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Dear Members

Welcome to the September newsletter. The Society has had an amazing summer in the show ring, with probably the highest number of Interbreed results ever. We've also been featured heavily in the media, the culmination being John, Pat and Joe Stanley being the host farm for the BBC's Farm Focus week on BBC Breakfast from 19 - 23 August. Each day had a specific theme; Climate Change, Brexit, Nature, Welfare & Diversity and Next Generation. The Longhorns had huge exposure but I think the farm dogs completely upstaged everyone and stole the show!

As the show season starts to come to a close we start to focus on autumn activities including the Society's new autumn sale at Newark on 26 October, and before that the AGM weekend on 12 and 13 October. The regional groups will be finishing off the judging of their herd competitions and will be holding their annual presentation dinners—always excellent social events!

Debbie

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Another year is almost over, with not many shows left. This year has been the best year I have ever known since I became involved with Longhorns. The high standard of cattle in the show ring has made it a fantastic year in the Interbreed classes. Judges have been noticing and placing Longhorns, with very favourable comments from other breeds.

Media & social media have also raised the profile of Longhorns giving the breed excellent airtime coverage..

The two main events left for this year are firstly the AGM weekend which should be a good event. With a very informative technical day on the Sunday, do try to attend even if it's only for the Sunday. Please let Debbie know numbers for catering etc.

The second event of the year is the new sale venue at Newark, with all entries from either high herd health or individually blood tested & haltered cattle. This event also has a suckled calf section which is a new class for the Longhorns. Please come along and have a look.

Another exciting project is the Buitelaar beef scheme who are using Longhorn semen on dairy herds. They are paying a premium to the producer & marketing it through the supermarkets, as the Longhorn sired/heritage beef brand.

To finish off 2019 we are then into the fatstock shows; let's hope we can keep the momentum going while we are on a roll!

Dave Blockley

NATIONAL SHOW

The Great Yorkshire Show hosted the Society's National Show on 9-11 June 2019 and it was a fantastic turnout of cattle. Around the judging rings the viewing banks were packed with spectators even though the weather was a bit dubious on the first day! Society judge Bernard Llewellyn professionally sorted through some very strong classes and awarded the Breed Championship to eight year old cow Southfield Lace from Harry Blockley. Reserve Champion was Gentons Sara owned by Bertie Facon and handled by Ben Bellew.

In the People's Choice Competition the Longhorn team were runners up in the fancy dress competition, and fourth overall with the theme 'A day at the Moosicals'. Everyone (including the cattle!) dressed up as characters from Phantom of the Opera, Cats and The Lion King.

The Society was honoured to be joined by a group of ladies from the Sheffield and District African Caribbean Community Association, some of whom are originally from farming communities in the Caribbean. Most of the women were either part of the Windrush generation or children of Windrush families and came from rural areas of the Caribbean. They were given the opportunity to visit the show and get up close to the Longhorns; it was a pleasure to see them enjoying the experience and reminiscing about their own rural upbringings.

After the judging we had a superb buffet lunch with cold Longhorn beef, turkey, pork pies, salads and rolls, then strawberries and cream. All washed down with plenty of liquid refreshment! The Society's thanks go to all involved with supplying and preparing the lunch, especially David & Angela Blockley who provided the meat, rolls and strawberries and Charles Sutcliffe who supplied pork pies. After lunch Bernard Llewellyn and our President Sarah Coleman presented the trophies to the winners.

We were joined by Society members and friends from Germany and Australia so it was a truly international affair.

The TV coverage of the Show and the Longhorns in particular was superb, with David, Angela, Harry and Clark Blockley featuring on Channel 5's 'Today at the Great Yorkshire Show'

NEGATIVE MEDIA COVERAGE

COUNTERACTING THE ANTI RED MEAT MEDIA COVERAGE

As we are all aware there has been much negative press coverage recently about the impact red meat production, and farmers in general, have on climate change. Finding the truth behind the headlines can be hard and time consuming, but there are industry bodies who are trying to fight back and provide balanced and more nuanced information.

The AHDB have written a blog which contains links to resources that farmers can use both on social media and in their day-to-day conversations with consumers to refute the scare-mongering headlines and promote the health and climate benefits of red meat.

[Click here](#) for the link to the blog or go to

<https://lambmatters.blogspot.com/2019/08/is-eating-less-red-meat-really-win-for.html>

[Click here](#) for infographics and soundbites you may find useful or go to

<https://ahdb.org.uk/knowledge-library/red-meat-and-the-environment>

LONGHORNS IN THE MEDIA

Longhorns have been heavily featured in the media recently - here's a roundup!

Fresh from his Interbreed success at Ashby Show, four year old Bertie Stanley was recently interviewed by BBC Radio Leicester's Ben Jackson about winning the coveted Interbreed trophy.

Ben also spoke to Bertie's father Ben Stanley about the Longhorn breed; its development by 'local lad' Robert Bakewell in the 1700's and how the breed now ticks all the boxes for sustainable, traceable beef production in the UK in the 21st Century. It's well worth a listen! (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07g8g9n>) is the web address, to go to the link on BBC Sounds, then go to 2hrs, 10minutes, 38 seconds.

Longhorn members Katie Mitcham and Mike Phillips were featured in 9 August issue of Farmers Guardian.

([https://www.longhorncattlesociety.com/library/news/2019/](https://www.longhorncattlesociety.com/library/news/2019/Heath_Farm_herd_FW_09.08.19.pdf)

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BBC Breakfast was awash with Longhorns for a week in August!

As part of the BBC's Farming Focus week, the Blackbrook herd were the hosts farm on BBC Breakfast.

Unfortunately BBC Breakfast is only available for 4 hours on catch-up none of the programmes are available online, but the Stanleys featured in a trailer which is available to view (<https://twitter.com/i/status/1162743384395698176>) and there's plenty on social media, especially Twitter, so check out the Society's Twitter feed on the home page of the website. A full article about the Stanley's experiences during the week of filming will be published soon.

SOCIETY AUTUMN SHOW & SALE **Newark Livestock Centre, Saturday 26 October 2019**

The Autumn Show & Sale will be at Newark Livestock Market, Newark on Saturday 26 October. This will be a led only Show & Sale and the same health testing and TB testing rules as the Spring Show & Sale will apply to all Longhorns entered.

As well as show classes for bulls, cows and heifers there will also be a suckled calf Show & Sale,

The Lincoln Red Cattle Society will be holding their regular Autumn Show & Sale on the same day. They require all cattle entered to be either in a Health Scheme or animals to be individually tested so all cattle at the market will be of the same health status.

This is a new sale at a new venue for the Society, and we are excited to be working with both the staff at Newark and also the staff at Harrison & Hetherington from Carlisle, who will be selling all pedigree stock at Newark Livestock Centre.

The catalogue will be available in due course - keep an eye on the website and monthly email newsletter.

SOCIETY SALES 2019

Sale dates are subject to change and DEFRA animal gathering regulations
Further details and entry forms available on the Society website.

Saturday 21 September 2019
Society Show & Sale in conjunction with the
Show and Sale of Rare, Traditional and Minority Cattle
Borderway Mart, Carlisle, CA1 2RS
Auctioneers: Harrison & Hetherington, Tel 01228 406230

Saturday 26 October 2019
Society Premier Autumn Show & Sale
Newark Livestock Market, Newark, NG24 1BY
Auctioneers: Harrison & Hetherington Tel 01228 406230
in partnership with Newark Livestock Sales 01636 676741

SHOWS NEWS

YOUNG HANDLER AWARD

If you are under 18 and take part in Young Handler's classes at any show with your Longhorn cattle please let the office know as the results will count towards the Young Handler's Award. Young Handler events at Society sales also count. The Frank Sutton Young Handler Award is presented at the AGM to the Young Handler who has accumulated the most points during the season.

Bull, Cow and Heifer of the Year Awards - 2019 onwards

The calculation of points for the Bull, Cow and Heifer of the Year Awards has been reviewed and Council have agreed the following changes starting in 2019.

The aim of the changes is to give more competitive element to the competition and have a more level playing field for people with less time and resources.

* The heifer class will be split into Junior & Senior Heifers (Juniors will be heifers born in 2018, Seniors will be heifers born in 2017). Charles Sutcliffe of the Tetford herd has kindly donated a new Award for the Junior Heifers and the Lesley Hutton Award will then be for the Senior Heifers.

* Many shows only have 'bull any age' classes so the Bull of the Year will remain one Award

* Where a bull is Champion or Reserve Champion he picks up points from the number of bulls below him in both classes (if applicable) plus 1 [representing himself]

* Breed Champion/Reserve and Interbreed Champion/Reserve points will be increased to three points for Champion and two points for Reserve.

* The points will be calculated from the five best scoring shows for that animal.

* In the event of a tie, the homebred animal will be deemed the winner.

SHOWS NEWS

A round up of highlights in the show ring since the last newsletter....

The Royal Three Counties Show was another show with a great turnout of Longhorns, with Pointer Diamond King owned by David Howden taking the honours as Breed Champion on the main judging day under judge Steve Gray and then Gentons Sara, owned by Bertie Facon and handled by Ben Bellew taking the Breed Championship on Sunday with Graham Walker judging. Sara then went on to take the Beef Interbreed on Sunday.

There was an excellent turnout of cattle at the Lincolnshire Show, Southfield Qnard from David & Angela Blockley was judge Peter Guest's Breed Champion. In the Interbreeds the Champion pair was Southfield Qnard & Southfield Peach (both from David & Angela Blockley) and the Reserve Champion Team of Three was Southfield Qnard, Southfield Peach and Briar Mead Ring 'o' Roses (from Vicki Hopkinson).

Blackbrook Zabrina and her owner Bertie Stanley (ably assisted by his parents Ben and Tori) took both the Breed and Interbreed Championship at Ashby Show.

The Longhorns had an excellent, if hot Royal Welsh Show this year. Breed Champion was Gentons Sara and Reserve Champion was Pointer Diamond King. In the Interbreeds Gentons Sara took Reserve Champion in the Native Junior Heifer Interbreed and Carreg Romance & Carreg Rye Grass from Bernard & Margaret Llewellyn were overall Beef Exhibitor bred pairs Champions. In addition Pointer Dreamer, Pointer Diamond King and Mayhill Demerara from David Bevan were Reserve Champions in the M&S Beef Breeds Teams of Three Competition.

Ashover Show in Derbyshire had Longhorn classes for the first time this year, which were won by Tom Mills with his bull Wheatlands Ruben. Ruben then went on to take the overall beef Interbreed Championship. What an introduction to a new show!

At the Royal Lancashire Show Stephen Horrocks was Breed Champion under Steve Gray and then went on to be Native Reserve Interbreed Champion with Wellhead Kir Royale

Heckington Show saw Melbourne Park Fizz from Ben & Tori Stanley take the Interbreed Reserve Championship, after being awarded the Breed Championship by Peter Close.

Dave & Carla Phillips of the Etheridge herd from Dorset took the Longhorn Breed Championship with their homebred calved heifer Etheridge Quartz Beauty at Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show and then went on to take Reserve Champion Native Interbreed!

At Ashbourne Show Rachael Heard and Graham Towers were second in the Open Pairs class, up against 10 other breeds and a panel of judges! At Pembrokeshire Show Carreg Rye Grass & Carreg Rhonda from Bernard & Margaret Llewellyn were Reserve Champions in the Native Heifer Pairs Interbreeds.

SHOW RESULTS

**Great Yorkshire Show
Loughorn Cattle Society National Show
Judge: Bernard Llewellyn
9 July 2019**

Senior Bull, 5 entered/5 forward

1 st Southfield Qnard	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
2 nd Stoke Juniper	Mr D Walker
3 rd Riverlands Paddington	Mrs Y Ferguson
4 th Southfield Panther	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
5 th Raincliffe Northern Prospect	Messrs J Emsley & M Cleasby

Intermediate Bull, 5 entered/3 forward

1 st Pointer Diamond King	Mr D Howden
2 nd Gentons Ramses	Mr B Facon
3 rd Wheatlands Ruben	Mr T Mills

Junior Bull, 11 entered/6 forward

1 st Tetford Zack	Mr & Mrs CTD Sutcliffe
2 nd Southfield Shockwave	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
3 rd Pointer Eat You Alive	Mr D Howden
4 th Gentons Sydney	Mr B Facon
5 th Fishwick Sherman	J Close & Son Ltd
6 th Dunstall Saxon	Mrs EM Hallfield

Cow, in milk or in calf, 9 entered/4 forward

1 st Southfield Lace	Mr H Blockley
2 nd Newton Xtra Topsy	Mr D Walker
3 rd Raincliffe Keeley	Messrs J Emsley & M Cleasby
4 th Yaverland Nancy	Mrs Y Ferguson

Heifer, in milk or in calf, 9 entered/6 forward

1 st Southfield Quaver	Mr C Blockley
2 nd Fishwick Queen of the Ring	J Close & Son Ltd
3 rd Southfield Peach	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
4 th Gentons Qiana	Mr B Facon
5 th Raincliffe New Queen	Messrs J Emsley & M Cleasby
6 th Briar Mead Precious Valentine	Mrs V Hopkinson

Senior Heifer 12 entered/8 forward

1 st Southfield Razzle	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
2 nd Pointer Dreamer	Mr D Howden
3 rd Dunstall Ruby	Mrs EM Hallfield
4 th Dunstall Roxanne	Mrs EM Hallfield
5 th Southfield Ruby	Mr H Blockley
6 th Briar Mead Ring 'o' Roses	Mrs V Hopkinson
7 th Newton Blooming Marvellous	Mr D Walker
8 th Tetford Yarina	Mr & Mrs CTD Sutcliffe

Junior Heifer (a) born between 01.01.18 & 30.04.18, 9 entered/7 forward

1 st Gentons Sara	Mr B Facon
2 nd Fishwick Salvia	J Close & Son Ltd
3 rd Fishwick Superstar	J Close & Son Ltd
4 th Dunstall Sapphire	Mrs EM Hallfield
5 th Briar Mead Salamis	Mrs V Hopkinson
6 th Newton Crème de la Crème	Mr D Walker
7 th Newton Cheeky Moo Coo	Mr D Walker

Junior Heifer (b) born between 01.01.18 & 30.04.18, 8 entered/4 forward

1 st Pointer Enough is Enough	Mr D Howden
2 nd Southfield Swift	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
3 rd Wheatlands Sunflower	Mr T Mills
4 th Southdown Sophie	Mr R Tedbury

**Junior Heifer born between 01.05.18 & 31.12.18
7 entered/5 forward**

1 st Pointer ET Phone Home	Mr D Howden
2 nd Wheatlands Snowberry	Mr T Mills
3 rd Fishwick Saffron	J Close & Son Ltd
4 th Fishwick Saskia	J Close & Son Ltd
5 th Briar Mead Serenity	Mrs V Hopkinson

Group of Three, 6 entered/3 forward

1 st Pointer Group	Mr D Howden
2 nd Southfield Group	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
3 rd Newton Group	Mr D Walker

Pairs, 10 entered/6 forward

1 st Southfield Pair	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
2 nd Gentons Pair	Mr B Facon
3 rd Pointer Pair	Mr D Howden
4 th Cumbroos Pair	Messrs J Emsley & M Cleasby
5 th Tetford Pair	Mr & Mrs CTD Sutcliffe
6 th Newton Pair	Mr D Walker

Breed Champion

Reserve Breed Champion	Gentons Sara
Male Champion	Southfield Qnard

Reserve Male Champion	Pointer Diamond King
Female Champion	Southfield Lace
Reserve Female Champion	Gentons Sara
Best Junior Bull	Tetford Zack
Best Junior Heifer	Gentons Sara
Best Overall Junior	Gentons Sara
Best 1st calved heifer	Southfield Quaver
Best calf at foot	Maudlin Taboo
Best Pair	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
Best Exhibitor bred pair	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
Best Group of Three	Mr D Howden

SHOW RESULTS

Rutland County Show

Judge: Mr Dan Bull

2 June 2019

Bull any age, 3 entered/2 forward

1st Blackbrook Captain Jack Mr & Mrs J&P Stanley
2nd Riverlands Scallywag Mr & Mrs R&V Burton

Cow, 2 entered/2 forward

1st Blackbrook Zabrina Master Bertie Stanley
2nd Riverlands Orpington Mr & Mrs R&V Burton

Senior Heifer, 3 entered/3 forward

1st Blackbrook Bluebell Mr & Mrs J&P Stanley
2nd Melbourne Park Fizz Mr & Mrs B&T Stanley

Junior Heifer, 7 entered/3 forward

1st Blackbrook Cup Cake Mr & Mrs J&P Stanley
2nd Southdown Sophie Mr R Tedbury
3rd Melbourne Park Griselda Mr & Mrs B&T Stanley

Breed & Female Champion Blackbrook Zabrina

Reserve & Male Champion Blackbrook Captain Jack
Best Junior Bull Blackbrook Captain Jack
Best Junior Heifer Blackbrook Cup Cake
Best overall Junior Blackbrook Captain Jack

Hanbury Countryside Show

Judge: Brian Wragg

6 July 2019

Bull any age, 2 entries/1 forward

1st Pointer Eat You Alive Mr D Howden

Cow, 1 entry/1 forward

1st Colaba Logie Mr & Mrs D Preece

Senior Heifer, 2 entries/2 forward

1st Pointer Dreamer Mr D Howden
2nd Slough Rosie Mr & Mrs D Preece

Junior Heifer, 2 entries/ 0 forward

Pairs, 2 entries/ 2 forward

1st Mr & Mrs D Preece
2nd Mr D Howden

Breed Champion Pointer Dreamer

Reserve Champion Pointer Eat You Alive
Best Junior Bull Pointer Eat You Alive

Royal Cheshire County Show

Judge: Danny Wyllie

19 June 2019

Bull any age, 1 forward

1st Newton Aftershock Mr B Wragg

Cow, 1 forward

1st Lower Blacup Nancy Mr B Wragg

Senior Heifer, 2 forward

1st Preepark Quidditch Oyster Mr & Mrs PV & JM Robinson
2nd Betchton Sarah Mr & Mrs PV & JM Robinson

Junior Heifer, 2 forward

1st Newton Caught Out Mr C Wardle
2nd Newton Co Co Cabana Mr & Mrs PV & JM Robinson

Pairs, 1 forward

1st Mr & Mrs PV & JM Robinson

Breed & Male Champion

Reserve & Female Champion
Best Junior Heifer

Newton Aftershock

Newton Caught Out
Newton Caught Out

Brecon County Show

Judge: Angela Blockley

3 August 2019

Senior Heifers, 2 forward

1st Carreg Rye Grass Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
2nd Carreg Rhonda Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Junior Heifers, 2 forward

1st Carreg Snowdrop Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
2nd Carreg Sweet Pea Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Pairs, 1 forward

1st Carreg Rye Grass/Rhonda Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Breed & Female Champion

Reserve Champion
Best Junior Heifer

Carreg Rye Grass

Carreg Rhonda
Carreg Snowdrop

SHOW RESULTS

Royal Three Counties Show Judge: Steve Gray 14 June 2019

Senior Bull, 2 entered/2 forward

1st Pointer Diamond King Mr D Howden
2nd Gentons Ramses Mr B Facon

Junior Bull, 6 forward/2 entered

1st Pointer Eat You Alive Mr D Howden
2nd Gentons Sydney Mr B Facon

Cow, 2 entered/2 forward

1st Gentons Qiana Mr B Facon
2nd Carreg Martha Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Senior Heifer, 6 entered/6 forward

1st Carreg Rye Grass Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
2nd Pointer Dreamer Mr D Howden
3rd Carreg Romance Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
4th Rhyfel Ruby Mr TA Williams
5th Southfield Rhapsody Mr B Facon
6th Rhyfel Robinia Mr TA Williams

Junior Heifer, 8 entered/7 forward

1st Gentons Sara ET Mr B Facon
2nd Carreg Sonnet Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
3rd Pointer Enough is Enough Mr D Howden
4th Treverton Sorrel Ms RE Heard
5th Treverton Secret Ms RE Heard
6th Rhyfel Sapphire Mr TA Williams
7th Rhyfel Snipe Mr TA Williams

Pairs, 5 forward/3 prizes awarded

1st Mr D Howden
2nd Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
3rd Ms RE Heard

Breed & Male Champion

Pointer Diamond King

Reserve & Female Champion Gentons Sara ET
Reserve Male Champ Pointer Eat You Alive
Reserve Female Champion Carreg Rye Grass
Best Junior Bull Pointer Eat You Alive
Best Junior Heifer Gentons Sara ET

Royal Three Counties Show Rare & Minority Breeds Day Judge: Graham Walker 16 June 2019

Senior Bull, 2 entered/2 forward

1st Pointer Diamond King Mr D Howden
2nd Gentons Ramses Mr B Facon

Junior Bull, 6 forward/2 entered

1st Pointer Eat You Alive Mr D Howden
2nd Gentons Sydney Mr B Facon

Cow, 2 entered/2 forward

1st Carreg Martha Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
2nd Gentons Qiana Mr B Facon

Senior Heifer, 6 entered/5 forward

1st Pointer Dreamer Mr D Howden
2nd Carreg Rye Grass Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
3rd Carreg Romance Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
4th Rhyfel Ruby Mr TA Williams
5th Rhyfel Robinia Mr TA Williams

Junior Heifer, 7 entered/6 forward

1st Gentons Sara ET Mr B Facon
2nd Carreg Sonnet Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
3rd Treverton Sorrel Ms RE Heard
4th Pointer Enough is Enough Mr D Howden
6th Rhyfel Sapphire Mr TA Williams
7th Rhyfel Snipe Mr TA Williams

Pairs, 4 entered/3 forward

1st Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
2nd Mr D Howden
3rd Mr TA Williams

Breed Champion

Reserve Champion
Best Junior Bull
Best Junior Heifer

Gentons Sara ET

Pointer Dreamer
Pointer Eat You Alive
Gentons Sara ET

Interbreed Champion

Gentons Sara ET

SHOW RESULTS

Lincolnshire Show Judge: Peter Guest 19 June 2019

Senior Bull, 2 entered/1 forward

1st Southfield Qnard Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley

Junior Bull, 7 forward/3 entered

1st Southfield Shockwave Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
2nd Tetford Zack Mr & Mrs CTD Sutcliffe
3rd Riverlands Sauron Mr & Mrs R&V Burton

Cow, 9 entered/6 forward

1st Southfield Peach Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
2nd Fishwick Queen of the Ring J Close & Son Ltd
3rd Newton Xtra Topsy Mr D Walker
4th Southfield Lace Mr H Blockley
5th Briar Mead Precious Valentine
Mrs V Hopkinson
6th Southfield Quaver Mr C Blockley

Senior Heifer, 7 entered/5 forward

1st Newton Blooming Marvellous Mr D Walker
2nd Briar Mead Ring o Roses Mrs V Hopkinson
3rd Tetford Yarina Mr & Mrs CTD Sutcliffe
4th Southfield Razzle Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
5th Southfield Ruby Mr H Blockley

Junior Heifer, 10 entered/7 forward

1st Briar Mead Salamis Mrs V Hopkinson
2nd Newton Creme de la Creme Mr D Walker
3rd Newton Cheeky Moo Coo Mr D Walker
4th Fishwick Salvia J Close & Son Ltd
5th Briar Mead Strawberry Shortcake
Mrs V Hopkinson
6th Southfield Sapphire Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
7th Fishwick Superstar J Close & Son Ltd
8th Southfield Swift Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley

Pairs, 5 entered/4 forward

1st J Close & Son Ltd
2nd Mr D Walker
3rd Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
4th Mrs V Hopkinson

Lincs Show continued...

Breed & Male Champion Southfield Qnard Reserve & Female Champ

Newton Blooming Marvellous
Reserve Male Champion Southfield Shockwave
Reserve Female Champion Briar Mead Salamis
Best Junior Bull Southfield Shockwave
Best Junior Heifer Briar Mead Salamis
Best Overall Junior Southfield Shockwave

Team of Three Reserve Champs

Southfield Qnard, Southfield Peach, Briar Mead Ring 'o' Roses

Interbreed Pairs Champion

Southfield Qnard, Southfield Peach

Royal Lancashire Show

Judge: Steve Gray
20 July 2019

Junior Bull, 1 forward

1st Gale Farm Shetland Mr SD Horrocks

Senior Bull, 1 forward

1st Newton Aftershock Mr B Wragg

Cow, in milk or in calf, 3 forward

1st Wellhead Kir Royale Mr SD Horrocks
2nd Croftlands Pearl Mr SD Horrocks
3rd Lower Blacup Patricia Mr B Wragg

Senior Heifer, 2 forward

1st Gale Farm Raasay Mr SD Horrocks
2nd Gale Farm Rona Mr SD Horrocks

Junior Heifer, 2 forward

1st Gale Farm Skye Mr SD Horrocks
2nd Gale Farm Seil Mr SD Horrocks

Pairs, 1 forward

1st Gale Farm Raasay & Rona Mr SD Horrocks

Breed Champion Wellhead Kir Royale

Reserve Breed Champ Gale Farm Skye
Best Junior Bull Gale Farm Shetland
Best Junior Heifer Gale Farm Skye

Native Reserve Interbreed Champion

Wellhead Kir Royale

SHOW RESULTS

Ashby Show
Judge: George Young
14 July 2019

Bull any age, 3 forward

1 st Dunstall Saxon	Mrs EM Hallfield
2 nd Blackbrook Can Do	Mr & Mrs JW & PA Stanley
3 rd Blackbrook Cedar	Mr & Mrs JW & PA Stanley

Cow, in milk or in calf, 1 forward

1 st Blackbrook Sabrina	Master B Stanley
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Senior Heifer, 3 forward

1 st Blackbrook Bluebell	Mr & Mrs J&P Stanley
2 nd Melbourne Park Fizz	Mr & Mrs B&T Stanley
3 rd Dunstall Ruby	Mrs EM Hallfield

Junior Heifer, 4 forward

1 st Blackbrook Cup Cake	Mr & Mrs J&P Stanley
2 nd Dunstall Sapphire	Mrs EM Hallfield
3 rd Treverton Sorrel	Ms RE Heard
4 th Treverton Secret	Ms RE Heard

Pairs, 3 forward

1 st Mr & Mrs B&T Stanley
2 nd Mrs EM Hallfield
3 rd Ms RE Heard

Breed Champion

Reserve Breed Champion
Best Junior Bull
Best Junior Heifer
Overall Junior Champion

Blackbrook Zabrina

Dunstall Saxon
Dunstall Saxon
Blackbrook Cup Cake
Dunstall Saxon

Overall Supreme Interbreed Champion

Blackbrook Zabrina

Royal Welsh Show
Judge: Clive Davies
22 July 2019

Bull, 6 entered/3 forward

1 st Pointer Diamond King	Mr D Howden
2 nd Gentons Ramses	Mr B Facon
3 rd Gentons Sydney	Mr B Facon

Cow, in milk or in calf, 2 entered/2 forward

1 st Carreg Martha	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
2 nd Gentons Qiana	Mr B Facon

Senior Heifer, 7 entered/4 forward

1 st Pointer Dreamer	Mr D Howden
2 nd Carreg Rye Grass	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
3 rd Carreg Romance	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
4 th Mayhill Demerara	Mr D Bevan

Junior Heifer, 8 entered/5 forward

1 st Gentons Sara ET	Mr B Facon
2 nd Pointer Enough is Enough	Mr D Howden
3 rd Carreg Sweet Pea	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
4 th Carreg Sonnet	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
5 th Carreg Snowdrop	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Breed Champion

Reserve Breed Champ	Pointer Diamond King
Male Champion	Pointer Diamond King
Reserve Male Champion	Gentons Ramses
Female Champion	Gentons Sara ET
Reserve Female Champion	Pointer Dreamer
Best Junior Bull	Gentons Sydney
Best Junior Heifer	Gentons Sara ET

Gentons Sara ET

Native Junior Heifer Interbreed Reserve Champion

Gentons Sara

Overall Exhibitor-bred pairs Champions

Carreg Rye Grass & Carreg Romance

M&S Beef Breeds Team of Three Reserve

Champs Pointer Dreamer, Pointer Diamond King, Mayhill Demerara

SHOW RESULTS

Heckington Show 28 July 2019 Judge: Peter Close

Bull, any age, 1 entry/1 forward

1st Tetford Zack Mr & Mrs CTD Sutcliffe

Cow, 1 entry/1 forward

1st Blackbrook Zabrina Master B Stanley

Senior Heifer, 3 entries/2 forward

1st Melbourne Park Fizz Mr & Mrs B&T Stanley

2nd Tetford Yarina Mr & Mrs CTD Sutcliffe

Junior Heifer, 1 entry/0 forward

Pairs, 2 entries/2 forward

1st Tetford Zack/Yarina Mr & Mrs CTD Sutcliffe

2nd Blackbrook Zabrina & Melbourne Park Fizz
Master B & Mr & Mrs B&T Stanley

Breed & Female Champion

Melbourne Park Fizz

Reserve & Male Champion Tetford Zack

Reserve Female Champion Blackbrook Zabrina

Interbreed Reserve Champion

Melbourne Park Fizz

Poynton Show 24 August 2019 Judge: Peter Guest

Bull, any age, 1 entry/1 forward

1st Newton Aftershock Mr B Wragg

Cow, 1 entry/1 forward

1st Lower Bacup Patricia Mr B Wragg

Heifer, 1 entry/1 forward

1st Newton Caught Out Mr C Wardle

Pairs, 1 entry/1 forward

1st Mr B.Wragg

Breed Champion Newton Caught Out

Res Breed Champ Newton After Shock

Best Junior Heifer Newton Caught Out

Burwarton Show Judge: Peter Close 1 August 2019

Bull any age, 0 forward

Cow, 1 forward

1st Colaba Logic Mr & Mrs D Preece

Calf at foot, 1 forward

1st Slough Teddy Mr & Mrs D Preece

Senior heifer, 3 forward

1st Carreg Rye Grass Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

2nd Carreg Rhonda Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

3rd Slough Rosie Mr & Mrs D Preece

Junior heifer, 4 forward

1st Treverton Secret Ms RE Heard

2nd Carreg Sweet Pea Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

3rd Carreg Snowdrop Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

4th Treverton Sorrel Ms RE Heard

Breed Champion

Reserve Champion

Best Junior Heifer

Carreg Rye Grass

Treverton Secret

Treverton Secret

Ashover Show 14 August 2019 Judge: Pat Stanley

Bull any age, 3 entered/2 forward

1st Wheatlands Ruben Mr T Mills

2nd Bielside Rocky Mr J Winnington

Cow, 1 entered/0 forward

Senior Heifer, 2 entered/0 forward

Junior Heifer, 3 entered/2 forward

1st Wheatlands Sunflower Mr T Mills

2nd Wheatlands Snowberry Mr T Mills

Breed Champion Wheatlands Ruben

Reserve Champion Wheatlands Sunflower

Best Junior Heifer Wheatlands Sunflower

Supreme Interbreed Beef Champion

Wheatlands Ruben

SHOW RESULTS

Garstang Show Judge: Brian Wragg 3 August 2019

Bull any age, 1 forward

1st Gale Farm Shetland Mr SD Horrocks

Junior Heifer, 2 forward

1st Gale Farm Skye Mr SD Horrocks
2nd Gale Farm Seil Mr SD Horrocks

Senior Heifer, 2 forward

1st Gale Farm Rona Mr SD Horrocks
2nd Gale Farm Raasay Mr SD Horrocks

Cow, 1 forward

1st Wellhead Kia Royale Mr SD Horrocks

Breed & Female Champion Gale Farm Rona
Reserve Champion Wellhead Kir Royale
Male Champion Gale Farm Shetland
Best Junior Bull Gale Farm Shetland
Best Junior Heifer Gale Farm Skye

Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show 14 August 2019 Judge: Richard Bartle

Bull any age, 2 forward

1st Warns Romeo Mr N Glover
2nd Etheridge Spark Mr D Phillips

Cow, 2 forward

1st Etheridge Quartz Beauty Mr D Phillips
2nd Warns Quantella Mr N Glover

Calf, 2 forward

1st Warns Twilight Mr N Glover
2nd Etheridge Tinker Mr D Phillips

Junior heifer, 1 forward

1st Long Ash Shahola Mr D Phillips

Pairs

1st Mr N Glover
2nd Mr D Phillips

Breed Champion Etheridge Quartz Beauty
Res Breed Champion Long Ash Shahola
Best Junior Heifer Long Ash Shahola
Best Junior Bull Etheridge Spark
Native Interbreed Reserve Champion
Etheridge Quartz Beauty

Pembrokeshire County Show 13 August 2019 Judge: Giles Green

Bull any age, 1 forward

1st Carreg Startrek (non reg)
Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Cow, 2 forward

1st Carn Edward Petal Messrs Vaughan
2nd Carn Edward Katrina Messrs Vaughan

Senior Heifer, 2 forward

1st Carreg Rye Grass Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
2nd Carreg Rhonda Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Junior Heifer, 2 forward

1st Carreg Sonnet Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
2nd Carreg Snowdrop Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Calf, 2 forward

1st Carn Edward male calf Messrs Vaughan
2nd Carn Edward female calf Messrs Vaughan

Pairs, 1 forward

1st Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Group of Three, 1 forward

1st Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Breed Champion Carreg Rye Grass

Reserve Champion Carreg Sonnet
Best Junior Heifer Carreg Sonnet

Reserve Champions, Interbreed Native Heifer
pairs
Carreg Rye Grass, Carreg Rhonda

SHOW RESULTS

Ashbourne Show 17 August 2019 Judge: Mrs Lynda Burditt

Bull any age, 2 forward

1 st Wheatlands Ruben	Mr T Mills
2 nd Dunstall Saxon	Mrs EM Hallifield

Cow, 1 forward

1 st Blackbrook Zabrina	Master B Stanley
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Senior Heifer, 3 forward

1 st Melbourne Park Fizz	Mr & Mrs B&T Stanley
2 nd Dunstall Roxanne	Mrs EM Hallifield
3 rd Dunstall Ruby	Mrs EM Hallifield

Junior Heifer, 5 forward

1 st Treverton Secret	Ms RE Heard
2 nd Treverton Sorrel	Ms RE Heard
3 rd Dunstall Sapphire	Mrs EM Hallifield
4 th Wheatlands Sunflower	Mr T Mills

Breed Champion

Res Breed Champion	Blackbrook Zabrina
Best Junior Heifer	Treverton
Best Junior Bull	Dunstall Saxon
2 nd Interbreed pairs	Treverton Pair

Melbourne Park Fizz

Hope Show 26 August 2019 Judge: Lynda Burditt

Bull, any age, 2 forward

1 st Wheatlands Ruben	Mr T Mills
2 nd Newton Aftershock	Mr B Wragg

Cow, 4 forward

1 st Blackbrook Zabrina	Mr & Mrs B&T Stanley
2 nd Blackbrook Xoana	Mr T Mills
3 rd Wellhead Kir Royale	Mr S Horrocks
4 th Lower Blacup Nancy	Mr B Wragg

Senior Heifer, 3 forward

1 st Melbourne Park Fizz	Mr & Mrs B&C Stanley
2 nd Briar Mead Ring o Roses	Mrs V Hopkinson
3 rd Gale Farm Rona	Mr S Horrocks

Junior Heifer, 3 forward

1 st Briar Mead Salamis	Mrs V Hopkinson
2 nd Wheatlands Sunflower	Mr T Mills
3 rd Wheatlands Snowberry	Mr T Mills

Breed Champion

Reserve Breed Champion	Wheatlands Ruben
Best Junior Heifer	Briar Mead Salamis

Melbourne Park Fizz

Moreton in Marsh Show 7 September 2019 Judge: Richard Hartshorn

Senior Bull, 1 forward

1 st Pointer Diamond King	Mr D Howden
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Junior Bull, 2 forward

1 st Gentons Sydney	Mr B Facon
2 nd Pointer Eat You Alive	Mr D Howden

Cow, 3 forward

1 st Slough Nugget	Mr & Mrs D Preece
2 nd Gentons Qiana	Mr B Facon
3 rd Carreg Quack	Mr M Wheeler

Senior Heifer, 2 forward

1 st Pointer Dreamer	Mr D Howden
2 nd Slough Rosie	Mr & Mrs D Preece

Junior Heifer, 3 forward

1 st Gentons Sara ET	Mr B Facon
2 nd Pointer Enough is Enough	Mr D Howden
3 rd Treverton Sorrel	Ms RE Heard

Breed & Female Champion

Res & Male Champion	Pointer Diamond King
Best Junior Bull	Gentons Sydney
Best Junior Heifer	Gentons Sara ET

Gentons Sara ET

Westmorland Show 12 September 2019 Judge: George Woollatt

Bull any age, 1 forward

1 st Gale Farm Shetland	Mr S Horrocks
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Cow, 1 forward

1 st Wellhead Kir Royale	Mr S Horrocks
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Senior Heifer, 2 forward

1 st Gale Farm Rona	Mr S Horrocks
2 nd Gale Farm Raasay	Mr S Horrocks

Junior Heifer, 1 forward

1 st Gale Farm Skye	Mr S Horrocks
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Pairs, 1 forward

1 st Gale Farm Rona/Raasay	Mr S Horrocks
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Breed Champion

Res Breed Champion	Gale Farm Rona
Best Junior Heifer	Wellhead Kir Royale
Best Junior Bull	Gale Farm Skye
	Gale Farm Shetland

SOCIETY NEWS

NEWSLETTER ADVERTS

From January 2019 there will be a charge for adverts in the 'For Sale & Wanted' section of the website. The following charges will apply:

£10 plus VAT per animal with no picture.

£25 plus VAT per animal with a picture, the listing will also be posted on Facebook and Twitter for added exposure.

£30 plus VAT for herds or groups of animals with no picture.

£50 plus VAT for herds or groups of animals with a picture, the listing will also be posted on Facebook and Twitter for added exposure.

All adverts will be on the website for up to three months, or until the animal is sold.

NEW MEMBERS

* *We should like to welcome the following new members to the* *
* *Society:* *
* *Jaramas Investments, Newry, Northern Ireland* *
* *K Brown, Leek, Staffs* *
* *J&A Mear, Ludlow, Shropshire* *
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YEAR LETTER

The year letter for 2019 is

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LONGHORN CATTLE SOCIETY JOURNAL VOLUME 11

The next Society Journal will be published and distributed in Spring 2020.

Production of the Society Journal relies on the support of members - please consider taking an advert to ensure the future of this publication, or if you think you have a story to share that would make good content please get in touch...

Display adverts

Full colour, artwork supplied by the advertiser or a limited design service is available from the Society

Full Page	£250 +VAT
Half Page	£150 +VAT
Double facing page	£450 + VAT



FRIENDS REMEMBERED

Alan Cheese, who sadly died on 24th July, was one of the small and now diminishing band of enthusiasts who played a part in reviving the fortunes of the Longhorn breed and Breed Society which had reached a very low ebb by 1972. Alan had a lifelong appetite for history and, in particular, the history of British livestock breeding. In the late 1970's Alan was curator of the Staffordshire County Council farm museum at Shugborough where he established herds and flocks of local breeds – Longhorns, Shropshire sheep, Tamworth pigs and Derbyshire Redcap poultry. Alan served on the Longhorn Cattle Society Council and was instrumental in setting up the Longhorn sales at Lichfield Market each Spring which balanced the RBST Autumn sales as well as assiduously tracing pure bred Longhorns outside the Society, including one large herd in Lincolnshire, and bringing them back to the fold. When he left Shugborough, Alan started his own herd under the Mavesyn prefix.

Alan was curator of the Beamish Open Air Museum in County Durham for a while and later returned to university for a post-graduate degree, concentrating on Thoroughbred horse breeding and blood lines. He also applied his passion for livestock over the years in researching various breeds including Blue Albion cattle and Galway sheep. The latter he found to be descended from the original Dishley Leicester sheep that had been sent to Ireland and he was instrumental in bringing them back to England and always claimed that they were far closer to Bakewell's type of sheep than either the Leicester Longwool or Border Leicester. Latterly Alan lived in Lincolnshire and dealt in antiquarian books.

The celebration of Alan's life was on Wednesday August 21st in the village of Greete in South Shropshire. Greete is the village where Alan's father had a small dairy farm and he and his siblings grew up enjoying a pretty idyllic childhood. (Many thanks to Alan's sister Ros Anderson and to John Brigg for providing these words)

Alan Cheese is pictured standing on the right alongside Roger Carter. Seated is M Bailey, Mrs Betty Weiner, Charles Cottrell-Dormer and Clive Roads. In pride of place is the Burke Trophy (Beef), won by Mrs Weiner's pair of Longhorns at the Royal Show in 1981



FRIENDS REMEMBERED

A large number of Society members and friends joined the Warner family and other mourners in the lovely parish church of St Peter in Copt Oak, Leicestershire on 30 July to celebrate the life of fellow Society member, judge and past Society Chairman Richard Warner who passed away on 5th July.

The church was dressed with many of the rosettes and sashes Richard had won during his career showing his beloved Longhorn cattle and the very moving service was themed around Richard's farming life.

Society judge and close friend Richard Bartle gave the eulogy, relating tales about their trips to shows and sales both in the UK and abroad and highlighting Richard's innate skill with and love of livestock.

The Warner family were very touched by the number of Longhorn members who attended, from all across the country and in September the Society received the following message from John, Phyllis and Robert...

'The Warner family would like to thank all members of the Society for their cards and messages of support through Richard's illness to his passing. The large attendance at church was so uplifting and appreciated.'

The donations totalled £1670 which was split between Cancer Research and Marie Curie who have both responded with grateful letters of thanks'.



Pointer Pedigrees



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Melbourne Park Fizz, Breed & Reserve Interbreed Champion Heckington,
Breed Champion Ashbourne & Hope Shows



Pointer Diamond King, Breed Champion Royal Three Counties, Reserve Breed Champion Royal Welsh



Gale Farm Rona, Breed Champion Garstang Show.

BEHIND THE SCENES.....

A couple of photos from Pat Stanley from behind the scenes when the BBC used Springbarrow Lodge Farm as their host farm for BBC Farm Focus week.



SOCIETY SUMMER VISIT, 10 August 2019

The Society's Summer visit on Saturday was to English Farm Longhorns, Nuffield, Oxon. Owner Robert Laycock and herd manager Silas Hedley-Lawrence showed nearly 40 Society members and friends around the cattle and then provided a wonderful barbeque lunch. The herd is organic and members of the Pasture For Life Association. Members saw cows with calves at foot, bulling heifers and finishing stock and then had a tour of the butchery.



AGM WEEKEND, 12 & 13 October 2019

SOCIETY AGM WEEKEND

John & Pat Stanley of the Blackbrook Herd have kindly invited the Society to visit their herd on Saturday 12 October. We will hold the formal AGM business and Saturday dinner at a local hotel and then on Sunday 13 October, we will return to the Blackbrook herd for a technical day with talks and demonstrations from professionals such as a vet, an IVF practitioner and a Type Classifier.

The Blackbrook Gallery, with its unique 19th Century Naïve paintings will also be open, including the opportunity to see probably the most comprehensive collection of Longhorn cattle depicted in art.

This promises to be an excellent weekend so please come and join us.

The booking form can be downloaded from the website, or contact the office if you'd like one posted to you.



MEMBERS' NEWS

We recently received some lovely photos of Pacific Prince Stone, born on 17 August out of Pacific Chester's Pebble ET and by Blackbrook Touchstone. Prince Stone belongs to Doug and Frances Drury who live on the North Island of New Zealand. A few years ago they imported some embryos and semen into New Zealand and this bull calf is now the third generation of purebred Longhorns the Drurys have bred



GOT A STORY TO SHARE?

If you've got some news, events or anything Longhorn related you'd like the Society to share please get in touch.

COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019

The following Council members represent you in 2019

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Please contact any one of them if you have any queries regarding Society or Council matters

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The dates of the Council meetings in 2019 are:

Tuesday 24 September, Tuesday 26 November.

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2020 ONWARDS

Council have agreed that membership fees should be increased. The last time membership fees rose was January 2013, so it was felt that a small increase now would be better than a large jump in a few years. From January 2020 Full membership will rise to £55 and Associate membership will rise to £27.50. This keeps the increase for Full membership in line with inflation and brings the Associate membership more in line with the expense of servicing that membership category.

A new standing order form was enclosed with the last newsletter and it would be very much appreciated if this could be completed and returned in plenty of time as it can sometimes take quite a while for your bank to action a standing order request. This will help ensure the new amount is paid on 1 January when subs are due.

ONLINE SHOPPING BASKET

Most members use the online Grassroots system via the Society website to register their cattle and let the Society know about deaths and transfers.

One of the most common queries I get is about the 'Shopping Basket' that appears once you have processed any transactions that attract a fee. This DOES NOT link into the Society's accounts system and it is there so you know how much to pay the Society. It is meant to be printed off and sent to the office with your payment but now more people are paying via BACS this does not happen and the 'outstanding balance' accumulates. To clear off this balance do the following:

- Click on 'Proceed to Checkout'
- Click on one of the payment methods
- Click on return to 'Manage your herd'

This will clear the balance off and not give you such a shock the next time you log on!

INBREEDING CO-EFFICIENT REPORT

Are you thinking of buying a new bull but you're not sure if he's too closely related to your cows? The Society can produce an inbreeding co-efficient report showing how 'inbred' calves out of your cows and by any specified bull or bulls will be. The report also gives the 'Breed Mean' so you can compare the inbreeding co-efficient of your chosen mating to that of the breed as a whole.

This is a free service, just let the office know the name of the bull or bulls and I'll do the rest.

SOCIETY NEWS

REGISTRATION FEES 2019

From **1 January 2016** the following fees apply

Female registrations

Online reg up to 3 months	£20.00 + VAT	£24.00
Paper reg up to 3 months	£25.00 + VAT	£30.00
Late reg 3-12m	£40.00 + VAT	£48.00
Late reg 12-24m	£80.00 + VAT	£96.00
Late reg 24 +m	£100.00 + VAT	£120.00

Male registrations

Bulls up to 500 days old	£100 plus VAT	£120.00
Bulls 501-650 days old	£150 plus VAT	£180.00
Bulls 651-800 days old	£250 plus VAT	£300.00
Beef Certificate	£5.00 + VAT	£6.00

Transfer fees	£15.00 + VAT	£18.00
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Transfer fees are payable on breeding females and registered bulls by both buyer and seller unless an alternative arrangement is made between both parties

BEEF CERTIFICATES

Beef certificates are £6. They are proof that your finishing animal is a pure-bred Longhorn should you need to offer such proof to a butcher, finisher, meat marketing scheme or restaurant. You can buy them when you notify your male calves by clicking on the 'with beef cert' option or if you decide you need one when your animal is finished then just contact the office.

EMBRYO TRANSFER REGULATIONS

The Society's Embryo Transfer (ET) rules have been updated to reflect current practices and DEFRA regulations. The updated rules are in the Knowledgebase on the website and will be printed in the 2019 Herdbook.

BULL REGISTRATION & PARENT VERIFICATION

From 1 May 2019 all bulls being fully registered with the Society will require full parentage testing. This will complement the existing parentage testing regime of each 100th heifer registered (see below)

This means if the registration of the bull is time critical you will need to allow more time (2-3 weeks) for the samples to be sent off and the registration to be finalised. You are more than welcome to send hair samples of bulls you may wish to register to the Society in advance, so the parentage can be verified before the registration form is sent in. If the bull is then registered the costs of the parent verification will be absorbed in the cost of the registration. If hair samples are submitted in advance but the bull is subsequently not registered then the member will be charged for the testing at cost, (currently £20 plus VAT per hair sample).

The Society has been collecting DNA from bulls being registered since 2012 (around registration number 23000/) and it is hoped that most of these hair samples can be used to prove parentage, but the Society is moving from Microsatellite testing to 'SNPS' testing which requires a more robust sample. This may mean that repeat bull hair samples may be required. It is acknowledged that the sire or dam of the bull being registered may be dead and hair samples may not be available but this will not preclude registration.

Contact the office or download an updated registration form from the website (go into About Us and then Forms) This gives instructions of how to take the hair samples. Contact the office if you require sample bags - potentially three bags per registration - one for the bull being registered, one for his sire and one for his dam

FEMALE REGISTRATION & PARENT VERIFICATION

The purity of the Longhorn breed is one of it's major selling points and to verify this each 100th female registered is required to be parent verified. The office will contact the breeder as soon as possible after the registration has been received to ask for hair samples from the calf, and her sire and dam if their DNA samples are not already held on file by the Society. Should the sire not be on the holding then the current owner will be asked to provide a sample if one is not already held. DNA samples of all AI bulls are already held and if the bull is dead then a sibling or close relative will be sought.

TYPE CLASSIFICATION

In common with many other breeds the Longhorn Cattle Society offers Type Classification to its members.

Longhorn breeders have made huge strides in the last 20 or so years to improve their cattle through careful and selective breeding. Type classification provides an independent assessment of members' cattle in order to identify strengths and weaknesses within the herd and speed up breed improvement.

Type classification is also an excellent independent guide for new members who will be able to select cattle that have been assessed when establishing a herd if they wish.

Cattle are assessed by classifiers from NBDC who have been specially trained to classify beef cattle. Assessed on 14 different linear traits that make up four composite traits, a final score results in a grade from 'poor' to 'excellent'.

This grade is then appended to the animal's pedigree so anyone can see how an animal has been independently assessed. As the scheme develops multiple generations of cattle will be inspected and the results will inform members which cattle they should retain in their herd to improve the quality of both their herd and the national population.

The breeders that have had their animals classified so far have all reported that the process has been straightforward and very positive. These members, and a list of the cattle that have graded VG (Very Good) and EX (Excellent) are in the Knowledgebase on the website.

Ewan Mackintosh from the Little Oakley herd had his cattle classified last year - you can read about his reasons for joining the scheme and how his classification visit went on the opposite page.

If you think this is something you would like to participate in please contact the office for more information or go to the link below. If you'd like to talk to a member who has had their cattle classified please contact any of the members listed in the link.

Members who sign up to Type Classification in 2019 will receive a £5 credit on their account with the Society for each cow classified, provided all animals eligible for classification are put forward.

The current booklet is in the Knowledgebase of the website or call the office for a copy.

<https://www.longhorncattlesociety.com/knowledge-base/article/type-classification/>

TYPE CLASSIFICATION

The decision to have our Little Oakley herd of English Longhorns classified was a straightforward one. My day job is as a nutritionist within the dairy sector and many of my, admittedly more progressive, dairy clients have their cows scored on an on-going basis. Whilst I haven't asked them directly, I believe they do this help them make breeding decisions and to provide confirmation that their direction of travel is the right one. The use of classifying with the UK pedigree dairy sector is commonplace.

I have had a connection with cattle for over 40 years and, as such, I think I have a reasonable ability to differentiate a group of cattle. However, this is my view and, as is the case with most things it may not actually be the case. It had been over 12 years since we bought our six foundation Longhorn heifers from a couple of herds in Wiltshire. Since then we've only used a small number of bulls on the herd, four in fact, and their impact has been quite noticeable especially those which have had a negative influence. During the early years in an effort to grow the herd we kept most daughters. In more recent times we have culled harder and sold some heifers; we've been in position to be more selective. It was good time to confirm, either way, whether our breeding/culling decisions had been the right ones.

There is genetic variation within every breed and the degree to which this exists obviously varies considerably. Whilst on paper it doesn't appear that the English Longhorn breed has as much scope and variation as most other breeds, in reality it is quite clear that this is not the case. One only has to visit one of the Breed Society sales to witness this for oneself.

Therefore, given all of these factors the opportunity to have our herd classified was one that I felt was a valid one. A call was made to Debbie and from there an appointment was made for a classifier to meet at a field in rural Northamptonshire in early July last year. Debbie did mention the cost, it can't have been too steep as I can't actually remember what this was. Once on site it did occur to me that it might be a complete waste of time. Our cows don't get the human contact that some herds get so I began to think that we were going to be chasing the cattle around without getting anywhere near. However, the classifier was very relaxed and confident that within a few minutes the herd would calm down and she would be able to get down to business. Sure enough within half an hour or so the job was done, our herd had been scored. The classifier uses a handheld device and simply punches in numbers which all go together to provide a final score. During the process various comments/observations are made, some positive some negative, a few of which I wasn't aware of. Having the classifier visit also focuses one's eye on one's cattle, it's a bit like not seeing the wood for the trees? One can often become blind the most obvious things that are right in front of us but are noticeable to others, especially trained others.

In conclusion, I would strongly recommend that breeders take advantage of this service. I am confident that they will find it very useful and I strongly recommend being present when the classifier visits. They will definitely learn something from the process whilst also receiving confirmation as to quality of their herd. We have had it confirmed what we need to focus on when choosing our next bull and when selecting those heifers to keep as replacements.

Ewan Mackintosh, Little Oakley Longhorns

SOCIETY NEWS

LONGHORN FORUM

A new online forum has been set up to answer questions that anyone has about all aspects of Longhorn cattle keeping. If you have a burning question to ask other members, or you think you can answer someone else's query please go to the forum and register to post.

<http://longhorncattle.boards.net/>

ORGANIC AND PFLA MEMBERS

Are you certified organic? Are you a member of the Pasture For Life Association? If you are either or both of the above please let the Society know as we are increasingly getting requests for organic cattle, or customers interested in pasture fed beef. Thank you.

DISBUDED CATTLE

Following a rule change at the 2017 AGM, disbudded cows, heifers or bulls are eligible to compete in show classes for breeding cattle. Disbudded cattle may be shown at Society sales.

**Notice is hereby given that the Longhorn Cattle Society CIO AGM will be held at
The Priest House Hotel, Castle Donington, Derbyshire, DE74 2RR
on Saturday 12 October 2019**

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Approval of Minutes of 2018 AGM**
- 3 Chairman's Report**
- 4. Treasurer's report and approval of accounts**
- 5. Election of Trustees**
- 6. Any Other Business**

SOCIAL MEDIA

As you may have read in recent newsletters that the Society is offering members a fantastic opportunity to promote their herds and the breed via the Society website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. I am posting a short profile of a Society member describing, in their own words, what their Longhorn herd means to them. Every member is different and keeps their cattle for different reasons so each member offers a new insight into the versatility of the breed and the broad range of Society members.

All you need to do is answer the questions below (a maximum of 50 words per answer please!), attach up to four photos that best illustrate your herd, include your social media links (if you use them) and then you'll be in with a chance of being one of our Friday Feature herds. If you are not involved with social media it doesn't matter, your story will still be of interest to other people and it will help promote the breed.

Have a look at the Blog page of the Society website or our Facebook page to see the herds profiled so far.

Who are you (name and herd name) (max 50 words)

Where are you (nearest town and county) (max 50 words)

How did you find out about Longhorn cattle and decide they were the breed for you: (max 50 words)

When did you start keeping Longhorn cattle: (max 50 words)

Why did you start keeping Longhorn cattle: (max 50 words)

What are you trying to achieve with your herd: (max 50 words)

Are you doing with your cattle that is unique and different? (max 50 words)

How would you sum up the Longhorn breed: (max 50 words)

Website:

Facebook:

Twitter:

Instagram:

Other social media links:

TB COMPENSATION

Whilst the eradication of Bovine TB should be at the forefront of APHA's minds, it's inexorable creep across the country means more and more members are being affected. A quick look at the difference between the compensation you will receive for a registered pedigree animal and a non pedigree animal might make registration of all your calves a consideration. Retrospective pedigree registration of TB reactors is not permitted and APHA will usually check the online database when a reactor is confirmed to check it's status.

The table shows compensation for September 2019. It is updated each month on the DEFRA website and is applicable for all breeds.

The table is applicable to England only - Wales and Northern Ireland are on individual valuation and Scotland is TB free.

Further explanation and the most recent compensation table is available on the DEFRA website, and the website www.tbhub.co.uk also has current information.

Age	Non pedigree male	Pedigree registered male
Up to 6 months	£195-£335	Individual valuation
6-12 months	£566-£733	Individual valuation
12 to 20 months	£880-£973	12—24m £3739
20+ months	£988-£1315	24+ m £2407
Age	Non ped female	Pedigree registered female
Up to 6 months	£146-£286	Individual valuation
6-12 months	£448-£623	£1818
12 to 16 months	£773	12-24m £1468
16-20 months	£882	24+ m not calved £1544
20+ months not calved	£922	24-36m calved £1080
20+ months calved	£838	36m+ calved 1034

REGIONAL GROUPS

The regional groups operate independently of the Society and organise herd visits, social events and herd competitions. Enthusiastic group members are always welcome. Do get in touch with your local breeders group co-ordinator and get involved in group activities

Northern Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

**Contact: Graham Walker, Newton Farm Cottage, Huby, York, YO61 1HQ
Tel: 07957 208021**

Email: walkergraham93@gmail.com

Club AGM & herd visit. 19 October.
10.00 visit to Beaufront & Paragon herds, followed by lunch, AGM & awards presentation at Hexham Market

Midland Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

Contact: Claire Saxby, Lower Anchor-Farm, Litton, Buxton, Derbys, SK17 8RN
Tel: 07779 246793
email: clairesaxby775@icloud.com

Mid West Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

**Contact: Peter Guest, Colaba Lodge, Hamnish, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0QN
Tel: 01568 760251.**

Email: colabalonghorns@aol.com

The Mid West Longhorn Breeders Group Herd Competition Awards Lunch will take place on Sunday 17th November at The Standerwick Suite, Frome Market, Standerwick, Frome, Somerset, BA11 2QB Bar open from 12.00 Noon, Lunch served at 1.00pm.

Welsh Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

**Contact: Bernard Llewellyn, Carreg Cennen Castle, Trapp, Llandeilo, Dyfed, SA19 6UA
Tel: 01558 822291
E: bernard@carregcennencastle.com**

MERCHANDISE

The Society offers a comprehensive range of merchandise. Ties, caps and mugs are available from the office, clothing such as hoodies, polo shirts, sweatshirts etc are available to order with a two - three week lead time. Items of clothing have the Society logo and can have your herd name embroidered on them.

The full range and the order form are in the 'Knowledgebase' section of the Society website or from the office.

FEMALES FOR SALE

Please check the website for up-to-date listings of cattle for sale, photos and extra information

Jill Tait, Whitehouse Farm, Danegate, Eridge Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 9HX

Tel: 01892 853302

Email: jilly_potter@yahoo.co.uk

SAXONBURY SAFFRON 32652/S00479

Born: 25/02/2018

Sire: Raincliffe Kaiser EX93 27133/N00059

Dam: Saxonbury Nicolette 24989/N00479

SAXONBURY SLOAN 32653/S00479

Born: 01/03/2018

Sire: Raincliffe Kaiser EX93 27133/N00059

Dam: Saxonbury Inez 17858/I0479

SAXONBURY SNOWFLAKE 32654/S00479

Born: 03/03/2018

Sire: Raincliffe Kaiser EX93 27133/N00059

Dam: Saxonbury Kylie 32654/K00479

SAXONBURY SONATA 33164/S00479

Born: 27/04/2018

Sire: Raincliffe Kaiser EX93 27133/N00059

Dam: Saxonbury Infanta 17857/I0479

SAXONBURY SIDONIE 33268/S00479

Born: 28/08/2018

Sire: Raincliffe Kaiser EX93 27133/N00059

Dam: Saxonbury Kate 20520/K00479

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Ian Snape, Oak Villa, Oak Tree Lane, Samsbourne, Redditch, Worcs, B96 6EX

Tel: 01527 893655 or 07894 820399

Email: sni450@aol.com

BLACKBROOK ZELDA 28504/P00380

Born: 07/05/2015

Sire: Blackbrook Trapper 19954/J0380

Dam: Blackbrook U-Genie EX90 19849/K0380

Sold with her May born bull calf by Hambleton-Montgomery.

ASTWOOD BOUVARDIA 32617/S01268

Born: 03/04/2018

Sire Hambleton Montgomery 27047/M00781

Dam: Quenby Idiot 17969/I0718

Has been led on a halter

ASTWOOD BAMBUSA 32617/S01268

Born: 04/04/2018

Sire Hambleton Montgomery 27047/M00781

Dam: Blackbrook Zelda 28504/P00380

Has been led on a halter

All Ian's cattle are currently in TB test and have High Health status. Vaccinated for BVD & IBR. TB accredited and never a case of TB in the herd. Ian also has some well fleshed store cattle for sale, and an IAE 'Longhorn' crush. See the website or contact Ian for more details.

BULLS FOR SALE

Please check the website for up-to-date listings of cattle for sale, photos and extra information

David Howden, Cornbury Park, Charlbury, Oxon, OX7 3EH

Tel: 07792026695 (Jamie Brewer)

Email: jamiesbrew@hotmail.co.uk

POINTER EAT YOU ALIVE 33754/S01244

Born: 29/01/2018

Sire: Aberdeen Nik EX90 27511/N01114

Dam: Avonvale Imke EX90 16837/I0875

Prolific prize winter—full details on the website. Members of the BioBest Health Scheme.

All cattle grazed within a badger-proof fence. 6 month TB (edge area)

Mark O'Brien & Liz Vice, Autumn House, Woolhope, Herefordshire, HR1 4QW

Tel: 07702 387377

CARREG PSYNERGY 29580/P00149

Born: 10.02.15

Sire: Fishwick Lord of the Rings 23577/L00087

Dam: Carreg Lucretia 21719/L0149

Organic farm. Bull only for sale as he will be back on his daughters.

Please check the website for up-to-date listings of cattle for sale, photos and extra information

Tom Taberner, 86 Britannia Drive, Stretton, Burton on Trent, Staffs, DE13 0FB

Tel: 07762 586916

Email: tommytab@btinternet.com

BULLS FOR HIRE

Pedigree bulls available for hire. Please contact for more details, hire rates, availability etc.

R&V Burton, The Waggon Hovel, Riverlands, Sibthorpe, Notts, NG23 5PN

Tel: 01636 525248 or 07973 531303

Email: wagonhovel@timicomail.co.uk

RIVERLANDS SHAGRAT 33978/S00946

Born: 05/02/2018

Sire: Aberdeen Phillip 30536/P01114

Dam: Riverlands Onion 26409/O00946

Quiet, halterbroken and easy to handle

UNREGISTERED BULLS FOR SALE

Stephen Horrocks, 10 Spruce Ave, Lancaster, LA1 5LB

Tel: 07534 100606

Email: s.horrocks@sky.com

GALE FARM TAHAY XB77910

Born: 24/02/2019

Sire: Blackbrook Sabre 18015/I0380

Dam: Wellhead Kir Royale 20442/K0268

Young unregistered bull, available at weaning in Oct. Shown this year. Eligible for full reg subject to meeting the Society's reg criteria

Rita Adam, Struiehill Farm, Forgandenny, Perthshire, PH2 9DW

Tel: 07767 218343

Email: adamandwilson@gmail.com

MARINDIN UNREG BULL XB76785

Born: 21/08/2017

Sire: Wellhead Orwell 28373/O00268

Dam: Marindin Moonbeam 21738/I0968

Eligible for full registration subject to meeting the Society's registration criteria

CATTLE WANTED

**Charles Ashbridge, Thirsk, N Yorkshire,
YO7 2HL**
Tel: 01845 525330 or 07790 016823
Email: charles@tastetradition.co.uk
All types of cattle wanted for finishing

**Sam Barker, Shrewsbury, Shropshire,
SY4 3HS. Tel: 07793 365517**
Email: sam@longhornbeef.co.uk
Organic steers and heifers wanted for finishing.

Mr P Grabham, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 7AN
Tel: 07875 464424
Email: tintin11@btconnect.com
Steers wanted for finishing

Ben and Tori Stanley, Derbyshire, DE73 8AB
Mobile: 0788 4112812,
Email: info@toriandbensfarm.co.uk
Steers and heifers wanted for finishing

Tom Mowles, Nailsworth, Glos, GL6 0SJ
Tel: 07545 562984
Email: tom.mowles@mowlesfarms.co.uk
Yearling and two year old steers and heifers wanted for finishing.

**Richard Vaughan, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire
HR9 6JN Tel: 01600 890296**
Well grown store cattle male or females required for finishing.

**A Goodman, Great Witley, Worcestershire, WR6
6JJ Tel: 01299 896590, mob: 07980271173**
Steers wanted for finishing

**Mike & Yvonne Smith, Ashbourne, Derbyshire,
DE6 5JF Mobile: 07860 467877**
Email: michael@hennisfieldfarm.co.uk
Strong stores wanted

SEMEN FOR SALE

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The following bulls are available from the Society:

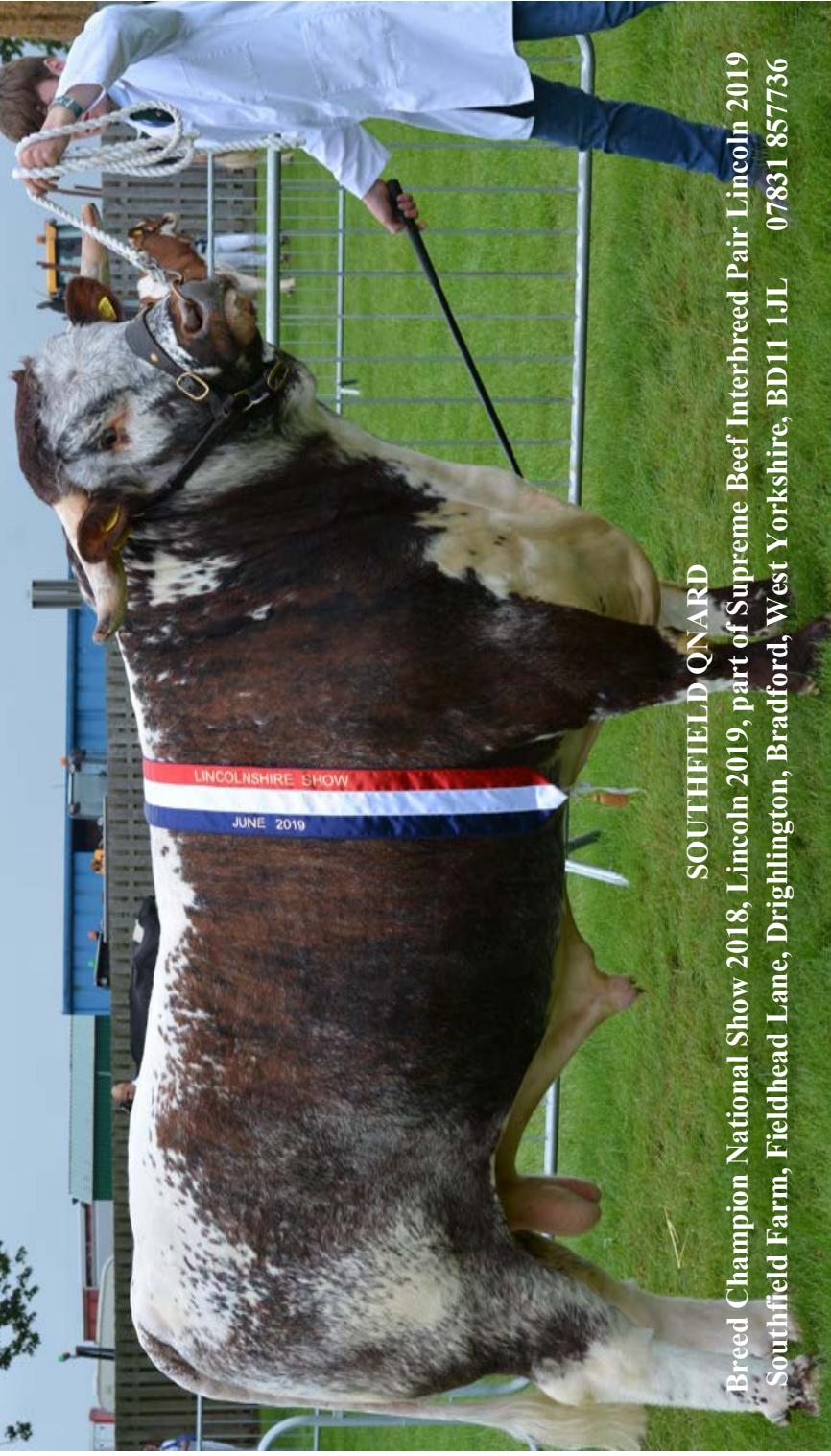
Cosby Archer, Eyebrook Richard, Fishwick Oarsman , Grove House Baron,
Honeywood Callicles, Honeywood Edmund, Leebarn Isambard, Llanthroty Kestrel,
Long Ash Lancelot , Plaitford Orlando, Rousham Goliath, Rousham Monty,
Shugborough Benbow , Tregonhayne Startrek

The following bulls are available direct from the breeders

Fishwick Lord of the Rings 23577/L00087, (Peter Close 07779 937217)

**Gentons 007 James Bond 27966/001168 (Bertie Facon, 07785 221961 or
Ben Bellew 07710 054792)**

SOUTHFIELD LONGHORNS



SOUTHFIELD QNARD

Breed Champion National Show 2018, Lincoln 2019, part of Supreme Beef Interbreed Pair Lincoln 2019
Southfield Farm, Fieldhead Lane, Drighlington, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD11 1JL 07831 857736

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and a yearling bull - all by Fishwick Lord of the Rings
FISHWICK RADIANT & FISHWICK ROSELLA**



**At Fishwick we try to produce both bulls and heifers as naturally as is feasible within the demands of the market for well-fleshed quality animals. We try to calve to the grass in March/April so that creep feed is usually not required until housing in November. Calving heifers at 3 years old prolongs their useful life but demands economy in the 2 years between weaning and calving. Meanwhile young bulls are fed to be FIT-NOT-FAT but still ready to work from as young as 15 months - usually with a limited number of maiden heifers
Mobiles: 07779937217 [Peter] 07784155991 [Ashley] 07702317303 [Rob]**