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

**Derbyshire YFC Weekly Update!**

YFC Travel - There are still some spaces left on the volunteering trips on the YFC Travel Programme: Costa Rica – 2 places and Sri Lanka – 1 place; the new application form is attached.  Details for the trips are on the NFYFC website. For anyone interested in applying, it 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.

Competition Entries:

**Entertainment competition** on **Sunday 24th February** entries received from Buxton and Ashbourne are any other clubs doing this competition? We need to confirm the length of hire time for the venue!

**County Competitions Day** on **Sunday 3rd February** - After Dinner Speaking entries received from Ashbourne, Bakewell, Buxton, Derby and Pleasley, the toasts and draw will be issued by the end of the week, so if any other clubs are entering I need to know today (Monday).

Junior Reading entries received from Buxton and Pleasley **The book for the junior reading competition is ‘Beethoven ISBN 0-14-036364-5.’**

Closing date **Friday 18th January** for Senior and Junior Member of the Year, Situation Vacant, Choir and Ballroom Dancing, entry forms attached.  Regional eliminators will be held for Junior and Senior Speaking and Brainstrust – regional secretaries should forward their entries immediately following the competition.

Smalley YFC extra-ordinary meeting on **Wednesday 16th January** at 8.00pm at the Rose and Crown, Brailsford to discuss the future of the club

Caravans at Cleethorpes – if any clubs are struggling to find accommodation then there is still 4 x 6 berth and 1 x 8 berth caravan still available at a cost of £80 per person, contact Eastmidsareayfc@hotmail.com

**Other Organisations**

 Shooting Simulator - BASC is offering the possibility of their ST2 Marksman shooting simulator coming to club and county events.  The simulator gives new shooters an enjoyable introduction to an exciting sport or if you already shoot it can help improve your shooting technique to increase success in the field and competition.  The offer is subject to the simulator and BASC staff being available on requested dates and BASC is particularly encouraging winter bookings. If you would like to take up the offer or find out more please contact Hannah Davies at BASC Hannah.Davies@basc.org.uk / 01244 573 000.

Farm Safety Messages - Partners in the Farm Safety Partnership (FSP) are committed to helping reduce farm work place fatal accidents by 50% by 2023. The FSP partners are launching a safety campaign in 2019 focusing attention on four of the top causes of farm work place fatality and injury.

The aim of the campaign is to highlight changes that can be made by farmers to farm work place behaviours which if implemented have the potential to significantly improve the safety record of agriculture and save lives often at minimal cost.

The themes for 2019 are:

Transport – January - March

Livestock –  April - June

Children – July - September

Falls from height – October - December

The focus on transport launched on 8th January at Lamma and a new NFU Vehicle Health Check Guide has been released to help farmers maintain and use vehicles safely and comply with the law. Copies of the guide are available to download from the NFU online.  NFYFC is also urging YFCs to deliver the Farm Safety Curve training in their clubs this membership year to raise awareness of farm safety. The farm safety Curve module, developed with Yellow Wellies, is one of the first initiatives to specifically target young farmers and was launched to help challenge and change the behaviours of the next generation of farmers in the UK.

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

**January:**

**Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th** Jane will be attending the annual NFYFC Staff Conference

**February:**

**Friday 1st** closing date for EMA Weekend Entertainment Packages

**Friday 1st until Monday 18th** County Office closed for annual leave.

**Saturday 2nd** Staffs YFC Turnout Ball

**Sunday 3rd** County Competitions Day

**Monday 4th** East Midlands Area Committee meeting

**Thursday 7th** Executive committee meeting and approval of Rally Schedule

**Thursday 7th** County trophies (including Rally trophies) to be returned to either County Office, Hannah G-C, Drew Bailey or Ruth Rastrick before or at the Exec meeting

**Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th** EMA Train the Trainer - Mount Cook, Wirksworth.

**Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th** East Midlands AGRI weekend at Bakewell Market and Chatsworth Estate.

**Friday 15th** Hope Valley YFC Valentines Winking Man Do

**Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th** NFYFC Council Meeting

**Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th** NFU Conference

**Sunday 24th** County and EMA Entertainment Competition

**March:**

**Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd** EMA Weekend at Cleethorpes - Fancy Dress Theme is **‘On Safari’**

**April:**

**Saturday 27th** County Rally

**June:**

**Saturday 22nd** County Mid-Summer Ball

**October:**

**Friday 11th** County Dinner and Dance

**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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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