

Weekly Update 17th January 2022

Upcoming Meetings

- 🌸 **Exec Committee Meeting - Thursday 10th February 2022**, at The Duke William at 8pm.

Upcoming Competitions

- 🌸 **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 to County Office by this Friday; Friday 21st January 2022

Competitors need to have been a member 1 week before the competition

If any regions have held qualifying rounds already, please forward those results to the County Office.

Member of the year synopsis's and situation vacant CV and covering letters need to be submitted by **Sunday, 23rd January 2022**.

News

- 🌸 **Skegness 2022 (11th-13th March)** – Booking forms are now with club officers and need to be completed and returned with money by Friday 4th February 2022.
- 🌸 **Meeting ideas:** Any clubs wanting to complete **Curve** modules, please contact Drew Bailey, Helen Statham or County Office. Any clubs wanting to book the **County Roadshow** please contact Joe Cottrill.
- 🌸 **Belper YFC 80th reunion** will be held at Hulland Ward Village Hall on 9th July, 2022. Please spread the word to any past members to save the date, mor details to follow.
- 🌸 **Half price sheep shearing training:** YFC members can save 50% on the cost of training towards a Blue Seal qualification through NFYFC's discounted scheme with British Wool.

The offer from British Wool means members of NFYFC only have to pay £105 (includes VAT) for a two-day course, which is 50% off the standard course fee of £210 (includes VAT). It's an essential qualification for any YFC members wishing to take part in the NFYFC Sheep Shearing competition but is also ideal for anyone wanting to improve their shearing skills.

The two-day shearing course will cover all the essentials for a successful shearing season and includes:

- An introduction to shearing
- Health and safety and the use of shearing equipment
- Demonstrations and hands-on practice.
- One-to-one support by an instructor.

To be eligible to take advantage of this offer you must be a current member of a Young Farmers' Club affiliated to NFYFC within England and Wales, and not have attended a course previously.

British Wool is also offering wool handling courses to YFC members for £60 (includes VAT) for one day's training from a top competitive wool handler.

To reserve your place, contact a British Wool Regional Co-ordinator, before the closing date, 31 March 2022. Emma Jagger, 01274 688666. [Emma Jagger](#) or Richard Schofield, T: 07966 291618.

You will need to give your name, address, date of birth and YFC membership card number.

- 🌸 **Group visits to GWCT Allerotn Project Farm:** If your clubs, county or area are looking for a group activity, up to 60 free places are available for a day at the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust's (GWCT) Allerton Project Farm. There are three of the free visits available for


YFC groups of up to 20 members and the visit includes informal training, lunch and a farm walk.

The sessions, which run from 10am-3pm, must be used between January and March.

The GWCT Allerton Project, in Loddington, Leicestershire, is an award-winning research and demonstration farm which offers visitors the opportunity to learn how healthy soils, clean water, biodiversity and stored carbon will all be a part of the future farmed landscape.

Please apply for a group space by contacting [Sarah Palmer](#).

YFC AGRI visited the project earlier this year and you can [see more about it here](#).

 **IFYFC AGM 2022:** The draft agenda for IFYFC's Annual General Meeting and the call for motions for the agenda have been published online.

The first draft of the agenda for the AGM 2022 [can be found here](#).

Submitting a motion

IFYFC Clubs and County Federations are invited to put forward a motion to be added to the agenda and be debated at the meeting.

IFYFC Clubs, County Federations and the IFYFC Council are encouraged to put forward motions for debate. Please note as per the Standing Orders of the IFYFC, IFYFC Clubs, County Federations and the IFYFC Council only can put forward motions to the AGM meeting.

Please consider relevant topics and encourage your members to put forward motions, as it would be good for the IFYFC to debate a topic of current interest to young people living and working in rural England and Wales.

Topics discussed at the Annual General Meeting are not only limited to the administration of the organisation or IFYFC subscriptions. Motions can also be about topics that interest young people living and working in rural England and Wales, agriculture and rural industry, the countryside and conservation, planning, rural transport, social media, employment, housing etc are a few examples of topics of interest to our members.

IFYFC members can contact the IFYFC Centre for more information or to discuss a motion they would like to put forward.

How to submit a motion

Motions should be addressed to James Eckley, Chief Officer. IFYFC, IFYFC Centre, 10th Street, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2LG (envelopes marked 'Private & Confidential') or sent via email directly to [Sandra Bromley](#) on or before the deadline of 14 February 2022.

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