

First Mid West Longhorn Breeders Production Sale, Taunton 2006

The inaugural sale of the Mid West Group at Taunton saw an entry of 92 Longhorns with significant contingents from Sid Hollier and from David and Pat Lawrence.

A packed sale room following the busy Saturday market at Taunton saw a welcome and significant number of new purchasers.

Top price of the day went to English Nature's bull, Stoke Eric, a prominent winner in the show ring who now goes to Cornwall. Sid Hollier's bull, Culcombe Elite, bred by J D Wilson, made 1800 gns. The top priced female was also bred by English Nature, although sold from David Sheppy's herd at Taunton. The cow, Stoke Brandy made 1450 gns.

Top priced senior heifer at 1100 gns was Sid Hollier's Long Ash Emma by Quantock Tempest. The top priced Junior Heifer was David Hitchings' Ashton Freeze who made 720gns and went to David Sheppy.

Results:

5 Cows averaged 818 gns (top 1450)
26 Senior Heifers averaged 620 (top 1100)
38 Junior Heifers averaged 415 (Top 720)
3 Bulls averaged 1573 (top 2000)
7 Steers averaged 380 (top 440)

Auctioneers: Greenslade Taylor Hunt
Clive Roads

REGIONAL GROUP NEWS

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

19th November—Awards Lunch at the Alveston Manor Hotel

**Contact: Peter Guest, Colaba Lodge, Ham-nish, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0QN
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South East Longhorn Breeders Group

November—Autumn Lunch

**Contact: Robert Williams, Maydencroft Manor, Gosmore, Hitchin Herts
Tel: 01462 434762**

North Western Longhorn Breeders Group

Contact: Phil Robinson, Blackden Cottage, Blackden Heath, Goostrey, Crewe, Cheshire CW4 8DG Tel: 01477 571406

Midland Longhorn Breeders Club

Contact: Pat Stanley, Springbarrow Lodge, Swannymote Road, Coalville, Leics LE67 5UT Tel: 01509 503276

Welsh Longhorn Breeders Club

**Contact: Bernard Llewellyn, Carreg Cennan Castle, Trapp, Llandeilo, Dyfed
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Northern longhorn Breeders Club

Chairman: Nicky Luckett 01697 371487
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Newsletter

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AGM and Autumn News

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Dates for Your Diary

*AGM weekend inc.
Finishing &
Marketing Workshop
11-12th November
2006*

*Spring Sale,
Worcester
28th April 2007*

Due to increased postal charges, we have a new look newsletter this month.

Inside you will find show results, a report on the First Mid West Sale at Taunton, as well as the agenda and final details for the AGM.

Thank you to all those who have already booked for the AGM. For those of you who have still to send in your forms, it is not too late to do so, although in order to assist with the catering, please

Who's Who at the Society

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All society matters except registrations, transfers, subscriptions and accounts

could I ask that forms are returned as soon as possible. A further booking slip is enclosing with this mailing.

Finally, don't forget to use your vote in the election papers sent out earlier this month—voting slips must be received by Saturday 4th November!

Sarah Slade

Registrations and Accounts:

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Exeter
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For all registrations, transfers, subscriptions and accounts



Show Results 2006



Ashby Show 2006

Judge: Clive Roads

Bath & West Show 2006

Judge: John Warne

- Bull**
 1st Blackbrook Philosopher
 Mr & Mrs J W Stanley
 2nd Bejon Edmund
 W J Spalton
 3rd Blackbrook Galileo
 Mrs E M Hallifield

- Cow**
 1st Blackbrook Moonstone
 Mr & Mrs J W Stanley
 2nd Gorse Goldilocks
 W J Spalton
 3rd Wellhead Willow
 J Barber
 4th Dodsleigh Crystal
 D Nutt

- Senior Heifer**
 1st Pokerleys Epic
 Mrs S H Hallifield
 2nd Southfield Ebony
 D Nutt

- Junior Heifer**
 1st Blackbrook Pebble
 Mr & Mrs J W Stanley
 2nd Barlings Fritillary
 Mrs G S Thomas
 3rd Barlings Fox Glove
 Mrs G S Thomas
 4th Milton Felicity
 J Winnington

- Pairs**
 1st W J Spalton
 2nd Mrs G S Thomas
 3rd Mr & Mrs J W Stanley

- Breed Champion**
Blackbrook Moonstone
 Reserve Breed & Junior Champion
 Blackbrook Philosopher
 Reserve Junior Champion
 Blackbrook Pebble

- Bull**
 1st Ashton Edward
 D Hitchings
 2nd Stoke Eric
 English Nature
 3rd Long Ash Equador
 S Hollier
 4th Logan Caesar
 Prof I Craft

- Cow**
 1st Culcombe Apple
 S Hollier
 2nd Three Bridges Delilah
 D Sheppy
 3rd Tripps Dainty
 D Hitchings
 4th Holcombe Dido
 I K Clark

- Senior Heifer**
 1st Logan Bee
 Prof I Craft
 2nd Stoke Ermintrude
 English Nature
 3rd Three Bridges Ermintrude
 D Sheppy
 4th Culcombe Cider
 S Hollier

- Junior Heifer**
 1st Logan Cleopatra
 Prof I Craft
 2nd Linton Ffion
 D Hitchings
 3rd Ashton Flame
 D Hitchings
 4th Selborne Flame
 Mr & Mrs G Woollatt

- Breed Champion** Ashton Edward
 Reserve Breed Champion Logan Bee

Longhorn Cattle For Sale and Wanted

WANTED

Mrs Barker, Longlands Farm, Little Bredy, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 9HF
Tel: 01308 482371
 Weaned Longhorn calves required.

D C Greaves, The Coppice, Hextall Lane, Ranton, Staffs ST18 9JU
Tel: 01785 282616
 Stores always required for rare and traditional breeds finisher

Richard Vaughan, Huntsham Court, Goodrich, Ross-on-Wye, Hereford
Tel: 01600 890296
 Looking for store cattle, male/female, well grown for finishing. Will pay Continental prices for suitable cattle.

Michael Davies, Avey Lane Farm, Waltham Abbey, Essex EN9 3QJ
Tel: 020 8508 2579
 Requires OTMS cattle for conservation grazing 30months—10years old. Will collect & pay OTMS prices.

National Show & Sale Melton Mowbray 2006

Bernard & Margaret Llewellyn's bull, Carreg Everest, was Breed and Interbreed Champion. The bull then went on to make 3,600 gns selling to D Sheppy, Taunton, setting a new breed record for a senior bull. The Llewellyn's also topped the sale with Carreg Equator who made 4,400 gns when sold to P Winterton, Leicester.

Mr & Mrs G Wild's senior heifer, Riffhams Elder, was the highest priced female selling at 2,900 gns to P Bell.

Results:
 6 cows averaged 1057 gns (highest 1380)
 7 Senior Heifers averaged 1714gns (highest 2900)
 19 Junior Heifers averaged 875 gns (highest 1400)
 3 bulls averaged 3000 gns (highest 4400)



New Members

- We should like to welcome the following new members to the society :
- * Mr Richard Seery, West Down Farm, Jacobstowe, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 3LW
 - * Mr Peter Jackson, Roundhill Farm, Adders Green Lane, Quarnford, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 0TB
 - * Mr T R Key, Church Farm, Brackenfield, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 6AP



Longhorn Cattle For Sale and Wanted

FEMALES FOR SALE

**P Evans, Hollybush Farm, Mathry,
Pembrokeshire Tel: 01348 831512**

Linton Elinor Born: 7/7/04

Sire: Southfield Bandit

Dam: Linton Prancer

Linton Foxglove Born: 19/6/05

Sire: Southfield Bandit

Dam: Linton Prancer

Details at: www.lintonlonghorns.co.uk

**J Spalton, Hardley Hill Farm, Sutton on
the Hill, Derby, DE6 5JF**

Tel: 01283 732881

From the Bejon and Heronbrook herds,
heifers for sale, 16 - 18 months old. Halter
broken and quiet to catch and lead. Junior
heifers from these two herds achieved the
top prices at the recent Melton sale. The
heifers for sale are similar in quality and
breeding.

J Parkinson, Leeds

Tel: 0113 230 3600 Mob: 07788 753582

Lydia Daisy Born: 30/5/03

Sire: Raincliffe Victor

Dam: Lydia Violet

Lydia Dixie Born: 9/6/03

Sire: Raincliffe Victor

Dam: Lydia Wanda

Lydia Dorothy born: 8/6/03

Sire: Raincliffe Victor

Dam: Lydia Alice

BULLS FOR SALE

**G Matravers, Long Whatton,
Loughborough. Tel: 01509 646413**

Blackbrook Minotaur Born: 22/1/02

Sire: Huntsham Cardinal

Dam: Blackbrook Jiggle

Produces excellent conformation
calves. Very quiet. For sale as he will be
serving his daughters next year.

P Cleland, School Green, Kingston

Herefordshire Tel: 01544 370650

School Green Murray Born: 20/4/06

Sire: Southfield Aristocrat

Dam: School Green Xanthia

School Green Blockley Born: 3/4/06

Sire: Southfield Aristocrat

Dam: School Green Bianca

Both these currently suckling dams, but
should make nice bulls.

STEERS FOR SALE

**Messrs Vaughan, Penlan-Uchaf, Gwaun
Valley, Fishguard, Pembrokeshire, SA65**

9UA Tel: 01239 820775

Around 20 well grown calves available at
weaning in October/November

10 steers born Spring 2005

5 steers 24 months old

Show Results 2006

East of England Show 2006

Judge: Mr M Day

Senior Bull

- 1st Blackbrook Odin
Mr & Mrs J W Stanley
2nd Blackbrook Newt
Mrs S Coleman
3rd Bejon Edmund
W J Spalton

Junior Bull

- 1st Blackbrook Philosopher
Mr & Mrs J W Stanley

Cow

- 1st Blackbrook Moonstone
Mr & Mrs J W Stanley
2nd Gorse Goldilocks
W J Spalton

Senior Heifer

- 1st Chalkney Justice
Mrs S Coleman
2nd Blackbrook Osprey
Mr & Mrs J W Stanley
3rd Logan Blithsome
Mrs S Coleman
4th Bejon Ella
W J Spalton

Junior Heifer

- 1st Blackbrook Peach
Mr & Mrs J W Stanley
2nd Chalkney Krystal
Mrs S Coleman

Pairs

- 1st Mrs S Coleman
2nd W J Spalton

Breed Champion

Blackbrook Moonstone

Reserve Breed Champion
Blackbrook Odin

Heckington Show 2006

Judge: Mr P Robinson

Bull

- 1st Tetford Kingpin
Mr & Mrs C T D Sutcliffe

Heifer

- 1st Pokerlys Epic
Mrs S Hallifield
2nd Tetford Lucerne
Mr & Mrs C T D Sutcliffe
3rd Barlings Fritillary
Mrs G S Thomas
4th Barlings Foxglove
Mrs G S Thomas

Best Pair

- 1st Mrs G S Thomas
2nd Mr & Mrs C T D Sutcliffe

Breed Champion

Reserve Breed Champion Tetford Kingpin
Champion Male Tetford Kingpin
Champion Female Pokerlys Epic
Reserve Champion Female Tetford Lucerne

Kent County Show 2006

Judge: Joe Henson

Senior Bull

- 1st Blackbrook Newt
Mrs S Coleman

Junior Bull

- 1st Riffhams Warrior
Mr & Mrs G H Wild

Cow

- 1st Riffhams Belle
Mr & Mrs G H Wild
2nd Culcombe Dandelion
S Hollier
3rd Wellhead Dora
Clark & Sons
4th Riffhams Briar
Mr & Mrs G H Wild



Show Results 2006



Senior Heifer

- 1st Riffhams Elder
Mr & Mrs G H Wild
- 2nd Chalkney Justice Mrs S Coleman

Junior Heifer

- 1st Longash Francis S Hollier
- 2nd Chalkney Krystal Mrs S Coleman
- 3rd Chalkney Karma Mrs S Coleman
- 4th Riffhams Apple
Mr & Mrs G H Wild

Breed Champion Blackbrook Newt

Reserve Breed Champion Riffhams Belle

Interbreed Group of Four – Longhorns were placed Fourth (8 entries)

Native Cow with Calf at Foot – 2nd – Riffhams Belle (8 entries)

Moreton in Marsh Show 2006

Judge: S Gray

Senior Bull

- 1st Bejon Edmund W J Spalton

Junior Bull

- 1st Gorse Monsignor J S & J W Brigg
- 2nd Gorse Morrisman Miss R E Heard

Cow

- 1st Gorse Goldilocks W J Spalton
- 2nd Wellhead Willow J Barber
- 3rd Chalkney Catkin G Woollatt

Heifer

- 1st Gorse Mia J S & J W Brigg
- 2nd Gorse Lollipop S & J W Brigg
- 3rd Waltham Nutmeg P J Mitchell

Breed & Male Champion

Gorse Monsignor

Reserve Breed & Female Champion

Gorse Goldilocks

Best Junior Bull Gorse Monsignor

Best Junior Heifer Gorse Mia

Pembrokeshire Show 2006

Judge: Mrs P Stanley

Senior Bull

- 1st Carreg Everest B & M Llewellyn
- 2nd Slebech Duke M R Owen
- 3rd Carreg Equator B & M Llewellyn

Junior Bull

- 1st Carreg Frodo B & M Llewellyn

Cow

- 1st Charlecote Gloria Messrs Vaughan
- 2nd Carreg Dodo B & M Llewellyn
- 3rd Carreg Christine B & M Llewellyn
- 4th Linton Nerissa M R Owen

Bull Calf

- 1st Carreg Goliath B & M Llewellyn
- 2nd Carn Edward Glyn Messrs Vaughan

Heifer Calf

- 1st Slebech Fig M R Owen
- 2nd Carreg B & M Llewellyn
- 3rd Slebech Guinea M R Owen

Senior Heifer

- 1st Carreg Ellen B & M Llewellyn
- 2nd Pengraig Goch Bertha
Messrs Vaughan
- 3rd Bollin Elaine B & M Llewellyn
- 4th Carn Edward Enid II
Messrs Vaughan

Junior Heifer

- 1st Carreg Escapade B & M Llewellyn
- 2nd Slebech Filigree M R Owen
- 3rd Carn Edward Faye
Messrs Vaughan
- 4th Carreg Flora B & M Llewellyn

Group of Three

- 1st B & M Llewellyn
- 2nd Messrs Vaughan
- 3rd M R Owen

Breed & Female Champion Carreg Ellen

Reserve Breed & Male Champion

Carreg Everest

Reserve Female Champion Carreg Escapade

Reserve Male Champion Carreg Frodo

Photographic Competition

There were over 100 entries which had been displayed the previous evening. Rosettes were distributed to the first, second and third prize winners, with the winner of each class also receiving a bottle of wine. The overall winner, who receives a free female registration, was the Hon Mrs A Laing.

Maydencroft Perpetual Trophy.

The secretary reported that there had been 38 bulls shown during the year. In third place with 25 points was Mr & Mrs J W Stanley's Blackbrook Odin. In second place with 27 points was Mr W J Spalton's Bejon Dickie. In first place with 36 points was Mr & Mrs C T D & S D Sutcliffe's Tetford Kingpin. The Maydencroft Perpetual Trophy, a beautiful tapestry made by Past President Bob Williams was therefore awarded to Charles Sutcliffe to keep for a year.

President's Award

Mrs Pat Quinn then thanked the Society for her term as President. She wished to make an award to be presented by the retiring president, to the person who has contributed exceptional service to the breed. The award can be made for past service as well as present.

Mrs Quinn then unveiled a beautiful bronze Longhorn cow made by Nicole Toms, which she was pleased could now be shared with a wider audience.

In recognition of many years of hard work and commonsense promoting the breed and ensuring its survival, without which Longhorns would not be held in the high esteem which they are today, Mrs Quinn presented the award to John and Joshua Brigg. She was saddened that John could not be there to accept the award, but delighted that Joshua was able to accept it on behalf of them both.

Joshua Brigg said that he was thrilled to be presented with this award, and knew that John would be too. John put in a tremendous amount of time in the early years, and the society has progressed from the 11 members of the early days to 450 of today. He was sure that there would be many more worthy recipients of the award in the years to come, and he was delighted to be the first recipient of the award.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

however, that it was vital that members stood down to allow new blood to come onto Council and it was for that reason that he had decided not to stand again this year.

Devon County Show

Peter Guest noted that Devon County Show was prepared to offer Longhorn classes and that this offer would be considered by the Mid West group.

Sale in October 2006

Peter Guest advised that there would be a joint production sale in October 2006 at Taunton Market, with consignments from the herds of Sid Hollier, Ian Clark and David Lawrence. He advised that other members would be most welcome to enter cattle for the sale as well.

Commercial Focus for the Breed and New Judges

John Hedges noted that a letter had been received from Mr W J Spalton which urged Council to give an even more positive lead to the breed, to focus on the commercial promotion of the breed, and in that respect he was in favour of inspections at sales and approved wholeheartedly of Council's recent decision to appoint outside judges to the judging panel. He felt also that success in interbreed competitions should be the aim, rather than simply within Longhorn classes.

The secretary confirmed that the new judges appointed to the panel were: Steve Gray, Christine Williams, Richard Bartle, Dan Bull, David Bell, Richard Warner, George Young and Giles Green.

Defra Foot and Mouth Disease Derogation

The Treasurer reported that Defra had agreed that, in line with an EU Directive on the subject, that a register would be kept of herds and flocks of conservation importance, for which a derogation may apply if Foot and Mouth Disease measures are introduced. Any derogation will only apply to the herds and flocks on the register and therefore it was imperative that members applied to Defra to be included on the list.

Proposed New Rules for Beef on the Bone

Andrew Nelson reported that Defra was currently consulting on new rules to bring the UK into line with the remainder of Europe. The implications of that were particularly crucial for Longhorn breeders, as beef will no longer be able to be sold on the bone if the animal is over 24 months old.

Mr Nelson asked that as many members as possible respond to the Defra consultation advising Defra of their concern.

Mr Winterton advised that the ruling was being brought in to align with EU rules, and that it was not of Defra's making. He suggested that members should also lobby their MEPs.

Society AGM Weekend

11—12th November 2006

Hotel – The Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough

Telephone - 01858 466644

Please mention the Longhorn Cattle Society when booking to get discounted rates as follows:

- Standard Double Room £35 per person Bed & Breakfast Based on two people sharing
£52.50 per person Dinner B & B based on two sharing
- Superior Double Room £40 per person Bed & Breakfast based on two people sharing
£62.50 per person Dinner B & B based on two sharing
- Single Room £60 Bed & Breakfast
£72.50 Dinner Bed & Breakfast

FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER

Arrive at the Hotel

Informal Dinner at the Hotel

SATURDAY 11th NOVEMBER

By kind invitation of Mr and Mrs A & J Nelson

- 9am meet at Glebe Farm for BREAKFAST
- 9.45 Chairman's Introduction to FINISHING AND MARKETING WORKSHOP
Talk on Finishing of Cattle
Butchery Demonstration
- 11am VIEW THE HAMBLETON HERD at Glebe Farm and Stonehouse Farm
- 12.30 Return to hotel
- 1.30 BUFFET LUNCH at Hotel
- 2.45 AGM
Presentation of Awards

3.45 Talk and Demonstration by Libby Henson on the ON-LINE HERD BOOK

4.30 Finish (there will be an opportunity to speak with Libby after the demonstration, if required)

7.30 for 8pm DINNER at Hotel

Chicken Liver and Bacon Parfait laced with brandy, accompanied by a tangy

Cumberland Sauce

Or

(Vegetarian option) Savoury tartlet of asparagus, cheese and egg custard

Leek and Potato Soup

Roast Beef served with Yorkshire pudding, horseradish sauce and roast gravy

Or

(Vegetarian option) Layers of vegetables with Roquefort cheese wrapped in pastry with asparagus cream

Profiteroles served with Chocolate Sauce

Coffee and Mints

Speaker, John Uffold

Raffle

SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER

By kind invitation of Mr and Mrs J & P Stanley

10.45 meet at Springbarrow Lodge to view the BLACKBROOK HERD

12.30 (approx) LUNCH and depart

All maps and directions will be supplied when bookings are received.

In terms of expenditure, running costs have once again been kept to a minimum. Increases in printing reflect the creation of the New Year Book and other publicity materials. Similarly the increased figure associated with shows reflects the much higher profile we have had at the shows this year.

Council have budgeted for a significant expenditure in the coming months to revamp and re-launch the web site both as a marketing tool and as service to members. We now have on-line access to the breed society database, on-line registration. If members notify the society office of animals for this will be added to the on-line data. On line payment for registration and subscriptions may be introduced if members find the services beneficial.

The new site can now be managed direct from the society office and will form an up to date means of communicating with the membership and those interested in our breed.

Despite this increase in activity and expenditure the final balance shows an overall profit of some £10,000 which contributes to the £80,278 we now have in the bank.

As a charity, the trustees are entrusted with the role of ensuring the monies we hold are well managed and that we have a prudent reserve. Beyond this they are expected to ensure that funds are used to carry out the principal objectives of the Charity. Council policy is to ensure the routine running costs of the Society are self funding, and that the Society has a financial cushion roughly equivalent to a years annual expenditure. Thanks to many years of prudent management our existing reserves currently exceed this requirement. The council will therefore continue to budget to make incursion into this capital reserve for the purposes of breed promotion.

Peter Guest noted that the Gift Aid rules have been changed so that gift aid can be back-dated further than previously. The Treasurer noted that the Society benefits considerably from Gift Aid, at no cost to the member, and welcomed this change in the rules.

There were no further questions on the accounts. It was proposed by Frank Sutton and seconded by Joshua Brigg that they be adopted. All were in favour.

5. Election of Officers

Three members had retired by rotation and four members had been nominated for possible election: Freddie de Lisle, Peter Guest, John Hedges, Philip Robinson. They were all thanked for offering themselves for possible election. A paper ballot had been distributed and the results counted. Mr Guest, Mr Hedges, Mr Robinson were duly elected for a three year term.

6. Any Other Business

Council Elections and Terms

Bernard Llewellyn reported that he had thoroughly enjoyed working on Council, and he thanked both Frank Sutton and previous Chairmen for the support they had given. He felt,

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman then read his report which appears in full in the 2005/6 Year Book.

4. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer read her report for the year:

This has been a very successful year for the breed, with the increased activity generated by having two people working for the Society more than generating enough business to cover our expenses despite the fact that Council had created provision for a deficit budget.

During the year we have produced, not only the normal pedigree herd book but also a most attractive year Book which has raised our profile and been a very useful marketing tool. Sarah has replaced the display boards for show and created some attractive new light weight graphics. We have new leaflets, promotional folders, car stickers and metal badges. Sarah has also represented us, with the help of Council and other members at a number of agricultural shows including the Game Fair which attracted a great deal of interest.

In terms of the accounts, income from subscriptions has continued to increase as the number of active members increases. We also continue to see an increase in registration, transfer and semen sales. The sustained increase in late fees continues to reflect the increased value of breeding animals, making the payment of late fees worth while. All calves should be notified within three months of birth to avoid double registration fees. Animals registered after a year of age are charged from £50 to £50 per year, late fine.

Thanks to the continued support of those members who advertised in the Year Book. Sarah was able to raise enough revenue for advertising to almost cover the cost of both the Year Book and the Herd Book. It is hoped that now people know what the book looks like even more will wish to join in and support the publication of the 2005 issue, which we hope will go to press before Christmas.

Merchandise sales have dropped off this year but we do still have four of the limited edition Naturecraft bull models available to members at £225. We are happy to take orders for Christmas.

Members who have signed a Gift Aid declaration enable us to reclaim the tax they have already paid on their subscriptions. Any member who pays tax and is willing to sign this form should please ask for one.

Member meetings are run at cost and any surplus running from one year into another is because events are run close to the financial year end. Our thanks to all those members who regularly attend these meetings, workshops, herd visits and outings.

AGM Weekend Booking Form

I/We Herd No:

Tel No:

Plan to come to the AGM weekend

Send our apologies

We wish to book:

.....(No.) Lunches on Saturday 13th @ £12.00 each

Total £.....

Please let us know if you are not staying in the hotel/taking advantage of the Dinner Bed and Breakfast rate and wish to book:

.....(No.) Dinners on Saturday evening @ £27.50 each

Total £.....

Please indicate if you have booked Dinner Bed & Breakfast at the hotel on Saturday and the number of dinners booked.....

I/We wish to visit the Blackbrook herd on Sunday Yes/No

Please indicate how many people will be staying for lunch on

Sunday: (no charge)

Total lunches £.....

Total dinners £.....

I/We Enclose a cheque for Total £

(Made payable to "The Longhorn Cattle Society")

Please Return to:

The Secretary

Sarah Slade, Southcott Farm, Chawleigh, Chulmleigh, Devon EX18 7HP

Defra and “One Planet Living”

Those who will recall Agriculture Minister David Milliband’s speech at the Royal Show this year will have heard his references to “one planet living”. Few of us, perhaps, had any real idea of what he meant. That has become clearer over the following months.

The phrase was coined from research work which showed that if everyone in the world consumed resources at the rate that we did, we would need three planets and not one. As we don’t actually have three planets (and ignoring for the moment the fact that consumption is not the same throughout the world), the clear focus of Defra’s agenda is away from economic and social needs and very clearly on the environment.

Research work undertaken by Defra has been gathering data on the products that have the highest environmental burdens throughout their life-cycle, and that preliminary work has led to Defra focusing on 4 broad areas—food and drink, passenger transport, homes and clothing. The focus has been refined still further so that within the food and drink sector, it wishes to concentrate particularly on milk and meat production.

Defra is undertaking “environmental life cycle assessments” which look at the impact of production of a product from raw material through its transport, processing, eventual use and even its impact as a waste product. This takes into account, in the case of food production, things such as the production of pesticides, diesel, fertilizers, feed crop production, fodder production, transportation, use and storage of manures, processing and packaging, transportation to the retailer and consumer, final consumption and the amount of waste meat product, and the transport of waste products including recycling, incineration and landfill.

The system is still in its infancy, but Defra is keen to produce a paper early in 2007 and to get some “quick wins” thereafter. What this means for livestock producers is, potentially, an increase in regulation, an alteration of voluntary schemes to compulsory, and a focus on the substance of every day farming. Because what is quite clear from the preliminary work is that primary agricultural production is seen as a having the greatest negative environmental impact and will therefore (some might say) be an easy target.

There is still some way to go, but what will this mean for Longhorn breeders? Well, the answer might be that there is an opportunity for the breed. Longhorns, as we know, do not require highly industrialized farming systems—they can be grazed extensively and naturally. They are generally sold to a specific market which often does not involve travelling long distances. Frequently their grazing can provide positive environmental effects—hence why they are used on SSSIs and Grazing Animal Projects. Certainly it appears that those in the intensive chicken and milk industries are to be initially targeted by Defra. But this is to be a whole industry and supply chain approach—there is, so they say, to be no shifting of the burdens—whether that will be the case, we shall have to see.... !

The Longhorn Cattle Society AGM will be held at The Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough at 2.45pm on Saturday 11th November 2006.

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of Minutes of 2005 AGM (enclosed)
3. Chairman’s Report
4. Treasurer’s report and approval of accounts
5. Election of Officers
6. Any Other Business

Minutes of the Longhorn Cattle Society Annual General Meeting, held at Houghton Hall, King’s Lynn, Norfolk at 2.15pm on Saturday 12th November 2005

Present were:

F.Sutton (Chairman)

S H M Slade (Secretary)

Mrs P. Quinn (President)

E.L.Henson (/Treasurer)

90 members and friends including:

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1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: A B & F M Bomford, J S Brigg, Mr & Mrs R Carter, Mrs Carter, D Coe, Mr & Mrs Cook, R Close, Mrs R Close, M Davies, Mr & Mrs M Day, Mr & Mrs P & J Evans, F de Lisle, G Harrold, J Henson, W Higginbotham, Col Hodges, L E Hutton, A & M Jones, N Lockett, Mr & Mrs A & P Neads, R G Neilson, C Roads, P Robinson, R Saxby, W J Spalton, Mr & Mrs Spashett, B Stanley, Mrs D Sutcliffe, J Sutcliffe, Prof & Mrs M & S Tisdale, J Warne, Mr & Mrs G H Wild, Mr & Mrs R & F Williams, Mr & Mrs D Young

2. Minutes of last AGM

The Minutes of the last AGM had been circulated with the October News Letter. There were no amendments and the minutes were signed as a correct record.