

LONGHORN CATTLE SOCIETY

AGM Weekend 2-4 November 2012

Exmoor

This year we are in Somerset for the AGM weekend, basing ourselves at The Northfield Hotel, Minehead. Northfield Hotel is an Edwardian building set in its own grounds of two acres and in a quiet residential area of this seaside town. The rooms either have a sea view or overlook the grounds. The town centre of Minehead is a short walk from the hotel, and the seafront is just a few hundred metres away. The pretty village of Dunster, with its castle set on the hill overlooking the village, is just a five minute drive away. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunstercastle

Itinerary

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Arrive at Hotel. The Hotel booking is on a half board basis so all evening meals are included in the rate. The Table d'hôte menu is served between 7pm and 9pm.

Contact details for the Hotel are:

Northfield Hotel, Northfield Road, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 5PU. Tel: 0845 130 2678. Go to the website for more information on the Hotel and the surrounding area - www.northfield-hotel.co.uk

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER

10.30 Visit to Sheppy's Cider & Longhorns, Three Bridges, Bradford on Tone, Taunton, TA4 1ER by kind invitation of David and Louisa Sheppy. Have a look at their website: www.sheppycider.com. There will be refreshments available on arrival.

The farm is a 350 acre family owned mixed farm. The main enterprises are arable (approx 200 acres on a wheat rotation with beans, barley and oats), 55 acres of cider apple orchards; fruit supplied to Sheppy's Cider and the Three Bridges Longhorn herd. The herd was started in 2002 and now comprises of approximately 30 cows. Since 2009 we have run half the herd on a Longhorn bull and half the herd on a Charolais bull. Generally Longhorn bull calves are castrated and de-horned, and fattened for our own shop and the Longhorn beef trade. Heifers are kept back as herd replacements or sold as breeding females. The Charolais x calves will either be finished and sold at the local fatstock market or sold as store cattle. A small flock (approx. 40 ewes) of Wiltshire Horns are also kept. Sheppy's Cider is a growing family cider business, established in 1816. Sheppy's Cider has adapted well with the growing demand for high quality, traditional bottled and draught ciders, and at the same time maintaining the popular cider attraction and visitor centre which includes a farm and cider shop, museum showing a film of the years cider process, tea rooms/restaurant, orchard and farm walks, and pre-booked guided tours.

We will split into 2 groups. One group will have a full tour of the cider works which will include apple processing, cider making, a visit to the vat store and a chance to look around the museum. Meanwhile the other group will go on a tractor and trailer trip around the farm, obviously including seeing the Longhorn herd (both adults and youngstock), and a chance to see some mechanical apple picking in the orchards. And then the groups will swap around, so everyone sees everything. If there has been a very wet spell beforehand, the cattle might already be indoors, in which case there may not be a tractor and trailer trip

13.00 Lunch at Oake Manor Golf Club, Oake, Taunton, Somerset, TA4 1BA www.oakemanor.com

2.00 AGM, including the presentation of the Bull of the Year Award, Cow of the Year Award, Paul Luckett Novices Award, The Junior Handlers Award.

AGM speaker to be confirmed.

7.00 for 7.30 Evening dinner at Northfield Hotel.

SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER

10.00 Visit to Gupworthy Farm, Gupworthy, Wheddon Cross, Nr Minehead, Somerset, TA24 7DA by kind invitation of George, Jackie and Thea Woollatt. Have a look at their website: www.gupworthyfarm.com

Gupworthy Farm is a 450 acre farm situated on the Brendon Hills in the Exmoor National Park. 80 acres are arable plus 20 acres of contract swedes are grown and the rest is in grass for silage or grazing. We are a 'new' herd and started with one cow in 2004. We began to like them more and more and now have over 60 Longhorn cows. Steers are sold as stores and heifers are kept as replacement and to supply the family butchers shop in Hertfordshire. There is also a commercial mixed suckler herd running with a Charolais bull. We also run a flock of Cheviot and Texel cross ewes with a few Wiltshire's thrown in. We are very pleased to welcome the Longhorn Cattle Society to Gupworthy and hope that you enjoy your visit

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Cattle Society

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Somerset

Booking Form
Please return this form to the Secretary by Saturday 6 October 2012

I/we..... Herd No.....

- Send our apologies
- Plan to come to the AGM Weekend and wish to book

Meals & accommodation (all prices include VAT)

Full weekend (Friday night dinner & room; Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, room; Sunday breakfast)
twin/double room (Please state) £272/room No. rooms.....

Full weekend (Friday night dinner & room; Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, room; Sunday breakfast)
single occupancy room. £136/room No. rooms.....

Friday 24hr (Friday night dinner & room, Saturday breakfast & lunch)
double/twin room (Please state) £158/room No. rooms.....

Friday 24hr (Friday night dinner & room, Saturday breakfast & lunch)
single occupancy room. £80/room No. rooms.....

Saturday 24hr (Saturday lunch, dinner, room; Sunday breakfast)
twin/double room (Please state) £158/ room No. rooms.....

Saturday 24hr (Saturday lunch, dinner, room, Sunday breakfast)
single occupancy room. £80/room No. rooms.....

Meals only, no accommodation (all prices include VAT)

Saturday: 3 course carvery lunch at Oake Manor Golf Club @ £20.00 pp No. of meals.....

Saturday: 3 course evening dinner at Northfield Hotel @ £25.00 pp No. of meals.....

I enclose a cheque for £.....
Please make cheques payable to 'The Longhorn Cattle Society'

Return to 3 Eastgate, Stoneleigh Park, Stoneleigh, Warks, CV8 2LG
Fax 0845 017 1027; Email secretary@longhorncattlesociety.com

If I haven't covered what you require then please get in touch and I'll work out the rate for you.