

Sales—2008

All dates subject to DEFRA movement and gathering regulations

Friday 12 and Saturday 13 September 2008

National Show and Sale at Melton Mowbray

Auctioneers:

Melton Mowbray Market Auctioneers Tel: 01664 562971

**Closing dates: paper entries 20 July, on line entries 27 July
enter online at www.grassroots.co.uk/melton.html**

Saturday 2 August

Dispersal Sale of Lord Peter Till of Kingstone's Wolseley Park Herd of Longhorns to be held at Far Coley Farm, Little Haywood, Staffs SY18 0XB

Auctioneers: Eaton & Hollis 01332 349307

Saturday 20 September

Rare & Traditional Breeds Show and Sale
Chelford Agricultural Centre

Auctioneers: Marshalls. Tel 01625 861122

Saturday 27 September 2008

Society Autumn Sale at Worcester

Auctioneers: McCartneys. Tel: 01905 769770

Friday 3 and Saturday 4 October 2008

Autumn Rare & Minority Breeds Show & Sale
York Livestock Centre

Auctioneers: Tel 01904 489731

Saturday 11 October 2008

*Mid West Longhorn Breeders Club 3rd production sale
at Sedgemoor Market Centre*

Open to all Longhorn Cattle Society members.

All classes of stock accepted including steers

Auctioneers: Greenslade Taylor Hunt. Tel 01935 423474



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3-6 July*

*Gt Yorkshire Show
8-10 July*

*Royal Welsh Show
21-24 July*

*AGM Weekend
14-16 November 2008*

*A full listing of dates
is available on the
website*

The Show season is well underway and whilst many shows have been affected by Blue-tongue restrictions, the enthusiasm of those members able to take part is undiminished.

The display boards have been doing the rounds of the Shows, with both myself and members being there to talk to people about the merits of keeping Longhorns. The Shows are the breed's shop window—the majority of people's first introduction to Longhorns is at Shows so they are vitally important. Congratulations are due to all those who have participated so far this season, and a special mention must go to the Stanleys and the Colemans who did so well in the Interbreed competitions at the East of England Show. Full results are listed in the newsletter. The fact that they were so successful under a 'commercial' judge really shows how Longhorns can hold their own in the show ring amongst both Native and Continental breeds.

This edition of the newsletter contains the results of Longhorn classes so far, but if you have been to a show and have taken part in the Any Other Breed classes then please let me know the results and I'll put them on the website. For members dipping their toe into the showing waters for the first time, there is news of a new trophy just for you on page two.

The season is only part way through so hopefully I'll see you at the Royal or one of the other Shows during the summer.

On a personal note I am taking part in a Triathlon in order to raise money for Breast Cancer Care on 12 July. I am busy training for the event so spend many evenings in the gym or running round the Showground! If you would like to sponsor me either give me a call or go to my page on the Justgiving website (www.justgiving.com/debbiedann). *Debbie*

Society Notices

Help me to help you promote Longhorns as beef animals.

The office is the first port of call for most of the enquiries from potential new members looking to buy Longhorns and wanting information to compare them against other breeds.

Increasingly people are wanting to buy Longhorns with a view to taking animals through to finishing and they are requesting information on growth rates, finishing weights and grades and killing out percentages.

We currently don't have such information available are potentially missing out on new members.

I would be very grateful if you could remember me when you are sending animals to slaughter. Any kill sheets or the equivalent you could let me have will be used to compile information so no member can be identified individually, but I have accurate data on how Longhorns perform.

Flushing cows for embryo transfer

We have an increasing demand for semen and embryos for export to Australia and New Zealand. It is possible that there may be financial assistance for anyone willing to undertake flushing.

If you are interested in participating please let me know. An expression of interest does not commit you to anything, but will give me an idea of who may be willing to participate so I can start to co-ordinate the process.

Many congratulations to Bernard Llewellyn who was awarded an MBE for services to Rural Affairs and the Tourism industry in South Wales in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Nicky Luckett

Nicky would like to express her thanks for the cards, kind thoughts and generous donations she received from Longhorn Cattle Society members following Paul's death. There is over £1200 to be split between Macmillan Cancer Support and Sightsavers.

In memory of Paul, Nicky is going to instigate a Novices' Showing Trophy. The Trophy will be awarded to members who are in their first season of showing in their own right, and it will be based on a points system. As some members are closer to a large network of shows than others, only the best scores for up to five Shows will count. This will include Shows with Longhorn classes as well as Longhorns entered into AOB classes which will also count (at a reduced points scale) as long as I receive official results from the Show concerned. The winner will be announced at the AGM in November.

We are very grateful to Nicky for gifting this Trophy which is such a fitting way to remember Paul.

John Warner

Some of you may be aware that our President has had a bit of 'ticker trouble' recently. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Longhorn Cattle For Sale

FEMALES FOR SALE

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

SETTRINGTON LACE (16356/H0582)

Born:28/11/2006

Sire: Bejon Dickie (12286/D0596)

Dam: Settrington Jade (12222/E0582)

Exceptional quality heifer with real show potential. Dam's Sire: Blackbrook Illusion (8613)

SETTRINGTON KINDRED (14027/F0582)

Born:21/10/2005

Sire: Southfield Cobalt (12152/C0460)

Dam: Linton Lady (3509)

Running with Bejon Dickie from 29 November 2007

SETTRINGTON KATE (14026/F0582)

Born:16/10/2005

Sire: Southfield Cobalt (12152/C0460)

Dam: Settrington Jubilant (12784/E0582)

Dam's sire: Blackbrook Illusion (8613)

Running with Bejon Dickie from 29

November 2007

SETTRINGTON MINX (16354/H0582)

Born:10/10/2007

Sire: Southfield Cobalt (12152/C0460)

Dam: Settrington Echo (9227)

Dam's sire: Fishwick Playboy (5210)

SETTRINGTON MELODY (16632/H0582)

Born:28/02/2007

Sire: Bejon Dickie (12286/D0596)

Dam: Settrington Harmony (10546/C0582)

Dam's sire: Settrington Cavalier (8110)

Longhorn Cattle For Sale

FEMALES FOR SALE

M O'Brien & Miss E. Vice, 6 The Old Forge, Woolhope, Herefordshire, HR1 4AX Tel: 01452 860963

WOOLHOPE HERD

Due to herd reduction female breeding stock currently running with Blackbrook Nova are for sale. Also two cows ideal for conservation grazing. Currently in organic conversion under HLS Stewardship - will be fully organic September 2008.

D&P Williams, Shortlands, Druidston, Broad Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3NE Tel: 01437 781234

email: davidandpam@btconnect.com

BUMPYLANE HERD

After 25 years farming, we are retiring and as a start are selling our Longhorn breeding animals. We have 1 stock bull and around a dozen mature females; some have calves at foot and the others are in-calf. All the homebred (Bumpylane) animals are organic.

Philip & Lisa Bell, Newark, Notts, NG23 7BE Tel: 01522 778634

email: philipbell@btconnect.com

SETTRINGTON HORIZON (10956/C0582)

Born:10/05/2002

Sire: Settrington Cavalier 8110

Dam: Fishwick Quirk 5375

Horizon has been PD'd in calf by the vet, due to calve June/July to Fishwick Commander. She is an easy calver

and regular breeder. We are in a four year testing area for TB and are in the BTV Protection Zone (vaccinated).

WOLSINGHAM STAR (12190/E0829)

Born:04/03/2004

Sire: Raby Gladiator 8623

Dam: Wellhead Beauty 10325/B0268

Star is for sale with her heifer calf at foot (Wheatholm Little Star 16526/I0815 born 02.01.08) PD'd approx 5 months in calf by the vet. She is a regular breeder and easy calver.

WOLSINGHAM STORM (11930/D0829)

Born:22/10/2003

Sire: Fishwick Quaich 5922

Dam: Wellhead Anise 9260

Storm has been PD'd approx 6 months in calf by the vet, in calf to Fishwick Commander. She is a regular breeder and easy calver.

Jill Tait, Whitehouse Farm, Danegate, Eridge Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 9HX Tel: 01892 853302

email: jilly_potter@yahoo.co.uk

SAXONBURY HERD

Sadly due to loss of grazing I have decided to offer the Saxonbury herd for sale. All cows and heifers available and to include my junior stock bull Welborne Jolyon.

Society Notices

Butcher? Baker? Candlestick Maker?

Many members of the Longhorn Cattle Society keep cattle as well as having another life with another profession. Have you ever thought that what you do as a day job may be of interest to other Longhorn members?

The goods or services you supply can be advertised in the Newsletter or the Journal and therefore reach an audience of like-minded Longhorn members who may be interested in your product.

I can easily put together an advert for you, or you can send me print ready artwork that can be set into the Newsletter or Journal. We are also happy to print editorial to produce a more detailed article about your business.

A Longhorn Cattle Society member could be your next customer!

Advertising rates

Advertising rates are as follows:

Newsletter

Produced every two months. Next issue copy date 6 August

Colour or black and white adverts

Full Page	£60
Half Page	£35

2009 Journal

Produced annually. Next issue copy date 3 October

Colour or black and white adverts

<i>Breeders Rates</i>	
Full Page	£250 + VAT
Half Page	£150 + VAT
Quarter Page	£80 + VAT

Commercial Rates

Full Page	£275 + VAT
Half Page	£165 + VAT
Quarter Page	£90 + VAT
Inside Front/Inside Back Cover	£325 + VAT

Society Spring Show and Sale

LONGHORNS PEAK AT 2,000GNS TWICE

The Longhorn Cattle Society's Spring Show and Sale at Worcester on 26 April enjoyed continuing success again this year with a total clearance and a top price of 2,000gns on two occasions.

The Champion on the day Three Bridges Galileo, a two year old son of Blackbrook Masquerade from R.J. Sheppy & Son sold to the joint top price of 2,000gns to J. Newby, Montfort Bridge, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Females were all very strongly supported with the Reserve Champion, an unserved heifer Wilford Georgina from Leicestershire breeder John Warner hitting the 2,000gns mark to P.V. & J.M. Robinson, Holmes Chapel, Crewe, Cheshire.

David and Angela Blockley's long trip from Yorkshire was well worthwhile with the top of their consignment making 1,850gns for a second prize in calf heifer Southfield Genie to established breeders Bell Farming, South Clifton, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

Cows and calves were well supported with Eric Wood's Bollin French with a heifer calf at foot levelling at 1200gns to PV & JM Robinson, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire.

Buyers were present from all points across the country, underlining the growing importance of Worcester as a central and accessible sales centre.

Averages were as follows:

10 Cows with calves or in calf av: £981.75

2 Served Heifers av: £1,548.75

16 Unserved Heifers av: £883.96

2 Bulls av: £1,601.25



Longhorn Cattle For Sale

BULLS FOR SALE

Rita Adam, Struiehill Farm, Forgan-denny, Perthshire, PH2 9DW
Tel: 01577 830303, mobile 07767 218343

ABERDEEN ADAM(16788/G0445)

Born: 17/04/2006

Sire: Fishwick Chauvinist (11986/C0087)

Dam: Aberdeen Nightingale (5091)

Offspring can be seen. Very laid back.

Dr P Cleland, School Lane, Hunting-ton, Kington, Herefordshire, HR5 3PQ
Tel: 01544 370650

CARREG DROVER (12792/D0149)

Born: 20/04/2003

Sire: Bulford Freddy (7024)

Dam: Fishwick Rhonda (6601)

Charles Sutcliffe, The Garth, Little London, Tetford, Horncastle, Lincs., LN9 6QL
Tel: 01507 533697 Mobile 07771 611718

email: ctd.sutcliffe@btinternet.com

TETFORD NOBLEMAN (16016/G0543)

Born: 18/08/2006

Sire: Tetford Jedi (11418/C0543)

Dam: Tetford Hawthorn (9553)

2nd in the Junior Bull class at the Great Yorkshire Show 2007 aged 11 months.

Weight 445kg @ 319 days.

Received second Bluetongue vaccination on 25 May 2008

BULLS FOR SALE

D&P Williams, Shortlands, Druid-ston, Broad Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3NE.
Tel: 01437 781234

email:

davidandpam@btconnect.com

LINTON CRUSADER (11752/C0112)

Born: 31/05/02

Sire: Bollin Urchin (8331)

Dam: Linton Christina (3394)

Mrs SH Hallifield, Standley's Barn Farm, Ticknall, Derbyshire, DE73 1JN.
Tel: 01332 862 762
Email: susanhallifield@yahoo.com

FISHWICK CASANOVA (11987/C0087)

Born: 12/08/2002

Sire: Charnwood United (8329)

Dam: Fishwick Rosina (6600)

Very quiet, lived outside in Calke Park, can be caught and haltered in the field.

OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE

E. J. Cuming, Feniton Court, Honiton, Devon, EX14 3BE
Tel: 07920 107915

Cattle Crush

Bateman cattle crush for sale. Two years old - in as-new condition. For offer at a big saving on the new price

Longhorn Cattle Wanted

Daniel Bunting, Essex, CO6 4BS
Tel: 01206 272300 Mobile: 07889 640199
 Steers wanted for finishing

Mrs Patricia Barker, Dorset DT2 9HF
Tel: 01308 482371
 Weaned Longhorn calves required.

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

Michael Davies, Essex EN9 3QJ
Tel: 020 8508 2579
 Requires sound cull cattle for conservation grazing, 3—10years old. Will collect free of charge (up to 200 miles) & pay cull prices.

Richard Vaughan, Herefordshire
Tel: 01600 890296
 Well grown store cattle male or female required for finishing. Will pay Continental prices for suitable cattle

Sam Barker, Shropshire, SY4 3HS
Tel 07793 365517
 Organic steers and heifers wanted for finishing. Top prices paid.

Around the Shows



Leicestershire County Show
4 and 5 May 2008
 Judge: Clive Roads

Junior Bull, born on or after 01.01.07

- 4 entries/3 forward
 1st Blackbrook Rochester Mr & Mrs JW Stanley
 2nd Dunstall Handyman Mrs EM Hallfield
 3rd Twelve Oaks Aragorn Mr & Mrs D&J Chambers

Bull, born before 31.12.07

- 3 entries/3 forward
 1st Blackbrook Philosopher Mr & Mrs JW Stanley
 2nd Dunstall Genesis Mrs EM Hallfield
 3rd Hurslow Mullard Mr T Mills & Miss K Mullard

Cow or Heifer, born on or before 01.01.06

- 4 entries/2 forward
 1st Blackbrook Iona Mr & Mrs JW Stanley
 2nd Dunstall Debbie Mrs EM Hallfield

Heifer, born in 2006

- 6 entries/4 forward
 1st Dunstall Gypsy Mrs EM Hallfield
 2nd Dunstall Garnet Mrs EM Hallfield
 3rd Carreg Gemima Mr T Mills & Miss K Mullard

Heifer, born on or after 01.01.07

- 6 entries/5 forward
 1st Blackbrook Rhyme Mr & Mrs JW Stanley
 2nd Dunstall Hanna Mrs EM Hallfield
 3rd Blackbrook Rowena Mr & Mrs JW Stanley
 4th Dunstall Hazel Mrs EM Hallfield
 5th Twelve Oaks Anastasia Mr & Mrs D&J Chambers

Pairs

- 4 entries/4 forward
 1st Mr & Mrs JW Stanley
 2nd Mr & Mrs D&J Chambers
 3rd Mr T Mills & Miss K Mullard
 4th Mrs EM Hallfield

Breed Champion Blackbrook Philosopher

- Res Breed Champion Blackbrook Iona
 Best Junior Bull Blackbrook Rochester
 Best Junior Heifer Blackbrook Rhyme

Best Native in Interbreed Blackbrook Philosopher

Newark & Nottinghamshire County Show
10 and 11 May 2008
 Judge: Giles Green

Bull, any age

- 5 entries/4 forward
 1st Blackbrook Philosopher Mr & Mrs JW Stanley
 2nd Blackbrook Rochester Mr & Mrs JW Stanley
 3rd Dunstall Genesis Mrs EM Hallfield
 4th Bejon Horatio Mr & Mrs MI & GS Thomas

Cow or Heifer

- 4 entries/3 forward
 1st Blackbrook Iona Mr & Mrs JW Stanley
 2nd Dunstall Debbie Mrs EM Hallfield
 3rd Barlings Foxglove Mr & Mrs M&G Thomas

Heifer, born in 2006

- 6 entries/4 forward
 1st Dunstall Garnet Mrs EM Hallfield
 2nd Blackbrook Queen Mab Mr & Mrs JW Stanley
 3rd Barlings Greta Mr & Mrs M&G Thomas
 4th Dunstall Gypsy Mrs EM Hallfield

Heifer, born on or after 01.01.07

- 9 entries/6 forward
 1st Blackbrook Rowena Mr & Mrs JW Stanley
 2nd Blackbrook Rhyme Mr & Mrs JW Stanley
 3rd Barlings Helen Mr & Mrs M&G Thomas
 4th Dunstall Hanna Mrs EM Hallfield
 5th Dunstall Harriet Mrs EM Hallfield
 6th Wheatholme Constilation Mr & Mrs P & L Bell

Group of Three







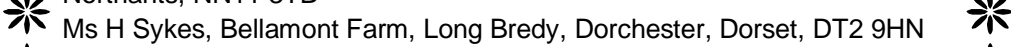
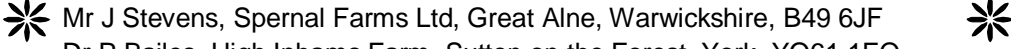
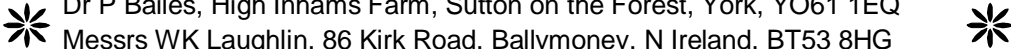
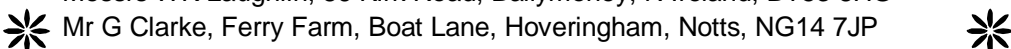


- 2 entries/2 forward
 1st Mrs EM Hallfield
 2nd Mr & Mrs JW Stanley

Breed Champion Blackbrook Philosopher

- Res Breed Champ Blackbrook Rochester
 Female Champion Dunstall Garnet
 Res Female Champ Blackbrook Iona
 Best Junior Bull Blackbrook Rochester
 Best Junior Heifer Blackbrook Rowena

NatWest Group of Three Interbreed

- 9 entries/9 forward
 Champion Limousin Group
 Reserve Champion Mrs JW Stanley
Exhibitor Owned Pairs Interbreed
 Champion Mrs JW Stanley


New Members

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

 Ms V Kingshotte & Mr D Ellis, Middle Dean Farm, Trentishoe, Parracombe,
 Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 4PJ

 Mr & Mrs T Clarke, Manor Farm, Preston Capes, Daventry,
 Northants, NN11 3TB

 Ms H Sykes, Bellamont Farm, Long Bredy, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 9HN

 Mr J Stevens, Spernal Farms Ltd, Great Alne, Warwickshire, B49 6JF

 Dr P Bailes, High Inhams Farm, Sutton on the Forest, York, YO61 1EQ

 Messrs WK Laughlin, 86 Kirk Road, Ballymoney, N Ireland, BT53 8HG

 Mr G Clarke, Ferry Farm, Boat Lane, Hoveringham, Notts, NG14 7JP






Around the Shows



Suffolk Show
28 and 29 May 2008
Judge: John Warne

Bull, any age

3 entries/2 forward
1st Riffhams Zodiac Mr & Mrs GH Wild
2nd Chalkney Mugger Mrs SE Coleman

Heifer, born on or after 01.01.07

9 entries/9 forward
1st Trelawny Amber AK Clarke & Sons
2nd Riffhams Harriet Mr & Mrs GH Wild
3rd Chalkney Mynah Mrs SE Coleman
4th Chalkney Marble Mrs SE Coleman
5th Blackbrook Rapture Miss S Coleman
6th Trelawny Violet AK Clarke & Sons
7th Riffhams Heiress Mr & Mrs GH Wild
8th Clonyard Wagtail Mr P Muffett
9th Clonyard Whooper Mr P Muffett

Heifer, born in 2006

4 entries/4 forward
1st Wenham Glitch AK Clarke & Sons
2nd Chalkney Luna Mrs SE Coleman
3rd Wellhead Generous The Marquess of Cholmondeley
4th Chalkney Lustre Mrs SE Coleman

Cow or Heifer

5 entries/5 forward
1st Riffhams Belle Mr & Mrs GH Wild
2nd Chalkney Hattie Mrs SE Coleman
3rd Wellhead Fiona Miss S Coleman
4th Clonyard Turacao Mr P Muffett
5th Parc Grace Dieu Heartbreaker AK Clarke & Sons

Group of Three

1 entry/1 forward
1st Mr & Mrs GH Wild

Breed Champion	Wenham Glitch
Res Breed Champion	Trelawny Amber
Male Champion	Riffhams Zodiac
Res Male Champion	Chalkney Mugger
Best Junior Bull	Chalkney Mugger
Best Junior Heifer	Trelawny Amber

Bath & West Show
31 May 2008
Judge: Pat Stanley

Bull, any age

5 entries/4 forward
1st Dunstall Fearn Natural England
2nd Gupworthy Harry Mr & Mrs G Woollatt
3rd Three Bridges Harvey RJ Sheppy & Son
4th Logan Caspar IK Clark

Cow or Heifer

1 entry/1 forward
1st Stoke Electra Natural England

Heifer, under two years of age

5 entries/4 forward
1st Logan Ella Mr D Hitchings
2nd Gupworthy Honesty Mr & Mrs G Woollatt
3rd Gupworthy Hebe Mr & Mrs G Woollatt
4th Three Bridges Hester RJ Sheppy & Son

Heifer, over two years of age

6 entries/4 forward
1st Ashton Gabriella Mr D Hitchings
2nd Three Bridges Gwendoline RJ Sheppy & Son
3rd Gupworthy Grace Mr & Mrs G Woollatt
4th Stoke Gillie Natural England

Breed Champion

Res Breed Champion	Ashton Gabriella
Best Junior Bull	Gupworthy Harry
Best Junior Heifer	Logan Ella



Logan Ella & Ashton Gabriella

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

Thursday 7 August. Burwarton Show is the favoured show for the Group. Refreshments will be available.

Herd visit to the 'Gupworthy' herd on Sunday 21 September at 12.30pm, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs G Woollatt.

Herd Awards Lunch, Sunday 23 November at the Standerwick Suite, Frome Market, 1pm. £18.50 per person

Contact: Peter Guest, Colaba Lodge, Hamnish, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0QN Tel: 01568 760251.

Email: colabalonghorns@aol.com

South East Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

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

Email: chalkneylonghorns@talktalk.net

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.

Email: s12vet@tiscali.co.uk

Midland Longhorn Breeders Group

Saturday 28th June: Herd visit to the Dunstall and Pokerleys herds and Calke Abbey courtesy of Eileen Hallifield and Susan Hallifield

Sunday 13 July. Ashby Show is the favoured Show for the Group. Refreshments will be available.

The herd competition will be judged by Mr John Minshall

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

Email: ritapoulson@btinternet.com

Welsh Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

Contact: Bernard Llewellyn, Carreg Cennan Castle, Trapp, Llandeilo, Dyfed, SA19 6UA Tel: 01558 822291

Email: carregcennan castle@btinternet.com

Northern Longhorn Breeders Group

Summer outing to Nicky Lockett's. Date to be confirmed

Contact: Pam Pumphrey, Clonyards Farm, Colvend, Dalbeattie, DG5 4QW Tel. 01556 630246

Email: clonyard@btinternet.com

Show Training Day & Beef Event

This year's Showing Workshop was held at George, Jackie and Thea Woollatt's Gupworthy Farm, Wheddon Cross, Somerset. Twenty members of the Society gathered on a breezy but fine day in the Bredon Hills on the edge of Bodmin Moor to learn about showing cattle from halter training to ringcraft. After morning coffee everyone gathered in the barn to talk through the plan for the day. The morning was to consist of demonstrations led by Thea Woollatt and Keith Jempson and then in the afternoon ringcraft and foot-trimming were on the menu.

There was a general discussion on methods of halter training cattle and selecting cattle for showing, as well as a look at the different equipment used to prepare cattle for the ring. Then the group was split in two – one group went with Thea to go through washing and drying, whilst the second group went with Keith to see a demonstration on clipping and trimming.

Keith picked out one of the four yearling heifers being used for the day and discussed her good and bad points, and then demonstrated how he would clip her in order to enhance her conformation. Keith's expertise with the clippers was evident as everyone studied his technique and then looked at the 'before and after'. Thea's group washed another one of the heifers and then had a go at blow-drying to enhance the coat. After swapping the groups over everyone came back together for a demonstration on the final preparation.

The morning session finished with people having a go at leading the heifers with Keith and Thea giving tips on ringcraft – how to walk your animal and show her off to her best advantage, how the judge will go about judging the class and what you have to do during each element of the judging.

By now a busy morning had flown by and we were ready for lunch. A lovely Longhorn casserole and delicious puddings were provided which went down a treat. Suitably fortified, the afternoon session began with a foot trimming demonstration from Chris Yeoman – he showed everyone how to trim feet and had a captive audience as he trimmed two heifers. This was followed by a brief demonstration by the two professionals, Keith and Thea, showing a couple of senior heifers whilst we had to decide who was the best at showing their animal!

After a very hearty afternoon tea and a vote of thanks given by David Sheppy we all headed home, our heads buzzing with all the new things we learned that we were determined to put into practice.

Beef Expo 2008

This year's Beef Expo, organised by the NBA, was held on Wednesday 21 May 2008 at the Huntingtower Centre, Perth. As the main technical event for the beef industry it is an essential event to attend to raise the profile of Longhorns to commercial beef farmers.

There were over 100 trade stands and educational exhibits, a record 22 beef breed displays featuring more than 300 cattle, commercial demonstration of breeding females on the theme "Breeding Cattle for a Sustainable System", technical demonstrations on the value of Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs), working demonstrations of diet feeders and mobile feed mixers and open and young farmers' stock judging competitions.

Peter Close and Charlotte Gifford kindly lent 3 cows with calves at foot for the stand, and alongside Panny Laing also helped me man the stand during the day. We had many positive comments about the cattle – ranging from remarks about their docility to how much the conformation of Longhorns had improved over the last few years.

The event was well worth attending, and hopefully we'll be at the next Beef Expo at Malvern on Friday 22 May 2009.

Around the Shows

Northumberland County Show

26 May 2008

Judge: Peter Guest

Bull, born before 01.01.07

1 entry/1 forward

1st Wellhead Firework Mrs N Lockett

Bull, born on or after 01.01.07

2 entries/2 forward

1st Beaufront Hotspur Mr J Pennie

2nd Beaufront Hadrian Mr J Pennie

Cow

6 entries/5 forward

1st Fishwick Donna John Close & Son Ltd

2nd Linton Dwynwen John Close & Son Ltd

3rd Bill Quay Morrigan Bill Quay Community Farm

4th Wellhead Xcess Mr J Pennie

5th Bill Quay Liza Bill Quay Community Farm

Heifer born in 2006

4 entries/3 forward

1st Wellhead Gertrude Mrs N Lockett

2nd Wellhead Gladrags Mrs N Lockett

3rd Wellhead Georgina Mr J Pennie

Heifer born in 2007

2 entries/1 forward

1st Fishwick Hedda John Close & Son Ltd

Pairs

3 entries/3 forward

1st Mrs N Lockett

2nd Bill Quay Community Farm

3rd Mr J Pennie

Breed & Male Champion

Female Champ & Res Champion Fishwick Donna

Reserve Male Champion Beaufront Hotspur

Reserve Female Champion Wellhead Gertrude

Male Junior Champion Beaufront Hotspur

Female Junior Champion Wellhead Gertrude

Wellhead Firework

Rutland County Show

1 June 2008

Judge: Phil Robinson

Bull, born before 01.01.07

3 entries/2 forward

1st Gorse Morrison Miss RE Heard

2nd Carreg Cennan Mr A Nelson

Bull, born on or after 01.01.07

3 entries/2 forward

1st Bejon Horatio Mr & Mrs MI & GS Thomas

2nd Oxlane Henry Mr D Nutt

Cow or heifer

4 entries/2 forward

1st Southfield Bramble Mr A Nelson

2nd Tetford Ilex Mr A Nelson

Heifer born in 2006

3 entries/2 forward

1st Barlings Greta Mr & Mrs MI & GS Thomas

2nd Halloughton Tutu Miss RE Heard

Heifer born in 2007

2 entries/1 forward

1st Oxlane Heidi Mr D Nutt

Breed Champion

Res Breed Champion

Best Junior Bull Barlings Greta

Best Junior Heifer Bejon Horatio

Oxlane Heidi



In the lines at Rutland County



Around the Shows



East of England Country Show

13 June 2008

Judge: George Young

Bull, born before 01.01.07

2 entries/1 forward

1st Blackbrook Philosopher Mrs JW Stanley

Bull, born on or after 01.01.07

4 entries/2 forward

1st Blackbrook Rochester Mrs JW Stanley

2nd Chalkney Mugger Mrs SE Coleman

Cow, in milk or in calf

7 entries/3 forward

1st Cholmondeley Xaviera Marquess of Cholmondeley

2nd Chalkney Justice Mrs SE Coleman

3rd Blackbrook Iona Mrs JW Stanley

Heifer, born in 2006

7 entries/2 forward

1st Chalkney Luna Mrs SE Coleman

2nd Wellhead Generous Marquess of Cholmondeley

Heifer, born in 2007

6 entries/4 forward

1st Blackbrook Rhyme Mrs JW Stanley

2nd Trelawny Amber Mr AK Clarke

3rd Trelawny Violet Mr AK Clarke

Breed and Male Champion Blackbrook Philosopher

Reserve and Female Champ Blackbrook Rhyme

Male Junior Champion Blackbrook

Rochester

Female Junior Champion Blackbrook Rhyme

Champion Junior Bull - Native Breeds

Blackbrook Rochester Mr & Mrs JW Stanley

Native Breed Reserve Champion

Blackbrook Philosopher Mr & Mrs JW Stanley

Interbreed Beef Group of Three

1st Limousin Group

1st Mr & Mrs JW Stanley

Interbreed Exhibitor Bred Pair

1st Shorthorn Pair

2nd Mr & Mrs JW Stanley

Interbreed Beef Teams of Four

1st Mr & Mrs JW Stanley & Mrs S Coleman

Three Counties Show

13 June 2008

Judge: Angela Blockley

Cow/Heifer with calf at foot

1 entry/1 forward

1st Dunstall Debbie Mrs EM Hallifield

Heifer born after 01.01.06

5 entries/3 forward

1st Dunstall Gypsy Mrs EM Hallifield

2nd Dunstall Garnet Mrs EM Hallifield

3rd Warns Gill Mr S Gray

Heifer born after 01.01.07

5 entries/2 forward

1st Dunstall Hanna Mrs EM Hallifield

2nd Dunstall Indigo Mrs EM Hallifield

Bull any age

5 Entries/2 forward

1st Dunstall Genesis Mrs EM Hallifield

2nd Dunstall Hob Knob Mrs EM Hallifield

Pairs

3 entries/1 forward

1st Mrs EM Hallifield

Female & Breed Champion Dunstall Gypsy

Res Female & Res Breed Champ Dunstall Hanna

Male Champion Dunstall Genesis

Reserve Male Dunstall Hob Knob



Breed Champion Dunstall Gypsy



Around the Shows



Three Counties Show National Rare and Minority Breeds Show

15 June 2008

Judge: Brian Wragg

Cow or heifer, in milk or in calf

1 entry/1 forward

1st Dunstall Debbie Mrs EM Hallifield

Heifer born on or after 01.01.06

6 entries/4 forward

1st Dunstall Gazelle Mrs EM Hallifield

2nd Avonvale Glora Mr P Mitchell

3rd Dunstall Gypsy Mrs EM Hallifield

4th Warns Gill Mr S Gill

Heifer born on or after 01.01.07

8 entries/4 forward

1st Dunstall Hanna Mrs EM Hallifield

2nd Avonvale Hyacinth Mr P Mitchell

3rd Avonvale Honey Mr P Mitchell

4th Dunstall Indigo Mrs EM Hallifield

Bull born on or before 31.12.07

1 entry/1 forward

1st Dunstall Genesis Mrs EM Hallifield

Bull born on or after 01.01.07

4 entries/1 forward

1st Dunstall Hob Knob Mrs EM Hallifield

Pairs

3 entries/2 forward

1st Mr P Mitchell

2nd Mrs EM Hallifield

Breed Champion

Reserve Champion

Junior Female Champion

Junior Male Champion

Dunstall Hanna

Dunstall Gazelle

Dunstall Hanna

Dunstall Hob Knob

Lincolnshire County Show

18 June 2008

Judge: David Bell

Bull born on or before 31.12.06

2 entries/1 forward

1st Charnwood Gladiator Mr & Mrs R&V Burton

Bull born on or after 01.01.07

2 entries/1 forward

1st Bejon Horatio Mr & Mrs M&G Thomas

Cow or heifer born on or before 31.12.05

4 entries/2 forward

1st Charnwood Empress Mr & Mrs R&V Burton

2nd Barlings Foxglove Mr & Mrs M&G Thomas

Heifer born in 2006

4 entries/1 forward

1st Barlings Greta Mr & Mrs M&G Thomas

Heifer born on or after 01.01.07

5 entries/1 forward

1st Barlings Helen Mr & Mrs M&G Thomas

Breed & Female Champion Barlings Greta

Reserve Breed Champion Charnwood Gladiator

Male Champion Charnwood Gladiator

Best Junior Male Bejon Horatio

Best Junior Female Barlings Helen

Junior Champion Barlings Helen



Breed Champion Barlings Greta