



**LONGHORN**  
Cattle Society



**PRODUCTION SALE**  
of  
**BLACKBROOK**  
**MALES, FEMALES, EMBRYOS & SEMEN**  
on  
**SATURDAY 28 MAY 2016**  
at  
**SPRINGBARROW LODGE**

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# Longhorn News

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Dear Members

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2016. As you will see we have plenty going on this year with sales, visits, technical days, shows, events and of course the AGM. Booking forms and more information are in the newsletter or on the website.

The Herdbook for 2015 registrations closes on 31 March so if you haven't quite caught up please make sure all your 2015 born calves are registered before that date for inclusion in the Herdbook and of course to avoid late fees.

The Journal is also being produced at the moment and will be sent out with the Herdbook. Very many thanks to all advertisers and contributors.

On a sad note you may not have heard that Society judge David Bell died suddenly on 22 February. David was very well known and respected both in and out of the ring and had numerous successes with his Simmental and Belted Galloway Cattle. The Society's condolences go to his family, many friends and colleagues.



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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Welcome everybody to all the events the Society have planned for us in 2016. I hope to see as many members and their friends as possible at the free event at Southfield on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. This is the first Technical day the Society has organised and we think there is something of interest for everyone. We have invited experts in their own field to talk to us and hope members and friends will have plenty of input with lots of question and ideas to discuss before a lunch of Longhorn beef is served.

I hope you have all managed to stay above water this winter and now that calving is well under way, let's hope for a warm spring and a good summer.

The show and sale season is fast approaching and again we would like as many members as possible to try to support the numerous events we have planned throughout the year.

If you are rearing Longhorns commercially or even just a few heifers or steers for fattening, please do not forget to apply for a Beef Certificate, the small fee verifies that it is a pure bred Longhorn and greatly helps the Society with the costs of promoting our breed.

Dave Blockley.

## NBA BEEF EXPO 2016

Beef Expo 2016, organised by the National Beef Association will be centred on The Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell, Derbyshire and the surrounding Peak District on Thursday 19th May and Friday 20th May.

The first day will see three farm tours in the Bakewell area, followed by the annual Beef Expo Industry Dinner to be held at the Devonshire Dome, Buxton.

Friday 20th May will provide the ideal forum for producers to learn all about relevant products and technical developments in the industry. Visitors can access the latest information and advice on production techniques with the indoor trade stand area set up in two specially erected halls next to the Agricultural Business Centre and outdoor trade stand area. The overarching theme of efficient and profitable beef farming will also add to this high profile technical event.

Alongside the trade stands and technical advice will be the National Spring Spectacular Show and the Future Farmer Challenge. Details of both these events are on the NBA Beef Expo website.

The Society will have a stand at the event so please come along!

<http://www.nationalbeefassociation.com/beef-expo/>

## SOCIETY TECHNICAL DAY

The Society is holding a technical day for members on Sunday 8 May at David and Angela Blockley's Southfield herd, Drighlington, Nr Bradford.

The day will consist of a number of talks and practical sessions to help members manage their cattle including, but not limited to.....

### ***Veterinary advice***

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### ***Foot trimming demonstration***

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### ***Feed and nutrition information***

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### ***Dehorning***

This is a great opportunity to get first hand information from a range of experts and also to talk to other members about their experience with Longhorn cattle.

Format for the day

10.30	Meet for refreshments
11.00 - 13.00	Series of talks and demonstrations
13.00	Longhorn Beef Lunch

Either return this slip to the Secretary or email/telephone to book your place. Please book in by Sunday 1 May so we know how many people to cater for

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I wish to book.....places at the Society Technical Day on 8 May 2016

Name..... Herd no.....

## SUMMER VISIT

The Society has been invited to an Open Day being held at David Howden's Pointer Herd of Longhorns on Saturday 6 August 2016. The Pointer herd will be featured in the next Longhorn Journal and alongside the cattle are Middle White pigs, Hampshire Down sheep, a butchery and The Pointer pub and restaurant. The Pointer herd of Longhorns was established in 2006 and in recent years has seen expansion to supply beef for the restaurant and notable successes in the show ring. Catering throughout the day will be provided by the Pointer Restaurant, using produce grown on the farm.

The plan for the day is as follows.

10.00am	Arrive at the The Old Rectory for tea, coffee and bacon rolls
10.30am	Introduction to the day from David Howden
10.45am	Tour of the farms and new cattle accommodation
13.00pm	Arrive at The Pointer for reception drinks (champagne and sausage rolls)
13.30pm	BBQ featuring produce from the farm - Longhorn burgers, Middle White sausages etc.
4pm	Finish

Tickets for the day are £25 per head, children under 16 free.

Either return this slip to the Secretary or email/telephone to book your place. Please book in by Monday 1 August so the Pointer staff know how many people to cater for

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I wish to book.....places at the Summer visit on 6 August 2016

Name..... Herd no.....

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

BACS payment details

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## SOCIETY NEWS

### NEW MEMBERS



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

Messrs RJ & RC Rhodes, Manor Farm, Welham, Market Harborough  
 Bertie Stanley, Park Farm, Pool Road, Melbourne, Derbyshire  
 Mr T Wray, Wayside Farm, Watford Road, Kings Langley, Herts  
 Mr FL Jones, Friars Park Farm, Mollington, Chester.



### BULL REGISTRATIONS

Those members wishing to register bulls can download a registration form from the website or ring me for one - in any case please get in touch as you will need a hair sample bag for each bull being registered. The registration form, photographs and sample bag must be signed by a vet and these, along with the payment for registration must be received before the registration will be processed. Allow yourself plenty of time, especially if you are thinking of entering your bull for a show or sale and never assume the office has received the documentation!

Emailed registration forms or photos cannot be accepted as delivery cannot be guaranteed - the Society has pretty strong spam filters on the computer which sometimes do not allow big photo files through. We have had one incident this year where a member thought an email had been sent but the office had never received it so please post everything.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM 1 JANUARY 2016 BULL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN ONE MONTH FROM THE TIME THE ANIMAL WAS WEIGHED, OR REWEIGHING WILL BE REQUIRED**

## SOCIETY NEWS

### CORRECTION TO LAST NEWSLETTER

There is a correction to newsletter 90, December 2015. The steers for Agriexpo in Carlisle were kindly loaned by Colin Hughes of the Croftlands herd, not Peter Close as stated. My apologies and thanks to the Hughes family.

### HERDBOOK 2016

Please ensure all your 2015 registrations are up to date in time for the 2016 Herdbook

The Herdbook will close on 31 March 2016 for 2015 registrations.

The Society is offering advertising opportunities in the Herdbook again. Copy date for adverts is 31 March.

#### **Black & White display adverts**

Full page	£150.00 plus VAT (£180.00)
1/2 page	£90.00 plus VAT (£108.00)

### COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016

Council meeting dates for the rest of 2016 are as follows. If you have a matter you wish to raise with Council please either contact one of the Council members listed above or Debbie in the office in plenty of time before a meeting.

**Tuesday 5 April, Tuesday 5 July, Tuesday 4 October**

## SOCIETY NEWS

### COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016

*The following Council members represent you in 2016*

Paul Ashcroft, barlingspigs@me.com, 07859 861001

David Blockley, david@davidblockley.co.uk, 07831 247405

Peter Guest, colabalonghorns@aol.com, 01568 760251

Bernard Llewellyn, carregcennencastle@btinternet.com, 01558 822291

David McVeigh, info@wasteology.com, 01728 861860

John Stanley, info@blackbrook-longhorns.com, 01509 503276

Charles Sutcliffe, ctd.sutcliffe@btinternet.com, 07771 611718

*Please contact any one of them if you have any queries regarding Society or Council matters.*

### COUNCIL ELECTIONS

All Full and Associate Members of the Longhorn Cattle Society whose subscriptions are not in arrears are eligible to be nominated for Council, subject to being correctly proposed and seconded by two other fully paid up Members.

Council meet 4-5 times each year, usually on the Showground at Stoneleigh and a term of office is three years. After three years Council members are eligible to stand for re-election for a further three year period. After the second three year term Council members must stand down and are able to stand again after a one year break.

Council is made up of a diverse range of members and work alongside the Secretary to ensure all aspects of running the Breed Society are covered. It is the opportunity for members to get more involved in the management of their Breed Society and to ensure the Longhorn breed has a secure future.

There will be five spaces available for Council this year, with new Trustees being elected by postal ballot during September and taking up their posts at the AGM in October. If you have never thought about standing for Council please consider it - it is very rewarding! If you fancy finding out more (with no obligation of course) please contact any Council member or the Secretary and then keep an eye out for the nomination papers that will be circulated later in the year.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### LONGHORN BEEF RECIPES

Do you have a favourite way of cooking your Longhorn beef? The Society would like to publish a regular Longhorn beef recipe on the website and in the newsletter so if you have a good recipe please let the office know. If it's your own recipe then tell us, if it's one you use from a recipe book please let me know who's recipe it is and they can be properly credited.

### SOCIETY PRESIDENT

The President of the Longhorn Cattle Society for 2016 and 2017 is Dr Phil Cleland, latterly of the School Green herd. The Society's thanks go to John Brigg for his diligent service as President for 2014 and 2015.

### YEAR LETTER

The Year Letter for 2016 is

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### PARENTAGE VERIFICATION

The purity of the Longhorn breed is one of it's major selling points and Council have decided that a random selection of heifers should be DNA sampled to verify their parentage. To this end the owner of each 100th female registered, starting from 1 January 2015, will be asked to provide a hair sample of the calf and both parents.

Should the sire not be on the holding then the current owner will be asked to provide a sample if one is not already held. DNA samples of all AI bulls are already held and if the bull is dead then a sibling or close relative will be sought.

Samples were collected throughout 2015 as those of you who have been contacted will know and this will continue in 2016.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### REGISTRATION FEES 2016

From **1 January 2016** the following fees apply

#### Female registrations

Online reg up to 3 months	£20.00 + VAT = <b>£24.00</b>
Paper reg up to 3 months	£25.00 + VAT = <b>£30.00</b>
Late reg 3-12m	£40.00 + VAT = <b>£48.00</b>
Late reg 12-24m	£80.00 + VAT = <b>£96.00</b>
Late reg 24 +m	£100.00 + VAT = <b>£120.00</b>

#### Male registrations

Bulls up to 500 days old	£100 plus VAT <b>£120.00</b>
Bulls 501-650 days old	£150 plus VAT <b>£180.00</b>
Bulls 651-800 days old	£250 plus VAT <b>£300.00</b>
Beef Certificate	£5.00 + VAT = <b>£6.00</b>

Transfer fees                      £15.00 + VAT = **£18.00**

Transfer fees are payable on breeding females and registered bulls by both buyer and seller unless an alternative arrangement is made between both parties

### GENUS CHARGES

For members of the Society that use semen from Society stocks please note that distribution charges from Genus to the Society went up on 1st September 2015. The Society passes these charges on at cost so unfortunately it means a rise in charges to members.

There will be a distribution charge of £3 per straw, with a minimum transaction charge of £25 and a maximum of £500 per transaction. This means if you order one straw you will be charged £25 to transfer it. This is to both Genus technicians and DIY flasks. The charge to third parties (ie your local technician who is not Genus) will rise to £80 for 1 to 20 straws and £80 + £3 per straw (capped at £500) for over 20 straws. All these prices will have VAT at 20% added to them. These charges are in addition to the cost of the semen itself.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### SOCIETY SALES

The Longhorn breed is known for its resilience and hardiness but the Society sales are the breed's shop window and potential new members may be put off by seeing cattle in poorer condition. Council want you to get the best price for your cattle at Society sales and be happy with what you have put forward to represent your herd and the breed.

When assessing your cattle for potential entry to Society sales please consider if they will be in a condition that will reflect well on you as a vendor as well as the breed in general. If in doubt please ask Debbie to arrange for a Council member to visit who will be able to advise you.

Council reserves the right to inspect any cattle entered for Society sales to assess their suitability.

**TB testing is compulsory for all cattle entered in Society sales**

### BEEF CERTIFICATES

Beef certificates are £6. They are proof that your finishing animal is a pure-bred Longhorn should you need to offer such proof to a butcher, finisher, meat marketing scheme or restaurant.

### LONGHORNS ARE NOT A RARE BREED!

Ten years ago the Rare Breed Survival Trust removed Longhorn cattle from their Watchlist (the Society received notification at the end of 2005 prior to the publication of the 2006 Watchlist) meaning that the female breeding population had reached a level where they were no longer classified as a Rare breed, representing a major success story for the RBST, the Longhorn Cattle Society and its members.

Please ensure that in any promotional literature, on your website and social media postings you refer to your Longhorns as a Native breed or a Traditional breed but not a Rare breed.

## SHOWS NEWS

### NATIONAL SHOW

The National Show takes place at the Royal Three Counties Show on Friday 17 June. The Native & Minority Breeds classes are on Sunday 19 June. The Society will have a marquee at the Show for the duration of the weekend and members are invited to a buffet lunch after the judging on Friday 17 June. Please let the Society office know if you are attending.

### BUCKS COUNTY SHOW

Bucks County Show is holding Longhorn classes for the first time in 2016. The Show is held on 1 September at The Showground, Weedon, Bucks, HP22 4NN. For more details please contact  
Email: [Alison@buckscountyshow.co.uk](mailto:Alison@buckscountyshow.co.uk)  
Web: [www.buckscountyshow.co.uk](http://www.buckscountyshow.co.uk)

## SOCIETY AGM - 15 & 16 OCTOBER

This year's AGM heads to Wales on the weekend of Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 October.

Our base will be the Cawdor Hotel in the beautiful town of Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire, situated on the River Towy. We will be visiting the Llewellyn family's Carreg Herd and Carreg Cennen Castle on Saturday and then on Sunday we are visiting Andrew Williams' Rhyfel herd at Pontarddulais, just outside Swansea.

### Photo Competition

**We'll also hold the photo competition again this year, with the judging taking place at the AGM. Make sure you take your camera or phone with you whenever you are with your cattle and start getting some pictures lined up!**

**Categories are: Posed animal, small herd (under 10 animals), large herd, shows, humerous, commercial.**

Booking forms for the AGM will be available either online or with this newsletter.

## DON'T LET LONGHORNS GET LOST!

At a recent meeting of the AHDB and Breed Societies two major issues were discussed that could easily mean Longhorns get 'lost' in the beef production statistics used to dictate future policy.

Firstly there is a drive to improve the efficiency of the national beef herd through genetics - beef producers could be incentivised to use high genetic merit sires. The performance data that is collected on these animals is based on the sire on the passport so we would encourage everyone to put the sire of all their calves on the passport when they apply for them through BCMS. This will help Longhorn sired cattle to be more statistically relevant when organisations such as AHDB are collecting data from abattoirs.

Secondly the data gained for the above is currently only coming from the large abattoirs so by definition is biased towards 'commercial' breeds. At the meeting it was noted that rare and minority breeds are not being included in any data collected because they are more likely to go through small local abattoirs rather than large processors. It would be a great help if you could identify to the office which abattoir you use then this information can be fed back and these abattoirs can also be included in the data collection process. Longhorns are small fish in this very large pond and are not being recognised when it comes to presenting statistical information to DEFRA regarding the national beef industry. This could have huge impact on us in the future.

So please

- **Include the sire eartag on all your passports**
- **Let the office know which abattoir you use and roughly how many cattle each year are sent there.**

Thank you.



## TB COMPENSATION

Whilst the eradication of Bovine TB should be at the forefront of DEFRA's minds, it's inexorable creep across the country means more and more members are being affected. A quick look at the difference between the compensation you will receive for a registered pedigree animal and a non pedigree animal might make registration of all your calves a consideration. Retrospective pedigree registration of TB reactors is not permitted.

The table shows compensation for February 2016. It is updated each month.

The table is applicable to England only - Wales and Northern Ireland are on individual valuation and Scotland is TB free.

Further explanation and the most recent compensation table is available on the DEFRA website and there is a link on the Society website.

Age	Non pedigree male	Pedigree registered male
Up to 6 months	£256-£383	Individual valuation
6-12 months	£702-£801	Individual valuation
12 to 20/24months	£938-£1075	£4273
20/24+ months	£1019	£2013

Age	Non pedigree female	Pedigree registered female
Up to 6 months	£203-£343	Individual valuation
6-12 months	£597-£673	Individual valuation
12 to 16 months	£825	12-24m £1538
16-20 months	£931	18+ m not calved £1782
20+ months	£1001	18-36m calved ind. Valuation
		36- 84m calved £1162
		84+m calved £786

## SALES 2016

All dates subject to confirmation and DEFRA movement and gathering regulations

### SOCIETY SALES

**Saturday 23 April 2016**

Society Spring Show & Sale,  
The Livestock Market, Worcester WR4 0SQ  
Auctioneers: McCartneys. Tel: 01905 769770

**Entries close 11 March**

**Monday 2 May 2016**

Society Scottish Sale  
Stirling Agricultural Centre, Stirling, FK9 4RN,  
Auctioneers: UA Group. Tel: 01786 473055

**Saturday 21 May 2016**

Society Northern Show & Sale  
Beeston Castle, Cheshire, CW6 9NZ  
Auctioneers: Wright Marshall. Tel 01829 262100

**Entries close 22 April**

**Friday 23 & Saturday 24 September 2016**

Society Autumn Show & Sale  
The Livestock Market, Worcester WR4 0SQ  
Auctioneers: McCartneys. Tel: 01905 769770

### REGIONAL GROUP SALES

**Thursday 6 October 2016**

Multi breeds sale incorporating the Mid West Longhorn Breeders Club Sale  
Sedgemoor Market, Somerset,  
Auctioneers: Greenslade Taylor Hunt. Tel 01278 410278

**Saturday 17 September 2016**

Rare, Minority & Traditional Breeds Sale  
incorporating the Northern Members Club Show & Sale  
at Borderway Mart, Carlisle CA1 2RS  
Auctioneers: Harrison & Hetherington Ltd, Tel: 01228 406230  
Entries close 10<sup>th</sup> August

## REGIONAL GROUPS

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

For details of Group activities

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

**Email: colabalonghorns@aol.com**

### Midland Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

**Contact: Rachael Heard, Hill House, Welford, Northamptonshire, NN6 6JQ Tel: 01858 575 280**

**Email: rheard@live.co.uk**

### Northern Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

**Contact: Secretary, Chris Kearse edriver123@btinternet.com**

### Welsh Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

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

**Email: carregcennencastle@btinternet.com**

### South East Breeders Group

Jill Tait of the Saxonbury Herd is hoping to re-establish the South East Group for members in Hampshire, Kent, Sussex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Bucks, Berks, Beds and Isle of Wight.

If you are interested in joining or helping Jill with the admin of the group please get in touch with her on **jilly\_potter@yahoo.co.uk**

## MEMBER SALES

### **Saturday 28 May 2016**

Blackbrook Production Sale  
Springbarrow Lodge, Swannymote Road, Grace Dieu,  
Nr. Coalville, Leics, LE67 5UT  
Auctioneers: McCartneys. Tel: 01905 769770

### **Sunday 3 July 2016**

Fishwick Bull Sale  
Fishwick Mains, Fishwick, Berwickshire on Tweed, TD15 1XQ  
Auctioneers: McCartneys. Tel: 01905 769770

## FEMALES FOR SALE

*Please check the website for up-to-date listings of cattle for sale, photos and extra information*

**Mrs S Coleman, Chalkney Mill, Earls Colne, Colchester, Essex, CO6 2PR  
Tel: 01787 222253**

**CHALKNEY TANGO 26656/O00490**

Born: 11/04/2014

Sire: Carreg Legend 23691/L00149

Dam: Chalkney Echo 9147

**Michael & Yvonne Smith, Hennisfield Farm, Sutton on the Hill, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 5JF**

**Mob: 07860 467877**

**Email: michael@hennisfieldfarm.co.uk**

**BULLING HEIFERS**

Born: March 2014

Sire: Dunstall Jaguar 19992/J0775

Five strong bulling heifers, 22 months.

Too good to go for killing!

**HENNISFIELD CYNTHIA 20174/K01041**

Born: 25/03/2010

Sire: Riverlands Frodo Baggins 16026/H0946

Dam: Fosseway Poppy 14410/G0404

In calf to Treverton Kitson 21655/K0899

**HENNISFIELD BEYONCE 18627/J01041**

Born: 02/05/2009

Sire: Riverlands Frodo Baggins 16026/H0946

Dam: Fosseway Poppy 14410/G0404

In calf to Treverton Kitson 21655/K0899

**A Smith, Overdale Farms Ltd, East-moor Farm, North Moor, Wykeham, Scarborough, YO14 9QH**

**Tel: 07792 639988 (Hayley)**

**Email: hayleyfreer@hotmail.com**

A selection of cows and heifers of various ages with calves at foot, and in calf heifers.

## BULLS FOR SALE

**Natural England, Cherry Lodge Farm, Shrewton, Salisbury, Wilts, SP3 4ET**

**Tel: 01980 620486, mob:07970 612967**

**Email:**

**roger.marris@naturalengland.org.uk**

**STOKE NOBLEMAN 27384/N00021**

Born: 29/07/2013

Sire: Tetford Olympic 19123/H0543

Dam: Stoke Kew 20386/K0021

**Sid Hollier, Brookway Farm, Long Ash Lane, Warden Hill, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 9PW**

**Tel: 01300 320343**

**Email: sidhollier@btconnect.com**

**LONG ASH OHOLA 000241**

Born: 13/04/2014

Sire: Long Ash Captain 11340/L0241

Dam: Long Ash Jahola 18914/J0241

Successfully shown in 2015. Quiet and easy to handle.

**Stephen Horrocks, 10 Spruce Avenue, Lancaster, LA1 5LB**

**Tel: 07534 100606**

**Email: s.horrocks@sky.com**

**BLACKBROOK SABRE 18015/I0380**

Born: 25/01/2008

Sire: Blackbrook Maximus 11276/C0380

Dam: Blackbrook Lottie 10084/B0380

Hire or part ownership.

Blackbrook Sabre, one of the best Longhorn bulls ever bred is now available for sale in a part ownership deal to a small herd. Would also consider hiring him out. His show results can be viewed in the Society herdbook or search for him on Google.

**BULLS FOR SALE**

*Gordon Marks, Little Catworth Farm, Little Catworth, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE28 0PD*  
**Tel: 07803 929663**

**Email: gordonmarks@btinternet.com**  
**FOSSEWAY TOPGUN 20346/K0404**

Born: 27/02/2009

Sire: Rundlebeck Dickens 12659/D0703

Dam: Fosseyway Primrose 14956/G0404

Only for sale as he will be back on his daughters, a very quiet bull breeding good offspring.

**A young bull is wanted to replace Topgun**

*Michael & Yvonne Smith, Hennisfield Farm, Sutton on the Hill, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 5JF*  
**Mob: 07860 467877**

**Email: michael@hennisfieldfarm.co.uk**

**HENNISFIELD GOOGLE 29316/O01041**

Born: 18/03/2014

Sire: Dunstall Jaguar 19992/J0775

Dam: Hennisfield Breeze 18628/J01041

*Wesley Hann, Orchard Spring, Scadders Lane, Rodney Stoke, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3UR*

**Tel: 01749 871055**

**Email: wesleyhann@btconnect.com**

**UNDERKNOLL BOAS 27214/N00733**

Born: 12/04/2013

Sire: Logan Brunel 13233/E0770

Dam: Underknoll Natasha 19240/J0733

*P Harley, Gaer Farm, Hundred House, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 5RU*  
**Tel: 01982 270208**

**Email: relax@gaerfarm.co.uk**

**BLACKDEN KINGDOM 21864/K0943**

Born: 29/04/2010

Sire: Wellhead Dante 12303/D0268

Dam: Bollin Aurora 9609

**UNREGISTERED BULLS FOR SALE**

*AK Clark & Sons, Woodside Farm, Gallows Green, Great Dunmow, Essex, CM6 3QS*  
**Mob: 07711 629217**

**Email: adrian800clark@icloud.com**

**TRELAWNY PLAYBOY XB74460**

Born: 01/01/2015

Sire: Southfield Lynx 24137/L00460

Dam: Wenham Glitch 14725/G0169

Unregistered bull

**TRELAWNY PEREGRINE XB74466**

Born: 17/01/2015

Sire: Southfield Lynx 24137/L00460

Dam: Trelawny Amber 15542/H0870

Unregistered bull

*Stephen Horrocks, 10 Spruce Avenue, Lancaster, LA1 5LB*

**Tel: 07534 100606**

**Email: s.horrocks@sky.com**

**GALE FARM PORTREE BN23196**

Born: 14/03/2015

Sire: Carn Edward Ifor 19923/I0758

Dam: Low Oaks Kimba 22527/K01008

Unregistered bull, will be registered prior to sale.

**CATTLE WANTED****CATTLE WANTED**

*Charles Ashbridge, Thirsk, N Yorkshire, YO7 2HL*

**Tel: 01845 525330 or 07790 016823**

**Email: charles@tastetradition.co.uk**

All types of cattle wanted for finishing

*Sam Barker, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 3HS.*  
**Tel: 07793 365517**

**Email: sam@longhornbeef.co.uk**

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(Peter Close 07779 937217)

## Neosporosis

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The NADIS data show that the number of cases of abortion so far this year has been higher than average. One of the most recently identified causes of abortion is neosporosis, however recent studies suggest that neosporosis causes over 10% of all abortions in UK cattle.

- Characteristic heart and brain damage in aborted calf
  - Identification of parasite in the calf tissue
  - Antibodies in the mother's blood
- However, as a large number of healthy calves can be infected with Neospora it is important to eliminate other causes of abortion, particularly BVD or leptospirosis before a diagnosis of neosporosis is made

**What is Neosporosis?**

Neosporosis is caused by infection with the protozoa *Neospora caninum*. Neosporosis has been found world-wide and in many species other than cattle. Currently abortion due to Neospora has been shown in cattle, sheep and horses. The dog and other ruminants (such as foxes) are the definitive host. That is they are the animals in which the parasite becomes sexually mature and reproduces.



### Clinical signs

Abortion, between 3 and 6 months of pregnancy (approximately 3 to 7 months)  
Still birth or premature calf  
Occasionally, calves will have brain disease at birth  
No other signs seen in the mother  
Repeat abortions possible in the same cow.

### Diagnosis

- Clinical signs of fetus help

### Treatment

- No treatment of any proven benefit

### Prevention

Dogs are potentially a source of disease. So prevention must include:  
a) Keeping cattle food and water away from dogs and foxes  
b) High hygiene standards at calving. Dispose of placental membranes and aborted or dead calves before dogs can get them

However, transmission from mother to calf (known as vertical transmission) is far more important. Other dogs or calves will have been infected in the womb. The importance of transmission between cattle is less clear. Nevertheless, vertical transmission alone can maintain infection in a herd. To eliminate Neospora you need to:

- 1) Identify infected cattle and cull them. All cattle with antibodies to Neosporae sources of infection to their calves. Additionally cattle with antibodies are 20 times more likely to abort between 90 and 270 days of pregnancy than cattle without antibodies. Finally, on average, infected cows produce less milk than antibody negative cows.
- 2) Select only seronegative cattle for breeding. Heifers with antibodies should be sold for meat not bred.

These strategies look expensive to achieve, however the cost of neosporosis far outweighs the cost of eliminating it from the herd

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**Barbecue 6.30 pm Saturday 2nd July 2016**