

Church Farm & Fosse Farm

Church Farm is situated in the picturesque Somerset village of Stratton On The Fosse near the Mendip hills. Jeremy and his father John run two tenanted farms Church Farm & Fosse Farm with approx 450 acres of land. 300 acres of this is used for arable growing wheat, barley, oilseed rape and beans (in rotation). The rest is used for producing grass and conservation management. The grass supports up to 125 beef cattle & calves and 25 horses



which are kept in horse sheds. 15% of the land is in some form of conservation management including new woodland, wild bird feed areas and hay meadows. An extra 230 acres of land is farmed in with their neighbours, the Addicott family, and much of this land is also in arable production. The soil at Church farm is mainly sandy & clay loam. Church farm also operates a small milk delivery service, however milk production ceased in 2000.

The Stratton estate is owned by the Duchy of Cornwall (Prince Charles) and Jeremy's family has farmed in this area for three generations. In 2006 the family were awarded the coveted Gold Habitat award, presented by His Royal Highness Prince Charles for services to the environment, it was during that year that they also became the first demonstration farm in Somerset for LEAF (Linking Environment & Farming) which forms part of a national network of demonstration farms allowing people to see how farmers produce food and care for the countryside.



Jeremy his wife Sue and two daughters aged 9 & 6 enjoy sharing the farm with visitors and annually organise an 'Open Farm Sunday' event in June, inviting members of the public onto the farm, last year 1500 people enjoyed a fantastic day out learning how food was produced and how the animals were cared for.

There isn't much time for hobbies with such a busy farm to run, however, Sue is Chair person for the PTA at the local school and a member of the village hall committee, she is also a Regional Co-ordinator for a project called "Let Nature Feed Your Senses" which is helping disadvantaged children & adults, and people with disabilities have access to farm education. Jeremy is a Parish Councillor and a member of Bath District Farmers, a group who produce & supply local food to local schools. Jeremy & Sue's daughters enjoy caring for ponies on the farm, swimming lessons, attending Brownies & a local drama club.