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

**Derbyshire YFC Weekly Update!**

Ashbourne, Belper, Hope Valley and North East **please** will you return your **club/regional officer return form** and after tonight please will North West and Southern forward their forms.  A copy of the regional officer return form is attached.

Please will Ashbourne and Belper return the ‘Members **Member Award’** nomination form asap and also Ashbourne, Bakewell, Barlow, Belper and Buxton need to return their **club of the year** nomination form.

**National Young Farmers week** is a great opportunity for your Club to attract new members.

Here are some last minute ideas to help you support the week:

1. Use the hashtag #NationalYoungFarmersWeek in all your social media posts and always tag @NFYFC and @NatWestBusiness. We’ll be following these tags so we can help promote your posts more widely and also monitoring the reach.
2. If any of your clubs are hosting new members’ nights, encourage them to share posts with NFYFC and any photos. We can help promote these too.
3. Release interesting facts about your County – such as how many members you have, oldest clubs, events you host annually and so on.
4. Share links on social media to how people can join one of your County’s clubs.
5. Use the template press release to help share positive messages about your County with the local press.
6. Use the social media assets made available to you in the National Young Farmers’ Week toolkit.
7. Use the YFC is.. thought bubbles to write in, take a photo and post on social media.
8. Engage with NFYFC’s posts by RT-ing, sharing and commenting on them.

Look out for the five YFC Meme finalists that we will be sharing every day on social media. The winners of this competition will get £300 for their club.

**County Committee AGM’s** on Thursday 3rd October at Matlock Meadows.  A copy of the agenda and last years minutes are attached.  We will also be approving the 2015/2016 accounts

**Business and Tenancy Training for Young Farmers -**  NFYFC and Savills, supported by Defra, have teamed up to offer five regional business and tenancy training events. The offer is open to YFC members and associate members at a subsidised price of only £10 and refreshments are included. Come and join like-minded young farmers for an afternoon of AGRI enlightenment!

Mount Cook Adventure Centre, Porter Lane, Middleton, Matlock, DE4 4LS

**Friday 8th November** from 15:30 to 20:00

The link to book tickets: [www.nfyfc.org.uk](http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/)

Thank you to the club and competition secretaries who attended the club officer training yesterday, I hope you found it useful!  It was asked that I forward a coloured version of the **risk assessment form**, this is attached.  If there are any other documents you would like me to share then please contact county office.

The **pre-Rally Beef and Sheep stock judging** will be held on **Sunday 20th October** at Sitch Farm, Wormhill by kind permission of the Mosley family.  The live pig and carcase judging will be at Redferns but we are awaiting confirmation on the date.  The closing date for entries is **Thursday 10th October** and the entry form is attached.

**NFYFC Cookery final** results – a fantastic 12th place for Olivia Slack, Emily Tropman and Christie Temporal from Pleasley and the **Floral Art results** – Alice Priestley 26th, Beth Rains 28th and Tara Foster 22nd

Future Dates!

**October**:

Thursday 10th – Executive Committee Meeting, Matlock Meadows

Friday 11th -County Dinner and Dance, Morley Hayes

**November**

Friday 1st **-** YFC Travel trips 2020 Deadline to apply.  Selection Day is Saturday 30that the Woodland Grange Hotel in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Friday 8th - Business and Tenancy Training for Young Farmers at Mount Cook, Wirksworth

***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

Friday 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Thursday evening 8.00pm – 10.00 pm