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Dear Members

Welcome to the Winter newsletter.

The AGM weekend was a wet and windy affair but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of members who travelled to Co Durham to see some fabulous cattle and experience warm Northern hospitality. A full report is in this newsletter, along with full results of the Awards that are presented at the AGM. It really was the culmination of a busy year!

The photo competition received a huge number of entries and the winning photos are also featured in the newsletter.

The new 'Longhorn Lovers Friday Feature' is going down a storm on social media but I still need more herds to feature over the winter so please take five minutes to answer the set of questions and send me some photos to get your herd featured and help promote the breed. See page 25 for more information. Don't be shy! .

This time of year is survey time so please log on to the online Herdbook via the website to have a tidy up of your herd in order for an accurate printed Herdbook to be produced next March. Many thanks!

Have a great Christmas and see you next year....

Debbie

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

I would firstly like to thank Harry Hodgson & family for taking the time to host this year's AGM. We were all warmly welcomed, the cattle looked tremendous and the hospitality was second to none. There was an excellent turnout for the AGM itself, with members fully participating & debating various points of view.

Sunday gave us a rare opportunity to see the Raby herd in magnificent surroundings and Robert Sullivan & Lord Barnard gave us a brief outline of their plans for the future of the herd. Afterwards we all enjoyed tea & cakes, before departing for home.

Longhorns have had great success since the AGM; Thirsk & Newark calf shows resulted in Longhorns taking native 2018 born Interbreed Champions at both events. Following on from that, the English Winter Fair at Stafford saw well presented, good finished cattle from Tom Mills, Eileen Hallifield & the Saxby family who then went on to take Champion Longhorn. This steer then went on to sell for £2.72kg and was purchased by Ben & Tori Stanley, for their Farm Shop. The English Winter Fair overall supreme show Champion could trace it's roots back to a Longhorn grand-dam.

The Saxby family then went onto win native Champion and Reserve at the Bakewell Winter Fair. Congratulations to all for the time & effort taken to produce such well turned out cattle at these events, which proves that pure Longhorns, can hold their own in the native sections, without any influence from outside blood.

I was pleased to be voted back on as Chairman for another year

Merry Xmas & a Happy New Year to all members and their families.

Dave Blockley

WINTER FAIRS

Members have been out in force at the Winter Fairs....

At the English Winter Fair, Staffordshire, the Longhorns had their own classes and our thanks go to Eileen Hallifield, Tom Mills and the Saxby family for bringing out such fabulous cattle. A more in depth report on the cattle present will be in a future newsletter as not all killing weights had been received at the time of going to print. The winning beast, Litton Ragtime, a 22 month old steer from the Saxby family weighed 595kg liveweight and was bought by Ben Stanley for his 'Tori & Ben's Farm Shop' for £2.72kg.



Continuing their winning streak the Saxby's also took 1st and 2nd place Native at Bakewell Fatstock Show & Sale with Litton Rex (17 months, 544kg lw) and Raincliffe XB77412 (15 months, 548kg lw). Both beasts made £2.60kg



MEMBERS' NEWS

MEMBERS' VIDEOS

Two members have recently produced videos promoting their Longhorns. Richard Vaughan from Huntsham Court and John and Pat Stanley of the Blackbrook herd have both had videos commissioned that are linked via the website. Go to the homepage of the website and then search in the news items. They are both well worth a watch!

Meanwhile in Germany Ludger and Elisabeth Bremehr had a whole TV programme made about their enterprises including the Longhorn cattle, various breeds of sheep, waterfowl and exotic animals such as moose and alpacas. They also have an extensive farm shop selling Longhorn beef. Elisabeth then cooked a delicious meal for guests which they had to score for presentation, local provenance, taste etc. It's a great programme and you don't have to speak German to appreciate how busy the Bremehr family are! Again, go into the news section of the website to find the link.

LONGHORNS TRIUMPH AT THIRSK!

Many congratulations to Harry, Clark and Billy Blockley and Zara Monks who showed 2017 and 2018 born Southfield cattle belonging to David and Angela Blockley at Thirsk calf show.

Southfield Swift took the Native Interbreed Championship with Southfield Sapphire taking the Reserve Native Interbreed slot against some very stiff competition. The bull Southfield Raptor was 2017 born Male & Reserve Native Champion. A great day out. Well done!



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.

MEMBERS' NEWS



Early in 2018 the Society offered a voucher to three members who were new to showing to buy some show equipment to get them started. Two members applied for vouchers, one of whom hasn't been able to get in the show ring this year due to the arrival of a baby and the other recipients were Clark and Billy-Blockley who are joint members under the 'Southlane' prefix. Clark is 12 and Billy is 10 and this year they started showing their Longhorns. We received this lovely thank you note from Clark and Billy that deserved to be shared with the members.

Thank you for our Showtime voucher. We used the money wisely and bought two curly combs, two slicker brushes and a showstick each. It helped us out a lot, Thank you

Clark, Billy Blockley
(Southlane Longhorns)

Billy (left) and Clark (right) are pictured above at the Great Yorkshire Show.

We'll be seeing more of them in the future!

SALES NEWS

SOCIETY SALES 2019

Sale dates confirmed so far....

Saturday 6 April 2019

Society Spring Store Sale

The Livestock Market, Worcester WR4 0SQ

Auctioneers: McCartneys. Tel: 01905 769770

Saturday 25 May 2019

Society Spring Show & Sale

The Livestock Market, Worcester WR4 0SQ

Auctioneers: McCartneys. Tel: 01905 769770

Saturday 11 May 2019

Society Northern Sale

Beeston Castle, Cheshire, CW6 9NZ

Auctioneers: Wright Marshall. Tel 01829 262100

Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September 2019

Traditional Native Breeds Show & Sale,

Melton Mowbray Market, LE13 1JY

Auctioneers: Melton Mowbray Market Auctioneers, Tel: 01664 562971

Saturday 21 September 2019

Show and Sale of Rare, Traditional and Minority Cattle

Borderway Mart, Carlisle, CA1 2RS

Auctioneers: Harrison & Hetherington

SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE, WORCESTER, 25 MAY 2019

The Society's Spring Show and Sale will be held at Worcester Market on Saturday 25 May 2019

There will be a Show section, where all cattle must be led, and a Sale Only section where females do not have to be led. All bulls, irrespective of if they are being shown or not, must be led.

All cattle over 42 day must be TB tested, irrespective of TB testing interval area.

In line with all the other major cattle breeds the Society will introduce compulsory health testing for all cattle entered. The matter was discussed at the AGM and there was enthusiastic support for this move, which will give more confidence to buyers.

Blood test: All animals that are **NOT** from a CHECS approved health scheme accredited for BVD, IBR, Lepto and Johne's Level 1 need to have been blood tested **no more than 60 days** prior to the Sale. For vaccinated animals, it is recommended that vendors provide the date and the batch number of the vaccine used. Blood test results should be submitted prior to the sale.

BVD: Both Antibody and Antigen required. If vaccinated, test for Antigen required

IBR: gB and gE Antibody for animals not vaccinated. If vaccinated, must be with a marker vaccine and tested for gE Antibody

Lepto: If vaccinated no test required

Johne's: Required. Faecal test would be permitted if blood test timing is not compatible with TB test timing

Neospora: Recommended for all females.

Please speak to your vet or Health Scheme provider in plenty of time for more information. The relevant forms to be completed will be forwarded to members in plenty of time, and will be available on the website.

CHeCS approved health schemes:

Vendors are encouraged to belong to a CHECS approved health scheme.

Members wishing to be exempt from blood testing must apply to their Health Scheme Provider for an animal health declaration card prior to the closing date of the sale and send a copy to the Society office for verification and for the details to be listed in the catalogue

BULL OF THE YEAR AWARD

MAYDENCROFT AWARD FOR THE BEST BULL				
Place	Name	Owner	J/S	Points
1st	Riverlands Ratty	Mr B Facon	J	29
=2nd	Pointer Can Dance	Mr D Howden	S	22
=2nd	Pointer Diamond King	Mr D Howden	J	22
3rd	Pointer Downtown Rebel	Mr D Howden	J	15
4th	Carreg Quintet	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn	S	11
5th	Southfield Qnard	Mrs A Blockley	S	9
6th	Rhyfel Rowan	Mr TA Williams	J	8
=7th	Riverlands Radagast	Mr & Mrs R&V Burton	J	7
=7th	Rhyfel Royal	Mr TA Williams	J	7
=7th	Wellhead Rothschild	Mrs N Luckett	J	7
=8th	Newton Boomshakalaka	Mr D Walker	J	6
=8th	Riverlands Rarebit	Mr & Mrs R&V Burton	J	6
=9th	Foxglove Rodger the Dodger	Miss T Woollatt	J	5
=9th	Tetford Vaders Vortex	Mrs V Hopkinson	S	5
=10th	Southfield Panther	Mrs A Blockley	S	4
=10th	Wheatlands Ruben	Mr T Mills	J	4
=11th	Blackden Kentucky	Mr & Mrs PV & JM Robinson	S	3
=11th	Rhyfel Rebel	Mr TA Williams	J	3
=11th	Slough Rory	M & W Preece	J	3
=11th	Southfield Raptor	Mrs A Blockley	J	3
=12th	Etheridge Quicksilver	Mr D Phillips	S	2
=12th	Gupworthy Paddington	Mr & Mrs GH Woollatt	S	2
=12th	Riverlands Paddington	Mrs Y Ferguson	S	2
=13th	Colne Valley Jupiter	T&S Farms	J	1
=13th	Newton Aftershock	Mr B Wragg	S	1
=13th	Raincliffe Northern Prospect	Messrs Emsley & Cleasby	S	1
=13th	Riverlands Quiz	Mr & Mrs R&V Burton	S	1
=13th	Southfield Ricochet	Mrs A Blockley	J	1
=13th	Stoke Mudlark	HMP Kirkham	S	1

COW OF THE YEAR AWARD

LEEBARN AWARD FOR THE BEST COW			
	Name	Owner	Points
1st	Gorse Quesnelia	Mr B Facon	18
2nd	Wheatlands Olga	Mr T Mills	11
=3rd	Carreg Octopus	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn	10
=3rd	Dunstall Myleen	Mrs EM Hallifield	10
=4th	Lower Blacup Nancy	Mr B Wragg	7
=4th	Tetford Winsome	Mr & Mrs CTD Sutcliffe	7
5th	Wellhead Kir Royale	Mr S Horrocks	6
=6th	Southfield Peach	Mrs A Blockley	5
=6th	Warns Paige	Mr N Glover	5
=7th	Southfield Lace	Mr H Blockley	4
=7th	Wellhead Paxos	Mrs V Hopkinson	4
=8th	Blackbrook Zabrina	Mr & Mrs B&T Stanley	3
=8th	Chalkney Quirky	Mrs SE Coleman	3
=8th	Croftlands Nikola	Mr & Mrs B&T Stanley	3
=8th	Slough Nugget	M & W Preece	3
=8th	Wellhead Odelle	Master H Saxby	3
=9th	Fishwick Omega	J Close & Son Ltd	2
=9th	Fosseway Acorn	Mr D Phillips	2
=9th	Kirklan Heisker	Mr S Horrocks	2
=9th	Southfield Nia	Mr H Hodgson	2
=9th	Tetford Twinkle	Mr & Mrs CTD Sutcliffe	2
=9th	Warns Olive	Mr N Glover	2
=9th	Yaverland Nancy	Mrs Y Ferguson	2
=10th	Blackden Ocean	Mr & Mrs PV & JM Robinson	1
=10th	Carreg Octavia	Mr & Mrs M&B Wheeler	1
=10th	Southfield Lyric	Mr A Blockley	1
=10th	Trelawny Jasmine	T&S Farms	1

HEIFER OF THE YEAR AWARD

LESLEY HUTTON AWARD FOR THE BEST HEIFER				
Place	Name	Owner	J/S	points
1st	Gentons Qasim	Mr B Facon	S	56
2nd	Carreg Rye Grass	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn	J	41
=3rd	Carreg Quack	Mr & Mrs M&B Wheeler	S	32
=3rd	Pointer Dyami-eagle	Mr D Howden	J	32
=4th	Pointer Caci	Mr D Howden	S	27
=4th	Pointer Dreamer	Mr D Howden	J	27
=5th	Gentons Q	Mr B Facon	S	26
=5th	Treverton Quest	Ms RE Heard	S	26
6th	Riverlands Quinine	Mr & Mrs R&V Burton	S	23
7th	Carreg Romance	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn	J	22
8th	Carreg Quoit	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn	S	21
9th	Wellhead Quicksilver	Mrs N Lockett	S	20
10th	Rhyfel Ruby	Mr TA Williams	J	19
11th	Southfield Razzle	Mrs A Blockley	J	18
=12th	Carreg Quartet	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn	S	17
=12th	Newton Absinthe	Mr D Walker	S	17
13th	Dunstall Ruby	Mrs EM Hallifield	J	16
=12th	Colaba Logic	M&W Preece	S	15
=14th	Etheridge Roany	Mr D Phillips	J	15
=14th	Dunstall Quest	Mrs EM Hallifield	S	13
=14th	Dunstall Roxanne	Mrs EM Hallifield	J	13
=14th	Gupworthy Roma	Mr & Mrs GH Woollatt	J	13
=15th	Carreg Quicksilver	Mr & Mrs M&B Wheeler	S	12
=15th	Gale Farm Rona	Mr S Horrocks	J	12
=16th	Gorse Xpected	Mrs V Hopkinson	J	11
=16th	Mayhill Fantasy	Mr D Bevan	S	11
=16th	Melbourne Park Elodie	Mr & Mrs B&T Stanley	S	11
=16th	Riverlands Rhetto	Mr & Mrs R&V Burton	J	11
=16th	Tetford Yarina	Mr & Mrs CTD Sutcliffe	J	11
=17th	Arlebrook Rakitta	Mr & Mrs M&B Wheeler	J	8
=17th	Newton Bobbie Dazzler	Mr D Walker	J	8
=17th	Newton Blooming Marvellous	Mr D Walker	J	8
=17th	Rhyfel Robinia	Mr TA Williams	J	8
=17th	Wellhead Ruby Rose	Mrs N Lockett	J	8
18th	Gupworthy Quartz	Mr & Mrs GH Woollatt	S	7

HEIFER OF THE YEAR AWARD

LESLEY HUTTON AWARD FOR THE BEST HEIFER				
Place	Name	Owner	J/S	points
=19th	Arlebrook Roxy	Mr & Mrs M&B Wheeler	J	6
=19th	Briar Mead Ring o Roses	Mrs V Hopkinson	J	6
=19th	Trelawny Quincy	Mrs SE Coleman	S	6
=19th	Trelawny Quincy	Mrs SE Coleman	S	6
=20th	Gale Farm Raasay	Mr S Horrocks	J	5
=20th	Gupworthy Quality	Mr & Mrs GH Woollatt	S	5
=20th	Slough Rosie	M&W Preece	J	5
=21st	Carreg Rhonda	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn	J	4
=21st	Dunstall Rosie	Mr B Facon	J	4
=21st	Southfield Quaver	Messrs C&B Blockley	S	4
=21st	Southfield Ringlet	Mrs A Blockley	J	4
=21st	Treverton Ripple	Ms RE Heard	J	4
=22nd	Chalkney Verse	Mr S Dixon	S	3
=22nd	Colne Valley Image	T&S Farms	S	3
=22nd	Lower Blacup Quartz	Mr B Wragg	S	3
=22nd	Trelawny Reason	AK Clark & Sons	J	3
=22nd	Wellhead Quality	Master H Saxby	S	3
=23rd	Chalkney Vibe	Mr S Dixon	S	2
=23rd	Gupworthy Reta	Mr & Mrs GH Woollatt	J	2
=23rd	Preepark Quidditch Oyster	Mr & Mrs PV & JM Robinson	J	2
=23rd	Southfield Quiz	Mr H Hodgson	S	2
=23rd	Southfield Quaint	Messrs C&B Blockley	S	2
=23rd	Southfield Ruby	Mr H Blockley	J	2
=23rd	Tetford Xaviera	Mr & Mrs CTD Sutcliffe	S	2
=23rd	Trelawny Quiritis	AK Clark & Sons	S	2
=23rd	Trelawny Rhyme	AK Clark & Sons	J	2
=23rdt	Warns Quantilla	Mr N Glover	S	2
=24th	Betchton Sarah	Mr & Mrs PV & JM Robinson	J	1
=24th	Chalkney Wisdom	Mrs SE Coleman	J	1
=24th	Colne Valley Isolda	T&S Farms	S	1
=24th	Fishwick Queen of the Ring	J Close & Son Ltd	S	1
=24th	Heronbrook Ursula	Mr J Winnington	J	1
=24th	Raincliffe New Queen	Messrs Emsley & Cleasby	S	1
=24th	Southfield Romance	Mrs A Blockley	J	1

SHOW RESULTS

Westmorland Show Judge: Peter Guest 13 September 2018

Bull any age, 1 forward

1st Wellhead Rothschild Mrs N Luckett

Cow, 1 forward

1st Wellhead Kir Royale Mr S Horrocks

Senior Heifer, 1 forward

1st Wellhead Quicksilver Mrs N Luckett

Junior Heifer, 3 forward

1st Gale Farm Rona Mr S Horrocks

2nd Gale Farm Raasay Mr S Horrocks

3rd Wellhead Ruby Rose Mrs N Luckett

Pairs, 2 forward

1st Mr S Horrocks

2nd Mrs N Luckett

Breed Champion Wellhead Quicksilver

Res Breed Champ Gale Farm Rona

Best Junior Bull Wellhead Rothschild

Best Junior Heifer Gale Farm Rona

Royal County of Berkshire Show Judge: Joshua Brigg standing in for Richard Warner 15 September 2018

Bull any age, forward

1st Pointer Diamond King Mr D Howden

2nd Riverlands Ratty Mr B Facon

3rd Pointer Can Dance Mr D Howden

Cow, 1 forward

1st Carreg Octavia Mr & Mrs M&B Wheeler

Senior Heifer, 4 forward

1st Gentons Qasim Mr B Facon

2nd Carreg Quack Mr & Mrs M&B Wheeler

3rd Gentons Q Mr B Facon

4th Pointer Caci Mr D Howden

Junior Heifer, 3 forward

1st Pointer Dreamer Mr D Howden

2nd Dunstall Rosie Mr B Facon

3rd Pointer Dyami Eagle Mr D Howden

Breed Champion

Reserve Breed Champion

Best Junior Bull

Best Junior Heifer

Gentons Qasim

Pointer Dreamer

Riverlands Ratty

Pointer Dreamer

Reserve Interbreed Native Heifer pairs -

Gentons Qasim, Gentons Q

SHOWS NEWS

NATIONAL SHOW 2019

The National Show in 2019 will be at the Great Yorkshire Show on 9-11 July. Put the date in your diaries!

If you wish to enter please contact the Yorkshire Agricultural Society to go onto their mailing list. The Society will have a limit of 75 stalls so please enter early!

Email AmandaW@yas.co.uk to go on the mailing list.

In other shows news...

Kent County Show 5/6/7 July 2019 has reinstated the Longhorn classes

Ashover Show, Derbyshire 14 August 2019 will be holding Longhorn classes

PHOTO COMPETITION RESULTS

Posed category

=1st, Andrew Williams

=1st, Joshua Brigg

2nd, Peter Chapman

3rd, Charles Sutcliffe



Small herd category

1st, Peter Chapman

2nd, Vicki Hopkinson

3rd, John Brigg



PHOTO COMPETITION RESULTS



Large herd category

- 1st, Charles Sutcliffe
- 2nd, Peter Chapman
- =3rd, Peter Chapman
- =3rd Wendy Preece



Shows category

- 1st, Stephen Horrocks
- 2nd, Wendy Preece
- 3rd, Wendy Preece



PHOTO COMPETITION RESULTS



Humorous category

- 1st, Vicki Burton
- 2nd, Ruth Russell
- 3rd, Stephen Horrocks

Commercial category

- 1st, Charles Sutcliffe
- 2nd, Graham Walker
- 3rd, Sophie Gurton



AGM WEEKEND 13 - 15 October 2018

The Society's AGM weekend was in the north of England this year, with 90 members travelling from across the country to gather in Piercebridge, a small village dating back to Roman times near Darlington, Co Durham.



Our visit on Saturday morning was to the Hodgson family's Piercebridge Farm. Harry and his family farm 450 acres of tenanted grassland, a lot of it farmed without subsidy. They run 1200 ewes, a herd of commercial Angus based suckler cows, over 30 Longhorns, 3500 laying hens, they finish 2000 outdoor pigs and rear and finish 60 organic free range broilers every week for the farm shop and butchery. One other full time person is employed and a couple of part time people are also on the farm.

With Storm Callum still making his presence felt we ventured out in the pouring rain to see yarded cattle including stock bulls Southfield Puma and Fishwick Philanderer. Puma was running with a batch of heifers and Philanderer was with a group of cows and calves. There were also a number of finishing cattle, both Angus and Longhorns. We then went to see the cows running in the field and we could also see the houses containing the broilers and free range egg laying hens but the weather meant none of them were venturing out!



After seeing the cattle everyone headed back to the barn where a very welcome lunch had been prepared.

After the AGM the Awards were announced and then members mingled and chatted before meeting for dinner. After dinner a raffle raised £430 and a large Longhorn hide handbag, originally donated by Sabine Zentis at the AGM in 2017 was kindly re-donated by Terri Brownbridge. Under the expert eye of auctioneer Bernard Llewellyn and some spirited bidding the bag was bought by Jackie Woollatt for £150, with the proceeds being donated to the Hodgson family's chosen charity, the Great North Air Ambulance.

AGM WEEKEND 13 - 15 October 2018

The weather improved for our visit to Raby Castle on Sunday. We were welcomed by Lord Barnard and the Farm Manager Robert Sullivan before driving through the beautiful 200 acre deer park to see the Longhorns. The cattle usually graze the deer park but in order for us to be able to see them at closer quarters they had been gathered into a 30 acre field.

As herd number 79 the Raby Herd is one of the oldest herds still registering cattle in the Herdbook. The Herd was established by the then Farm Manager Peter Boylett in 1973 with four Eyebrook cows and the bull Rousham Bunter being the foundation stock, as part of a rare breed park project. This was eventually discontinued, but the Longhorns remained and were integrated into the commercial suckler herd, with Bunter being used as a crossing bull. The Longhorn herd expanded in the mid 1980's when the commercial suckler herd was dispersed, with Peter buying cows in to form a core herd of around 12 cows, which then expanded by breeding and retaining replacements. The herd had notable successes in the show ring, especially



at the Great Yorkshire Show with the bulls Linton Coriolanus, Lupat Horatio and Raby Whinestone all winning the Breed Championship. In recent years Fishwick Instigator, Southfield Commanche and Bollin Andrew have been used as herd sires. Lady Barnard takes an active interest in the herd and joined members as we viewed the cattle.



After seeing the cows we drove to Home Farm where the homebred bull Raby Kaiserchief was running with some cows. Kaiserchief had been sold as a calf at foot with his dam and was registered by another member and then subsequently sold back to the Raby Estate. Lord Barnard pointed out the Nevill family

crest above the entrance into Home Farm which, appropriately enough, is a bull!



We then drove though more of the Estate to arrive back at the Castle where refreshments were waiting for us. After a vote of thanks we all departed for home after another enjoyable weekend.

AGM AWARDS

BULL OF THE YEAR AWARD

This year's Maydencroft Bull of the Year Award was won by Riverlands Ratty, bred by Richard & Vicki Burton and owned by Bertie Facon. In joint second place were two bulls owned and bred by David Howden, Pointer Can Dance and Pointer Diamond King. Mr Howden also took third place with Pointer Downtown Rebel.



COW OF THE YEAR AWARD

This year's Leebarn Cow of the Year Award was won by Gorse Quesnelia, bred by John & Joshua Brigg and owned by Bertie Facon. In second place was Wheatlands Olga, owned and bred by Tom Mills and in joint third place were homebred cows Carreg Octopus from Bernard & Margaret Llewellyn and Dunstall Myleen from Eileen Hallifield.



HEIFER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This year's Lesley Hutton Cow of the Year Award was won by Gentons Qasim, bred and owned by Bertie Facon. In second place was Carreg Rye Grass from Bernard & Margaret Llewellyn who also bred the joint third place heifer Carreg Quack, owned by Mark & Bev Wheeler. The other joint third place heifer was Pointer Dyami-Eagle.





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AGM AWARDS



The Young Hander Award was won by Rhiannydd Davies. In second place was William Edwards, third was Coby Horrocks and fourth was Jess Marshall.



The Paul Lockett Newcomers Award was won by Clark and Billy Blockley of the South Lane herd. Nicky Lockett was there to make the presentation.

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.

£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.

There is now a dedicated 'stores for sale' page on the website which will make it easier for buyers to find store cattle for sale.

NEW MEMBERS



We should like to welcome the following new members to the Society:

- Mr R Chester-Sterne, Hampshire
- Mr & Mrs AF & AG Slatter, Gloucestershire
- Mr R Best, Kent
- Mr T Middleton, Notts
- Mr M Phillips & Ms K Mitcham, Suffolk
- Mrs R Wakeling, Leics
- Mr R Daubney, Cambridgeshire



YEAR LETTER

The year letter for 2019 is

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SOCIETY NEWS

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 CORNER

At recent meetings Trustees discussed the following matters:

The Trustees discussed the location, scope and regulations for sales in 2019.

The Trustees reviewed Society fees and benchmarked the Society against other Breed Societies.

The location for the 2019 AGM, Summer visit and a technical workshop were discussed.

The details of the 2019 National Show at the Great Yorkshire Show were discussed.

The format of the Bull, Cow and Heifer of the Year Awards was discussed.

SLAUGHTER WEIGHTS NEEDED

As always the Society is real need of information to provide to potential members, butchers, finishers and consumers. If you take animals through to finishing can you think about the Society and drop the office an email with the eartag number of the animal, it's date of birth and it's slaughter weight. Even better still, notify the death using the online Herdbook and put the slaughter weight in the 'details' field. If you have a EUROP grid grade that would also be really helpful. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in slaughter weights this year - I've now got some more meaningful information to work with, but more is needed so keep sending them in!

CATTLE HANDLING SYSTEMS - CAN YOU HELP?

The office gets quite a number of enquiries from potential, new and established members about the best manufacturers of crushes and how members set up their handling systems.

Members will have many different experiences and set-ups and your input would be invaluable for me to be able to help others, especially potential members who may think that containing and handling Longhorns for TB testing and routine management is 'too hard'.

Email the office with photos of your crush, race or handling system, with an explanation if necessary, and I can build up a portfolio of systems to use as suggestions for handling Longhorns. Thank you in advance

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.

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

BULL REGISTRATIONS

Those members wishing to register bulls can download a registration form from the website or ring the office for one - in any case please get in touch as you will need a hair sample bag for each bull being registered. The registration form, photographs and sample bag must be signed by a vet and these, along with the payment for registration must be received before the registration will be processed. Allow yourself plenty of time, especially if you are thinking of entering your bull for a show or sale and never assume the office has received the documentation!

Emailed registration forms or photos can be accepted as long as you contact the office first - the Society has pretty strong spam filters on the computer which sometimes does not allow big photo files through. We have had an incident where a member thought an email had been sent but the office had never received it so please let the office know in advance that you are emailing pictures. Hair samples must be posted.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM 1 JANUARY 2016 BULL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN ONE MONTH FROM THE TIME THE ANIMAL WAS WEIGHED, OR RE-WEIGHING WILL BE REQUIRED.

SOCIAL MEDIA

As you may have read in October's email newsletter the Society is offering members a fantastic opportunity to promote their herds and the breed via the Society website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Once a week over the winter 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 week there's 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)

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

Website:

Facebook:

Twitter:

Instagram:

Other social media links:

Don't forget the photos! Email to: secretary@longhorncattlesociety.com

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. See the link below.

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.

Bulls are now able to be classified, full details are in the booklet.

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

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 December. 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	£186-£506	Individual valuation
6-12 months	£679-£751	Individual valuation
12 to 20 months	£829-£955	12—24m £4112
20+ months	£1162	24+ m £2134
Age	Non ped female	Pedigree registered female
Up to 6 months	£132-£437	Up to 2 months Individual valuation
6-12 months	£577-£645	2—10 months Individual valuation
12 to 16 months	£719	12-24m £1490
16-20 months	£866	24+ m not calved £1465
20+ months not calved	£942	24-36m calved £941
20+ months calved	£812	36m+ calved £1152

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

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
18 Nov, Breeders Lunch, Frome Market.

Welsh Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

**Contact: Bernard Llewellyn, Carreg
Cennen Castle, Trapp, Llandeilo, Dyfed,
SA19 6UA Tel: 01558 822291**

E: carregcennencastle@btinternet.com

South East Breeders Group

No contact details at present

Midland Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

**Contact: Rachael Heard, Hill House,
Welford, Northamptonshire, NN6 6JQ
Tel: 01858 575 280**

Email: rheard@live.co.uk

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

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.

BULLS FOR SALE

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

Tom has pedigree Longhorns bulls available for hire. Contact him for more details, hire rates etc

B&C Cleaton, Fir Tree Cottage, Craswall, Hereford, HR2 PN

Tel 01981 510674

Email: cleatonfamily@btinternet.com

UPTON IDRIS 19717/I01018

Born: 27/03/2008

Sire: Blackbrook Owl 13287/E0380

Dam: Cloverdown Ultima 10851/C0145

For sale as he will be back on his daughters.

Last whole herd TB test clear on 11/09/2018

William Nankivell, Hall Farm, Belchamp Otten, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 7BG

Tel 01787 277560, Mobile: 07824 313493

Email: williamnankivell@hotmail.co.uk

OTTEN REX 33177/R01303

Born: 228/03/2017

Sire: Rhyfel Oz 29228/O01182

Dam: Colne Valley Frolicsome 24815/N00962

Blood tested clear for Johnes, BBVD & IBR

Halter trained, very quiet to handle

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

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

Tel: 01636 525248, mobile: 07973 531303

Email: Wagonhovel@timicomail.co.uk

RIVERLANDS RIVERLANDS 33373/R00946

Born: 01/07/2017

Sire: Riverlands Paddington 29602/P00946

Dam: Riverlands Onymous 26673/O00946

National Trust, Wimpole Estate, Arrington, Royston, Cambs, SG8 0BW

Tel: 01223 208987

Email: Helen.muir1@nationaltrust.org.uk

WHEATLANDS OTTOMAN 29426/O01164

Born: 30/806/2014

Sire: Mullard Kasabian 32307/K01164

Dam: Ercall Gerry 14185/G0773

Placid, reliable bull

Dr Ewan Mackintosh, Monkton Cottage, Monkton Hill, Chippenham, Wilts, SN15 1EP

Tel: 07917 323202

Email: emackintosh@waitrose.com

TREVERTON JETHRO GP84 20012/J0899

Born: 03.02.09

Sire: Blackbrook Lionheart 10466/C0380

Dam: Logan Dulcie EX90 14188/G0770

Quiet & easy to handle, only for sale as he will be back on his daughters. Herd is based in Corby, Northants

BULLS FOR SALE

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

David & Graham Walker, Newton Farm, Main St, Huby, N Yorks, YO61 1HQ

Tel: 01347 810809, mobile 07957 208021

Email: walkergraham93@gmail.com

NEWTON BOOMSHAKALAKA 327558/R00890

Born: 30/03/2017

Sire: Stoke Juniper 20422/J0021

Dam: Newton Whoopee Do 22982/M0890

Has been shown in 2018.

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

Nancy Young, 2 Farm Cottages, Gills Lane, Rooksbridge, Somerset, BS26 2TY

Tel: 01934 750252, mobile 07818 263514

Email: nancedave@hotmail.com

SLOUGH MERLIN 25022/M01023

Born: 30/04/2012

Sire: Long Ash Ian 19216/I0241

Dam: Rooksbridge Tallulah 13269/F0428

Good to handle, loves attention, great character.

Comes with own pink hairbrush!

Gordon Marks, Little Catworth Farm, Little Catworth, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE28 0PD

Mobile: 07803 929663

Email: gordonmarks@btinternet.com

HAROLD OUTSTANDING 29307/O01234

Born: 18/06/2014

Sire: Howslack Lieutenant 24736/L00976

Dam: Raby Laura 22840/L0079

Only for sale as part of herd reduction. Four year TB area.

Also a number of 18-24 month old stores for sale.

Denis Metcalf, Garford Meadows, Marwood, Barnard Castle, Co Durham, DL12 8QT

Tel: 01833 695745, Mobile: 07880 594623

Email: denismetcalf@btinternet.com

WELLHEAD OWAIN 28372/O00268

Born: 26/02/2014

Sire: Raincliffe Harry 22166/K0059

Dam: Wellhead Immaculate 17895/I0268

First prize Young Bull 2015 & Senior Bull 2016.

BVD free Johnes Risk Level 1, Lepto monitored free.

FEMALES FOR SALE

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

Rachel Datlen, 12 Station Road, Stottesdon, Shropshire, DY14 8TT

Tel: 01746 718753

Email: Rachel.datlen@btinternet.com

WELLHEAD OLANTHE 26729/O00268

Born: 28/02/2014

Sire: Wellhead Lohengrin 23766/L00268

Dam: Wellhead Inca 17399/I0268

AI by Raby Gladiator on 28/09/18 and not seen bulling since.

Ian Smith, Daylin Nurseries, Chapel Lane, Kirby Cross, Essex, CO13 0NF

Tel 01255 676677, mobile 007976 696131

Email: iansmith501@btinternet.com

CHALKNEY MARBLE 15835/H0490

Born: 22/03/2007

Sire: Blackbrook Newt 12105/D0380

Dam: Chalkney Garnet 101440/B0490

Sold with her registered heifer calf Daylin Diamond 33425/S01188 born 06.09.18 by Chalkney Stormtrooper 28851/N00490

C&B Hughes, Thornhill, Glyn Road, Selattyn, Shropshire, SY10 7NP

Tel 01691 718882

Email: cherylhughes2015@gmail.com

HOW CAPLE LINE 21827/L0734

Born: 04/05/2011

Sire: Colaba Zodiac 13782/E0097

Dam: Long Ash Dulcie 11658/D0241

Sold with her birth notified bull calf at foot born 23.02.18 by Blackden Lynx 23639/L00943 and running with him again from 22.04.18

Also two unregistered 2014 born cows for sale, both with heifer calves at foot by Lynx. Ill health forces sale.

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

Nancy Young, 2 Farm Cottages, Gills Lane, Rooksbridge, Somerset, BS26 2TY

Tel: 01934 750252, mobile 07818 263514

Email: nancedave@hotmail.com

ROOKSBRIDGE BLOSSOM 31261/R00428

Born: 09/04/2017

Sire Slough Merlin 25022/M01023

Dam: Rooksbridge Independence 27132/O00428

TB test 07/12/2018

Reluctantly for sale.

ROOKSBRIDGE CALUSA 30846/R00428

Born: 20/07/2017

Sire Slough Merlin 25022/M01023

Dam: Piggingswood Lady 21974/L01027

TB test 07/12/2018

Reluctantly for sale.

Mr G Marks, Little Catworth Farm, Little Catworth, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE28 0PD

Tel: 07803 929663

Email: gordonmarks@btinternet.com

HERD REDUCTION

Cows & calves and store bulls for sale.

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 immediately

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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, Llantrothy Kestrel,
Long Ash Lancelot , Plaitford Orlando, Rousham Goliath, Rousham Monty,
Shugborough Benbow , Tregonhayne Startrek

The following bulls are available direct from the breeders

Blackbrook Rebel 16819/H0380, Blackbrook Touchstone 19955/J0380
Blackbrook Sabre 18015/I0380, (Pat Stanley 01509 503276)

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

Gupworthy Onzlo 28002/000873 (George & Jackie Woollatt 01291 645116)

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

SOUTHFIELD LONGHORNS



Southfield Farm, Fieldhead Lane, Drighlington, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD11 1JL
07831-857736 david @davidblockley.co.uk

Fishwick Longhorns



Fishwick Lord of the Rings

Bull of the Year 2012 and 2013 - Semen for Sale

**We will have for sale for delivery next spring
Lord of the Rings daughters in calf to Macavity
Also a few Heronbrook Ned Kelly daughters**

**Champion
Interbreed
Team of Five
Pembroke Show
2018**



**This team of Macavity and Lord of the Rings offspring
were victorious at Pembroke Show 2018 - Richard
Bartle judging: three Macavity heifers, one Lord of the
Rings heifer and a Macavity two year old bull**

Tel. 01289 386 181 Mobiles: 0777 993 7217 [Peter] 07784 155 991 [Ashley] 07702 317 303 [Rob]

