

MIDLAND DEXTER GROUP

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NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2010

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 16 2010
AUTUMN SOCIAL
EVENING**

**FEBRUARY
MEETING TBA**

**CALF SHOW
2011**



The evening sunshine cast a warm glow over the celebration as a group of around forty Midland Dexter Group members and guests climbed aboard the Countess of Evesham in Stratford, to be greeted by a glass of sherry to get the event off to a cheery start.

The founding members of the Group were represented by Sue and Mike Bancroft and Chris Nightingale, and many other long-term members were present, including honorary life members, Major and Mrs P Gallard who had come down from Auchtermuchty in Fife to renew old acquaintances. Mike Bancroft, this year's Group Chairman welcomed everyone, including Di Smith, the President of the Dexter Society, who had travelled all the way from Dover to join in the celebration. Mike gave us a short talk about the early years of the Midland Group and the changes that had taken place in Dexter keeping since then.

Guests settled down to enjoy dinner and the passing scenery, with a short stop at Luddington to stretch their legs before the rest of the excellent meal.

On the return journey each individual member or family received a gift of an attractive engraved glass paperweight to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the Group.

The evening drew to a close with a Prize Draw organised by Maurice Day with some very good prizes donated by Maurice, including a Mystery Prize, chosen by the ever lucky Les Digweed

As we docked at 11pm, everyone agreed that it had been an enjoyable evening and a memorable way to mark the first 25 years of the Midland Dexter Group.

Thank you to those who helped to make evening successful, particularly to Maurice Day who coordinated the event and to Gordon Taylor who spent many hours searching for the perfect souvenir to mark the occasion.

And special thanks, of course, go to everyone in that small, dedicated band of Dexter keepers who started it all 25 years ago.



SOCIAL EVENING AND HERD COMPETITION AWARDS.

This has now been confirmed as taking placing on 16 October.

It will be held at the March Hare near Worcester. The evening will take the form of an informal meal and the presentation of the 2010 Herd Competition results. Although you do not need to book your meal it would be helpful if you could let Pete Lancaster know if you will be attending as he needs to confirm numbers with the pub and give them a deposit. A booking form is attached to the newsletter.

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A reminder that Ben Roberts is now our official “Webmaster” and would welcome suggestions from members about what they feel would be of interest to our group. Ideas so far include a Marketplace and information about livestock and produce members have for sale. This is in addition to the items already posted. It would be good if we could increase the number of Herd Profiles available for visitors to the site. It

could benefit both individual members in our group and the Dexter breed in general. If you have any items you would like to be posted on the website contact Ben at bjre.roberts@btopenworld.com or tel 01527 878816



Sladen Farm
Alkham
Dover

Dear All,

Thank you so much for a lovely evening celebrating the Silver Anniversary of the Midland Dexter Group.

It was so good to meet you all. I really enjoyed the meal and the river trip. Active groups such as yours are so important for the future of the breed.

Kind regards

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P.S. Am enjoying using the paperweight. Thank you.

Moreton Show Results

Dexter Bull, any age: 1 Abbie Gardner and Les Digweed: Tooloos Sweet Williams.

Dry Cow or Heifer, having had a calf: 1 Miss Abbi Gardner, Langley End Murisia, 2 Mrs K Wheeler & Family, Alvecote Lazy Daisy, 3 Warwickshire College, Nolands Privet.

Heifer: 1 Ms Warwickshire College, Moreton Scarlett Willow, 2 Mrs Patricia & Clair Stone, Hunterstone Teal.

Heifer, under 30 months of age on day of show: 1 Abbie Gardner and Les Digweed:, Tooloos Flower, 2 Mrs Patricia & Clair Stone, Hunterstone Redstart, 3 Mrs K Wheeler & Family, Alvecote Night Owl, 4 Miss Abbi Gardner, Sollershope Pandora.

Cow or heifer, in milk: 1, Abbie Gardner and Les Digweed Sollershope Regina, 2 Mrs Patricia & Clair Stone, Mansham Ruby.

Best Group of Three Animals: 1 Abbie Gardner and Les Digweed, 2 Mrs Patricia & Clair Stone.

Breed Championships for the Best Male entered in the Dexter Classes: Abbie Gardner and Les Digweed Tooloos Sweet Williams.

Breed Championships for the Best Female entered in the Dexter Classes: Champion Abbie Gardner and Les Digweed, Langley End Murisia, Reserve Abbie Gardner and Les Digweed, Sollershope Regina.

Breed Championships for the Best Animal entered in the Dexter Classes: Champion Abbie Gardner and Les Digweed Langley End Murisia, Reserve Abbie Gardner and Les Digweed, Sollershope Regina.

Evesham Show Results

Bull

Knightsway Bandit; Lancaster family, Holberrow Finn; George Godber, Tooloos bull calf; Abbie Gardner

Cow/heifer having calved wet or dry

Holberrow Lorna; George Godber

Calf under twelve months

Tooloos bull calf

Heifer under thirty months

Holberrow Lois George Godber

Pairs George Godber

Group of three the Lancaster Family

Supreme champion George Godber Holberrow Lorna

Reserve champion Knightsway Bandit

