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

**Derbyshire YFC Weekly Update!**

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

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.

Weekly Update – there will be no update next week!  Merry Christmas!!

Christmas Closing - Please note that the NFYFC YFC Centre at Stoneleigh Park will be closed from 4pm on **Friday 21st December** and will re-open on **Wednesday 2nd January 2019**.  We take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Other Organisations**

Help with Lambing - An elderly farmer living in Bradwell, Hope Valley needs lambing staff from the end of March until 17th April for 250 ewes, indoor lambing, must have experience and he prefers female workers.  Must be able to drive as there is no accommodation. He is an elderly gentleman, his wife is bed ridden and his daughter has just had a brain tumour removed so it's important we find someone asap.  If anyone can help contact a member of the ‘Rural Action Derbyshire’ team on 07936 174313.

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

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.

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).  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.

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)

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***County Administrator***

**Derbyshire Federation of Young Farmers’ Clubs**

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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