

LONGHORN

Cattle Society

LONGHORN CATTLE SOCIETY
AGM Weekend
11-13 October 2019
Derbyshire/Leicestershire

Booking Form
Please return this form to the Secretary by Friday 27 September 2019

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

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

Accommodation

Please book your accommodation direct with the Hotel.
Please book your meals with Debbie even if you don't need accommodation so we know how many to cater for.

Meals (all prices include VAT)

Wherever you decide to stay, please book with Debbie for your meals so we know how many to cater for.

Saturday: Lunch at the Priest House Hotel @ £20.00 per head No. of meals £.....

Saturday: Dinner at the Priest House Hotel @ 40.00 per head No. of meals £.....

Sunday: Lunch at Blackbrook Longhorns, free of charge No. of meals

I enclose a cheque for/have sent a BACS payment for £.....

Alternatively log on to 'manage your herd' and let me know how many meals you require by going into AGM fees in the menu.
In that case I don't need this form back.

Please makes cheques payable to 'The Longhorn Cattle Society'
Or BACS to Longhorn Cattle Society, Sort code 40-27-06, Account number 01090534

Other things to do in the surrounding area

The Norton Motorcycle Company. Norton has long enjoyed a unique place in motorcycle history and continues to draw inspiration from the past whilst building on the Norton legacy for the future. *As previously stated, factory tours are available on Fridays.* Go onto the website to book. <http://www.nortonmotorcycles.com/>

The National Space Centre With six interactive galleries, the UK's largest planetarium, and the iconic 42m high Rocket Tower, the award-winning National Space Centre is an out of this world experience. <https://spacecentre.co.uk/>

King Richard III Visitor Centre Using great storytelling, beautiful design and 21st century technology, the centre tells the fascinating and moving story of the king's life and death, and reveals one of the greatest archaeological detective stories ever told. <https://kriii.com/>

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Scan & email to secretary@longhorncattlesociety.com

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The Society AGM is in Leicestershire this year

We will be staying at the Priest House Hotel, Kings Mills, Castle Donington, Derbyshire, DE74 2RR

<http://www.thepriesthouse.co.uk/>

*The Hotel is mentioned in the Domesday Book, although all that is left of the original structure is the Norman Mill Tower and two water wheels. The current Hotel, sited next to the River Trent, has a variety of rooms, offered at a range of prices, so **members should book their rooms direct** with the Hotel to ensure they get accommodation suitable to their requirements and price range. There are rooms in the main hotel, rooms in the adjacent cottages and two houses that are fully equipped holiday cottages if you wish to book in with a group of friends or extend your stay.*

Rooms vary in price:

£85 per night B&B for a single occupancy room in the cottages,

£95 per night B&B twin or double occupancy in the cottages,

£105 per night B&B single occupancy in the main hotel,

£115 per night B&B double occupancy in the main hotel

The holiday houses are available but must be booked early to secure - please contact the Hotel for rates.

The website gives an excellent overview of the variety of the rooms available. Please let the Hotel know you are booking as part of the Longhorn Cattle Society weekend for the preferential rates.

The owner of the Hotel also owns Donington Hall, home to the Norton Motorcycle Company. The Hall and factory are about 1/2 a mile from the Hotel and the factory is open for tours on Fridays. Visit the Norton website to find out more and book a tour, if this is your thing!

If you would like to stay in a different establishment a quick Google search brings up a number of hotels and B&B in the local area.

Outline itinerary

A detailed itinerary will be sent to those members attending nearer the time.

Please feel free to dip in and out of the weekend as you wish - it's not compulsory to attend the whole weekend, just book in for the elements that interest you.

FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER

Members arrive at the Priest House Hotel. Guests to make their own arrangements for dinner tonight. Dinner is available at the Hotel or there are pubs in Castle Donington.

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER

Visit to Blackbrook Longhorns, Springbarrow Lodge, Swannymote Road, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 5UT

The Blackbrook Herd was established in 1989, following a desire to set up a beef suckler herd to run concurrently with the then dairy herd. John and Pat had found a family tie with the breed going back over 100 years previously when going through some old farm documents. Add to this the breed's enormous appeal, legendary docility, and the fact that it is one of our oldest and purest natives and every box was ticked. So began the long association with the breed that stole their hearts from the very earliest days. The Stanleys have always been very selective in their purchases and very ruthless in their culling. The cattle now conform to the type they desire leaving them with consistently good offspring and solid foundations for the next few decades.

Stock bulls were selected with great care. Over the years they have brought size, power and strength, together with passing traits to their females of good udders and milking ability. The Stanleys look for an animal of quality with good locomotion, feet, and overall balance. Suckler dams should be easy care and within the Blackbrook Herd that is essential.

The meat from the Longhorn has won accolades by all of the top Chef's including Heston Blumenthal, Jock Zonfrillo, and Gregg Wallace. The Blackbrook Herd itself won the title of 'Best Meat in Britain' (Country Life) in 2012.

Blackbrook Longhorns were a familiar sight up and down the country in the showing for a period of 26 years. During that time they took six National Championships as well as prestigious Interbreed Championships. The herd has won the Midland Herd Competition for an outstanding total of 18 times. The herd participates in the Society's Type Classification Scheme and has the most number of cattle classified EX in one herd.

Over the last few years John & Pat have been concentrating of the export of their genetics to countries across the World - America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, France etc.

Buffet Lunch at the Priest House Hotel

AGM, at the Priest House Hotel including the presentation of the Bull of the Year Award, Cow of the Year Award, Junior Heifer of the Year, Senior Heifer of the Year, Paul Luckett Novices Award, Junior Handlers Award and the President's Award.

Evening dinner at the Priest House Hotel.

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER

Technical day, Blackbrook Longhorns

In a change from the usual format for the AGM weekend we have been kindly invited to spend a second day at Blackbrook Longhorns, this time to have talks and demonstrations from professionals such as a vet, and IVF practitioner and a Type Classifier. More details will be available as participants are confirmed.

There will also be an opportunity to see the Blackbrook Gallery with it's unique collection of naive livestock paintings and a number of other Longhorn pictures from other members will be on display, bringing together a comprehensive collection of Longhorn cattle depicted in art.

Lunch - Hog roast at Springbarrow Lodge

Depart.