

MIDLAND DEXTER GROUP

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INVITATION

BORAM HERD VISIT

Members are invited to join Rob and Alison Kirk at Harcomb Cottage, Chastleton, Moreton in Marsh
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On Sunday 7 June 2009 at 10.30am for 11am for tea and coffee

Please bring picnic lunches and chairs

We have several groups to visit and half way through will return to Harcomb Cottage for a picnic lunch
(hopefully in the garden)

Please bring maps with you - full details of where we are going will be handed out on the day

Look forward to seeing everyone

Alison and Rob.

Visit to Moonshine Herd and MDG Meeting Sunday 26 July

Venue: Church Farm, Preston Bagot, Henley –in –Arden, B95 5HH. Tel. 01926842319

Lunch arrangements: Bring a contribution for the buffet.

The visit will be hosted by Mike and Sue Bancroft , winners in 2008 of the Large Herd Competition and the Frith Trophy for Senior Cow. This is the third time the Trophy has been awarded to the Bancrofts, twice with this year's winner, Moonshine Foxy Lady.

Sue and Mike have a thriving Farm Shop where they sell home produced lamb, pork and eggs, as well as their Dexter beef.

We will be able to see around 150 Dexters within walking distance of the farm. The rest of the Moonshine herd are grazing on other sites.

Please let Sue and Mike know if you are able to attend so that they know approximate numbers to organise groups.

Calf Competition 16 August

Stratford Cattle Market has been booked and arrangements are under way. Gordon will be sending out entry forms and full details at the end of June with closing date at the end of July.

Autumn Event

Jill Thompson has kindly invited us to visit her and her husband at their new home in Wales to see their small herd of Dexters. The most likely date is 18 October 2009. Confirmation and full details at a later date. Jill says "We would provide a buffet lunch, if we could have approximate numbers. We also have small flocks of Black Welsh and Berrichons du Cher sheep, which some may find interesting. We have about fifty acres of land and it is very pleasant to climb up Gyrn Hill and admire the views – if the sun shines!! There are local B & B's which I could provide details on, if people wish to spend a few nights in glorious Wales.

Silver Jubilee Celebration August 2010

Maurice has booked the "Countess of Evesham" and full details and booking forms will be sent out soon.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A few people have not yet renewed their Group membership for 2009. If it has slipped your mind and you want to remain on the list of members to receive information about MDG activities please send your cheque, made payable to 'Midland Dexter Group' to the Treasurer:

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

Family; £10 Individual: £7.50 Junior Member £5

Emails

Thank you to all those people who receive Group news via email who confirmed receipt of the last newsletter so promptly and apologies to those who had difficulty initially opening some of it. This (apparently !) was due to the fact that I was using a new Word package and had saved some of it in a different format.

Because Alison and Rob's visit is so soon, I have sent out postal copies to almost everyone to ensure you do not miss it if you are not in the habit of picking up emails regularly.

Looking forward to seeing you soon at one of the events

Ann