



THE FARMING LIFE CENTRE

SUPPORTING FARMING & RURAL LIFE
IN THE PEAK DISTRICT

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. Hopefully the fine and dry Spring weather has provided some of you with a much anticipated opportunity for some socially distanced get togethers with friends and family, some of whom you may not have been able to see for some time.

At last we seem to have turned a corner and although we are all having to adjust to the new normal, it is at least beginning to bear some form of resemblance to life pre-pandemic.

We are so pleased to be able to announce that the relaxing of the Covid restrictions means we are now able to resume many of our activities and services.



Pictured left is The Farming Life Centre's Charity Manager Rachel Metcalfe with the charity's new Rural Resilience and Business Development Co-Ordinator Lorna Critchlow, right.

THE FARMING LIFE CENTRE WALKS

The Farming Life Centre Walks Programme is set to recommence next month and we can't wait to welcome you all back.

Each event takes the form of a gentle afternoon walk, monthly on a Thursday.

We meet at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start. All walks are relatively flat and take between 60 and 90 minutes with the opportunity for refreshments and a good chat afterwards! Everyone welcome.

- Thursday 24th June – Calver. Meet at Calver Craft Centre.
- Thursday 22nd July – Tissington. Meet in Tissington village near the café on the green.
- Thursday 26th August – Cromford Canal. Meet in the car park at Arkwright's Mill in Cromford.

For more information please telephone: 01629 810 903 **or email:** info@thefarminglifecentre.org.uk

HARTINGTON SOCIAL GROUP

The Hartington Social Group will make a welcome return in June.

This will take place at the Village Hall offering all who come along the chance to have a chat while enjoying a piece of cake and a cup of tea or coffee.

The date of the next get together will be Tuesday 22nd June from 2pm.

All are very welcome to come along and join us.

The Farming Life Centre Walks Programme and the Hartington Social Group will recommence in June and we are looking forward to the chance to share a drink and chat with friends old and new. All are welcome to join in, so please just come along if you are able.

Our charity manager Rachel Metcalfe was joined by new member of the Farming Life Centre team, Lorna Critchlow, in February. Lorna will be helping to deliver our 'Farm Your Future' project which, thanks to support from The Prince's Countryside Fund, will be helping support farms and rural businesses to achieve sustainability and to remain resilient through the uncertain times ahead.

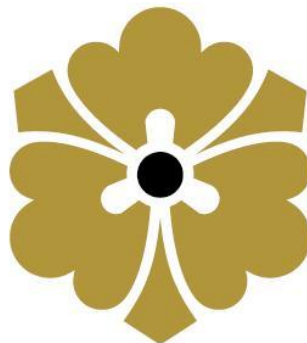
Lorna and Rachel are at the Farming Life Centre office in the Bakewell Agricultural Centre most Mondays, so please feel free to pop in and see us if you're about.

As well as our ongoing activities and events The Farming Life Centre also offers a range of FREE health, wellbeing and business support services. For more information about the support we offer please visit our social media pages or website at: thefarminglifecentre.org.uk. If you would like any help or advice, please don't hesitate to get in touch directly - we're here to help however we can!

HERE TO HELP YOU 'FARM YOUR FUTURE'

As part of our new rural resilience and business development project we will have lots of events coming up over the next few months to help you 'Farm Your Future'.

Keep an eye on our website and social media pages for the latest news and events as we will be making updates regularly to help keep you in the loop! Coming up this month will be an online talk at 7pm on Wednesday 12th May from the Eveleigh family of West Ilkerton Farm on how they have supplemented their farm income with various diversification projects. Then on Thursday 27th May at 10.30am we will be hosting a workshop on Creating a TB management plan for your farm with Sarah Tomlinson from the TB Advisory Service at Bakewell Agricultural Business Centre.



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