

**Northern Longhorn Breeders  
2015 Herd Competition**

**Judge of the Northern Section: Ashley Close**

Well, what an honour to be asked or rather coerced into judging the north section of the Northern Longhorn Breeders herd competition this year. Quite a task! So, my lone travelling began....no, Peter wasn't allowed to accompany me!

Before I give a resume of my findings I will briefly refer to my telephone conversation with Norman Hughes when arranging to visit the Croftlands Herd .

Norman , ' well, I think you're very brave taking on the judging '. Me [ Ashley], ' Norman, I think it's either a case of brave, stupid or no other bugger would do it!' [pardon the expletive].

And so my journey began. I have to admit I commenced within my comfort zone & visited Nicky and her Wellhead herd first. This is probably due to us meeting up at shows when showing Wellhead & Fishwick cattle, therefore becoming familiar.

Once I had seen Nicky (after having dropped Peter off at Carlisle mart for the day!) I continued to the Hughes & their Croftlands herd. That was one day & two herds done. I was beginning to feel more confident (I was terribly daunted at first by the task ahead of me!) It is one thing choosing your winner when on the outside of a show ring, but actually writing down my reasons & photographing beasts as aide memoir was a different matter.

I won't ramble on about my travels, so will get to the 'nitty gritty' of my experience of viewing and judging the nine herds in the north (Fishwick excluded, we went south for the occasion).

Firstly, it was fabulous to see cattle in their natural state, mostly all the cattle I saw were still out on the moors, hillside & fields, some who will remain out wintered. In some herds I visited calves had just been weaned so cows were quite vocal! therefore calves only just on hard feed.

In some classes there were not the numbers hence why not all classes go to sixth place.

Both the senior and junior bull classes had some very different types of bull. Without too much critique, some of the bulls presented I would like to have seen some improvement on topline and back-end (acknowledging the latter is purely pot roast!)

The senior cow class was very strong, as one would expect, and with some good dam & daughter & calves (granddaughter/male) combinations . Junior cow class also extremely good quality of cows presented.

Senior & junior heifers, some fabulous girls out there, I will be curious to see how they grow on. Referring back to seeing beasts in their natural state, it was far easier to judge than seeing a beast that has perhaps been 'fed up' for the show ring. Often you see heifers being shown and it is interesting to see them in years to follow how they grow into their adult skin and seeing that what you've seen as a youngster retains the quality type of cow.

The first placing for the male calf evidenced a good shaped & strong well grown 'future breeding bull'! First place female calf also good shape, strong but retained the femininity. However, I had seen a calf which I would have placed first except it's birthdate was 23/12/14, therefore not eligible for calf class (as I was instructed calves needed to be born 2015!)

It was good to see so many steers, certainly progress with the more commercial aspect of Longhorn breeding.

Again, commercially the first place in the crossbreds provided a super example, these being Pam Pumphrey's Aberdeen Angus x Longhorns.

Aesthetics do also play a part !

Ashley Close

**Senior Bull**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Aberdeen Monty	Mr G Lennox
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aberdeen Jeremiah	Mrs S Aglionby
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Frondeg Lion	Messrs N & C Hughes
4 <sup>th</sup>	Raincliffe Harry	Mrs N Lockett
5 <sup>th</sup>	Raincliffe Justice	Mr S Dalton

**Junior Bull**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Aberdeen Oswin	Mr G Lennox
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fishwick Oh So Long	The Hon Mrs A Laing
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wellhead Opulent	Mr S Dalton
4 <sup>th</sup>	Croftlands Prince	Messrs N & C Hughes (not reg)

**Senior Cow**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Clonyard Amadina	Mrs P Pumphrey
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bejon Delia	Mr S Dalton
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aberdeen Hazel	Mr G Lennox
4 <sup>th</sup>	Logie Hazel	The Hon Mrs A Laing
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ponsonby Gol	Ms C Kearse
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wellhead Iolanthe	Mrs N Lockett

**Junior Cow**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Greenside Kylie	Mr S Dalton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Clonyard Babbler	Mrs P Pumphrey
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Croftlands Molly	Messrs N & C Hughes
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wellhead Kir Royale	Mrs N Lockett
5 <sup>th</sup>	Logie Loganberry	The Hon Mrs A Laing
6 <sup>th</sup>	Greenside Lola	Ms C Kearse

**Homebred Cow**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Clonyard Amadina	Mrs P Pumphrey
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Greenside Kylie	Mr S Dalton
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aberdeen Hazel	Mr G Lennox
4 <sup>th</sup>	Logie Hazel	The Hon Mrs A Laing
5 <sup>th</sup>	Croftlands Molly	Messrs N & C Hughes
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wellhead Iolanthe	Mrs N Lockett

**Dam & Daughter**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bejon Delia / Bank Newton Gloria /calf Greenside Olanda	Mr S Dalton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Logie Hazel/ Logie Maple/calf Logie Paeony	The Hon Mrs A Laing
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aberdeen Hazel/Aberdeen Sadem 8 <sup>th</sup> /calf Sadem 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mr G Lennox
4 <sup>th</sup>	Clonyard Starling/Clonyard Ani/Clonyard Coquette	Mrs P Pumphrey
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wellhead Ireby Lass/ Loweswater Lass/Wellhead Perseus	Mrs N Lockett

**Senior Heifer**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wellhead N-dless	Mrs N Lockett
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aberdeen Joan 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mr G Lennox
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Logie Nesta	The Hon Mrs A Laing
4 <sup>th</sup>	Croftlands Nigella	Messrs N & C Hughes
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ponsonby Golwin	Ms C Kearse
Joint 6 <sup>th</sup>	Marindin Rosie	Mrs R Adam
	Greenside Martha	Mr S Dalton

**Junior Heifer**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Aberdeen Joan 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr G Lennox
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Croftlands Ocean	Messrs N & C Hughes
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wellhead Oklahoma!	Mrs N Lockett
4 <sup>th</sup>	Logie Oriel	The Hon Mrs A Laing
5 <sup>th</sup>	Greenside Ocean	Mr S Dalton
Joint 6 <sup>th</sup>	Marindin Rowan	Mrs R Adam
	Houghton Miranda	Mrs S Aglionby

**Male Calf**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Aberdeen XB74372	Mr G Lennox
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Logie XB74826	The Hon Mrs A Laing
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wellhead Petrus	Mrs N Luckett
4 <sup>th</sup>	Brampton steer	Ms C Kearse
5 <sup>th</sup>	Croftlands Poseidon	Messrs N & C Hughes
6 <sup>th</sup>	Houghton Nicco	Mrs S Aglionby

**Female Calf**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Aberdeen Sadem 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mr G Lennox
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brampton Paprika	Ms C Kearse
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Logie Peony	The Hon Mrs A Laing
4 <sup>th</sup>	Croftlands Phoebe	Messrs N & C Hughes
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wellhead Paxos	Mrs N Luckett
6 <sup>th</sup>	Houghton Nancy	Mrs S Aglionby

**Best calf**

Aberdeen XB74372	Mr G Lennox
Aberdeen Sadem 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mr G Lennox

**Steer**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Logie	The Hon Mrs A Laing
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Croftlands	Messrs N & C Hughes
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aberdeen	Mr G Lennox
4 <sup>th</sup>	Houghton	Mrs S Aglionby
5 <sup>th</sup>	Greenside	Mr S Dalton

**X bred animal**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Clonyard AA x LH	Mrs P Pumphrey
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Greenside Lim x LH	Simon Dalton
3 <sup>rd</sup> /joint	Shetland x LH	Rita Adam & Susan Aglionby
4 <sup>th</sup>	Aberdeen WP x LH	Mr G Lennox

**Overall Herd****Large herd**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Aberdeen	Mr G Lennox
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Greenside	Mr S Dalton
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Croftlands	Messrs N & C Hughes

**Small Herd**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Logie	The Hon Mrs A Laing
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wellhead	Mrs N Luckett
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brampton	Ms C Kearse

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**Judge of the Southern Section: Phil Robinson**

**Senior Bull**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Stoke Juniper	Messrs D & G Walker
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fishwick Lord of the Rings	Mr P Close
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Feniton Ferdinand	Mr G Willey
4 <sup>th</sup>	Trelawny Kidnap	Mr S Rigby
5 <sup>th</sup>	Blackden Krypton	Mr P Wild
6 <sup>th</sup>	Levisham Granite	Mr R Armstrong

**Junior Bull**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wellhead Owain	Mr D Metcalf
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Newton Yorkie	Messrs D&G Walker
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fishwick Oberon	Mr P Wild
4 <sup>th</sup>	Harold Outstanding	Mr H Hodgson
5 <sup>th</sup>	Settrington Theakston	Mr J Harrison

**Senior Cow**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Broomfield Joyful	Mr D Metcalf
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Broomfield Holly	Mr G Willey
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fishwick Ingrid	Mr P Close
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fishwick Dianthus	Messrs D&G Walker
5 <sup>th</sup>	Reivers Annabel	Mr R Armstrong
6 <sup>th</sup>	Raby Katherine	Mr S Rigby

**Junior Cow**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lowoaks Kimba	Mr S Horrocks
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Linnhead Damselfly	Mr D Metcalf
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fishwick Kanara	Mr P Close
4 <sup>th</sup>	Newton Whoopee Do	Messrs D&G Walker
5 <sup>th</sup>	Southfield Loyalty	Mr P Wild
6 <sup>th</sup>	Kirklan Maggi	HMP Kirkham

**Home Bred Cow**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Broomfield Holly	Mr G Willey
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fishwick Ingrid	Mr P Close
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kirklan Maggi	HM Prison Kirkham
4 <sup>th</sup>	Reivers Annabel	Mr R Armstrong
5 <sup>th</sup>	Newton White Lilly	Messrs D & G Walker
6 <sup>th</sup>	Settrington Octavia	Mr J Harrison

**Dam & Daughter**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Louella Diadem & Fishwick Ingrid	Mr P Close
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fishwick Dainthus & Newton Snowdrop	Messrs D&G Walker
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blackbrook Pleasure & Daughter	Mr P Wild
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kirklan Daphne & Keallasey	HMP Kirkham

**Senior Heifer**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Broomfield Narnia	Graham Willey
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Southfield Nia	Mr H Hodgson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Newton Xtra Topsy	Messrs D&G Walker
4 <sup>th</sup>	Garford May Queen	Mr D Metcalf
5 <sup>th</sup>	Kirklan Nora	HMP Kirkham
6 <sup>th</sup>	Settrington Song	Mr J Harrison

**Junior Heifer**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kirklan Oratoria	HM Prison Kirkham
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Southfield Osprey	Mr H Hodgson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fishwick Oleander	Mr P Close
4 <sup>th</sup>	Garford Golden Girl	Mr D Metcalf
5 <sup>th</sup>	Milton Bank Orphelia	Mr S Rigby
6 <sup>th</sup>	Gale Farm Nicola	Mr S Horrocks

**Male calf**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kirklan 100013	HM Prison Kirkham
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gale Farm Portree	Mr S Horrocks
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Newton Zinfandel	Messrs D&G Walker
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fishwick Firefly	Mr P Close
5 <sup>th</sup>	Milton Bank 100036	Mr S Rigby
6 <sup>th</sup>	Fullwood calf	Mr P Wild

**Heifer calf**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Newton Zanlura	Messrs D&G Walker
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Colaba Celandine calf	Mr G Willey
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fishwick Pavlova	Mr P Close
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fullwood Paris	Mr P Wild
5 <sup>th</sup>	Milton Bank 700042	Mr S Rigby
6 <sup>th</sup>	Kirklan Peony	HM Prison Kirkham

**Best calf**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bull calf 100013	HM Prison Kirkham
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Newton Zanlura	Messrs D&G Walker
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gale Farm Portree	Mr S Horrocks
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fishwick Pavlova	Mr P Close
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fullwood Paris	Mr P Wild
6 <sup>th</sup>	Milton Bank 700042	Mr S Rigby

**Steers**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Messrs D&G Walker
2 <sup>nd</sup>	HM Prison Kirkham
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr G Willey
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mr J Harrison
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mr R Armstrong
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mr H Hodgson

**Crossbred**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Piemontese x	Mr S Rigby
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Simmental x	Mr P Close
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mixed x's	Mr G Willey
4 <sup>th</sup>	Angus x	Mr H Hodgson
5 <sup>th</sup>	Angus x	Mr D Metcalf

**Best Large Herd**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kirklan herd	HM Prison Kirkham
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Newton herd	Messrs D&G Walker
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fishwick herd	Mr P Close

**Best Small Herd**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Garford herd	Mr Denis Metcalf
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gale Farm herd	Mr S Horrocks
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Milton Bank herd	Mr S Rigby