VAT

A REMINDER!!

Please would all members note that the Society was required to register for VAT and therefore VAT is now payable on ALL registrations.

Fees are as follows:

FEMALES - if registered within 3 months
PAPER registrations £20.56 inc VAT
ON-LINE registrations £17.62 inc VAT

LATE Registrations 3—12 months are £35.25 inc VAT

All late registrations will be charged, so please do try & get your registrations in on time!!

There remains no cost to birth notifying males, and full registration, on the appropriate form, costs £117.50 inc VAT.

Who’s Who at the Society

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It is with great sadness that, only part way through the year, Joshua Brigg has stepped down from Council. Joshua has shown tremendous commitment to the Society, great dedication to the breed and the utmost concern to ensure that the Society should act in the best interests of all Longhorn Breeders. He spent many long hours dealing with Council business and strove to ensure that the Society moved forward to meet new challenges. His whole hearted concern to ensure the best for the breed will be much missed. We are deeply grateful to him for the work he carried out both whilst on Council for many years, and also in his role as Chairman.

We are pleased to announce that Council has elected John Hedges, who has been vice Chair for the past 15 months, to the position of Chairman. Council also felt that Joshua’s role on Council should be filled and have co-opted John Stanley who will serve on Council for the remainder of the year.

Message from Joshua Brigg:

When I was elected Chairman of Council fifteen months ago it was an exciting time for the breed. Increasing numbers of both cattle and members soon led to the breed coming off the RBST list and also the heightened activity took the Society into the scope of VAT and required registration. Some time ago the decision was taken to split the administration between two part timers, Libby and Sarah. It seemed only right, as the body entrusted by the Membership to look after their Society, that, three years on, Council should stand back and review how the new arrangement was working in the light of the increased workload. Also to look at how things should move in anticipation of future growth. This has now become even more imperative since Sarah’s other part time job has become full time leading to her having to give up the Longhorn work.

In my time on Council I always tried to put the long term good of the breed and the Society first. Unfortunately during these discussions it became apparent that some on Council and in close proximity were working from a different agenda. Without the support of all those involved I am afraid that I find my position as Chairman of Council untenable and have therefore, reluctantly, decided to resign from the Chair and from Council.

Joshua Brigg

Chairman’s Message:

Having spent fifteen very enjoyable months as Deputy Chairman, I now find myself elected to the position of Chairman, following Joshua’s resignation. Council were very sorry that Joshua decided to step down, following a stimulating period where he put a lot of energy and enthusiasm into taking the breed forward and we all wish him well.

At the same time, our Breed Secretary, Sarah, is moving on to a full time position with the Country Land and Business Association and so can no longer find the time to carry on in her role with the Society. Sarah has contributed greatly to the recent success of the Longhorn breed and her commitment to the cause and the excellence of her work are greatly appreciated.

I/we would like to attend the Show Training Day on Saturday 5th May 2007

Name(s) of ALL those attending:

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Membership (Herd) Number………………………….
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Please return to the secretary:
Sarah Slade, Southcott Farm, Chawleigh, Chulmleigh, Devon EX18 7HP
Tel/Fax: 01769 581212
Email: secretary@longhorncattlesociety.com

By: 21st April 2007

PLEASE NOTE: PLACES MUST BE PRE-BOOKED
SHOW TRAINING DAY

At Southfield Farm, Drighlington, Bradford West Yorks
(near M62 Junction 27)
on Saturday 5th May at 10.45 for 11 am
by kind invitation of David and Angela Blockley

Following the success of the Show Training day last year, a second 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.

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

We have invited Mr Jim Courts to lead the day. He is a very experienced cattle exhibitor and who will bring his knowledge and expertise of the professional showing world to the day.

Angela and David Blockley will also be available to assist with the demonstrations and answer questions.

Angela and David have very kindly offered to provide refreshments

Biosecurity  As the day will be a practical one using the Blockley’s cattle it is essential that visitors wear clean clothes and bring clean Wellingtons

(i. e. not what you were wearing to feed your cattle that morning!)
Blue Tongue Update

Bluetongue is an insect-borne viral disease to which all species of ruminants are susceptible, although sheep are most severely affected. However, cattle are the main mammalian reservoir of the virus and are very important in the epidemiology of the disease. It is characterised by changes to the mucous linings of the mouth and nose and the coronary band of the foot. Bluetongue is present when it is confirmed by laboratory tests that the Bluetongue virus (BTV) is circulating in an area.

Bluetongue was first described in South Africa but has since been recognised in most countries in the tropics and sub-tropics. Since 1999 there have been widespread outbreaks of Bluetongue in Greece, Italy, Corsica (France) and the Balearic Islands (Spain). Cases also occurred in Europe in Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Kosova and Yugoslavia. Serotypes 2, 4, 9 and 16 have been involved. These cases have been well north and west of its normal distribution. It appears that the virus has spread from both Turkey and North Africa.

In July 2001 it appeared that the virus might have overwintered in Corfu and Italy. One possible reason for the changing pattern of Bluetongue disease in the Mediterranean region is climate changes. Further changes could lead to the disease spreading northward.

Bluetongue has never been recorded in Great Britain.

Bluetongue is caused by a virus within the Orbivirus genus of the family Reoviridae. At present 24 distinct serotypes have been identified as a result of serum neutralisation tests. The virus is transmitted by a small number of species of biting midges of the genus Culicoides. These vectors - insects that carry the disease- prefer to feed on large animals. The main transmission cycle is between the Culicoides midge and cattle, with sheep being infected when cattle are not present or the midge population is high. Thus, cattle can be used to detect the presence of BTV virus. Peak populations of vector Culicoides occur in the late summer and autumn and therefore this is the time when Bluetongue is most commonly seen.

The clinical signs can vary from inapparent to mild or severe, depending on the virus strain and the breed of sheep involved. Deaths of sheep in a flock may reach as high as 70 per cent. Animals that survive the disease will lose condition with a reduction in meat and wool production.

In sheep, the disease is characterised by fever that may last for several days. Increased respiration and hyperaemia of the lips, mucous linings of the mouth and nose and eyelids, accompanied by excess salivation and frothing follow this. Nasal discharges are common. There is sometimes oedema (abnormal swelling) of the head and neck. The hyperaemia and oedema may result in lameness and recumbency. Animals can lose condition rapidly, including muscle degeneration. Infection during pregnancy may result in abortions and congenital abnormalities.

In cattle, the disease cannot be diagnosed on clinical grounds and requires laboratory testing for confirmation.

Under internationally agreed guidelines (OIE) Bluetongue is unusual in that the disease is only confirmed when there is evidence that the virus is circulating between animals and vectors in an area.
Longhorn Cattle For Sale

FEMALES FOR SALE

J Harrison, Settrington, Malton, N Yorks
YO17 8NR
Tel: 01944 768441
Settrington Kinky  Born: 9/8/05
Sire: Settrington illustrious
Dam: Settrington Emblem

Settrington Larch  Born: 24/3/06
Sire: Southfield Cobalt
Dam: Settrington Halcyon

Settrington Ludo  Born: 2/7/06
Sire: Bejon Dickie
Dam: Settrington Emblem

Settrington Lido  Born: 26/7/06
Sire: Wellhead Dabchick
Dam: Settrington Emblem

John Huntbach, Nantwich, Cheshire
Tel: 01270 524216
Baddiley Daisy  Born: 30/8/03
Sire: Bollin Bruno
Dam: Honorwood Cresent
Sold with Limousin calf at foot

Philip and Lisa Bell, Newark, Notts
Tel: 01522 778634
5 heifers and 2 cows for sale. Good quality.
All in calf or with calves at foot (in calf to Fishwick Commander)

BULLS FOR HIRE

W Mears, Bow, Crediton, Devon, EX17 6HT
Tel: 01363 82259
Underknoll Vision  Born 26/5/05
Sire: Underknoll Quest
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Available for HIRE from April to July.
Ideal for small herd. Very quiet.

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Paul Morgan, Cheddar, Somerset
Tel: 01934 741771
email: bradleyxfarm@btinternet.com
Westward King  Born: 28/5/95
Sire: Rousham monty
Dam: Westward Foxglove
For Sale or EXCHANGE. Good natured.
His calves are due April. Only for sale/exchange as new blood needed to use on his daughters.

WANTED

C James, Houghton Hall, Norfolk
Tel: 07793 208655
In calf cows or heifers.
Also wanted: cross-bred steers.

The Bluetongue Order 2003 came into force on 19 February 2003. It implements Council Directive 2000/75/EEC in England. The Directive lays down specific measures for the control and eradication of Bluetongue. Similar legislation applies in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Essentially, the measures involve restrictions with large protection and surveillance zones (100 km and 150 km minimum radius respectively) around the infected holding. The legislation provides for movement restrictions on suspicion of the Bluetongue virus circulating in an area and, where possible, confining animals indoors at times when the vectors are active. It also provides for eradication of the disease by control of the vector, and if appropriate slaughter and/or vaccination.

Latest situation
Over recent months, bluetongue has been found in the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, in parts of Western Germany and in areas in Northern France.

There is a 150 km restriction zone in place around each of the infected premises meaning that all of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg; and parts of Western Germany and Northern France are under restrictions. In the restriction zone, rules apply to movement of ruminants, export of animals is prohibited and all animals on premises within this zone have to be identified and checked for bluetongue.

Testing on samples from the Netherlands has shown they carried the serotype 8 form of the virus, not previously seen in Europe.

Animal keepers should remain vigilant for the clinical signs of the disease in sheep and cattle, and as ever practice good biosecurity. Bluetongue is a notifiable disease and must be reported to your Divisional Veterinary Manager.

Defra have real concerns about the spread of Bluetongue. Chief Veterinary officer, Debby Reynolds, has been reported as saying that none of the incursions of bluetongue virus in Europe over the past 10 years has been as risky as the recent outbreak which occurred in Dutch livestock in 2006 when the strain 8 of Bluetongue virus was found.

This is because:
- the latitude of bluetongue in Europe is further north than previously experienced
- cattle are clinically affected as well as sheep
- a different group of midges act as the vector, and these are common to northern Europe including the UK
- Infection is continuing deep into the winter season
- Whilst UK contingency plans were drawn up in 2002, those plans are being revised to take account of these new development.

In the meantime, it is vital to take this new situation seriously. There is already a big risk that the virus is likely to over-winter and that infected midges could blow in our direction. There is little that can be done to stop that happening, although it can be prevented by other routes—including ensuring that imports are properly tested.

It is also essential that all livestock owners are alert to the possibility of disease—early detection and control of a few isolated incidents may be enough to stop it at an early stage and prevent the cycle of spread in British midges.
Sales—2007

28th April 2007
Society Spring Show and Sale at Worcester Livestock Centre
To be followed by the dispersals of the Logan and Sutton herds
Auctioneers:
McCartneys, The Heath Meadow, Nunnery Way, Worcester WR4 0SQ
Tel: 01905 769770

11th August 2007
Production Sale—Southfield and Blackbrook herds at Southfield Farm, Yorkshire
Auctioneers:
McCartneys, The Heath Meadow, Nunnery Way, Worcester WR4 0SQ
Tel: 01905 769770

7th & 8th September 2007
Society National Show & Sale at Melton Mowbray
All cattle will be appraised. Stock must be haltered and led.
Auctioneers:
Melton Mowbray Market Auctioneers, Melton Mowbray Market,
Scalford Road, Melton Mowbray LE13 1JY
Tel: 01664 562971

22nd September 2007
Society Autumn Sale to include breeding Stock, Store Cattle and Suckled Calves
At Worcester Livestock Centre
To include pedigree led or unled stock, stores, weaned calves, steers and cross bred Longhorns
Auctioneers:
McCartneys, The Heath Meadow, Nunnery Way, Worcester WR4 0SQ
Tel: 01905 769770

Saturday 13th October 2007
2nd Mid West Group Production Sale at Taunton Market
Auctioneers:
Taunton Market Auctioneers
Mr D Biss, c/o Greenslade Taylor Hunt, Princes Street, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1EW
Tel: 01935 423474

Other Sales of Traditional Cattle include:
28-29th September—Frome—Traditional, Minority Rare Breeds Sale—Tel: 01228 590490

Longhorn Cattle 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.

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

Mr Keith Smith, Greenacre Lodge, Skerne, Driffield, East Yorks, YO25 9HR
Mr J H D Fanshawe, Oak Farm, Naseby, Northamptonshire NN6 7BX
Mr Peter Milburn, Butterknowes Farm, Pauperhaugh, Longframlington, Morpeth NE65 8JF
Mr John P Finnegan, Cormaglava, Newtoncashel, Co Longford, Eire
Mr R W Mabon, Rashleigh Barton, Wembworthy, Chulmleigh, Devon EX18 7RW
Mr J T Fuller, Spinney Abbey Farm, Wicken, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 5XQ
Mr W J C Stewart, Rashleigh Barton, Wembworthy, Chulmleigh, Devon EX18 7RW
Mr D Biss, c/o Greenslade Taylor Hunt, Princes Street, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1EW
Tel: 01935 423474

Mrs Sarah Freeman, Pool House Farm, Earls Common Road, Stock Green, Redditch, Worcs B96 6TA
Mrs Karen Wood, Oxhouse Farm, The Locks, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 1QR
Mrs Deborah Powell, Pard House, Standford Bridge, Worcester WR6 6RZ