

John Spalton

It is with great sadness that we learn of the death on 7th May of John Spalton from Sutton on the Hill, Derbyshire. John died at the age of 59 years after a short illness, making his loss all the more tragic for his wife Beryl, and his son and daughter.

John was a larger than life character in many ways, especially in the world of Longhorns. In a relatively short time John had made a huge impression on our breed.

The Bejon Prefix is well known and respected as a source of good quality cattle, and John won many prizes in the show ring.

I remember meeting John some years ago for the first time at Derby Show. It was his first venture into the show ring and his young bull had lost its ring. Luckily we had a spare one with us which we gave him. He was thrilled and said he had obviously gone into the right breed because we appeared to be a friendly lot.

John taught at the Kirk Hallam Community Technology College in Ilkeston. If you have a look at their website you will see how deeply he involved the pupils in the day to day tasks on his farm, over the years educating many young people about what actually goes into providing the food that they eat, and using the Longhorns as a tremendous teaching aid.

We shall miss his kind words, ready wit, deep thought and fierce competitiveness.

His death is a tragedy for his family, his College, all of his many friends and not least for us his fellow Longhorn breeders.

John Stanley

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Newsletter

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Yorkshire
11th August 2007*

*National Show and
Sale,
Melton Mowbray,
7th—8th September*

*Autumn Sale,
Worcester
22nd September
2007*

*Scottish Weekend
29-30th Sept 2007*

*2nd Mid West Group
Sale, Taunton
13th October 2007*

*AGM
17-18th November
2007*

Goodbye and Hello

This is my last newsletter for the Society and I would take the opportunity to wish you all well, thank you for your support whilst I have been secretary and hope that the Longhorn breed continues to go from strength to strength!

Council has been through an intensive selection process and we are delighted to announce that Debbie Dann will be taking over as secretary. Debbie will already be known to those of you who used to deal with RASE—and you will have especially welcomed her competence and experience on the livestock side of the show.

Debbie will be starting just prior to the Royal Show and I am sure she will be made welcome by you all.

To ease the transition the Society has a **NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER:** this is: 0845 017 1027. This number is operational now and will continue over the handover period. Calls are charged at

Local rate (3pence/minute day-time) which is very much cheaper than many other 0845 numbers. Please do note this number!!

On other matters, we were much saddened to hear of the death of Mr John Spalton. A tremendous supporter of the breed, his renowned Bejon herd was dispersed on 9th June. We extend our sympathies to his family.

As ever the Society will have a stand at major shows this summer—do come and visit us within the main cattle building at the Royal Show—and come and find us in the breed society area at the Royal Welsh—we are extremely lucky to get a site here at what is a very popular show, so come and visit this year for a real Welsh welcome!

Finally my thanks to all members and Council during my time as secretary and I wish Debbie well.

Sarah Slade

New Breed Secretary

Council is delighted to announce that Debbie Dann is to be the new Longhorn Cattle Society Breed Secretary.

Debbie, who lives at Stoneleigh Park, will be no stranger to many Longhorn breeders as she has for a number of years been the RASE Livestock Specialist responsible for the organisation of all competitive livestock and equine classes for the Royal Show. Prior to heading the Royal Show Organisational Team Debbie was Farm and Estate Secretary for the RASE Stoneleigh Estate and before that she worked in both New Zealand and Japan. She comes to us with a wealth of experience; she also runs a herd of Sussex cattle as well as a herd of White Park cattle.

She is very enthusiastic about the future and on accepting the post she said "To be involved with such a burgeoning breed in the role of Breed Secretary is a really progressive step forward for me. I see the Longhorn as a breed that is proud of its heritage, but is not afraid to adapt to the changes of agriculture. You are already capitalising on the interest and demand for native breeds so I foresee a sustained increase in the numbers of animals and members, across a broad spectrum of activities and interests. The opportunity to promote and develop the breed is a very exciting prospect. We will need to manage the future; set some realistic targets and objectives and possibly take a few risks but I believe the Longhorn has a really bright future and I will really enjoy being part of that future. I expect I shall be a very busy Breed Secretary!"

Taking on her post on Thursday 28th June means that Debbie will be on board just in time for this year's Royal Show - so if you are attending the show please go along to the Longhorn Stand to introduce yourselves. It is situated in the same location as last year in the centre concourse of the Cattle Buildings. Debbie is looking forward to meeting you all!

Society Chairman, John Hedges, said "I am extremely pleased with this appointment and delighted that we have found an enthusiastic secretary to continue the good work with the breed.

Meanwhile I would like to thank Sarah Slade for the hard work she has carried out for the breed during her time as secretary. We have made great steps forward in the past few years and particularly appreciate the annual journal which she introduced. Sarah's professionalism, quality of work and grasp of issues has been greatly appreciated.

We now look forward to the breed continuing its dramatic progress. We welcome Debbie onboard and wish her both luck and a long and happy future with the Society"

Scottish Longhorn Weekend

29th-30th September 2007

An opportunity to visit some of our more northerly Longhorn herds as well as enjoy the attractions of Northern Scotland

The programme includes herd visits to the LOGIE and ABERDEEN herds, by kind invitation of The Hon. Mrs A Laing and Aberdeen City Council

The weekend is designed to allow plenty of time to socialise, and will include an evening meal and whisky tasting.

The visit is open to all, but bookings MUST be made in order that numbers can be properly catered.

If you are interested in attending the weekend, and would like to know more, then please return this form to the Society office and we will provide further information about the visit.

Please send me more details about the Scottish Weekend.....

Name.....

Address.....

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I understand that requesting more information does not place me under any obligation to attend, and that if I wish to attend the weekend that I will need to complete a full application form, which will be provided in the information pack.

***Return To:
The Secretary***

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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

Due to the Dispersal of the Logan herd the visit arranged for 4th August has been cancelled. However, we have a NEW herd visit to the Longlands Herd, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Barker.

Date: Saturday 8th July at 2pm.

Please let Peter Guest know numbers by 2nd July.

The Herd Competition will take place in August this year (not the usual September/October).

The Group Lunch will take place on 25th November.

For full details:

**Contact: Peter Guest, Colaba Lodge, Hamish, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0QN
Tel: 01568 760251**

South East Longhorn Breeders Group

Herd competition later this year.

Chairman: John Hedges 01494 485163

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

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**

Midland Longhorn Breeders Club

For full details:

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

Welsh Longhorn Breeders Club

For details of group activities:

**Contact: Bernard Llewellyn, Carreg
Cennan Castle, Trapp, Llandeilo, Dyfed
Tel: 01558 822291**

Northern Longhorn Breeders Club

Herd Visit August 18th—mark this date in your diaries now! - celebrate the Lockett's 21st Birthday in Longhorns!

Chairman: Nicky Lockett 01697 371487
email: nickylockett@aol.com

**Secretary: Pam Pumphrey 01556 630246
Email: clonvard@btinternet.com
Fax: 01387 269747**

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Details contact: Pauline Alexander

07740 814 400

Email: Pauline@algo.co.uk

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Show Results 2007**INTERBREED SUCCESSES!**

**Congratulations to Mr & Mrs G Woollatt for their Selborne Myrtle—INTERBREED
CHAMPION at the Royal Bath & West
And to Mrs S Coleman for her Chalkney Luna—RESERVE INTERBREED
CHAMPION at Hadleigh Show.**

Leicestershire Show 2006

Judge: B Llewellyn

Newark & Notts Show 2007

Judge: Peter Close

Junior Bull (1 forward)

1stDunstall Genesis Mrs E M Hallifield

Cow (2 forward)

1stCharnwood Carpathia J A Warner
2ndCarn Edward Enid Messrs Vaughan

Senior Heifer (2 forward)

1stCarn Edward Faye Messrs Vaughan
2ndDunstall Future Mrs E M Hallifield

Junior Heifer (4 forward)

1stDunstall Grace Mrs E M Hallifield
2ndDunstall Georgie Mrs E M Hallifield
3rdBramble Rosetta Mrs Y Froehlich
4thCarn Edward Gwyneth Messrs Vaughan

Pair (1 forward)

1stMrs E M Hallifield – Dunstall Georgie & Grace

Breed Champion Charnwood Carpathia

Reserve Breed Champion Dunstall Genesis
Champion Male Dunstall Genesis
Champion Female Charnwood Carpathia
Reserve Champion Female Dunstall Grace
Junior Champion Dunstall Genesis
Best Junior Bull Dunstall Genesis
Best Junior Heifer Dunstall Grace

Bull

1st Blackbrook Philosopher J & P Stanley
2nd Blackbrook Quintessential J & P Stanley
3rd Cholmondeley Eros
Marquess of Cholmondeley

Cow

1st Blackbrook Louisa J & P Stanley
2nd Cholmondeley Xaviera
Marquess of Cholmondeley

Senior Heifer

1st Blackbrook Pebble J & P Stanley
2nd Barlings Foxglove G Thomas
3rd Barlings Fritillary G Thomas
4th Wellhead Fleur
Marquess of Cholmondeley

Junior Heifer

1st Blackbrook Question J & P Stanley
2nd Blackbrook Queen Bee J & P Stanley
3rd Dunstall Grace Mrs E M Hallifield
4th Barlings Greta G S Thomas

Breed Champion Blackbrook Philosopher

Reserve Champion Blackbrook Louisa
Best Junior Bull Blackbrook Quintessential
Best Junior Heifer Blackbrook Question



Show Results 2007



Northumberland Show
Judge: Steve Gray

Junior Heifer

1st Wellhead Genevieve II N Lockett
2nd Wellhead Georgina J Pennie
3rd Kirklan Kirsty HM Prison Kirkham
4th Kirklan Karen HM Prison Kirkham

Senior Heifer

1st Wellhead Fig N Lockett
2nd Wellhead Fortune N Lockett
3rd Kirklan Florence HM Prison Kirkham

Cow

1st Wellhead Dorcas N Lockett
2nd Linton Dwynwen P Close
3rd Wellhead Excess J Pennie
4th Kirkland Daphne HM Prison Kirkham

Junior Bull

1st Wellhead Guinness N Lockett
2nd Wellhead Grasmere Lad N Lockett
3rd Blackbrook Quiddich
HM Prison Kirkham

Senior Bull

1st Carreg Cennen P Close
2nd Wellhead Firework N Lockett

Breed Champion

Carreg Cennen
Reserve Champion Wellhead Dorcas
Reserve Male Champion Wellhead Guinness
Reserve Female Linton Dwynwen

Suffolk Show 2007
Judge: Mr Giles Green

Bull

1st Blackbrook Newton Mrs S Coleman
2nd Riffhams Zeus Mr & Mrs G H Wild
3rd Riffhams Zodiac Mr & Mrs G H Wild
4th Cholmondeley Eros
Marquess of Cholmondeley

Junior Heifer

1st Chalkney Luna Mrs S Coleman
2nd Settrington Ludo Miss S Coleman
3rd Riffhams Aspen Mr & Mrs G H Wild
4th Riffhams Annabelle Mr & Mrs G H Wild

Senior Heifer

1st Riffhams Apple Mr & Mrs G H Wild
2nd Wellhead Fleur
Marquess of Cholmondeley
3rd Riffhams Ruby Mr & Mrs G H Wild
4th Settrington Kinky Miss S Coleman

Cow

1st Chalkney Image Mrs S Coleman
2nd Parc Grace Dieu Jailbreak Clarke & Sons
3rd Cholmondeley Xaviera
Marquess of Cholmondeley
4th Chalkney Echo Mrs S Coleman

Group of Three

1st Mr & Mrs G H Wild
2nd Mrs S Coleman

Breed Champion

Blackbrook Newton
Reserve Breed Champion Riffhams Apple
Champion Male Blackbrook Newton
Champion Female Riffhams Apple
Best Junior Bull Riffhams Zeus
Best Junior Heifer Chalkney Luna

Longhorn Cattle For Sale

FEMALES FOR SALE

**Mr Tom Fromant, Glassthorpehill Farm,
Glassthorpe Lane, Harpole, Northampton
NN7 4DX**

Tel: 07850 811378

Ulverscroft Cowslip Born: 8/4/02

Sire: Fishwick Optimist

Dam: Ulverscroft Sage

Sold with South Devon cross steer calf at
foot, born 1/3/07

Ulverscroft Crocus Born: 4/3/02

Sire: Fishwick Optimist

Dam: Ulverscroft Buddleia

In calf to South Devon

**Chris Lilly, Saddleworth, Lancashire,
OL3 5LU**

Tel: 01457 873617

Email: elizabeth@lilly8930.freereserve.co.uk

Settrington Bonny Born: 3/8/96

Sire: Gorse Airman

Dam: Clinton Lilac

Sold with Bull Calf at foot

**P Pumphrey, Clonyard Farm, Dalbeattie
Tel: 07749 476181**

Email: clonyard@btinternet.com

Clonyard Vermillion Born: 24/5/06

Sire: Fishwick Archer

Dam: Clonyard Osprey

Clonyard Violet Born: 1/6/06

Sire: Fishwick Archer

Dam: Clonyard Lily

Paul Morgan, Cheddar, Somerset

Tel: 01934 741771

email: bradleyxfarm@btinternet.com

Various heifer calves, heifers and in-calf
heifers for sale. Homebred. Parents can be
seen.

BULLS FOR SALE

**Chris Lilly, Saddleworth, Lancashire,
OL3 5LU**

Tel: 01457 873617

Email: elizabeth@lilly8930.freereserve.co.uk

Bejon Cookie Born: 28/4/02

Sire: Bejon Boris

Dam: Bejon Cleo

Good natured working bull

**Charles Sutcliffe, The Garth, Little London,
Tetford, Horncastle, Lincs., LN9 6QL**

Tel: 01507 533697 Mobile 07771 611718

Email: ctd.sutcliffe@btinternet.com

Tetford Indiana Born: 16/3/01

Sire: Tetford Bilbo

Dam: Fishwick Petra

Indiana has been our main stock bull and
hence has never been shown but he is very
quiet and easy to handle. Too many daugh-
ters coming into herd so reluctantly for sale,
presently out on hire but would be available
immediately.

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.

Chris Adams, Australia
Email: penddraig.chris@gmail.com
 WANTED: Good quality Longhorn embryos for export to Australia. Existing breeder wishes to expand herd and new breeders wish to start.

MEMBER No 1000
 Mr E J Lippiatt joins us as the 1000th member since the end of the Second World War. Longhorns are being used in an agri-environment scheme—a very modern use for a very ancient breed!

New Members

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

- AJ, BJ & MJ Carden, Lower Lea Farm, Lea Heath, Nr Hixon Staffs WS15 3NT
- T S A Lowther, Whitbysteads Hill Farm, Askham, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 2PG
- D C McVeigh, Copperfield Enterprises Ltd, Kenton Hall, Kenton, Suffolk IP12 600
- Thomas McVeigh, Copperfield Enterprises Ltd Kenton Hall, Kenton, Suffolk
- R H Spinney, Charlton-Fields Farm, Charlton Lane, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 0EL
- Gerry McAuley, 4 Glenbeg Court, Colegraine, northern Ireland BT52 1TE
- Mrs J Norman & Mrs J Winn, 4 Station Lane, Curton in Kendal, Carnforth, LA6 1HT
- E J Lippiatt, Henley Tynning Farm, St Catherines, Bath BA1 8HQ
- Conny Jans, 8 Rue Hecht, LU 6926 Flaxweiler, Luxembourg



Show Results 2007



Bath & West Show 2007
Judge: Peter Close

Rutland Show 2007
Judge: Richard Bartle

Bull

- 1st Long Ash Fruit S Hollier
- 2nd Ashton Edward D Hitchings
- 3rd Carreg Gunner B & M Llewellyn
- 4th Three Bridges Galileo D Sheppy

Cow

- 1st Carreg Christine B & M Llewellyn
- 2nd Charnwood Zinnia S Hollier
- 3rd Long Ash Zucchini S Hollier

Senior Heifer

- 1st Selborne Myrtle Mr & Mrs G Woollatt
- 2nd Carreg Flora B & M Llewellyn
- 3rd Three Bridges Felicity D Sheppy
- 4th Linton Ffion D Hitchings

Junior Heifer

- 1st Carreg Gingko B & M Llewellyn
- 2nd Ashton Gabriella D Hitchings
- 3rd Long Ash Ginger S Hollier
- 4th Three Bridges Gwendoline D Sheppy

Breed Champion Selborne Myrtle
 Reserve Breed Champion Carreg Christine

Interbreed Champion Selborne Myrtle

Senior Bull

- 1st Blackbrook Philosopher J & P Stanley
- 2nd Charnwood United A Nelson
- 3rd Gorse Morrisman R E Heard

Junior Bull

- 1st Chamwood Gladiator J Warner
- 2nd Blackbrook Quintessential J & P Stanley
- 3rd Dunstall Genesis G R Hallifield

Cow

- 1st Southfield Bramble III A Nelson
- 2nd Logie Eve D Nutt

Senior Heifer

- 1st Blackbrook Pebble J & P Stanley
- 2nd Halloughton Pirouette R Heard
- 3rd Waltham Nightjar R Heard
- 4th Dunstall Future G R Hallifield

Junior Heifer

- 1st Blackbrook Question J & P Stanley
- 2nd Barlings Greta G Thomas
- 3rd Dunstall Grace G R Hallifield
- 4th Barlings Grace G Thomas

Breed Champion Blackbrook Question
 Reserve Champion Blackbrook Pebble
Junior Champion Blackbrook Question
 Reserve Junior Charnwood Gladiator



Show Results 2007

East of England Show
Judge: Angela Blockley

Senior Bull

1st Blackbrook Philosopher J & P Stanley
 2nd Blackbrook Newt Mrs S Coleman

Junior Bull

Blackbrook Quintessential J & P Stanley

Cow

1st Blackbrook Louisa J & P Stanley
 2nd Chalkney Image Mrs S Coleman
 3rd Cholmondeley Xaviera
 Marquess of Cholmondeley
 4th Chalkney Echo Mrs S Coleman

Senior Heifer

1st Blackbrook Pebble J & P Stanley
 2nd Chalkney Krystal Mrs S Coleman
 3rd Wellhead Fleur
 Marquess of Cholmondeley
 4th Settrington Kinky Miss S Coleman

Junior Heifer

1st Blackbrook Question J & P Stanley
 2nd Chalkney Lunar Mrs S Coleman
 3rd Settrington Ludo Miss S Coleman

Pairs

1st J & P Stanley—Blackbrook Pebble &
 Question

Breed Champion Blackbrook Philosopher

Reserve Champion Blackbrook Pebble
 Junior Champion Blackbrook Question
 Reserve Junior Blackbrook Quintessential

BEJON DISPERSAL SALE

Purchasers travelled from across the country and Ireland to support the dispersal of the Bejon Longhorn herd, taken as a result of John Spalton's recent and untimely death.

The cattle were transported to Worcester Market for convenience of sale and a packed sale ring again saw demand for Longhorn hit an almost phenomenal level.

Cows with calves at foot were hotly contested peaking at a creditable 2,100gns for a seven year old cow by the homebred bull Bejon Boris and with a bull calf at foot being secured by Reading Agricultural Consultants for a client in the Home Counties. They were keen purchasers at the sale taking a total of 5 animals including the Stud Bull "Gorse Moonman" at 2,500gns. Two other cows with heifer calves at foot, also by Bejon Boris both levelled at 1900gns to join the newly formed herd.

Served heifers were closely followed selling to a top of 1,500gns to Pat Melvin, Castlereagh, Ireland.

Unserved heifers were in the spotlight throughout peaking at 2,200gns for an 18 month old Bejon Dickie daughter, Dickie having won numerous prizes including Reserve Breed Champion at Newark, 2005. She was taken by Mrs JD Botham, Brough, East Yorkshire.

Averages:

"Bejon" Dispersal Sale
 13 Cows with heifer calves av. £1,608.92
 8 Served Heifers, av. £1,176.00
 18 Unserved Heifers av. 1,097.93
 1 Bull £2,625.00

Sales—2007

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

Open to All

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