

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2016



Dear Member,

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> field evening of the year will take place Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30 p.m. on the farm of Declan Madden and family, home to the "Portland" herd, Lorrha, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. The sponsors for the night are Dovea, Arrabawn and Portumna Farm & Dairy Services. The farm is located on the main Birr to Portumna road. Directions are as follows:

- From Birr, follow the N52 towards Nenagh. Just outside Birr, in the village of Riverstown, take a right turn onto the R489. The farm is situated just off of this road, approximately 15 km from Birr. The event will be signposted from Riverstown.

I would encourage all members to attend as it promises to be a very enjoyable evening with an excellent herd of hard working Holstein/ Friesian cows on the display.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind members of our upcoming calf show which will be held in Tullamore Mart on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July. All members are welcome to take part. For anyone that has never taken part in this show before, there will be a non-clipped January 2016 and March 2016 born calf class so you just need to have the calf halter trained and turn up on the day! Reminder to anyone bringing calves to have "Movement forms" printed off the DAFM website and present on the morning of the show for inspection by the local DVO. Please note updated age groups for this years calf classes:

March Calf handled by 10 and under	Born on or after March 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016
Junior Calf handled by 12 and under	Born between January 1 <sup>st</sup> and February 29 <sup>th</sup> 2016
Intermediate Calf by 16 and under	Born between November 1 <sup>st</sup> and December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2015
Senior Calf	Born between July 1 <sup>st</sup> and October 31 <sup>st</sup> 2015
Spring Yearling	Born between April 1 <sup>st</sup> and June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2015
Mature Calf	Born between January 1 <sup>st</sup> and March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2015

Future dates for the diary:

- National IHFA open day Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, see website for details.
- Ossory Show, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Our final field evening of the year and BBQ on Peter Gings farm is scheduled for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.
- Tullamore Show, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August

As always, more information can be found on our website [www.laoisoffalyfriesianbreeders.com](http://www.laoisoffalyfriesianbreeders.com) or our facebook page. Information on national IHFA events can be found on the IHFA website.

Yours Sincerely,

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