

Great Yorkshire Show

Judge: Clive Davies

15 July 2021

It almost felt a little strange to step back into a showring after the break, but through the excellent efforts of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society, the support from Longhorn exhibitors old and new and many interested enthusiasts looking on, a great time was had by all. I was extremely honoured to be invited to place the well-filled Breed classes. The competition was fiercely fought with many exceptional animals on parade.

Four bulls were evenly split between the two age groups. In both classes the choices were between males that were a little different to each other in type. In the event my top selections were with those with slightly more scope not least because whilst displaying adequate volume and conformation, their movement was a little more free than their opponents. The second prized Senior Bull, Gupworthy Thrupton had strong muscle and shape but whatever, I envisage that his greatest strength lies within his pedigree make-up, researched after the event. This comprises of some of the greatest names within the modern-day breed and within just four generations back involves four different sons of the celebrated Huntsham Cardinal which all-in-all will help his cause as foundation sire within the recently formed Longbridge Herd, exhibiting for the first time. The Senior winner, Southfield Panther, became Male Champion, mainly because of being such a free mover and the younger, Gentons Usher, promising in the runner-up's spot. Observing CountryGirl Media's exceptional gallery following the event, the balance displayed by this junior, light fore-end, well formed hindquarter, will hold him in good stead for his future.

The female section offered much competition. It was encouraging to witness three seniors, all accompanied with promising calves. Two first calving three-year-old heifers led the way. The very stylish, lengthy Fishwick Superstar and her heifer calf took first place over the extremely practical Southfield Sapphire, already a strong milker, doing her well-made bull calf, just a treat.

Of the Senior heifers, Southfield Taboo was complete and the class leader. Second prize followed-on with the stretchy Fishwick Tamarisk, but she was only just ahead of the feminine and correctly constructed, well-travelled Maudlin Taboo. The future of these promising breeders will be viewed with interest.

The strongest class of the day completed the individual classes. The very well presented, Gentons Ultra was the leader. Conformation, construction and character all in bucketfuls. Southfield Umtali and Longbridge U-Turn followed on respectively demonstrating style and presence over the other strong competitors.

The Female Championship went the way of Fishwick Superstar who impressed from all angles with the Junior Champion of the show, Gentons Ultra taking Reserve. Superstar became Breed Champion over Southfield Panther.

This whole exercise was so worthwhile. Getting Longhorns back into the public domain, is so valuable for numerous reasons. Being the first show event of 2021 for most of the exhibits, if not all of them, the top cattle of the day displayed themselves a little better than others but all would have benefited from the outing. Some appeared to carry a bit of excess condition that some additional exercise and trips out would surely bring under control?

It is hoped that everyone involved, within the ring or from the outside enjoyed Harrogate? Many have missed such exhibitions. We can be grateful to see them back. I enjoyed it, even more than expected!!!! Thank you....

Clive Davies, Westwood
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Senior Bull

3 entered/2 forward

1 st Southfield Panther	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
2 nd Gupworthy Thrupton	Mrs JM Grant

Junior Bull

2 entered/2 forward

1 st Gentons Usher ET	Mr B Facon
2 nd Southfield Uproar	Mr H Blockley

Cow, in milk or in calf

4 entered/3 forward

1 st Fishwick Superstar	J Close & Son Ltd
2 nd Southfield Sapphire	Miss Z Monks
3 rd Southfield Peach	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley

Senior Heifer

7 entered/6 forward

1 st Southfield Taboo	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
2 nd Fishwick Tamarisk	J Close & Son Ltd
3 rd Maudlin Taboo	Mrs Y Ferguson
4 th South Lane Tip Top	Mr C Blockley
5 th Maudlin Tic-Tac	Mrs Y Ferguson
6 th Treverton Truffle	Mrs JM Grant

Junior Heifer

9 entered/6 forward

1 st Gentons Ultra	Mr B Facon
2 nd Southfield Umtali	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
3 rd Longbridge U-Turn	Mrs JM Grant
4 th Fieldhead Uberry	Mr H Blockley
5 th Maudlin Ugly	Mrs Y Ferguson
6 th Maudlin Umbria	Mrs Y Ferguson

Group of Three

1 entered/1 forward

1 st Southfield Group	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
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Pairs

4 entered/4 forward

1 st Gentons Pair	Mr B Facon
2 nd Southfield Pair	Mr & Mrs D&A Blockley
3 rd Longbridge Pair	Mrs JM Grant
4 th Fieldhead Pair	Mr H Blockley

Breed Champion

Reserve Breed Champion
Male Champion
Reserve Male Champion
Female Champion
Reserve Female Champion
Best Junior Bull
Best Junior Heifer
Best Overall Junior

Fishwick Superstar

Southfield Panther
Southfield Panther
Gentons Usher ET
Fishwick Superstar
Gentons Ultra
Gentons Usher ET
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