



# **CGS Summer Tour 2019**

## **Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June**

### **South West Scotland**

#### **DAY1**

Depart Reaseheath College 5:45am – Breakfast on route.

**John Forrest - Hurkledale Farm** – Milks 1700 cows on an intensive system, currently a flying herd but started using some Sexed genetics recently to start rearing a small number of replacements and so become part flying part rearing. High health herd with strict protocols in place to ensure top performance, 10,400 Litres average @ 4.1% Fat and 3.4% Protein, SCC 155 and a pregnancy rate of 26%.

**Angus Kerr - Crochmore Farm** – Angus Kerr has recently converted to an Autumn Block system on his home farm and pushed numbers up to 500. He also milks 280 on another AYR system up the road. The group will get the chance to hear how Angus has changed his system and why, plus the challenges of managing multiple units.

**Robert Dodds, Littleton farm DG7 2DQ** – 1500 cows on an intensive AYR system, also has an extensive renewables business with AD, Wind turbines and Biomass. Just moved to all Sexed semen and Beef with no conventional dairy semen being used due to the lack of marketability of dairy bulls in the area. Beef semen used is Wagyu on a contract with a rearer.

**Evening meal, Accommodation and breakfast at Cally Palace Hotel, Gatehouse of Fleet**

## **DAY2**

**Glenapp Estate** – This spring calving herd of 900 cows was started in 2010 and is part of a 5000 Ha estate with shooting, commercial and residential property plus a beef enterprise. Run by Charlie Russell who is a Nuffield scholar the dairy overlooks the sea farming in conditions not like Cheshire!

### **High Mark Farming – Ed Dale and James Ward**

High Mark Farm is now in its third season having been purchased by the Dale family based near Congleton, Cheshire. The farm is managed day to day by James Ward who graduated from Harper Adams in 2014 and is not originally from a farming background. Cow numbers have risen from 400 at the start of the venture to today where 630 spring calving cows were calved this year, these are milked through a 60 point rotary parlour that was commissioned in June 2018. 187ha of land make up the farm steading which is run on a grazing system. Some of the herd are outwintered with the remainder housed in cubicles.

Meal on the way home.

### **Return to Reaseheath approx 7.30pm**

**The cost for the trip is £150 per person. There are a very limited number of single rooms available this will require a £30 supplement and are on a first come first serve basis.**

**Apart from breakfast on the first day all food is included in the price.**

For more information and/or to book a place please contact;

CGS Chairman Will Gill 07780578069 or [will@grasslands-uk.com](mailto:will@grasslands-uk.com)

Please make cheques payable to Cheshire Grassland Society and send with the completed form to the address below no later than Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May to secure your place.

BACS payments can be made to 81562207 Sort Code 40-16-22. Please quote name and CGS as reference, and e-mail to confirm booking.

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**SUMMER TRIP 25<sup>TH</sup>-26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE- Scotland £150**

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