

The Longhorn Cattle Society Newsletter



June 2019

Issue 103



BLACKBROOK
LONGHORNS
SPECIALISTS IN LONGHORN CATTLE BREEDING

BLACKBROOK LONGHORNS

Breeding Blackbrook Longhorns on our farm since 1989

Top Quality Blackbrook Longhorns

We have selected our stock bulls with great care.

Over the years they have brought size, power and strength, together with passing traits to their females of good udders and milking ability. We always look for an animal of quality with good locomotion, feet, and overall balance.

Contact us for current availability.

Pictured below: current stock bulls



Bakewell



Acer



Baroque

Request More Information

Tel. +44 (0)1509 503276 | Email. info@blackbrooklonghorns.co.uk | Web. blackbrooklonghorns.co.uk

Blackbrook Longhorns, Coolville, Leicestershire



Follow us on Twitter @BlackbrookLong1



Longhorn News

June 2019

Inside this issue

- 2 Chairmans Corner
- 3 Beeston Castle Show & Sale
- 4,5 Worcester Show & Sale
- 6,7 Sales news
- 8 Shows news
- 9 Show results
- 10 Show results
- 11 Society news
- 12 Society news
- 14 Society summer visit
- 15 Society AGM
- 18 Society Journal
- 19 Around the Shows
- 20 Around the Shows
- 21 Members' news
- 22-25 Society news
- 26 Type Classification
- 27 Type Classification
- 28 Society news
- 29 TB Compensation
- 30 Regional Groups
- 31 Bulls for Sale
- 32 Cattle wanted, semen for sale

Thank you to our advertisers:

Blackbrook Longhorns
Fishwick Longhorns
Gentons Longhorns
Pointer Longhorns
Southfield Longhorns

Dear Members

Welcome to the June newsletter, I can't believe we are already half way through 2019 and I am sending out information for the AGM and Council elections!

The Show season is getting into gear, with Longhorn members already having Interbreed success. Let's hope this winning streak carries on throughout the season!

We have excellent entries for the National Show at the Great Yorkshire Show in July, please come and join us for light refreshments after the judging on Tuesday 9 July.

The entries for both the Beeston Castle Show & Sale and the Worcester Show & Sale were lower than previous years, but buyers were out in force. Both the Champion bull and the top priced animal at Worcester were disbudded bulls and there are more disbudded animals in the show ring this year following the rule change at the 2017 AGM.

The Summer visit this year is to English Farm Longhorns in Oxfordshire - please let the office know if you wish to attend so our hosts know how many to cater for. A Longhorn BBQ will be part of the visit!

Debbie

The Longhorn Cattle Society c10

Debbie Dann, 3 Eastgate, Stoneleigh Park, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, CV8 2LH

Tel: 0345 017 1027

Email: secretary@longhorncattlesociety.com

Website: www.longhorncattlesociety.com

Twitter [longhornoffice](#)

Facebook [longhorncattlesociety](#)

Instagram [longhorncattlesociety](#)

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The year is off to a good start with the show & sale season and reports from shows have been positive.

We had the first high-health standalone sale at Worcester on the 25th May with a 100% clearance. Although cattle numbers were quite low, there was an abundance of buyers, including several telephone bidders for the 22 cattle forward. Bidding for the seven bulls was strong, which left many people still looking for bulls. This shows that the right cattle at the right venue and health status could be the way forward. Hopefully over time we will attract more vendors and higher prices. Many thanks to the vendors who entered well presented cattle and the 14 buyers, many of whom had not bought at a sale for quite a while. Thanks also go to Clive Roads and all the staff at McCartney's for making it a success, to Sophie Gurton for judging the show and Debbie for her part in the sale.

The Trustees are now looking ahead to the Autumn Show and Sale at Newark on 26 October.



Reserve Champion Gentons Sole

SOCIETY NORTHERN SHOW & SALE Beeston Castle, Saturday 11 May 2019

Judge: Brian Wragg

Cow

1st Colaba Innuendo Mr & Mrs D Preece

Junior Heifers

1st Newton Co Co Cabana Mr D Walker

2nd Newton Caught Out Mr D Walker

Senior Bulls

1st Newton Boomshakalaka Mr D Walker

2nd Bollin Reginald Bollin Valley Partnership

Junior Bull

1st Hurslow Triumph Mr J Salt

Champion

Newton Boomshakalaka

Reserve

Newton Co Co Cabana

Averages			
Animals	No	Top price £	Average £
Cows	7	1280.00	1130.00
Senior Heifers	5	945.00	932.00
Junior Heifers	6	966.00	569.00
Senior Bulls	4	2184.00	1722.00
Junior Bulls	1	819.00	819.00
Steers	2	651.00	651.00

Auctioneer: Wright Marshall

SALES NEWS

Worcester Longhorns reach peak of 4,800gns

The Longhorn Cattle Society's Spring Show and Sale at Worcester peaked at 4800gns for the third-prize disbudded yearling bull, Southfield Stalker, a son of Southfield Panther and out of Southfield Lyric from David & Angela Blockley, Yorkshire. He sold to P Winterton, Syston, Leicestershire.

The male and overall Champion, Southfield Spitfire, another disbudded yearling bull from the same home, sold for 3000gns to John & Pat Stanley, Leicester,

Senior bulls sold to 3400gns for first prizewinner Carreg Oak, Breed Champion at the 2015 National Show, from James Winnington, Derbyshire. The five year old bull was secured by R Edwards & Partners, Cardiff.

Females topped at 2600gns for Gentons Sole, a yearling heifer by Gentons 007 James Bond, from B Facon, Banbury. It was female and reserve overall Champion in the pre-show before being knocked down to Riverside Livestock, Strabane, Northern Ireland. It's half sister, second prize winner Gentons Sonnet, made 1300gns to ID & SS Backway, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

Cows and calves peaked at 1350gns for Fishwick Phi, a Fishwick Macavity daughter, with bull calf at foot and back in calf to Stoke Paddy, consigned by S Dixon, Swindon. It sold to G Gilder, Cheltenham.

Senior heifers peaked at 1220gns for Mr Winnington's Heronbrook Ursula, a Carreg Oak daughter and first prize winner which sold to DG Bradshaw, Church Eaton, Staffs



Breed Champion Southfield Spitfire

SOCIETY SPRING SHOW & SALE Worcester Market, Saturday 25 May 2019

Judge: Sophie Gurton

Cow

1 st Long Ash Maple	Mr D Phillips
2 nd Southfield Quaint	Master C Blockley
3 rd Fishwick Pavlova	Mr S Dixon
4 th Fishwick Phi	Mr S Dixon

Senior Heifer

1 st Heronbrook Ursula	Mr J Winnington
-----------------------------------	-----------------

Junior Heifers

1 st Gentons Sole	Mr B Facon
2 nd Gentons Sonnet	Mr B Facon

Senior Bulls

1 st Carreg Oak EX92	Mr J Winnington
2 nd Otten Rex	Mr W Nankivell
3 rd Etheridge Quicksilver	Mr D Phillips

Junior Bull

1 st Southfield Spitfire	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
2 nd Rhyfel Stone	Mr TA Williams
3 rd Southfield Stalker	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
4 th Rhyfel Sage	Mr TA Williams

Breed & Male Champion Southfield Spitfire

Reserve & Female Champ Gentons Sole

Averages			
Animals	Number	Top price £	Average £
Cows	8	£1417.50	£1081.50
Senior Heifers	5	£1281.00	£1008.00
Junior Heifers	2	£2730.00	£2047.50
Senior Bulls	3	£3570.00	£1932.00
Junior Bulls	4	£5040.00	£3360.00

Auctioneer: McCartneys LLP

SALES NEWS

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, so bear that in mind over the summer when you are thinking about which cattle to enter.

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.

Schedules and entry forms 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.

Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September 2019

Traditional Native Breeds Show & Sale,

Melton Mowbray Market, LE13 1JY

Auctioneers: Melton Mowbray Market Auctioneers, Tel: 01664 562971

Entries close Sun 4 August (paper), Sun 11 August (online)

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

NATIONAL SHOW 2019

The National Show this year will be at the Great Yorkshire Show on 9-11 July. Put the date in your diaries! The Society will be offering light refreshments after the judging on Tuesday 9 July so we look forward to seeing you there.

Royal Lancashire Show, Lancs (19-21 July) is holding Longhorn classes for the first time this year, on Saturday 20 July.

Go to <http://www.royallancashireshow.co.uk/> to register for a schedule and entry forms

Ashover Show, Derbyshire (14 August) is holding Longhorn classes for the first time this year. Go to <http://www.ashovershow.co.uk/index.html> for more information.

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.

SHOW RESULTS

Northumberland County Show

Judge: Mr Clive Davies

27 May 2019

Senior Bull, 0 forward

Junior Bull, 2 forward

1st Gale Farm Shetland Mr SD Horrocks & Son
2nd Harold Sir Loin Mr H Hodgson (not reg)

Cow, 4 forward

1st Fishwick Queen of the Ring J Close & Son Ltd
2nd Briarhead Precious Valentine Mrs V Hopkinson
3rd Newton Xtra Tipsy Mr D Walker
4th Southfield Nia Mr H Hodgson

Senior Heifer, 4 forward

1st Newton Blooming Marvellous Mr D Walker
2nd Gale Farm Rona Mr S Horrocks
3rd Briar Mead Ring o Roses Mrs V Hopkinson
4th Wellhead Ruby Rose Mr G Willey

Junior Heifer (a), 6 forward

1st Newton Creme de la Creme Mr D Walker
2nd Fishwick Salvia J Close & Son Ltd
3rd Fishwick Superstar J Close & Son Ltd
4th Briar Mead Salamis Mrs V Hopkinson
5th Newton Cheeky Moo Coo Mr D Walker
6th Gale Farm Skye Mr SD Horrocks & Son

Junior Heifer (b), 6 forward

1st Harold Siren Mr H Hodgson
2nd Briar Mead Serenity Mrs V Hopkinson
3rd Garford Sonata Mr D Metcalf
4th Briar Mead Strawberry Shortcake Mrs V Hopkinson
5th Garford Sundayson Mr D Metcalf
6th Garford Snowqueen Mr D Metcalf

Pairs, 5 forward

1st J Close & Son Ltd
2nd Mr D Walker
3rd Mr H Hodgson
4th Mr SD Horrocks & Son
5th Mrs V Hopkinson

Breed & Female Champion

Fishwick Queen of the Ring

Reserve Champion Newton Creme de la Creme
Male Champion Gale Farm Shetland
Res Male Champion Harold Sir Loin
Best Junior Bull Gale Farm Shetland
Best Junior Heifer Newton Creme de la Creme

Staffordshire County Show

Judge: Mr Dan Bull

29 May 2019

Senior Bull, 0 forward

Junior Bull, 0 forward

Cow, 1 forward

1st Dunstall Myleen Mrs EM Hallifield

Senior Heifer, 2 forward

1st Dunstall Roxanne Mrs EM Hallifield
2nd Dunstall Rosie Mrs EM Hallifield

Junior Heifer, 1 forward

1st Dunstall Sapphire Mrs EM Hallifield

Pairs, 1 forward

1st Mrs EM Hallifield

Breed & Female Champ

Reserve Champion
Best Junior Heifer

Dunstall Roxanne

Dunstall Sapphire
Dunstall Sapphire

Suffolk County Show

Judge: Mr Richard Hartshorn

29 May 2019

Bull any age, 2 forward

1st Riverlands Paddington Mrs Y Ferguson
2nd Maudlin Stansfield Mrs Y Ferguson

Cow, 1 forward

1st Chalkney Quirky Mrs SE Coleman

Senior Heifer, 0 forward

Junior Heifer, 4 forward

1st Chalkney Xcite Mrs SE Coleman
2nd Maudlin Storm Mrs Y Ferguson
3rd Colne Valley Khaleesi T&S Farms
4th Colne Valley Kora T&S Farms

Pairs, 1 forward

1st Colne Valley Khaleesi/Kora T&S Farms

Breed & Female Champ

Res & Male Champ
Best Junior Bull
Best Junior Heifer

Chalkney Xcite

Riverlands Paddington
Maudlin Stansfield
Chalkney Xcite

SHOW RESULTS

Shropshire County Show
Judge: Mr Richard Hartshorn
25 May 2019

Bull any age
0 forward

Cow, 1 forward
1st Carreg Martha Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Senior Heifer, 1 forward
1st Carreg Rye Grass Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Junior Heifer, 1 forward
1st Carreg Snowdrop Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Breed & Female Champion Carreg Martha
Reserve Champion Carreg Snowdrop
Best Junior Heifer Carreg Snowdrop

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 Scallyway 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 Spitfire 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

Royal Bath & West Show
Judge: Mrs Wendy Finucane
29 May 2019

Senior Bull, 3 prizes awarded
1st Gentons Ramses Mr B Facon
2nd Pointer Diamond King Mr D Howden
3rd Warns Romeo Mr N Glover

Junior Bull, 1 prize awarded
1st Pointer Eat You Alive Mr D Howden

Cow, 3 prizes awarded
1st Gentons Qiana Mr B Facon
2nd Carreg Martha Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
3rd Warns Nancy Mr N Glover

Senior Heifer, 3 prizes awarded
1st Carreg Rye Grass Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
2nd Pointer Dreamer Mr D Howden
3rd Southfield Rhapsody Mr B Facon

Junior Heifer, 4 prizes awarded
1st Gentons Sara ET Mr B Facon
2nd Carreg Sonnet Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
3rd Pointer Enough is Enough Mr D Howden
4th Berrydown Speckles Mr & Mrs M Horne

Pairs, 3 prizes awarded
1st Mr D Howden
2nd Mr B Facon
3rd Mr M Horne

Group of Three, 2 prizes awarded
1st Mr B Facon
2nd Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

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

Native Exhibitor-bred Champion Carreg Rye Grass
Native Interbreed Pairs Res Champ Mr D Howden
Exhibitor-bred Pairs Res Champ Mr D Howden
Native Junior Bull l'breed Champ
Native Junior Female l'breed Champ Pointer Eat You Alive
Native Junior Female l'breed Res Champ Gentons Sara
Native calf Interbreed Reserve Champ Carreg Tamarind

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:

Lowther Park Farms Ltd, Cumbria

Ms R Dale, Oxfordshire

Mr D Boak, Yorkshire

Mr T Lockwood, Lincolnshire

Mr C Wardle, Cheshire

Mr A Owens, Devon

Mr J Croft & Ms H Tesseyman, Yorkshire

Mr R Black, Northern Ireland



YEAR LETTER

The year letter for 2019 is

T

SOCIETY NEWS

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!

ON-FARM SOFTWARE

Registrations via on-farm software.

If you use an on farm cattle management software programme that can produce spreadsheet reports the office can now accept these and embed them into the Society registration software to produce your birth records and registrations. This will mean you don't have to log onto the website to do your Society registrations. Just email the Excel file to secretary@longhorncattlesociety.com

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.

Pointer Pedigrees

David Howden & Family
Stockman: Jamie Brewer T: 07792 026695
E: jamesbrew@hotmail.co.uk



- POINTER EAT YOU ALIVE -

Royal Bath and West 2019 show results:

- Junior bull champion
- Reserve male champion
- Junior native interbreed bull
- Part of the reserve interbreed pairs

Sire - Aberdeen Nik

Embryos for sale from his dam,
Avonvale Imke

www.pointerpedigrees.com

 FOLLOW US
ON FACEBOOK

PP

Pointer Pedigrees



Designed by

Countrygirl
countrygirlmedia.com

SOCIETY SUMMER VISIT, 10 August 2019

The Society's Summer visit is to English Farm Longhorns, English Farm, Nuffield, Nr Henley on Thames, Oxon, RG9 5TH on Saturday 10 August, by kind invitation of owner Robert Laycock and farm manager Silas Hedley-Lawrence.

The English Farm herd was founded in 2016 and is already gaining a strong reputation for it's beef in the local area. They have a strong social media presence and host a number of tasting evenings and farm events to encourage the public to engage with the animals as much as the fabulous beef. They also attend a number of Farmer's Markets in the local area and supply a local pub. The herd is organic and 100% grass-fed. They are Pasture For Life Association members adopting grazing practices such as mob grazing to improve soil carbon levels.

The farm is around 240 acres, mostly acidic loamy free draining soil that allows the cattle to stay out all year round. The farm has an onsite butchery where all their carcasses are processed (around 2 per month at present).

English Farm featured as one of our 'Friday Feature' herds - have a look at the Society blog.

We will meet at the farm at 10.30 for refreshments, have a tour of the cattle and then a Longhorn Beef BBQ lunch at a cost of £10 per head. If you wish to attend, **[please let the office know before Friday 2 August.](#)**



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 is enclosed with this newsletter, or can be downloaded from the website.



Fishwick Longhorns

Northumberland County Show



**Champion
Longhorn 2019
Fishwick
Queen of the Ring
With her calf
Fishwick
Top of the Pops**

**Fishwick Macavity
calf out of
Fishwick
Lord of the Rings
daughter**



**First Prize Pair
Fishwick Superstar
3rd Junior Heifer
Fishwick Salvia
2nd Junior Heifer
By Lordy out of
Macavity heifers**



**Young bulls by Lord of the Rings for sale - born 2017 - 2018
Rendezvous Rustler Senator Sherman
Tel. 01289 386 181 Mob. 0777 993 7217**

Gathering of the Greens

Where Deere Friends Meet!

at

Parc Grace Dieu Farm, The Hendre, near Monmouth.



29th June 2019

Mustering at 10:00am

For all

John Deere Enthusiasts!



Bring along your John Deere Tractors, Gators and Implements.
**All types of John Deere tractors welcome with Prizes for
Vintage (1918-1974) and Classic (1975-1994) Classes.**

£10.00 Entry Fee



Real Cowboy Entertainment!

Celebrate the John Deere Tractor the True American Way!

- Take part in a 5 mile tractor ride with photograph opportunities of The Black Mountains and surrounding countryside.
- Enjoy real Western entertainment and see the home of Grace Dieu Buffalo, Longhorn and White Park Cattle alongside American Quarter Horses.
- See a range of country crafts and competitions.
- Bring your barbecue for an evening of entertainment under the stars. Camping space available.

Contact: For more information: Frank Sutton: 07748960463 Email: gatheringofthegreens@gmail.com

www.parcgracedieufarm.co.uk

Celebrate the legacy of John Deere and the green and yellow!

Join us for our 10 years celebration!

SOCIETY JOURNAL

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



AROUND THE SHOWS



Carreg Rye Grass, Breed Champion, Royal Bath & West



Royal Bath & West cattle lines

AROUND THE SHOWS



Blackbrook Zabrina, Breed Champion, Rutland County Show



Championship line-up, Rutland County Show

MEMBERS' NEWS

The city of Ripon in North Yorkshire has a long tradition of a hornblower 'setting the watch' each night at 9pm. A couple of years ago the Mayor of Ripon put a request out for a suitable cattle horn to make a new horn that could be used to continue the tradition, and the call was answered by Longhorn member Ruth Russell of the Settrington herd. Her bull, Settrington Quest had already made a name for himself when he starred in the 'Dads Army' film, but unfortunately he had to be put down and his horn was then used to make a new instrument to ensure the four current hornblowers had a horn each.

A handing over ceremony was performed on 3 May and the new horn was blown by one of Ripon's four hornblowers.

See the full article on the Society blog.



Nicky Lockett of the Wellhead herd has now sold the farm and has a new address and contact details. She can now be contacted at:

Pennine Villa, Pennine View, Armathwaite, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA4 9PN

Mobile: 07778 274578

Email: nickylockett@aol.com

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.

SOCIETY NEWS

COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019

The following Council members represent you in 2019

David Blockley, david@davidblockley.co.uk, 07831 247405 - Chairman

Peter Close, peterclose@hotmail.com, 07779 937217

Bertie Facon, bertrand.facon@gmail.com, 07785 221961

Sophie Gurton, tandsfarms@aol.co.uk, 07772 388908

Bernard Llewellyn, carregcennencastle@btinternet.com, 01558 822291

Tom Mills, Tom@wheatlands-Longhorns.co.uk, 07968 819134

Pat Stanley, info@blackbrook-longhorns.com, 07860 515893

Sabine Zentis, cvlonghorns@aol.com, 0049 172 3985221

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 30 July, 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 is enclosed with this 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.

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
---------------	--------------	---------------

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.

SOCIETY NEWS

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.

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.

INSPECTIONS FOR AGE

It has come to Council's attention that some Longhorn cattle in the show ring may be older than their declared age. Council may wish to conduct on farm inspections to verify ages and see cattle with their cohorts.

DISBUDDED 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

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Approval of Minutes of 2016 AGM**
- 3 Chairman's Report**
- 4. Treasurer's report and approval of accounts**
- 5. Election of Trustees**
- 6. Any Other Business**

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

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:

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

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 June 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	£208-£403	Individual valuation
6-12 months	£644-£818	Individual valuation
12 to 20 months	£897-£962	12—24m £4529
20+ months	£1021-£1528	24+ m £2671
Age	Non ped female	Pedigree registered female
Up to 6 months	£151-£709	Individual valuation
6-12 months	£519-£703	£1818
12 to 16 months	£781	12-24m £1817
16-20 months	£867	24+ m not calved £1820
20+ months not calved	£950	24-36m calved £1047
20+ months calved	£766	36m+ calved £963

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
Summer visit - Raby Castle Longhorns, on 30 June

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
Summer visit - Tom & Roger Elliott, Northants, last year's herd competition judges, on 30 June.

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

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

South East Breeders Group

No contact details at present

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

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

Charles Sutcliffe, The Garth, Little London, Tetford, Horncastle, Lincs, LN9 6QL
Tel: 07771 611718

Email: info@tetfordlonghorns.co.uk

TETFORD YAZOO 34283/R00543

Born: 12/04/2017

Sire: Tetford Quarryman 20350/J0543

Dam: Tetford Utopia 24880/N00543

Last bull to be offered for sale by Tetford Quarryman. Herd is in 4yr TB test area. Never a case of TB in the herd. Herd is BVD free. Ready to go to work.

Clive Janes, Higher Halscombe Farm, Moretonhampstead, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 8ST

Tel: 01647 440160 or 07930 651007

Email: cgjanes17@gmail.com

HENNISFIELD EROS 26168/M01041

Born: 12/04/2012

Sire: Dunstall Jaguar 19992/J0775

Dam: Southfield Dream 11680/D0460

Clear TB test 20/05/2019

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

Dr D Buckeridge, Yaverland Manor Farm, Yaverland Rd, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 8QW
Tel: Malcolm Painter 07809 006824

Email: malcolmpainter@sky.com

ASHTON JETHRO 21044/J0856

Born: 25/06/2009

Sire: Underknoll Focus 16156/G0733

Dam: Holcombe Charlotte 10713/C0673

Available under a hire agreement or loan, or reluctant sale to the right long term breeding home.

Mike Winterton, Willows Farm, Wanlip Lane, Syston, Leics, LE7 1PD

Tel: 0116 260 0937 or 07889 119695

Email: mjwinterton@btconnect.com

OVERDALE ICEMAN 18904/I01021

Born: 06/03/2008

Sire: Wellhead Dynamo 12501/D0268

Dam: Rosecare Petra 13538/F0365

Mature bull still with plenty to offer. Has been in the herd since he was two years old.

Mrs V Jesse, Rill Farm, Institute Hill, Niton, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, PO38 2BA

Tel: 01983 730350

RIFFHAMS ALEXANDER 21967/K0377

Sire: Riffhams Burlington 11316/C0377

Dam: Riffhams Apricot 15509/H0377

Only for sale as he will be back on his daughters.

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

SEMEN FOR SALE

The following bulls are available from the Society:

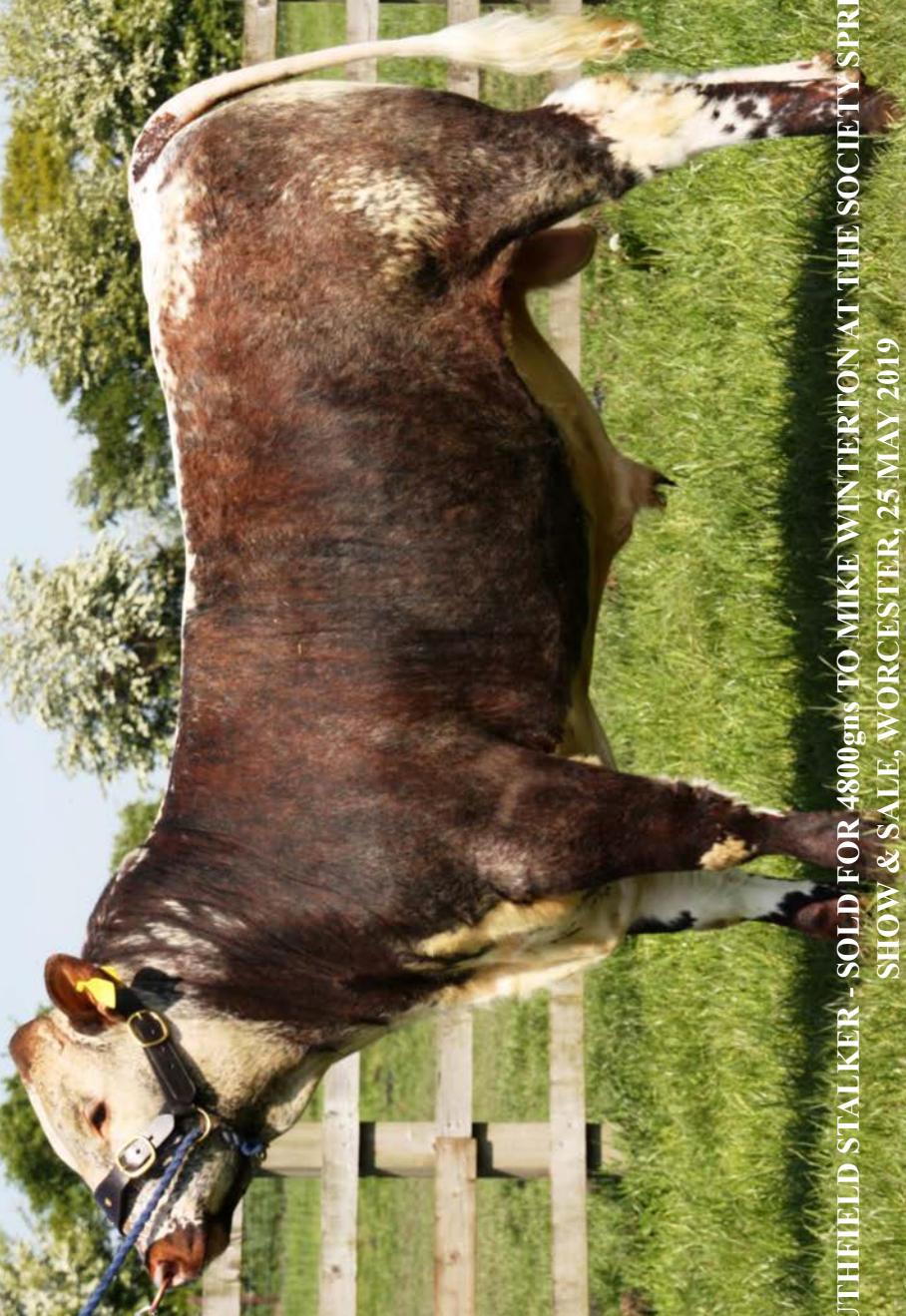
Cosby Archer, Eyebrook Richard, Fishwick Oarsman , Grove House Baron,
Honeywood Callicles, Honeywood Edmund, Leebarn Isambard, Llantrothy Kestrel,
Long Ash Lancelot , Plaitford Orlando, Rousham Goliath, Rousham Monty,
Shugborough Benbow , Tregonhayne Startrek

The following bulls are available direct from the breeders

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 STALKER - SOLD FOR 4800gns TO MIKE WINTERTON AT THE SOCIETY SPRING
SHOW & SALE, WORCESTER, 25 MAY 2019**

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



GENTONS LONGHORNS



For stock, semen or embryo enquiries contact:

gentons.longhorns@gmail.com

Follow us :



Visit our new website at:

www.gentonslonghorns.com

Lessor farm, Milcombe, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX15 4RT