

Midland Longhorn Breeders Summer Social and AGM 2022

Held at the Threshing Barn, The Milking Parlour, Calke with a
tour and talk of Sue Hallifield's Stabiliser Cattle



Sunday the 29th May saw the Midland Longhorn Breeders Club gather together for their AGM and social. Though there weren't many of us, reports back were of a good, productive meeting. A good bit of vigour and enthusiasm appeared around the table with some good ideas to move forward with.

Following the meeting we were treated to a tour and talk around the theory and figures of Sue's herd of Stabiliser cattle. Sue is very passionate about the Stabiliser's and is working to improve, change and move forward all the time.

Sue has 130 pedigree organic Stabiliser cows, selling breeding stock (cows, bulls and heifers), calving around 40 heifers each year. These were great animals, with a uniform and stamp about them. The calves looked good and were doing very well. The theory behind the breed was interesting, if a little mind blowing to the novices (me) amongst us, but is clearly working and doing what it professes to.



The yearling heifers were a picture and very well grown.



The land Sue runs is 700 acres organic from the National Trust, which is also under stewardship. It's mainly wood pasture and species rich grass.

Alongside the Stabilisers Sue also runs 24 pedigree organic Longhorn cows, who's offspring are put through their own farm butchery. 450 organic New Zealand Texel ewes.

It was a lovely afternoon, and made a real change to have a look at another breed and see different ways of bringing cattle on. It did us all good to meet together again, remove the blinkers and appreciate someone else's farming practises and passions.