



# The Durham Grassland Society

## Summer Farm Walk

### Low Harperley Farm, Near Fir Tree

Co. Durham, DL15 8DY.

**From East, North and South.** - Get to the roundabout on the A68 / A689 junction, just west of Crook. Head West on the A689 towards Wolsingham. After 1 mile, at bottom of hill, there is a white cottage on the left. Turn in just after (alongside) the cottage. 1/2 mile farm track to farm. **From West.** - Head East out of Wolsingham on A689 for a couple of miles. Just where the road starts to go up the hill, there is a white cottage on the right. Turn in just before (alongside) the cottage. 1/2 mile track to farm.  
Post code DL15 8DY gets you to the white cottage. *Turn in at cottage is on a bad bend. Care needed*

**by kind permission of Mr Paul Allison**

## Monday 17th June 2019

7.30pm prompt start



Mixed farm. Approx 100 ha grassland (50/50 permanent pasture / reseeded) and 50 ha arable. 125 suckler cows (mostly pure bred Salers) and 400 ewes. Trying to implement rotational grazing on more of the farm each year as we do more fencing and water pipes, with the objective being to produce and utilise more grass and use less fertiliser.

This year's project is subdividing a 12.5 ha rigg and furrow permanent pasture field. It's always a struggle to manage rotational grazing with the multiple small stock groups on a mixed sheep and beef farm. As well as also dealing with the problems associated with subdividing fields with public rights of way in them.

**\*\*BIO SECURITY\*\***

**Clean boots are essential and that disinfection point should be used on arrival**



**Pie and Pea Supper** will be served, please confirm that you are coming to reserve your food

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# SAVE THE DATES 2019



## Monday 7th October 2019

Scotch Corner Hotel

**Liz Genever**

Independent sheep and beef consultant with an interest in grass and forages, grazing management, demonstrations and research



## Friday 22nd November 2019

Jersey Farm Hotel

**Peter Wright - TV's The Yorkshire Vet**

Peter is based at Skeldale Veterinary Centre, the former workplace of famous veterinarian and author James Herriot.



## Monday 9th December 2019

Park Head Country Hotel & Restaurant

**Dr David Davies Silage Solutions Ltd**

Silage Solutions provide independent research and advice on feed conservation to the agricultural community through motivated workforce working in partnership with those they serve. The business activities include: novel product development, product testing and development of improved 'on-farm' silage analysis and consultancy to agri-business.



## Monday 13th January 2020

Jersey Farm Hotel

**Quiz Master Alan Hutchinson**

Pie, Pea and Chips supper