

NOTTSYFC YEARBOOK

A tractor is the central focus, decorated with strings of multi-colored Christmas lights. A small, white, cat-like figure with a red collar sits on the front grille. The tractor's headlights are on, illuminating the gravel path ahead. The background shows dark trees and hedges under a night sky.

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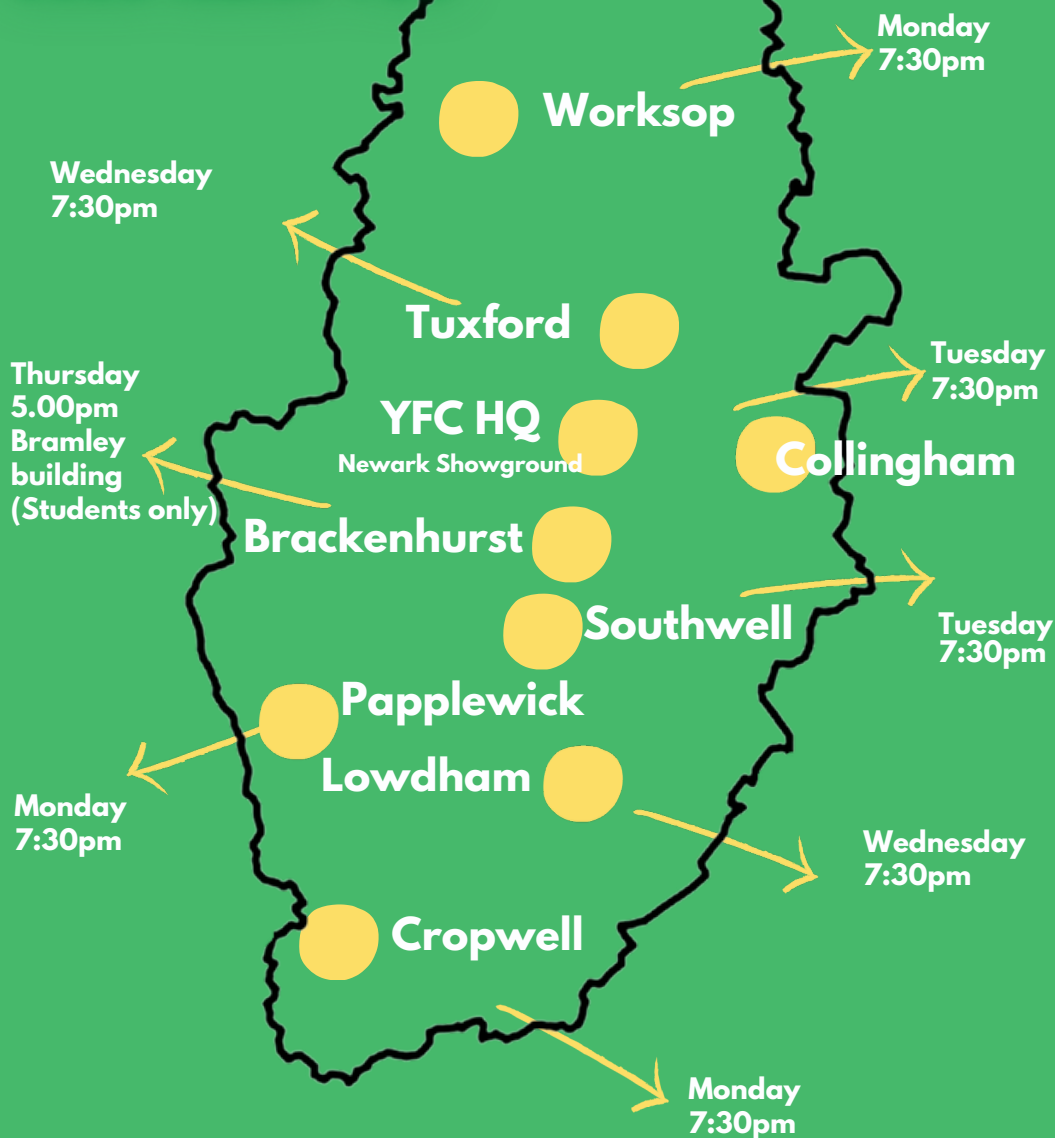
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Nottinghamshire Young Farmers Club is a rural youth organisation for anyone aged between 10 and 30 years., with clubs covering the whole of the county, offering opportunities for young people in rural areas to enjoy the outdoors, make new friends, socialise and gain new skills.

This combined with the amazing opportunities to travel the world, be a decision maker and compete nationally means Young Farmers is the perfect organisation for any young person.

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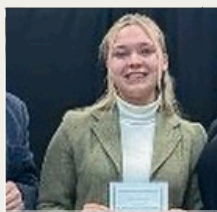
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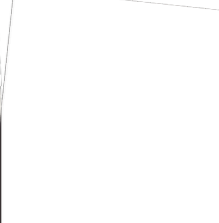
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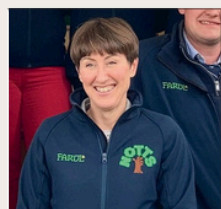


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NFYFC President

I was delighted to be elected as NFYFC's President earlier this year. It's a huge honour, especially as I've been involved with the organisation at all levels throughout my life. Indeed, it was the skills I gained through YFC that led me to many other interesting and worthwhile opportunities, for which I am greatly indebted.

I first joined Newton St Cyres YFC in Devon, where eventually I became Club Chair – one of the toughest roles you can have as you're amongst your peers who all know you! After that came County, Area, and national chairmanships before becoming President of the European Organisation. Developing the skills and confidence to do these roles and all that follows is where YFC excels.. The YFC Competitions programme looks just as good, and is as important today, as it was when I was a member. Brainstrust was always my favourite competition. It was less formal than debating, but it taught valuable skills for confidently delivering a few words spontaneously. A skill I've found myself relying on many times, as I am sure you will in the future!

There is also teamwork that comes from being involved in competitions and other YFC events. Whether that's representing your club at the county rally or competing in a team at a national final.

That's the joy of YFC, and there's much to be gained just from taking part – so get

involved, get stuck in and enjoy all that YFC



has to offer. With so much going on, there's something for everyone. It doesn't matter in the slightest where you come from, what you believe in or who you are. There's a place in YFC for everyone.

While you don't have to be a farmer to be a Young Farmer, the organisation's role in championing agriculture and rural life should not be underestimated. As the UK continues to shape policy post-Brexit, your voice has never been more important. So don't be afraid to speak up, use the skills that YFC has taught you and help shape your future. I am always impressed with the incredible work that YFCs do to support their local communities. From the huge fundraisers to the community projects, they all positively demonstrate the impact of YFC on others. This generosity of spirit can greatly enhance YFC members' personal wellbeing as well.

It also makes me proud to be your President, to support our officers and to represent the organisation. I hope to see many more of you enjoying all the benefits of membership over the coming year.

John Lee OBE DL NFYFC President

County Chair Report

Taking on county chair was never somewhere I saw myself becoming. But as a true grassroots yfc member it was my time to give back to the organisation we all love and cherish so much.

Starting my year as chairman with another successful Santa tractor run. It really is a highlight of many peoples year is certainly is mine. Seeing the cheer on the whole community's faces makes it all worth while. Showing what young farmers is all about.

Moving into the new year and onto county ball where I was honoured to receive the prestigious award of Mr YFC but more importantly to me coming second in senior member of the year. Beating my wife/Vice chair who came third.

Moving into early spring was my highlight so far of my year in office being a part of notts yfc tree planting campaign organised

by our amazing president Steven Routledge. It was great to see members from across the county off all ages Along with volunteers and parents all getting there hands dirty and stuck in. Definately a proud moment and for years to come we

can drive down the a614 watching the progress of all our hard work flourishing. EMA weekend as always a boozy fun filled weekend enjoyed by our senior members dressing up as tradesman was a great theme with it being my year as chairman. A much needed weekend for our members with the political polycys worrying a lot of members (shame we weren't aloud to voice this).



A really good weekend to mix with other countys in the East Midlands defiantly helping a lot of member mental health. County show celebrating VE Day and participating in the main parade among other groups.

The marquee really did show how many talented passionate members we have in our county.

Mower racing was great success.(long may it continue).

Rally is always a highlight of my year seeing our members of all ages competing in many events including the much awaited great water race.

The bealby family could not have been better hosts. Family like this is what keeps our great organisation alive.

Now in august I hope all our members have a safe harvest despite the tough climate and drought faced this year.

Into September we have our open air cinema showing top gun kindly hosted by our president.

County Chair Report

then onto Southwell ploughing match at the end of September my final major event as chairman. The bond between the ploughing match society and notts yfc has grown and long maybe that continue supporting each other through thick and thin. whilst my time in yfc is coming to an end moving onto the ploughing match committee I will always be keeping an eye on notts yfc.

Finally a massive thank you to all our amazing members and staff aswell as supporters for your support on my year as chairman. Things haven't always been easy but together we always pull through in true yfc style.

I wish notts yfc all the best in its 80th year next year ill be around to help you can't get rid of me that easy. Very proud of all clubs and member keep up the hard work. Its so true what someone once told me the more you put into yfc the more you will get out.

Jack Cooper
County Chair 2024-2025





2025 memories



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2025 memories



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County President

All I can say once again is what a great bunch of young people, it has been my absolute pleasure to help guide you all and input where needed. We have overcome challenges of all types but we have got through. We must mention the need to look out for each other and pass on concerns however small to a trusted member of the YFC team, with this in mind we remember the loss of a valued YFC member Ethan Pickering.

Callum (president elect) has been a strong support partner for me and a great future asset for YFC I will promise to help if needed with his start as President in the autumn. I constantly get reminded of what YFC gave me 30 plus years ago when I was a member

of Papplewick YFC, it is great to have worked alongside young people whose parents were members then and still good friends today. Strong leadership remains key and Katy Gent set everything up perfectly for Jack Cooper to takeover, everyone knows their role and carries it out with enthusiasm and pride. My role is one of guidance and intervention where needed, but above all to make sure the YFC remains future proof, membership is stable and growing, we have to make sure the county stays in good financial health, fundraising and available grants/donations are crucial. If YFC costs increase just the same as everyone else's, this is one area that needs particular attention to ensure the survival of YFC as we know it. We need to remember Notts YFC is a charity in itself and there for

the good of young people, it cannot survive



on fresh air. It is heart warming to see individuals blossom and grow in all sorts of ways, mostly driven by the camaraderie and friendly competitiveness. Individuals get the chance to step out of their comfort zone and have a go regardless of the outcome. The year has once again been super busy and we must applaud the hard work of Lauren and Fliss who make s

everything is sorted in the background they ensure we are compliant and operating within safeguarding boundaries, always with their focus on the enjoyment and endeavour all the Young Farmers get from their experiences.

We also applaud the members who have had the chance to travel overseas under the YFC banner. The County Rally was once again a showcase of how YFC should be, a great team effort and a heap of laughs and fun and friendly competition during the day, topped off with a well attended and trouble free after party.

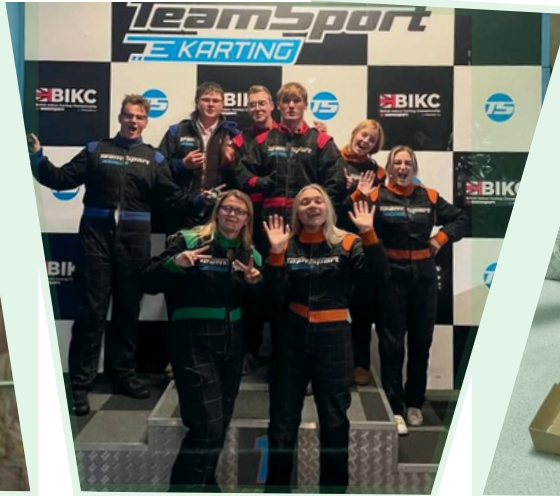
Thanks to The Bealby family for hosting. Keep up the good work and remember to have fun and build memories you will never forget.

Steven Routledge



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COLLINGHAM

We thought last year was going to be a hard one to beat....well we have certainly worked hard to try and bring even more trophies home! We are very proud to say that we have retained all our trophies including winning spring rally, County Show and Summer RALLY! And that is just a few....

We have also been hard at work fundraising money for our charity of the year which is LIVES. We started this off with our annual Pie and Pea Quiz night at South Clifton Village hall which we raised over £2,300, we then supported Collingham Light Switch on by members decorating a trailer which is then driven around to collect donations for Collingham Food Pantry. Another successful evening where we raised over £850. January soon came round where we have our Christmas Tree Collections; members gather with vehicles and trailers to collect Christmas trees from local villages which are then kindly recycled and made into compost by MEC RECYCLING LTD. This year we collected over 160 trees raising £800. We are now busy planning our After the Show party on 20th September 2025.



COLLINGHAM



Collingham YFC meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm, we are a very friendly club that has members ranging from all ages. We have a varied programme of in and out meetings, for example this year we have had farm tours, lambing live, stockjudging, brewery tours and much more...

Joel Cotton



CROPWELL

The 2024-2025 year has been one of growth for the Cropwell Young Farmers. Rooted in our commitment to agriculture and community, fostering development in our members and contributing to the wider community. This report highlights our key activities, achievements, and the seeds we've sown for the future.

This year, our activities branched out like a healthy vine. We hosted weekly meetings covering topics from horticulture, arable farming practices to HGV licensing and bingo nights, ensuring our members are well-equipped with the knowledge to thrive in modern agriculture and life. Our fundraising efforts were particularly fruitful, with the annual tractor run raising significant funds for local charities. We also participated in Notts county show and Spring and Summer rally, showcasing our members' talents in livestock stockjudging, farming machinery skills, and crafts, bringing home a handful of awards that reflect our dedication and hard work.

As we look to the next season, our focus remains on nurturing the next generation of farmers and promoting sustainable agriculture. We plan to expand our opportunities as a club, collaborate with local businesses to raise awareness about young farmers, and continue our community engagement through various charitable initiatives.

Charlie Owens



CROPWELL



2025 memories





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LOWDHAM

Lowdham Young Farmers has enjoyed a hugely successful year, with our members throwing themselves into a wide range of activities and events. As chairman, I, James, have had the privilege of leading a strong and enthusiastic team, supported by George as vice chairman, Charlie Brown as program secretary, and Jessica Spencer as secretary. Together, we've worked hard to keep the club active, inclusive, and welcoming to all, while continuing the tradition of community spirit that Lowdham Young Farmers is known for.

Although our turnout at the county rally was smaller than in previous years, we were proud of the results we achieved, proving that quality and determination count for as much as numbers. Our members also made their mark at the Christmas tractor run, bringing festive cheer to the local community, and we were delighted to show up in full force at the county ball. These events not only gave us the chance to represent Lowdham with pride, but also to strengthen the bonds of friendship within the club.

One of the highlights of the year was attending the East Midlands Area meeting at Skegness. With a strong turnout and great enthusiasm, the trip was both productive and enjoyable, giving everyone a chance to connect with fellow young farmers from across the region. The event showcased our commitment to taking part in as much as we can and highlighted the energy and fun that defines our club.



LOWDHAM

Looking ahead, Lowdham Young Farmers is in a strong position, with several younger members recently joining our ranks. This fresh energy, combined with the dedication of our existing members, ensures the club continues to thrive. We are proud of what we have achieved this year and are excited for what the future holds, as we build on our successes and continue to grow together as a close-knit and passionate community.

James Linacre



PAPPLEWICK

Papplewick YFC started the year with our new members night where we welcomed lots of new and old members to the Papplewick family, through icebreaker activities. We got involved in YFC week, where our members took part in community work & opened up and told us what YFC means to them. Since then we have done everything from pottery painting, to mazes, the shoe box appeal to vets visits, to rugby lessons from our junior boys, and high rope courses!.

Our annual dinner dance was a huge success thanks to the generous donations and the support from YFC and family, meaning we raised a large amount of money for our chosen charity for this year Headway, a charity supporting those who have suffered from a brain injury and the family around them.

Papplewick have also had a successful year of competitions, including quizzes, farm walks and at spring and summer rally. The members have thrown themselves into everything this year and have had a great time doing so, including lawnmower racing, papier mache & Lego farmyards for Newark show, tug of war, water races, pallet up cycling and butter making you name it Papplewick have gotten involved this year! A special mention to members Jack. G, Max.F, Charlie.T, Thomas. S & Amelie. H for their commitment to the club this year and for Leaving bringing their A game!

Excited for another year ahead!



Kirsty Riley



SOUTHWELL

Southwell started our 24-25 year with a new members night for potential new and returning members. This year's programme has been jam packed with a wide variety of different meetings. I think some of the top meetings we had this year would have to be Collins earthworks and the Sugar Beet Factory tours.

Our first show of the year was the ploughing match at which we had a great day with mini digger challenge and successful after party. Another highlight show was the County show where members entries did well and the clubs lawnmower placed 1st overall for the year.

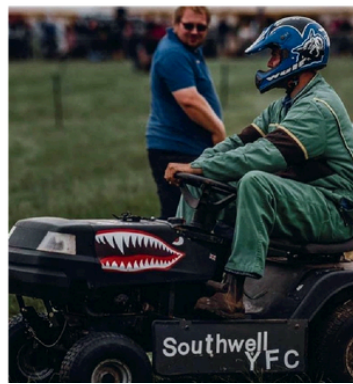
This year our goal was to increase our involvement as a club in the local community. We did this through attending lots of local shows and fetes such as Hoveringham Show and Southwell Garden Party to name a few. As well as doing litter picks in the local villages.



After all our fundraising efforts during the previous year, we were able to donate £500 to the FCN who was our chosen charity for that year. During our Christmas tree collection we donated our trees to white post farm to be used by all the animals for recreation. Overall we've had a great year and looking forward to the exciting things we have planned for our next year. I would also like to thank the management team, advisory members, host and supporters for making everything possible.

Josh Veysey







TUXFORD

Tuxford yfc had a great year this year, spending many meetings learning, engaging and raising money. In October we had a large turn out for one of our favourite meetings, Pumpkin Carving! Everyone loves to get involved with it and it's a fun way to get to know any new members. First aid is important in all kinds of jobs and in everyday life but especially in a farming environment, this led us to doing first aid training at the end of November. We all now know how to stay calm and assist in an emergency. We started getting ready for Christmas early in November creating 31 Christmas Shoe boxes for Teams4U for vulnerable children in different countries. By Christmas we had already raised £732, with wreath making and a Christmas raffle, for our chosen charity FCN. By the end of the year, we had raised £1085 through a varied of activities involving our Christmas tree collection where we collected and disposed of over 80 trees (£400 total) and our annual tractor run which was a huge success; we will be handing a check to FCN in the August. Along with all the raising money we had slipped a few fun meetings into our programme. Two of our highest turn out meetings were roller skating, which was good fun to see everyone learning how to skate and helping those that couldn't, and a visit to Sharmans, were everyone had a great time. We also had a quiz and a raffle.

Charlotte





TUXFORD



WORKSOP

Worksop Young Farmers Club kicked off the year in September 2024 after a well-deserved summer break. We began with our New Members Night, where we were excited to welcome some fresh faces! Always, our members enjoyed a range of team games, helping everyone get to know each other better. Shortly after, we jumped into preparations for the Southwell Ploughing Match, making sure our cube and entries were ready to go.

As we moved into October, preparations began for our Annual Harvest Supper Ball. This year, our club embraced a 'Bridgerton' theme, an idea that turned out to be a huge success. Everyone in attendance had a fantastic evening, and our raffle was a great hit, raising significant funds for the club.

Following the Christmas break, we once again kicked off the new year by offering Christmas tree collections to surrounding villages at the beginning of January 2025. Over the course of two weekends, a few dedicated members have managed to collect just over 200 trees, again successfully raising a significant amount of money for the club.

As the Young Farmers year progressed, we've enjoyed a variety of our meetings, including tours of Farols, Rockscape, and Farmstar, a visit to Welbeck Brewery where we had the chance to sample some of their best-selling ales, a trip to the Blacksmith, several farm visits, and an evening at Stoppard's Butchers, among others.



Alongside these visits, our members also took part in a variety of social in-meetings, including games nights, quizzes, wreath making, rounders, and much more. These activities provided fantastic opportunities to build teamwork and strengthen friendship within the club.

We finally wrapped up the year in July with our annual BBQ, generously hosted by the Crossland family. The evening was filled with plenty of delicious food and a lively game of rounders enjoyed by all. We're excited to see what the coming year has in store for Worksop Young Farmers!

Nela Jasicka

WORKSOP





The sunshine is a fail safe way to get the crowds to come to the County Show, and 2025 was no different. The YFC village was buzzing from 8:30am until the sun went down.

Our clubs having done a fantastic job of creating a village to the theme Back British Farming, championing all that's good about our wonderful farming community here in Nottinghamshire.

We had club exhibits depicting favourite tractor brands, movies made by clubs, baking, floral arrangements, metalwork tractors, planting for nature, your favourite farmer scarecrow voted for by the public and our popular facehole boards!

The lawnmowers were on top form with two stints in the main ring, bringing the thrills and spills of the 2025 season to a head, congratulations to Southwell who's consistency won out in the end and they were crowned mower champions! 2026 here we come....

Congratulations to all the members who entered and who came away with prizes. Collingham YFC were crowned Show Champions for a second year, alongside the overall stockjudging trophy. James Kirk, Southwell was the highest scoring junior stockjudger and Oliver Wilson, Collingham the senior. Jonny Wade & Lewis Southwood took the metal work trophy. Papplewick claimed the movie award. Lily-Mae Horspool was voted member of the year and Cropwell for the second year got the Cube Exhibit trophy

save these dates

23rd October

COUNTY AGM

25th October

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

6th December

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20-22 March

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11th April

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9th May

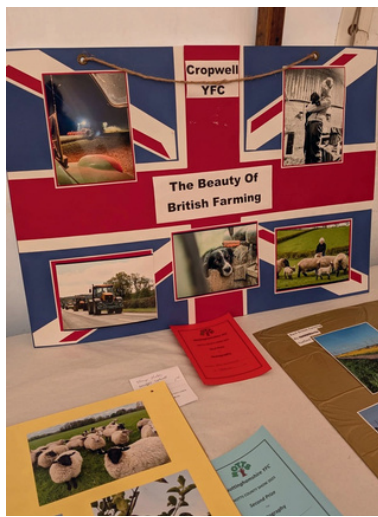
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COUNTY RALLY



We were back at wonderful Broomhill Grange by kind permission of the Bealby Family for the 2025 County Rally and the sunshine turned up too.

Well done to Harry, Freya, George, Jack, Bert and team for bringing together all the elements to make the event a success. The competitions got off to a great start with the nature trail, and a day full of busy activity followed.

We were privilege to host the area round of both the sheep shearing and auctioneering which went well. Congratulations to those winners who went through to the NFYFC final.

Results:

Junior Nature Trail- Hannah and Nancy, Southwell

Senior Nature Trail -Gabi and Teagan, Southwell

Builders Sack Race--George, Jack, Charlie and Will, Lowdham

Butter Making Challenge-Dominic, Collingham

Telehandler Challenge- George, Collingham

Wire a Plug- Lewis, Collingham

Pallet Upcycling- Oliver & Jack, Collingham

Four man Skining- Scarlett, Ava, Evie and Rose, Cropwell

Junior Egg Catching- Hannah & Toby, Cropwell

Open Egg Catching- Jack and George, Collingham

Mini Digger Challenge-Michael, Collingham

Cook Challenge- Isabel, Sophie, Daniel, Collingham

Sketch the County Chair- Charlie, Lowdham

Floral Art- Kirsty Riley, Papplewick

Cup of tea- Teagan, Southwell

Tug of War over 16's-Collingham

Tug of War- U16's- Collingham

Water Race-Lewis, Ed, Jack and Oliver, Cropwell



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Competitions 2025

This years competition programme has seen many old favourites as well as the introduction of some new competitions for the 2024/25 year.

We saw several Notts members compete at Interview Day and Sports Day to qualify for Area finals!

A new competition this year was the pub games night, well received by members and will hopefully be returning again next year!

Quiz season commenced with the County Quiz - where notably farming was not a strong point, food and drink on the other hand... Next on the quiz calendar was the junior quiz which gave our wonderful juniors time to meet new faces from other clubs, they knew their chocolate bars! The written pub quiz at The Saracens Head in Southwell has a full house and rounding off quiz season was the farm walk quiz in June. We do love a quiz in Notts YFC!

In April was Spring Rally which saw my old Club, Collingham YFC victorious! Some changes to come to this competition next year with a focus on farm safety and skills, watch this space! Shortly followed by stockjudging.

The clay shoot was once again put on in conjunction with the NFU and we had representation too at the NFU Public Speaking and NFU v YFC quiz, a partnership we cherish.



Let's keep the competitive spirit going and see a clubs well represented at all events in the Count calendar next year!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our competitions this year, as a competition steward judge or supporter - we couldn't put on our programme without you all!

Isabel Chennells

Competitions Chairman 2024/25



Trophy Winners



Trophy	Presented For	Winner	Club
CS Rayner Cup	County Quiz		Tuxford
Barbara Taylor	Senior Member of the Year	Isabel Chennells	Collingham
Pam Marris Trophy	Junior Member of the Year	Elsie Bradley	Tuxford
Catherine Banks Trophy	Miss YFC	Freya Marlow	Lowdham
Mr YFC Trophy	Mr YFC	Jack Cooper	Lowdham
FCN Care & Compassion Award	Gone the Extra Mile	Dec Cotton-Roe	Collingham
The Melissa Hatton Award	Most Stylish Member	Lucy Wilson	Collingham
Newark Advertiser	Overall Competitions		Collingham
Nullis	Most Committed	Isabel Chennells	Collingham
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Presidents Award		Lily-Mae Horsepool	Brackenhurst
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