

LONGHORN



Cattle Society

LONGHORN CATTLE SOCIETY
 AGM Weekend
 10 - 12 October 2014
 Herefordshire

Booking Form
Please return this form to the Secretary by Friday 26 September 2014

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 room; Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, room; Sunday breakfast)
 twin/double room (Please state) £250/room No. rooms..... £.....

Full weekend (Friday night room; Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, room; Sunday breakfast)
 single occupancy room. £175/room No. rooms..... £.....

Friday 24hr (Friday night room, Saturday breakfast & lunch)
 double/twin room (Please state) £115/room No. rooms..... £.....

Friday 24hr (Friday night room, Saturday breakfast & lunch)
 single occupancy room. £90/room No. rooms..... £.....

Saturday 24hr (Saturday lunch, dinner, room; Sunday breakfast)
 twin/double room (Please state) £175/ room No. rooms..... £.....

Saturday 24hr (Saturday lunch, dinner, room, Sunday breakfast)
 single occupancy room. £120/room No. rooms..... £.....

Meals only, no accommodation (all prices include VAT)

Saturday: Lunch at the Royal Lodge Hotel £15.00/person No. of meals..... £.....

Saturday: 3 course evening dinner at Royal Lodge Hotel £27.00pp 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.

Debbie

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This year we are staying at Symonds Yat East and our visits are to Richard Vaughan's Longhorn finishing unit and to The Dinmore Herd of Limousins
The Hotel is on the banks of the River Wye not far from Ross on Wye and Hereford.

Itinerary (timings are subject to change and will be confirmed nearer the time)

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER

Arrive at Hotel. Guests to make their own arrangements for dinner tonight.

Contact details for the Hotel are:

The Royal Lodge Hotel, Symonds Yat East, Herefordshire HR9 6JL <http://royalhotel-symondsyat.com/>

Or another local Hotel should we fill the Royal Lodge. All hotels are within 100 yards of each other.

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER

10.30am

Visit to Richard Vaughan, Huntsham Farm, Goodrich, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 6JN

<http://www.huntsham.com/>

Richard will be well known to many members as his Huntsham prefix has been very successful in the show ring and many herds have Huntsham breeding in their cattle.

For a number of years Richard has specialised in finishing Longhorns for restaurants and retail outlets and for efficiency reasons the farm buys in its Longhorn cattle at about 12 months of age, rather than breeding its own replacements. The cattle are grown slowly on grass and then housed to be finished on maize silage and grass silage. In Richard's opinion Longhorns will not finish correctly solely on grass; extra maize silage has to be put in to get the level of marbling and bring out the flavour. The Longhorns are taken up to 650-750kg at about 30 months of age, slaughtered locally, typically achieving an R4L carcass grade and then butchered at the farm. The beef is hung for a minimum of 32 days before being distributed. Richard also sells Middle White pork and Ryeland lamb.

1.00pm Lunch at the Royal Lodge Hotel, followed by

2.30pm **AGM**, including the presentation of the Bull of the Year Award, Cow of the Year Award, Paul Lockett Novices Award, The Junior Handlers Award.

7.00pm for 7.30pm Evening dinner at the Royal Lodge Hotel.

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER

10.30am

Visit to the Dinmore Herd of Limousin Cattle by kind permission of Mr Paul Dawes.

<http://www.dinmore.net/index.html>

The 50 cow Dinmore Herd of pedigree Limousins, owned by Paul Dawes and managed by Longhorn panel judge Richard Bartle, has emerged as one of the leading herds in the breed since its foundation in 2001. The herd has been built on some of the best bloodlines and no expense has been spared in sourcing foundation stock of the highest quality. The herd's home is a new range of farm buildings built on a greenfield site on the Dawes family's 1800 acre Dinmore Manor Estate, which is a mixed farming unit with almost 500 acres of crops, 600 acres grass and 700 acres woodland. The estate is also home to the world-famous Dinmore Manor Stud.

Original foundation females for the Limousin herd, included 30 cows from Peter and Maxine Brown's Peasleyhill herd and selected females from Martin Thomas' Wintercott herd and from several production and dispersal sales at Carlisle. Expansion has been largely based on a judicious embryo transfer programme from the best females in the herd.

The stockbull to put the herd on the map is Tonka, purchased for 30,000gns at Carlisle in October 2003 and sire of Cerberus, sold for 50,000gns; Vantastic, Carlisle champion in May 2006 when sold for 42,000gns; Dinmore Bandit, Intermediate champion at Carlisle in February 2008 when sold for a herd top price of 28,000gns.

Tonka's progeny won the best progeny award at the Royal Show in 2008 and offspring have sold for considerable sums in recent years.

This is an excellent opportunity to see a pedigree herd at the top of its game.

Lunch at a suitable hostelry for those who wish to partake, then depart.