

# WEST MERCIA ABERDEEN ANGUS CLUB

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## FEBRUARY 2010

**Urgent** - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March "Celidh" @ the Ballards Wedding Barn, Shrawley, Worcs, WR6 6TS: tickets £35 (carve your beef at the table and some wine etc....) promises to be a good night again and hopefully the judge of the Herd Competition James Playfair Hannay will be there along with our Society president Paul Jeenes and a representative from Biobest, one of our main sponsors.

**Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> BRISTOL SALE** : James Playfair Hannay to judge. Entry forms from Clive Rhodes, McCartneys, 01905 769770

Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> AGM @ our Chairmans place 1.30pm Visit to the Herd, Butchery Demonstration, Afternoon Tea (@ tearoom cost) followed by AGM

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Youth Development workshop** @ Nightingale 10 - 4pm. I have entry forms and this year's special section is a talk by a vet on animal health and show preparation.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**, visit to JCB Factory and lunch £20 (minimum age 15 for factory tour) followed by visit to their Organic Wootton Aberdeen Angus Herd.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June - 20<sup>th</sup>** Three Counties Show, John Moss of Curzon Herd judging and the "wee" club stand will be there (won the best promotion stand 2009; £25 for the coffers!) The Three Counties is bucking the trend in returning to its Agricultural Roots and is improving year on year and hopefully it can be as good as it was in its heyday of the 1980's - a fab show then.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July - 7<sup>th</sup> July** "Club Trip East" arrangements are now well advanced, hotel and coach booked so just need your booking now.

**Monday 9.30 am** coach leaves Nightingale to Abington Herd, Bury St Edmunds, pedigree and commercial herds grazing a 250 acre deer park. Lunch in their Elizabethan Shooting Lodge (for their commercial shoots).

Hotel in Bury St Edmunds on a full board basis £55 per person per night for dinner, bed & breakfast £15 single supplement

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**Tuesday a.m.** to Beckhithe at Reedham in Norfolk - [www.beckhithefarms.co.uk](http://www.beckhithefarms.co.uk) where they have 1200 cows grazing the marshes or in outdoor corrals. They participate in many environmental schemes and the end product goes to Waitrose. The local café will provide lunch at the farm for £10-£15 per head.

**Tuesday p.m.** Visit Shadwell Estate - [www.shadwellaberdeenangus.co.uk](http://www.shadwellaberdeenangus.co.uk) which will be familiar to most breeders

**Wednesday a.m.** Visit Hawstead Lodge Herd at Bury St Edmunds. A fairly new herd but have become a familiar team in the south at shows with several successes. Lunch enroute home. Expect to arrive back late afternoon. Not too hectic a trip with time to relax and socialise. Vehicles can be left at Nightingale.

I expect the coach to cost approx £60 per head but the more we have the less it will cost and it is the best coach.

Now the bad bit is that the cancellation dates are very early for the hotel and coach. End April for the rooms and mid May for the Coach as we are travelling in their busy time. **Payment will be required on booking but refunded if trip cancelled.**

**19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> July Royal Welsh Show** - this is a great show but poorly supported by Angus breeders. The AA society will pay for your stall and monies towards parking etc. so why not give it a go this year as we do not want to lose our classes especially as the AA are doing so well in the UK and especially in Wales.

**"MOST IMPROVED HERD"** Competition will run in 2010, judging by the members to commence in May and run through the summer with dates to suit?! Entries from 2009 carried over to 2010 and new entry forms available from Angela and at AGM along with entry forms for the 2010 **"INTER HERD COMPETITION"**

**Extra prize for "Best bunch of heifers going to the bull"**

#### CLUB REPORT IN REVIEW

I HAVE HAD AN APOLOGY FROM EDDIE GILLANDERS ON HIS OMISSION OF OUR CLUB REPORT AND PHOTO OF OUR LARGE HERD COMPETITION WINNERS - PAUL JONES with judge Bob Lane. It is to go on the AA website.

#### SEMEN OFFER

Again this year our chairman Jeremy has negotiated a discounted price for semen, **ONLY** for our CLUB MEMBERS, details from Jeremy 01981500038 if in a hurry or at the AGM Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010

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## **AGM**

**On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010 - late p.m.**

**Oakchurch Farm, Staunton On Wye, Hereford, HR4 7NE 01981500038**

### **APOLOGIES**

**Approval of MINUTES of Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

### **MATTER ARISING**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT AND REPLACEMENT**

### **EVENTS & VISITS**

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP - CANDIDATES**

**JCB/WOOTTON ORGANIC HERD - BOOKINGS - 2011 VISITS?**

**THREE COUNTIES SHOW - entries and stand**

**TRIP EAST - bookings**

**TRIP 2011**

**ROYAL WELSH SHOW - entires/support**

**MORETON IN THE MARSH SHOW - LACK OF SUPPORT!**

**CALF SHOW @ Bristol**

**WELSH WINTER FAIR**

**MOST IMPROVED HER COMPETITION - entries/ideas/sponsorship**

**INTER HERD COMPETITION - JUDGE 2010 and 2011/ classes/sponsorship**

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

