

SHOW TRAINING DAY BOOKING FORM

I/we would like to attend the Show Training Day on Saturday 24 May 2008 at Gupworthy Farm, Minehead

Name(s) of ALL those attending:

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Membership (Herd) Number.....

Address

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Contact telephone number

Contact Email address

Please return to the secretary:

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

Email: secretary@longhorncattlesociety.com

By 30 April please

PLEASE NOTE: PLACES MUST BE PRE-BOOKED



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*Dates for Your Diary
Spring Show and Sale, Worcester
26 April 2008*

*Beef Expo, Perth
21 May 2008*

*Showing Workshop,
Minehead
24 May 2008*

*AGM Weekend
14-16 November 2008*

*A full listing of dates
is available on the
website*

This edition of the Longhorn news comes with the 2007 edition of the Longhorn Herdbook. It lists all the cattle registered in 2007 along with a full listing of all members and other information about the Longhorn Cattle Society, it's rules and administration. If you require further copies please let me know. I also have back issues from previous years so if you are missing any years please get in touch.

The AGM this year is in Shrewsbury. A preliminary notice is in the newsletter, and I'll give you further information in the next newsletter. Put the date in the diary!

After the success of the visit to Scotland we are hoping to organise another summer visit in September. Details will be in the next newsletter.

The booking form for the Showing Workshop is included again in the newsletter—there are still places available and it promises to be a fun day with plenty to learn about the art of preparing your animals for showing. The

day is also relevant to people who are wanting to sell animals through the sale ring.

Usually the Spring newsletter looks forward to an exciting summer on the Show circuit, but I fear that this year may be relatively quiet in that regard. Whilst some members are unable to go to many of their regular shows because they are in the 'wrong' Bluetongue Zone, others will make a conscious decision not to Show until their animals have been vaccinated. Whatever you decide, please do go along to the Shows that have Longhorn classes to support the members that are competing this year. It's always good to have support from the ringside!

The first Society sale of the year is at Worcester on 26 April so it'll be the first chance to catch up with members this year. I'm looking forward to it!

Debbie

Showing 2008

News from around the Shows:

Newark & Notts Show 10 & 11 May 2008

Judging of the Longhorns will take place on Saturday 10 May at 11.00

Suffolk Show 28 & 29 May 2008

Judging of the Longhorns will take place on Wednesday 28 June at 10.45

Royal Bath & West Show 28—31 May 2008

Judging of the Longhorns will take place on Saturday 31 May

East of England Show 13-15 June 2008

Judging of the Longhorns will take place on Friday 13 June. The Society will have a stand in the cattle lines.

Three Counties Show 13-15 June 2008

Judging of the Longhorns will take place on Friday 13 June at 11.00, and Sunday 15 June

Lincolnshire Show 18 & 19 June 2008

Judging of the Longhorns will take place on Wednesday 18 June

Royal Highland Show 19-22 June 2008

Judging of the Longhorns will take place on Friday 20 June at 09.00. The new 'Elizabeth Henson Perpetual Challenge Cup' will be presented to the Breed Champion.

Royal Show 3-6 July 2008

The Society will have its usual stand in the Foyer of the cattle buildings again this year. Please remember that the days of the Show have changed. Judging of the Longhorns will take place on Thursday 3 July at 9am.

Great Yorkshire Show 8-10 July 2008

A new Interbreed Pairs competition called the Blythewood Pairs, kindly sponsored by ASDA, has been introduced to celebrate the Show's 150th Anniversary. The winning pair will receive £500, plus an additional £200 if the animals are exhibitor bred and the Reserve pair will receive £300. Judging of the Longhorns will take place on Tuesday 8 July.

Longhorn Cattle Society contact details

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Warwickshire, CV8 2LG

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SHOW TRAINING DAY

**At Gupworthy Farm, Wheddon Cross, Minehead, Somerset,
TA24 7DA
on Saturday 24 May at 10.30 for 11 am
by kind invitation of George, Jackie and Thea Woollatt**

For a third year a Show Training Day has been arranged to encourage new exhibitors to start showing their cattle. Once again this is intended as a basic "starter" day although there will no doubt be something of interest to the more experienced exhibitor. The whole showing process will be covered from early planning through training, washing and grooming to ringcraft and etiquette.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided

It is hoped this day will be fun for all who attend. In the afternoon after lunch there will be a foot trimming demonstration by the Woollatts local foot trimmer Chris Yeoman.

There will be fun competitions with lots of prizes!

Pre-booking is essential to help with planning and it may be necessary to restrict numbers so please book early.

Co-ordinator: Jackie Woollatt

Speakers/demonstrators:

Keith Jempson, Thea Woollatt and Chris Yeoman

Biosecurity As the day will be a practical one using the Woollatt's cattle it is essential that visitors wear clean clothes and bring clean Wellingtons as you may be taking part in wet activities such as washing cattle.

**Please complete and return the booking form overleaf
if you wish to attend**

Sales—2008

All dates subject to DEFRA movement and gathering regulations

Saturday 26 April 2008

Society Spring Show and Sale at Worcester
Auctioneers: McCartneys Tel: 01905 769770

Friday 12 and Saturday 13 September 2008

National Show and Sale at Melton Mowbray
Auctioneers:
Melton Mowbray Market Auctioneers Tel: 01664 562971

Saturday 20 September

Rare & Traditional Breeds Show and Sale
Chelford Agricultural Centre
Auctioneers: Marshalls. Tel 01625 861122

Saturday 27 September 2008

Society Autumn Sale at Worcester
Auctioneers: McCartneys. Tel: 01905 769770

Friday 3 and Saturday 4 October 2008

Autumn Rare & Minority Breeds Show & Sale
York Livestock Centre
Auctioneers: Tel 01904 489731

Saturday 11 October 2008

Mid West Longhorn Breeders Club 3rd production sale
at Sedgemoor Market Centre
Open to all Longhorn Cattle Society members.
All classes of stock accepted including steers
Auctioneers: Greenslade Taylor Hunt. Tel 01935 423474

Society Notices

Paul Lockett

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden death of Nicky Lockett's husband Paul at the end of March. Paul was a great supporter of the Longhorn breed and was to be seen with Nicky at Shows and Sales up and down the country. Our thoughts are with Nicky at this difficult time.

If anyone wishes to make a donation, Nicky has requested they be made to either Macmillan Cancer Support or Sightsavers; or send a cheque to Nicky and she will split it between the two organisations

Merchandise

The show season is about to get underway and if you are taking to the circuit this season then make sure you are suitably attired in Longhorn Cattle Society clothing.

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| Society Ties | £11.75 |
| Society baseball caps | £11.75 |
| Short sleeved shirts | £23.50 |
| Sweatshirts | £21.50 |
| Lapel pins | £3.50 |

Either call the office or send an email for more information.

Help me to help you promote Longhorns as beef animals.

The office is the first port of call for most of the enquiries from potential new members looking to buy Longhorns and wanting information to compare them against other breeds.

Increasingly people are wanting to buy Longhorns with a view to taking animals through to finishing and they are requesting information on growth rates, finishing weights and grades and killing out percentages.

We currently don't have such information available are potentially missing out on new members.

I would be very grateful if you could remember me when you are sending animals to slaughter. Any kill sheets or the equivalent you could let me have will be used to compile information so no member can be identified individually, but I have accurate data on how Longhorns perform.

Flushing cows for embryo transfer

We have an increasing demand for semen and embryos for export to Australia and New Zealand. It is possible that there may be financial assistance for anyone willing to undertake flushing.

If you are interested in participating please let me know. An expression of interest does not commit you to anything, but will give me an idea of who may be willing to participate so I can start to co-ordinate the process.

If you name your calves by year letter or still tattoo, the letter for 2008 is:

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Society Notices

Butcher? Baker? Candlestick Maker?

Many members of the Longhorn Cattle Society keep cattle as well as having another life with another profession. Have you ever thought that what you do as a day job may be of interest to other Longhorn members?

The goods or services you supply can be advertised in the Newsletter or the Journal and therefore reach an audience of like-minded Longhorn members who may be interested in your product.

I can easily put together an advert for you, or you can send me print ready artwork that can be set into the Newsletter or Journal. We are also happy to print editorial to produce a more detailed article about your business.

A Longhorn Cattle Society member could be your next customer!

Advertising rates

Advertising rates are as follows:

Newsletter

Produced every two months. Next issue copy date 6 June

Colour or black and white adverts

| | |
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| Full Page | £60 |
| Half Page | £35 |

2009 Journal

Produced annually. Next issue copy date 3 October

Colour or black and white adverts

Breeders Rates

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| Full Page | £250 + VAT |
| Half Page | £150 + VAT |
| Quarter Page | £80 + VAT |

Commercial Rates

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| Full Page | £275 + VAT |
| Half Page | £165 + VAT |
| Quarter Page | £90 + VAT |
| Inside Front/Inside Back Cover | £325 + VAT |

Longhorn Cattle For Sale

FEMALES FOR SALE

Natural England, Wiltshire, SP3 4ET.
Tel 01980 620486. Mobile 07810 297886.
monique.hustinx@naturalengland.org.uk

STOKE FELT (13486/F0021)

Born: 28.04.05

Sire: Bollin Urchin (8331)

Dam: Stoke Satin (5808)

STOKE FELDSPAR (13485/F0021)

Born: 30.04.05

Sire: Bollin Urchin (8331)

Dam: Stoke Amethyst (9219)

STOKE GOBLET 14901/G0021

Born: 28.05.06

Sire: Bollin Urchin (8331)

Dam: Stoke Margaret (4611)

STOKE GARNET 14902/G0021

Born: 30.05.06

Sire: Bollin Urchin (8331)

Dam: Stoke Lorraine (3668)

STOKE GINGER 14896/G0021

Born: 24.04.06

Sire: Bollin Urchin (8331)

Dam: Stoke Treacle (6711)

STOKE GALE 14891/G0021

Born: 20.04.06

Sire: Bollin Urchin (8331)

Dam: Stoke Drizzle (11738/D0021)

STOKE GALATEA 14892/G0021

Born: 20.04.06

Sire: Bollin Urchin (8331)

Dam: Stoke Satin (5808)

Tim Oliver, Newcastle on Tyne, NE19 2HP, Tel 07885 203066

Due to herd reduction—cows & calves, bulling heifers.

FEMALES FOR SALE

Jill Tait, Tunbridge Wells, Kent,
Tel 01892 853302

HEIFERS SIRED BY BOLLIN TAURUS 7594

SAXONBURY GARNET

Born: 13.03.06

Dam: Bulford Sapphire 6797

SAXONBURY GLADHEART 15115/G0479

Born: 14.02.06

Dam: Saxonbury Fairlady 9085

SAXONBURY GAIA 15120/G0479

Born: 25.06.06

Dam: Saxonbury Cassiopeia 10742/C0479

SAXONBURY HIPPOLYTA 15712/H0479

Born: 19.02.07

Dam: Saxonbury Europa 8447

SAXONBURY HORTENSE 15713/H0479

Born: 23.02.07

Dam: Saxonbury Caprice 6871

SAXONBURY HALLE

Born: 25.02.07

Dam: Saxonbury Angel 9246

SAXONBURY HONEYSUCKLE 15715/H0479

Born: 08.03.07

Dam: Saxonbury Domino 7506

HEIFERS SIRED BY WELBORNE JOLYON 13147/E0502

SAXONBURY GALANTHUS 15115/G0479

Born: 30.05.06

Dam: Saxonbury Chloe 10741//C0479

SAXONBURY GUDRUN 15123/G0479

Born: 08.08.06

Dam: Saxonbury Demelza 11643/D0479

SAXONBURY GWYNETH 15124/G0479

Born: 23.09.06

Dam: Saxonbury Dorcas 11645/d0479

SAXONBURY HARMONY 15716/H0479

Born: 11.03.07

Dam: Saxonbury Charisma 11131/C0479

Longhorn Cattle For Sale

FEMALES FOR SALE

Jim Beechey, Atherstone, Warks, CV9 3RL
Tel 01827 880239,
email: jamrobe@btinternet.com

ARDEN GEORGINA 15649/H0255

Born: 10.03.07

Sire: Blackbrook Nonsuch 12847/D0380

Dam: Arden Galanthus 12708/E0255

ARDEN JULIA II 015648/H0255

Born: 22/02/07

Sire: Blackbrook Nonsuch 12847/D0380

Dam: Arden Juncus 12706/E0255

ARDEN GLORIA 15647/H0255

Born: 16/02/07

Sire: Blackbrook Nonsuch 12847/D0380

Dam: Arden Genista 12109/D0255

1 year TB testing area. Testing to be arranged prior to movement. Farm has never had any reactors

MJ Bradley, Withernsea, Yorkshire, HU19 2QR

Tel 01946 630832, mobile 07825 361449

BROADLANDS FANTASIA 13717/F0818

Born: 20.05.05

Sire: Raincliffe Algerino 12663/D0059

Dam: Raincliffe Zingaro 10780/C0059

BROADLANDS FALLON 13716/F0818

Born: 19.05.05

Sire: Raincliffe Algerino 12663/D0059

Dam: Raincliffe Zantia 10779/C0059

BROADLANDS FATIMA 14000/F0818

Born: 10.11.05

Sire: Raincliffe Algerino 12663/D0059

Dam: Raincliffe Zylan 10783/C0059

BROADLANDS HELENTROTHY 15553/

Born: 09.03.07

Sire: Llanthrothy Kestrel 3698

Dam: Raincliffe Zantia 10790/C0059

FEMALES FOR SALE

GS Thomas, Lincoln, LN3 5DG

Tel 01522 751707, mobile 07960 398075

BARLINGS FOXGLOVE 13305/F0721

Born: 27.03.05

Sire: Southfield Commando 11266/C0460

Dam: Barlings Clover 10649/C0721

Placed 1st Senior Heifer at Lincs Show '07.

BARLINGS FRITILLARY 13310/F0721

Born: 03.05.05

Sire: Southfield Commando 11266/C0460

Dam: Tetford Ivory 10391/B0543

Placed 2nd Senior Heifer at Lincs Show '07

BARLINGS GRACE 14335/G0721

Born: 01.02.06

Sire: Southfield Commando 11266/C0460

Dam: Barlings Dandelion 11964/D0721

Placed 2nd Junior Heifer at Lincs Show '07

BARLINGS GRETA 14606/G0721

Born: 02.04.06

Sire: Southfield Commando 11266/C0460

Dam: Fishwick Woodbine 8891

Placed 1st Junior Heifer at Lincs Show '07

David Walker, N Yorkshire, YO61 1HQ

Tel 01347 810809, mobile 07977 160404

LOGAN DIANA 14195/G0770

Born: 07.03.06

Sire: Southfield Attitude 9972/B0460

Dam: Dunley Beauty 9927/B0705

Bill Lidgate, Iver, Bucks, SL0 9LL

Tel 01753 653128, mobile 07860 328133

COWS AND HEIFERS—looking to reduce the size of the herd so all stock for sale.

Society Notices

CURRENT FEES

REGISTRATION Subject to VAT @ 17.5%

Pedigree Females

| | | |
|---|---------|-------------------|
| On-line entries via web: up to three months | £15.00 | (£17.62 inc VAT) |
| Paper entries: up to three months | £17.50 | (£20.56 inc VAT) |
| 3 to 12 months—paper & on-line | £30.00 | (£35.24 inc VAT) |
| Late (12 to 24 months) - paper & on-line | £50.00 | (£58.75 inc VAT) |
| Late (over 24 months) - paper & on-line | £100.00 | (£117.50 inc VAT) |

Males *Notified by 3 months*

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Optional beef certificate | £5.00 | (£5.88 inc VAT) |
| Full registration | £100.00 | (£117.50 inc VAT) |

Supplementary Register Females

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| All grades | £15.00 | (£17.62 inc VAT) |
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TRANSFERS Subject to VAT @ 17.5%

Change of Ownership

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| paid by purchaser | £ 10.00 | (£11.75 inc VAT) |
| paid by vendor | £ 10.00 | (£11.75 inc VAT) |

BUYER BEWARE!

When purchasing cattle please ask the vendor if you can see the Pedigree Certificate of the animal you are buying. Whilst an animal may be 'pure-bred' if it is by, and out of, a pure-bred Longhorn it may not be on the Longhorn registry. You may incur extra cost to register the animal yourself or it may not be able to be registered at all and will therefore be of lesser value.

If you have any doubts then please check with the office and I can advise you in confidence of the animal's status. Alternatively log on to the website, go to 'herdbook' and look up the animal's details from there.

Any very young calves sold at foot that are not birth notified or registered at the time of sale will, when registered by the new owner, carry the prefix of the owner of the dam at the time of calving. Whilst calves do not have to be registered or birth notified until they are three months old it is recommended that vendors notify or register calves before they are sold.

Bluetongue Virus Update

The first batches of BTV8 vaccine from Intervet will start to arrive in mid May and all farmers in the English Protection Zone are strongly encouraged to contact their local vets and place orders based on the number of animals standing on the farm for vaccination. The sooner animals are vaccinated the sooner they will have immunity for this serious disease.

Do not be complacent with making the decision to vaccinate, farmers that had positive animals last year are experiencing huge calf losses this year and although vaccinating animals during the summer is fraught with hassles, the consequences of not vaccinating livestock are horrendous. On top of this, if livestock are not vaccinated, there is a much greater chance of midges spreading the virus further and the industry will never get on top of the disease.

So please take this disease seriously and vaccinate because production losses are huge and we must all make a concerted effort to dampen down infection.

The Scottish Government are expected to clarify its position on placing an order for BTV8 vaccine soon. Earlier this month it had said it would make sure there was enough vaccine available to protect Scottish farmers should BTV8 enter the country this summer – while making clear its preference for the introduction of a national vaccination programme this winter ahead of an explosion in the disease over 2009. However it would now appear that there are funding issues to consider over the imminent ordering of vaccine to be available, if necessary, this summer and also a realisation that because Scotland has delayed its vaccine order it could find itself at the back of a long delivery queue and at the mercy of manufacturing companies delivering the vaccine as the market develops.

The Welsh Assembly has responded to the NBA's suggestion to develop a vaccine plan and order more BTV8 vaccine for use in Wales this summer with the following observations. It notes that 2.5 million does have already been ordered (from Defra) for use in Wales this summer and the figures is based on the number of susceptible animals in Monmouthshire and Powys.

Also (like the Scottish government) that the availability of additional vaccine will depend on how much can be delivered by suppliers who have to take account of orders placed by other affected countries in Europe, and that European legislation only allows vaccination in a Protection Zone. The availability of more vaccine in Wales this summer will be determined by the developing disease situation and is subject to expert veterinary advice.

However the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) has agreed with stakeholders that vaccination will be on a voluntary basis. It says a compulsory vaccination programme is more expensive for both the farmer and government because it would require an enforcement programme undertaken by Animal Health which could increase costs by 50%.

Longhorn Cattle For Sale

BULLS FOR SALE

Natural England, Wiltshire, SP3 4ET.

Tel 01980 620486. Mobile 07810 297886.

monique.hustinx@naturalengland.org.uk

STOKE FUDGE (15350/F0021)

Born: 03.05.05

Sire: Bollin Urchin (8331)

Dam: Stoke Treacle (6711)

Quiet & easy to handle. Has been successfully shown. Entered at Worcester Spring sale

David Sheppy, Somerset, TA41ER

Tel 01823 461233, Mobile 07763 476995

email: david@sheppyscider.com

THREE BRIDGES GALILEO (15393/G0797)

Born: 18.02.06

Sire: Blackbrook Masquerade

Dam: Frondeg Delhila

Very quiet and easy to handle. Entered at Worcester Spring sale

R&V Burton, Newark, Notts, NG23 5PN

Tel 01636 525248, Mobile 07973 531303

email: wagonhovel@supanet.com

LINTON DAVID (12532/D0112)

Born: 01.04.03

Sire: Bollin Urchin (8331)

Dam: Linton Urchin (7725)

Good bull, gentle temperament. Only for sale so his offspring can be used in the herd.

GS Thomas, Lincoln, LN3 5DG

Tel 01522 751707, Mobile 07960 398075

email: gill@thomasfarms.co.uk

BARLINGS GIMLI (16449/H0721)

Born 30.03.06

Sire: Southfield Commando 11260/C0460

Dam: Fishwick Temptress 7473

Entered at Worcester Spring sale

MJ Bradley, Withernsea, Yorkshire, HU19 2QR

Tel 01946 630832, mobile 07825 361449

Broadlands Male XB65898

Born: 10.04.06

Sire: Raincliffe Algerino 12663/D0059

Dam: Raincliffe Zantia 10790/C0059

Broadlands Male XB66112

Born: 10.02.07

Sire: Llanthrothy Kestrel 3698

Dam: Raincliffe Zingaro 10780/C0059

Broadlands Male XB66113

Born: 10.02.07

Sire: Llanthrothy Kestrel 3698

Dam: Raincliffe Zylan 10783/C0059

All three animals are birth notified and eligible for registration subject to normal Society registration conditions.

Mr R. J. Saxby, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 4EH. Tel 01729 851840

Mobile 07792 817538

email: richardjsaxby@aol.com

BRIDLE STYLE VALENTINE (11409/D0374)

Born: 15.02.2003

Sire: Southfield Apache (10055/B0460)

Dam: Ulverscroft Juniper (2659)

In calf to Bollin Edgar (13803/B0460)

BRIDLE STYLE DIANE 11410/D0374

Born: 07.04.2003

Sire: Southfield Apache (10055/B0460)

Dam: Bridle Style Molly (4114)

In calf to Bollin Edgar (13803/B0460)

Longhorn Cattle Wanted

Daniel Bunting, Essex, CO6 4BS
Tel: 01206 272300 Mobile: 07889 640199
 Steers wanted for finishing

Mrs Patricia Barker, Dorset DT2 9HF
Tel: 01308 482371
 Weaned Longhorn calves required.

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

Michael Davies, Essex EN9 3QJ
Tel: 020 8508 2579
 Requires sound cull cattle for conservation grazing, 3—10years old. Will collect free of charge (up to 200 miles) & pay cull prices.

Richard Vaughan, Herefordshire
Tel: 01600 890296
 Well grown store cattle male or female required for finishing. Will pay Continental prices for suitable cattle

Sam Barker, Shropshire, SY4 3HS
Tel 07793 365517
 Organic steers and heifers wanted for finishing. Top prices paid.

Bluetongue Virus Update

The Welsh Assembly has also said that although the European Commission has said there would be some co-funding of vaccination programmes further investigation has established that the funds would not be significant, that the administration of the refund could prove more costly for farmers and government than if they went ahead themselves, and payment would also be retrospective.

A Blue Tongue Protection Zone can only be put in place as a result of confirmed circulating disease. If England extends the size of their PZ's, as is their intention and they reach the borders of Wales, then Wales can consider whether to extend the PZ into Wales. If it was determined to extend the PZ this would facilitate the use of vaccine in Wales. The trigger for the use of vaccine would be based on circumstances, in light of veterinary opinion and epidemiological advice. In the event of confirmed disease in Wales the size of the PZ and SZ would need to be considered in the light of the circumstances, particularly the location and taking vaccination into account. WAG is in discussions with vaccine suppliers and Defra about the possibility of further vaccine supplies.

Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The NBA NI and stakeholders are in discussions with DARDNI on whether to place an order for BTV8 vaccine soon. NBA NI believes the time is right to order vaccine now so that it is available if needed this summer and will be discussing a potential vaccine plan for the Northern Ireland livestock sector over the next couple of weeks.

Information courtesy of NBA

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 * **New Members** *
 * **We should like to welcome the following new members to the Society:** *
 * Mr T Keane, Morgans House, Askeaton, Co Limerick, Ireland *
 * Mr & Mrs D&L James, Glanyglasant Farm, Upper Tumble, Llanelli, *
 * Carmarthenshire, SA14 6EE *
 * Mrs EA Boston & Mr I Bayley, Courthayes Farm, Ironstone Road, Cannock *
 * Wood, Rugeley, Staffs, WS12 0QD *
 * Mr K Trembath, Sunset Farm, St Just, Penzance, Cornwall, TR10 7QB *
 * Mr M Edwards, Bridge Farm, Bridge Road, Old St Mellons, Cardiff, *
 * CF3 6YJ *
 * Mr M Smith, Hennisfield Farm, Sutton on the Hill, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, *
 * DE6 5JF *
 * Mr P Barratt, Owlgreave Farm, Combs Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith, High *
 * Peak, Derbyshire, SJ23 9UW *
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AGM 2008

Preliminary Notice

This year's AGM weekend will be based in Shrewsbury, Shropshire on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th November.

JE Barker & Son, Great Berwick Farm, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 2HS will be our hosts on Saturday.

The visit to this organic farm bordered by the River Severn will include a tour of the Barker's new cutting room and stockjudging competitions

On Sunday our host is Susan Roberts, Upper Stockton Farm, Marton, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8JL

Hotel to be confirmed, but will be close to Shrewsbury's beautiful town centre.

An auction of promises will take place at the dinner on Saturday so any donations will be gratefully received.

Further details in the next newsletter, but put the dates in your diary now!

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

Herd visit to the 'Gupworthy' herd on Sunday 21 September at 2pm, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs G Woollatt.

Herd Awards Lunch, Sunday 23 November.

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

Email: colabalonghorns@aol.com

South East Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

Contact: Charlotte Coleman, Chalkney Mill, Earls Colne, Colchester, Essex CO6 2PR. Tel 01787 222253.

Email: chalkneylonghorns@talktalk.net

North Western Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

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

Email: s12vet@tiscali.co.uk

Midland Longhorn Breeders Group

Wednesday 14 May—Group meeting at Ticknell Village Hall

Saturday 28th June: Herd visit to the Dunstall and Pokerleys herds and Calke Abbey courtesy of Eileen Hallifield and Susan Hallifield

Contact: Rita Poulson, New House Grange, Orton Lane, Sheepy Magna, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 3NJ. Tel 01827 880203.

Email: ritapoulson@btinternet.com

Welsh Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

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

Email: carregcennencastle@btinternet.com

Northern Longhorn Breeders Group

Summer outing to be arranged

Contact: Pam Pumphrey, Clonyards Farm, Colvend, Dalbeattie, DG5 4QW Tel. 01556 630246

Email: clonyard@btinternet.com