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Get set for summer

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Wading in for charity

by NFYFC chairwoman Helen Roberts

It was great to see you all taking part in, and watching, the competition finals, and catching up with old friends and news from around the federation at the convention in Torquay. You can find news and photos from the convention online at www.nfyfc.org.uk/annualconvention.

The event also gave some of you the chance to meet my challenge for you to raise £150 per club for my chosen charity, the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI).

NFYFC president Lionel Hill waded in wearing his wellies during the weekend. You also raised cash as you made your way there in a variety of novel ways, some of you cycling hundreds of miles, like members of Kent YFC.

There are loads of fun ways to help raise money for RABI – from sponsored car washes to coffee mornings, and you can make your contribution through the donations page I have set up. Find out more at www.nfyfc.org.uk/charity. You can also leave a message for RABI there, so keep up the good work and drop us a line about your efforts.



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My year in office as NFYFC chairwoman is passing very quickly and I have enjoyed visiting many of the county and area events so far, as well as a number of unique opportunities, including attending Cornwall YFC's wonderful carol service at Truro cathedral and the Beautiful Farm Awards ceremony hosted by Lord Palmer at the House of Lords, where TV chef James Martin presented the awards to the winning businesses.

Looking ahead, over the summer months, the council will be investigating how we can ensure members under 18 play a bigger part in the decision-making of the organisation.

I am also looking forward to visiting the new venues lined up for our competitions programme this year and to seeing you all there.

Helen Roberts



(Left) Emma Pheasey
(Above) Emily Johnson

Gaining through training

NFYFC's drive to improve standards at national level received a boost thanks to successes by events officer Emily Johnson and receptionist Emma Pheasey.

Emily achieved NVQ levels two and three in business administration, and Emma level three in the

same subject, through the government's Train to Gain programme.

Operations manager James Eckley says: "Improved skills mean improved services to members and counties, so a big well done to both of them, and also for completing the qualifications ahead of schedule."

The Train to Gain scheme offers many funded NVQ opportunities suitable for both YFC members and staff.

Contact Jo Bouchard on joanne.bouchard@nfyfc.org.uk if you are interested in finding out more about boosting your skills in a host of business subjects.

Strengthening the organisation

by board of management chairman
Chris Lloyd

The organisation continues to move forward, and the first meeting of the newly restructured board of management in March saw the new member representatives and specialists introduced to their roles and receive training on the structure of NFYFC and the responsibilities of the board.

Its first task was to review the format of the existing agenda to ensure that, going forward, the board's focus is on strategic planning rather than operational decision-making.

NFYFC is also delighted to announce two new additions to the team at Stoneleigh.

Newly appointed CEO Diane Calvert joins NFYFC on

1 June after running her own company for the past four years.

Recent assignments have been with a utilities company, the Youth Hostel Association and engineering companies. Prior to that Diane, who lives in Sutton Coldfield, was CEO of a national women's charity.

Filling the role of development team manager from 1 May is Jamie Whitehouse, who joins us from Coventry City Council, where he has worked in the management and development of green space.

Jamie lives in Birmingham and has previously worked as a property manager with the National Trust and as a landscape manager at De Montfort University.

I'm sure you will all join me in wishing them both every success in their new roles and I know you will make them both very welcome.

Your YFC, your way



by Wales YFC CEO
Nia Lloyd

Wales YFC is proud of its democratic structure, and in January, representatives from all 12 county federations travelled to the Wales YFC Centre to take part in the Your YFC, Your Say consultation day. The day was organised to give members the opportunity to voice their opinions on

communication, membership and the structure of the organisation in Wales.

These discussions were the first stage of a wider review of the work that Wales YFC does and will help to shape its future development over the coming decade.

Consultation also took place between Wales YFC and county staff who, together, have vast knowledge and experience of how the organisation operates. All the thoughts and comments

from the consultation sessions are now being collated and all county YFCs will have the chance to vote at our June council meeting on which proposals to take forward and put into action.

However, this is not the end of the Wales YFC review, as we want this to be an ongoing process. If you have any thoughts on how you would like to move our organisation forward, please feed into the relevant committee or contact the Wales YFC Centre.



Tim completes his first task

Challenges prove to be a cut above



by Wales YFC chairman
Tim John

The Welsh county federations have been keeping me busy with the challenges they were invited to set me to raise money for Kidney Wales Foundation.

I'm pleased to say I have already completed the first of the tasks set for me by

Carmarthenshire, which challenged me and five of its members not to shave or cut our hair from January until the Wales YFC field day in April.

As if that wasn't a hair-raising enough experience, I've also been tasked with learning to read in Welsh, rafting across the Menai Strait and the river Usk, attempting a tractor pull at a Brecknock show and cycling around every club in one of the county federations.

I welcome all the support I can get as I undertake each challenge in the coming months and anyone wishing to sponsor any of my endeavours can visit www.everydayhero.co.uk/challenge_tim to chip in.

I'd also like to wish you all every success as you compete in your county rallies during the forthcoming weeks and I look forward to seeing you all at the Young People's Village and the Royal Welsh Show in July.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS PARTNERSHIP

NFYFC is working on a new partnership with drinks giant Diageo to help promote alcohol awareness.

The project, which saw the company undertake responsible drinking promotion work at the convention last month, will also lead to bar server training for members, and an alcohol awareness programme for under-18s in the form of a drama production.

RIGHT ON!

The personal development steering group put forward a motion at the AGM for the federation to acknowledge the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The committee is now working with the Children's Rights Alliance for England, which will lead to club level training and information packs.

NEW TRAINING LIBRARY

Six new training sessions, which can be delivered at club, county or area level, are being developed.

The two-hour modules for the NFYFC Training Library will cover marketing to new members, networking, understanding change, how to be a winning team, basic accounting and communication.

Development of the training was funded by Defra, and marketing sponsorship from NatWest Bank is being discussed. The library will be available from NFYFC from June.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The NFYFC 2009 annual report is now online at www.nfyfc.org.uk/resources



Championing rural youth

The agriculture and rural affairs steering group is helping YFC members to shape the future of the farming industry. ARAC's Katherine Sealy explains why it is important that members make their views known on a host of issues



By ARAC chairwoman Katherine Sealy

As this year's agriculture and rural affairs (ARAC) steering group chairwoman, I pick up the legacy from those who have held the post before me in striving to maintain this organisation's keen interest in agriculture and rural life.

With our network of members and supporters, and industry and government connections, the ARAC steering group members also champion opportunities for young people and do our bit to give rural youth a say.

Our current ARAC manifesto, available online at www.nfyfc.org.uk/araforum, spells out what we consider to be hot topics for YFC members, and we have been seizing every opportunity to tell industry and policymakers what we do and what we want for the future. There have already been plenty of opportunities to do that so far this year.

I teamed up with barrister Andrew

Densham to debate the subject of early retirement for farmers at this year's Oxford Farming Conference, and joined NFU president Peter Kendall to discuss future food security at the recent NFU conference.

Our input and support for the AgriSkills strategy led on well to discussions with supermarket representatives at the IGD Skills Summit in March. NFYFC involvement in both events put young people centre stage in shaping the future of farming and it is becoming clear that YFC is an organisation that leads the way in encouraging skills, training and personal development.

I was also honoured to be among the speakers at the 2009 NFU Tenants' Conference, discussing the issues that young people face in the competitive market of securing a farm tenancy, and highlighting our

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proactive work by providing tenancy training for YFC members. That work will continue later in the year through those tenancy training events, which are delivered in partnership with Savills and the Tenant Farmers Association.

We are also urging YFC members to get behind the Campaign for the Farmed Environment. We got the ball rolling with a tour of a beacon farm in Hertfordshire during a regional link day in April, aimed at broadening understanding of the campaign and ensuring its success – it is vital that everyone in farming shows willing in order to prevent a return to the set-aside legislation this voluntary scheme replaces.

We hope the link day tour encourages county members to organise similar events in their own areas or join in with those scheduled already. More ideas and events promoting the campaign are available online at www.cfeonline.org.uk.

Our surveying and research into subjects such as rural housing will continue, and many of our key topics, including business planning and succession, are also linking in well to the work of the Fresh Start academies, which many YFC members are part of.

With future Common Agricultural Policy



ARAC vice chairwoman Milly Wastie at the NFU Tenants' Conference

NFU president Peter Kendall

Share your ideas

It is important that we have your feedback so our key representatives are equipped to speak on your behalf.

If you feel strongly about any farming or rural issues, drop NFYFC a line at sarah.palmer@nfyfc.org.uk so your input can be passed on, or contact your NFYFC industry representatives below.



COUNTRY LAND AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CLA)

Hannah Skingley and James Mugleston are your Country Land and Business Association (CLA) representatives.

Hannah sits on the CLA agriculture and land use committee, which covers a range of agricultural and rural topics and is attended by CLA members and industry experts. James sits on the CLA's business and rural economy committee (BREC), which formulates policies that CLA lobbies on, to enable rural economic development to reach its full potential.

Contact Hannah at hannah.skingley@carterjonas.co.uk, and James at JMugleston@savills.com.

TENANCY REFORM INDUSTRY GROUP (TRIG)

TRIG includes representatives from the major agricultural industry bodies including the NFU, CLA, Central Association of Agricultural Valuers (CAAV) and Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). Your YFC representative is Louise Elliott ([lelliott@savills.com](mailto:l Elliott@savills.com)).



NATIONAL FARMERS UNION (NFU)
NFYFC vice chairman

James Chapman is your national NFU representative. James attends NFU council meetings on your behalf and can be contacted on james.chapman@nfyfc.org.uk.

More information about your YFC industry representatives is available online at www.nfyfc.org.uk/yfcindustryreps.



NFYFC at the NFU conference



The CLA Game Fair

Competition entry deadline

The deadline for entries in this year's NFYFC farm business development competition is 21 June. Download an entry form from www.nfyfc.org.uk/farmbusinessdevelopment.

This year's case study farm is in Shropshire and two more visits will be organised for competition entrants

during May and June. All entrants who submit their business proposal will receive tickets to the CLA Game Fair, where the awards ceremony takes place on 24 July.

Winners are also awarded scholarships for the 2011 Oxford Farming Conference.



ONLINE RESOURCES

Visit the NFYFC website to access ARAC resources for club use including the Rural Housing guide, How to Make a Difference guide and the ARAC section of the Club Programme guide, all found at www.nfyfc.org.uk/resources.



OPEN DAY

The Royal Agricultural College open day is being held at the college in Cirencester on 31 May and will feature an NFYFC stand, plus Gloucestershire YFC will be showcasing YFC activities.



Trailer licence guidance and details of training providers are available online at www.nfyfc.org.uk/agrihelp.

(CAP) reform raising its head, a YFC group travelled to Brussels in March to start discussion of the issue among YFC members. An overview of the lobbying role of the NFU, the workings of the EU Parliament and a chat with a couple of MEPs in the know gave us a good start.

We then invited some experts to our ARAC Forum at the annual convention in Torquay to chew the fat over Europe, affordable housing, and business planning; and your concerns and hopes for the future will be fed back to industry and government from that.

We hope that you continue the discussion now in your own counties by hosting events in your clubs, and inviting your MEP and other organisations, and sharing your ideas.

While the aim of our work is ultimately to represent you, we also want to encourage further action from YFC members. Stand up to be counted, and make sure that your views are heard.



Summer school

Agriculture and rural affairs steering group chairwoman Katherine Sealy will be representing NFYFC at this year's Prince of Wales Food and Farming Summer School. The residential course is being held between 14-16 July at the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester. The invitation-only event, which includes a gala dinner hosted by HRH The Prince of Wales at Highgrove, offers delegates a chance to discuss current issues in food and farming and features presentations by renowned agricultural industry figures.

competitions & events

Let's get this show on the road!



By competitions chairman
James Sage

Operations manager James Eckley, competitions officer Gemma Bryon and I will be stopping off around the country for a busy summer of refocused competitions at some fab all-new venues. Take a whistle-stop tour with us here...

The announcement that the 2009 Royal Show at Stoneleigh was to be the last, and that the Dairy and Livestock Show was moving to Birmingham's NEC, gave NFYFC a golden opportunity to review the competitions programme and venues used.

News soon spread, and kind offers flooded in from willing hosts up and down the country. A lot of work has gone into investigating new shows and events in order to maximise public exposure of YFC activities, select venues that are easily accessible to members competing, and also offer fun and interesting days out for the friends and family coming along to support them.

We now need much more time to organise our activities at these events because we are coordinating with external agencies.

Those competitions that have already taken place – beef and sheep live and carcass judging at Countryside Live, Harrogate, in October 2009, and senior and young carcass judge of the year at the English Winter Fair, Stafford, in November, have already proved successful and the Staffordshire event will host all of those finals next time.

Annual convention remains the venue for performing arts and pub quiz, and this year saw the relaunch of the senior member of the year competition as senior YFC ambassador to better reflect the role the successful winner will play in promoting YFC.

Next up will be the interviews for the farm business development competition.

Previously held at the Royal Show, these will remain at Stoneleigh at the beginning of July, but announcement of the winners and presentations will move to an exciting new venue at the CLA Game Fair on 24 July.

Elements of September's senior stockman of the year competition are being refocused. We are working closely with the vets to ensure the veterinary element meets the daily needs of working stockmen and women.

The Dairy and Livestock Show itself is very early this year, and we appreciate that it is also being held on the first week of the new school term. Its suitability going forward will be under scrutiny, so please let us have your feedback. The NEC does enjoy fantastic travel links though, and we hope members are looking forward to visiting Birmingham.

One of the largest of the late summer shows, Berkshire's Newbury Show offers NFYFC very high public exposure to showcase its ATV safety and handling competition and the tug of war finals. It is also very easily accessible for those competing and a good day out for supporters.

This is the first time the staged accident and safety competition elements have been incorporated into the ATV challenge, and it fits in well with other safety awareness work and the current emphasis on it within the agricultural industry.

The last weekend in September sees us return to the Malvern Show for the cookery and floral arts finals, held there for the first time last year and hugely popular. From the

very positive feedback, I know members are looking forward to us going back for what was a great family day out in a lovely setting.

Last year, floral arts was run as a team competition. This year we have returned to individual competition in response to member feedback. Floral arts remain a great way for our members to contribute to their YFC and local community events, as well as being a possible career choice.

The My Home County theme is also

perfect for the cookery competitions, presenting an ideal opportunity for some amazing culinary creations using local and regional foods while supporting the industry, and helping to prepare young people to live independently and eat healthily.

The theme also gives plenty of creative scope for the five elements of the county exhibit competition: a floral arrangement, county flag or emblem, local dessert or biscuit, four mounted photos and a decorated cake.

The NFYFC competitions team is back at Stoneleigh Park early in October as the competitions weekend returns to the venue for the first time since 2006.

The venue will greatly reduce travelling to NFYFC competitions, and will be the big event in the YFC calendar for you to come along and support your county.

The sports competitions will all be held on the Sunday at pitches and courts in Warwickshire, with the remaining competitions taking place on the Saturday, and a dance on the Saturday night.

The speaking competitions hone a vital skill that YFC members gain during their time

in the organisation and are known for outside YFC.

Junior public speaking is designed to give young members confidence to speak in public. The intermediate competition is a more light-hearted contest designed to bring in thinking on your feet, and senior debating and after-dinner speaking is where we expect to see a very polished performance, analytical thinking and teamwork skills vital for public speaking.

We are looking to make the junior reading competition a permanent fixture, and a new competition is being developed for the intermediate age range along the lines of BBC Radio 4's Just A Minute.

We are also working on next year's competitions programme, which was circulated to counties at the end of last year for feedback. There are still four weeks left to have your say, so don't miss your chance to contribute by contacting your county federation's council member.

We hope all the new venues will prove to be hospitable, so come along and enjoy them with us.



DIARY

National Agricultural Centre Stoneleigh, Warwickshire
6 July 2010
COMPETITION: Farm business development (interviews)

Country Land and Business Association Game Fair Ragley Hall, Warwickshire
24 July 2010
COMPETITION: Farm business development (awards presentations)

Dairy Event and Livestock Show NEC, Birmingham
7-8 September 2010
COMPETITION: Tue & Wed: Senior stockman of the year. Wed: Young stockjudge of the year, Junior dairy stockjudging, Intermediate dairy stockjudging, Senior dairy linear assessment.

Royal County of Berkshire Show Newbury Showground, Berkshire
18-19 September 2010
COMPETITION: Sat: ATV safety and handling. Sun: Tug of war (men's and women's).

Malvern Autumn Show Three Counties Showground, Worcestershire
25-26 September 2010
COMPETITION: Sat: Cookery (team). Sun: Floral arts (junior), (intermediate), (senior), County exhibit.

NFYFC Competitions Weekend Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire
9-10 October 2010
COMPETITION: Sat: Junior speaking, Intermediate Braintrust, Senior debating, Junior YFC member of the year, Fence erecting, My home county picture, Folk dancing, Rural apprentice in association with Sue Ryder Care, Junior farm safety, Metalwork. Sun: Mixed men's and women's 7s hockey, 15-17 volleyball, Under-14s badminton.

personal development

Great escapes



■ Summer residentials offer a host of benefits for YFC members – from a change of scenery and making friends, to gaining independence and achieving new goals. Whether it is a stay at an activity centre or a camping trip, thorough planning is key to making the holiday a success. Norfolk's countryside development officer Moira Harrison shares her tips for success

“Planned a year in advance, and with enough helpers, even a camping trip needn't be a headache, but my advice would be to book a licensed outdoor activity centre when planning your first residential,” says Moira.

“Decide on the age range you will be taking, and send out letters with reply slips to test interest. Choose a centre that offers the best activities for your group and let the members pick the activities they want to do,” she adds.

“Check the ratio of adult leaders to young people, and the centre and instructors' licences and qualifications. You should be given copies of their insurance information and risk assessments for all activities. Check the accommodation, make sure disabilities or additional needs are catered for, as well

as dietary requirements. You will need to do risk assessments for the journeys and if you intend to travel off-site during your stay.

“We got our young people to apply for funding which reduced the cost of the trip per person, and we collected deposits four months before departure.

“The venue provided much of the paperwork that we needed. It sent us a staff information pack, a kit list, a schedule of activities, a room allocation sheet and access to a private part of its website, which deals with risk assessments and the safety management system.

“Liaise thoroughly with parents; a parents' meeting is a good idea. Give them as much information as you can from the outset and keep them updated during the planning process and the trip itself. Provide a letter containing all the details of the trip, contact information and a website address for the centre, and the contact numbers of the main leaders.

“Obtain parental and photographic consent forms, emergency medical forms for both participants and leaders, and record details of any allergies that members of your group may have and medications they are taking.

“We organised NFU insurance for the journey, did a seat allocation plan for the minibus and were very strict in telling everyone what luggage would be

acceptable, and planning its safe storage.

“Copies of absolutely everything were left at the office for the base contact and we also had people in reserve to take over if one of us was taken sick.

“We established and agreed ground rules and acceptable behaviour with the group, and members know that they are representing the organisation. Policies are in place dealing with misuse of drugs and alcohol, and sexual activity, and we have a strategy to ensure any bullying or violence is dealt with by specific adults. All our leaders and regular helpers are CRB checked to ensure their suitability to work with young people and vulnerable adults.

“We uploaded photos from each day's activities so the young people could see their achievements during their stay. Evaluations were done on the journey home covering the accommodation, food, journey time, activities, and what they felt they had gained.

“We had a fantastic time. It is wonderful to see members come home with new confidence. They were so tired but so excited to see their parents and tell them what they had achieved. Residential do so much for their self-esteem that will stay with them, and they are so supportive of one another, and make friendships that continue long after. We also had polo shorts printed to create unity, and they still wear them.

“I would definitely encourage clubs to have a go. If you are meticulous in your planning, procedures and paperwork, there is little that can go wrong,” says Moira.

» Download a guide to planning a residential and a checklist for organisers from www.nfyfc.org.uk/resources, or contact the NFYFC youthwork team for advice.

Becky Bidewell and Moira Harrison (right)



Hyfforddiant ar gyfer cynllun yn unigryw Training event for unique lamb scheme

C ymerodd cyflenwyr ŵyn CFFI Cymru rhan mewn diwrnod o hyfforddiant yn Dunbia, Llanybydder, fel rhan o fenter ŵyn unigryw CFFI Cymru gyda Sainsbury's a Dunbia.

Mae'r cynllun yn caniatáu aelodau CFFI Cymru i gyflenwi siopau Sainsbury's drwy Gymru gyda chig oen Cymreig, ac yn cynnwys digwyddiadau datblygu er mwyn gwella sgiliau a gwybodaeth yr aelodau sy'n cymryd rhan.

Yn ystod y digwyddiad datblygu cyntaf, cafwyd hyfforddiant ar raddio ŵyn er mwyn eu danfon i'r lladdfa yn barod ar gyfer Sainsbury's gan Hybu Cig Cymru (HCC). Dilynodd yr aelodau'r ŵyn trwy'r broses o'u lladd, cyn eu graddio fel carcasai. Dilynwyd hyn gan daith o amgylch y ffatri ac arddangosfa bwtsiera gan Dunbia a thaith o amgylch y siop Sainsbury's newydd yn Llanbedr Pont Steffan er mwyn gweld eu cynnyrch gorffenedig ar y sillf.

Mae Sainsbury's wedi gweld cynnydd o 18 y cant mewn gwerthiant ers lansiad cig oen CFFI Cymru.

» Cysylltwch gyda swyddog materion gwledig CFFI Cymru Jenni Evans ar 01982 553502 am fwy o wybodaeth

W ales YFC lamb suppliers took part in a training event at Dunbia, Llanybydder, as part of the Wales YFC's unique lamb initiative with Sainsbury's and Dunbia.

The scheme sees Wales YFC members supplying Welsh Sainsbury's stores with Welsh lamb, and includes development days aimed at improving participating YFC members' skills and knowledge.

During the first development day, YFC members received training on live-to-dead grading of lambs for slaughter for Sainsbury's from Hybu Cig Cymru (HCC). They then followed the lambs through the slaughter process, before dead grading the carcasses. This was followed by a factory tour, a butchery demonstration by Dunbia, and a tour of the new Sainsbury's store in Lampeter to see their finished product on the shelf.

Sainsbury's has enjoyed an 18 per cent increase in sales since the Wales YFC-branded lamb was launched.

» Contact Wales YFC rural development officer Jenni Evans on 01982 553502 for more information

Gwahoddiad gan noddwr yr Eisteddfod

Mae noddwr Eisteddfod genedlaethol CFFI Cymru 2009, Ynni Gwynt Cymru yn cynnig cyfle i aelodau CFFI i ymweld â'i fferm wynt yng ngogledd Cymru.

Fe fydd yr ymweliad yn rhoi cyfle unigryw i weld y gwaith sy'n cael ei wneud er mwyn

ceisio ymateb i'r her o newid hinsawdd fyd-eang. Mae cyfarwyddwr rheoli Ynni Gwynt Eryl Vaughan hefyd yn cynnig rhedeg gweithdai a fydd yn rhoi trosolwg o'r gwaith sydd ynghlwm â phrosiectau tebyg. Cysylltwch gyda Jenni Evans am fwy o wybodaeth.

Invitation from Eisteddfod sponsor

Sponsor of the 2009 national Eisteddfod, Windpower Wales is offering Wales YFC members a chance to visit its wind farm in North Wales.

The visit will give a unique opportunity to see first-hand the work being done to help meet the challenge of global climate

change. Windpower's managing director Eryl Vaughan is also offering to run workshops to provide an insight into the work of such projects. Contact Jenni Evans for more information.



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ENILLWCH £1,000

Enillwch £1,000 ar gyfer syniad busnes a fydd yn diogelu eich dyfodol mewn amaethyddiaeth.

Y dyddiad cau ar gyfer Gwobr Ffermwr Ifanc Urdd Lifrai Cymru eleni yw 4 Mehefin, ac mae'r gystadleuaeth ar agor i aelodau arloesol sydd rhwng 16 a 31 mlwydd oed. I ymgeisio, danfonwch friff yn amlinellu eich syniad busnes a chynllun datblygu. Gwahoddir yr ymgeiswyr gorau i gyfweiliad a chaiff y wobwr ei gyflwyno yn ystod Sioe Frenhinol Cymru.

Am fwy o fanylion 01982 553502.

£1,000 UP FOR GRABS

Win £1,000 with a business idea that secures your future in agriculture.

The deadline for entries for this year's Welsh Livery Guild Young Farmers' Award is 4 June, and the competition is open to innovative YFC members aged 16 to 31, who have to submit a brief outlining their agricultural business and development plans. Finalists undergo an interview in the second stage and the award is presented at the Royal Welsh Show. More details on 01982 553502.

TAITH HAF I'R AELODAU IAU

Cyfle i gwrdd ag aelodau iau o bob cwr o Gymru yn ystod trip sydd wedi ei drefnu'n arbennig ar gyfer rhai o dan 18 mlwydd oed rhwng y 22-24 o Awst. Ceir fwy o wybodaeth o ganolfan CFFI Cymru 01982 553502.

SUMMER TRIP FOR JUNIORS

Meet junior YFC members from across Wales and make new friends on a trip planned for under-18s from 22-24 August in Cardiff. More information from the Wales YFC office on 01982 553502.



DJ Radio 1 Greg James yn edrych ymlaen at y Pentre'r Ieuenctid

Mae CFFI Cymru yn cydweithio gyda BBC Radio Cymru ar nos Sul y Pentre'r Ieuenctid, a gwelir tri band poblogaidd – enillydd brwydr y bandiau eleni ynghyd a Tebot Piws a Cowbois Rhos Botwnnog – yn perfformio ar y llwyfan.

Criw Dance Nation fydd yn codi'r to yn y babbell big ar y nos Lun. Mae'r tymheredd yn siŵr o godi pan fydd yr adnabyddus Ministry of Sound yng nghwmni sêr y byd dawn, arddangosfeydd gweledol rhyfeddod a dawnswyr tanboeth Dance Nation yn dod a'r rave mwyaf haf yn fyw i'r Pentre'r Ieuenctid. Yn sicr fe fydd hon yn noson i'w chofio.

Greg James, DJ Radio 1 sydd wedi ei gadarnhau ar gyfer y nos Fawrth, ac i lan y môr aiff pawb i barti traeth ac mae'r foam yn ôl unwaith eto.

Mae Greg yn edrych ymlaen yn mawr fynychu'r Pentref ac yn ddiweddar treuliodd diwrnod gydag aelod o CFFI Cymru er mwyn dysgu mwy am ffermio a mudiad y Ffermwyr Ifanc.

"Dwi'n edrych ymlaen yn fawr ac yn gobeithio fod pawb arall yn hefyd. Bydd y set yn cynnwys y caneuon gorau gyda ffermynnau Radio 1 ac ambell i gampwaith o'r gorffennol, rwy'n gado bydd llawer o hwyl i gael!"

"Rwyf wrth fy modd gyda phartion foam, er y tro diwethaf fe aeth y foam dros y lle i gyd a fu rhaid i'r cynhyrchydd Nick glirio'r llanast o'm hamgylch," chwerthynnodd Greg.

Gofynnwyd i Greg am ei ddiwrnod gyda'r CFFI, a soniodd ei fod wedi mwynhau'r profiad yn fawr ond nid oedd yn gwybod pwy oedd â'r swydd haws – DJ neu ffermwr.

"Mae bod yn DJ gyda Radio 1 yn well gan eich bod yn y cynhesrwydd. Fodd bynnag, gall ffermwr fod yn sarrug os ydynt mewn hwyliau drwg yn y bore ond mae angen i DJs fod yn hapus drwy'r amser."

Bydd yr hwyl yn dod i ben ar y nos Fercher gyda'r bandiau tribute y Stereotronics a'r Sleeves.

Mae'r holl ffurflenni a mwy o wybodaeth ar gael ar y wefan www.yfc-wales.org.uk

Radio 1 DJ Greg James is well up for it at the Young People's Village

Wales YFC is working with BBC Radio Cymru on the Sunday night of the YPV, when three popular Welsh bands – this year's Battle of the Bands winner plus Tebot Piws and Cowbois Rhos Botwnnog – will be taking to the stage.

Dance Nation Live is ready to tear up the YPV on the Monday night. The famous Ministry of Sound brand will be turning up the volume and taking the biggest rave-up of the year to the hottest party of the summer. Featuring the biggest dance stars, amazing visuals and hot Dance Nation dancers, this will be a night you will never forget.

Radio 1 DJ Greg James has been confirmed as the headline act on Tuesday night, when he will be hosting a beach party-themed night and a foam party.

Greg is already frothing with excitement at being at the YPV and recently spent the day with Wales YFC finding out more about farming and the Young Farmers' Clubs organisation.

"I can't wait and I hope everyone else will be totally up for it. The set will include

big old tunes with lots of Radio 1 favourites and some old classics, too. I promise it will be a lot of fun!

"I love foam parties even though the last time I was at one, the foam accidentally went all over the decks and the producer, Neil, was furiously mopping up all around me," Greg laughs.

Asked about his day with YFC, Greg adds that he really enjoyed the experience but couldn't say who had the easiest job – a DJ or a farmer.

"Radio 1 DJ is easier because you're in the warm. However, farmers are allowed to be grumpy if they are feeling bad some mornings, but DJs have to maintain their good spirits all the time on air."

The fun will be rounded off in style on the Wednesday night by tribute band the Stereotronics and the Sleeves.

Booking forms and more information online at www.yfc-wales.org.uk

Croeso i Gymru Welcome to Wales

Mi fydd lawer o sylw rhyngwladol ar Gymru eleni wrth i ni westeio Cwpan Ryder a Phencampwriaethau Cneifio'r Byd.

Ac i nodi hyn, penderfynodd aelodau CFFI Cymru mai Croeso i Gymru fyddai thema arddangosfeydd a chystadlaethau CFFI Cymru yn ystod Sioe Frenhinol Cymru sydd i'w gynnal rhwng y 18 a 22 o Orffennaf.

Y sioe yw'r digwyddiad amaethyddol fwyaf yng Nghymru a dechreuodd paratoadau'r CFFI ar gyfer y digwyddiad yn ôl ym mis Ionawr 2009, gyda'r pwyllgor gweithgareddau a rhyngwladol yn gosod y thema.

Bydd y pwyllgor hyfforddiant a hyrwyddo yn derbyn y dasg o hyrwyddo'r mudiad i'r aelodau a'r cyhoedd ac yn gyfrifol am addurno canolfan y CFFI.

Cyfrifoldeb y pwyllgor materion gwledig yn ystod yr wythnos bydd cynrychioli CFFI

Cymru mewn cyfarfodydd a derbyniadau gyda phartneriaid y mudiad, ac fe fydd y fforwm ieuencid yn cynrychioli'r aelodau iau drwy gynorthwyo'r is-bwyllgorau eraill drwy drefnu agweddau eraill o'r digwyddiad.

Bydd CFFI Cymru yn croesawu aelodau o'r UDA, y Ffindir, Gogledd Iwerddon, yr Alban a Chanada i'r sioe a byddant yn cael eu gwsteio gan aelodau a'u teuluoedd fel rhan o raglen rhyngwladol y ffederasiwn.

Llwyfan CFFI Cymru fydd canolbwynt gweithgarwch y CFFI, sef y man ffocws ar gyfer gweithgareddau'r CFFI, a cheir amserlen o weithgareddau'r CFFI yn ystod y sioe ar wefan CFFI Cymru www.yfc-wales.org.uk Bydd canlyniadau'r holl gystadlaethau yn cael eu hychwanegu i'r safle ar ddiwedd pob dydd.

Wales will be thrown into the international spotlight this year as it hosts the Ryder Cup and the World Shearing Championships.

And to mark this, Wales YFC members chose the theme Welcome to Wales for their exhibits and competitions being showcased at the Royal Welsh Show and Young People's Village from 18-22 July.

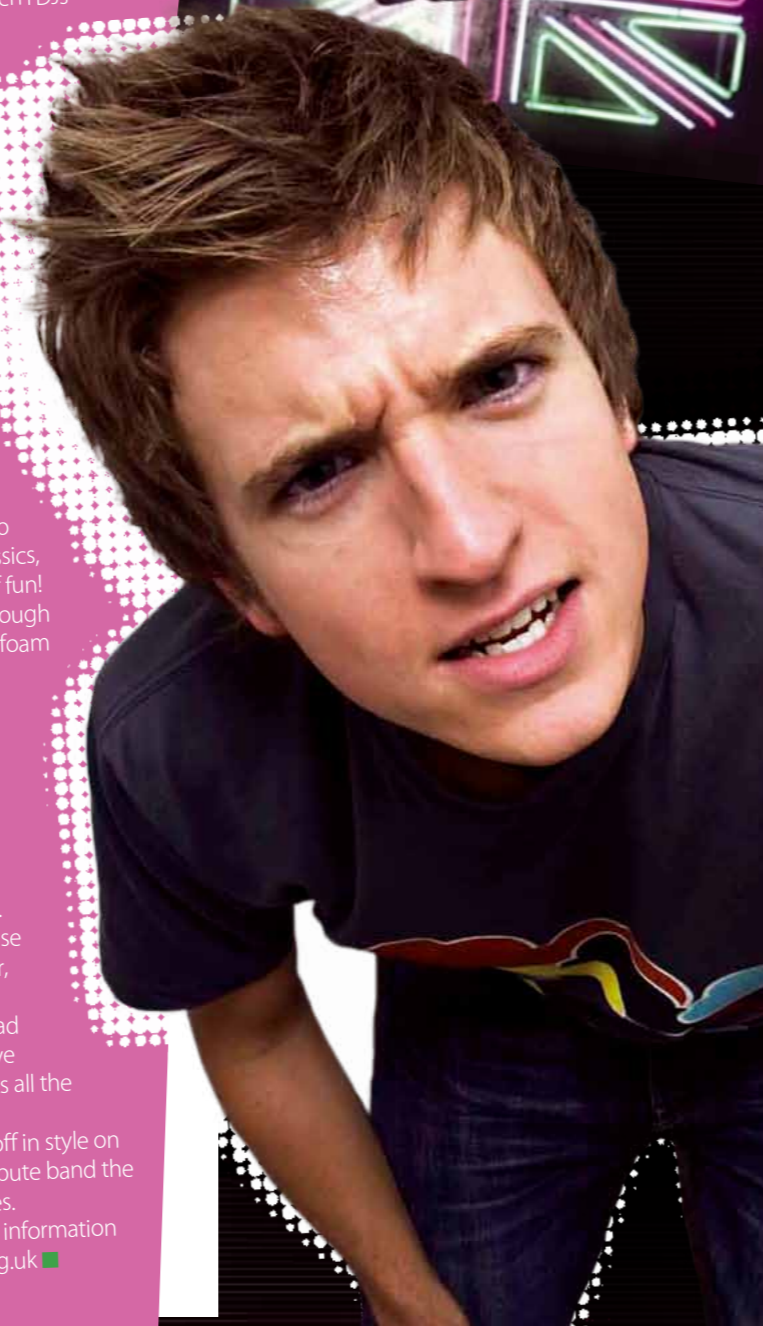
The show itself is the biggest agricultural event in Wales and YFC preparations for it started in January 2009, with the activities and international committee setting the theme.

The training and promotions committee, tasked with promoting the organisation to both members and the public will be responsible for decorating the YFC centre.

The rural affairs committee will be representing Wales YFC throughout the week at meetings and receptions with partner organisations, and the youth forum committee will be representing junior members by helping other sub-committees with organising aspects of the event.

Wales YFC will be welcoming exchange visitors from the USA, Finland, Ulster, Scotland and Canada to the show and they will be hosted by members and their families as part of the federation's international programme.

All eyes will be on the YFC stage which will be a focal point showcasing YFC activities, and a full timetable of YFC events at the show can be found online on the Wales YFC website at www.yfc-wales.org.uk. Competition results will also be uploaded to the site at the end of each day.



DEWCH I DDATHLU

Mae penwythnos y glas llawn digwyddiadau wedi cael ei drefnu dathlu dechrau blwyddyn newydd CFFI o'r 10-12 o Fedi ar Gampws Prifysgol Glyndŵr, Wrecsam.

Canolbwynt y penwythnos yw'r cyfarfod cyffredinol blynyddol lle bydd cadeirydd ac is-gadeirydd newydd yn cael eu hethol.

Bydd dechrau bywiog i'r digwyddiadau gyda band Oompah ar y nos Wener. Cynhelir y CCB bore dydd Sadwrn wedi ei ddilyn gyda nifer o weithgareddau hwyliog. Bydd y digwyddiad yn dod i ben gyda Gloddest y Glas CFFI.

Dywedodd Laura Hammond, cadeirydd pwyllgor Hyfforddiant a Hyrwyddo: "Rydym yn gobeithio bydd y digwyddiad yn rhoi cyfle gwych i aelodau i grwdd â chymdeithasu gydag eraill ar draws y wlad, a hoffwn annog yr aelodau i gymryd mantais o'r cyfle i fynychu digwyddiad hwyliog a chymdeithasol."



COME HAVE A BALL

An action-packed weekend is lined up to celebrate the start of the Wales YFC year at Freshers' Weekend from 10-12 September at the Glyndwr University Campus, Wrexham.

The weekend centres around the annual general meeting, where a new Wales YFC chair and vice-chair will be elected.

Events get off to a lively start with a band on the Friday night. Saturday will see the annual general meeting in the morning, then a range of have-a-go activities, and the event will close with the YFC Freshers' Ball.

Training and promotions committee chairwoman Laura Hammond says: "We hope this event will give members from across Wales an excellent opportunity to meet and socialise with others from all over the country, and I would like to encourage members to take advantage of the opportunity to attend a fun social event."



discovery



From Canadian cowgirl to Yorkshire pig farmer

East Riding and Brandesburton YFC's Angela Kirkwood enjoyed the trip of a lifetime to Canada with the NFYFC Discovery programme. Her experience proved to be life changing. Angela has since given up her sales job and gone to work on her family's farm. She shares the full story and photos of her three-month journey from Canadian cowgirl to Yorkshire pig farmer online at www.nfyfc.org.uk/travel.

"What an accolade to be selected to make this journey. After county selections, national selection interviews and finally, a seven-hour flight, I was in Toronto, Canada, at the start of an epic adventure.

"JFAO (Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario) is the YFC equivalent in Canada.

"During our visit we were to travel throughout the province of Ontario staying in a different county each week. It became apparent from the first evening that we would be treated like royalty.

"Each week we made new friends, stayed with different families and were confronted with challenging and fun-filled schedules of farm tours, sightseeing, junior farmer dances and barbecues. We visited a huge array of farms, from apple orchards to maple syrup growers, and I learned that Canadian farmers are under

the same pressures to improve farming methods and become eco-friendly.

"After our first six weeks of touring we were given a break week, so I hired a car and toured the Rockies. The second half of the trip was just as amazing: white-water rafting, kayaking, flying planes, night fishing, mud volleyball, waterskiing, drive-in movies and touring magnificent landmarks such as Niagara Falls.

"I had the time of my life and made friends around the world, and the opportunity is there for the taking for any YFC member through the Discovery programme.

"The trips range from weekend visits to Scotland to three-month home stays, so whether it's a working holiday in New Zealand, charity work in Kenya or European travel you're interested in, please give it a go. Read my full story and learn more about the Discovery programme online at www.nfyfc.org.uk/discovery."



Rise to the challenge

Don't miss your chance to join in a weekend of fun and adventure at this year's NFYFC leadership challenge course, exclusively for 16- and 17-year-olds, from 30 July-1 August at Longtown Outdoor Centre, in Herefordshire.

The former management adventure course has been renamed to better reflect the aims of the weekend: building on teamwork, leadership and communication skills.

Upton-upon-Severn YFC's Judith Harcombe, pictured below, who attended last year, says: "The weekend was incredible fun, and involved making friends, learning about ourselves and gaining new skills that have helped me develop in my role as club secretary.

"We were all nervous, not knowing what challenges were planned, but we all got stuck in, got muddy and had fun. I'd recommend it to any YFC member.

Booking forms are available from the NFYFC website at www.nfyfc.org.uk/training and should be returned to Jo Bouchard by 16 July.



NEW VENUE FOR STAFF CONFERENCE 2011

The Charlecote Pheasant Hotel, Warwickshire, will host next year's NFYFC staff conference from 9-11 February.

Feedback from this year's delegates will result in the conference being restructured to allow fewer but more in-depth workshops to be run in tandem. The new venue is able to accommodate parallel presentations, enabling staff to choose the sessions of particular interest to them.

Stress management expert Pat Endicott, a presenter at this year's conference, has offered to run sessions for YFCs. Information, booking forms and a link to her website can be found online at www.nfyfc.org.uk/staffconference.



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