

MIDLAND DEXTER GROUP

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NEWSLETTER – January 2010

Happy New Year and New Decade to all MDG members.

Autumn Social Evening 31 OCTOBER 2009

This took the form of Skittles and a Bar Meal at the Ivy in near Evesham and was as usual a lively and competitive event, well supported by group members and their families !

Group Meeting Sunday 7 February 2010

The meeting will again be held at Hatton Village Hall (on the A4177, north of Warwick CV35 7LR).

We will meet at 10.30 for 11.00 for refreshments, followed by the business side of the meeting.

After lunch we are fortunate to have Nick Blayney talking to members about CURRENT ANIMAL HEALTH ISSUES FOR CATTLE OWNERS.

He intends to cover T.B. Bluetongue, and “using the Vet smartly” and to encourage discussion on “any subject that takes our fancy”.

Nick is a well known vet, much respected both in the farming community and by other vets and makes regular media appearances. He qualified from Liverpool in 1980 and has been in full time practice ever since. He spent a decade working in Herefordshire, in mainly farm and equine work and then bought the Arden Forest Veterinary practice in Warwickshire, of which he is still Principal. In 2007-2008 he served as President of the British Veterinary Association and is a Kennel Club Veterinary consultant. He is part of a group of vets currently working on a joint initiative with Advantage West Midlands designed to help cattle keepers draw up long-term plans for controlling threats to cattle health with minimum use of medicines.

PLEASE BRING A CONTRIBUTION FOR THE LUNCH BUFFET

Silver Jubilee Celebration :21 August 2010

GET YOUR TICKETS SOON AS PLACES ARE LIMITED

Initially tickets will be offered only to MDG members and can be obtained from Maurice Day at the February meeting: £25 per person /cheques payable to Midland Dexter Group. If you are unable to attend the meeting unsold tickets will be available from Maurice on 01299 832589.

Members will board The Countess of Evesham at Stratford upon Avon at 7pm with cast off at 7.30pm. During the outward journey, a starter and main course will be served, with a stop at Luddington for 15 minutes. Pudding, followed by cheese and biscuits will be served on the return journey. Docking at Stratford upon Avon at 11pm.

Cost of ticket includes entry into a prize draw.

Future Events

- **Group AGM : Sunday 11 April**
To be hosted by Maurice Day and Christine Clarke at Clows Top in Worcestershire. Details to follow.

Proposed Events to be discussed at February meeting

- Herd Competition
- In -House Workshop
- July Visit

Junior Members Folders

Any completed folders should be handed in to a committee member by 7 February.