CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY NEED TO READ THIS OUT!

Derbyshire YFC Weekly Update!

EMA Sports Eliminator on Saturday 30th at Southwell Minster School, NG25

0LG. If Derbyshire are to stand a chance on winning back the Eric Bust

Trophy we need members between the ages of 14 and 17 to make up a team for

the mixed touch rugby competition! Best of luck to Derby YFC and Buxton YFC

in the Netball and Pleasley YFC and Hope Valley YFC in the Rounders

competitions.

Training Courses with Wool Board - British Wool is offering NFYFC 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 or at the County Rally. NFYFC members

are being offered a two-day course for £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.

To book a place contact British Wool directly. The closing date for

applications is Saturday 30th March. Please contact Alison Gould on 01647

24804 or <mailto:alisongould@britishwool.org.uk>

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.

Year Book 2017-2018 - Several members have queried what reports they need to

send, a copy of the original letter is attached

Fence Erecting and Dairy Stock Judging competitions on Sunday 7th April at

Old House Farm, Newhaven, SK17 0DY by kind permission of the Flower Family.

Entries received from Ashover, Derby, Bakewell, Buxton and Belper - are

there any more entries? The marks from both competitions go towards the

Rally! Equipment for the fence erecting will be provided, so we need to

know how much to order, however any team entered which fail to arrive will

be charged for the cost of the materials.

New Member - Congratulations to Jo Billings, Southern Region Field Officer

and Adam on the birth of Albert born 11th March.

NFYFC Competition Semi-Final results: Hope Valley's team in the Brainstrust

was placed 3rd and Buxton YFC in the Entertainment are through to the

National Final with Lydia Slack being awarded the trophy for the best

actress. A very well done to both clubs!

Other Organisations

Rural Youth Trust - Applications for Grants through the Rural Youth Trust

need to be with <mailto:sandra.bromley@nfyfc.org.uk>

sandra.bromley@nfyfc.org.uk by no later than Friday 29 March to be

considered at the next meeting on the 16 April. The application form and

criteria is on the link [<http://www.ruralyouthtrust.co.uk/apply-to-ryt>](http://www.ruralyouthtrust.co.uk/apply-to-ryt)

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The British Guild of Agricultural Journalists and John Deere hold a training

course for potential agricultural and horticultural journalists. The John

Deere Training Award is primarily aimed at graduating students keen to find

full-time work in the agricultural and horticultural media, and at

journalists or public relations staff who already have less than 12 months'

practical work experience. There are 10 full places available on this

annual five-and-a-half day course, which is in two parts. Deadline for

applications is Friday 29th March. Further details of the 2019 training

course at

<[https://www.gaj.org.uk/sites/gaj/files/media/documents/2019-01/Application%](https://www.gaj.org.uk/sites/gaj/files/media/documents/2019-01/Application%25)

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[https://www.gaj.org.uk/sites/gaj/files/media/documents/2019-01/Application%2](https://www.gaj.org.uk/sites/gaj/files/media/documents/2019-01/Application%252)

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Young Farmers Festival - My name is Rose Watson and I work at Farmers Weekly

and we are very excited about the Young Farmers Festival to celebrate

Britain's young farmers. The Young Farmers Festival will be held 2nd - 5th

May at the Offchurch Bury Estate, Leamington Spa, CV32 7UA.

We are keen to get as many YFC members to the event as possible so have

worked with the NFYFC to offer an early bird discount of £125 per person

until 31st March. I am contacting you to give you an additional offer; if

you can organise a group booking of 10 more from your club then you will

receive a free ticket to the Young Farmers Festival for yourself. To do

this you will first need to go to

<<https://www.fwi.co.uk/ms/events/young-farmers-festival/getting-here/?cmpid=>

EMP|MEDF|PACON-2019-05-UK-YFF19UKYFC> fwi.co.uk/yff select a quantity of at

least 10 tickets and I will then refund you the price of one ticket. There

will be a number of sporting activities that YFC's can participate in such

as tag Rugby 7's, Dodgeball and the Wolf Run Challenge. If sports isn't

your thing you can sign up for Farming's Take Me Out and go on a date or to

British Farming's Got Talent where you or members of your club can compete

to win a chance to perform at the Farmers Weekly Awards. For a full list of

activities and entertainment that will be happening over the weekend you can

visit the website here:

<<https://www.fwi.co.uk/ms/events/young-farmers-festival/getting-here/?cmpid=>

EMP|MEDF|PACON-2019-05-UK-YFF19UKYFC> fwi.co.uk/yff . We really hope that

the festival is a massive success for all young farmers and hope to see you

there dancing to our headline DJ's BBC Radio 1's Scott Mills, Chris Stark

and Greg James. If you have any questions please contact

<mailto:Rose.Watson@proagrica.com> Rose.Watson@proagrica.com

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YFC Forthcoming Dates !

April:

Thursday 4th - Finance and Management Committee, Matlock Meadows, DE4 2JG

Friday 5th - Pleasley YFC Dinner and Dance, The Hostess, Sookholme, NG12 8LL

Friday 5th - Waterhouses Winking Man Do Winking Man, Upper Hulme, ST13

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Saturday 6th - Staffs YFC Spring Fling Disco, details on Facebook page

[<https://www.facebook.com/events/415626569178258/>](https://www.facebook.com/events/415626569178258/)

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Sunday 7th - Fence Erecting and Dairy Stock judging, Old House Farm,

Newhaven, SK17 0DY bkp of the Flower family

Friday 12th - Closing date for Rally Entries

Friday 12th - Ashbourne YFC Spring Fling, Royal Oak, Mayfield, DE6 2BN

Sunday 14th - Derby YFC Charity Tractor Run, Dishfields Farm, Sutton on the

Hill, DE6 5JA

Wednesday 17th - EMA Eliminator: NFU Senior Speaking, Brackenhurst Campus,

NG25 0QF

Thursday 25th - Closing date: Junior and Senior Quizzes

Saturday 27th County Rally, Holly House Farm, Shottle, Belper, DE56 2ED bkp

of the Dilks family

June:

Saturday 22nd County Mid-Summer Ball

July:

Monday 15th - Monday 22nd July host family required for a young lady from

Norway

October:

Friday 11th County Dinner and Dance

Please note the Derbyshire YFC website is:

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

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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