Longhorn Success Continues!

The Longhorn Success Story continues!!

We are thrilled that, after a slow start to the show season the Longhorns have done fantastically well in the show ring. As with last year, we are pleased to see triumphs in the Interbreed Championship—congratulations to John and Pat Stanley, who were Reserve Interbreed Champion at Rutland Show with their bull, Blackbrook Odin.

Yet another breed record was smashed when the Senior Bull, Blackbrook Iceman was sold for 3,200 guineas at the Polden Dispersal Sale. We have three sales this autumn—the National Show and Sale at Melton Mowbray, the dispersal of the Wolseley Park Herd and the inaugural Joint Production Sale at Taunton in October.

We congratulate Sabine Zentis who was finally able to export three Longhorn bulls in July. This has not been an easy process, and we are delighted that Sabine’s persistence has paid off. We look forward to more exports—and to other breeders—in the future. The Society will be attending both the Weide Festival and the Hanover Shows this year where we will be distributing our new, specially produced, German leaflets! Particular thanks must go to Sabine for her hard work in translating these!

We have had stands at the Beef Expo at Carlisle in May, a large stand at the Royal Show right in the central concourse of the cattle building, as well as stands in the cattle lines at the Royal Welsh, Royal Highland Shows and some of the smaller shows. Our stand at the Royal created a lot of attention and we would like to thank all those many members who helped out on the stand over the four days—you are too numerous to mention, but thank you all!

We also launched a number of new merchandise products at the show. Details of all new merchandise on page 4

Don’t forget the Journal advertisements—the deadline of 30th September will be tightly enforced this year as we are planning an even better improved new look. Don’t miss out!

We have details of the Society AGM in November. In response to demand from members we are running a beef finishing and marketing workshop to help you make the most of your animals. This will include a workshop on the finishing of animals, how to assess an animal in the flesh, and what that translates into when it is killed. We have a very full weekend and an early start on the Saturday. However, breakfast will be provided!

Finally, please note that I now have a brand new email address: secretary@longhorncattlesociety.com.

Sarah Slade
CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE

Our priority this summer has been to raise the profile of the breed. We took a prestige stand site at the Royal Show in the central concourse between the two cattle buildings. The promotional video was running continuously and we had a steady stream of visitors. Many thanks to Frank Sutton for setting it up and all the other members who manned the stand. We also had a new range of merchandise (shirts, jumpers and caps) at the show in the corporate maroon and yellow colours with the Society logo. They will be available at Melton and at the AGM. Details of the AGM are in this newsletter. I should like to draw attention to the demonstration/discussion on the Saturday morning on meat marketing. This will be of particular interest to the increasing number of members looking to market their own beef.

The Bollin Valley reduction and Polden Farms dispersal sales showed no slackening in the demand for Longhorns. At the latter a new record price for an aged bull was set when Blackbrook Iceman sold to Mrs B Clutton (Rugby) for 3,200 gns. We are looking forward to Melton sale which is the breed’s premier sale and accordingly all entries will be haltered and led and which has brought an entry of 48.

Congratulations to Sabine Zentis who was quick to take advantage of the lifting of the export ban and bought three bulls which have now safely arrived in Germany. Let us hope they are the first of many now the market is open again.

Joshua Brigg

Longhorns Exported to Germany

Sabine Zentis reports…….

When the first Longhorns arrived in Germany in 1989 no one would have expected they were some of the last cattle that could be exported for nearly 17 years. During the year 2005 major changes in the evaluation of the BSE risk in Europe were adopted and, with the Roadmap on TSE, a paper issued by the European Commission, it became clear that a lifting of the export ban was only a question of months rather than years.

Knowing that a lot of obstacles had to be tackled, planning for the long awaited export of breeding bulls started immediately.

Choosing the bulls was not a problem but getting them ready for export was a different story. By March 2006, when the decision about the lifting of the ban was finally made, no one knew how to get started. Certificates, health requirements, quarantine, transport, route plans etc.: the amount of papers that had to be dealt with was incredible. When I was approached by some German Galloway breeders who were very keen to get cattle to Germany but had no clue how to get started the decision was made to get an expert involved: Richard Beale of Stanford Livestock International Ltd.

Breeders were contacted, e-mails were sent nearly every hour for days, the phone bill was astronomical but eventually, on July 12th, early in the afternoon, Richard phoned to tell that all the bulls were on the lorry (…..only five minutes behind schedule !!!) and that the transport was on its way to Dover. He then phoned nearly every hour to tell that everything went according to plan with his latest call at about 11.00 p.m…..the lorry arrived at Dover, the animals will have a rest and will be fed and watered, try to get yourself some sleep !!!

Well, we didn’t get a lot of sleep as the first Galloway breeders, keen to be in time to see the lorry arrive, knocked on the door at around 2.00 a.m with the second group turning up at 4.00 a.m . By then all of us were too excited to sleep, the coffee maker worked overtime and plenty of memories about the “bad old days”, when the German Government tried to wipe our cattle off the face of the earth were shared. By 8.30 a.m the long awaited phone call came in: the lorry was off the motorway and only 40 minutes later it drove into the farmyard.

The local veterinary chief inspector arrived and unloading started, feelings were running high and even some of the very tough men could be seen wiping tears from their eyes.

The bulls went off the lorry in a perfect condition, one could hardly believe they had made a journey of 24 hours and after the vet decided they didn’t have to go into quarantine again one could even see them smile when they went out into different fields, each with some cows to keep them company.

They have settled in very well and every time we have a look at them we still can’t believe we have managed to get them over to Germany.

With all the interest the breed has created during the last couple of years we are sure they won’t be the last Longhorns that will make the journey but for sure they have been the first after the lifting of the export ban.
REGIONAL GROUP NEWS

The regional groups operate independently of the Society and 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. Enthusiastic group members, young and old, experienced or complete beginners are always welcome. Please do get in touch with your local breeders group co-ordinator and get involved in group activities.

**Mid West Longhorn Breeders Group**
20th August—Summer Gathering at Longash herd, by kind invitation of Sid Hollier
14th October—Joint Production Sale at Taunton Market entries open to all LCS members
19th November—Awards Lunch at the Alveston Manor Hotel
For details contact:
Contact: Peter Guest, Colaba Lodge, Hamnish, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0QN
Tel: 01568 760251

**South East Longhorn Breeders Group**
September—Herd Competition
November—Autumn Lunch
For details of these events please contact:
Robert Williams, Maydencroft Manor, Gosmore, Hitchin Herts
Tel: 01462 434762

**North Western Longhorn Breeders Group**
For details contact:
Phil Robinson, Blackden Cottage, Blackden Heath, Goostrey, Crewe, Cheshire CW4 8DG
Tel: 01477 571406

**Midland Longhorn Breeders Club**
For details contact:
Pat Stanley, Springbarrow Lodge, Swannymote Road, Coalville, Leics LE67 5UT
Tel: 01509 503276

**Welsh Longhorn Breeders Club**
For details contact:
Bernard Llewellyn, Carreg Cennan Castle, Trapp, Llandeilo, Dyfed
Tel: 01558 822291

**Northern longhorn Breeders Club**
The Club was reformed at the meeting held during Beef Expo 2006 and the new Officers together with their contact details are:
Chairman: Nicky Luckett 01697 371487 email: nickyluckett@aol.com
Vice Chairman: Graeme Willey 01207 561229
Secretary: Pam Pumphrey 01556 630246 email: clonyard@btinternet.com
Fax: 01387 269747
Treasurer: Geoff Finlay 0191 261 7366
Society Members living within the Club’s area requiring information about membership and club activities should make contact using the above information please.

Photographs

The Society always welcomes good quality, up to date photographs for use in the Journal, on the Show stands and for publicity and promotional work.
Please do send us your photographs—preferably on a CD, and ideally with photos titled (so we know what they are of!)—together with permission for the Society to use the photographs.
If you would like to see your animals in print, this is the way to do it!
All photos/CCs should be sent to the Secretary
Sarah Slade, Southcott Farm, Chawleigh, Chulmleigh, Devon EX18 7HP
Council Corner

At the recent meeting of Council two important changes were discussed.

**Female Registration Fees**

It was agreed that as from 1st January 2007 fees for female registrations made on paper should be increased as follows:

- Paper registrations (on calf book) of females up to 3 months old: £17.50
- Email registrations (through on-line herd book) of females up to 3 months old: £15.00

The fees remain at the old rate if registrations are made on-line. This reflects Society costs. There will be a demonstration of the on-line herd book at the AGM in November.

**AI Transfer Fees**

Regrettably Genus are making substantial additional charges for transferring semen to companies outside the Genus network. Some members are making very small orders and the loss to the Society is therefore substantial. We will therefore be forced to pass on this cost. However, as we also wish to continue to support smaller breeders and companies which are not part of Genus, we would offer the following advice to members:

- There will be a flat rate transfer fee of £50.00 per order which is to be delivered to a company that is not part of the Genus network.
- The fee applies regardless of the number of straws ordered.
- The present transfer fee is £3.00 per straw—this will continue to apply to all orders within the Genus network.

We would encourage members, even where they have small numbers of cattle, to consider ordering larger numbers of straws at one time. You can order straws from a variety of bulls and, so long as they are delivered to the same address, the flat rate fee will apply.

Once ordered, straws can be kept at your own centre and are immediately available for your use. Perhaps consider ordering two or more year’s worth at one time!

If you wish to see whether or not you are within the Genus network are, then please contact Genus direct on: 0870 162 2000

Council is concerned at the need to pass on this cost, but equally considers that it cannot subsidise this increase for the benefit of relatively few members. However, any members affected by this change are asked to contact either the Secretary or a Council member if they wish the issue to be discussed at future meetings, or if they have any particular points to raise.

**Merchandise**

We now have a large stock of merchandise including:

- Society Ties—available in blue, green or red: £10
- Society pin badges: £3
- Burgandy Sweatshirts, with Society logo—sizes: S, M, L, XL: £18
- Burgandy Shirts with Society logo: £20
- Caps—burgundy with logo: £10

All prices plus postage and packing

We also have available copies of the book “The History of the Longhorn Breed” by Pat Stanley: £9.99 plus £1.50 P&P

Contact the Secretary to order any of these items.
Showing 2006

In addition to the summer shows, there are also a number of Primestock Shows which offer classes for Longhorns. The Society actively encourages members to support these classes and offers, at both the National Primestock Show and sale and the Welsh Winter Fair, the following special prizes:

- £1000 to Supreme Champion if a purebred Longhorn
- £500 to Supreme Champion of out of a Longhorn dam
- £50 to each animal forward in the Longhorn class, if purebred (National Primestock Show only)
- £25 for any first placed animal out of a Longhorn dam
- £10 for all entries forward in non-pedigree section out of a Longhorn dam

The National Primestock Show takes place at Bingley Hall, Stafford on 18th—19th November. For details contact: Mrs K M Tomlinson, County Showground, Weston road, Stafford ST18 0BD. Tel: 01785 258060/247111. Email: enquiries@staffscountyshowground.co.uk

The Royal Welsh Winter Fair takes place on 27th—28th November at the Royal Welsh Showground. For details, contact: Benjamin Williams, RWAS, Llaelwedd, Builth wells, Powys, LD2 3SY. Tel: 01982 554403. Email: livestocl@rwas.co.uk

We are also delighted to note that the Royal Smithfield will be holding Primestock Competitions on 1st & 2nd December at the Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallett. Contact: The Royal Smithfield Club, Brierley House, Summer Lane, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5LE. Tel: 01225 837904 for more details.

**Derbyshire Show 2006**
Judge: Mr P Robinson

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**Great Yorkshire Show 2006**
Judge: Mr D Bell

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**Breed Champion**
Blackbrook Abigail

**Reserve Breed Champion**
Blackbrook Galileo

**Best Junior Longhorn**
Milton Felicity

**Suffolk Show 2006**
Judge: Dr P Cleland

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**Breed Champion**
Riffhams Belle

**Reserve Breed Champion**
Riffhams Briar

**Best Junior Longhorn**
Riffhams Elder

**Group of Three**
Mr & Mrs G H Wild – Riffhams Warrior, Apple, Elder

**Breed Champion**
Chalkney Justice
Royal Show 2006
Judge: Mrs A Blockley

Cow (9 forward)
1st Fishwick Davinia P Close
2nd Blackbrook Moonstone Mr & Mrs J Stanley
3rd Carreg Christine B & M Llewellyn
4th Tetford Fritillary Mr & Mrs C T D Sutcliffe

Senior Heifer Born 2004 (14 forward)
1st Blackbrook Osprey Mr & Mrs J Stanley
2nd Chalkney Justice Mrs S E Coleman
3rd Logan Bithsome Mrs S E Coleman
4th Carreg Escapade B & M Llewellyn

Junior Heifer Born 1/1/05 – 30/4/05 (10 forward)
1st Benchil Fiammetta Mr & Mrs A Gifford
2nd Blackbrook Pearl Mr & Mrs J Stanley
3rd Fishwick Floosy P Close
4th Longash Francis S A Hollier

Junior Heifer Born 1/5/05 – 31/12/05 (4 forward)
1st Carreg Flora B & M Llewellyn
2nd Tetford May Mr & Mrs C T D Sutcliffe
3rd Selborne Heather Mr & Mrs G Woollett
4th Hambleton Fantasy A & J Nelson

Senior Bull (2 forward)
1st Blackbrook Newt Mrs S E Coleman
2nd Blackbrook Lionheart Mr & Mrs J Stanley

Bull Born 2004 (4 forward)
1st Blackbrook Odin Mr & Mrs J Stanley
2nd Carreg Equator B & M Llewellyn
3rd Stoke Eric English Nature
4th Longash Equador S A Hollier

Junior Bull Born 2005 (5 forward)
1st Gorse Monsignor J S & J W Brigg
2nd Gorse Maharajah J S & J W Brigg
3rd Wellhead Fabian Mrs N Luckett
4th Wellhead Firework Mrs N Luckett

Breed Champion – Morgan Trophy Blackbrook Osprey
Reserve Breed Champion Fishwick Davinia
Champion Male – Tomlinson Trophy Blackbrook Odin
Reserve Champion Male Carreg Equator
Champion Female – Hill Lady Trophy Blackbrook Osprey
Reserve Champion Female Fishwick Davinia
Best Junior Bull – Linton Shield Carreg Equator
Best Junior Heifer – Fishwick Shield Benchil Fiammetta
Best Junior Longhorn- Blackbrook Trophy Benchil Fiammetta
Best First Calved Heifer – Leeburn Trophy Carreg Christine
Best Calf at Foot – Southfield Trophy ex Blackbrook Moonstone
Best Pair – Doverdale Trophy J S & J W Brigg
Best Exhibitor Bred Pair – Michael Thompson Trophy J S & J W Brigg

Pairs and Best Exhibitor Bred Pair
1st J S & J W Brigg Gorse Monsignor & Maharajah
2nd Mr & Mrs A Gifford Benchil Edith & Ermintrude
3rd Mrs N Luckett Wellhead Fieldfare & Favourite

Lincolnshire Show 2006
Judge: Peter Boylett

Senior Bull (1 forward)
1st Blackbrook Odin Mr & Mrs J W Stanley

Junior Bull (1 forward)
1st Blackbrook Philosopher Mr & Mrs J W Stanley

Cow (3 forward)
1st Charnwood Carpathia J A Warner
2nd Tetford Fritillary Mr & Mrs C T D Sutcliffe
3rd Blackbrook Louisa Mr & Mrs J W Stanley

Senior Heifer (2 forward)
1st Blackbrook Osprey Mr & Mrs J W Stanley
2nd Charnwood Empress Thomas Farms

Junior Heifer (6 forward)
1st Charnwood Fantasia J A Warner
2nd Blackbrook Peach Mr & Mrs J W Stanley
3rd Blackbrook Pearl Mr & Mrs J W Stanley
4th Barlings Fritillary Thomas Farms

Group of Three (1 forward)
1st Mr & Mrs J W Stanley

Breed Champion Charnwood Carpathia
Reserve Breed Champion Blackbrook Odin
Champion Male Blackbrook Odin
Reserve Champion Male Blackbrook Philosopher
Champion Female Charnwood Carpathia
Reserve Champion Female Blackbrook Osprey
Junior Champion Charnwood Fantasia
Reserve Junior Champion Blackbrook Osprey

Northumberland Show 2006
Judge: George Young

Junior Heifer
1st Wellhead Fieldfare Mrs N Luckett
2nd Wellhead Fortune Mrs N Luckett

Senior Heifer
1st Wellhead Emerald Mrs N Luckett
2nd Wellhead Eglantine Mrs N Luckett

Cow
1st Fishwick Davina P Close
2nd Fishwick Diane P Close

Junior bull
1st Wellhead Firework Mrs N Luckett
2nd Wellhead Fabian Mrs N Luckett

Female Champion Fishwick Davina
Reserve Female Champion Wellhead Fieldfare
Male Champion Wellhead Firework
Reserve male Champion Wellhead Fabian

Breed Champion Wellhead Firework
Reserve Champion Wellhead Fabian
Royal Norfolk Show 2006
Judge: Giles Green

Junior Heifer
1st Chalkney Krystal Mrs S E Coleman

Senior Heifer
1st Chalkney Justice Mrs S E Coleman
2nd Logan Blithsome Mrs S E Coleman

Cow
1st Cholmondeley Xaviera Marquess of Cholmondeley

Calf at Foot
1st Cholmondeley Governor Marquess of Cholmondeley

Bull
1st Blackbrook Newt Mrs S E Coleman
2nd Cholmondeley Eros Marquess of Cholmondeley

Group of Three
1st Marquess of Cholmondeley

Champion Female Chalkney Justice
Reserve Champion Female Cholmondeley Xaviera
Champion Male Blackbrook Newt
Reserve Champion Male Cholmondeley Eros

Breed Champion
Reserve Breed Champion Chalkney Justice
Champion Norfolk Exhibitor Bred Cholmondeley Governor
Reserve Norfolk Exhibitor Bred Cholmondeley Eros

Rutland County Show
Judge: Richard Warner

Bull
1st Blackbrook Odin J.W. & P.A. Stanley
2nd Carreg Cennen A. & J. Nelson
3rd Wellhead Enquirer F. de Lisle

Cow
1st Fishwick Winsome A. & J. Nelson
2nd Gorse Goldlocks W.J. Spalton
3rd Rosecare Glenys F. de Lisle

Senior Heifer
1st Blackbrook Osprey J.W. & P.A. Stanley
2nd Bejon Ella W.J. Spalton
3rd Halloughton Janine A. & J. Nelson
4th Hambleton Elusive A. & J. Nelson

Junior Heifer
1st Blackbrook Pebble J.W. & P.A. Stanley
2nd Bejon Firefly W.J. Spalton
3rd Tetford May C.T.D. & S.D. Sutcliffe
4th Barlings Foxglove G.S. Thomas

Breed Champion
Blackbrook Odin
Blackbrook Osprey
Blackbrook Pebble
Bejon Firefly

Reserve Interbreed Champion
Blackbrook Odin

Three Counties Show 2006
Judge: Peter Close

Cow
1st Culcombe Apple S A Hollier

Senior Heifer
1st Gorse Lollipop J S & J W Brigg
2nd Logan Bliss Prof I Craft
3rd Tripps Dainty D J Hitchings
4th Cwrt Henllys Erin C C Morgan & Son

Junior Heifer
1st Logan Cleopatra Prof I Craft
2nd Longash Francis S A Hollier
3rd Gorse Mia J S & J W Brigg
4th Selborne Myrtle Mr & Mrs G Woollatt

Senior Bull
1st Cwrt Henllys Elvis C C Morgan & Son

Junior Bull
1st Gorse Monsignor J S & J W Brigg
2nd Gorse Maharajah J S & J W Brigg
3rd Logan Caesar Prof I Craft
4th Longash Equator S A Hollier

Pairs
1st J S & J W Brigg
2nd Professor I Craft
3rd D J Hitchings

Breed Champion
Gorse Monsignor
Reserve Breed Champion Gorse Lollipop
Champion Male Gorse Monsignor
Reserve Champion Male Gorse Maharajah
Champion Female Gorse Lollipop
Reserve Champion Female Logan Cleopatra
Best Junior Heifer Logan Cleopatra
Best Junior Bull Gorse Monsignor
The dispersal sale of the Polden herd of Longhorn cattle on Saturday 24th June enjoyed keen spirited support from a full ringside which culminated in a new breed record price for a senior stud bull when “Blackbrook Iceman” (bred by J & P Stanley) sold to 3200gns being purchased by R & B Clutton, Grandborough, Rugby, Warwickshire.

“Iceman” by Parc Grace Dieu Two Tone that won Breed Champion Royal Welsh 1992 and out of a Fishwick cow by Rousham Goliath that won Male Champion Royal Show had made a massive contribution to the quality of the herd which had been reared and farmed on the top of the Polden Hills in Somerset.

Cows with heifer calves at foot were hotly contested and peaked at 1280gns for a home bred daughter of Parc Grace Dieu Heidi with her heifer calf by “Iceman” being purchased by Cheshire Wildlife Trust.

Cheshire Wildlife Trust were strong buyers again at the sale taking 7 purchases in all and paying 1150gns for a Parc Grace Dieu Cowweather daughter again with a heifer calf at foot.

Peter Guest from Leominster, Herefordshire paid 1100gns for a “Fredwrick” daughter with an attractive bloodline on the dams side having been bred in the Bulford herd.

Unserved heifers sold to 510gns by “Iceman” to CG & AM Martin, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

The junior stud bull “Pengraig Goch Dior” found strong competition from several breeders being finally secured by G Woolyatt, Wheddon Cross, Somerset.

Averages as follows:

25 Cows with heifer calves - Av £854.28
24 Cows with bull calves - Av £659.31
5 Cows in calf - Av £430.50
22 Senior heifers - Av £390.41
13 Junior heifers - Av £322.27
2 Stud Bulls - Av £2,467.50

Auctioneers: Mr Clive Roads of McCartneys, Worcester.
Grazing Project in North East Hampshire

Grazing up for Grabs in North East Hampshire

The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust is looking for livestock owners, farmers, graziers, smallholders and rural businesses to get involved in an exciting new Project in the north and east of Hampshire, which will see large areas of conservation land being managed using grazing.

The land in the Project is a combination of existing Wildlife Trust reserves and also land owned by the Ministry of Defence. The two organisations have formed a partnership, allowing conservation grazing in the area to be looked at in a new and productive way and to make significant improvements for wildlife. Large areas of heathland and grassland are available, and the Trust has also secured good quality winter grazing which will provide flexibility and security for livestock to over-winter without having to contend with the problems of low quality winter grazing on the conservation sites.

The Project is very keen to involve livestock owners who can benefit from this new land becoming available. The Project is seeking not only to implement grazing, but also to work in co-operation with livestock owners to provide long-term benefits to all involved. Support for those who get involved may include assistance with equipment, machinery and stock numbers as well as investigations into local produce marketing and setting up viable grazing schemes.

The Trust would like to hear from you if you may be interested in grazing the land, and also to hear any suggestions about what incentives they could offer to make you more likely to want to get involved, or what constraints might currently prevent you from doing so?

If you are interested, or even just to find out more, please contact Laura Willing, Grazing Project Officer on LauraW@hwt.org.uk
01489 774434
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
“Beechcroft”
Vicarage Lane
Nr. Botley
Hampshire SO32 2DP

Society AGM - 11th November 2006

This will take place at The Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, with herd visits and demonstrations to the Hambleton and Blackbrook herds by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs A Nelson and Mr and Mrs J Stanley

Election of Officers

Three members of Council retire by rotation each year and are eligible to stand for re-election if they wish to do so. Nominations are invited for election to the Council of the Longhorn Cattle Society and a nomination form is enclosed with this Newsletter. The current Council is made up of the following members:

due to retire:
Peter Close, Berwickshire Dec 2006
Charles Sutcliffe, Lincs Dec 2006
Mrs Kerry Long, Norfolk Dec 2006
Frank Sutton, Gwent Dec 2007
Joshua Brigg, Warks Dec 2007
Andrew Nelson, Leics Dec 2007
Peter Guest, Herefordshire Dec 2008
John Hedges, Bucks Dec 2008
Philip Robinson, Cheshire Dec 2008

COUNCIL WISHES TO ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE NEW MEMBERS TO STAND, SO PLEASE DO CONSIDER NOMINATING SOMEONE NEW.

Nominations must reach the Society office no later than 30th Septer
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 Bed & Breakfast based on two sharing
- Superior Double Room  £40 per person Bed & Breakfast based on two people sharing
  £62.50 per person Dinner Bed & Breakfast 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
             5 course meal including coffee

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
NOMINATION FORM: (to be completed before returning to the Secretary).
FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SOCIETY OFFICE BEFORE SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2006

We, the undersigned, hereby nominate . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
of . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
to stand for election to the Council of the LONGHORN CATTLE SOCIETY prior to the 2006 Annual General Meeting.

Proposed by: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
Signed: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Seconded by: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
Signed: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

DECLARATION OF NOMINEE

I . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . declare that I am prepared to stand for election to the Council of the above Society.

Signed: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Date: . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

There are three vacancies as from 31.12.06 and all are three year terms

The following members are already on Council and are not therefore eligible for nomination: Frank Sutton, Andrew Nelson, Joshua Brigg, John Hedges, Peter Guest, Philip Robinson

The following members are retiring by rotation and are eligible for nomination for re-election should they wish to stand: Peter Close, Charles Sutcliffe and Kerry Long.
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 £.............

We 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: ..............

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
FUTURE SALES

Dates for 2006

8th & 9th September 2006
National Show & Sale at Melton Mowbray
All cattle will be appraised.
Auctioneers:
Melton Mowbray Market Auctioneers, Melton Mowbray Market,
ScaLFord Road, Melton Mowbray LE13 1JY
Tel: 01664 562971

23rd September 2006 Dispersal of the Wolseley Park Herd on instructions of Lord Peter Till of Kingston
Approximately 130 pedigree Longhorn cattle
Removed for convenience to:
Far Coley Cattle Yards, Little Haywood, Staffs
And to include excess farm machinery
Auctioneers:
Eaton & Hollis, Cattle Market, Chequers Road, Derby DE21 6EP
Tel: 01332 349307

Saturday 14th October 2006
Joint Production Sale from the Holcombe, Longash and Tripps herds. at Taunton Market
ENTRIES FROM OTHER HERDS ALSO WELCOME—entries close 15th September
Cattle will be sold by Clive Roads, but entries are being co-ordinated by Taunton Market Auctioneers, contact:
Auctioneers:
Mr D Biss, c/o Greenslade Taylor Hunt, Princes Street, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1EW
Tel: 01935 423474

New Members

We should like to welcome the following new members to the society:

Dr C C Jones, Tan-y-rhiw, Frondeg, Wrexham, LL14 4ND
Mr D Howden, The Old Rectory, Ludgershall, Bucks, HP18 9PG
Mr Daniel Bunting, Bunting & Sons, Westwood Park, London Road, Little Horkesley, Essex, CO6 4BS
Mr D & Mrs J V Chambers, Twelve Oaks, Rushden Road, Newton Bromswold, Northamptonshire, NN10 0SP
Mr V S Powell, Marklands, Oldcastle, Pandy, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, NP7 7PH
Mr P Beauvais, Bowden Cottage, Skilgate, Taunton, TA4 2DJ
Mr FJD Drury, Kutarere, PO Box 416, Opotiki, New Zealand, 3092
Mr Nick Read, Park Farm Cottage, Frome St Quintin, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 0HG
Mr J Colegrave, Wykham Park Farm, Banbury, Oxon, OX16 9UP
Messrs P V & J M Robinson, Blackden Cottage, Blackden Heath, Goostrey, Crewe, Cheshire, CW4 8DG
Mr Neil Brocklehurst, Highfield Farm, Ashford, Bakewell Derbus, Derbyshire, DE45 1QN
Mr & Mrs R & V Burton, The Waggon Hovel, Riverlands, Sibthorpe, Newark, Notts, NG23 5PN
BLACKBROOK ANTIQUES

Offer For Sale

A Prize Shorthorn heifer
Oil on canvas 252 x 30” excluding simple gold frame
Signed and dated William Henry Davis 1865

PRIZEFIGHTER
1801, oil on canvas, 32” x 40” excluding frame
Signed T Weaver and dated 1801

For details please ring 01509 503276 or 07860 515893
John & Pat Stanley
Longhorn Cattle For Sale and Wanted

**FEMALES FOR SALE**

Dr P Cleland, School Green, Huntingdon, Kington, Herefordshire, HR5 3PQ
Tel: 01544 370650
School Green Edwina  Born: 2/3/04
Sire: Southfield Aristocrat g.s. Parc Grace Dieu Two Tone
Dam: School Green Xanthia g.s. Bollin Taurus
Show quality. Only for sale as is daughter of present stock bull.

School Green Delilah  Born: 2/2/03
Sire: Bollin Taurus
Dam: School Green Sonia
Sold with heifer calf at foot

School Green Fenella  Born: 2/4/05
Sire: Southfield Aristocrat
Dam: School Green Rosita

Mr & Mrs Thomas, Barlings Hall, Langworth, Lincoln LN3 5DG
Tel: 01522 751707
Barlings Fern  Born: 15/4/05
Sire: Southfield Commando
Dam: Tefford Jollity

Barlings Foxy  Born: 6/4/05
Sire: Southfield Commando
Dam: Fishwick Temptress

Barlings Fen  Born: 27/3/05
Sire: Southfield Commando
Dam: Tefford Jeanna

**STEERS FOR SALE**

Messrs Vaughan, Penlan-Uchaf, Gwaun Valley, Fishguard, Pembrokeshire, SA65 9UA
Tel: 01239 820775
10 steers born Spring 2005
5 steers 24 months old

**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 3months—10years old. Will collect & pay OTMS prices.

**BULLS FOR SALE**

Phil Evans, Hollybush Farm, Mathry, Pembrokeshire
Tel: 01348 831512
Linton Elijah  Born:28/04/2004
Sire: Bollin Urchin
Dam: Linton Kate
Show quality. View at www.lintonlonghorns.co.uk

S. Zents, Gut Laach, 52385 Nideggen, Germany
Tel: 0049-1723985221
email: cvlonghorns@aol.com

CASTLEVIEW MIRAGE
Born:06/03/2003
Sire: Castleview George (8550)
Dam: Castleview Emily (6457)
Very quiet, easy to handle (has been shown). Offspring very uniform with good conformation.

Dr P Cleland, School Green, Huntingdon, Kington, Herefordshire, HR5 3PQ
Tel: 01544 370650
School Green Murray  Born: 2/4/06
Sire: Southfield Aristocrat
Dam: School Green Xanthia
School Green Blockley  Born: 3/4/06
Sire: Southfield Aristocrat
Dam: School Green Bianca
Both presently suckling dams. Should make nice bulls. Birth notified only.

Mrs N A Luckett, Wellhead, Mealsgate, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 1DJ
Tel: 01697 371487
Wellhead Frank  Born:19/3/05
Sire: Wellhead Peregrine
Dam: Wellhead Cherry
Dam is daughter of Raby Gladiator

**STOP PRESS**

I was pleased to meet the Secretary of State, David Miliband, in Devon at the end of July, as well as Minister in charge of TB—Ben Bradshaw. It was an opportunity to remind both of the importance of all breeds of cattle, the need for proper valuation of stock and for sensible control policies. Whilst it seems unlikely there will be a change in policy on badgers, they have undertaken to review valuations. We shall await results with interest!

Sarah Slade
Longhorn Cattle Society
Journal

Advertising Rates for the 2007 Journal

As with last year we will continue to offer reduced rates to Longhorn Cattle Society breeders, and we are pleased that we are able to hold advertising rates at the same reduced rate as last year!

Special Breeders’ Rates:

- Full Page £225
- Half Page £140
- Quarter Page £80

*Photos included in full, half and quarter page adverts at no extra charge*

All adverts full colour at no extra cost.

Commercial rates:

- Full Page £275
- Half Page £165
- Quarter Page £90

Inside Front/Back Cover £325

Copy should be sent to the secretary:
Sarah Slade, Southcott Farm, Chawleigh, Chulmeigh, Devon EX18 7HP
Telephone/Fax: 01769 581212
Email: longhorncs@tiscali.co.uk

DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISING COPY IS

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

In order to ensure the timeliness of production, NO EXCEPTIONS will be made to this deadline this year.