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Luing Cattle Society



OPEN DAY

Friday 2nd August 2013

Welcome to:

Rawburn Farm, Longformacus, Duns
The home of Floors Luings

Courtesy of Floors Farming and Bruce Gilchrist

To be introduced by:

Andrew McNee, Chairman, Luing Cattle Society

- 1330hrs** Opening address by Roddy Jackson, Factor, Roxburghe Estate
- 1400hrs** Farm Tour starts
- 1600hrs** Food available
- 1700hrs** Stock-judging results and closing

Background to the Floors Luining herd

Floors Farming covers 10,482 acres in the Lammermuir's with three units at Rawburn, Byrecleugh and Scarlaw rising from 900ft above sea level to 1750ft at the top of Byrecleugh.

When taking Rawburn back in hand in December 2002, Floors Farming took over 120 Galloway and Galloway cross cows.

The decision was soon made to change over to Luings, buying mainly bulling heifers from the breed's Premier Sale at Castle Douglas. Current numbers are 120 Luining cows, 35 bulled with the Simmental and the remainder with the Luining.

Sheep Flock

Byrecleugh carries a flock of 1,260 Blackfaces ewes all bred pure and shepherded by Kenny Hedley. Bill Paxton looks after 600 Blackface ewes on Scarlaw and Dunside as well as 420 Lairg Cheviots on Rawburn Hill.

The field ewes on Rawburn consist of 730 Blackfaces and Cheviots put to the Bluefaced Leicester with 400 Grayface ewes put to the Texel and 30 pedigree Texel ewes.....all looked after by Caroline Scott.

Charity Donations at Floors Open Day

Hazel's footprints and the Duke of Roxburghe's fund raising efforts for clinical oncology research are the two charities which are being supported at this year's open day. *Hazel's Footprints* is a charity which seeks to provide funding for dedicated individuals wishing to work voluntarily in schools, charities or community projects abroad –

www.hazelfootprints.org. The Duke of Roxburghe recently walked from coast to coast (St Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay in Yorkshire) to raise money for clinical oncology research – www.roxburghblog.com

Farm Tour

The farm tour will start at approximately 1400hrs and will take around 90 minutes to complete in one continuous convoy of tractors and feed trailers. The tour will take in seven stops as detailed below:

Stop One

Pedigree Luining heifers aged 15 months

Stop Two

Pedigree Luining cows and calves with *Floors Jock*

Stop Three

Pedigree Luining cows & calves with *Harehead Logan*

Stop Four

Pedigree Luining bulling heifers running with *Wooplaw McLaren*. This stop will also give visitors an opportunity to view the surrounding area (pending the weather!) and hear a brief talk by EDF Energy on the wind farm development

Stop Five

Pedigree Luining cows running with *Braidwood Copper* (Simmental Bull)

Stop Six

Registered Sim-Luining heifers aged 15 months for sale at the Society's autumn sale (UA Stirling – 26th Oct.)

Stop Seven

Cheviot ewes and lambs