

**Q GUILD**  
**North West Region**

**Minutes of the regional meeting**  
**held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015**  
**at The Hartwood Chorley**

**Present:** Greg Hull, Stuart Higginson, Martin Bennett, Jonathan Wallwork, Philip Cranston, Neil Corry. Corporate member: South Coast Systems

**Apologies:** Howard Callaghan. Charles Clewlow.

**Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**  
There were no matters arising.

**Election of officers 2015**

Chairman. Greg Hull proposed S.H. Seconded MB.

Deputy Chairman. Jonathan Wallwork proposed PC. Seconded NC.

**Christmas 2014**

SH. Turkey sales up. 20% increase in turkey breast sales. Beef sales up.

All turkeys were sold unit priced which was a great success. Unit pricing will be applied to Turkey breasts this year.

100 home cured gammons were sold along with 50 Danish horseshoes. This year all gammon sold will be home cured.

PC. 4% increase in trade. Excellent sales for pigs in blankets and sausage meat. New Year beef trade exceeded expectations.

JW. First 2 weeks in December trade up 10%. Orders slow to come in. Good beef and gammon trade. Chipolatas and pigs in blankets 40% increase.

NC. Good trade. Turkey breasts prepared by to a very high standard by his supplier (Atkinsons) saving hours of work. Fillet sales fantastic. Closed from 5<sup>th</sup> Jan to 12<sup>th</sup> Jan.

MB. Orders very slow .More turkeys sold, but pork sales poor. Home produced dry cured maple syrup gammons sold well. Sold out of all steaks at New Year.

GH. All December great trade. Copas sold well. Beef and pork pie sales excellent. Frozen cooked vac packed pork pies proved to be an unlikely good seller.

**South Coast Systems**

Roger Lathbury circulated a new brochure. Deals have been negotiated with guild. Please speak to Roger for more information.

**2015 programme**

25/02/15: Visit to Wilsons of Crossgate and Blacker Hall Farm Shop Sandy Boyd to confirm.

25/03/15: North West BBQ competition. Proposed venue Greg Hull's country residence

12/05/15: The Hartwood Chorley.

**Any other business**

Executive meeting York 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015

The meeting congratulated Iuean Edwards and Neil Corry on their recent success winning respectively the MTJ's Butchers Shop of the Year 2014 and in the Smithfield Awards.

The Chairman wishes all members and corporate members a happy and prosperous New Year.



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