

MIDLAND DEXTER GROUP

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Midland Group AGM

A big thank to Michael and Susan Bancroft who hosted the Group's AGM on Sunday 10 April 2011 at The Art Barn, Preston Bagot. It was decided to have a change from the usual format and during the morning members were split into two enthusiastic groups each having hands-on experience of sausage and burger making. Afterwards we all enjoyed the 'fruits of our labour' at the BBQ lunch, followed by gateaux, cakes, strawberries and cream. During the afternoon the AGM, followed by the Ordinary Meeting, took place on the patio outside The Art Barn, and minutes of both meetings are enclosed with this newsletter.

The following members were elected and it was agreed that to provide continuity, the Chairman should serve for two years.

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| i) | Chairman: | Mike Bancroft was duly re-elected. |
| ii) | Vice Chairman: | David Williams was proposed and elected |
| iii) | Treasurer: | Robert Williams was proposed and elected |
| iv) | Secretary: | Alison Kirk was proposed, agreed to carry out the role for one year, so was elected |
| v) | General Committee: | Ben Roberts, Pete Lancaster, Ann Williams, Abbie Gardner, Les Digweed and Judy Ashwin |

July Meeting – Sunday 24 July 2011

On Sunday 24 July 2011, Jackie Limb will host the meeting at The Moors Farm, Sollershope, Hereford HR1 4RW. Refreshments at 10.30am, followed by the meeting at 11am. Please bring something for the lunch table and also a chair - just in case we need extra seating. After lunch Jackie will give a brief talk on her ready-made 'Moor Meals' using Dexter beef, followed by a walk round the Sollershope Dexter Herd.

Directions: M5 / M50 take 2nd exit onto A449 heading towards Ledbury, turn left towards B4224, slight left onto B4224, after 3.1 miles turn right, after 0.2 miles turn left. Sat Nav: HR1 4RW.

Young Stock Show – Sunday 21 August 2011

To be held at Stratford upon Avon Livestock Centre – schedule and entry form enclosed with this newsletter. Please make sure you bring passports, ear tags are correct and your animals do not have any contagious diseases.

This year we are having a photography competition to be judged on show day. If you're not showing cattle you can still enter the 'Anything Dexter' photographic competition by sending your pictures to Abbie Gardner (address on schedule) prior to show day.

Dexter Cattle Society AGM – October 2011

Several MDG members travelling to Ireland for the AGM. There are still 1.5 rooms available, so if you would like to attend the AGM in Ireland and are looking for accommodation, please get in touch with Mike Bancroft.

Shows

Moreton in Marsh Agricultural Show – Saturday 3 September 2011. The Midland Group are again sponsoring the Group of Three Class.

Evesham Show – Sunday 11 September 2011. Midland Dexter Group Class. Pete Lancaster will have all the information about Evesham Show.

MDG Website

Any Website is only as good as the information submitted. Could you please let Ben Roberts have herd profiles/photographs, good news stories, cattle/equipment for sale, details of events, etc.

Future Events

- Social event is planned for the end of October/beginning November, hopefully a skittles evening at a new central venue
- February 2012: Full details to be announced later this year

Obituary

Dal Weaver passed away unexpectedly in the middle of May whilst on holiday abroad with wife Pam. Pam was a member of the Midland Dexter Group for many years and their Migh herd is well known. Our thoughts are with Pam and her family at this very sad time and I have sent a condolence card to Pam on behalf of the Midland Group.

I look forward to seeing all at the meeting on Sunday 24 July.

Kind regards

Alison