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.

**South East Longhorn Breeders Group**
Contact: Charlotte Coleman, Chalkney Mill, Earls Colne, Colchester, Essex, CO6 2PR. Tel 01787 222253.
Email: chalkneylonghorns@talktalk.net

**Midland Longhorn Breeders Club**
Our Herd Competition judging has now been completed. The Presentation Lunch is booked for 1 p.m. Sunday 4th November at Horsley Golf and Country Club, Smalley Mill Road, Horsley, Derbyshire DE21 5BL. Tickets are available from Rita at £20 per person. Longhorn beef will be served. All welcome.
Contact: Rita Poulson, New House Grange, Orton Lane, Sheepy Magna, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 3NJ. Tel 01827 880203.
Email: ritapoulson@btinternet.com

**Welsh Longhorn Breeders Club**
Contact: Bernard Llewellyn, Carreg Cennan Castle, Trapp, Llandeilo, Dyfed
Tel: 01558 822291.
Email: carregcennencastle@btinternet.com

**Northern Longhorn Breeders Club**
Secretary: Pam Pumpfrey, Clonyards Farm, Colvend, Dalbeattie, Scotland
Tel: 01556 630246 Fax: 01387 269747 email: clonyard@btinternet.com

**Mid West Longhorn Breeders Group**
25th November—Awards Lunch at the Alveston Manor Hotel, Alveston, Bristol. Club sale now rescheduled to 8 December. Entries being taken up to 16th November, open to ALL, and will be held at the new Sedgemoor Agricultural Centre, Bridgwater, Somerset, [Adjoins the M5].
Herds Visit 2008 to The Guponderly Herd, owned by Mr and Mrs G. Wollatt. Date to be finalised.
Contact: Peter Guest, Colaba Lodge, Hanmanish, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0QN
Tel: 01568 760251.
Email: colabalonghorns@aol.com

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**2nd Mid West Group Production Sale**
8 December—new date & new location at Sedgemoor, Somerset
Please note the calf sale scheduled for December in Bristol has been cancelled.

**Contact details**
Debbie Dann
3 Eastgate, Stoneleigh Park, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG
Tel/fax: 0845 017 1027
Email: secretary@longhorncattlesociety.com
Web: www.longhorncattlesociety.com
Show Results 2007

Exhibitor Support Grant
Don’t forget to apply for your Exhibitor Support Grant if you showed your cattle this year—a claim form is available from the office.

Maydencroft Perpetual Trophy
The Maydencroft Perpetual Trophy for the bull that has accumulated the most points over the show season will be announced and awarded at the AGM on 17 November.

WANTED
A member is looking to buy both of the Limited Edition Naturecraft models—the cow and calf, and the bull.
If anyone has either of these models that they wish to sell please contact Debbie at the office.

Southfield/Blackbrook/Fishwick Production Sale

Upheat trade in Bradford
Buyers from all points of the compass bought cattle at the Southfield, Blackbrook and Fishwick joint production sale in October at Southfield Farm, Drighlington, Nr Bradford. Even though the sale had been postponed twice due to FMD restrictions the sun brought out the buyers when it really mattered. 51 lots were catalogued, representing 27 animals from the Southfield herd, 18 from Blackbrook and six from Fishwick. The cattle looked a picture and all credit had to go to those involved to keep the animals looking so good during the two months hiatus since the original sale date of 11 August.

The first lot of the day to be sold was Southfield Gem. The entire sale proceeds of this 2006 born Blackbrook Neb sired heifer were donated to Cancer Research UK in grateful recognition of the treatment David and Angela’s son Richard received and will be receiving in the foreseeable future. The heifer was knocked down to John Harrison from the Settrington Herd in Yorkshire for £2500.

Top prices of the day went to three Blackbrook females who all made £3000 or over. Blackbrook Pearl had a successful year in the show ring in 2006, taking 2nd place in the Junior Heifer class at the Royal Show and Junior Female Champion at Newark; the quality of the heifer was reflected in the highest price of the day at 3500gns, to D & A Blockley. Blackbrook Quaint made 3200gns and Blackbook Pearl made 3000gns, both to the same buyers.

New faces were amongst the buyers with new herds being established in Suffolk and Yorkshire. 10 lots were purchased by Messrs West. The Wests are one of the largest herb producers in the country and are going into beef production having sold the dairy herd a number of years ago. Three Blackbrook lots - Blackbrook Phoenix (2200gns), Blackbrook Passion (2700gns) and Blackbrook Quaver (1200gns) decided that living in Yorkshire is to be recommended and they went to new breeder Mr Peter Bayles who lives near York.

Established breeders also liked what they saw with Southfield Briar, a 6 year old cow with a cracking bull calf at foot by Southfield Awesome going to Nicky Luckett for 1050gns. The same buyer also took home Southfield Elite II, a 2004 born second calver with an impressive pedigree for 920gns. Nigel Fortune, buying for Prof. Craft in Devon took home a lorry load, and also heading South were Southfield Diamond (110gns) and Blackbrook Quiggle (1300gns), going to David Sheppy in Somerset.

Closer to home the Walker family from York bought Fishwick Dianthus (1220gns) and Heyworth Geraldine (820gns) for their Newton herd.

Two bulls were catalogued, but only Southfield Flint was forward. This 2005 born Southfield Cobalt bull out of Southfield Impulse was an impressive sight in the ring – full of power and presence – and whilst he did not make his reserve in front of the crowd he was later consigned to Nicky Luckett for 2500gns.
Melton Mowbray National Show & Sale 7/8 September 2007

The Melton Mowbray National Show and Sale took place on Saturday 8th September 2007.

Following hard on the heels of the recent FMD movement restrictions unfortunately made for uncertainty over whether the event would take place which had a marked effect on the attendance levels; the price of grain along with the lack of quality dry fodder no doubt also knocked buyers’ confidence as winter feed costs look set to increase. As a consequence many lots went back home having not reached their reserves, but those lots that did sell went well, and a number of animals went to buyers who are setting up new herds.

Top price of the day of 3000gns went to senior bull Blackbrook Newt, consigned by Mrs S Coleman and bought by Mr & Mrs D & A Blockley for the ‘Southfield’ herd.

Heifers were much in demand with Carreg Genevieve finally being knocked down to Bell Farming for 1600gns. Hot on her heels were Carreg Fantasy and Carreg Gemima, making 1450gns and 1000gns respectively and both going to Derbyshire for the ‘Mullard’ herd of Mr T Mills. Local buyer Mr I M Crane from Market Harborough took home four heifers, two from Mrs N Luckett, and two from Mrs S Coleman to establish a new herd.

Averages

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I first became involved with Longhorn cattle in 1991 when we set up the herd at Wormsley. At that point it soon became obvious that if any information about the Breed was required the person to ask was Libby Henson.

Libby had been Breed Secretary of the Longhorn Cattle Society since 1984 and, as sole officer, was responsible for registrations, the Herd Book, the accounts and other tasks too numerous to mention. Simultaneously, Libby was also involved with the preservation of rare and minority breeds in the USA and a consultant to the US National Academy of Science on the conservation of global genetic resources, as well as having an involvement at home with the Cotswold Farm Park where her studies in Zoology at Oxford and Animal Breeding at Edinburgh were invaluable in setting up breeding programmes for forty various breeds of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, horses, poultry and waterfowl, and in providing educational material for schools and the public in general, on such matters.

Libby is currently a Director of Grassroots Systems Limited which develops, markets and supports software for the pedigree livestock industry and is currently working with over 70 breeds, including of course the Longhorns. As well as this, the DEFRA Breeds at Risk Register and the National Show and Sale for Traditional Native Breeds are administered. If you add to this the publication of various journals, manuals and books, including, in 1985, the first National Census of North American Livestock, and her time as an elected Parent Governor and Chair of Governors for a school in Exeter, it is obvious that Libby has been extremely busy over the last 25 years.

Libby’s involvement with, and contribution to the fantastic resurgence of interest in the Longhorn breed has been truly outstanding and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for this, on behalf of Council, and to wish her well in all her future projects.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that on behalf of the members, a trophy for the Champion Longhorn at the Royal Highland Show, the ‘Elizabth Henson Perpetual Challenge Trophy’, is to be commissioned in lasting recognition of all Libby has done for the breed over many years.

John Hedges
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 17 November @ £12.00 each
Total..........................

.........(No.) Dinners on Saturday evening @ £27.50 each
Total..........................

I enclose a cheque for
Total £.................
(made payable to Longhorn Cattle Society)

For planning purposes can you indicate your plans for Sunday

I/we will be visiting the following on Sunday 18 November

☐ Stonehenge
☐ The Homington Herd of Longhorns at Homington Farm, Salisbury courtesy of Sir Haydon Phillips
☐ The Tripps Herd of Longhorns at Sherborne, Dorset courtesy of Mr & Mrs DA Lawrence

This form can also be downloaded from the website: www.longhorncattlesociety.com/library/AGM_Booking_Form_2007.pdf

BULLS FOR SALE (cont)

Phil Evans, Hollybush Farm, Mathry, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 5LG Tel: 01348 831512 email: info@lintonlonghorns.co.uk
Linton Harry
Born: 01/04/2007
Sire: Southfield Bandit (10576/B0460)
Dam: Linton Betty (9902/B0112)
Show quality bull calf. More details on www.lintonlonghorns.co.uk

Linton Hector
Born: 01/04/2007
Sire: Southfield Bandit (10576/B0460)
Dam: Linton Betty (9902/B0112)
Show quality bull calf. More details on www.lintonlonghorns.co.uk

Mrs Barker, Longlands Farm, Little Bredy, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 9HF
Tel: 01308 482371
Weaned Longhorn calves required.

STEERS & STORES FOR SALE
Mr B Manchester, 18 Greaves Avenue, Old Dalby, Melton Mowbray, Leics, LE14 3QE Tel: 01664 823889
Purebred Yearling Steers, 3/4 bred yearling heifers and 1/2 bred yearling heifers

Mr P Morgan, Bradley Cross Farm, Bradley, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3YU
Tel 01934 741771
Email: bradleyxfarm@btinternet.com
5 Majestic pure homebred Longhorn steers for sale. Born 2003 & 2004
Very suitable for a park setting or for conservation grazing. Priced “to live”, but open to offers. Picture on Longhorn website, photos available

WANTED

Daniel Bunting, Westwood Park, London Road, Horkesley, Essex, CO6 4BS
Tel: 01206 272300 Mobile 07889 840199
email: daniel@westwoodpark.co.uk
Steers for finishing wanted.

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

Mrs Barker, Longlands Farm, Little Bredy, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 9HF
Tel: 01308 482371
Weaned Longhorn calves required.

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 cattle for conservation grazing 30months—10 years old. Will collect.
BULLS FOR SALE (cont)
K & C Morgan, Cwrt Henllys Farm, Henllys, Cwmbran, NP44 7AS
Tel: 01633 612349 Mobile 07734 063821
e mail: info@cwrt henllysfarm.com
Cwrt Henllys Footloose
Born: 14/03/2005
Sire: Mayhil Secundus (9119)
Dam: Colaba Quartz (6013)
Very quiet, docile well mannered on the halter. Bloodlines include Fishwick Kin-

Charles Sutcliffe, The Garth, Little
London, Tetford, Horncastle, Lincs.
LN9 6QL Tel: 01507 533697
Mobile 07771 611718
e mail: ctd.sutcliffe@btinternet.com
Tetford Indiana
Born: 16/03/2001
Sire: Tetford Bilbo
Dam: Fishwick Petra
Main stock bull for the past 3 years. Very quiet and easy to handle. Too many daugh-
ters in herd so reluctantly for sale. 4 year TB testing area

D.P. Osborne, 10 Warren Road, Yardley
Gobion, Towester, Northants, NN12 7TR
Tel: 01908 543240
Frondeg Duke
Born: 18/07/2003
Sire: Charnwood Terminator (7401)
Dam: Linton Miranda (4138)

Messrs Vaughan, Penlan-Uchaf Farm
Gardens, Gwaun Valley, Fishguard,
Pembrokeshire, SA65 9UA
Tel: 01348 881388 Mobile 07773 789850
email: robert@carnedward.co.uk

Mrs. N. A. Luckett, Well Head,
Mealsgate, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 1DJ
Tel: 01697 371487
email: nickyluckett@aol.com

J Harrison, Settrington, Malton, North
Yorkshire
Tel: 01944 768441 or 768476 evenings
email: ruth@hhands.co.uk

Southfield Cobalt
Born: 15/07/2002
Sire: Parc Grace Dieu Two Tone (4141)
Dam: Twyford Sylvia (5893)
Very good conformation and well muscled

Mayville Druid
Born: 12/07/2003
Sire: Roxton Ifor (9210)
Dam: Ardenlea Farina (8373)

Wellhead Grasmere Lad
Born: 28/03/2006
Sire: Bollin Darrell (12791/D0343)
Dam: Wellhead Maggie (4032)
Best Junior Bull at Royal Highland 2007. Easy to handle

Mrs. N. A. Luckett, Well Head,
Mealsgate, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 1DJ
Tel: 01697 371487
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Directions to the AGM venues

- The Holiday Inn Stonehenge is on the A303 at Amesbury. Take the exit for Solstice Park—the Hotel is easily seen from the road.

- For Cherry Lodge Farm head to Winterborne Stoke on the A303. If coming from Stonehenge direction turn right to Shrewton. Look for a long line of beech trees on the ridge; these trees line the farm approach drive. Directional signs will also be up.

- Shrewton Sports and Social Club is in Shrewton Village. From Cherry Lodge Farm turn left, then turn left into the village. Go left at the roundabout and the Social Club is about 1/4 mile on the left.

Directions to Homington and Tripps herds will be available at the AGM.

Dinner at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Salisbury, Wiltshire

Soup of the Day

Salad of Poached Pear and Goats Cheese served with mixed seasonal leaves

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Roast Longhorn Beef with seasonal roast vegetables and Yorkshire pudding

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Warm Treacle Tart with clotted cream

Exotic Fresh Fruit Salad with Passionfruit Sorbet

xxx

Please let Debbie know if you require a vegetarian alternative or have any special dietary requirements.

Longhorn Cattle For Sale

FEMALES FOR SALE

D.P. Osborne, 10 Warren Road, Yardley Gobion, Towcester, Northants
Tel: 01908 543240
Birbury Angel
Born: 02/01/1995
Sire: Rousham Goliath (1268)
Dam: Fawsley Fynesse (4125)

Birbury India
Born: 20/02/2004
Sire: Gorse Imperial (10923/B0033)
Dam: Birbury Freckles (10033/B0533)

Birbury Freckles
Born: 23/03/2001
Sire: Charnwood Windsor (8998)
Dam: Roxton Clarissa (4667)

Birbury Freda
Born: 13/03/2001
Sire: Charnwood Windsor (8998)
Dam: Birbury Angel (5844)

Woodcote Anthea
Born: 21/05/2000
Sire: Linton Narcissus (5213)
Dam: Stixwould Claire (3425)

Ulverscroft Crocus
Born: 04/03/2002
Sire: Fishwick Optimist (5051)
Dam: Ulverscroft Buddleia (8598)

FEMALES FOR SALE (cont)

P Pumphrey, Clonyard Farm, Dalbeattie, Scotland
Tel: 07749 476181
email: clonyard@btinternet.com
4 year TB testing area

Clonyard Vermillion
Born: 24/05/2006
Sire: Fishwick Archer
Dam: Clonyard Osprey

Clonyard Violet
Born: 01/06/2006
Sire: Fishwick Archer
Dam: Clonyard Lily

Mr B Manchester, 18 Greaves Avenue, Old Dalby, Melton Mowbray, Leics, LE14 3QE Tel: 01664 823889

6 Heifers. Born 2006. All registered

BULLS FOR SALE

I.K Clark, Glebe Farm, Broadmayne, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 8PW
Tel: 01305 852332
Holcombe Gringo
Born: 05/05/2006
Sire: Linton Ulysses (8330)
Dam: Meon Valley Nightshade II (7217)
5. Election of Officers

Three members had retired by rotation and five members had been nominated for possible election: David Bevan, Kerry Long, David Sheppy, Charles Sutcliffe, Geoff Wild. They were all thanked for offering themselves for possible election. A paper ballot had been distributed and the results counted. Mr Bevan, Mr Sutcliffe and Mr Sheppy were duly elected for a three year term.

The Chairman thanked all the candidates for standing. He also asked Suzannah Coke to convey to Kerry Long (who was unable to attend) the Society’s appreciation for her term of office and the work she had undertaken.

6. Any Other Business

Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and the Breeds At Risk Register

Libby Henson reminded members that Defra has a Breeds at Risk Register for Traditional and Rare Breed herds and Flocks. Only herds which are already registered on this register will be considered for derogation from a cull, should that be deemed necessary in the event of an outbreak.

There are presently only 25 Longhorn herds on the register, and she would urge all those who have not already registered to do so. She confirmed that this list is not open to the public.

Sale in October 2007

Peter Guest advised that the Mid West Group had held a very successful sale at Taunton in October 2006, and that the event would be repeated in 2007. He emphasised that the sale was open to all.

Improvement of the Breed and the Importance of Showing

Andrew Nelson said it was important to understand how the breed has improved, and the part that showing has played in that. There is a potential issue as not enough people are showing. He said that Council would welcome ideas how to improve that.

The Chairman reiterated that Council was there to work on members’ behalf.

Maydencroft Perpetual Trophy.

The secretary reported that there had been 32 bulls shown during the year. In third place with 14 points was Mr & Mrs J W Stanley’s Blackbrook Philiosopher. In second place with 16 points was Mr and Mrs Stanley’s Blackbrook Odin. In first place with 30 points was J S & JW Brigg’s Gorse Monsignor. The Maydencroft Perpetual Trophy, a beautiful tapestry made by Past President Bob Williams was presented by Mr Williams to John Brigg to keep for a year.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.
2. Minutes of last AGM

The Minutes of the last AGM had been circulated with the October Newsletter. There were no amendments and the minutes were signed as a correct record.

3. Chairman’s Report

The Chairman then read his report which appears in full in the 2006/7 Year Book. He thanked particularly Andrew and Jill Nelson and their family for hosting the visit that day, and John and Pat Stanley for their willingness to host on Sunday.

4. Treasurer’s Report

The treasurer read her report for the year:

This has been another very successful year for the breed, with sustained high levels of activity.

Sarah has continued to upgrade the promotional materials and breed literature to include a new leaflet in German and we have increased representation at a number of shows most notably with a most impressive presence in the main livestock concourse at the Royal Show. In terms of the accounts, income from subscriptions has continued to increase as the number of active members increases. We also continue to see an increase in registration, transfer and semen sales. The sustained increase in late fees continues to reflect the increased value of breeding animals, making the payment of late fees worth while. All calves should be notified within three months of birth to avoid double registration fees. Animals registered after a year of age are charged £50 for animals 1 to 2 years of age and £100 late fine for animals over 2 years of age.

Thanks to the continued support of those members who advertised in the Year Book and to Kerry Long and Sarah who were able to raise enough revenue for advertising to almost cover the cost of both the Year Book and the Herd Book. Now the Year Book has become established it is hoped that more members will wish to join in and support the publication of the 2006 issue.

Merchandise sales have increase with the introduction of a number of new promotional products including caps, ties, and sweat shirts. We are happy to take orders for Christmas.

Members who have signed a Gift Aid declaration enable us to reclaim the tax they have already paid on their subscriptions resulting in a refund of over £2,800 this year. Any member who pays tax and is willing to sign this form should please ask for one.

Member meetings are normally run at cost but in 2005 the auction of promises helped to offset the additional costs of hiring a marquee for the AGM. Our thanks to all those members who host these events and to those members who regularly attend meetings, workshops, herd visits and outings.

In terms of expenditure, running costs have once again been kept to a minimum and were within budget. Council did budget expenditure for new merchandise materials, new promotional materials including the breed video and a major development of the web site.

The latter has represented a significant capital expenditure but has created a flexible tool for the promotion of the breed, education of the public and members, and enables interactive communication with the membership, special thanks to Charlie Sutcliffe. If you are not yet familiar with the site, please do visit www.longhorncattlesociety.com. There will also be a short presentation after this meeting to show members how to access the ‘on line’ herd book and register their calves.

Despite a budgeted deficit of £11,000 the increased Society activity have resulted in our achieving all the planned projects and a final balance of £2,119 deficit. This leaves us with a balance of £73,695 in the bank.

Our increased turnover also means that we will finally have to register for VAT. All subscriptions, registration fees and other business carried out by the Society will therefore attract VAT. I had hoped that this would not come into force until 1st January 2007, but in fact it begins immediately. Council will be holding a meeting during November to review all the Society fees in the light of this change and their decisions will be published on the web site and in the Christmas Newsletter. In the meantime all existing fees will attract VAT as from Monday.

As a charity, the trustees are entrusted with the role of ensuring the monies we hold are well managed and that we have a prudent reserve. Beyond this they are expected to ensure that funds are used to carry out the principal objectives of the Charity. Council policy is to ensure the routine running costs of the Society are self funding, and that the Society has a financial cushion roughly equivalent to a years annual expenditure. Thanks to many years of prudent management our existing reserves currently exceed this requirement.

We have been advised that council will need to continue to budget to make incursion into this capital reserve to ensure we are carrying out the charitable objectives of the society including breed promotion and public education.

Bernard Llewellyn was concerned that the Society would have to register for VAT and that this would affect members who were not able to claim VAT back. He also wondered what costs would be affected. Libby Henson explained that the reason for the next Council meeting was to look at the VAT issue in depth. It was hoped that we will not have to add VAT to the subscription which should assist smaller members. She also explained that VAT registration means that the Society will be able to reclaim VAT on items, which it has previously been unable to do. Therefore that will benefit the Society.

There were no further questions on the accounts. It was proposed by Bernard Llewellyn and seconded by Peter Guest that they be adopted. All were in favour.