**CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY NEED TO READ THIS OUT!**

**Derbyshire YFC Weekly Update!**

Ashover YFC Christmas Market on **Tuesday 11th December** at Ashover Village Hall, S45 0BA

North West Christmas Ball on **Friday 14th December** at thePavilion Gardens, Buxton SK17 6BE

County Tops – the current order will not be placed until all payments have been received!! Money required from Bakewell £48 and Hope Valley £148

Fancy Dress Theme!  We need to decide on a fancy dress theme for Derbyshire members to wear at the EMA convention in Cleethorpes.  Clubs are asked to make **one** suggestion to County Office by **31st December** there will be a Facebook poll in January.

Operators Ticket – If any members are interested in obtaining NPORS or SCS for any machine, telehandler, digger or dumper contact John Armitage.  If we can get enough people it can be done on site, the cost will be £200 per category.

Discounts for YFC members on Sheep Shearing courses - British Wool is offering members a saving of more than 50% on training for a Blue Seal qualification.  The qualification is a must for all those YFC members who want to take part in NFYFC’s Sheep Shearing competition.  A two-day course is £80 (plus VAT), which is a discount of over 50% off the standard course fee. To be eligible to take advantage of this offer you must be a current member of a Young Farmers' Club affiliated to NFYFC within England and Wales, and not have attended a course previously. The training course includes:

        An introduction to shearing

        Health and safety and the use of shearing equipment

        Demonstrations and hands-on practice.

        One-to-one support by an instructor.

The closing date for applications is **30 March 2019**. Please contact Alison Gould on 01647 24804 or alisongould@britishwool.org.uk  or Richard Schofield on 07966 291618. You’ll need to give your name, address, date of birth and YFC membership card number.

200 club – winners of the December draw: £20 – Chris Birch, £10 - Anthony and Judith Archer and £5 – Stuart Elliott.  If you would like to join the 200 club for £12 you will be entered into the twelve monthly draws contact Rose Smyth, complete the attached form or visit the website.

Events and Activities Committee meeting – minutes of the last meeting attached

AGRI Newsletter for December is attached

**Other Organisations**

**YFC Forthcoming Dates** **!**

North East Christmas Party on **Saturday 22nd December** Fox and Goose, Wigley, S42 7JJ

Following YFC Travel 2019 selection day there are some places still  available: The volunteering trips - Costa Rica – 3 places and Sri Lanka – 5 places, the RYE Study Session - 1 place and Autumn Seminar – 2 places.  Applications will be on a first come first served basis. *If* they are suitable for the trip they will be offered the space shortly after their interview. We hope to have everyone in place by **Monday 7th January**

#YFCSki19 – **Saturday 5th–Saturday 12th January 2019**, Belle Plagne, France. The fancy dress theme for the day is ‘animal outfit’ and for the night is ‘back to school’

Clubs planning on entering the Entertainment competition on 24th February should forward their intention to enter form by **Friday 11th January**

County Competitions Day is on **Sunday 3rd February** at Lady Manners School, Bakewell.  Closing date for entries is **Friday 11th January** for After Dinner Speaking and Junior Reading and **Friday 18th January** for Senior and Junior Member of the Year, Situation Vacant, Choir and Ballroom Dancing.  Regional eliminators will be held for Junior and Senior Speaking and Brainstrust – regional secretaries should forward their entries immediately following the competition.

EMA Train the Trainer course is being held on **9th and 10th of February 2019** at the Mount Cook Adventure in Derbyshire.

East Midlands AGRI weekend - **9th and 10th of February 2019** at Bakewell Market and Chatsworth Estate. Discussion, industry speakers and farm/diversified business walk and visit.  Further details will be available shortly.

If you are in possession of a County trophy (including Rally trophies) it needs to be returned to either County Office, Hannah G-C, Drew Bailey or Ruth Rastrick before or at the Exec meeting in February.  This is so they can be valued for insurance purposes.  If they can all be  returned on time they will be returned to the holders as soon as the valuation has taken place.

Due to the NFYFC AGM and Competition finals the County Rally has been brought forward to **Saturday 27th April.**

**Please note the Derbyshire YFC website is:** [**http://www.derbyshireyfc.org.uk**](http://www.derbyshireyfc.org.uk) **and the NFYFC website is:** [**http://www.nfyfc.org.uk**](http://www.nfyfc.org.uk)

***Jane Smith***

***County Administrator***

**Derbyshire Federation of Young Farmers’ Clubs**

[www.derbyshireyfc.org.uk](http://www.derbyshireyfc.org.uk/)

Office Hours:

Monday and Thursday 10.30 am – 4.00 pm

Thursday 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm

Friday 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm