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KESH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB: ANNUAL DINNER, COUNTY FERMANAGH

HELPING PUDSEY:

Victoria Walmsley and Joanne Campbell from Kesh YFC with Pudsey Bear helped raise funds for Children in Need at the club's annual dinner in Drumrush Lodge, Kesh. (FW47-314CM)

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PICTURE: Chris McCullough



French meat gets 10 butchers the chop from Ulster pork competition



EXCLUSIVE

By Chris McCullough

TEN butchers who entered French pork into the recent Ulster Pork and Bacon Forum promoted sausage competition were disqualified just as judges were about to taste their entries.

The National Sausage Competition NI 2009, now in its eighth year, was designed to promote all that is good about locally produced pork, and to encourage sales for local butchers in the run-up to Christmas.

However, organisers of the event, the Ulster Pork and Bacon Forum, say they were "gobsmacked" when it discovered what some butchers had done.

Keith Smyton of the Ulster Pork and Bacon Forum, confirmed the disqualifications. He said: "A percentage of butchers this year" □ Turn to page 4

UFU keeps pressing for COOL

THE Ulster Farmers' Union is continuing its campaign to see clear and unambiguous Country of Origin labelling (COOL) introduced for consumers.

The UFU has joined with the UK Farming Unions to press MEPs to support calls for mandatory Country of Origin Labelling in the food supply chain.

The European Parliament's Environment and Agriculture Committees are due to discuss regulations on the provision of food information to consumers next week. The UK Farming Unions have written to all MEPs asking them □ Turn to page 4

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