

## Weekly Update 14th March 2022

### Upcoming Meetings

- 🌀 **F&M Meeting - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022**, at The Duke William at 8pm.

### Upcoming Competitions

- 🌀 **EMA Sports** These competitions will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, venue TBC but likely to be Riseholme, Lincolnshire.

### News

#### 🌀 **Congratulations!**

Fantastic turnout at Skegness for EMA competitions weekend. Derbyshire A won the Eric Bust trophy for overall points. There were a number of first places:

- Junior member of the year (Emily Henshaw, Buxton)
- Junior Reading (Ruby Astley, Kaci Buckley and Hayley Fairfax, Hope Valley)
- Junior Public Speaking (Adam Dakin, Emily Henshaw and Joseph Mycock, Buxton)
- Intermediate Brainstrust (Will Gratton, Joseph Mycock, Ben Broadley and Archie Perry, Buxton)
- After Dinner Speaking (Andrew Gregory-Campeau, James Gregory-Campeau, Laura Pool and Joanne Mosley, Buxton and Charlotte Atkinson, Ashover)
- Senior Member of the Year (Charlotte Atkinson, Ashover)

Other members did very well with Chloe Ann Street from Pleasley coming second in Situations Vacant and Hope Valley coming second in the choir and 5<sup>th</sup> in the cheerleading.

Derbyshire B competitors were also strong but unfortunately Derbyshire B didn't have entries in all competitions.

Behaviour over the weekend was on the whole very good although it was disappointing that members of a couple of Derbyshire clubs felt the need to try and swap wristbands and get others in who weren't members.

Stacey and Drew would be interested to hear peoples' feed back on the weekend to take to the next EMA meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

#### 🌀 **YFC Training Day**



### **Building Skills Project – YFC Training Day**

*Supported by Defra*

### **Programme**

**26 March at the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust's (GWCT) Allerton Project farm at Loddington, Leicestershire, LE7 9XE**

**10.00 am Introduction - Sarah Palmer, NFYFC**

## Project aims

The [YFC AGRI Building Skills project](#) (in association with the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust [GWCT]) and supported by Defra funding offers one-day group visits for informal training.

The first part of the project (discussion and planning) was held in June and the online Fit for Future Business Guide will be launched imminently and available for all. Your bespoke day is for discussion, exploration of topics, a farm walk and overview of the Allerton Project. Topics will include: habitat creation & conservation, biodiversity; Conservation & Regenerative agriculture; water; soil; agroecology; Integrated Pest Management; the future policy and support landscape. Questions to consider:

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

-what are the new market trends?

- how can I help share information with next generation colleagues?

-what will I do next to help my business/career progress?

### What we'll achieve today

-see first-hand farming and land management under emerging policies

-find out what's missing, but necessary to know

-determine what advice or help is currently needed.

### 10:15 am **Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT)- what we do, why we do it, why this is relevant for your farming future**

Joe Stanley, GWCT's Head of Training and Partnerships

### Considerations and quick discussion before the farm walk

#### Are we asking the right questions?

- What skills do you need in your future business?
- Do you need to think local to affect global?
- Trade deals: good, bad and the ugly facts (what's the point of enhanced environmental and welfare standards if we import from around the world from producers with poorer standards?)
- Can we afford sustainable farming?
- Scheme today, gone tomorrow? Will the money last?

### 12:00 pm **Lunch**

### 12:30 pm **Farm Walk**

- Water friendly farming; soil; agri-environment schemes and habitat creation; agro-forestry; soil, woodland & hedgerow carbon, natural capital
- GWCT's approach to regenerative & conservation farming and research into action for a carbon credit scheme.

### 2:45 pm **Group Q&A and summary – What the next generation can deliver**

### 3:00 pm **Depart**