

Weekly Update 21st March 2022

Upcoming Meetings

- 🌸 **F&M Meeting - Thursday 14th April 2022**, at The Duke William at 8pm.

Upcoming Competitions

- 🌸 **EMA Sports** These competitions will be held on Saturday 7th May, venue TBC.
- 🌸 **NFU Public Speaking** There are two teams entered from Derbyshire, Laura Poole, Amy Brittain-Carlidge and Shona Sutherland and Isobelle Rodgers, Miranda Smith and James Gregory-Campeau. Good luck to you all!

News

🌸 **NFYFC is 90!**

More details to follow, including the link to purchase tickets when available.

🌸 **Rally**

This years' Derbyshire County Rally is to be held on Saturday 14th May, 2022 at Harley Grange, Earl Sterndale, Buxton, SK17 0EP by kind permission of the Hodgkinson family. Entry forms are now out via google forms, the link has been circulated by e-mail and messenger and is open until Saturday 30th April, 2022.

🌸 **RYE European Rally**

We are delighted to announce that applications are now open for the [European Rally 2022](#). The event will be held in Nienburg, Germany from 31st July to 7th August 2022 and is entitled "***Shaping Future - dialogue for sustainability in rural areas.***"

A team of YFC members will be selected to represent YFC in England (Wales FYFC are eligible to send their own team to the Rally) and meet with like-minded individuals living in rural communities all over Europe. Applications are to be sent via Jotform. Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by a panel of judges in May 2022.

Why should YFC members attend?

- To meet many new people from all over Europe and find new friends
- To discuss with likeminded individuals, and gain a deeper understanding of sustainability and climate change
- To have a great time

Participants should:

- Be aged 18-30 years
- Be an active YFC Member
- Be willing to work on topics like sustainability and climate change

Deadline for applications: **May 6, 2022**

Any body interested please contact Stacey at County Office and she can forward the link to apply.

🌸 **AGRI Building Skills Event (final event)**

YFC AGRI invites young farmers, next generation colleagues and new entrants to **Future Farming, Building Skills** : *look, listen and learn* at the Allerton Farm Project Farm, Loddington, Leicestershire. There are **30 free places on offer** so just sign-up to secure your place. Open to YFC members, next generation groups and new entrants.

When? 10.00 am – 3.00 pm, Saturday, 21 May 2022 – *lunch and refreshments provided*

Where? Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust's (GWCT) Allerton Project Farm at Loddington, Leicestershire, LE7 9XE

What? -Explore what new business skills are needed for farming and land management businesses to adapt and thrive

- Farm walk
- Discuss the new market trends
- Share ideas and information with next generation colleagues
- Consider what you will do next to help your business or career progress

Sign-up: <https://form.jotform.com/220933269075358>

Parental consent: <https://form.jotform.com/220933189103351>

Peak Farmers Group – A message from the Farming Life Centre:

We wanted to let you know about the new Peak Farmers Group which we are helping to facilitate.

The new group is entirely farmer driven and all of its events are based on ideas put forward by a steering group made up of commercial farmers from within the Peak District.

The aim of the group is to host a series of events and publish a regular newsletter to help all farmers in the Peak District keep up to speed with, and prepare for, the many changes ahead while creating opportunities for you to find out what's new in the industry that could benefit you and your farm business.

There will be opportunities for farmers to learn about new funding and grant schemes as well as innovative methods and techniques through farm walks, field trips, discussion groups and talks. The group will also provide some social events and create opportunities for local farmers to meet, share ideas and learn from one another.

The key focus is to give you access to as much knowledge and information as possible and give you a clear understanding of the opportunities available to help make your farm business as commercially viable, sustainable and resilient to change as possible.

All of the events will be free to attend and open to all farmers in the Peak District and surrounding area. Events will take place both in the daytime and evening in the hope that the group can be accessible to all.

Forthcoming events include:

- Tuesday 26th April, 11am - 2.30pm, Flagg Hall Farm, Buxton - Farm Walk: How to grow grass for less - Looking at improving grazing efficiency and grassland management. Explore the benefits of herbal leys and Spring whole crop. Hear from Rusty Mycock and Kate Phillips on improving grazing efficiency and optimising output across dairy, beef and sheep systems. Learn about current opportunities for farmers looking to reduce inputs and costs from Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer Mark Taylor. Pie and pea lunch included, all welcome.
- Tuesday 7th June, 7.30pm – 9pm, Massey Feeds Holmes Chapel Mill – Mill Tour: Gain a glimpse into the world of animal feed manufacture. Hear about Massey's sustainable ruminant feeds with no palm kernel or soya products – a UK 1st! Supper and transport included. All welcome.

To join the Peak Farmers Group, for more information or to book a place/s on any of our future events please don't hesitate to get in touch (Anybody needing contact details please contact Stacey at DFYFC). You can also keep up to date with our latest news by following the group on social media (Facebook and Instagram), by searching for Peak Farmers Group.

Langford Vets

Langford vets held a zoom session on Alpacas and the run up to birth. A copy of the video will be available at www.langfordvets.co.uk/farm/client-meeting-videos/

Pleasley YFC Charity Tractor Run & Fete

Saturday 16th April 2022. Tractors to arrive at 10am. Starting and ending at Wards of Troway (S21 5RU). BBQ, raffle, games and more to follow the tractor run. £15 per tractor and driver, £5 per passenger. Drivers get a free bacon cob.

Raising money for Yellow Wellies Mind Your Head campaign, if you are unable to attend but wish to donate use the link: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/pleasley-yfc-tractor-run?utm_term=xZgbRjBRw

 **Derby YFC Annual Charity Tractor Run**

Sunday 17th April, 2022.

Meeting at Dishfields Farm, Sutton on the Hill, Ashbourne, DE6 5JA from 9.30am. (By kind permission of the Bale family)

£15 per tractor and driver, £20 with passenger including breakfast cob and tea/coffee

Setting off at 10.30am on route that ends at Thurvaston Farm, Thurvaston, Ashbourne, DE6 5BL. (By kind permission of the Hammersley family).

Dyno machine, bar, burger van, mini digger challenge and Coldeaton Jersey Ice cream available after the tractor run.

All money raised is being split equally between Rural Action Derbyshire and Dementia Friends.

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