

Weekly Update 15th November 2021

Upcoming Meetings

The County AGM will be held on Thursday 18th November 2021 8pm at Anthony Gell School, in the main Hall, Wirksworth, Matlock. Agenda, welcome letter and last year's minutes and are in the Resources section of the County web site. Ask your Secretary if you need the password. All signed up DFYFC members are invited to attend.

Here are a few words again about why people made their proposals for Vice Presidents and President so that you can discuss who your club will vote for at the County AGM. Remember to make sure your club AGM reps know to attend.

President

Peter Winfield nominated by Ruth Rastrick - Peter has been an active member of Derbyshire for years. He is a past county chairman and Vice President. He has recently handed over his longstanding role as Health And Safety Officer. In north east he is a valuable resource for competitions and we can always rely on him to coach our Public Speaking Teams. He is always an active member and attends meeting especially when chip cobs are available. Peter will be a great President and one which I know will be reliable and there for all events when asked. For all of these reasons and many more I propose Peter as our President.

Vice Presidents:

Helen Statham proposed by Alice Morley. - I propose Helen as Derbyshire County Vice President, Helen is always there to help with any advice or if you are stuck with any problems within young farmers. She is a massive help to Derbyshire YFC and all members within it with her experience and knowledge with going through from club to county!

Andrew Critchlow proposed by Alice Morley. - I propose Andrew Critchlow as county Vice President as he is a massive help always to Myself and Hope Valley Young Farmers he is always at the end of the phone with any help and advice. And will be a real asset to Derbyshire YFC.

Rebecca Spray proposed by Joe Cottrill. - Rebecca spray is a lifelong member of YFC taking on every role on the way she is always at county meetings to guide and advise and in my opinion would make a very deserving and helpful Vice President.

Caroline Westwood proposed by Ruth Rastrick - Caroline has been an active part of Pleasley Derbyshire And National Young Farmers. She is an assist to Derbyshire helping organise events judging and advising North East on issues. She is always reliable of help is needed and will always attend meeting when she can. She has been a great Vice President in the past and if elected will continue to do so.

Dave Clayton proposed by Helen Seward - Dave has always been an active member of Pleasley Young Farmers and is always willing to help us out. Hosting our bonfire at his farm and helping organise other events, like our race night. Dave is a well-known and well-liked character in the young farmers community and is always there to offer a helping hand. Especially over the past year, Dave kept spirits up on our bi-weekly zoom meetings and has continued to support Pleasley and Derbyshire Young Farmers into our new year.

Isabelle Rodgers proposes Sue Hall. Sue, a long-standing supporter of our county federation and continues to do so! Needless to say, she was a member of nearly every club in Derbyshire. She Joined

Pleasley as a 13 year old and started Public Speaking and lots of other competitions as a Junior. When she was 18 went to Teachers Training College at Retford and joined there for three years as well as a member in Pleasley. When she was 21 her love led her to be a member of Barlow so joined there and was Secretary then the first girl to be Chairman. She later became Club Leader during her time she was National Chairman. She had Lots of good times at Barlow and won the Rally for the first time. After this time she moved to Belper and eventually she became Club Leader at Belper- She then later moved to a farm near Ashbourne and both her kids were Club Secretary there and she became Club President. Sue would be an excellent addition to the Derbyshire committee as a Vice President. - Sue has always played an active role in Young Farmers including judging competitions and attending events to support members! Sue is always on hand to give advice and support and nothing is ever too much trouble!

E&A Committee Meeting - Thursday 9th December, at The Duke William 8pm.

Upcoming Competitions

EFW Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st November, Stafford Show Ground

National Stockjudging – Clubs please remind Under 18s families to complete the jotform permission forms emailed to them by NFYFC if not done so already. Well done to all those going through to the National Finals and to the Staffs event. National Finals take place on Saturday and Sunday.

Staffs competition is on the Sunday.

County Competitions Day - Sunday 6th February 2022. Please see the Derbyshire County Competitions programme for events that are taking place. (in Resources of the County web site)

Entries are due to be sent in to County Office at the latest 2 weeks before so this will be Friday 21st January 2022

Upcoming Events

Derby Snow Ball 21st November at Pride Park 8.30pm. See Derby facebook for more info. Advisable to book tickets beforehand as no guarantee of tickets on the door this is a popular event.

Buxton Ball 17th December

News

From Cameron, a Senior Producer at KMTV. We are currently producing a factual television series along with the British Film Institute and the University of Kent. It's called Generation Genome and is a six-part science series on genetics targeted at a 11-14 -year-old audience.

Each episode will have two parts. The first half will present a genetic theme (e.g. fertility, food production, genomic health, ancient DNA, science versus science fiction) and introduce a question for critical analysis. Effectively, this half will be a short documentary. The second half will be a Question Time styled debate with a young audience and a panel of experts (scientists and non-scientists including psychologists, faith leaders, human rights advocates, politicians, lawyers, medics etc.).

One of the episodes is called Growing Genomes, and in it we will examine the role of genetics in food production, and how it can possibly solve issues surrounding hunger and sustainability in the future.

We are working on producing a short package as part of the episode which highlights how genetics comes into play in agriculture, specifically in breeding livestock, and are working with Dr Navaratnam Partheeban to discuss the science around this area. We are looking for young farmers, between the ages of 11-16, who would like to be on camera to explore these topics with Dr Partheeban.

They would need to be available for a filming slot of between 4-5 hours in November or December and willing to have a small crew of 3-4 people come to their farm. We would film them showing some of the tasks they get up to on the farm as well as discussing the role of genetics in agriculture (a knowledge of these genetics is ideal but not essential as Dr Partheeban will go into the finer detail here).

The series will be released on KMTV and through the BFI platforms in 2022, before being distributed as a KS3 resource in schools across the UK. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have and can be reached at camtucker@kmtv.co.uk or 07808 632873. I would also be happy to arrange a Zoom call if you prefer.

Charity DKMS. My name is Emma, I work at GLW Feeds and when I can I volunteer for the charity DKMS.

I'm writing to you to enquire if Derbyshire YFC would be interested in participating in an event I'm planning at GLW Feeds for the charity.

About DKMS: Our mission is to help every blood cancer patient in need.

DKMS is an international charity dedicated to the fight against blood cancer and blood disorders – always with the purpose of providing as many patients as possible with a second chance at life.

GLW vs Blood Cancer

We'd like to take the opportunity to raise awareness of the blood stem cell register, and what it means to join - to be on standby to cure someone's cancer and save their life.

The event is a registration event/donor drive for the blood cancer charity DKMS. You may have heard of other charities such as Anthony Nolan, we have the same aims.

If you're interested in getting involved, I'd like to hear from you. I could support you in holding a registration event at your club. Emma Lund

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The law on trailer test requirements has NOT yet altered

The government announced in September that the law will change so that the B+E entitlement (needed to drive heavier weight trailers behind a car) is automatically awarded to all holders of a class B license and that the requirement to pass a practical B+E test will end.

The change was part of a package of measures intended to free up driving examiner time and allow examiners to do more HGV tests to reduce the HGV test backlog.

DVSA stopped doing B+E tests on 20 September but the legal requirement to hold a B+E licence and to have passed a practical test for drivers remained unchanged.

The government planned to change the law by 15 November. However, this hasn't happened after a delay in Parliament.

It is not clear yet when the law will be changed but it will not change on 15 November.

Until the law is changed if you fail to follow the rules you could be fined up to £1,000 and get six penalty points.

Competition Results

A fantastic day had by all at the County Sports Day!

A great effort was put in by all clubs, and here are the results and the teams going through to represent the county at East Midlands Area! 🏆

Ultimate Frisbee 🥏

🏆 1st Place: Derby

🥈 2nd Place: Bakewell

Rush Hockey 🏑 🏠

🏆 1st Place: Belper/Ashover combined team

🥈 2nd Place: Derby

Dodgeball 🏈

🏆 1st Place: Hope Valley

🥈 2nd Place: Ashbourne

Huge well done to every single member who competed and represented their clubs so well today!

You should all be very proud of yourselves ❤️

County Office Usual Office Hours

Monday 9.30am – 3pm, Thursday 9.30am – 12pm & 7pm – 10pm, Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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