

# Doonies Claik

It has been a busy, sunny summer for visitors to the farm, in marked contrast to last year's rather soggy attempt at a summer. Visitor numbers are up and people have been smiling.( including Debbie and I !)

The educational unit which was installed last year has been well used by school groups during the spring and summer terms. We have also been hosting visits by our local college for their various animal course students. Hopefully, if funding can be found, we will in future be able to work more closely with the college on a range of practical husbandry instruction.

The college is also compiling a list of students who would like to volunteer at the farm, which will be a good help for us at busy times.



In November, we are hosting two, one day courses for new keepers of sheep and pigs. These are pilot trials, funded by the Scottish government and run by the Scottish Agricultural College Consulting veterinary service. Each course will cater for 10 people and if they are successful then more will take place next year.( It will also be a good opportunity to promote the benefits of keeping rare breeds)

In September the Lennox family took

a drive down to Melton Mowbray to buy some new rams. We also wanted to establish a new flock of sheep at the farm, we bought some Greyface Dartmoors! Three ewes and ram have settled in well and we are looking forward to our first lambs in the spring.

**That is all the news from the farm, for this year. We would like to take this opportunity and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year!**

*Farmer Lennox*

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November - February  
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