

Sunday, November 16, 2008

Our first Dexter calf.

For those of you who have been to stay and wondered if Tulip was ever going to have a calf, here he is.....

He arrived at 3.00 am on Sunday morning.

This weekend we had had the most wonderful weekend with our first full Wedding party occupying all the cottages. There was a very happy buzz about the place with hairdressers arriving, buttonholes being delivered and cousins coming to stay. My job was to do the flowers and I couldn't have done it without my wonderful Mother in law who came for the day and helped me create the bridesmaids posies and the brides bouquets, bursting with blown ivory roses, liysanthus, frecia, bouvardia and lots of green. It was a really special day working together and then finally to walk across the courtyard to present the Bride with her bouquet and see her off on Saturday morning.

Happy wedding guests returned to the cottages on Saturday night, and as the wine flowed there were a few predictions as to when Tulip our heavily pregnant Dexter cow would give birth! Charles went to check on her before we went to bed and decided to set his alarm for 3.00 am. Low and behold when he went to see her at 3.00 there was a gorgeous bull calf. He reckons he had been born no more than ten minutes earlier! When Charles came back to tell me the news.

I tossed and turned in bed and was worried about waking everyone up and bothering Tulip, but then thought of missing that first moment got the better of me and I pulled on my jeans and a fleece and tip toed out into the cold night air. I can honestly say I had a real lump in my throat as I watched. Tulip who was mooing in almost a hum to her baby, It should have been Christmas morning !!!! I tip toed happily back to my warm bed with a very happy feeling inside.

Sunday morning arrived all too soon but with it came the arrival of a wonderful couple The Bartholemews, we are honoured as it is their second visit. They were thrilled to hear of Tulips calf. The wedding party left happy in the knowledge Tulip had had a calf. I smiled to myself at how good news really is contagious.

Tulip is being a fantastic Mum and "Barty" short for Bartholemew -yes you have guessed it named after our lovely friends is doing fine and ran round the field today. I am so glad the weather has stayed mild and little Barty has been blessed with a good few days. Fingers crossed for it will hopefully be our Dexter Victoria otherwise known as "Posh"s turn to calf next.

Posted by Charles & Dee in Dee's diary at 12:59