



UK GALLOWAY WORLD CONGRESS 2016 | SCOTLAND

5th - 10th August

We are delighted to welcome you to the UK Galloway World Congress, we have an exciting and varied programme on offer from cattle Blacks, Belties, Whites and Riggits, castles, tartan, spectacular scenery and the very best of local food.

Our Congress host hotel Gretna Hall Hotel, Gretna Green, DG16 5DY is the venue for celebration dinners and all entertainment, due to the number of delegates attending the congress, a marquee has been erected in the Hotel's beautiful gardens to host all the activities including the evening meals. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to these very special events. Due to the difficulty of arranging travel, you will have to make your own travelling arrangements to the host farms. We are offering day and evening tickets as follows:

FRIDAY 5th AUGUST

WELCOME DINNER TICKETS @ £20pp at 7.30pm

To welcome our UK and Overseas delegates to the homeland of Galloways and to receive visiting countries flags. You will be welcomed by a piper and then enjoy a three course buffet style meal prepared by the hotel chef followed by tea or coffee. A unique chance to meet and renew friendships with fellow Galloway breeders from around the World.

SATURDAY 6th AUGUST

PRESENTATION DINNER TICKETS @ £25pp at 7.30pm

After a busy day at Dumfries and Lockerbie show which is hosting the National Shows, the Show and National Shows trophies will be presented after a three course Galloway Roast beef dinner which will be carved at your table. Entertainment will showcase the best of Scottish Highland dancers.

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST

CONGRESS MEETING TICKETS @ £10pp

The official business of the Congress which commences at 10.00am, a sandwich lunch and tea/coffee will be offered to you throughout the day. All the Galloway families and visiting countries will give their biannual report with the day ending with a talk by Mr David Thomson, co owner of Annandale Distillery, the only Whisky Distillery in Dumfries and Galloway. Annandale Distillery was closed in 1918 and following an extensive £10.5million restoration project, was reborn in 2014. For more information: www.annandaledistillery.com

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST

DINNER AND CEILIDH TICKETS @ £25pp at 7.30pm

After a buffet style three course meal again prepared by the chef at Gretna Hall Hotel you will dance the night away with local band Bon Accord Ceilidh Band and a dance caller who will show our visitors the steps to our traditional Scottish dances.

MONDAY 8th AUGUST

THERE ARE NO TICKETS TO OFFER FOR THIS DAY, BUT YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO VISIT THE TWO HOST FARMS. Firstly, Tim Oliver's, Low House Farm, Hexham, where we hope to arrive at approx. 9.00am. Tim is a 7th generation grassland farmer, he farms in Northumberland, North East England at 2 different locations, Off the Wall and Low House Farm, both within a mile of historic Hadrian's Wall. In 1999 Tim started buying Belted Galloways, Longhorns, and Highland cattle to fatten for three individual butchers who sought the marketing qualities of fantastic individual flavour. At one stage all three breeds which he fattened were sold on three different butchers counters in the famous Borough Market, London.

After travelling north to the Scottish borders you will visit with Alan McClymont, Kirkstead, Yarrow, Selkirk, TD7 5LF. It is 20 years since Alan and his late father Robin came to Castle Douglas to purchase a few Galloways. Little did they know that the herd would grow to over 40 head and have such great success in both the show and sale ring. The McClymonts have farmed Kirkstead since 1967 and have contract farmed the neighbouring farm, Dryhope for the last seven years. The farms lie in the Yarrow Valley in the Scottish Borders at the top end of the picturesque St Mary's Loch, the largest natural loch in the Borders. It is hoped to be at Kirkstead at 2.00pm.

TUESDAY 9th AUGUST (AM)

MOCHRUM DAY TICKETS @ £10pp

Mochrum is one of the oldest and most famous herds. The herd is based at Mochrum Estate which includes the 15th century Castle, Old Place of Mochrum and is 8 miles from Newton Stewart, South West Scotland. DG8 9RS. It is owned by Mr David Bertie, cousin of the late Miss Flora Stuart, who was famous worldwide, not only as President of the Belted Cattle Society, but as custodian of the breed in the UK. Mochrum Estate currently farms the May Farm and Drumwalt DG8 8RS and we expect to be there about 11.00am, you will see round the famous Beltie herd and have hot roll lunch and refreshments.

TUESDAY 9th AUGUST (PM)

KLONDYKE DAY TICKETS @ £25pp

Klondyke Galloways are one of the largest herds of Galloways in the UK, it all started in 2000 when the late Bob Gault wanted to purchase a herd of Pedigree Cattle to supply beef for the farm shops in his chain of Klondyke Garden Centres. Bob decided on Galloway, famed for its tasty meat, the Galloway was well suited to the land and climate on the Maxwellton Estate which Bob purchased in 1999 and by chance the herd of Marbrack Galloways from Frank Hunter Blair was for sale and Bob was able to purchase the herd in its entirety. Mr Scott McKinnon, Farm Manager and Chairman of both the Galloway Cattle Society and World Galloway Organisation will show you around the Cattle and the extensive buildings where we hope to arrive about 3.30pm, after seeing the cattle you will then be served Klondyke Galloway beef supper. DG3 4HA

WEDNESDAY 10th AUGUST

DRUMLANRIG CASTLE & LUNCH @ £20pp

For our last day we will travel to the heart of Dumfries and Galloway and visit Speddoch and Muil, Shawhead, Dumfries at approx. 8.00am. You will see Muil and Speddoch Belties who are owned by Sir JCL Keswick and William Clark Maxwell respectively and stockman Robert Ross will show you around. Then on to Romesbeoch Galloways, which are grazed next door to Speddoch, the Ross family have featured at the major shows and sales for over 50 years and you will get the chance to see this famous herd.

The Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry who is President of the Galloway Cattle Society and member of the Belted Galloway Society, has invited you to his stately home, Drumlanrig Castle, the Castle is steeped in History and you will be shown round the Castle and learn about its 600 year history, also to be seen is the Buccleuch Collection which is particularly renowned for its furniture and for its silver. Buffet Lunch will be served at approx. 11.30am in the beautiful formal gardens. Last visit of the Congress, at approximately 3.00pm is to Blackcraig, Corsock, Castle Douglas. The herd name Blackcraig is famed for breeding quality livestock whether it is Galloway Cattle or Blackface sheep, the family John, Ann, daughter Kelly and son Iain have enjoyed much success with both breeds in the show and sale rings and the Blackcraig prefix is in much demand both in the UK and Overseas.

Full features on the farms can be found in the Galloway Cattle Society Journal.

If you are interested in attending any of these events, please contact the Societies offices or complete the order form. Closing date for tickets is 22nd July 2016.