

WETHERBY MASCOT RACE

THE YFYFC GREAT NORTH MASCOT STEEPLECHASE 2007

(1 FURLONG OVER 5 HURDLES, HANDICAP START)

Sponsored by Sky bet and in aid of Sue Ryder Care
 Yorkshire Young Farmers chosen theme of 'Local produce and healthy eating' for Mascots of all ages **Total Prize Fund £500**

Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs' are organising this event in conjunction with Sue Ryder Care, who are the main beneficiary as the chosen charity. The event could not have gone ahead without the generous support of Wetherby Racecourse and Conference Centre, our main sponsors, Sky bet, fence sponsors; Corus, Worth Valley Young Farmers Club, Skipton Building Society, Bradford Market Services, Sovereign Healthcare, Whitaker's Animal Feeds and our produce sponsors; Nestle, Harrogate Spa, and McDonalds. Thanks are also due to the Mercury Movie Makers who are filming the event and all the mascots that have come along and supported Sue Ryder Care who require £4m each year just to continue the work in its four care centres in Yorkshire.



1 Sonny Sunflower

(Michael Hall)
Entered by: Sue Ryder Care & Coniston Hotel
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 16st

Sonny is the official mascot for Sue Ryder Care and today is representing the Coniston Hotel, who are proud to support Sue Ryder Care and Manorlands Hospice. Sonny has bits and pieces of form and probably only come for a run. A big ask today with top weight, but is hoping to "grow" on last year's placing at 26!



6 Blaze Bear - West Yorkshire

(Tom Rhodes)
Entered by: West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue.
Height: 6'
Weight: 12st

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue are proud to present Mr Blaze Bear. Blaze is the fastest thing in fur this side of Wetherby. See Blaze and sign up for a free home fire safety check or call 08005874536 now!



2 Pink Elephant

(Mike Richards)
Entered by: York Blind & Partially Sighted Society.
Height: 6'
Weight: 12 stone

York Blind & Partially Sighted Society founded in 1978 offers a range of services to help blind & partially sighted people retain their independence and manage daily life with little or no vision.



7 Phil

(Nick Smith)
Entered by: Cartridge World.
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 13st

Phil the Printer is full of ink and ready to go! Defeat last year has left him determined to win - big feet and all!



3 Darlo Dog

(James Marshall)
Entered by: Darlington Football Club.
Height: 6'
Weight: 12 stone

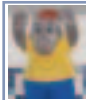
Darlington FC's official mascot Darlo Dog has helped to spur the Quakers on to the 7th position in league two this season. The only league 2 representative in the steeplechase this Dalmatian has threatened to punch above his weight and knock spots off the upper league opposition.



8 Lucas the Kop Kat

Entered by: Leeds United.
Height: 6' 6"
Weight: 13st

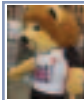
Second time around. Looking to improve on last year's result due to previous experience of the track.



4 Harry the Hippo

(Aileen Fox)
Entered by: The Hydro Swimming & Fitness Centre, Harrogate.
Height: 5' 4"
Weight: 11 stone

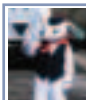
Past achievements include Gold in 100m Freestyle and Silver in 200m individual Medley at last years Hippo Olympics in Botswana. Harry has now retired from competitive swimming and wallows at the Hydro Leisure Complex, Harrogate, where he is an inspiration to all aspiring swimmers.



9 Roary the Lion

Entered by: Macclesfield Town FC
Height: 6'
Weight: 12st

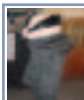
Roary is the home mascot for Macclesfield Town, but has been given time off today for good behaviour so he can pitch his wits against the rest of the field.



5 The Railway Rabbit

(Greg Moulson)
Entered by: Keighley & Worth Valley Light Railway.
Height: 6' 2"
Weight: 13 1/2 stone

Raising funds for Sue ryder care - Manorlands as a Thank You for all the care & support received during my Fathers illness & after his death. Also for World Youth Day 2008

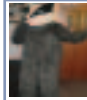


10 Brook The Badger

(Wayne Syson)
Entered by: Broxhove Borough Council.
Height: 6' ish
Weight: not a problem!

Since last year's race Brook has been very busy promoting Broxhove Borough Council recycling schemes. He has however found the time to train for today's race by leap-frogging recycling bins put out for collection!

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11 Brooke The Badger

(Wayne Syson)
Entered by: Broxhove Borough Council.
Height: 6' ish
Weight: undisclosed!

Brooke has been training intensively in preparation for this year's race. Hoping to improve on last years performance (which won't be hard), she will be pushing to secure a better finishing position than her husband Brook!



18 Pull the Udder One

(Matt Crowther)
Entered by: IDEXX
Height: 5' 2"
Weight: 12 st

Prefers the going good to soft. Previous form - First in year 3 egg & spoon race, came from behind to win by 10 lengths. Shows potential.



12 Freddy the Fox

Entered by: Halifax Town AFC.
Height: 6' 6"
Weight: 16st

Freddy has put on a bit of weight since fox hunting was banned. The lack of regular exercise means Freddy will need a cunning plan if he wants to be in the leading pack.



19 Bullman

(Ben Manuja)
Entered by: My Bus
Height: Tall!
Weight: 13 st

Metro's 'My Bus' project has revolutionised school transport in West Yorkshire by providing dedicated home-to-school transport. The scheme features a dedicated driver, CCTV for increased safety, a CD player, and every child will have an allocated seat with seatbelt & much more!



13 Paddington Bear

(Frank Holden)
Entered by: Action Medical Research
Height: 7"
Weight: Heavy

Founded over 50 yrs ago AMR is one of the leading health charities in the UK. AMR has the broadest research remit of any UK medical charity and one of the most enviable track records. Over the past 50 years we have crippled Polio, we were at the birth to Ultrasound scanning and got hip replacement up and running.



20 Spike

(Gideon Peel)
Entered by: Wetherby Bulldogs
Height: 7"
Weight: 16 st

Debut for Spike racing for Wetherby Bulldogs JRLFC. Rugby League - get involved. www.wetherbybulldogs.co.uk



14 Dolly Daisy

(Lucy Gill)
Entered by: Saint Michael's Hospice
Height: 6' 5"
Weight: 10st

Dolly Daisy is the official mascot for Saint Michael's Hospice, Harrogate. This is Dolly's second mascot steeplechase and she hopes to do really well in 2007, with the support of Sammy the Squirrel, so watch out for Sammy & Dolly!



21 Beefy

(Danny Drake)
Entered by: Ellison's Butcher, Cullingworth
Height: Tall!
Weight: 13st

First outing of the season for Danny/Beefy - he's hoping to keep abreast of the opposition and "de-liver" the goods!



15 Sammy the Squirrel

(Alan Brownlow)
Entered by: Saint Michael's Hospice
Height: 6' 5"
Weight: 13 1/2 st

Sammy the Squirrel is running in aid of Saint Michael's Hospice alongside Dolly Daisy. Remember Squirrels are particularly streamlined so watch out!



22 YDMT Tree

(Wendy Lee Lawson)
Entered by: Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust
Height: 6' 8"
Weight: 12 st

YDMT Tree is a novice mascot to the Racecourse, this being Tree's first outing. A definite outsider in terms of passing the winning post first, but a leafy addition to the scenery. Celebrating 10 years of YDMT!



16 Hound Dog

(Oliver Robinson)
Entered by: Bingley Harriers & AC
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 11 st

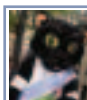
2006 runner-up. Out to do one better in 2007. Junior Bingley Harriers are all backing Hound dog to win



23 Harrygaitor

(tba)
Entered by: Lightwater Valley
Height: tba
Weight: tba

One of three entries from the same stable. These cuddly cros from Lightwater Valley are aiming for a 1, 2, 3, so don't expect them to be snapping at the heels of their competitors! They'll be at the front of the pack to claim the Ultimate victory!"



17 Cheshire Cat

(John Rayner)
Entered by: Cheshire Building Society
Height: 6' 6"
Weight: 12 st

The Cheshire Cat normally only has two outings a year - a 13 mile walk and the Great Manchester Run so he should be raring to go in his first outing at Wetherby. Providing he remembers to run & not walk the course he is one to watch!



24 Sallygaitor

(tba)
Entered by: Lightwater Valley
Height: tba
Weight: tba

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25 Babygaitor

(Iba)
Entered by: Lightwater Valley
Height: Iba
Weight: Iba

One of three entries from the same stable. These cuddly crocs from Lightwater Valley are aiming for a 1, 2, 3, so don't expect them to be snapping at the heels of their competitors! They'll be at the front of the pack to claim the Ultimate victory!"



32 Humphrey

(Alf Poval & Partner (hump))
Entered by: Cammell Laird North Western
Height: 6' 4"
Weight: 28st

This has got to be a first – a ship repair yard camel competing in the YFYFC Great North Mascot Race! Just here for an outing as not expected to win!



26 Kirk

(Mark Clisby)
Entered by: The Yellow Woods Challenge
Height: 6'
Weight: 13st 10lbs

Kirk, a novice hurdler, should fair well under demanding conditions of a cheering crowd and furry opposition. Mascot for the Yellow Woods Challenge, a recycling competition for schools, run by Yellow Pages and the Woodland Trust, Kirk says he is "confident" of his chances in his debut appearance.



33 Jenny Jar

(Steven Ogden)
Entered by: Recycling Action Yorkshire
Height: 8'
Weight: undisclosed

I'm not a fast runner but you can bottle bank on me to be good to the environment. Recycling two of me saves energy to boil water for five cups of tea. So recycle me when I fall at the third!



27 Billy Bottle

(Steven Loffhouse)
Entered by: Dairy Farmers of Great Britain
www.dfob.co.uk
Height: 5' 8"

Weight: 12st 7lb
 Dairy Farmers of Great Britain is a company owned and run by British Dairy Farmers, we're dedicated to making the best dairy products available. Billy Bottle has been in training and supports DFGB by drinking plenty of the "White Stuff" every day!



34 Banana Man

(Paul Miller)
Entered by: Leukaemia Research
Height: 5' 8"
Weight: 12 st

Banana Man is using this opportunity to get in shape for his cycle ride across Cuba in October in aid of Leukaemia Research & Leeds Access Committee. He's hoping not to slip up on a banana skin at the first fence.



28 PC Bill

(PC Alan Hancock)
Entered by: South Yorkshire Police
Height: 8'
Weight: 15st

As the mascot for South Yorkshire Police, PC Bill has vast experience of chasing criminals. He hopes this will give him a good chance at winning this year, as long as he isn't distracted along the course!



35 Banana Woman

(Sarah Hartshorn)
Entered by: Leukaemia Research
Height: 5'
Weight: 7 1/2 st

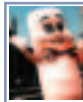
Banana Woman is racing today for Leukaemia Research. She is hoping to slip into the lead and leave the rest of the field behind her.



29 Marvin the Monkey

(Laura Wood)
Entered by: Skipton Building Society
Height: Lanky
Weight:

Marvin the Monkey is going to be running in his debut race today and there will be no monkeying around as he gives his all as winning matters! As Skipton Building Society's mascot Marvin is no stranger to success, so hopefully today will be no different but remember its the taking part that matters! Marvin is delighted to be supporting Sue Ryder Care today as fundraising for such a great cause matters!



36 Mr Sausage

(Joe O'Hare)
Entered by: Lishmans of Ilkley
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 13st

Mr Sausage is representing Lishmans of Ilkley, the National Sausage Champions of Great Britain and hoping to become a Champion at Wetherby too!



30 Sponge Bob Square Pants

(Daniel Shelda)
Entered by: Sue Ryder Care
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 14st 13lbs

Bob is hoping to soak up the ground today. No previous form on the race track but a great favourite with the children



37 Blade Runner

(Iain Service)
Entered by: Sports Turf Research Institute
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 13 st

Has both stamina & speed. This is a mascot that the others will be chasing & he will be at one with the turf. His catchphrase "when the going gets rough the turf gets going".



31 Albie Udersfelt

(John Webster)
Entered by: Piazza Centre
Height: 6' 6"
Weight: Heavy

Albie is the official mascot for the Piazzas very own Kids Club – Albie's Gang! He is a star in his own right with a catchy theme tune dance and even stars in his own shows.

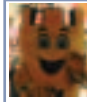


38 Chip the Sausage

(Steve Pickup)
Entered by: Pearsons the Butchers of Ingleton
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 13 st

From an award winning sausage maker to an award winning sausage runner – Pearsons of Ingleton Banger!

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39 Cliff the Castle

(Philip Smith)
Entered by: Keighley Town Centre Association
Height: 5' 6"
Weight: 13 st

Cliffie is the mascot for Keighley and works to promote the vitality of the town for its businesses and members of the community



46 Zak the Zebra

(Chris Frost)
Entered by: BRAKE
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 14 st

Being a Zebra Zak can reach high speeds very quickly. Zak is the official mascot of BRAKE – the national road safety charity, which aims to prevent road crashes and are there for those affected by them. Call the Zebra hotline on 0800 068 7780 to report a dangerous road in your area.



40 The Kinky Calderdale YFC Cat

(Nathan Aldridge)
Entered by: Calderdale YFC

Height: 6'
Weight: 14 st
 Calderdale YFC – Yorkshire YFC's newest club formed a year ago has 90 members between 10 & 26. We take part in diverse things such as Stockjudging to Ice Skating to Tug of War but this outing is a first for the Kinky Calderdale Cat!



47 I C Bear

(TBA)
Entered by: Tees Active Ltd
Height: 6'2"
Weight: Cuddly!

IC the Bear is Tees Active's official Ice Skating Mascot. He is most often found practising his moves on the ice at Billingham Forum not on a race course!



41 Steamy the Window

(Liam Brunskill & David Dunn)
Entered by: Brunskill Windows Ltd
Height: Oblong
Weight: Massive

Steamy the Window is representing David Brunskill Windows Ltd who are delighted to be raising funds for Sue Ryder Care – Manorlands Hospice. This mascot will be a "touch of glass" in the race.



48 Shaggy the Ryedale Sheepdog

(Michael Prest)
Entered by: Ryedale District YFC
Height: 6'2"
Weight: Cuddly!

Shaggy's second time out at Wetherby. Should perform well providing he behaves and doesn't start rounding up the opposition. Decided to run at Wetherby instead of attending the National YFC AGM in Torquay – a real stayer!



42 Cyril the Manorlands Squirrel

(Simon Bancroft)
Entered by: Manorlands Hospice

Height: 6'
Weight: 14 st
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49 Vinnie the Vole

(Philippa Baron)
Entered by: British Waterways
Height: TBA
Weight: TBA

Love Vinnie – love our waterways! Voles are one of the frequent inhabitants of the 432 kilometres of canals and inland waterways which contribute to making Yorkshire such a beautiful county. Take part in our wildlife survey, find out more about activities alongside, or on British Waterways' stunning 'water park', as well as suggestions for holidays and places to stay, please log onto www.waterscape.com



43 Sherlock

(Andrew Blood)
Entered by: Neighbourhood Watch & West Yorkshire Police
Height: 6'

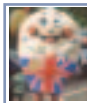
Weight: 14 st
 Has previously competed in 'Cycle for Life' for men's cancer and would like to take the next step/fall! Happy to be the 'face' of West Yorkshire Police and Neighbourhood Watch.



50 Wallace

(Neil "Chippy" Carpenter)
Entered by: SManorlands Hospice
Height: TBA
Weight: TBA

A late entry but could prove a contender if can fix the wrong trousers.



44 Potato Pete

(Stacey Barnes)
Entered by: Harden Fisheries/British Potato Council
Height: 6'

Weight: fat!
 This is Potato Pete's debut in this event. He is representing Harden Fisheries and raising funds for Sue Ryder Car – Manorlands Hospice. Pete has good breeding and is indeed a chip off the old block. His plan is to batter the opposition and if he does not win will develop a chip on his shoulder!



51 Gromit

(Danny Normington)
Entered by: Manorlands Hospice
Height: TBA
Weight: TBA

Unknown quantity in this race, but delighted to be raising money for Sue Ryder Care



45 Lamby

(Tim Lister)
Entered by: Roy Dykes Butchers
Height: 6'
Weight: 14 st

Being a Zebra Zak can reach high speeds very quickly. Zak is the official mascot of BRAKE – the national road safety charity, which aims to prevent road crashes and are there for those affected by them. Call the Zebra hotline on 0800 068 7780 to report a dangerous road in your area.



52 Ballerina

(Brian Sherriff)
Entered by: Worsbough YFC
Height: 5' 9"
Weight: 10 1/2 st

More used to prancing around on the stage than tripping through the grass. Usually has a partner to help her with the jumps. May be out of her depth today!

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53 Megumi Noodle Box

(David Scarfella)
Entered by: Wokon Noodle Bar, Leeds
Height: TBA
Weight: TBA

New to Briggate Leeds is Wokon Noodle Bar. Wokon brings unique flavours and textures inspired by Thai, Malaysian, Indonesian, Chinese and Japanese cooking. Customers experience a fusion of colour, taste and mouth-watering aromas all cooked in our open kitchen. Wokon is the perfect healthy meal choice!"



58 Dandelion & Burdock Can Man

(Neil Earnshaw)
Entered by: Manorlands Hospice

Height: TBA **Weight:** TBA
 Famed for his lightning fast start, this competitor is hoping that this will take him through to the finish line (dependant on the ground) In previous outings this runner has had no problems with hurdles, however may struggle if he stumbles as he has no arms to get back up."



54 Mushy the Mushroom

(Secret)
Entered by: Worth Valley YFC
Height: TBA
Weight: TBA

What can I say, I'm just a fun-gi to be with! Worth Valley won the best turned out last year and have gone for looks over athletics this time. My excuse is that I've not got that mushroom to run in



59 Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Clown

(Stuart Cracknell)
Entered by: Worth Valley Railways

Height: TBA
Weight: TBA
 Clown is delighted to be running in aid of Sue Ryder Care – Manorlands. There'll be no clowning around from this entrant as he goes for glory in the 2007 Mascot Steeplechase



55 Captain Blade

Entered by: Sheffield Utd
Height: 5'
Weight: 17st
 Five foot 5' of rippling muscle.



60 Ronnie the Rhino

Entered by: Leeds Rhinos
Height: TBA
Weight: TBA

The rudest Rhino in Rugby League is ready To charge down the course and will run through anyone who dares get in his way! Particularly dislikes Bulls and Cougars! Give us a shout if you're Horny, Horny Horny!!!



56 Billy Bantam

Entered by: Bradford City AFC
Height: TBA
Weight: TBA
 Only runs occasionally, just getting him filled up for Christmas.



60 Freddy Cougar

Entered by: Keighley Cougar RLFC
Height: TBA
Weight: TBA
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57 Lenny City Gent

Entered by: Bradford City AFC
Height: 5' 4"
Weight: 12st

Ran (walked really) all 8 years races at Huntington (Cambridge) won the Mascot Superstars at York in 2002. Lost some weight since his last race. Likes pies!



61 Bee Safe on loan to Wetherby Racecourse & Conference Centre by C E Electric UK

Bee Safe is the hero bee that appears in safety videos for young people. Today he is running as Wetherbee on their home turf so watch out for a spectacular performance. She will be galloping home help to raise funds for Sue Ryder Care

RACE DESCRIPTION - This mascot steeplechase originated from an idea that the members of Yorkshire Federation of Young farmers Clubs Came up with to promote their organisation, raise money for charity and promote local produce and healthy eating.

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North Yorkshire County Council's "Community Recycling Fund" is generously supporting the Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs' promotion of household waste reduction today and at the Yorkshire County Show at Pateley Bridge on 4 June. Generous support has also been provided by our sponsors, **Cartridge World, Corus, Recycling Action Yorkshire, Rockware Glass, Berryman Glass, Sky Bet, Wyedean weaving and Rob Wood Contractor.**

Aged 10 to 26? Join Young Farmers in our Marquee today.

This mascot steeplechase originated from an idea that the members of Yorkshire Federation of Young farmers Clubs Came up with to promote their organisation, raise money for charity and encourage recycling in rural areas. Members from many of the 49 Young Farmers clubs have designed and created their own mascots to get involved in this race.