

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Qualifications

Qualified British Alpaca Society Judge, 2007
1992 – South West Dairy Farmer of the Year Award
John Neeson Memorial Award for Diversification (Runner-up 2005)



Employment

I left school to join the family sheep and beef farm, at the same time starting my own pig breeding herd supplying weaners to a local fattening unit. During this time I worked for National Milk Records (part-time) on several farms and did some seasonal contract work. In 1978 I was involved with the installation of a new dairy unit on the farm which was my sole responsibility.

Following my father's death in 1981, I took complete management of the family farm. The pig and sheep enterprises were dispersed and the dairy herd increased to 105 milking cows. The farm size had increased from 115 to 177 acres and employed myself and a full-time herdsman.

In 1995 we were looking for another enterprise to run alongside the dairy herd and purchased our first two Alpacas in 1996. With decreasing milk prices and increased beaurocracy we decided to sell the dairy herd to develop the alpaca business. Our Alpaca breeding herd now stands in excess of 100 breeding females plus a stud of working males. We offer a selection of animals for sale and provide stud and husbandry services to existing owners. 2004 saw the opening of the Alpaca Training Centre on the farm with the aid of DEFRA subsidies. A range of courses have been developed in all aspects of alpaca farming and management and the centre continues to go from strength to strength.

Interests/Hobbies

Apart from spending time with my family I enjoy playing squash, tennis, walking, cycling, running, skiing, environmental conservation and vegetable gardening. I am married to Rachel and have two children, Daisy (9) and Tabitha (7).