

LONGHORN

Cattle Society

Council Elections 2020

At the Longhorn Cattle Society AGM on 17 October retiring members of Council step down and new Council members take their place for a three year term. Four valid nominations for Council for the three spaces available were received by the closing date, meaning an election is required. Your vote really does count so please do make use of it. The ballot paper for postal voting is below and should be returned to the Society office on or by Saturday 10 October 2020. Please follow the voting process and return the ballot paper correctly or your vote will be counted as void.

All members with email addresses registered with the Society will be sent a link to 'Simply Voting' which will allow you to vote online. Both methods of voting (post and online) are valid and will be counted, but any member using **BOTH** methods will have their online vote discarded.

The proposers and seconders of each nominee have been invited to explain why they feel their nominee should be elected to Council. Their reasons are set out within this leaflet. In addition, each candidate has the opportunity of setting out why they feel they should be elected.

Council has agreed these rules in respect to elections and no other lobbying should take place.



Ballot Paper For election to the Council of the Longhorn Cattle Society

**Please vote for no more than 3 (THREE) candidates by marking a cross against your chosen candidate(s). Ballots must be returned in the enclosed envelopes and posted to:
The Scrutinisers for the Longhorn Cattle Society CIO, East Lodge, Stoneleigh Park,
Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, CV8 2LH
to arrive on or by Saturday 10 October 2020**

Peter Close

Bernard Llewellyn

David Phillips

Brian Wragg

Name.....Herd No.

Signed.....Date

THE LONGHORN CATTLE SOCIETY

Election to Council

The following candidates have been nominated for election to
the Council of the Longhorn Cattle Society.

Please vote for no more than **THREE** candidates and return
to the Secretary to arrive

ON OR BY Saturday 10 October 2020

**Or use your online vote which will close at 23.59
on Saturday 10 October 2020**

Peter Close, proposed by Tom Mills, seconded by Malcolm Corrie

Bernard Llewellyn, proposed by David Bevan, seconded by Mark Wheeler

David Phillips, proposed by Mark Wheeler, seconded by Tom Mills

Brian Wragg, proposed by Stephen Horrocks, seconded by Phil Robinson

Please put your completed ballot slip in the brown envelope provided
sign and print you name on the back, then post back to the Society
using the white envelope provided.

Nominee: Peter Close, member no 00087, Fishwick herd
Fishwick Mains, Berwick on Tweed, Berwickshire, TD15 1QX

Proposed by: Tom Mills, member no 01164, Wheatlands herd

Seconded by: Malcolm Corrie, member no 01242, Leighton herd

Statement by Peter Close (nominee)

We first purchased a Longhorn Bull in 1976 - when there were only 150 Longhorn breeding cows! - to cross onto Welsh Black and Hereford Cross cows - and more recently Simmental - to breed an improved commercial suckler cow. We soon became involved in the pedigree side of the breed; I served on Council from 1982 - 2006. During this period the breed made great strides in terms of quality of conformation and growth whilst the breeding herd passed the 2,000 mark. Since then numbers have expanded to over 12,000. We cannot sit back and expect or hope that the simple message "Good Looks - Good beef" will find a home for all these cattle. All the qualities that the breed possesses must be promoted - especially ease of calving, docility and resilience - including its use as a suckler dam sire. Recently Council have been addressing the health status of the breed - which I whole-heartedly support. But, with only 10% of the breed in health scheme herds, we cannot go "from zero to hero" overnight. The future of the Breed and the Society depends upon keeping the membership as a whole "on board"! The pace of introducing new health guidelines must be such that breeders are enthused to embrace them - and at a price that they can justify and afford. In these somewhat difficult times it is vital that we have a strong experienced Council without ignoring the potential contribution of perceptive vision and enthusiasm from younger minds!

Statement by Tom Mills (proposer)

Having known Peter for a number of years and recently worked closely with him on the Society's Council I would like to nominate him for re-election. Peter's experience of the breed, the industry, and his thorough understanding of Council matters have been invaluable over the past few years. Peter is a dedicated member of Council, who is always well prepared and who offers significant, reasoned contribution to discussions always with a view on what is right for the membership and the breed. Peter has achieved a lot with the breed and seen it increase significantly in popularity over the years, this experience has provided a great understanding of the future challenges and opportunities that we face and how best to face them.

Statement by Malcolm Corrie (seconder)

I fully support the nomination of Peter Close to the Longhorn Cattle Society Council based on the knowledge that he has the breed's best interests at heart. As a long standing member and someone that has already done huge amounts for the breed I feel Mr Close is very well placed to serve our great breed on the Council.

**Nominee: Bernard Llewellyn MBE, FRAgS., member no 00149, Carreg herd
Carreg Cennen Castle, Trapp, Llandeilo, SSA19 6UA**

Proposed by: David Bevan, member no 00310, Mayhill herd

Seconded by: Mark Wheeler, member no A0057

Statement by Bernard Llewellyn (nominee)

If the Society finds it acceptable I would like to put my name forward as a Trustee and serve as a member of Council. Some of you will be aware that I have served as a member previously and I am also aware that change can represent opportunity the present Council does however seem to offer the opportunity for the addition of both young and old heads.

In these times of uncertainty obviously new ideas and changes may be necessary. In the past I would like to think I have made significant contributions to debate not always coming out on the winning side but nevertheless fulfilling a role in reaching sound consensus.

Longhorns have and still do form a significant part of my life and I would like to think my past contributions have always been in the what I have believed to be the best interest of the breed the Society and the membership. The cattle have brought me great pleasure and satisfaction as well as numerous life-long friendships for which I will be eternally grateful.

Statement by David Bevan (proposer)

It is with the greatest pleasure that I, again, propose Bernard Llewellyn to the Council of the Longhorned Cattle Society.

Seldom reticent, loquacious, like Marmite. However generous of time, experience and expertise. I am confident that Bernard, if elected, will demonstrate an able commitment to the promotion and safeguarding of Longhorned Cattle, the Breed Society and its diverse and varied membership. He has demonstrated this from his previous terms on Council.

Longhorned Cattle have a great past, an undisputed presence and together with a strong, united and committed Council, hopefully a great future

Statement by Mark Wheeler (seconded)

I need not to say too much about Bernard only that I think he has fully supported the Society in every way possible, he has promoted the Longhorn breed in every way that has been available to him with supporting sales and shows, he gives every opportunity and support to the young handlers of the breed and I feel he is a true asset to the Longhorn breed as a council member.

**Nominee: David Phillips, member no 01243, Etheridge herd
7 Boldacre, Alton Pancras, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 7RR**

Proposed by: Mark Wheeler, member no A0057

Seconded by: Tom Mills, member no 01164, Wheatlands herd

Statement by David Phillips (nominee)

I have kept English Longhorns and been an active member of the Breed Society since 2013. I started with just two yearling heifers which I purchased from the Long Ash herd. I now have a herd of around 40 head of cattle with 15 breeding females, followers and bulls. I sell a mixture as finished cattle in meat boxes, store cattle and breeding cattle.

I have got into showing having started out helping another Society member at shows. I soon got the bug myself and now like to show my own cattle as much as I can supporting local and Society shows.

I am a Vet Tech, working for, and am a shareholder of, Synergy Farm Health, one of the UK's largest Farm Animal Vet Practices, covering a large part of the South West of England, I have worked for this company for eight years and my role includes undertaking jobs such as cattle foot trimmings, bovine ultrasound pregnancy scanning, AI and freeze branding.

I am a committee member of the National Association of Cattle Foot Trimmers and am also on the Cattle Committee of the Dorset County Show.

Before working for Synergy Farm Health I worked as a herdsman on both large conventional and organic farms so have a great understanding of British agriculture.

I live near Dorchester in Dorset with my wife Carla and our miscellaneous animals

Statement by Mark Wheeler (proposer)

I have known David for about six years and have been aware of his keenness to produce and show his cattle. He has achieved awards in the show ring at many shows and has supported our sales with quality cattle. I feel his knowledge in the farming industry will benefit the society and members with David living in the southwest he may be able to encourage some of our members to take a little more interest in the outlooks of the Council and other members

Statement by Tom Mills (seconder)

Having known Dave through the Society for a few years now I think he would make a great addition to the Society Council. Dave has been a strong supporter of the breed and Society for a number of years, whilst still having a relatively young herd he has already had success in the show ring and is a keen supporter of society events. As a veterinary technician, he would bring a number of technical skills and connections which will be valuable to the Council in shaping the future for the Society. In the discussions I've had with Dave about the breed he is very focussed on the practical and commercial aspects of live-stock management and keen to demonstrate that Longhorns can compete as a commercial suckler animal as well as in the show ring.

**Nominee: Brian Wragg, member no: 01161, Lower Blacup herd
137 Abbey Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 3PA**

Proposed by: Stephen Horrocks, member no 01192, Gale Farm herd

Seconded by: Phil Robinson, member no 00943, Blackden herd

Statement by Brian Wragg (nominee)

I have been involved with Longhorns for over 30 years starting with helping to set up the Bollin herd in the late 1980s and immediately realised what a wonderful breed of cattle they are. I have a lifetimes experience of cattle breeding, management and particularly in marketing. If elected to Council I can bring a lot of experience with me. I will also do my best to represent the smaller breeders who I think are the backbone of the society. I hope that when I am elected anyone can come to me and ask me to address any concerns they have about the way the Society operates and I will be happy to help in any way I can. I will also be open to any new ideas members bring to me for a successful future for our breed.

Statement by Stephen Horrocks (proposer)

I would like to propose the above member to stand for the election to the council.

Brian has over 40 years experience working with Longhorn Cattle and has been on the official Judges list for the past 12 years attending many shows and sales on the society's behalf.

He played a major part in organising through both the society and the market the Beeston spring sale, which in its time was very successful. Both Beeston and Chelford markets were ideal places for members from the north West to take their cattle. Since losing both the above in recent years, he then arranged another sale at Leek Market.

I have known Brian for over 20 years in my time working in the Prison Service and as a member of the Society, and I believe him to be an honest, reliable, and hard working member, who would be a great asset to Council and in particular as a voice for the smaller herds within the membership

His knowledge and experience makes him an excellent candidate to stand for election.

Statement by Phil Robinson (seconder)

I have known Brian for nearly forty years & I quickly realised what a vast knowledge he has of livestock. He was involved in the selection of the initial cattle in starting the Bollin Valley Herd along with the purchase of subsequent herd sires.

For many years he worked for a local livestock auction as an advisor to the dairy sales and instigated the Longhorn sales at Beeston market. He is currently involved in setting up a spring sale for Longhorn Cattle at Leek market.

I believe he will be a great asset to the Longhorn Council with his experience of cattle breeding, Marketing and the Show Ring. He has an easy ability to communicate and will be a great ambassador for the Longhorn breed and the grass roots members.

I am please to recommend Brian to the Council and the Longhorn Cattle Society members.