



# STAFFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

YFC Centre, County Showground, Weston Road, Stafford, ST18 0BD

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## INFORMATION SHEET, RULES AND PRACTICE EVENING INFO

### Staffordshire YFC Silage Competition

**DATE:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Note that there is a Practice Night being held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 to which ALL clubs are invited, please see page 3 for all details!**

**TIME:** Teams to arrive **promptly** at 10.30am for booking in.

**JUDGES:** Intermediate and Senior – Steve Briggs  
Junior – Will Gallimore

**STEWARDS:** Richard Mottershead, Johnny Wilson, Rob Mollatt and Jake Manning

#### Clubs taking part:

ASHLEY A  
ASHLEY B-WITHDREW 20.3  
LEEK  
STONE

CHASE A  
CHASE B  
LICHFIELD A  
LICHFIELD B  
UTTOXETER A  
UTTOXETER B

CHEADLE  
ECCLESHALL  
RIDWARE  
WATERHOUSES

**RULES & MAP:** See page 2

**ANYONE TAKING PART MUST BRING THEIR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD, SIGNED AND COMPLETE WITH A PHOTO. REMEMBER – NO CARD/PHOTO = NO COMPETITION!**  
**Anyone aged 17 or under must bring a signed parental consent form.**

**VENUES:** SIGNING IN AT 10.30am AT THE HOMESTEAD FARM, CROXDEN, ST14 5JD

Three clamps will be judged as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Clamp at 10.45am- The Homestead Farm, Croxden, ST15 5JD by kind permission of The Hall Family

2<sup>nd</sup> Clamp at 11.15am – The Cottage, Great Gate, Tean, ST10 4HF by kind permission of Chris and Andrea Adams

2<sup>rd</sup> Clamp at 11.45am – \*\*Overton Farm, Fole Lane, Hollington, ST10 4HW by kind permission of The Hulme Family  
**\*\*Note this is NOT the same farm as J A Bloor Agric Services, it is NEXT DOOR!!!!!!**

**Lunch & Reason Giving:** The Farmers Arms, Withington, Leigh, ST10 4PU.

A carvery dinner will be available, £10 per person payable on the day.  
Judges dinner will be provided.

**Contact details on the day** are Richard Mottershead 07816 232178, Johnny Wilson 07964 754239 or Rob Mollatt 07534 339925

**Remember that if you Club withdraws from a competition within 7 days of the day of the competition, then you will receive a £10 fine and -6 points from the Overall Competitions Cup ☹**



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## Rules

### Silage Competition Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018

SCFYFC Rules.

A team to consist of 3 members, 1 x 16 and under; 1 x 21 and under and 1 x 26 and under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. Members may enter as individuals if a full team is not available.

1. The Silage competition shall comprise three clamps as to their suitability for winter-feed using the following assessment criteria to mark them:
  - i. Dry Matter %
  - ii. Effluent control
  - iii. Soil contamination and quality of crop ensiled
  - iv. Clamp filling, shoulders and consolidation
  - v. Clamp sealing, sheets, nets and covers
  - vi. Face management and clamp cleanliness
  - vii. Top, side and shoulder waste
  - viii. Usage rate and wastage feed-out
  - ix. Visual quality assessment
  - x. Overall Impression

Each of the above points is marked by the competitor on a 0 – 5 scale.

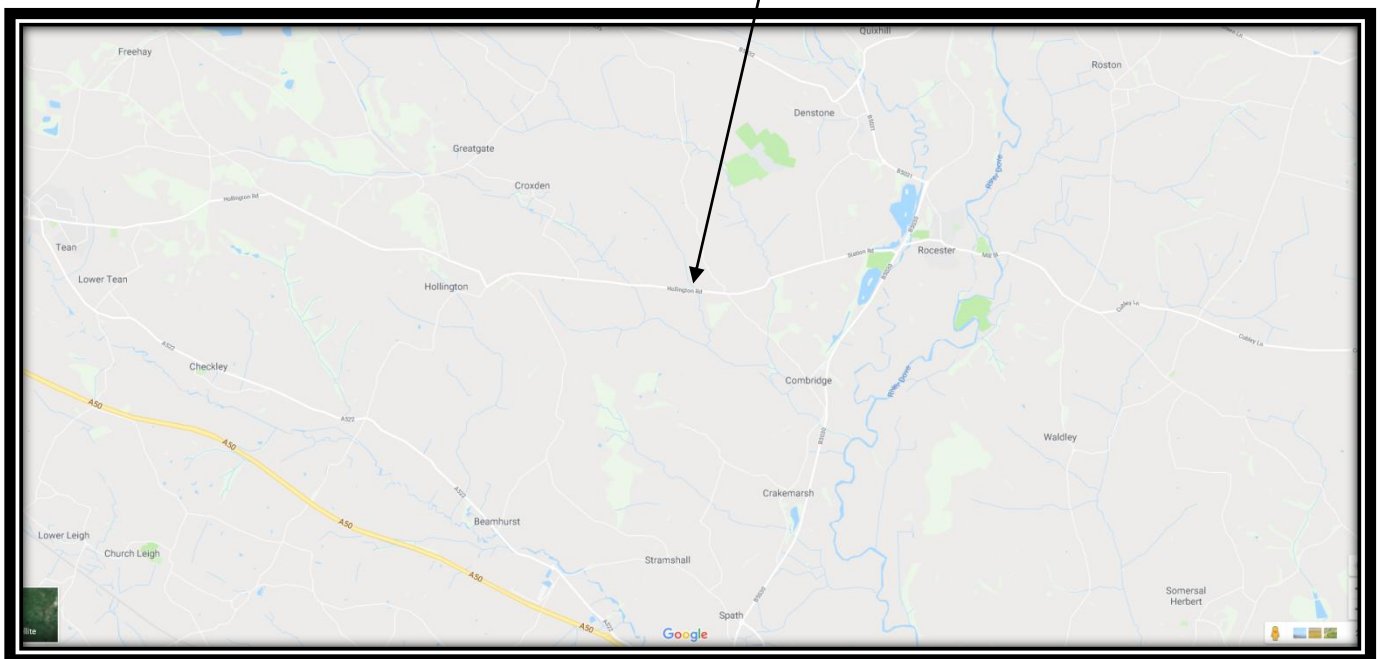
For the Senior and Intermediate section, competitors will also be required to calculate the clamp size.

2. Each competitor will be allowed 15 minutes to judge each silage clamp and complete a scorecard. The completed scorecard shall be handed to the Steward 15 minutes after judging each clamp.
3. Each competitor shall give reasons for their choice within a maximum of three minutes to the master judge. Marks will be deducted at 2 marks for every 15 seconds over or part thereof.
4. Certificates shall be awarded to the first three members in each Section of the Competition as well as the first three overall teams when junior, intermediate and senior marks are combined.
5. If there is a tie - the competitor presenting the best reasons in the opinion of the Judges shall be the winner.
6. The judges decision is final.

#### 7. SCALE OF MARKS

Correct Assessment	50
(1 point will be deducted for each point of variation from the Master Judge's score)	
Placings	50
Accuracy of Observations	25
Positive Comparison	15
Style (including presentation of competitor)	10
Clamp Size Score (Intermediate and Senior only)	50
<b>TOTAL PER COMPETITOR</b>	<b>150 (200 for Intermediate and Senior)</b>

### **SIGNING IN AND FIRST CLAMP – THE HOMESTEAD FARM, CROXDEN, ST14 5JD**



ALL CLUBS ARE INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS ALONG TO.....

## **A SILAGE JUDGING PRACTICE EVENING**

BY KIND PERMISSION OF THE MOLLATT FAMILY

MOOR HOUSE FARM, STONE ROAD, FIELD, UTTOXETER, ST14 8SG

WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

8pm - 9.30pm

- ❖ TOP TIPS FROM THE JUDGES!
- ❖ “HOW TO” GIVE YOUR REASONS!
- ❖ WHAT TO LOOK FOR!

Contact Rob Mollatt on 07534 339925 or Johnny Wilson on 07964 754239 for more information.

