



The Newsletter of
Lincolnshire Young Farmers

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DIARY DATES 2010



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| Sat | 6 | Corringham Ball—see the social page for more details |
| Sat | 6 | Ten Pin Bowling—see the last page for full details |
| Sat | 13 | Heckington's Valentines Race Night and Disco—see the social page for more details |
| Fri | 19 | Louth's Dinner Dance—see the social page for more details |
| Sat | 20 | Harmston's Dinner Dance—see the social page for more details |
| Sat | 20 | Spalding's Ball—see the social page for more details |
| Thurs | 25 | Action Teams and County Executive, Old Hall, Riseholme |
| Sun | 28 | Folk Dancing - Back On!!! |



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| Sat | 6 | Spilsby Dinner Dance—see the social page for more details |
| Sun | 7 | Drama—East Midlands Area Round |
| Thurs | 11 | Rally Meeting—Riseholme |
| Sat | 13 | Riseholme Dinner Dance—see the social page for more details |
| Fri-Sun | 19-21 | EMA Convention Weekend |
| Fri | 26 | Brigg's Fancy Dress Karaoke Disco—see the next Lincs Link for more details |
| Sun | 28 | Drama—Northern Area Round |



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County Office News

Message from County Office

February is a busy month for closing dates including the EMA weekend booking forms and those very important Rally entry forms, hopefully all the clubs will be busy choosing their best competitors to help their club bring home a trophy or two.

Well done to the members who took part in the speaking / member of the year competitions, it was great to see that Lincolnshire clubs have not lost the gift of the gab! Good luck to those teams going through to the EMA round in March.

Angela & Charlie

Office Opening Hours: 9am till 5pm Monday to Thursday
9am till 2.30pm Friday

View from Riseholme – February 2010 Foreign Fields and Lost Tools

How often do you have something which although it's not really required at the time, you tell your self – it may come in handy one day so I will put it away somewhere safe and it will be there when I need it but, when you want it, its mysteriously vanished.

Food or at least its production remains high profile in the media – the recent series by celebrity farmer Jimmy Docherty is a worthy addition to broadening our perspective on the future of agriculture and our reliance on it to feed the world. 'Jimmy's Global Harvest', while thin on high level technical detail, was an excellent whistle stop tour of a whole range of different farming challenges and how these farmers and growers had developed their ideas – the 50 combines in one field harvesting soya beans was a real eye opener. But what it does is show that the world is changing and the opportunities to see this change first hand are readily available. At Riseholme, we encourage students to investigate these opportunities via the YFC Discovery, Agriventure or other travel and exchange programmes. This is not just to provide an outlet for graduating students to inflict their newly acquired skills and knowledge on the unsuspecting world, but a chance to see and meet farmers and growers who may just do things differently.

Why the focus on the wider world and its link to the missing things? We have recently become involved in

Project Cornerstone which works to provide farm machinery to support small rural communities in Ghana, Africa. Part of the students work is to overhaul and prepare a number of tractors and machines for delivery to their new owners by the end of the year. The first machine is a Massey Ferguson 135 – a great little tractor but one we have not had in the workshop for quite some time now, hence the misplaced specialist repair tools. We have used the tools with students over the years but as the tractor fleet has developed the tools have not been needed – so have been put away. Apparently in a safe place!

As part of this work we are actively seeking funds to support two students to travel out to Ghana to help install the machines. I was involved in a similar project with Romania some years ago and those students who travelled out certainly found it an experience. So if you have any MF 135 parts you would like donate – they would be most welcome.

Time now to delve into the rear of the workshop stores to see what we can find, who knows what else may turn up that has been put some where safe. Apparently every one can remember seeing the tools but no one can tell where they are –strange that!

Steve Watson
Quality & Development Manager
Riseholme College

New Look to National's Website

Please visit <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk> and go to the 'Members' tab for useful information on Competitions, Discovery, Club Resources, etc.....

We currently have.....

440 MEMBERS IN LINCOLNSHIRE YOUNG FARMERS

Remember to be able to attend the EMA Dances you will have to be a current member!

Clubs & County Social Events



Corringham YFC Ball

In aid of Sue Ryder Care

Saturday, 6th February
at The White Heather, Caenby Corner
7.30pm for 8pm—carriages 1am

Superb 3 course dinner & coffee
Luxury Lincolnshire Raffle in aid of Sue Ryder Care
Disco

Dress Code—Black tie and Ball gowns
Tickets in advance only. Tables of 10.

Tickets £25 each—please contact: Victoria Elwess: 07764 740540
or Emma Stephenson: 07714 213087

Heckington YFC Valentines Race Night and Disco



Saturday, 13th February

Scredington Village Hall

7.30pm start, first race @ 8.00pm

Dress—Smart/Casual

Tickets £5

For more info contact Ellie on 07835 622580

Harmston YFC Dinner Dance



Saturday, 20th February

7.30pm for 8.00pm until 1am

At Norton Lodge

3 Course Meal

Black Tie and Cocktail Dress

Tickets £28 each

Tables of 10

For further details contact Harriet on 07545 502846
or Becky on 07753 587057



Louth YFC Annual Dinner Dance

Friday, 19th February

Beaumont Hotel, Louth

3 Course sit down meal & disco

Tickets £23.50

Contact Gilly Austin on 07832 197469



Spalding YFC Ball

Saturday, 20th February

at the South Holland Centre, Spalding

3 course meal, disco and band —“Magic Bullets”

Tickets £29.50 each

Further details will be available nearer the time

Spilsby YFC 'Lincolnshire Yellow Belly' Dinner Dance

Saturday, 6th March

At Franklin Hall, Spilsby

7-7.30pm till Midnight

3 course 'Lincolnshire Stuffed Chine' Meal

Live Music from the 'Baltic Donkeys'

Tickets £23 each

Dress Code—Lounge Suit & Cocktail Dress

Contact Adam on 07879 330116



Riseholme YFC Dinner Dance & Charity Auction

Saturday, 13th March

At White Heather, Caenby Corner
7pm for 7.30pm

In Aid of  *When you wish upon a Star*
Dream making for sick children

3 Course Meal
Tickets £25 per person
Tables of 10

Please contact Daniel on 07824 643118
or Lizzie on 07595 677305

To advertise your Club Event, please send details to County Office by the 27th of each month. Please remember before booking your event to check that the date is available in the County diary



Clubs & County Events & News

Meeting Dates 2010

Action Teams & County Executive

25/02/10 Old Hall, Riseholme
 08/04/10 Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa
 27/05/10 Old Hall, Riseholme
 08/07/10 Old Hall, Riseholme



Social Action Team meetings start at **7.30pm***
 Marketing & Development Action Team meetings start at **8pm***
 Exec meetings start at **8.30pm*** *(please note new times)

County AGM

28/06/10 Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa, **8pm** start

Rally / Show Planning Meetings

21/01/10 Castle Dyke Farm Conference Centre,
 Gipsey Bridge, Site meeting @ 7pm
 11/03/10 Old Hall, Riseholme
 22/04/10 Castle Dyke Farm Conference Centre,
 Gipsey Bridge
 03/06/10 Old Hall, Riseholme
 Starting at 8pm

Special Offer for Young Farmers

10% off all your favourite brands with your 09/10 YFC card at

First Clothing

4-6 North Street, Horncastle
 Brands include Joules, Musto,
 Weird Fish & Lazy Jacks

Speaking Competition Results

Junior Member of the Year

1st: Amy Sharpe—Horncastle YFC
 2nd: Lucy Marsden—Market Rasen YFC
 3rd: Jo Wray—Harmston YFC

Senior Ambassador

1st: Amy Scott—Market Rasen YFC
 2nd: Ollie Cole—Market Rasen YFC
 3rd: Sophie Inchley—Louth YFC

Junior Public Speaking

1st: Harmston YFC
 2nd: Market Rasen YFC

Intermediate Brainstrust

1st: Horncastle YFC
 2nd: Coningsby YFC
 3rd: Spalding YFC

Senior Debating

1st: Spalding YFC
 2nd: Louth YFC
 3rd: Wragby YFC



Exchange Weekend

Bridgnorth Young Farmers from Shropshire are looking for another club to share an exchange weekend with them.

They have approximately 25 active members aged between 18 and 26.

For further details and information contact David Wilkes on 07971 379047 or dcwilkes84@hotmail.com

TEN PIN BOWLING

Saturday, 6th February

Skegness Pier

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

£12.00 each

Price includes food and lazer quest

Closing date for entries was — 22nd January



If you would like your event to be included in the next Lincs YFC newsletter please send details to charrad@lincoln.ac.uk by the 24th February