

# COUNTY CIRCULAR

## Derbyshire Young Farmers

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To: Club, Regional and County Office Holders, the President, Vice Presidents and Trustees

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The following people will be happy to help you with any queries:

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### **FORTHCOMING COMPETITIONS**

*Speaking Competitions Secretary - Robert Platts (07779 056107)*

#### **JUNIOR AND SENIOR SPEAKING - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

The Junior competition will commence at 7.00 pm immediately followed by the Seniors. The rules for the senior competition are in the competitions rule book headed 'East Midlands Area NFU Public Speaking'

Will Regional Secretaries please forward the results including team names immediately following the Regional round. I also need to know teams placed third and fourth in Regional rounds as points count towards the Activities Cup.

#### **FOLK DANCING - Bob Dronfield (07805 337754)**

The date has been changed to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February and will be held at Belper Sports Centre. Bob has very kindly offered to help any club who is having problems finding a dance.

#### **COUNTY AGM - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Matlock commencing at 8pm prompt.

Each club has ten voting representatives in addition to the representatives on the Executive Committee. As an incentive to attend each club will receive one point for each representative (up to a maximum of 10 points) towards the Activities Trophy. Each representative must be a member and produce their current membership card on the night. The regional Field Officers have been asked to monitor the numbers attending,

## **DISCOVERY**

*Discovery Co-ordinator - Bob Dronfield (07805 337754)*

Selection Day is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December the very best of luck to the members from Derbyshire who have applied.

Contact Kate - 01208 893084 or [discovery@cornwallyfc.co.uk](mailto:discovery@cornwallyfc.co.uk)

## **NATIONAL COUNCIL**

Helen Roberts from Pembrokeshire has been elected as the new National Chairman. The Vice Chairman are James Chapman from Warwickshire and Mark Williams from Usk. The Drama semi-finals will be held at Bury, Lancashire. The Tug of War finals will be held at Newbury Show on either 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> September

## **AGRILIVE SMITHFIELD EVENT**

Register for your free place for this new AgriLIVE Smithfield event at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, on 11-12 December, including the young producers breakfast on the Saturday morning. It is open to all producers under 30 and will provide a networking opportunity as well as bringing together the next generation to debate key industry issues.

The event showcases the latest developments, products, services and advice in one place for the whole red meat supply chain, from farmer to retailer.

More details online at [www.agrilivesmithfield.co.uk](http://www.agrilivesmithfield.co.uk)

## **WORKING OVERSEAS**

**Intern Options** - Tel: 0207 353 7699 or email: [info@internoptions.com](mailto:info@internoptions.com)

Intern Options is a specialist UK based internship company that focuses solely on work placements and internship opportunities in Australia and New Zealand.

The most popular New Zealand programme is the dairy farming programme. We send students, graduates and experienced workers to New Zealand for between 3 and 12 months. We have worked closely with Marvin Farm Services for almost two years now, to place and support our applicants throughout New Zealand.

The New Zealand Equine programme is a new programme in 2009 that has already received great interest.

The horticulture programme is the most affordable Australian programme, and it pays the highest wage, that's why it's our most popular. Every applicant accepted onto the programme is guaranteed a job before they depart for Australia. Although this programme does not require any horticulture experience or qualifications, we do have a lot of horticulture students applying to go to Australia over the university summer break. In 2010 we will have 80 places minimum in South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia and have managed to reduce the programme price from £650 to just **£399** but this does mean that the 80 positions will sell out even faster.

[www.InternOptions.com](http://www.InternOptions.com)

## **FUNDING**

Funding opportunities from LandSkills East Midlands. Please note further information about Lantra is available on the NFYFC website <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/fundinglantra>

## **PROGRAMME POINTERS**

**DART** - Learning providers and apprenticeships in Agriculture and allied industries - contact Mark Lowe - 07921 182181

**County Roadshow** - contact Stacey Bush - 07973 828741

*If you have a good club meeting - please share it with others!*

## **VINVOLVED DERBYSHIRE**

Vinvolved Derbyshire is a countywide organisation that works with young volunteers aged 16-25 on behalf of the national youth volunteering programme, v. This government funded programme was launched in May 2006 as a result of the Russell Commission report, a National Framework for Youth Action and Engagement. (If you would like to read more about v, please see [www.vinspired.com](http://www.vinspired.com)).

The vinvolved Derbyshire team was put into post in May 2008 and we now work with hundreds of young people and organisations across the county with the support of BTCV and Volunteer Centres Derbyshire.

A fact sheet is enclosed to club secretaries and if you think that it would suit your club I will arrange for a member of the team to come along to your meeting.

Contact Cathryn Hamer, Youth Volunteering Development Manager on 01457 890902

## **NATIONAL FOREST CHANGING LANDSCAPES SCHEME**

As a member of young farmers and also assistant managing agent for the Duchy of Lancaster Estate on the Derbyshire / Staffordshire Border, I am writing to tell you of an exciting new project we are undertaking.

We are currently putting forward a management proposal to gain grant funding in order to create a new woodland as part of the National Forest. The Changing Landscapes Scheme is a new initiative that encourages landowners to create new woodlands and associated habitats. It is a unique scheme to the National Forest and aims to create and enhance woodland, habitats and biodiversity.

As part of the scheme we want to encourage education and amenity through public access and thought that this may be something that Young Farmers members would be interested in visiting as one of their weekly meetings.

Contact Louise Elliott - Mobile: 07807 999066 or Email: [lelliott@savills.com](mailto:lelliott@savills.com)

## **FOCUS TOO**

Derby Focus Activities Club has recently launched a younger group for the 20-40 age range To try and establish a club along similar lines to FOCUS. The new club is named FOCUS TOO. As Young Farmers represent a responsible way of having a good time, we thought There was good synergy between our organisations and we could infact offer Young farmers a great way to carry on with the fun after age 26.... Derby FOCUS has 320+ members FOCUS TOO, has so far got 20+ members....and growing....

Please take a look at our website: [www.derbyfocus.org.uk](http://www.derbyfocus.org.uk)

## **200 CLUB**

*200 Club Co-ordinate - Kate Wainwright (07980 850992)*

The November draw will take place at the County AGM

## **SNOWPLOUGHING OUR WAY THROUGH THE ALPS! 1<sup>st</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

*Area Co-ordinator - Caroline Spray - 07966 484181 [Caroline.spray@btinternet.com](mailto:Caroline.spray@btinternet.com)*

## **AREA CONVENTION - 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010**

## **NATIONAL CONVENTION - 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

Booking details will be sent to Club Secretaries early in December. An advance 3-day AGM package will cost £53.50. The Closing date for discounted advance Entertainments Package Sales and payment is **Friday 12 March 2010**. No changes, swaps or discounted sales after this date.

A reminder that YFC members must have attained their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in order to attend the annual convention 2010.

Dress code: Friday night - Black Tie (no jeans or trainers); Saturday night - fancy dress themed: 'Going on Safari' (no accessories); Sunday night - club shirts.

Butlins at Minehead, Somerset is being viewed as a venue for the 2012 Convention.

For help with accommodation contact Torbay Hospitality Association -

Tel: 01803 605808 - [www.torbayhospitality.com](http://www.torbayhospitality.com)

**MEMBERSHIP FIGURES - 30<sup>th</sup> November 09**

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>ASSOCIATE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
ASHBOURNE	55	05	60
ASHOVER	36	00	36
BAKEWELL	47	00	47
BARLOW	11	01	12
BELPER	02	00	02
BUXTON	39	01	40
DERBY	22	01	23
HOPE VALLEY	42	03	45
MELBOURNE			
PLEASLEY	25	04	29
SMALLEY	08	00	08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>302</b>

**COMPETITIONS CHAMPIONSHIP**

Teams must give 7 days notice if they withdraw from a subsequent round or forfeit the points on the competitions table.

Competition	Asb	Aso	Bak	Bar	Belp	Bux	Der	Vall	Ple	Sma
Total B/F	23	26	29		5.5	29		7		5.5
Brainstrust	5	9	8	6	2.5	10	7	2.5	2.5	2.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>8</b>
Position	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>

**COMPETITIONS RESULTS****English Winter Fair**

Senior Carcase Judge of the Year - Alex Birch, Bakewell (10<sup>th</sup>)

Intermediate Carcase Judge of the Year - David Goddard, Bakewell (14<sup>th</sup>)

14<sup>th</sup> - Live Beef - Sam Furness, Bakewell (14<sup>th</sup>) & Tom Ducker, Hope Valley (5<sup>th</sup>)

1<sup>st</sup> - Live Lamb - Joe Birch, Bakewell (3<sup>rd</sup>) & Lizzie Merryman, Barlow (3<sup>rd</sup>)

9<sup>th</sup> Beef Carcase - Lucy Thompson, Bakewell (11<sup>th</sup>) & Andrew Gregory-Campeau, Buxton (7<sup>th</sup>)

15<sup>th</sup> - Pork Carcase - Andrew Elliott, Pleasley (15<sup>th</sup>) & Daniel Mycock, Bakewell (10<sup>th</sup>)

As a team Derbyshire finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

**CONGRATULATIONS.....**

*If you have any club announcements i.e. births, marriages, engagements, extraordinary exam or career achievements, send details to County Office*