



## The Dexter Cattle Society

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Dear Member

I hope that you have all are keeping safe and well in the current circumstances. It has certainly been a strange year with no shows and we are all having to adapt to the 'new normal' which has also meant that Council meetings have been carried out via Zoom. Council have decided to continue with this format while circumstances dictate, and going forward it has been agreed that two Council meetings a year will be held via Zoom, with two face to face meetings. This decision has been taken as it will reduce Society expenditure.

The current health crisis and restrictions on large gatherings has meant the Society has taken the decision to hold the AGM electronically this year. This will be carried out via Zoom and will take place at 10am on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Members will still be able to vote for their representatives, but this will be carried out by proxy vote. Please see details of the seat vacancies below:

### **COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2020/21**

As a result of rotation and vacancies there will be a need for six new Trustees to be appointed on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020. There are vacancies for nomination in –

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| - Scotland and Mainland Europe | 3 Year Term |
| - Republic of Ireland          | 3 Year Term |
| - Wales                        | 3 Year Term |
| - Southern Region              | 2 Year Term |
| - Eastern Region               | 2 Year Term |
| - South West Region            | 1 Year Term |

Due to the Covid 19 emergency all proxy votes in 2020 need to be sent direct to the office to arrive before Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Rather than have to organise regional elections because there is more than one nomination for the region, we would encourage regions to come up with one candidate to represent them, this nomination will then be put to the membership by vote. If there is more than one candidate for each region there will be a vote for members within that region to elect a nominee.

The Bylaws and Articles of the Society require a majority of all eligible Society members who vote to approve a nomination to Council which can mean that some of those nominated are not elected by the members.

Members are encouraged to download a Nominee Trustee Form which will be available in the secure members area of the website, to be returned no later than the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020. For members who are unable to download this form please contact the office for a copy.

To overcome the situation of a potential shortfall of Trustees from the election process it is proposed that there will be also be a shortlist of volunteers to be co-opted to serve for a one-year period. Interested parties must inform the DCS office in writing. This will be reviewed after the AGM.

To protect the democratic right of members to vote for Council, these nominees in 2020/21 will not be from any of the regions (as highlighted above) where an election is taking place. Also, to introduce 'new blood' to the Council the nominees will not be anyone who has served on Council or stood for election to Council in the past three years.

### **NOMINATIONS PRESIDENT ELECT**

At the 2020 electronic AGM the present President Carolann Raybould will hand over the role to the President Elect for 2020/21 James Eccles.

Council are now seeking nominations for President Elect for 2021/22, this can be done by contacting the Society Office by email and nominating an individual for this position. Deadline for submissions is 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

### **DEXTER BEEF**

"Is Dexter meat special? We all know it is. Connoisseurs and Dexter consumers know it is. Now we have the science to prove it. A world first - Dexter meat has just been extensively analysed for the very first time. Would you like to be the first in the world to hear about it? Top global scientists in grass only fed ruminant research based at the world's largest research farm Rothampstead, Devon have for the first time started to unlock the biochemical secrets of why Dexter meat tastes so good but is such a valuable and sustainable source of nutrition in the human diet.

Professor Mike Lee heads the team of scientists there and Dr.Sarah Morgan who actually conducted the Dexter meat analysis has very kindly offered to present these exciting results to us all first early next year, this is being planned for one weekend in February and will be held in the Midlands, date and venue to be confirmed. We feel these findings could have a significant effect on the future of the Dexter industry.

We will inform you all of the details of this inaugural lecture in the next few months."  
Malcolm Eykyn

Members who are interested attending this meeting are encouraged to contact the office and please ensure we have an up to date email address for further correspondence. This will of course depend on Government guidelines at the time and will only be able to go ahead if circumstances regarding Covid 19 allow.

### **PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

Members are reminded to email in their entries for the photographic competition before the deadline of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### **GDPR REMINDER**

The Society would like to remind members that if they would like their contact details to be available to view in the Herd Book they need to sign a GDPR form or tick the GDPR acceptance on their online account. Please contact the office if you require a copy of the GDPR form.

Kind regards



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On behalf of the Trustees