

# LONGHORN



## Cattle Society

LONGHORN CATTLE SOCIETY  
AGM Weekend  
15-17 October 2021  
Leicestershire

Booking Form  
Please return this form to the Secretary by Friday 24 September 2021

**ALL ARRANGEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO COVID-19 REGULATIONS IN PLACE AT THE TIME  
AND MAY HAVE TO BE ALTERED AT SHORT NOTICE**

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 visits and 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:**

Herd visit to the Wanlip herd

No. of guests.....

Lunch at the Wanlip herd

No. of meals.....

Dinner at the Sysonby Knoll Hotel @ £30.00 per head

No. of meals..... £.....

### **Sunday:**

Members to make their own arrangements for today, there are a number of attractions in the area:

**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/>

**Belvoir Castle** Belvoir Castle's history dates back to the eleventh century. It is the ancestral home of the Duke of Rutland, where the family have lived in an unbroken line for almost a thousand years. Crowning a hill, the Castle's turrets and towers rise over the Vale of Belvoir like an illustration in a romantic fairy-tale. The name Belvoir – meaning 'beautiful view' in French, and pronounced today as 'beaver' – dates back to Norman times.

<https://www.belvoircastle.com>

### **Rockingham Castle**

Built on the instruction of William the Conqueror, has been owned by the Watsons for 450 years. Prior to the Watson's ownership the Castle was held by the crown. There are very few other homes that have been continuously occupied for nearly 1000 years and within that time been owned by just one family since being relinquished as a royal Castle. <https://www.rockinghamcastle.com/>

### **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://kriiii.com/>

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

## 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 15 OCTOBER**

Members arrive at the Sysonby Knoll Hotel. Guests to make their own arrangements for dinner tonight. Dinner is available at the Hotel or there are pubs and restaurants in and around Melton Mowbray

### **SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER**

**Visit to Wanlip Longhorns, Wanlip Road, Syston, Leicestershire, LE7 1PN**

***The entrance to the farm is immediately off the A46, near the Hobby Horse roundabout. Follow the signs for Wanlip Sand & Gravel, then follow the signs to the visit.***

The Winterton family have owned Willows Farm for three generations, starting with Mike's grandfather and then added to by Mike's father and then Mike himself. Bounded by the River Wreake and the River Soar the land was used for gravel extraction up until the 1950's and has since been reinstated to pasture, with hedges and coppices also planted. Much of the land is prone to flooding and this winter has been particularly trying. Many of the old gravel pits are now ponds and lakes which attract wildlife including otters, and environmental initiatives have encouraged barn owls and other apex predators.

The Wanlip herd of Longhorns was established in 2003 and is currently around 30 cows, with Mike wanting to build the herd to around 40 cows. All steers and some heifers are finished on the farm for supply to Roberts Butchers in nearby Mountsorrel which was bought by Mike in 2018.

Mike and his family own a number of other enterprises as well as the farm including Wanlip Sand & Gravel which also includes a green waste recycling operation, George Walker Ltd (timber merchants) in Syston, Belvoir Sawmill in Knipton and a carp fishing lake run by a syndicate. Mike is also a director of Melton Mowbray Market.

We will have a tour of the cattle followed by a Longhorn beef lunch at the farm.

**AGM**, The Banqueting Suite, Melton Mowbray Market, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 1JY

The Banqueting Suite can seat up to 400 people so we will be able to hold the AGM in person with plenty of social distancing.

**Evening dinner** at the Sysonby Knoll Hotel. Dress code is smart casual. Our after dinner speaker will be Alastair Sneddon, Senior Partner at Bagshaw Auctioneers.

### **SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER**

No organised Society activities but if members wish to continue catching up with other members and friends then why not book a ticket for Belvoir Castle and enjoy the house and grounds before heading for home.

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*The Society AGM is in Leicestershire this year*

**We will be staying at the Sysonby Knoll Hotel, Asfordby Road, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 0HP**  
<https://sysonby.com/>

*Sysonby Knoll Hotel has been in the same family ownership since it was built in the 1960's as a private home. The owners have asked that all members book direct with the hotel as they have a number of room types and are offering an advance booking rate.*

Accommodation is being held for us at the Sysonby Knoll Hotel. Please call them on 01664 563563 to make your reservation quoting the Longhorn Cattle Society. You will be able to choose from a number of different room types and whether you wish to take advantage of a cheaper rate by booking on an advanced purchase rate.

They have also given a preferential rate if you wish to add the Friday evening to make a weekend of it. Rates are listed below, flexible rates are subject to a £20 deposit per person. This deposit is non-refundable unless adequate notice is given so that the room can be re-sold if you need to cancel. Pre-paid rates have payment taken in full on booking and are then non-refundable and non-transferable under any circumstances.

Rooms are being held for us until Monday 12 July and will be given on a first-come-first-served basis. After this date some rooms may be released but this won't affect the rate offered anyone who books in afterwards, as long as the Hotel has the availability.

Advanced purchase rates will expire one month prior to the AGM weekend, after this time only flexible rates will be available to book.

| <b>Room type:</b> | <b>Flex B&amp;B<br/>Saturday</b> | <b>Pre-paid B&amp;B<br/>Saturday</b> | <b>Add Fri B&amp;B<br/>(flex)</b> | <b>Add Fri B&amp;B<br/>(pre-paid)</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Single            | £72.00                           | £62.00                               | £62.00                            | £57.00                                |
| Standard for 2    | £92.00                           | £78.50                               | £78.50                            | £73.50                                |
| Superior for 2    | £102.00                          | £88.50                               | £88.50                            | £83.50                                |
| Executive for 2   | £122.00                          | £98.50                               | £98.50                            | £93.50                                |

**Cancellation policy**

The Hotel will take credit cards to guarantee for all guests, no matter which rate they choose.

On 12<sup>th</sup> July for those guests who are booking flexible rates, they will take £20pp (ie £40 per double room)

On 12<sup>th</sup> July for those guests who are booking advanced purchase, they will take the full amount

In the event that the guests needed to cancel for any reason after this time:

Flexible rates – guests will receive a refund of their deposit if the Hotel are able to resell, or can move their deposit to a future booking. The cancellation policy is 48 hours prior to arrival on these rooms. If the room is cancelled within 48 hours of arrival and the hotel are able to re-sell, then the refund will be made, however they reserve the right to still charge the full first night's stay.

Advanced purchase - will not receive any refund, nor be able to transfer their payment to another room or date

In the event that the hotel is closed due to COVID:

All guests will receive a full refund, or be able to transfer their payments onto a new date.

*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.*