



PEAK FARMERS GROUP

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER: FEBRUARY 2025



NOVEMBER MEETING

The Peak Farmers Group meeting for November saw us host Pen Rashbass and Ian Steele from Pasture for Life (Pfl). at the Cowshed Cafe.

Pen represents Pfl which is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company focused on developing pastoral farming systems in the UK to positively benefit not only the environment and farmed animals but farmers, farm businesses and wider society. Pen presented a talk titled- Building resilience: The financial, health and biodiversity benefits of managed grazing on permanent pasture. For more information visit Pfl's [website](#).

Ian and his wife farm at Treflach Farm in Shropshire near the Welsh Border where they breed Hereford cattle and Tamworth pigs. They are currently taking part in a four year Innovative Farmers field lab trial exploring the practice of bale grazing for overwintering cattle.



JOIN THE STEERING GROUP!

THE PEAK FARMERS STEERING GROUP IS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS WHO ARE ACTIVE FARMERS TO JOIN CONTACT TONY FOR MORE INFORMATION
INFO@PEAKFARMERSGROUP.CO.UK

URGENT HELP NEEDED!



DON'T MISS OUR NEXT MEETINGS!



HARDENCLOUGH FARM VISIT

Join us at James and Rachel Metcalfe's Hardenclough Farm, where they farm sheep. James will discuss how he has developed the farm after taking over from his father in 2022 as well as being in a HLS agreement, exploring SFI opportunities and being National Trust tenants. Lunch provided.

**THURSDAY
13TH FEBRUARY
BARBER BOOTH
EDALE 11AM-2PM**

WHAT3WORDS DOSE.CRAFTS.RESORTING

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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RUTH GRICE

How Dairy Farmers & Environmental Organisations Can Achieve Sustainable Food Security & Combat Climate Change

Ruth is a dairy farmer from Melton Mowbray and also works part time for Long Clawson Dairy, as Farm Liaison & Sustainability Manager. In 2023, Ruth undertook a Nuffield Farming Scholarship where she explored how dairy farmers and environmental organisations work together (or don't as the case may be), to achieve sustainable food security and combat climate change.

**MONDAY
3RD MARCH
BENTLEY BROOK INN
FENNY BENTLEY 7PM
DINNER PROVIDED**

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Bubnell Cliff Farm Visit- 10th April



Other News

Defra seeking input from cattle farmers in bid for 'negligible risk' Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) disease status

Defra are inviting all cattle farmers to participate in a short survey about cattle farming practices. This data will support our application for official recognition as BSE 'negligible risk' status by the World Organisation for Animal Health, which is currently under evaluation. They need to assess what types of feed storage units are in use on cattle farms and how old they are. They would like responses from as many farmers as possible so that we get a good understanding of the situation of the whole cattle farm population. **Find out more and complete the survey [here](#).**



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