

Midland Longhorn Breeders Club Summer Herd Visit 2012

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The Club was fortunate to pick one of the few fine days of this summer for their annual herd visit.

Hosted by club secretary Rachael Heard and vice chairman Graham Towers, not only were members able to view the Treverton Herd of Longhorns but also the Greenley Herd of Beef Shorthorns. Both herds looked exceptionally well, having made great progress during the relatively short time they have been established.

The Treverton herd boasts some fine individual animals and is headed by home bred stock bull Jethro showing strong bred characteristics, confirmation and siring some very smart calves. Jethro certainly provided members with a challenge when it came to the 'guess the weight of the bull competition'.



Rachael's show team is led by Jethro's dam Logan Dulcie, a striking looking cow with a well-muscled bull calf at foot and hopefully in calf again to AI bull Milton Hercules. Completing the team is a nice looking heifer by Gorse Morrisman, a previous stock bull.

Although in its infancy the Greenley Herd of Beef Shorthorns displays great quality and should prove to be a good foundation for the future. Females have been purchased from well know herds and the use of AI is providing a wider choice of bloodlines.



Having inspected the cattle members were provided with an excellent lunch before testing their skills at stocking judging. Looking at the two herds members were asked to select, in their opinion, the four best animals from each herd and also place in order four heifers from each breed. Joshua Brigg kindly agreed to be the Master Judge. Needless to say there was some disagreement, but the afternoon was very enjoyable and concluded with tea and cakes.

What more could members have wished for, good weather, tremendous cattle, warm hospitality, and a chance to catch up with old friends and fellow members. It was also very pleasing to see some new faces; hopefully they had an enjoyable day and will join us again soon. Thank you Rachael and Graham, two excellent herds of cattle, we wish you well for the future.

Tom Mills, Midland Group Chairman