



LONGHORN

Cattle Society



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It has been a year of great progress for the Longhorn breed, culminating in the exciting news that numbers have increased to such an extent that the Longhorn is no longer classified as a rare breed. The Rare Breeds Survival Trust has announced that the breed is now suitably secure and will no longer be included on its watch lists.

Thanks must go to the RBST for the support it has provided over the years as the breed has increased in number. Recognition must go, too, to all those breeders who have worked so hard over so many years to support the breed and who have kept faith with it through some difficult times. That commitment has been rewarded as the breed's tremendous qualities – hardiness, ease of management and superb eating quality – are increasingly recognised.

The decision means that Longhorns will no longer participate in rare breeds classes at shows around the country, nor in rare breeds sales. The Longhorn participation in the National Show and Sale at Melton Mowbray is not affected,

and Longhorns will still, in common with other traditional native breeds, be able to take part in traditional breeds classes. There are lots of show classes around the country, including new ones at Kent and Hope Shows, so please do support them!

Those of you who attended the AGM at Houghton Hall will know what an enjoyable weekend it was. Thanks must go to Houghton Estate for their hospitality and to Kerry Long who worked so hard behind the scenes to bring everything together. The Society previewed the new promotional DVD at the AGM—copies will be available shortly.

As reported some months ago, the Society has been working hard on putting together a new website. This is now up and running and offers, through the registry pages, full access to breed data. Do try it at: www.longhorncattlesociety.com.

Finally, Libby and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

*Sarah Slade
Libby Henson*

Dates for Your Diary

*Council meeting
26th January 2006*

*Worcester Spring Sale
22nd April 2006*

*Melton Mowbray Autumn Sale
9th/10th September 2005*

*Joint Production Sale—Tripp,
Longash, Holcombe herds—
Taunton Market
14th October 2006*

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Exports and SRM Controls—Your Help Needed NOW!

The Government is slowly making progress on opening up our markets for export again. Members outside the UK will especially welcome this as we know that many desperate to be able to bring in new stock.

However, an unwelcome potential side effect has arisen in the shape of proposals for “harmonisation of Specified Risk Material Controls” between practices in the UK and those in other EU Member States. The full proposals are available at: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/bse-export/letter.htm>. Of greatest concern is the suggestion that the age at which the vertebral column must be removed from cattle should be reduced from the present 30 months, to 24 months. The implications for Longhorn breeders, along with all other traditional breeds, are enormous. This is because the proposals require the vertebral column (referred to as VC in the consultation) to be removed in cutting plants, something with which many smaller traditional butchers and abattoirs would not be able to comply.

Defra has suggested that they may consider a derogation to allow the vertebral column to be removed at small abattoirs and butchers, but support would need to be shown for this proposal. For much Longhorn beef, however, even if this derogation were allowed, it would still deny the option of presenting bone-in cuts on the traditionally matured and finished beef which is frequently between 24—30 months of age.

Rather gallingly the consultation notes that these rules are being introduced, not because of any perceived increase in the level of risk, but simply to ensure harmonisation of controls across the EU.

If introduced, these rules will have an impact on all members who sell and market their beef from cattle over 24 months old. We would therefore urge you to write with your views to:

BSE Division, 1A Page Street, London SW1P 4PQ—for views on exports

TSE Division, Food Standards Agency, Aviation House, 125 Kingsway, London WC25 6NH—for views on SRM controls

Deadline for comments is **4th January 2006**.

Defra FMD Breeds At Risk Register

During the 2001 outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease (FMD) there was much concern from owners of rare and native breeds of the potential impact of culling these animals. The EU has now brought in measures which require Member States to compile a list of premises that hold eligible groups of native breeds so that they can be considered by Defra to receive special measures in the event of an outbreak of FMD. Only herds which are registered on this database will be considered for these measures.

Grassroots Systems Ltd is providing the software for the database and will be liaising with the RBST who will be overseeing the database. Registration on this database with Defra is essential and an application must be made to Defra for inclusion on the register. Further details available from Libby Henson

Cessation of OTMS

Animals born on or after 1st August 2006 are now permitted to enter the food chain (so long as they test negatively for BSE). Animals born before 1st August 1996 will continue to be excluded from the food chain. A new scheme, the Older Cattle Disposal Scheme (OCDS), is to replace the existing Over Thirty Months Scheme. It is being introduced in the New Year and once it is up and running only the new forms (and not the OTMS forms) will be acceptable. The OCDS will run for three years and provide compensation on an annual sliding scale. Further details on the Rural Payments Agency website: www.rpa.gov.uk—type “OCDS” into the search box.

REGIONAL GROUP NEWS

The regional groups organise herd visits, social events and herd competitions. They form a focal point for getting to know other like-minded people and provide a potential for gaining stock and knowledge.

All the groups are run by volunteers and enthusiastic group members, young and old, experienced or complete beginners are always welcome. Please do get in touch with your local support group co-ordinator and get involved in group activities.

Mid West Longhorn Support Group

Spring Sale at Worcester Market, 22nd April 2006

For details contact:

Contact: Peter Guest, Colaba Lodge, Hamnish, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0QN

Tel: 01568 760251

South East Breeders Group

For details contact:

Robert Williams, Maydencroft Manor, Gosmore, Hitchin Herts

Tel: 01462 434762

North Western Breeders Group

For details contact:

Phil Robinson, Bolin Valley Project, County offices, Chapel Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire

Tel: 01625 534790/534791

Midland Longhorn Breeders Club

Rita Poulson, New House Grange, Orton Lane, Sheepy Magna, Atherstone, Warwickshire CV9 3NJ

Tel: 01827 880203

Northern Longhorn Breeders Club

For details contact:

Peter Pitchford, Cormiston, Biggar, Lanarkshire ML12 6NS

Tel: 01899 221257

Welsh Longhorn Breeders Club

For details contact:

Bernard Llewellyn, Carreg Cennan Castle, Trapp, Llandeilo, Dyfed

Tel: 01558 822291





Showing 2005



Although Longhorns will no longer be able to take part in any Rare Breeds classes at shows around the country, there are many shows which do offer dedicated Longhorn classes. In addition, Longhorns will continue to be eligible for traditional and Native Breed classes (where these are not restricted to rare breeds only).

Please do try to support these shows next season which offer Longhorn Classes

Leicestershire County Show 30th April—1st May
Dishley Grange Farm, Derby Road, Loughborough,
Leices. LE11 5SF

Tel: 01509 646786

Newark & Nottinghamshire 13 & 14th May

The Showground, Winthorpe, Newark, Nottinghamshire
NG24 2NY

Tel: 01636 702627

Northumberland County Show 29th May

PO Box 17, Brampton, CA8 7GA

Tel: 01697 747 848

Royal Bath & West Show 31st May –3rd June

The Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 6QN

Tel: 01749 823169

Rutland County 4th June

Rutland Agricultural Society, Chard Farm, Tilton on the
Hill, Leicester LE7 9LF

Tel: 0116 259 7466

Royal Cornwall 8-10 June

The Showground, Wadebridge, Cornwall PL27 7JE

Tel: 01208 812183

Three Counties Show 16-18th June

The Showground, Malvern, Worcs WR13 6NW

Tel: 01684 584900

East of England Country Show 16-18th June

East of England Showground, Peterborough PE2 6XE

Tel: 01733 234451

Lincolnshire Show 21 & 22nd June

Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, Lincoln
LN2 2NA

Tel: 01522 522900

Shropshire & West Midlands Show 24 & 25th June

The Agricultural Showground, Berwick Road,

Shrewsbury SY1 2PF

Tel: 01743 289831

Derbyshire County Show 25th June

Mrs Ann James, 5 Willow Park Way, Aston on Trent,

Derby DE72 2DF

Tel: 01332 793068

Royal Norfolk 28 & 29th June

Norfolk Showground, Dereham Road, Costessy,

Norwich NR5 0TT

Tel: 01603 748931

Royal Highland 22-25th June

Kate Stephen, Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston,

Edinburgh EH28 8NF

Tel: 0131 335 6200

Royal Show

2-5th July

Livestock Office, RASE, National Agricultural Centre,
Stoneleigh, Warks CV8 2LZ

Tel: 024 7669 6969

Ashby de la Zouch

16th July

Mrs L Ensor, Tithe Farm, Livery Stables, Boundary,
Swadlincote, Derbyshire DE11 7BA

Tel: 01283 229225

Great Yorkshire Show

11-13th July

Yorkshire Agricultural Society, Great Yorkshire Showground,
Harrogate HG2 8PW

Tel: 01423 541000

Kent Show

14—16 July

County Showground, Detling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3JF

Tel: 01622 630975

Royal Welsh Show

24-27th July

RWAS, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, Powys, LD2 3SY

Tel: 01982 554403

Heckington Show

29-30th July

Tel: 01529 461102

Burwarton Show

3rd August

The Show Office, Burwarton, Bridgnorth, Shropshire WV16
6QJ

Tel: 01746 787535

Pembrokeshire County Show

15-17th August

Show Office, County Showground, Withybush, Haverfordwest,
Pembs SA62 4BW

Tel: 01437 764331

Monmouthshire Show

24th August

Kay Spencer, Parclands House, Raglan, Monmouthshire NP15
2BX

Tel: 01291 691160

Hope Show

28th August

Mrs Hope Morris, High Nightam, Maynestone Road, Chinley,
High Peak SK23 6AH

Tel: 01663 750318 Email: hope.morris@lineone.net

Moorgreen Show

27 –28th August

Mrs Winifred Smith, "Daranside", 25 Main Street, Ambaston,
Derbyshire DE72 3ES

Tel: 01332 792217

Moreton In Marsh

2nd September

Tim Gardner, Show Office, Oxford Street, Moreton-in-Marsh,
Glos GL56 0NA

Tel: 01608 651908

National Primestock Show

18-19th November

Mrs K M Tomlinson, Dambridge Farm, Marchington
Woodlands, Uttoxeter, ST14 8PB

Tel: 01238 820012

Showing 2006

New Society Ties now available—red, green, blue
£10 each inc P & P

Available from the Society Office
Tel: 01769 581212



Bull Award 2005



The Maydencroft Trophy, presented by past president, Robert Williams, is awarded annually to the bull gaining the most points from qualifying shows throughout the season. At this year's AGM the Maydencroft Trophy was presented to Mr and Mrs C T D & S D Sutcliffe for their bull, Tetford Kingpin.

A total of 38 bulls were exhibited at shows with Longhorn classes and Society Panel judges. The points were awarded according to how many animals were in each class, with two additional points for breed champion and interbreed championships, and one extra point for reserve breed and interbreed championships.

Thanks must go to all those exhibitors who took bulls to shows over 2005 and supported the breed in this way.

BULL NAME	OWNER	NO. QUALIFY- ING SHOWS	TOTAL	PLACE
Tetford Kingpin	CTD & SD Sutcliffe	7	36	1
Bejon Dickie	W J Spalton	8	27	2
Blackbrook Odin	Mr & Mrs J W Stanley	5	25	3
Carreg Drover	B & M Llewellyn	5	21	4
Blackbrook Nimrod	Mr & Mrs J W Stanley	4	9	5
Linton Ulysses	I Clark	1	8	6
Bollin Drew	Bollin Valley Project	7	8	6
Dodsleigh Emyr	J & G Stanier	4	7	7
Blackbrook Obi-Wan	S Gray	2	7	7
Wellhead Enquirer	Mrs N Luckett	3	7	7
Wellhead Endeavour	Mrs N Luckett	4	7	7
Cwrt Henllys Elvis	C C Morgan	3	7	7
Carreg Equinox	B & M Llewellyn	2	7	7
Bollin Earle	Bollin Valley Project	3	5	13
Barlings Edward	Mrs G S Thomas	2	5	13
Blackbrook Newt	Mrs S Coleman	1	5	13
Stoke Unicorn	D Hitchings	1	4	16
Culcombe Elite	S Hollier	2	4	16
Wellhead Epsilon	Mrs N Luckett	2	3	18
Linton Elijah	P & J Evans	1	3	18
Carreg Elrond	B & M Llewellyn	1	3	18
Bejon Duke	W J Spalton	1	3	18
Charnwood Ernie	Mrs G S Thomas	2	2	22
Fishwick Discovery	J A Warner	1	2	22
Longash Captain	S A Hollier	2	2	22
Welhead Darwin	J Potts	1	2	22
Glaven Taurus	Mrs K Long & Mrs S Coke	1	2	22
Carreg Everest	B & M Llewellyn	1	2	22
Blackbrook Offa	Mr & Mrs J W Stanley	1	2	22
Gorse Layabout	Messrs J S & J W Brigg	1	2	22
Logan Brunel	Prof I Craft	1	1	30
Bejon Edmund	W J Spalton	1	1	30
Bejon Egbert	W J Spalton	1	1	30
Tetford Kudos	D H & J Lowe	1	1	30
Bollin edgar	Bollin Valley Project	1	1	30
Southfield Bandit	P & J Evans	1	1	30
Carn Edward Elgan	Messrs Vaughan	1	1	30
Wellhead Cognac	Mrs N Luckett	1	1	30
	TOTAL		235	38

Longhorn Cattle For Sale and Wanted

FEMALES FOR SALE

**Messrs Vaughan, Penlan-Uchaf, Gwaun Valley,
Fishguard, Pembrokeshire, SA65 9UA**

Tel: 01239 820775

Eight females &/or steers available on weaning. Will sell as one lot or split. Ready now.

BULLS FOR SALE

**Kerry Long, The Long Cottage, Flithcam, Kings Lynn
Norfolk**

Tel: 01485 600824

email: kanga@which.net

Glaven Rebel (11445/CO204) Born: 15/4/02

Sire: Glaven Optimist

Dam: Glaven Matilda

Very quiet, has been shown. His 2005 daughters can be seen and are the best heifers we have. Photos on request.

Pam Pumphrey, Dalbeattie, Kircudbrightshire

Tel: 01556 630246

email: clonyard@btinternet.com

Fishwick Archer (10772/A0087) Born: 10/4/00

Sire: Charnwood United

Dam: Fishwick Karen

Works reliably. Has good calves. Very good natured.

**Mr & Mrs K A Mason, 1 Avey Cottages, Avey Lane,
Waltham Abbey, Essex EN9 3QJ**

Tel; 0181 5087 367

Welborne Gordon (10558/B0502) Born: 3/3/01

Sire: Tetford Challenger

Dam: Raby Delia

A good stock bull, was lent to Houghton Hall this summer.

**Mr T N Thomson, The Farm house, Lord Ship Farm,
Cottered Herts SG9 9QL**

Tel: 01763 281253

Roxton Igor (9210) Born: 19/1/99

Sire: Blackbrook Conqueror

Dam: Roxton Anne

Very quiet bull, not over-used. Offspring can be seen. Outwinters.

WANTED

**Mr Nash, Courtlands, The Stream, Catsfield, battle,
Sussex TN33 9BD**

Tel: 01424 893155

Mob: 07887 843770

Requires approx. 10 steers or calved cows.

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

Herd Competitions

The results of all the herd competitions will be printed within the Journal.

The regional groups would like to thank all those breeders who took part in the competitions, and to the various judges, and helpers without whom no herd competition is possible.

Without exception all the judges commented on the high standard of entries and the enthusiasm of the breeders—well done to you all!

RBST Watch Lists

The Rare Breeds Survival Trust has announced that the latest figures show that the Longhorn is no longer classified as a rare breed. This is a tremendous success for the breed, which, only some thirty years ago, was on the brink of extinction. Thanks to dedicated breeders, a re-awakened recognition by consumers of the breed's magnificent beef, and the breed's hardiness and ease of management, interest in the breed has escalated.

The decision means that Longhorns will no longer be able to participate in Rare Breeds Classes at shows around the country. They will also not be able to be sold at rare breeds sales, although they will be still be able to be sold or shown where there are traditional or native breed sales or classes.

The National Show and Sale at Melton Mowbray is not affected by this decision and Longhorns will continue to be shown and sold there in 2006.

There are numerous shows which hold dedicated Longhorn classes, and we would urge members to support these:

Leicester, Newark & Notts, Northumberland, Royal Bath & West, Rutland County, Three Counties (Friday and Saturday but not the Rare Breeds Show on the Sunday), East of England, Lincolnshire, Shropshire and West Midlands, Derby, Kent County, Royal Norfolk, Royal Highland, The Royal Show, Ashby de la Zouch, Royal Welsh, Great Yorkshire, Kent, Heckington, Burwarton, Moor Green, Pembroke, Monmouth, Hope, Moreton in Marsh

In addition, in 2006 there are three dedicated Longhorn sales, including:

- The Society's Spring Sale at Worcester on 22nd April 2006
- The National Show and Sale at Melton Mowbray in September 2006
- The Joint Production Sale (with entries from other breeders welcomed) at Taunton Market on 14th October 2006.

These are exciting new developments which represent the cumulative efforts of breeders over the years and place the Longhorn firmly as a traditional native breed of cattle, one which can more than hold its own in today's marketplace. Demand for the breed still continues unabated and we look forward to an exciting future as the breed develops further.

REGISTRATIONS

A reminder:

As from 1st January 2006 the fee for bull registrations increases to £100.

Bulls must be notified within three months of birth by the owner of the dam—there is no charge for this.

Registration must be applied for (by the owner of the bull) when the bull is between 365 and 400 days of age. The bull must be inspected by a veterinary surgeon and should reach a minimum adjusted weight of 431 kg (950 lbs) at 400 days of age. An adjustment of 1 kg per day is permitted for bulls over 400 days.

Only bulls that have been inspected and fully registered will be eligible to enter the Society's Official Show and Sale, or to be shown in pedigree classes at shows.

No progeny of unregistered bulls will be eligible for

Future Sales

Sale Dates for 2006:

Saturday 22nd April Show and Sale at Worcester Livestock Market

Auctioneers:

McCartneys, The Heath Meadow, Nunnery Way,
Worcester WR4 0SQ

Tel: 01905 769770

Email: worcester@mccartneys.co.uk

8-9th September 2006

National Show & Sale, Melton Mowbray

Auctioneers:

Melton Mowbray Market Auctioneers
Melton Mowbray Market, Scalford Road
Melton Mowbray LE13 1JY

Tel: 01664 562971

Email: info@meltonmowbraymarket.co.uk

14th October 2006 Joint Production Sale Taunton Market

Auctioneers:

Taunton Market Auctioneers, Priory Bridge Road
Taunton Somerset TA1 1PN

Tel: 01823 275171

Herd Book and Survey

Closing Date for the 2005 Herd book is 31st January. Please ensure that all 2005 born calves have been notified to the Registrations Office, PO Box 251, Exeter EX2 8WX, by that date.

Herd Survey—please find enclosed a Herd Survey form - your prompt return of these, to the Registrations Office, is very much appreciated.

If you name your calves by year letter or still tattoo, the letter for 2006 is:

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Subscriptions now due!!!

If you are not a life member and you do not pay by standing order, your subscription is due on 1st January 2006. Please see the enclosed Survey Form for details

Full Membership	£30
Associate Membership	£10
Junior Membership	£5
Life Membership	£300
Corporate Life	£500

Website

After many months of hard work (and with special thanks to Charles Sutcliffe) the new website is up and running. It offers “for sale and wanted” facilities as well as access to the registry pages, news and information.

We shall continue to add to it over the coming months, so keep an eye on it and let us have your views.

Council

At the recent AGM members showed their appreciation to Mrs Pat Quinn whose two year term as President ends in December. She is succeeded by Roger Carter. Roger served on Council for almost 30 years and has made an outstanding commitment to the breed. We are delighted that Roger has agreed to be our President. Mrs Pat Quinn presented a new award at the AGM—the President’s Award—for Outstanding Contribution to the breed. The first recipients were John and Joshua Brigg, in recognition of their longstanding commitment to the breed and their contribution to its success. Stepping down from Council was Bernard Llewellyn, who is taking a well earned break from Council service. His lively contributions will be much missed.

We look forward, however, to welcoming our newly elected Council members: John Hedges and Peter Guest, who were both re-elected, and whom we welcome back. They are joined by new Council member, Philip Robinson—who will be known to many through his work with the Bollin Valley herd—whom we welcome to Council.