

**Cheshire County Show
Longhorn Cattle Society National Show
23 June 2015**

Judge: Clive Roads

The opportunity to judge the National Show was a huge privilege and a memorable occasion. Having been involved and associated with the Longhorn breed for 40 years it is, without question or exaggeration, amazing how the breed has developed in such a comparatively short term to possess what we think is a modern day beef animal meeting many of the attributes favoured by pedigree and commercial breeders for present day requirements in the beef industry, being conformation, shape, clean fleshing, ease of fleshing/management, style. Those ideals were uppermost in my mind and selections when performing the Judging task.

The first class – Intermediate bulls was represented by one entry from GH Woollatt ‘Gupworthy Neville’ a well balanced, stylish bull with good conversion attributes.

The Junior Bull class was probably the highlight of the day and included 12 super bulls with quality throughout the class. The eventual top spot was awarded to Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn’s ‘Carreg Oak’, a 15 month old bull not only with style and breed character but with overall good conformation and balance, good locomotion and particularly strong through the loin and hindquarters. Second prize went to ‘Gentons 007 James Bond’ from Messrs Brigg and Facon, a bull displaying good length, width and shape over the shoulder and into the loin. Third place was taken by Mr TA Williams’ ‘Rhyfel Orion’, a very masculine bull particularly strong on his top line and showing overall ‘beef’ conformation.

Senior Heifers were well represented with a cross section of very well done types and others going through a growing stage. Pole position went to a correct, clean fleshed heifer from D & A Blockley ‘Southfield Nymph’ a very showy, stylish heifer with good locomotion although not perhaps the strongest in the class. Second prize was taken by Mrs EM Hallifield; a stronger, stretchy heifer ‘Dunstall Nutmeg’ and third to “Gorse Ulrika” from Messrs JS & JW Brigg, again with strength and good breed character.

Junior Heifer classes were split for age with Messrs JS & JW Brigg taking first and third in the older section with ‘Gorse Violet’ and ‘Gorse Viola’ respectively; both stylish heifers and well balanced being divided in the class by a powerful heifer ‘Carreg Ola’ from Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn. The younger class was taken by ‘Southfield Orio’ a correct heifer from D & A Blockley with a particularly stylish, showy heifer ‘Gupworthy Octopussy’ from Mr & Mrs GH Woollatt in second spot.

Junior championships were taken by ‘Carreg Oak’ in the Male Section with ‘Gorse Violet’ in the Female Section with ‘Carreg Oak’ being Overall Junior Champion and ‘Gorse Violet’ in Reserve position.

The Senior Bull Class was ‘walkover’ with one entry from EM Hallifield, a 4 year old ‘Dunstall Lancer’.

Male Championship included a line up of the senior, intermediate and junior bulls with no hesitation in giving the red white and blue rosette to ‘Carreg Oak’ and reserve to the well balanced senior bull ‘Dunstall Lancer’.

Cows and calved heifers included a good cross section of the older and younger cattle. A calved heifer from Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn ‘Carreg Martha’ with her heifer calf was an eye catching outfit and outstanding in the class, second went to a deep bodied, well fleshed heifer ‘Southfield Lace’ from D & A Blockley and a superb bodied cow ‘Fishwick Kanara’ in third place also with a strong calf.

Female Championship was a straight forward choice with the breeding outfit of ‘Carreg Martha’ taking the ‘slap’ and a slightly more searching choice for reserve with ‘Southfield Lace’ getting the nod.

Overall Champion was duly taken by the Junior Bull ‘Carreg Oak’ and ‘Carreg Martha’ from the same stable taking Reserve place.

The Pairs and Threes were interesting classes – the main criteria being that they matched and were, overall, correct. In the Pairs - Peter Close’s Junior Bulls easily stood out and in the Threes - Bernard Llewellyn again ‘swept up’.

Congratulations to everyone who took the trouble to enter and support the National Show, winners or not, you all flew the flag and did the breed proud.

Full results were as follows:

Senior Bull*1 entered/ 1 forward*1st Dunstall Lancer Mrs E Hallifield**Intermediate Bull, born in 2013***1 entered/ 1 forward*1st Gupworthy Neville Mr & Mrs G & J Woollatt**Junior Bull, born in 2014***18 entered/ 12 forward*

1 st Carreg Oak	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
2 nd Gentons 007 James Bond	Messrs Brigg & Facon
3 rd Rhyfel Orion	Mr TA Williams
4 th Fishwick One in a Million	Mr P Close
5 th Gupworthy Onzlo	Mr & Mrs G&J Woollatt
6 th Southfield Octane	Mr & Mrs D Blockley
7 th Gupworthy Oliver	Mr & Mrs G&J Woollatt
8 th Rhyfel Opium	Mr TA Williams
9 th Fishwick Oberon	Mr P Close
10 th Fishwick Once in a Lifetime	Mr P Close
11 th Fishwick Oligarch	Mr P Close
12 th Wellhead Orton Lad	Mrs N Lockett

Cow*17 entered/5 forward*

1 st Carreg Martha	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
2 nd Southfield Lace	Mr & Mrs D Blockley
3 rd Fishwick Kanara	Mr P Close
4 th Fieldhead Mojo	Mr H Blockley
5 th Blackden Margaret	Mr P Robinson

Senior Heifer*11 entered/8 forward*

1 st Southfield Nymph	Mr & Mrs D Blockley
2 nd Dunstall Nutmeg	Mrs E Hallifield
3 rd Gorse Ulrika	Messrs JS & JW Brigg
4 th Carreg Novo	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
5 th Gupworthy Nancey	Mr & Mrs G & J Woollatt
6 th Wellhead Noilly	Mrs N Lockett
7 th Milton Bank Natasha	Mr S Rigby
8 th Blackden Naomi	Messrs PV & JM Robinson

Junior Heifer born between 01.01.14 & 30.04.14*23 entered/8 forward*

1 st Gorse Violet	Messrs JS & JW Brigg
2 nd Carreg Ola	Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
3 rd Gorse Viola	Messrs JS & JW Brigg
4 th Southfield Opal	Mr & Mrs D Blockley
5 th Ryfel Orchid	Mr TA Williams
6 th Dunstall Orchid	Mrs EM Hallifield
7 th Gupworthy Ocean	Mr & Mrs G & J Woollatt
8 th Wellhead Oklahoma!	Mrs N Lockett

Junior Heifer born between 01.05.14 & 31.12.14*5 entered/4 forward*

1 st Southfield Orio	Mr & Mrs D Blockley
2 nd Gupworthy Octopussy	Mr & Mrs G&J Woollatt
3 rd Southfield Owl	Mr & Mrs D Blockley
4 th Wellhead Odelle	Mrs N Lockett

Pairs

11 entered/4 forward

1st Mr P Close

2nd Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

3rd Mrs N Lockett

4th Messrs JS & JW Brigg

Group of Three

6 entered/3 forward

1st Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

2nd Mr & Mrs D Blockley

3rd Mr P Close

Breed Champion (Morgan Trophy)

Reserve Champion (Elizabeth Henson Trophy)

Male Champion (Tomlinson Trophy)

Female Champion (Hill Lady Trophy)

Reserve Champion Female

Reserve Champion Male

Best Junior Heifer (Fishwick Shield)

Best Junior Bull (Linton Trophy)

Best Overall Junior (Blackbrook Trophy)

Best 1st calved heifer (Leebarn Trophy)

Best calf at foot (Southfield Trophy)

Best Pair (Doverdale Trophy)

Best Exh Bred Pair (Michael Thompson Trophy)

Best Team of Three (Colaba Trophy)

Carreg Oak

Carreg Martha

Carreg Oak

Carreg Martha

Southfield Lace

Dunstall Lancer

Gorse Violet

Carreg Oak

Carreg Oak

Carreg Martha

Carreg Plum, calf of Carreg Martha

Mr P Close

Mr P Close

Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn