

# MIDLAND DEXTER GROUP

Secretary: Ann Williams

Finwood Hill Farm, Lowsonford, Henley in Arden. B95 5HH

Tel: 01564 784183 Email: [Finwood.Dexter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Finwood.Dexter@hotmail.co.uk)

## NEWSLETTER –July 2008

**Herd Visit 27 July 2008:** The final details for this summer's visit have now been confirmed. Steve and Sally Poole have kindly invited us to see their Frith Dexter herd near Cheltenham . I will leave it to Sally to tell you a little about their herd:

“We rent approx 120 acres for the cattle, on two different farms, situated at Calmsden & Hampen. So I regret we will have to do a bit of running around to see them. For those who don't know us, we started our herd in 1995, with one pedigree Dexter cow and a x-bred Dexter with calf at foot. We currently have just over 100 head of various ages & sexes. They are a motley crew, but we love 'em and are passionate about both the breed & and the meat they produce.”

Venue: Yanworth Village Hall, Yanworth, Stowell Park Estate, Cheltenham

Time: 10.30 Arrival and refreshments

11.00 Meeting followed by lunch (bring contribution for buffet).

In the afternoon we will be viewing the Frith Herd.

Directions: Postcode GL54 3LQ Tel.01285 720678

Near Northleach where the A40 from Cheltenham crosses the A429. (See map.)

**Three Counties Show:** Congratulations to Bill Rushton and family for their outstanding results, achieving both the Dexter and Interbreed Championships with Manorial Dottie.

**Royal Show:** The cattle lines were severely depleted by the Bluetongue restrictions, resulting in a disappointing turnout for the Dexters, among others However, the Midland Group was well represented by the Lancaster family, with some pleasing results including a 1st for “Wet Heifer”. Judy Ashwin was delighted to carry off the Young Handler (13-18) in a strong class. Well done, Judy!

### **Herd Profile**

Clive has put another tab on the MDG web site for herd profiles. Members wishing to submit their profiles by email can do so using the attached form, with digital photos if they wish. The aim is ultimately to have a 'Herd Profile of the Month' featuring each of the herds on the system, in which breeders talk about their animals and their approach to Dexter keeping.

Best Wishes

Ann

