

GLOUCESTERSHIRE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

75th Year

Newsletter - 6th January 2012

**WE HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT
CHRISTMAS AND WOULD LIKE TO WISH
YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND
PROSPEROUS 2012.**

SWA

To attend SWA you must be a member by Friday 27th January or you will not be able to go. Forms are available on the website.

QUIZ, Senior & Junior

Friday 27th January at the Gala Club, Fairmile Gardens Longford, Gloucester, GL2 9EB. Time: report 7pm for 7.30pm start prompt. **Entries close on Friday 20th January.** Rules and entry forms are on the website.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Wednesday 8th February at Agriculture House, Gloucester. Time: 7.30pm. **Entries close and CV's must be handed in on or before Friday 27th January.** Rules and information are on the website.

NATIONAL AGM CONVENTION

This year's Annual Convention is at the Riviera Centre, Torquay. Friday 27th – Monday 30th April 2012. Letters will be going out with the information shortly, but please contact/email the office if you are interested in attending. You must be a member before 16th March 2012 and over the age of 18 to attend.

STREET DANCING WORKSHOP

We need boys and girls for SWA Street Dancing. There is a workshop at Agriculture House on Saturday 14th January, 3pm – 4.30pm. All welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Becky Hewlett for being selected for NFYFC Discovery Under 18 Nordic Youth Camp.

RALLY DATES

Pre Rally Sunday 22nd April 2012
Stock & Carcase Sunday 6th May 2012
Rally Saturday 2nd June 2012

Entries for Pre Rally & Stock & Carcase will be on Wednesday 4th April 2012

GFYFC FRIENDS QUIZ

All welcome to the GFYFC Friends Quiz taking place at Sherdons Golf Centre on Saturday 14th January, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £10 per person to include supper.

NFYFC DISCOVERY SELECTION DAY

12th February 2012, the Quality Hotel, Coventry (in conjunction with Council Weekend). Just a reminder that the closing date for applications to be with NFYFC is Friday 14th January 2012 – further information and application forms can be found at: www.nfyfc.org.uk/discovery

Places available:

Spring Seminar (Hungary), 1 place 15th-22nd April
Austria, 2 places, 4-6 weeks 29th June
Northern Ireland, 1 place, 6th – 20th May
Scotland, 1 place, 11th-24th June
Germany, 1 place, 2 weeks – June-July 2012

NFYFC NEWS – FROM ONCE WEEKLY

Campaign for the Farmed Environment (CFE) YFC Competition

A new competition aimed at encouraging young farmers to learn more about the Campaign for the Farmed Environment (CFE) has been launched by farming Minister Jim Paice.

YFC members are tasked with choosing a farm currently outside of agri-environment schemes and to then look at ways the farm could support the CFE. Members will have the opportunity to increase their knowledge of environmental management and to win some fantastic prizes

1st Place - £500 and CLA Student Membership for 1 year

2nd Place - £300 and tickets to 2012 CLA Game Fair

3rd Place - £100

(All prize money kindly donated by Masstocks Farm Consultancy)

All teams taking part will receive a free bag of wild bird seed mix from Kings Seeds to give to their chosen farm.

To find out more details and state your intention to enter, please visit the competition webpage www.cfeonline.org.uk

EBLEX EVENT

Please find attached details of the 2 day event. EBLEX Optimising Lamb Production and Profit. 19th and 20th January 2012 – The Bridge Hotel, Walshford, Wetherby, LS22 5HS.

FEBRU-HAIRY

Sue Ryder have just launched a fundraising campaign called "Febru-hairy". For more information please visit www.sueryder.org/febru-hairy or call 01242-246162

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE – GREAT DAFFODIL APPEAL 2012

The Great Daffodil Appeal is the flagship fundraising event for Marie Curie which runs during the months of February and March. They would be thrilled if any Young Farmers' Clubs were able to help. The contact is Catherine Butt, Community Fundraiser, Marie Curie Cancer Care, catherine.butt@mariecurie.org.uk

NFYFC COMPETITION RULES 2011/12-once weekly

The rules for the 2011/12 Competitions year have now been put onto the website in a new format which we hope you will find easier to use. This gives the Venues, Descriptions and Dates and you only need to click the rules to download them – please let us have your comments on the new layout.

To note that any previous amendments that have been circulated for clarification have now been amended on these rules www.nfyfc.org.uk/Competitions/competitionsrules2011-12.

DATES FOR JANUARY

- Tues 10th** Tenpin bowling competition, Stroud,
- Thurs 12th** Panto practise, 7pm Ag. House
- Sat 14th** Street Dance Workshop 3pm -4.30pm
Agriculture House
- Sat 14th** Friends Quiz, Sherdons Golf Centre,
7pm – 7.30pm start
- Wed 18th** Finance & GP Meeting, 8pm, Ag House
- Thurs 19th** Panto practise, 7pm, Ag. House
- Fri 20th** ***Entries close for quiz competition***
- Fri 27th** GFYFC quiz night, 7pm, Gala Club,
Longford, Glos
- Fri 27th** ***Must be a member by this date if going to SWA***
- Fri 27th** ***Entries close for Member of the Year***
- Mon 30th** Rally WP meeting, 8pm, Ag. House

DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- Thurs 2nd** Panto Rehearsal, 7pm Highnam
Village Hall
- Wed 8th** Executive Meeting, 8pm, Ag. House
- Wed 8th** Member of the Year, 8pm, Ag. House
- Thurs 9th** Panto practise, 7pm, Ag. House
- Thurs 16th** Panto practise, 7pm, Ag. House
- Fri 17th** **SPRING FLING, Berkeley**

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