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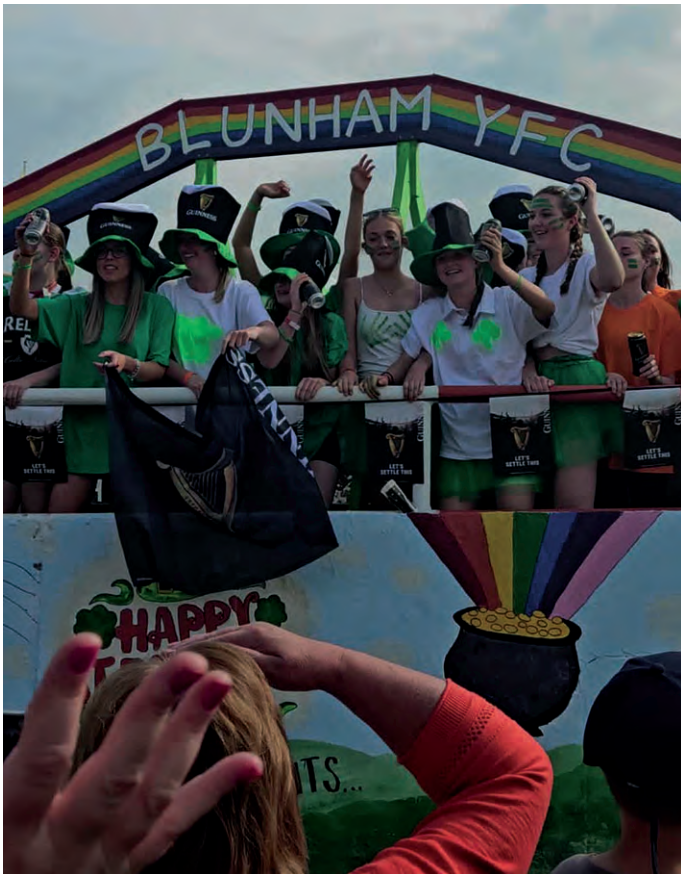
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**BEDFORDSHIRE YFC RALLY DAY  
HOSTED BY NORTH BEDS AT PERTENHALL  
SATURDAY 18th MAY**

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Hosts North Beds finished second overall in the 2024 Bedfordshire Young Farmers Rally at Pertenhall..

It was a memorable day with some fine entertainment in the main ring including the finale - the parade of floats and the subsequent flour and water fight that is now something of a tradition.

The Final Positions were:

1. Leighton Buzzard
2. North Beds
3. Woburn
4. Silsoe
5. Bedford
6. Blunham
7. Biggleswade



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# BEDFORDSHIRE YFC RALLY DAY LIVESTOCK



An important aspect of the Bedfordshire YFC Rally is the judging of the livestock, which took place during the morning.

There were numerous classes and all were competitive.

Following the judging, the various barns were open to the general public to look at the animals.

Many also watched the cattle being judged, with all looking to be in pristine condition.

An interesting aspect of the livestock section is that the young farmers have a chance to do some judging themselves and most knew what to look for.

Certainly a key part of Rally Day.

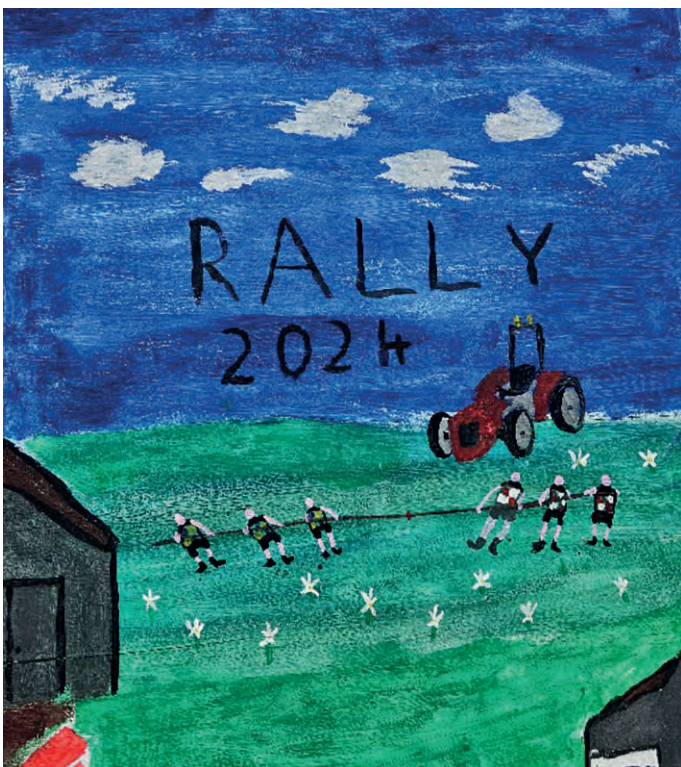
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# BEDFORDSHIRE YFC RALLY DAY CRAFTS AND SKILLS



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Some of the exhibits on this page were produced on pre-rally day, which was held at Sharnbrook Academy.

This included the Battle Dress theme where members were suitably decorated. Also there were some excellent murals, some of which were designed on Rally Day.

# BEDFORDSHIRE YFC RALLY DAY FLOWERS



As always, the flowers class produced some outstanding exhibits.

The bouquets, some of which are shown on these pages, were particularly impressive.





# BEDFORDSHIRE YFC RALLY DAY FLOWERS



# BEDFORDSHIRE YFC RALLY DAY TUG OF WAR - JUNIORS



The tug of war provided some excellent entertainment in the main ring after lunch.

Blunham, red and white shirts, and Silsoe were involved in a close contest.

On the opposite page sees Leighton Buzzard against North Beds in the Intermediate age group while a composite side of various clubs defeated Blunham in the seniors.

# BEDFORDSHIRE YFC RALLY DAY TUG OF WAR - INTERS/SENIORS



The top of the page shows the intermediate competition between North Beds and Leighton Buzzard, blue shirts, while at the bottom is the clash between a county composite side and Blunham, red and white.

# BEDFORDSHIRE YFC RALLY DAY

## SACK RACE



The Sack Race provided some hilarious main ring moments, right from the start.

As soon as the klaxon was set off, most of the teams tumbled.

However, there was one exception as the Silsoe quartet kept their composure and jumped to an amazingly comfortable win. They crossed the finish line before any of the other teams had reached the halfway point.

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## SACK RACE



On this page, there is more action from the sack race where most of the teams spent more time on the ground.

On the left, sees an unfortunate Biggleswade member being pushed out of the sack by his team-mate - naughty Poppy.

The picture above sees Silsoe roaring to their comfortable victory.

# BEDFORDSHIRE YFC RALLY DAY CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY CHALLENGE



The Chairman/Secretary Challenge involved the senior officials from each club. They had to wear interesting head wear while collecting water, undertaking an obstacle course.

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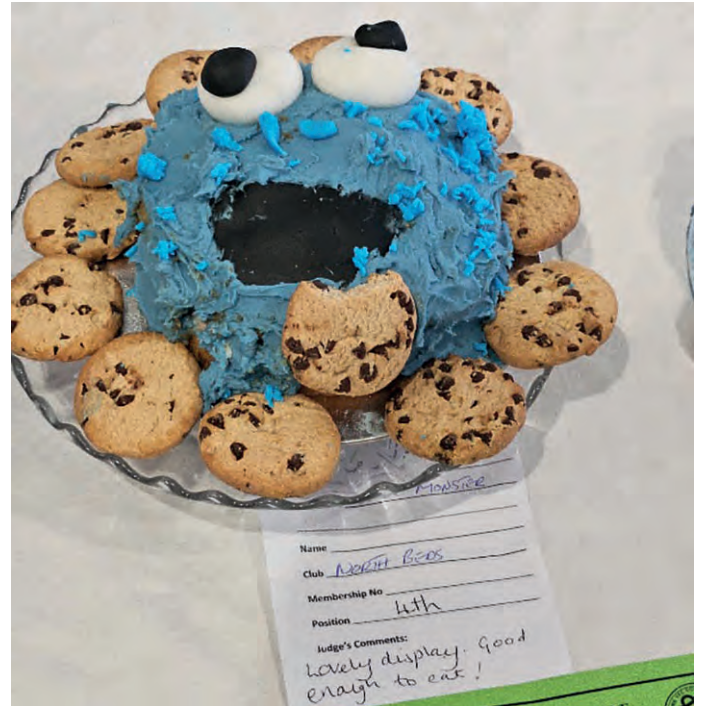


More entertainment on the obstacle course as the club members had to negotiate a tough circuit.

Although the hay bales looked straightforward from a distance, this was not the case as they were covered with washing-up liquid.

The stewards were kept busy as some competitors tried to avoid some of the obstacles. They were also brought into action to put back in place the balancing planks.

# BEDFORDSHIRE YFC RALLY DAY COOKING



It was certainly a cooking extravaganza with many kitchens around the county being rather busy on the eve of Rally Day.

The various classes across the age groups featured a wide range of cuisine.

This included the various bakes, scary pizzas, in the

junior section, and even bread.

A class that caught the eye was the curries.

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Now everyone loves a cake don't they?

But whether we enjoy eating one with Prince Harry smiling at you is a debatable matter.

This was clearly a popular class and as with other exhibits the standard was again first class.

It is interesting to note that competitors were asked to

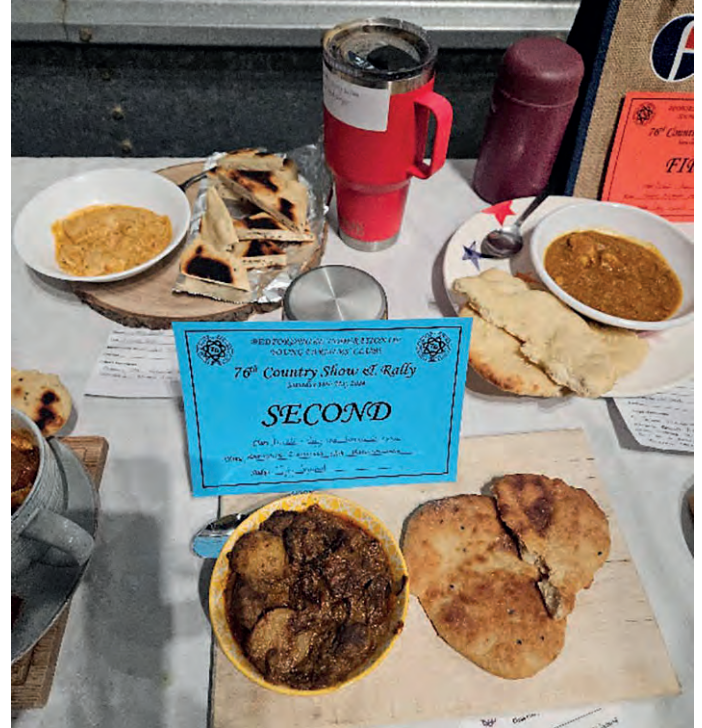


design a Christmas cake in the middle of May.

No doubt, the festive cakes would have been eaten even though it is late spring.



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The juniors had to show their cooking skills by creating a scary design on a home made pizza.

And there were some fantastic creations and most were pretty scary.

This age group also had the chance to do a cup cake or fairy cake.

But they had to follow the theme of Mother's Day so it had to be pretty decorative.

It is clear that the winners in this class spent hours perfecting their designs. Certainly plenty of icing and fondant was used.

The cooking section was certainly one of the most popular especially among the youngsters.

Well done for such a high standard.

# BEDFORDSHIRE YFC RALLY DAY COOKING





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# BEDFORDSHIRE YFC RALLY DAY FLOATS



**JOINT WINNERS  
NORTH BEDS YFC**

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**JOINT WINNERS  
BLUNHAM YFC**

# BEDFORDSHIRE YFC RALLY DAY FLOATS



The finale of Rally Day is the parade of the floats.

They are always of a high standard and this year was no exception.

The theme was of a celebration with hosts North Beds and Blunham being declared the joint winners.

North Beds went for a Rio

Carnival while Blunham had a noisy Irish party.

Other floats included an Oktober Fest and a spooky Halloween.

# BEDFORDSHIRE YFC RALLY DAY CROWDS



The Mayor of Bedford Cllr Tom Wootton was one of the principal guests at the Bedfordshire YFC Rally at Pertenhall.

It looks as if someone is offering him an ice-cream but he politely declined.

Generally, there was a good attendance at a Rally where there was plenty to enjoy.



# BEDFORDSHIRE YFC RALLY DAY SPONSORS



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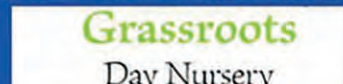
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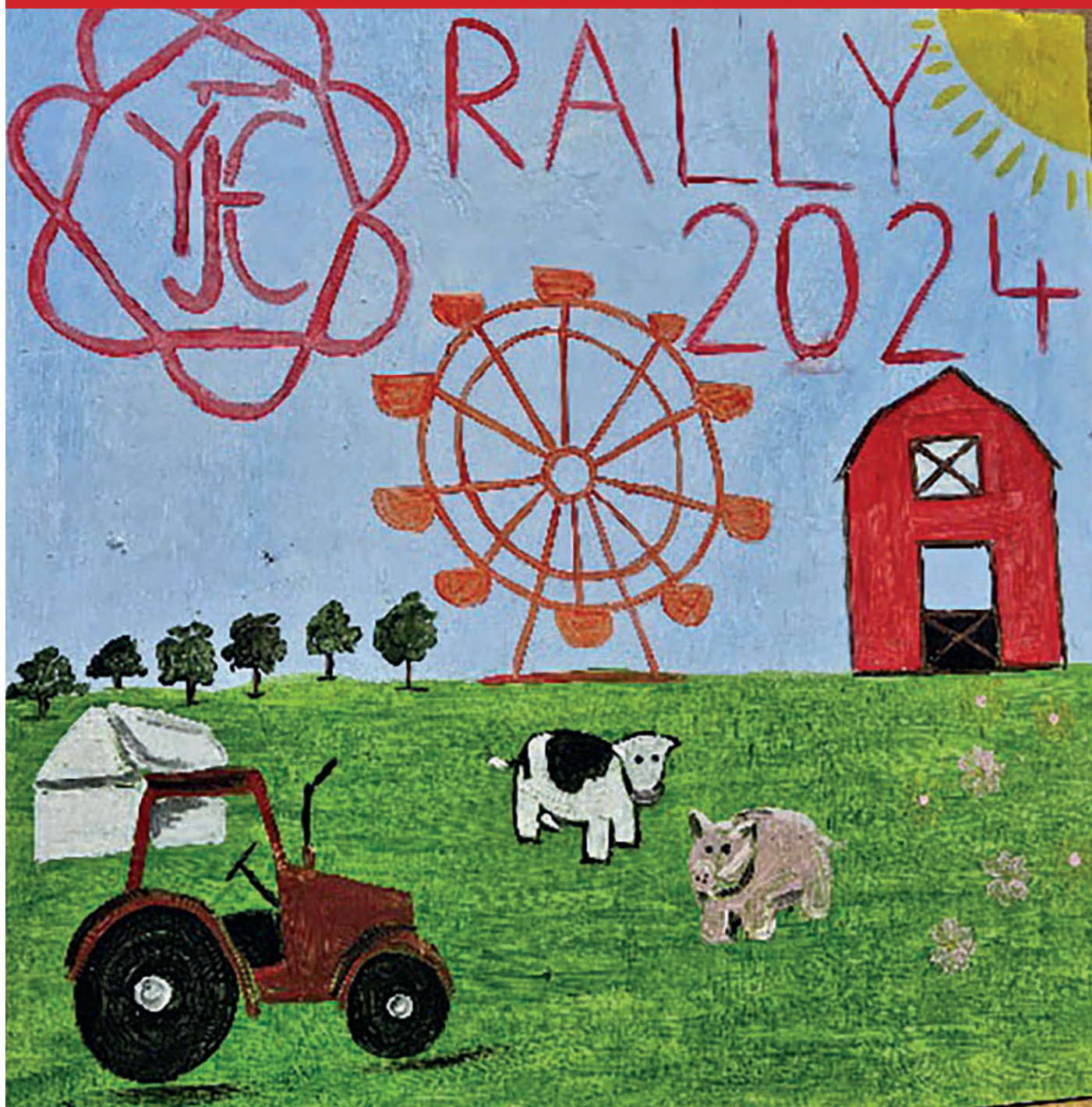
A highlight of the day at the 2024 Bedfordshire Young Farmers Rally at Pertenhall was the carnage at the start of the Sack Race. Only Silsoe were not affected by the chaos and went on to win the event.

The other competitions including the Livestock judging, crafts, cookery and flowers were also well contested.

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