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BLACKBROOK LONGHORNS

FOR SALE
BLACKBROOK X-CHEQUER 26367/N00380
23/01/2013
Sire: Blackbrook Sabre 18015/I0380 Dam: Blackbrook Octopussy 12218/E0380

A SELECTION OF YOUNG BULLS ALSO FOR SALE

John and Pat Stanley,
Springbarrow Lodge, Swannymote Road, Grace Dieu,
Nr. Coalville, Leics, LE67 5UT
Tel: 01509 503276 · Fax: 01509 508595 · www.blackbrook-longhorns.com
Dear Members

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2017. I hope you have all wintered well and I’m sure we are all looking forward to getting cattle turned out. I hope those of you who calve this time of year are getting the calves you’d expect from your cattle.

The first major event of the Longhorn year is the Spring Show & Sale at Worcester on Saturday 22 April and then the day after on Sunday 23 April David and Angela Blockley of the Southfield Herd are hosting a Northern Longhorn Breeders’ visit. Incorporated into this visit is the classification of the Southfield cows by Meurig James, Head Classifier for Holstein UK. The Society introduced members to Type Classification at the AGM and this will be the first opportunity we have to see the process in action. All members are invited—you don’t have to be a member of the Northern Breeders’ Group to attend. More details are in the newsletter.

I hope to see you at an event soon!

Debbie
**HERD VISIT & TYPE CLASSIFICATION**

The Northern Longhorn Breeders’ Group are holding their herd visit at the Southfield Herd by kind invitation of David and Angela Blockley, on Sunday 23 April, commencing 10.30am. All Society members are invited to attend.

As well as the opportunity to see the Southfield herd, Meurig James, Chief Classifier with Holstein UK, will be there to classify David and Angela’s cattle. This is the ideal opportunity for members to see how cattle are classified and discuss the scheme with the ‘main man’.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

The Society’s type classification scheme was launched at the AGM in 2016. More information on type classification and the benefits of joining the scheme was sent out to all members with the December newsletter - if you’ve mislaid your copy please contact the office or go to the link below to find the information on the Society website in the Knowledgebase.


Please let Graham Walker know if you’d like to attend on walkergraham93@gmail.com or 07957 208021

**COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017**

The following Council members represent you in 2017

- Paul Ashcroft, barlingspigs@me.com, 07859 861001
- Bertie Facon, bertrand.facon@gmail.com, 07785 221961
- Peter Guest, colabalonghorns@aol.com, 01568 760251
- Bernard Llewellyn, carregcennencastle@btinternet.com, 01558 822291
- David McVeigh, info@wasteology.com, 01728 861860
- Tom Mills, Tom@wheatlands-Longhorns.co.uk, 07968 819134
- John Stanley, info@blackbrook-longhorns.com, 01509 503276
- Stephen Wright, brookfieldcontracting@gmail.com, 07905 734257
- Sabine Zentis, cvlonghorns@aol.com, 0049 172 3985221

**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 three 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.
REGISTRATION FEES 2017

From 1 January 2017 the following fees apply:

**Female registrations**
- Online reg up to 3 months: £20.00 + VAT = £24.00
- Paper reg up to 3 months: £25.00 + VAT = £30.00
- Late reg 3-12m: £40.00 + VAT = £48.00
- Late reg 12-24m: £80.00 + VAT = £96.00
- Late reg 24 +m: £100.00 + VAT = £120.00

**Male registrations**
- Bulls up to 500 days old: £100 plus VAT = £120.00
- Bulls 501-650 days old: £150 plus VAT = £180.00
- Bulls 651-800 days old: £250 plus VAT = £300.00
- Beef Certificate: £5.00 + VAT = £6.00
- 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.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017

Council meeting dates for the rest of 2017 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.

- Thursday 20 April
- Tuesday 4 July
- Tuesday 17 October

YEAR LETTER

The Year Letter for 2017 is

MEMBERS' NEWS

- Many congratulations to Susan Aglionby from the Houghton Herd in Cumbria who was awarded an OBE in the Queen’s New Year’s Honours List for her services to young people and the community.
- Society member Cathy Miller from the Ponsonby Herd sadly passed away in February. The Society passes on its condolences to her many friends and family.
- The Pointer Restaurant at Brill, Buckinghamshire has featured in the Times’ “Top 100 Restaurants 2017.” Many congratulations to David and Fiona Howden and all the team at the Pointer.

PARENTAGE VERIFICATION

The purity of the Longhorn breed is one of its 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.
NEW MEMBERS

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

Ms H Taylor, 181 Nottingham Road, Melton Mowbray, Leics
Ms R Datlen, 12 Station Road, Stoddesdon, Shropshire,
Ms L Smart, Hillhead of Weetingshill, Maud, Peterhead, Aberdeen
Mrs B Welo, Hillhead Farm, Hillhead Road, Bieldside, Aberdeen
Miss C Bedson, Park Farm, Market Drayton, Shropshire
Ms H Beeby, Farnborough Barn, Farnborough, Oxon
Mr L Tregonning, 94 Mann Road, Outram, Otago, New Zealand
Mr T Thompson, Manor Farm, Hampton Gay, Oxon

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 RE-WEIGHING WILL BE REQUIRED

MERCHANDISE

The Society offers a comprehensive range of merchandise. Ties, caps and mugs are available from the office; clothing such as hoodies, polo shirts, sweatshirts etc are available to order with a two - three week lead time. Items of clothing have the Society logo and can have your herd name embroidered on them. The full range and the order form are in the ‘Knowledgebase’ section of the Society website or from the office.

NATIONAL PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS

There are two national publicity campaigns that will highlight the work of farmers coming up later this year. If you are involved in these or any other campaigns please let me know so I can publicise your involvement on the website and social media.

If you are involved in any other farming campaign please let the office know and I will do my best to publicise it for you.

LEAF Open Farm Sunday is the farming industry’s national open day. Farmers across Britain are invited to take part and host an event. Registering your event on this website is free of charge, and will provide you with access to top tips and free resources ahead of your event.

https://farmsunday.org/

Weekly farming paper Farmers Guardian is once again holding it’s 24 Hours in Farming Event on 10 August. There will be more ways than ever to get involved in this year’s 24 Hours in Farming on August 10-11 2017. As well as posting on social media, why not take part in a face-to-face event such as hosting an on-farm event, giving a talk to a local group or perhaps even an interview to a local newspaper or radio station.

www.24hoursinfarming.co.uk
FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

What's your resolution for 2017? If it's learning, self improvement, business development, research or knowledge transfer then why not look at applying for a grant from one of the many Trusts and organisations that support farmers in their quest to improve their businesses and pass on the knowledge gained to others.

The Henry Plumb Foundation funds young people with interests, business ideas and study plans that will lead to a career in the agricultural or food industry.

The Nuffield Farming Scholarship Trust award approximately 20 individuals each year with the opportunity to research topics of interest in either farming, food, horticulture or rural industries or are in a position to influence these industries.

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust fund British citizens to investigate inspiring practice in other countries, and return with innovative ideas for the benefit of people across the UK.

The Princes Trust works with 18 to 30-year-olds to turn big ideas into a business reality through their Enterprise programme. From training and mentoring support to funding and resources, they are with you every step of the way.

Relevant websites:
http://www.thehenryplumbfoundation.org.uk/
http://www.nuffieldscholar.org/
http://www.wcmt.org.uk/
https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/

SHOWS NEWS

Shows & TB
The current regulations relating to TB and shows are available on the TB hub website at the link below, or check with the individual shows you wish to enter.

http://www.tbhub.co.uk/guidance/testing-and-compensation/post-movement-testing-in-Ira/

Frome Show (9 September 2017)
Frome Show is not holding cattle classes this year

Newbury Show (16/17 September 2017)
For those exhibitors now unable to show at Frome, Newbury Show have said they will reinstate the Longhorn classes should there be a minimum of eight entries from four exhibitors. Competitors should enter the Beef AOB classes in the first instance and then the Longhorn classes will be split out should there be sufficient entries.

Triple Crown Competition
Three agricultural shows in the Midlands are joining forces to stage a new 'Triple Crown' competition for showing cattle. Hanbury Show, Burwarton Show and Moreton in Marsh Show will award the Three Shires Trophy to the exhibitor gaining the most points across the three shows. More information is on the Society website.

Lincolnshire Show (21/22 June 2017)
The Lincolnshire Show is the Society’s National Show this year and we will be holding a lunch reception after the judging. An experimental disbudded Longhorn class is being held for the first time which will be open to steers, bulls and any age females which have been disbudded. The cattle must be registered (bulls and females) or notified (steers) to the Society in accordance with current registration regulations. There is no entry fee and the winner does not qualify for any Championships. Cattle forward cannot be entered into any of the other Longhorn classes but must be entered in advance of the Show for penning purposes. Schedules are on the Society website and contact details are in the enclosed leaflet.
**TB COMPENSATION**

Whilst the eradication of Bovine TB should be at the forefront of DEFRA's minds, its 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 March 2017. 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.

http://www.tbhub.co.uk/ is the main website for TB information.

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**SALES 2017**

All dates subject to confirmation and DEFRA movement and gathering regulations

**SOCIETY SALES**

**Saturday 22 April 2017**
Society Spring Show & Sale,
The Livestock Market, Worcester WR4 0SQ
Auctioneers: McCartneys. Tel: 01905 769770
Catalogue now available from McCartneys, the Society office or the website.

**Monday 1 May 2017**
Society Scottish Sale
Stirling Agricultural Centre, Stirling, FK9 4RN,
Auctioneers: UA Group. Tel: 01786 473055
Entries taken online at http://www.uagroup.co.uk/

**Saturday 13 May 2017**
Society Northern Show & Sale
Beeston Castle, Cheshire, CW6 9NZ
Auctioneers: Wright Marshall. Tel 01829 262100
Entries close 21 April

**Friday 22 & Saturday 23 September 2017**
Society Autumn Show & Sale
The Livestock Market, Worcester WR4 0SQ
Auctioneers: McCartneys. Tel: 01905 769770

**REGIONAL GROUP SALES**

**Thursday 5 October 2017**
Multi breeds sale incorporating the Mid West Longhorn Breeders Club Sale
Sedgemoor Market, Somerset,
Auctioneers: Greenslade Taylor Hunt. Tel 01278 410278

**Saturday 16 September 2017**
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 10th 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

BULLS FOR SALE

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

Peter Close, J Close & Sons Ltd, Fishwick Mains, Fishwick, Berwick on Tweed, Berwickshire, TD15 1XQ
Tel: 01224 875879, mobile 07799 575320
Email: dooniestfarm1@gmail.com

ABERDEEN PRIMUS 30537/P01114
Born: 23.10.15
Sire: Aberdeen Monty 26210/M01114
Dam: Aberdeen Joan 13th 21951/L01114
Aberdeen Monty was 1st Senior bull 2015 NLBC Herd Competition (North section)
SAC Hi Health scheme herd. Accredited free of BVD, IBR and Lepto. Johnes Risk 1. 4 year TB testing.

Mayfield Minotaur 26297/M01068
Born: 14/10/2012
Sire: Stoke Juniper 20422/J0021
Dam: Wheatholme Julia 18035/J0815
Quiet, easily handled bull who is a real gentleman.

Kenny Trembath, Sunset Farm, St Just, Penzance, Cornwall, TR10 7QB
Tel: 01736 788698 or 735747
Email: kenny@sunsetproperties.co.uk

MAYFIELD MINOTAUR 26297/M01068
Born: 14/10/2012
Sire: Stoke Juniper 20422/J0021
Dam: Wheatholme Julia 18035/J0815
Quiet, easily handled bull who is a real gentleman.
FEMALES FOR SALE

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

TA Williams, Castell Ddu, Waun Gron, Pontardulais, Swansea, SA4 8DH
Tel: 01792 884455, Mobile: 07885 729416

RHYFEL PAINT 28980/P01182
Born: 19/06/2015
Sire: Southfield Granite 15454/G0460
Dam: Blackbrook Quaint 14154/G0380
SAC Hi Health scheme member

RHYFEL PLUM 28981/P01182
Born: 31/07/2015
Sire: Southfield Granite 15454/G0460
Dam: Fishwick Jocasta 18346/J0087
SAC Hi Health Scheme member

Dr D Buckeridge, Yaverland Manor Farm, Yaverland Road, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 8QW
Tel: 07809 006824 (Malcolm Painter)
Email: malcolmpainter@sky.com

COWS AND HEIFERS

A number of in calf cows and bulling heifers for sale. Priced to reflect transport costs from the Isle of Wight.

Graham Lennox, Doonies Farm Ltd, Coast Road, Nigg, Aberdeen, AB21 3LT
Tel: 01224 875879, mobile 07799 575320
Email: dooniesfarm1@gmail.com

HEIFERS

Selection of 2015 bulling heifers by Colaba Faro 23001/K0097 and Fishwick Iconic 19360/ I0087 SAC Hi Health Scheme herd. Accredited free of BVD, IBR and Lepto. Johns Risk 1. 4 year TB testing.

Ian Snape, Oak Villa, Oak Tree Lane, Sambourne, Redditch, Worcs, B96 6EX
Tel: 01527 893655, Mobile: 07894 820399
Email: sni450@aol.com

IN CALF COWS

A selection of in calf cows available.

Mr M Perry, Bittlesea Farm, Bradenstoke, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 4EW
Tel: 01249 892889, mobile07787 565712
Email: mjiperry@iue.org

BITTLESEA PEPPER 29217/P00974
Born: 01.11.2015
Sire: Gorse Nimrod 15558/G0033
Dam: Linton Elinor 12624/E0112

BITTLESEA QUEUE 29655/Q00974
Born: 27.03.2016
Sire: Gorse Nimrod 15558/G0033
Dam: Bittlesea Gwelo 20623/G0974

BITTLESEA QUEEN SR.B.169
Sire: Gorse Nimrod 15558/G0033
Dam: Bittlesea Gatooma SR.A.125

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
Organic steers and heifers wanted for finishing.

A Goodman, Great Witley, Worcestershire, WR6 6JJ
Tel: 01299 896590, mob: 07980271173
Steers wanted for finishing.

Mr P Grabham, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 7AN
Tel: 07875 464424
Email: tinnitus@btconnect.com
Steers wanted for finishing.

Piers Langdon, Bideford, Devon, EX39 5TA
Tel: 07989 392520 or 01237 431305
Email: pierslangdon@btconnect.com
Steers wanted for finishing.

Messrs JW & LJ Mellin & Sons, Skipton, N Yorks, BD23 4JP
Tel: 01729 850220
Mob: 07794053431
Email: duncan.mellin@hullhousetexels.co.uk
Steers and bulls wanted for finishing.

Tom Mowles, Nailsworth, Glos, GL6 0SJ
Tel: 07545 562984
Email: tom.mowles@mowlesfarms.co.uk
Yearling and two year old steers and heifers wanted for finishing.

Richard Vaughan, Goodrich, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6JN
Tel: 01600 890296
Well grown store cattle male or females required for finishing.

SEMENT FOR SALE

The following bulls are available from the Society:
Colaba Krypton, Cosby Archer, Eyebrook Richard, Fishwick Oarsman , Grove House Baron, Honeywood Callicles, Honeywood Edmund, Leebarn Isambard,
Llantrothy Kestrel, Long Ash Lancelot , Plaitford Orlando, Raby Gladiator, Rousham Goliath, Rousham Monty, Shugborough Benbow , Tregonhayne Startrek

The following bulls are available direct from the breeders
Blackbrook Rebel 16819/H0380
Pat Stanley 01509 503276
Blackbrook Touchstone

Fishwick Lord of the Rings 23577/L00087
(Peter Close 07779 937217)
Southfield Farm, Fieldhead Lane, Drighlington, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD11 1JL
07831-857736  david@davidblockley.co.uk

Southfield Opal  1st Senior Heifer Lincolnshire, Female & Reserve Breed Champion Gt Yorkshire 2016

FISHWICK LORD OF THE RINGS
Senior Sire of our 2016–2017 calves
Sire: Carreg Cennin
Dam: Croc Mhor Forgrieve
Representing blood from Mercury, Kinman, Optimist and Kosmic

Fishwick Longhorns

Fishwick Meaty, placed above alongside his dam, Fishwick Danna, was the main sire of our 2015 crop and will return home to see the bulk of the 2018 crop. He is by Booma Ego - sire of Fishwick Kaizen, Breed Champion and Senior Bull Leeds Show 2012. Basic Welsh parentage with a good strain of Aberystwyth, with Gwreda and Prio seaward and Fishwick Kinman combined to give the 90% combining strength and thickness to take the breed forward to a new dimension.

Tel: 01239 366361  Mob: 0777 9337217 (Pelin) 07781 155991 (Sabina) 0792 317 369 1 (Rob)