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

**Derbyshire YFC Weekly Update!**

EMA Training Techniques on **Friday 18th – Sunday 20th January** at Conkers, Rawdon Road, Moira, Ashby. DE12 6GA.  The theme for the weekend will be ‘Social Media, Behaviour and Event Management’.  The course is free of charge for four members per county, any members who would like to attend should complete the attached booking form and return to County Office ASAP, places will be issued on a first come basis.

Competition Entries - Clubs planning on entering the Entertainment competition on **Sunday 24th February** should forward their intention to enter form (attached)by **Friday 11th January.** County Competitions Day is on **Sunday 3rd February** at Lady Manners School, Bakewell.  Closing date for entries is **Friday 11th January** for After Dinner Speaking and Junior Reading and **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.  **The book for the junior reading competition is ‘Beethoven ISBN 0-14-036364-5.’**

Field Officers Meeting on **Thursday 10th January** at Matlock Meadows, the President and Vice Presidents are also invited to attend

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

East Midlands AGRI Weekend - ‘Take Control of Your Future’ - **Bakewell Market, Agricultural Business Centre, 9 February 2.00 – 6.00 pm and Chatsworth Farm Visit, 10 February 9.30 – 12.00 pm.** A regional AGRI event for YFC members to meet and discuss future farming and rural topics. Workshops, debate and enjoy some food, drink and a farm walk.  Guest speakers and panellists include: Warwickshire YFC member **David Goodwin** - conservation farming, **David Howlett** – (Chatsworth Farm Manager) from farm to retail, Derbyshire young farmers **Ben Thornley and Kate Wainwright**- start farming from scratch but stay healthy, **Peter Cooper** (A Focus on Nature) - conservation collaboration and **Gordon Corner** (NFU Regional Director) - what lies ahead for farmers?  **You can book tickets via the NFYFC Facebook account** : [**Take Control of Your Future event**](https://www.facebook.com/events/276801929672689/)and there are options for attending part or the whole programme

Fancy Dress Theme for Derbyshire members on the Saturday night at Cleethorpes will be **‘On Safari’** .  The result of the votes in the Facebook Poll is On Safari 38, I’m a Celebrity 28, Cavemen 23 and Tarts and Vicars 22.

**Other Organisations**

 Live & Local Derbyshire - I work for Live & Local, a Rural Touring Company, that puts on theatre, music and dance in village halls, churches in rural Derbyshire. The link to our online brochures for Live & Local Derbyshire: <https://issuu.com/liveandlocal/docs/live___local_derbyshire__spring_sum>

Would you be able to pass this on to members of the federation please? We also have physical copies of the brochures. If you would like some please do not hesitate to contact me: Mollie Davidson, Marketing & Communications Assistant, Live & Local, Tel: (01926) 402173, [liveandlocal.org.uk](http://www.liveandlocal.org.uk/)

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

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

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

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

**Saturday 2nd February** Staffs YFC Turnout Ball

**Sunday 3rd February** County Competitions Day

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

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

**Thursday 7th February** 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 February** EMA Train the Trainer - Mount Cook, Wirksworth.

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

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

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

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

**Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd March** EMA Weekend at Cleethorpes

**Saturday 27th April** County Rally

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

**Friday 11th October** 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)

***Jane Smith***

***County Administrator***

**Derbyshire Federation of Young Farmers’ Clubs**

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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