

COUNTY CIRCULAR

Derbyshire Young Farmers

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

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FORTHCOMING COMPETITIONS

INTERMEDIATE CALL MY BLUFF - Thursday 22nd January

There will not be a regional eliminator for this competition instead clubs will go straight to the County Final and as the teams need the words two weeks before the competition please confirm if you have an entry by Thursday 8th January.

STRICTLY BALLROOM - Saturday 7th February

To be staged along with the Spring Fling at Belper Sports Centre. Entries required by 15th January.

YFC MEMBER OF THE YEAR - Thursday 12th February

Can the portfolios for the Junior competition please be brought to the Finance and Management meeting on 29th January. The synopsis for the Senior competition is required on the same day but these can be e-mailed to County Office.

PANTOMIME - Sunday 22nd February

The competition will be held at the Robert Ludlam Theatre, St Benedict's School, Duffield Road, Derby. Please confirm by 8th January if you have a team so that we can work out a start time or if there are insufficient entries the venue will need to be cancelled. The co-ordinator for this competition is Ian Bunting so if you have any queries please contact Ian on 07891 628421

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Events and Activities Committee meeting - Thursday 15th January

Area Committee meeting - Monday 19th January

Finance and Management Committee meeting - Thursday 29th January

TELEPHONE

We now have a mobile number **07530 295834** in addition to the landline number this is for texting purposes and you will not be able to leave an answerphone message on the mobile. Please continue to leave voice messages on the landline. I will try to be in the office during the following times to take calls: Monday and Wednesday 1.00 - 3.00 pm and Thursday 7.30 - 9.30 pm and I will be there at other times as well so don't just restrict calls to those times previously stated.

NATIONAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

Pam Ledgard has been appointed as the temporary CEO until the end of January.

COUNTY AGM

Steve Horrocks was elected President for a third and final year, Ruth Slack is President Elect. Robert Platts is County Chairman with Stacey Bush as Vice Chairman. George Adsetts and Kate Wainwright continue as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. The **Five** Vice Presidents are David Clayton, Robert Barke, Stuart Robinson, Ellis Oldfield and Andrew Mycock.

Joe Birch, Bakewell YFC and Emma Gould, Ashbourne YFC received the Outstanding Junior trophies with Lorna Platts taking the Girls Award and Stacey Bush the Outstanding Member trophy with Clare Palfreyman getting a County Award. Buxton YFC collected the Club Efficiency Trophy, Bakewell took the Competitions Trophy and Barlow received the trophy for the biggest increase in membership.

It was agreed that the County levy be frozen at £22.50 for the forthcoming year.

ADVANCED TRAIN THE TRAINER

3rd - 5th April the Fieldhead Hotel in Leicestershire details of which can be found at the following address: <http://www.thefieldhead.com/>

This course is designed for those who have already completed the Train the Trainer course but want to further work on their training skills.

AREA CONVENTION - SKEGNESS

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th March. The Area eliminators for Junior Speaking, Brainstrust, Call my Bluff, Junior and Senior YFC Member of the Year will take place at the school with the Ballroom Dancing at the Nightclub. The Hockey and Rugby will be on the Sunday with hockey in the morning and Rugby pm with the presentations at the rugby club. In addition there will be a basket ball competition on Saturday afternoon.

NATIONAL CONVENTION 2009 - BLACKPOOL

Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd May

Please Note the way in which you book Entertainment Packages has changed!

All bookings and payment must be done through County Office and the closing date is Friday 13th March. Nobody under the age of 17 will be allowed to buy a package.

Booking details are enclosed to club secretaries. Information about the Annual Convention is on the website www.nfyfc.org.uk/annualconvention.html

DISCOVERY

Congratulations to the following members who have been selected for an international visit:

Austria Homestay - Stacey Bush

RYE Spring Seminar - Bob Dronfield

Two spaces remain for the Canada 4H under 21s exchange which will take place in October 2009. The exchange is for 5 weeks and the member will be hosted by one state before flying to Toronto to meet the other delegates at the 4H conference. The member must be willing to host their Canadian 'twin' in July; they will then spend their first week with them in Canada.

Members should be aged over 18 but under 21 on 1 January 2009. Please encourage anybody who you think would be suitable and that would make a good ambassador for YFC. Applications should be received by Friday 16th January 2009. Interviews will take place at January Council weekend.

CLUB EXCHANGE

Bath YFC have at least 10 members keen to do a club exchange for a weekend, with activities such as a farm visit and any social events. The club will then host the exchange club in their area for a weekend. Tel: 01278 691711

COOKERY & FLORAL ARTS COMPETITIONS

Please note the Cookery and Floral Arts Competition Finals will be changing location from the Royal Show 2009. This is due to the Royal Show dates being change to weekdays (7-10 July) and we could not ask u16 to be taken out of school for the day.

We are currently looking at alternative venues and will let you know as soon as this is confirmed.

R.A.B.I

R.A.B.I have a new funding scheme available called the 'Gateway Program'. This scheme aims to give full or partial funding to help individuals access training which enhances their livelihood and sustainability within farm work. This funding is offered to individuals who have some financial difficulties within their work which could be relieved through training support. Further details are available through R.A.B.I.

HSE TRAINING COURSE

The HSE are running a free training course especially for Young Farmers. The training will comprise of 6 practical sessions including:

Machinery maintenance and hydraulics

Manual handling

ATV safety

Working at height

Safe use of telehandlers

Livestock handling.

This training event will be particularly useful to Young Farmers as not only will it build on skills needed for the competition programme, but also topics covered in the training have been chosen as they represent the highest number of fatalities and ill health within the farming industry. This is a very practical course giving real life demonstrations of the topics covered - this is not a classroom based course.

The course will be run on 19th Feb at Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester between 6:30pm and 10:00pm with food provided free of charge for all who attend. Following the course all attendees will receive a HSE certificate of attendance. This course is open not only to members and associates but also to anyone who has regular involvement within Young Farmers, please note all attendees must be 16yrs or over due to insurance requirements.

100 attendees are needed for this course to run and the HSE may also put on other similar courses in the future (which will be in a variety of locations Nationwide).

SKIING TRIP

Steven Lear and a committee of Young Farmers are organising a nationwide ski trip for 2010 for all YFC clubs in England, Scotland and Wales. I know that a number of clubs and counties already organise trips of their own, but wouldn't it be great if we all met up together for one big trip with parties, live bands and cheap drinks set on for you. The AGM in snow?

I need to know if your county or club is interested. I also need a rep from every area to sit on a committee (be on the end of the phone and market the trip). This would be hard work but well worth it as you may get bonuses such as a free place on the holiday. If you are interested then let me know at lear_steve@hotmail.com

TRAILER TRAINING

YFC members might be interested to view the NFU's news on the organisation joining forces with 17 driver training centres across England and Wales to offer cut-price deals on trailer towing courses.

For further information visit www.nfuonline.com/trailers.xml

THE DAIRY EVENT

Please note the Dairy Events dates have been changed to 16-17 September 2009. The rules on the website have changed accordingly.

HARVEST OPERATORS & TRUCK DRIVERS

Staff required for large arable farm in Western Australia Starting Mid/Late October finishing Mid/Late December. Accommodation and food provided + good rates of pay. Experience driving lorries and/or harvest experience preferred.
Apply: by phone Tel: 01621-772355 or e-mail : turncole.farm@virgin.net

NEW ZEALAND FARMING PLACEMENTS

The New Zealand farming industry has been booming for years and few would dispute that it is the backbone of the New Zealand economy. Intern Options have a range of positions available for those with UK farming experience to work throughout New Zealand. They can place you on one farm for the entire time or you can move around New Zealand taking time off in between jobs and experiencing this beautiful country. You will be paid a minimum of £200 per week which is all spending money as all accommodation, food and travel to jobs is included in the package. The more experience you have the more you will be paid and there is always overtime going. Intern Options will organise everything needed to get you from the UK to New Zealand including; accommodation, induction, bank account, assistance with visa and flights.

For more information visit the website www.internoptions.com/farm.htm or if you have any questions or for an application form give them a call on 0207 353 7699 or email info@internoptions.com

IDEA FOR CLUB PROGRAMME

Mark Lowe an NVQ Agricultural Assessor and Business Development Officer for DART Learning is willing to do a presentation which focuses on the many and varied Agricultural and rural qualifications available through universities, colleges and training providers across England. This will include an explanation of how DART Learning can help meet training needs within Derbyshire.

DART is a training provider based in Shardlow, Derbyshire offering a range of work-based qualifications including NVQ's in Agriculture, Horticulture, Environmental Conservation, Animal Care, Fencing and Veterinary Nursing. NPTC Certificates of Competence in safe use of Chainsaws, Pesticides, ATV's, Telescopic Handlers, Veterinary Medicines and Transport of Livestock by Road.

If you would like a presentation please contact 07921 182181 or mark.lowe@dartlearning.com

COMPETITIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

Competition	Asb	Aso	Bak	Bar	Belp	Bux	Der	Vall	Mel	Ple	Sma
Rugby	10		4			9		8			
Written Pub Quiz	5.5		5.5	3		4	7	8	9	10	
Kwik Cricket	9		8		6.5	10	6.5				
Brainstrust	7	6	8	3	5	10	3	3		9	1
Bowling	5	4	9	8	3	10	7	6			
Junior Speaking		10	6	4	4	9	7.5	4		7.5	
Senior Speaking			9	8		10	7	5.5		5.5	
TOTAL	36.5	20	49.5	26	18.5	62	38	34.5	9	32	1
Position	4 th	8 th	2 nd	7 th	9 th	1 st	3 rd	5 th	10 th	6 th	11 th

MEMBERSHIP FIGURES - 31 December 08

CLUB	MEMBERS	ASSOCIATE	TOTAL
ASHBOURNE	61	04	65
ASHOVER	29	00	29
BAKEWELL	44	03	47
BARLOW	14	01	15
BELPER	33	04	37
BUXTON	37	00	37
DERBY	25	00	25
HOPE VALLEY	50	06	56
MELBOURNE	00	00	00
PLEASLEY	23	04	27
SMALLEY	02	00	02
TOTAL	318	22	340

CONGRATULATIONS.....

Johnny and Rachel Spray on the birth of their son born 2nd January.