



5 June 2019

Dear Member

FARM TOURS

Due to the popularity of our tours and as we have limited places we will be prioritising members for the first week of responses but we have also enclosed membership form in case you are not currently a member but would like to be prioritised – we would ask that you complete it together with sending us a cheque for this year's membership and setting up Go Cardless for membership going forward which will be taken in November.

STEANBOW FARM TOUR – Tuesday 18th June

By kind invitation of the Christensen family, we are delighted to inform you that we are visiting Steanbow Farm for a farm walk and tour on Tuesday 18th June.

The farm walk will start **6pm at Steanbow Farm House Pilton**, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 4EH – Neil Christesen together with his family and team will be taking us around. We do ask that you arrive promptly, due to the size of the farm we hope to be going on trailers around the farm and so we do need to leave on time.

Glastonbury Festival uses Steanbow Farm and it will all be set up for this so it should make for an interest tour on top of the dairy and surrounding farm.

There is a charge of £12pp payable in cash on the night for the tour together with a hot beef roll and selection of salads and beverages – however please do let us know ASAP of any dietary requirements which we will confirm by **12th June**.

CROPMECH FARM TOUR – Monday 1 July 2019

By kind invitation of Mark Stevens, we are also delighted to inform you that we are visiting Risdon feed mill and farm for a tour on Monday 1 July 2019 together with a talk about CropMech and the various services they offer and how it all fits together. We will also be announcing the winners of our Farm Management Competition on the evening.

The farm walk will start **6pm at Huish Barton**, Merton, Okehampton, Devon EX20 3QE– Mark Stevens together with his family and team will be taking us around. As we hope to visit two out of the three sites (the main farm and the feed mill) that they operate over we do ask that you arrive promptly.

The farm we are visiting is around 1,200 acres of arable and grassland, together with 400-500 head of beef cattle, and there is a further 1,000 acres rented on various farming agreements around North and Mid Devon, together with a contracting business. The grain storage facility provides a total of approx. 40,000T of capacity including drying, cleaning and blending facilities.

The tour will be from 6.00-7.30pm at Huish Farm, then moving to Risdon Mill 15 minutes away, for the tour of the mill and some refreshments by kind permission of the CropMech & the Stevens family, where we will aim to finish by 9.30pm.

RSVP - Please confirm your attendance stating which farm tour to allow us to cater appropriately by emailing somersetcma@outlook.co.uk, call Georgia on 01823 462908 or by texting Kate on 07835017754 by **Wednesday 12th and 19th June respectively**.

Georgia and Kate

CMA Secretaries