



### County Competitions Day

The first ever Derbyshire YFC County Competition Day will take place on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February** at Lady Manners School, Bakewell. Eliminating rounds will be held in each region for the Junior and Senior Speaking, Brainstrust and After Dinner Speaking competitions with the teams placed first and second in each region coming through to the county round. Junior Reading, Junior and Senior Member of the Year, Situations Vacant, Cheer Leading and Street Dance are all direct entry from the clubs. We have decided to do our own catering and each club is asked to nominate two people to help serve/sell the food and drinks on the day

### Club Efficiency

Will each club forward a copy of their club programme to county office for the club efficiency judges.

### County AGM

Ellis Oldfield was re-elected County President at the County AGM along with the Vice Presidents – Tim Gratton, Caroline Westwood, David Clayton, Rebecca Spray and Peter Winfield. It was agreed that the county levy would remain the same at £24 per member.

### County Hotel - Torquay

150 places have been booked in the County Hotel: , Ashbourne 24, Ashover 32, Bakewell 12, Barlow 6, Belper 9, Buxton 20, Derby 2, Hope Valley 19, Pleasley 9, and Smalley 17. The balance of £90 is required by **28th February**.

The Entertainment Packages details will be sent to clubs soon prices start from £43.10 for one day, £68.50 for two days and £78.20 for three days. Associate members pay £5 more on each package.

Check out the weekend at <http://yfcconvention.org.uk/tickets/packages/> this is the link on NFYFC website

### Under 18's at Skegness

A decision was taken at the East Midlands Area committee meeting that no members under the age of 18 will be allowed to buy entertainment packages for the Area Convention at Skegness. However we have looked into providing a bus for members and parents who would like to travel to Skegness either for a competition or to spectate on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

### Calendar Dates

Please check page on Face Book for any date changes

#### **Tuesday 6th December**

Ashover YFC Christmas Coffee Evening – Ashover Village Hall

#### **Friday 16th December**

NW Region Christmas Ball – Pavilion Gardens, Buxton.

#### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

North East Christmas Jumper Party - the Fox and Goose, Wigley.

#### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

Staffordshire YFC's Santa's Send Off Disco - Couture Nightclub, Newport Road, Stafford ST16 2EZ

#### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Staffordshire YFC Winter Wonderland Ball - Ingestre Suite, County Showground, Stafford ST18 0BD

#### **Friday 6th/Saturday 14th**

NFYFC SKI Trip – Val Thorens

#### **Friday 20th/Sunday 22nd**

EMA Training Techniques – Lea Green Centre, Matlock

#### **Wednesday 25th/Thursday 26th**

NFYFC Staff Conference – Dunchurch Park Hotel, Rugby

#### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Executive Committee Meeting

#### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

County Competitions Day – Lady Manners School, Bakewell

#### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

East Midlands Area



EMA Training Techniques

YFC County Office

This year's focus is '**Getting the most out of YFC**', tips and tricks for getting the most out of membership and will take place on **Friday 20th/Sunday 22nd January** at the Lea Green Centre, Matlock.

The members who are attending from Derbyshire are: Ben Bakel, Lucy Etches, Drew Bailey, Joe Cottrill, Katie Dawes, Emily Topham and Dan Marsden.

**Office Hours** are:  
Monday and Thursday  
10.30 am – 1.30pm  
Thursday and Friday  
2.00pm – 4.00pm  
Thursday 8.00pm – 10.00pm

First Monday in each month at Bakewell Market

The YFC Office will be closed for Staff Conference from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.**

Award Winners

Club meeting ideas

Many congratulations to our Award Winners from the County AGM:  
**Lucy Etches** – for the girl giving outstanding service;  
**Martha Bland** and **Alistair Hodgkinson** - junior achievement awards;  
**Emily Topham, Chris Yates** and **Drew Bailey** – County Awards;  
**Hannah Gregory-Campeau** – the President's Award;  
**Buxton YFC** – Club Efficiency;  
**Pleasley YFC** - greatest increase in membership and  
**Buxton YFC** – overall competitions winners.

To book the County Roadshow team for a club meeting contact Ben Bakel

**If you have an interesting meeting please share it!**

Then at the Dinner and Dance:

**Katherine Moorcroft** – Club Chairman of the Year;  
**Emily Smith** – Club Secretary of the Year and  
**Hannah Gregory-Campeau** – Club Treasurer of the Year.

Club News

The Members Member Award which is decided by club members was presented to **Chris Yates**.

Congratulations to ....  
Stacey (Bush) and Sam Archer on the birth of their daughter Ellie born 3rd November

All very deserving recipients!

Obituary to Ray Platts

County Rally

Ray Platts was the County President of the Derbyshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs from 1979 till 1982. He was a founder member of Hope Valley YFC, which was formed nearly 80 years ago, for training and education purposes. In addition to farming at Bamford he was Chairman of the marginal lands committee and was part of a 3 man team who negotiated extra EU grants for marginal lands in the UK. He also sat on the milk and the legal committees in London and was a board member of Milk Marketing Board for 32 years until it was disbanded in 1994.

The annual County Rally will be held on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** at Harley Grange, Earl Sterndale, Buxton by kind permission of the Hodgkinson family





Activities Trophy

Activity	Asb	Aso	Bak	Bar	Belp	Bux	Der	Vall	Ple	Sma
B/F	12	18	25		10	23	13	18		
County AGM	10	10	10	5	8	10	4	4	4	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
Position	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>

Please give as much notice as possible if you are not able to compete in the next round and **at least 14 days' notice** or forfeit points on the Activities Trophy. Fines are imposed for withdrawals from NFYFC competitions on a scale of **£25 within two weeks and £40 within 48 hours** of the start of the competition. Members under the age of 18 who are competing in a National Final must send a completed parental consent form to NFYFC **10 days** before the competition

Competition Results

Hedge Laying

**NFYFC Live and Carcase**

Beef: James Heath, Belper YFC - 2nd and Joe Smith, Buxton YFC – 19th  
Pig: Rachel Hadfield, Buxton YFC - 5th and James Hodgkinson, Hope Valley YFC – 15th

If any members would like to learn the art of Hedge Cutting, then please contact Anthony Archer on 01335 370196.

**Have Fun and Stay Safe this Christmas**

**Ten Top Tips for Responsible Drinking during the party season**

1. Before you go out make arrangements for getting home, book a taxi or have a designated driver.
2. Eat well before going out - it could save you money on a take away at the end of the night
3. Monitor the amount you are drinking throughout the night and avoid accepting top-ups to help you keep track.
4. Sit or stand next to a table so you can put your drink down - holding your drink encourages you to drink it faster.
5. Avoid bingeing - drink slow and steady. Why not break it up with a glass of water?
6. Tap water is free and available everywhere!
7. Avoid leaving your drink unattended.
8. Don't try to keep up with friends who drink more than you – that's their choice.
9. Remember – for every unit of alcohol you drink it takes roughly an hour for it to leave your body.

And Finally

10. Look out for each other. Ensure your friends are drinking sensibly and not putting themselves or others at risk.

**Merry Christmas**





Membership Figures @ 30th November 2016

200 Club

CLUB	MEMBERS	ASSOCIATE	TOTAL
ASHBOURNE	40	01	41
ASHOVER	44	00	44
BAKEWELL	32	02	34
BARLOW	07	01	08
BELPER	20	00	20
BUXTON	47	03	50
DERBY	33	02	35
HOPE VALLEY	32	00	32
PLEASLEY	11	01	12
SMALLEY	24	02	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>302</b>

**October**

£20 – Mr Archer  
£10 – Amy Wilson  
£5 – Kate Poole

**November**

£50 – Mary Webster  
£20 – Kate Poole  
£10 – Jim Knifton  
£5 – Miranda Hitchcock

If you would like to join the 200 Club contact: Beth Gratton (07805 536605) [gratton.beth@googlemail.com](mailto:gratton.beth@googlemail.com)

YFC Travel

Congratulations to the members who have been selected for a place on the YFC travel programme:

Hannah Gregory-Campeau – Germany home stay.

Kate Turnock, Laura Poole and James Gregory-Campeau - Africa's Gift team travel.

Beef from Dairy Workshop

Join AHDB Beef & Lamb and AHDB Dairy for this Beef from Dairy Workshop on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, from 7.30pm – 9.30pm at Bagshaws, The Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell, DE45 1AH.

Full details available at: <http://beefandlamb.ahdb.org.uk/event/ahdb-beef-dairy-herd-breeding-values-carcase-quality/>

To register your FREE place, ring the AHDB KE Events Hub on 01904 771211 or email us: [ke.events@ahdb.org.uk](mailto:ke.events@ahdb.org.uk)

Useful Contacts

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