

## Detton Beef and Lamb Newsletter April 2005

It is good to feel that Spring is really coming at last, the winter seems to have lasted forever this year! The young lambs are happy to be dancing round the field as the days hopefully get a little warmer

Thank you to all our customers who have kept calling for meat at the farm or coping with the elements at the winter farmers markets. We have found that keeping warm at market is never a problem when we are busy, but later on in the day when we have fewer customers and meat to sell it can get very cold!

### **JANUARY OPEN /SALE weekend**

Once again our open/sale weekend at the end of January was a resounding success, it was good to see so many customers, both old and new, at the farm, to benefit from the bargains as well as taking the opportunity to see the first of the early lambs in the shed.

### **MAY OPEN EVENING**

We have decided to hold our annual summer open evening on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> from 5pm onwards . Everyone will be very welcome, there will be the usual tractor rides round the farm, which in May should be looking very attractive with many of the wildflowers and hedgerows in bloom. There will also be a barbeque in the gardens of the farmhouse as well as the opportunity to buy fresh meat if you wish. If the weather is kind to us it should be a relaxing, enjoyable evening, do come if you can, and bring friends/family.

### **FARM SHOPS**

You can continue to find Detton Beef and Lamb products in:-

Bells Farm Shop, Stourport  
Hodge Hill Farm Shop, Kidderminster  
Hopleys Farm Shop, Bewdley  
Hopton Bank Garage, Hopton Wafers  
Mill Orchard Farm Shop, Great Witley  
Shop@ the Cocks, Stottesdon

### **“LIFE AT DETTON HALL FARM 2003/4”**

Following the radio programmes that we contributed to on Radio Hereford and Worcester, we have now compiled a box set of 4 CDs which catalogue a year in the life of the farm, and include all the 29 programmes that were made. They cover all the main farm events in the year, as well as interviews at other local venues eg the village shop, pub, parish hall, school.

It is a personal record of our family farm and English rural community at a moment in time, if you would like a copy they are available at £15 for the set of four.

Our thanks go to Mike Dickins for recording and presenting the programmes to such a high standard.

### **SUMMER EATING**

Just a reminder, that if you enjoy picnics we have two products which are excellent in a picnic.

- ?? Spiced Salt Beef. We home cure a piece of silverside and when it is boiled and sliced cold it makes a superb filling for a sandwich
- ?? Mediterranean Meatloaf. This is a small loaf made from beef mince, tomatoes, oats and Mediterranean herbs. It is delicious eaten hot or cold and makes excellent picnic food !

### **EGGS AND HONEY**

For those of you who visit the shop at the farm, you can also now buy local honey and free range eggs.

### **FARMERS MARKETS**

You can always find us at:

- ?? Stourbridge 1<sup>st</sup> Sat in the month
- ?? Kidderminster 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri in the month
- ?? Bromsgrove 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat in the month
- ?? Bewdley 4<sup>th</sup> Sun in the month

### **CELEBRITY CHEFS**

This particular breed of the human race seems to be on a meteoric rise at the moment! We are very pleased to be included in Rick Steins latest book and I am especially glad that Jamie Oliver is championing school food so successfully. We are happy to be supplying beef to our local secondary school and our beefburgers are always featured on the menu at the Borders Classic Bike Show at the school in early September.

With best wishes

Clare and Arthur and family