulated by e-mail.

If you prefer to receive your copy by post please notify me and that will be arranged.

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 ON ANY OR ALL YFA
 EVENTS PLEASE

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