

MIDLAND DEXTER GROUP

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NEWSLETTER –August 2008

Herd Visit

The sun certainly shone on the MDG on Sunday 27 July, giving those who attended (about 20 members and “followers”) a welcome break from TB testing, Blue Tongue vaccinations and haymaking, if only for a few hours.

Sally and Steve were excellent hosts, leading us after lunch on a tour across the beautiful area of Gloucestershire where they farm on two separate sites. At one point our convoy of cars created a mini traffic incident in the narrow lanes, and later during the walking part of the tour one young lady received a cooling off she hadn't expected!

Unlike us, the Frith herd were sensibly spending the hot afternoon in the shade of the trees but each group was interested enough in the treats bucket to gather round while Sally and Steve talked about individual animals and the part they played in the development of the herd. The Pooles also gave us an insight into their management strategies and the challenges presented by farming over such a widespread area.

The day ended with afternoon tea in the welcome shade of a barn and the chance for some more informal Dexter “shop-talk”.

Thank you, Steve and Sally, for your hospitality and for allowing us the opportunity to see such a diverse range of lovely animals at all stages of their development.

Workshop

As you will see from the Minutes, it was decided at the meeting to postpone the workshop originally planned for this year until a later date, as the proposed date of 20 September clashed with the Newbury Show and prior commitments of several members.

Herd Competition

By now you should have received your entry form which was sent out by Gordon in the week beginning 28 July. If by any chance you have not and you wish to enter, please let Gordon or myself know as soon as possible. The judging will take place on September 3 and 10

Moreton Show 6 September 2008

Closing date for entries in Dexter classes was 6 August.

Vale of Evesham Show 14 September 2008

Closing date for entries is 1st September

Herd Profiles

Quite a few people have already returned their forms. If you are planning to do yours just a reminder, if possible, to use the form emailed to you with the July newsletter and email it directly to Clive at clive@midlanddextergroup.co.uk

This will save a lot of postage and paperwork.

Don't worry if you don't have access to the internet. Just return your form to me by post and we will transfer you details to the computer and forward to Clive.

Social Event and Presentation: 25 October 2008

This will take place at the "March Hare" Worcester. A carvery meal is available for £7.95 but other options are on the menu. We will be meeting from 7pm for 8pm.

If you would like to come please let Pete Lancaster know by 10 October, using the slip below.

The March Hare Inn
Broughton Hackett
Worcester
Worcestershire
WR7 4BE
01905381222

<http://www.multimap.com/map/browse.cgi?pc=WR74BE&Scale=10000&cat=pub&title=Pubsulike%20The%20March%20Hare%20Inn222>

Reservation Request (Please send by 10th October)

Please book _____ places at the Social and Presentation evening on 25 October for

(Names) _____

Contact Phone number _____

Send to:

Pete Lancaster Church Farm, Church Lane, South Littleton Evesham Worcs. WR11 8TJ

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