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

**Derbyshire YFC Weekly Update!**

Happy New Year! Hope you enjoy your celebrations tonight!

Fancy Dress Theme!  We need to decide on a fancy dress theme for Derbyshire members to wear at the EMA convention in Cleethorpes.  Clubs are asked to make **one** suggestion to County Office by **31st December** there will be a Facebook poll in January.  Suggestion received so far is ‘Tarts and Vicars’.

YFC Travel 2019 - there are some places still  available on the volunteering trips to Costa Rica and Sri Lanka, the RYE Study Session and Autumn Seminar.  Applications will be on a first come first served basis and everyone will be in place by **Monday 7th January**

Leek YFC New Year Party on **Friday 4th January** at the Winking Man, Upper Hulme, ST13 8UH

#YFCSki19 – **Saturday 5th–Saturday 12th January 2019**, Belle Plagne, France. The fancy dress theme for the day is ‘animal outfit’ and for the night is ‘back to school’

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.

County Dinner and Dance will be on **Friday 11th October** at Morley Hayes.

**Other Organisations**

Shepherd Competition - details attached of our upcoming NSA Central Region Next Generation Shepherd competition at Bakewell market, Derbyshire on **Thursday 24th January**

TB Advisory service December newsletter attached and link: <http://www.tbas.org.uk/2018/12/21/december-newsletter/?fbclid=IwAR3g5gm-tX04HrSyjKuoBME1TQBc1ar9TZIkPT71COocr_lZBUPgeShCcXo>

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

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

EMA Train the Trainer course is being held on **9th and 10th of February 2019** at the Mount Cook Adventure in Derbyshire.

East Midlands AGRI weekend - **9th and 10th of February 2019** at Bakewell Market and Chatsworth Estate. Discussion, industry speakers and farm/diversified business walk and visit.  Further details will be available shortly.

If you are in possession of a County trophy (including Rally trophies) it needs to be returned to either County Office, Hannah G-C, Drew Bailey or Ruth Rastrick before or at the Exec meeting in February.  This is so they can be valued for insurance purposes.  If they can all be  returned on time they will be returned to the holders as soon as the valuation has taken place.

Discounts for YFC members on Sheep Shearing courses - British Wool is offering 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.  A two-day course is £80 (plus VAT).  The closing date for applications is **30 March 2019**. Please contact Alison Gould on 01647 24804 or 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.

Due to the NFYFC AGM and Competition finals the County Rally has been brought forward to **Saturday 27th April.**

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

**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