

LONGHORN

Cattle Society

THE LONGHORN CATTLE SOCIETY AGM—DEVON AND SOMERSET 14 - 16 October 2022

The Society AGM weekend for 2022 is heading for Devon and Somerset.

The AGM weekend is always a great opportunity for members to meet up, catch up and 'gen up'. A relaxed weekend, in a beautiful part of the country with the opportunity to see Longhorn cattle and learn from cattle breeders.

Of course we have to conduct the formal AGM, which is the chance for members to speak to the Trustees about the Society and its governance, and we also celebrate members' achievements when we present the awards.

We have two farm visits this year; on Saturday we'll be visiting a relatively new herd of Longhorns being taken through to finishing and selling direct to the public, and on Sunday we'll be visiting a long-established herd of Ruby Red Devons, to see how another native breed is responding to the changing farming environment.

Saturday

Fowlescombe Farm, Ugborough, Ivybridge, Devon, PL21 0HW
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"Fowlescombe is a historic rare breeds farm in South Devon. We currently look after around 475 acres of organic pasture and woodland. The farm is home to the Snowcombe herd of pedigree English Longhorn and the recently added Beef Shorthorn cattle, two pedigree flocks of Manx Loaghtan and Hampshire Down sheep and a small collection Tamworth pigs. We grow our own vegetables for the local family run pub, have chickens for eggs and an orchard for apple juice and cider.

We want our farm to not only be bio-diverse and sustainable but also continuously improving. We strive to nurture the delicate balance of our ecosystem and are starting our journey in regenerative farming practices. We are proud of the wildlife the farm supports and care for it as much as the livestock – it is a privilege to host barn owls, hedgehogs and brown hares amongst many others.



In January 2019 the Owens family took over the farm, aiming to invest in the future of sustainable native breed agriculture. In 2021 our sister charcuterie business, Rare & Pasture relocated to new premises on the farm, furthering our mission to produce healthy, sustainable meat products.

We are also investing in the buildings, skills and activities on the farm, bringing quality year-around jobs and community back to our valley. We are currently developing the cluster of disused farm buildings as a hub of artisan food and visitor accommodation, creating a unique place to eat and stay"

Rosie Ball, Farm Manager

Sunday

Whitefield Pedigree Devons, Whitefield Farm, Wiveliscombe, Somerset, TA4 2UW
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Established 1903, *proud of our history, passionate about our future* At Whitefield, we combine passion for forward thinking with traditional values. Our herd of 40 cows and two stock bulls has been bred continually since pre-1903 which is when the herd re-located from Milverton, some three miles to Whitefield, Wiveliscombe. Through thick and thin times with the breed, Heywood & Hurd remained.

We farm 120 acres of permanent pasture on a county wildlife site on the edge of Exmoor, running to 1200ft asl.

We are proud to produce successful breeding cattle with pedigrees reading like the Who's Who of the breed. We have a focus on breeding stock bulls and are determined that the quality of these lies in the depth of breeding in the cow family as well as the bull. Store youngstock are sold privately as stirks to repeat customers and the vast majority of breeding cattle are sold privately from home. We always aim to support Society shows and sales but if an opportunity arises at home we will take it; anything could break a leg tomorrow!

We run three main families: Orange, Bridesmaid and Duchess, with sons and daughters of these being exported worldwide.

Our recent stock bulls run like a roll call of DCBS Bull of the Year awards including Whitefield Centurion (pictured) who's full brother was DCBS Junior Bull of the Year, the same year as Centurion. Malcolm says Centurion was the bull he had dedicated his cattle life to breed and he has undoubtedly left his mark.



A recent purchase of Rocknell Nower at 9500gns is a very exciting move for us. His correctness, his legs and feet, his overall power; it all just took our breath away and we consider ourselves very lucky to have Nower grace the fields of Whitefield.

We are honoured to host part of the Longhorn Cattle Society AGM weekend and very much look forward to welcoming you all.
Malcolm, Pauline & Becky Hurd

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Booking Form

Please return this form to the Secretary by Saturday 24 September 2022

We will be staying at the Padbrook Park Hotel, Swallow Way, Cullompton, Devon, EX15 1RU. See more about them on their website <https://www.padbrookpark.co.uk/>

Please book your room direct with them by telephoning 01884 836100

Bed & breakfast is £100 per room per night

I/we.....

Herd No.....

Send our apologies

Plan to come to the AGM weekend

Accommodation & meals

Please book your accommodation direct with the Hotel. Phone the Padbrook Park Hotel on 01884 836100 to reserve your room.

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

A more detailed itinerary will be published nearer the time.

Saturday:

Herd visit to the Snowecombe herd

No. of guests.....

Lunch (cost to be confirmed)

No. of meals.....

Dinner at the Padbrook Park Hotel (3 course meal, £30 per head, only book if you are NOT staying at the hotel. Hotel guests will automatically be included)

No. of meals..... £.....

Sunday

Herd visit to the Whiteside herd

No of guests.....

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

The South Hams part of Devon is close to both Dartmoor and the beautiful beaches of the Devon coast. Five minutes from Fowlescombe Farm is Calancombe Vineyard where wine tastings, gin making and vineyard tours are available. Check out their website <https://www.calancombe-estate.com/> or that of the South Hams region for more ideas of things to do while you're in the area <https://www.visitsouthdevon.co.uk/places/south-hams>

After the Sunday visit members can head for home, or stop for lunch at Society members David and Louisa Sheppy's Sheppy's Cider, Three Bridges, Bradford-on-Tone, Taunton TA4 1ER. David and Louisa ask that you book a table via their website to avoid disappointment as Sundays are always very busy at lunchtime. Book here <https://www.sheppyscider.com/>

Dan Holmes of the Westcott herd is also quite close by and is happy to show members his herd if you haven't had enough of Longhorns for the weekend! Please contact him on 07773 286515 for directions.

**Return to East Lodge, Stoneleigh Park, Stoneleigh, Warks, CV8 2LH
Scan & email to secretary@longhorncattlesociety.com**