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Dear Members

Welcome to the Summer newsletter. The show season is well underway and May saw a flurry of shows, the results of which are in the newsletter.

The Summer promises to be busy for the Society, with the National Show at the Cheshire County Show on 23 and 24 June and the Summer visit to Nicky Luckett and Colin Hughes in Cumbria on 9 August. Please let me know if you are attending either event so we can ensure sufficient catering!

The Society will produce a Journal in 2016 and the advertising options are detailed in the newsletter. For only £50 you can have your herd advertised in the Breeders' Directory, or for slightly more you can have a larger advert. The Journal is much admired in the industry so an advert represents an ideal opportunity to advertise your herd and also help promote the breed. Without advertising income the Journal cannot be produced so please consider taking an advert this year.

I look forward to seeing you at a Society event over the Summer.

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SUMMER VISIT, 9 AUGUST 2015

This year's Summer visit will be to Cumbria. We have been invited to visit Nicky Luckett's Wellhead herd and Colin and Norman Hughes' Croftlands herd. Both herds are around 30 minutes from Carlisle. We will start at Nicky's and then travel on to the Hughes' after lunch. More precise timing and directions will be available nearer the time.

Please send in the slip below, give the office a ring or send an email to express an interest in the visit. We need confirmed numbers for catering purposes.

Nicky Luckett's Wellhead Herd

In 1983 Paul and I moved to Wellhead, a seven acre smallholding, and decided to keep a (then) rare breed of cattle. After a trip to RBST Show & Sale we decided that the docility, easy calving, good mothering and thriftiness of Longhorns made them good beginner's cattle. We bought the first two in 1986 and added to them through the sales over the next few years. Even with help from farming neighbours it was a steep learning curve!

We started showing in 1995 and progressed from 13th of 13 with a yearling bull at the Royal that year to Supreme Champions at Three Counties and Royal (2003), GYS ('04), Highland ('05 and '07) and Northumberland (2000 and '08).

Land bought in '92 and 2005 has brought the total up to 84 acres. Most of it is heavy, running to 1000ft, and two miles from home, so the cattle are housed from late Oct/early Nov to mid May in a typical year. The herd now numbers 18 calvers, the stock bull Raincliffe Harry, and followers - down from twice that in late '90s - and have entered the SAC herd health scheme. Lots of changes since those first two in-calf heifers arrived in '86, but the aim is still to produce quality cattle - and to enjoy them

Colin Hughes' Croftlands Herd

Colin started his herd in 2010 with three heifers from John Backhouse's Raincliffe herd after selling his Jersey herd. Longhorns were chosen as they would thrive on grass and silage and they were well known for being easy calving. The Hughes also have holiday cottages and a tearoom on the farm and the cattle provide an extra interest for visitors. The herd has won many awards over the years in the Northern Breeders' herd competition, most notably in 2013 when they won best Junior Cow. Their aim for the future is to always try to breed better cows and hopefully increase profits.

I / we.....

Are interested in the summer visit to Cumbria on 9 August.

SHOW PREPARATION WORKSHOP

The Society's show preparation Workshop took place on Saturday 11 April at Mike Shearstone's Tanfield Herd, Lodge Farm, Stathern Road, Eastwell, Leicestershire.

Suitable for both novice members who were looking to take their first tentative steps into the show ring and more experienced members who have showing knowledge and were wishing to brush up on their skills and learn a



few 'trade secrets', the workshop was led by Steve Gray. Steve is a member of the Society and has been preparing cattle of all breeds for the show ring for many years. He showed members how to prepare an animal for the show ring.

Members were also treated to a visit around the rest of the Tanfield herd, followed by a delicious home-made Longhorn lasagne lunch.



SPRING SHOW & SALE, WORCESTER

LONGHORNS SECURE BREED RECORD FOR SENIOR BULL AT 5,400gns

The Longhorn Cattle Society's Annual Spring Show & Sale at Worcester again proved to be a resounding success and continues to underline the breed's popularity and strong following with a packed sale ring and keen competition throughout. That competition element resulted in a new breed record for a Senior bull when 'Aberdeen Nik' from Graham Lennox who had made a long trip from Aberdeen sold at 5,400gns. The two year old bull had won Male and Reserve Overall Champion in the preceding show and was secured by D. Howden, Ludgershall, Buckingham. Mr Howden a strong supporter of the breed also purchased the Female and Overall Champion 'Blackden Mint' an in calf cow from Phil Robinson's herd at 2,500gns and the First and Reserve Female Champion 'Treverton Nettle' a maiden heifer from Heard & Towers at 3,550gns.

A strong entry of bulls were closely followed and Andrew Goodman's Worcester based herd also found favour when his senior stock bull 'Linton leuan' a 7 year old bred by Phil Evans sold for 2,700gns to K. Mason, Waltham Abbey, Essex, the same purchaser taking 'Rhyfel Odin' a first prize winner from Andrew Williams' Carmarthen herd at 2,300gns.

Cows and calves enjoyed spirited returns topping at 1,620gns and 1,600gns for Andrew Riseborough's 'Cayo' herd for two homebred cows with young heifer calves at foot to Myddleton Farm, Chirk Castle, Wrexham and T & M Lewis, Llandrindod Wells, Powys respectively.

Maiden Heifers were hotly contested peaking at 1,320gns twice for Andrew Williams 'Rhyfel Nicky' a second prize winner and also for 'Blackden Nell' a fourth prize winner from Phil Robinson, selling to Mark Wheeler, Gloucester and M. Corrie, Shrewsbury, Shropshire respectively.

Averages: *(report including individual prices and purchasers is on the website)*

3 Led Cows, top price £2625.00 average £1,708.00
 7 Led Senior Heifers, top price £3727.50, average £1,585.00
 7 Led Junior Heifers, top price £1113.00, average £966.00
 6 Unled Cows, top price £1701.00, average £1,267.00
 5 Unled Bulling Heifers, top price £1176.00, average £1,125.60
 11 Unled Senior Heifers, top price £1176.00, average £998.45
 3 Unled Junior Heifers, £640.50, average £612.50
 7 Bulls, top price £5400.00, average £2,677.50
 9 steers 13-20 months, top price £830.00, average £734.00

SPRING SHOW & SALE, WORCESTER

Judge, Richard Bartle

Cow

1st Blackden Mint
 2nd Jano's Magic
 3rd Jano's Moneymaker

Heifer born in 2013

1st Treverton Nettle
 2nd Rhyfel Nicky
 3rd Treverton Nina
 4th Blackden Nell
 5th Hennisfield Fiona
 6th Hennisfield Fern

Heifer born in 2014

1st Tanfield Opal
 2nd Tanfield Oreo
 3rd Southfield Otter
 4th Gorse Valentine Rose
 5th Southfield Ohio
 6th Gorse Victoria
 7th Tanfield Oasis

Senior Bull

1st Aberdeen Nik
 2nd Carreg Nero
 3rd Newton Wild Instinct
 4th Hennisfield Fearless
 5th Blackden Noshor
 6th Carreg Niknak
 7th Linton leuan

Bull born in 2014

1st Ryfel Odin
 2nd Ryfel Onyx

Male Champion
 Res Male Champ
 Female Champion
 Res Female Champ

Aberdeen Nik
 Rhyfel Odin
 Blackden Mint
 Treverton Nettle

Breed Champion
Reserve Champion

Blackden Mint
Aberdeen Nik



Breed Champion Blackden Mint

SPRING NORTHERN SHOW & SALE, BEESTON

1800 GNS BULL TOPS BEESTON LONGHORN SALE

The 7th Annual Northern Spring Sale on behalf of the Longhorn Cattle Society took place at Beeston Castle Auction on 16th May in front of a good crowd and for the first time since the inception of the sale the event involved a pre-sale show which was judged by Brian Wragg.

Champion was awarded to the bull, Blackden Nicholas II from PV & MJ Robinson of Goostrey, Crewe, son of Wellhead Dante out of a Bollin cow by Heyworth Elgar. The Reserve Championship was awarded to the first prize cow Oxlane Kasia, a 2010 born daughter of Bollin Eugene who was paraded with her three week old bull calf at foot, her third calf.

Trade was fairly buoyant throughout the sale especially for the cows with calves at foot and it was the Reserve Champion who led the female section of the sale selling for 1450 gns to J & P Barlow of Holywell, Flintshire Another the four year old Sturston Xandra who sold with her first calf, a January born heifer sold for 1220 gns to G Myddleton, Chirk Castle.

Maiden Heifers topped at 1250 gns for the 1st prize winning Treverton Nostalgia, a two year old by Treverton Jethro, from Rachel Heard, Northampton which also sold to J & P Barlow.

The top bid of the sale went to the October 2012 born bull, Mayfield Maximus from J Newton, York. He is by Stoke Juniper out of a Settrington cow by Bejon Dickie. He sold for 1800 gns to Stephen Wright of Cottenham, Cambridge. The Champion Bull from the Robinsons sold for 1500 gns to AL & FL Appleby of Prees, Whitchurch.

Averages: *(report including individual prices and purchasers is on the website)*1

1 Led Cow, top price £1522.50 average £1522.50

1 Led Senior Heifer, top price £1312.50, average £1312.50

12 Unled Cows, top price £1890.00, average £1732.00

5 Unled Bulling Heifers, top price £1176.00, average £1102.00

6 Unled Senior Heifers, top price £840.00, average £642.00

5 Unled Junior Heifers, £609.00 average £580.652

7 Bulls, top price £1890.00, average £1732.50

SPRING NORTHERN SHOW & SALE, BEESTON

SHOW

Judge Brian Wragg

Cow

1st Oxlane Kasia

2nd Heronbrook Mattilda

Heifer born in 2013

1st Treverton Nostalgia

2nd Treverton Nutmeg

Senior Bull

1st Blackden Nicholas II

2nd Mayfield Maximus

3rd Woolhope Jim

Breed Champion

Blackden Nicholas II

Reserve Champion

Oxlane Kasia



Breed Champion Blackden Nicholas II

SHOW RESULTS

Nottinghamshire County Show

9 May 2015

Judge: Lynda Burditt

Bull any age, 4 entries/3 forward

1st Riverlands Oink Mr & Mrs R&V Burton
 2nd Newton Yorkie Mr D Walker
 3rd Wheatlands Obelisk Mr T Mills

Junior Heifer, 5 entries/5 forward

1st Wheatlands Olive Mr T Mills
 2nd Charnwood Oriana Mr D Walker
 3rd Riverlands Ouzel Mr & Mrs R&V Burton
 4th Wheatlands Olga Mr T Mills
 5th Riverlands Onion Mr & Mrs R&V Burton

Senior Heifer, 4 entries/3 forward

1st Newton Xsara Mr D Walker
 2nd Riverlands Noodle Mr & Mrs R&V Burton
 3rd Newton Xtra Topsy Mr D Walker

Group of Three, 3 entries/3 forward

1st Mr D Walker
 2nd Mr T Mills
 3rd Mr & Mrs R&V Burton

Breed & Female Champion Newton Xsara

Reserve & Male Champion Riverlands Oink
 Reserve Female Champion Wheatlands
 Olive
 Reserve Male Champion Newton Yorkie
 Best Junior Heifer Wheatlands
 Olive
 Best Junior Bull Riverlands Oink

Shropshire Show

23 May 2015

Judge: George Woollatt for Graham Towers

Bull any age, 2 entered, 1 forward

1st Carreg Oscar Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Cow with calf at foot, 2 entered, 2 forward

1st Carreg Idenot Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
 2nd Blackden Margaret PV & JM Robinson

Heifer any age, 8 entered, 7 forward

1st Gorse Violet Messrs JS & JW Brigg
 2nd Blackden Naomi PV & JM Robinson
 3rd Carreg Ola Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
 4th Gorse Viola Messrs JS & JW Brigg
 5th Unknown Mr B Wragg
 6th Lindford Nicole A Platt & Partners
 7th Lindford Nancy A Platt & Partners

Pairs, 4 entered, 3 forward

1st Carreg Oscar/Ola B&M Llewellyn
 2nd Gorse Viola/Violet Messrs JS & JW Brigg
 3rd Blackden Margaret/Naomi
 PV & JM Robinson

Breed & Female Champ Gorse Violet

Res Breed & Male Champ Carreg Oscar
 Best Junior Bull Carreg Oscar
 Best Junior Heifer Gorse Violet

Rare & Traditional Breeds Champ

Reserve Red Poll bull
 Gorse Violet

SHOW RESULTS

Bath and West Show

27 May 2015

Judge: Clive Davies (non panel judge)

Standing in for Angela Blockley

Senior Bull, 1 prize awarded

1st Long Ash Larkspur Will Glover

Junior Bull, 2 prizes awarded

1st Carreg Oscar Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
 2nd Gentons 007 James Bond
 Messrs Brigg & Mr B Facon

Cow, 1 prize awarded

1st Carreg Martha Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Best calf at foot

1 prize awarded
 1st Carreg Plum Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn

Senior Heifer, 1 prize awarded

1st Gorse Ulrika Messrs JW & JW Brigg

Junior Heifer, 3 prizes awarded

1st Gorse Violet Messrs JS & JW Brigg
 2nd Carreg Octavia Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
 3rd Gorse Viola Messrs JS & JW Brigg

Group of Three, 2 prizes awarded

1st Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
 2nd Messrs JS & JW Brigg

Pairs, 2 prizes awarded

1st Carreg Oscar/Octavia
 Mr & Mrs B&M Llewellyn
 2nd Gorse Viola/Violet Messrs JS & JW Brigg

Female & Breed Champion Gorse Violet

Res Female & Res Champ Carreg Martha
 Male Champion Long Ash Larkspur
 Best Junior Bull Carreg Oscar
 Best Junior Heifer Gorse Violet

Staffordshire County Show

27 May 2015

Judge: Peter Guest

Senior Bull, 1 prize awarded

1st Dunstall Lancer Mrs EM Hallifield

Junior Bull, No entries

Cow, 1 prize awarded

1st Blackden Margaret
 Messrs PV & JM Robinson

Senior Heifer, 3 prizes awarded

1st Dunstall Nutmeg Mrs EM Hallifield
 2nd Lower Blacup Nancy Mr B Wragg
 3rd Blackden Naomi
 Messrs PV & JM Robinson

Junior Heifer, 1 prize awarded

1st Dunstall Orchid Mrs EM Hallifield

Pairs, 1 prize awarded

1st Mrs EM Hallifield

Female & Breed Champion

Dunstall Nutmeg
 Male & Reserve Champ Dunstall Lancer
 Best Junior Heifer Dunstall Orchid

SHOW RESULTS

Suffolk County Show

27 May 2015

**Judge: Lynda Burditt standing in for
Graham Towers**

Bull any age, 2 prizes awarded

1st Carreg Legend Mrs SE Coleman

2nd Blackbrook Stig Mr & Mrs T&S Gurton

Cow, 3 prizes awarded

1st Chalkney Quote Mrs SE Coleman

2nd Trelawny Jasmine Mr & Mrs T&S Gurton

3rd Colne Valley Dignity

Mr & Mrs T&S Gurton

Senior Heifer, 1 prize awarded

1st Treverton Noblesse Mr D Howden

Junior Heifer

3 prizes awarded

1st Chalkney Tempo Mrs SE Coleman

2nd Chalkney Tahiri Mrs SE Coleman

3rd Pointer Amy Mr D Howden

Pairs

1 prize awarded

1st Mrs EM Hallfield

Male & Breed Champion Carreg Legend

Female & Reserve Champ Chalkney Quote

Best Junior Heifer Chalkney Tempo

Rutland County Show

31 May 2015

Judge: Richard Hartshorn

Junior Bull, 1 prizes awarded

1st Riverlands Oink Mr & Mrs R&V Burton

Cow, 1 prize awarded

1st Blackbrook Rowena

Mr & Mrs B&T Stanley

Senior Heifer, 1 prize awarded

1st Riverland Noodle Mr & Mrs R&V Burton

Junior Heifer, 2 prizes awarded

1st Charnwood Ola Mr & Mrs B&T Stanley

2nd Riverlands Ouzel Mr & Mrs R&V Burton

Female & Breed Champion

Blackbrook Rowena

Reserve Champ Riverlands Noodle

Male Champion Riverlands Oink

Best Junior Bull Riverlands Oink

Best Junior Heifer Charnwood Ola

FORTHCOMING SHOWS

Three Counties Show

12-14 June

The Showground, Malvern, Worcs, WR13 6NW

Web: www.threecounties.co.uk

Cheshire County Show

23/24 June

Clay House Farm, Flittogate Lane, Tabley, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 0HJ,

Web: www.cheshirecountyshow.org.uk

HOSTING THE LONGHORN NATIONAL SHOW IN 2015

Lincolnshire Show

24/25 June

Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, Lincoln, LN2 2NA

Web: www.lincolnshireshowground.co.uk

Derbyshire County Show

28 June

Venue postcode DE72 3EP

Web: www.derbyshirecountyshow.org.uk

Royal Norfolk Show

1/2 July

Norfolk Showground, Dereham Road, Costessy, Norwich NR5 0TT

Web: www.royalnorfolkshow.co.uk

Hanbury Countryside Show

4 July

Venue Postcode B96 6RD

Web: www.hanburycountrysideshow.co.uk

Ashby de la Zouch Show

12 July

Venue postcode DE12 7HA

Web: www.ashbyshow.com

Great Yorkshire Show

14-16 July

Yorkshire Agricultural Society, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate, HG2 8PW

Web: www.greatyorkshireshow.com

Royal Welsh Show

20-23 July

Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, Powys, LD2 3SY

Web: www.rwas.co.uk

Mid Devon Show

25 July

Venue postcode EX16 4NG

Web: www.middevonshow.co.uk

Heckington Show

25/26 July

Web: www.heckingtonshow.org.uk

(Cattle on 26 only)

Venue postcode NG34 9JF

Ryedale Show

25 July

Venue: A170 Helmsley to Kirkbymoorside road

Web: www.ryedaleshow.org.uk

SOCIETY AGM, 10-11 October 2015

The Society AGM this year is over the weekend of Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October.

We will be based in the market town of Banbury, staying at the Georgian Banbury House Hotel near the centre of town and close to Banbury Cross.

Our visit on Saturday will be to John Colegrave's Wykham Park herd just outside Banbury. The Colegrave family have a farm shop and put all their finished Longhorns through the shop. The breeding herd grazes at nearby Broughton Castle, home to the 21st Lord and Lady Saye & Sele whose family name is Fiennes.

Lunch and the AGM will be held in the castle's fabulous Great Hall, after which we will have a private tour of the castle with Lord and Lady Saye & Sele's son Martin Fiennes.

Dinner on Saturday night will be at the Banbury House Hotel when our after dinner speaker will be Society member Lord Henry Plumb.

Sunday is still being arranged and full details along with a booking form will be send out soon.

In the meantime put the date in your diary!

www.wykhampark.co.uk the website for the farm shop

www.broughtoncastle.com the website for Broughton Castle

SOCIETY NEWS

COUNCIL MEMBERS 2015

The following Council members represent you in 2015

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015

Council meeting dates for the rest of 2015 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.

Wednesday 8 July, Tuesday 13 October

BILL ELLIOTT

Society members will be saddened to learn that Bill Elliott passed away on 14 April. Bill was the manager of the Stoke Herd of Longhorns for the late Mr Robert Wales and Natural England. He was also President of the Longhorn Cattle Society in 1992 and 1993 and a well respected member for many years.

SOCIETY NEWS

REGISTRATION FEES 2015

From **1 January 2015** 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

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.

SOCIETY NEWS

The Year Letter for 2015 is

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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.

HERDBOOK 'HOW TO'

Increasing numbers of members use the online Grassroots Herdbook system via the Society website to register their cattle and let the Society know about deaths and transfers.

One of the most common queries I get is about the 'Shopping Basket' that appears once you have processed any transactions that attract a fee. This DOES NOT link into the Society's accounts system and it is there so you know how much to pay the Society. It is meant to be printed off and sent to the office with your payment but now more people are paying via BACS this does not happen and the 'outstanding balance' accumulates. To clear off this balance do the following:

Click on 'Proceed to Checkout'
Click on one of the payment methods
Click on return to 'Manage your herd'

This will clear the balance off and not give you such a shock the next time you log on!

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 it's 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.

NEW MEMBERS

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- * **We should like to welcome the following new members to the Society:** *
- * *Milly Hodgkinson, The Gardeners Cottage, Watery Lane, Matlaske, Norfolk* *
- * *Julian Polhill, Howbury Hall Estate, Renhold, Bedford* *
- * *Messrs Emsley & Cleasby, Cumbroots Dairy Farm, Scalby, Scarborough* *
- * *Mr W Willison, Andys Barn Farm, Moors Lane, Feckenham, Worcs* *
- * *Mr G Myddelton, Chirk Castle, Chirk, Wrexham* *
- * *Mr A Rockey, Peters Finger Farm, St Giles on the Heath, Launceston, Cornwall* *
- * *Mr G Bradley, Park Farm, Burned House Lane, Preesall, Lancs* *
- * *H Garside & Son, Highfield Farm, Slathwaite, Huddersfield, W Yorkshire* *
- * *Mr & Mrs E Appleby, Broadhay Farm, Lower Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire* *
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LONGHORN JOURNAL VOLUME 9

LONGHORN CATTLE SOCIETY JOURNAL VOLUME 9

Production of the Society Journal relies on the support of members.

Please consider taking an advert or a listing in the Breeder's Directory to ensure the future of this publication.

All members have the opportunity to advertise, whatever their budget!

ADVERTISING OPTIONS

Display adverts

Full colour, artwork supplied by the advertiser or a limited design service is available from the Society

Full Page	£250 +VAT
Half Page	£150 +VAT
Double facing page	£450 + VAT

Display advertisers get a **FREE** listing in the Breeders' Directory and half price advertising in the 2016 Herdbook.

Breeders' directory

Have your name, address, prefix and contact details listed and your location pinpointed on a map.

A cost effective method of advertising your herd within the Journal

Breeders' Directory	£50+VAT
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All adverts and directory listings must be received by 31 October at the very latest to guarantee inclusion BUT earlier is better!

NATIONAL SHOW 2015

The National Show will be at the Cheshire Show on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 June. Put the date in your diary! Clive Roads will be judging. If you wish to enter please contact the Show on 01565 650200 or info@cheshirecountyshow.org.uk for a schedule.

The Society will be hosting a lunch after the judging on Tuesday 23 June - please let the office know if you are hoping to attend so I have a rough idea of how many to cater for. Thank you!

GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW

The Great Yorkshire Show has kindly moved the Longhorn cattle into sheds A and B on the top side of Stock Avenue, facing the main ring. This is a very prominent position within the cattle lines and comes with a small 'office' which can be used by exhibitors for refreshments and hospitality. If you are thinking of visiting the Show please come and support the exhibitors in their new, high profile location. We are very grateful to the Great Yorkshire Show for providing the Society with such a fantastic promotional opportunity.

SOCIETY SALES

The Longhorn breed is known for its resilience and hardiness and the Society sales are the breed's shop window. 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 in the Society office 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 this year.

PERFORMANCE RECORDING

Cattle weight recording schemes originated as a way to disentangle the combined influences on an animal's appearance of the environment (feeding, management etc) and their genetics.

Over time a range of Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) for traits relating to growth rate, carcass quality, ease of calving and maternal performance have been developed. These indicators of breeding potential are now an established part of pedigree beef production, increasing returns in all types of commercial beef enterprises – in both terminal sire and maternal breeds.

A pilot study has been started within the Longhorn breed looking at easy ways to incorporate pedigree and performance data into the genetic evaluations provided through Signet Breeding Services.

Two Longhorn herds are currently involved, Charles Sutcliffe's Tetford Herd and the Thomas families Barlings Herd. A preliminary BLUP run has already been completed and the Signet team are looking at ways to enhance the EBVs produced from this run.

Having established a recording protocol for the breed, Signet is seeking more herds that might be interested in supplying performance records (weights taken between birth and 500 days of age) for inclusion in the analysis.

For more information contact Sion Parry Email: sion.parry@eblex.ahdb.org.uk Tel: 0247 647 8879

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.

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 registration of TB reactors is not permitted.

The table shows compensation for June 2015. 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	£263-£475	Individual valuation
6-12 months	£725-£862	£1612
12 to 20/24months	£938-£977	£4451
20/24+ months	£1054	£2722

Age	Non pedigree female	Pedigree registered female
Up to 6 months	£216-£433	Individual valuation
6-12 months	£622-£763	£1915
12 to 16 months	£825	12-24m £1755
16-20 months	£900	24+ m not calved £1933
20/24+ months	£975-£853	24-26m calved £1950
36+ months calved		£1659

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

19 July. Summer visit to Jonathon Pym's Melbury Herd, meeting at 12.30 for a buffet lunch then moving to Robin Spinney's Longstraw Herd. Between Jonathons and Robins there will be a visit to the Donhead Stud of Suffolk Punches.

15 November. Breeders Awards Lunch, Froome Market. 12 noon for a 1pm start

Northern Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

Contact: Nicky Luckett, Wellhead, Mealsgate, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA7 1DJ Tel: 01697 371487, Email: nickyluckett@aol.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

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

WINTER FAIRS

The Society will have stands at the following events

Friday 30 October

Borderway Agri Expo, Borderway Mart, Carlisle CA1 2RS

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 November

English Winter Fair, Staffordshire County Showground, ST18 0BD

SALES 2015

All dates subject to confirmation and DEFRA movement and gathering regulations

Friday 25 & Saturday 26 September 2015

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

Thursday 10 September 2015

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

Friday 11 & Saturday 12 September 2015

Traditional Native Breeds Show & Sale,
Melton Mowbray Market, LE13 1JY
Auctioneers: Melton Mowbray Market Auctioneers, Tel: 01664 562971
Cattle auctioned by Clive Roads, McCartneys LLP

Saturday 19th September

Rare, Minority & Traditional Breeds Sale
at Borderway Mart, Carlisle CA1 2RS
Auctioneers: Harrison & Hetherington Ltd, Tel: 01228 406230
Entries close 10th August

FEMALES FOR SALE

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

Brian Temple, Plum Park Farm, Watling St, Paulerspury, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6LQ

Tel: 01327 811350
Mobile: 07764 244642
Email: briantemple@fsmail.net

STEERS AND HEIFERS

Four registered two year old heifers and five notified steers. Also 14 yearling steers and heifers.

Lockinge Farms, The Estate Office, Ardington, Wantage, Oxon, OX12 8PP

Tel: 01235 833443
Mobile: 07767 355325
Email: n.a.hampson@btinternet.com

BULLING HEIFERS

Sire: Cwrt Henllys Kato 21607/K0803
Six 2013 heifers. Annual herd test 11 No 2014, never a case of TB in the herd.

Malcolm Perrett, Little Lophorne, Thornbury, Nr Holsworthy, Devon
Tel: 01409 261649

Email: mandcperrett@btinternet.com
LOPTHORNE HERD DISPERSAL

Malcolm & Carole are selling their farm and reluctantly must disperse their herd. A number of cattle of all ages for sale.

EJ Cuming, Feniton Court, Honiton, Devon, EX14 3BE.

Tel: 07920 107915
Email: fenitoncourt@hotmail.co.uk
YEARLING HEIFERS

Sire: Heronsbrook Legend 24222/L00843
10 yearling heifers born Feb-July 2014.

R&B Batchelor, Higher Willand Farm, Churchstanton, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 7RL

Tel: 01823 602711
Mobile: 07815 892410
Email: rabatchelor@tiscali.co.uk
COWS

Ten cows for sale, various ages

A Smith, Eastmoor Farm, North Moor, Wykeham, Scarborough, YO13 9QH
Tel: 07801 847245 (Tim) 07792 639988 (Hayley)

Email: eastmoorfarm@thegingerpig.co.uk
FEMALES

A selection of cows with calves at foot and 2013 heifers for sale.

Colin & Jenni Driver, Wood Farm, Parkgate, Dumfries, DG1 3LY

Tel: 01387 860745
Email: cdriver09@btinternet.com
HOWSLACK HERD DISPERSAL

Due to ill health the entire Howslack herd is for sale. SAC High Health herd. Full details on the website.

Peter & Edward Player, Whatton Manor Stud & Farm, Whatton in the Vale, Notts, NG13 9EX

Tel: 01949 850221
Mobile: 07733 261757 (Edward)
Email:

player@whattonmanorstud.fsnet.co.uk
YEARLING & TWO YEAR OLD CATTLE

A large number of 2013 and 2014 born quality steers and heifers. Never a case of TB in the herd.

J Harrison, Settrington, Malton, N Yorkshire, YO17 8NR.

Tel: 01944 768441 or 768476 (eve)
Email: ruth@hhands.co.uk
SETTRINGTON RHUBARB 24375/M00582

Born: 19/08/2012
Sire: Bejon Dickie 12286/D0596
Dam: Southfield Jasmin 8686
In calf to Barflings Knight 21727/K0721, due August 2015. BVD vaccinated, halter trained. 4 year TB test area.

SETTRINGTON HEIFERS

A number of two year old heifers are also for sale. See the website or ring John for more details.

FEMALES FOR SALE

Joanna Comley, Tremavic, Lane, Newquay, Cornwall, TR8 4PE
Tel: 01637 873695
Email: joanna.comley@btinternet.com
TREMAVIC NINNY 25288/N01125
 Born: 22/04/2013
 Sire: Honeywood Callicies 1432
 Dam: Westdown Kara 19917/K0947

Ian Smith, Daylin Nurseries, Chapel Lane, Kirby Cross, Essex, CO13 0NF
Tel: 01255 676677
Mobile: 07976 696131
Email: iansmith501@btinternet.com
CHALKNEY MARBLE 15835/H0490
 Born: 22/02/2007
 Sire: Blackbrook Newt 12105/D0380
 Dam: Chalkney Garnet 10140/B0490
 Halter broken and has been successfully shown

Stephen Horrocks, 10 Spruce Avenue, Lancaster, LA1 5LB
Mobile: 07534 100606
Email: s.horrocks@sky.com
LOW OAKS MIX 23049/M01008
 Born: 07/01/2012
 Sire: Colaba Krypton 3201
 Dam: Raby Ami 19962/A0079
 Sold with birth notified bull calf at foot by Carn Edward Ifor 19923/I0758
 Halter trained and very quiet. 2nd place Cow of the Year 2014
 Vaccinated for Lepto & BVD. 4 year TB area

STORES FOR SALE

Joanna Comley, Tremavic, Lane, Newquay, Cornwall, TR8 4PE
Tel: 01637 873695
Email: joanna.comley@btinternet.com
TREMAVIC STEER
 Born: 28/04/2013
 Sire: Honeywood Callicies 1432
 Dam: Westdown Jasmine 18236/J0947

Brian Temple, Plum Park Farm, Watling St, Paulerspury, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6LQ
Tel: 01327 811350
Mobile: 07764 244642
Email: briantemple@fsmail.net
STEERS AND HEIFERS

Four registered two year old heifers and five notified steers. Also 14 yearling steers & heifers.
 TB tested w/c 13 April. 1 year testing area.
 Never a case of TB in the herd.

FEMALES FOR SALE

Adrian Rockey, Peters Finger Farm, Launceston, Cornwall, PL15 9ST
Tel: 07748 624997
Email: adrianrokey@googlemail.com
EMROCK HERD DISPERSAL
 The small Emrock herd of two cows and calves and yearling steers is for sale.

P Harley, Gaer Farm, Hundred House, Llan-drindod Wells, Powys, LD1 5RU
Tel: 01982 570208
Email: relax@gaerfarm.co.uk
HEIFERS AND STEERS
 Five 2013 heifers and two 2013 steers for sale.

BULLS FOR SALE

S Wignore, The Stables, Barrington, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 0JP
Tel: 07736 347008
Email: s900mlh@hotmail.com
BLACKBROOK TOLSTOY 21295/J0380
 Born: 11/06/2009
 Sire: Blackbrook Philosoph 14255/F0380
 Dam: Blackbrook Natasha 11234/D0380
 Quiet and easy to handle. For sale as he will be back on his daughters.

PV & JM Robinson, Blackden Cottage, Blackden Heath, Goostrey, Crewe, Cheshire, CW4 8DG
Tel: 01477 571406
Mobile: 07858 027588
Email: s12vet@fiscali.co.uk
BLACKDEN NICHOLAS 26811/N00943
 Born: 20.04.13
 Sire: Heyworth Elgar 12151/E0969
 Dam: Yeaveley Firework 19151/J0828
 Has been out wintered with some heifers. A powerful bull ready to go to work and has a proven fertility record. The last TB test was on 20 Oct 2014 and there has never been any TB in the Blackden Herd

HMP Kirkham, Frelkelton Lane, Kirkham, Preston, Lancs, PR4 2RN
Tel: 01772 675620 (Laurie Gornall)
Email: laurie.gornall@hmps.gsi.gov.uk
KIRKLAN NERO 27191/N00463
 Born: 28/02/2013
 Sire: Stoke Inca 18979/I0021
 Dam: Blackbrook Neb 11366/D0380
 Fertility tested and quiet to handle. Sire and dam can both be viewed. Accredited for Lepto, IBR, BVD and Johnes.

Peter Close, Fishwick Mains, Fishwick, Berwick on Tweed, TD15 1XQ
Tel: 01289 386181
Mobile 07779 937217
FISHWICK BULL SALE
 Sires: Fishwick Macavity, Fishwick Lord of the Rings, Blackbrook Nonsuch.
 Nine 2014 bulls being sold on farm on 5 July. Catalogue available on the website.

AK Clark & Sons, Woodside Farm, Gallowes Green, Great Dunmow, Essex, CM6 2QS
Mobile: 07711 629217
Email: adrian800clark@icloud.com
TRELAUNY ODIN 28195/O00870
 Born: 08/02/2014
 Sire: Southfield Lynx 24137/L00460
 Dam: Parc Grace Dieu Heartbreaker 11956/D0171

Bertrand Facon, Lessor Farm, Milcombe, Banbury, Oxon, OX15 4RT
Mobile: 07785 221961
Email: bertrand.facon@gmail.com
GORSE TAXMAN 26054/M00033
 Born: 14/05/2012
 Sire: Gorse Quota Broker 20122/J0033
 Dam: Gorse Iberis 10021/B0033
 Very docile & halter trained. SAC High Health Scheme. Vaccinated BVD, Lepto, IBR, tested clear for Johnes.
 1 year TB test area, tested clear 23/04/15

Gill Storer, Thornlea Farm, Wincle, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 0QL
Mobile: 07816 387620
BLACKDEN JIM 22750/J0943
 Born: 02/11/2009
 Sire: Blackbrook Ranger 16818/H0380
 Dam: Dinglebank Imogen 14806/G0798
 Easy to handle, good colour. All his female offspring have been retained in the herd.

Stephen Horrocks, 10 Spruce Avenue, Lancaster, LA1 5LB
Mobile: 07534 100606
Email: s.horrocks@sky.com
LOW OAKS MIX 23049/M01008
 Born: 07/01/2012
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Neosporosis

Richard Laven PhD BVetMed MRCVS

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: tintin11@btconnect.com

Steers wanted for finishing

Piers Langdon, Bideford, Devon, EX39 5TA

Tel: 07989 382520 or 01237 431305

email: pierslangdon@btconnect.com

Steers wanted for finishing

CATTLE WANTED

Messrs JW & LJ Mellin & Sons, Skipton, N Yorks, BD23 4JP

Tel: 01729 850220

Email: john.mellin@hullhousehellfield.co.uk

Steers and bulls wanted for finishing.

Simon Rigby, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW8 2RF
Tel: 07976 842761

Email: simonrigby@talktalk.net

Weaned steers 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.

SEMEN & OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE

SEMEN 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
 Lianthrothy Kestrel, Long Ash Lancelot
 Plaitford Orlando, 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)

Fishwick Lord of the Rings 23577/L00087

(Peter Close 07779 937217)

Mark Perry, Bittlesea Farm, Bradenstoke, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 4EW

Tel: 01249 892889

Mobile: 07785 565712

Email: mjerry@iee.org

LONGHORN HIDES

A number of Longhorn hides for sale, tanned in the UK. All different!

Adrian & Pauline Neads, Oakhill Farm, Burton Row, Brent Knoll, Somerset

Tel: 01278 760765

Email: pjneads@hotmail.co.uk

TWO LONGHORN HIDES

QUANTITY OF SHOWING EQUIPMENT

More details on the website.

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

What is Neosporosis?

Neosporosis is caused by infection with the protozoa *Neospora caninum*. *Neosporahs* 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 othercanids (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 9 months of pregnancy (particularly 5 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 little help

- 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

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. Over 90% of calves born to mothers with antibodies to *Neospora* 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 *Neospora* are 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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Bulls and Biosecurity

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The purchase of a bull is one of the commonest ways in which disease enters farms. Too many farmers think they are closed but buy bulls. A bull is as likely to be infected with an important disease as a cow and, because of the close contact during mating, far more likely to spread it.

So what should you be doing when buying a bull to prevent disease getting on your farm?

1) Bull Health Declaration

The first thing to do is determine his disease status. The best bulls will have a Bull Health Declaration covering the major diseases: BVD, Leptospirosis, IBR, TB and John's. This declaration will show whether the bull's herd is free of the specific disease in addition to showing that the bull is free of that disease. In addition it will show whether the bull has been vaccinated.

2) Testing

If such a declaration is not available then you should get the bull tested. This is best done before moving the bull onto the farm. If this is not possible then the testing should be done as part of the quarantine system. Bulls should be tested for BVD, Leptospirosis, IBR, TB and (if older than two) John's. The test results need to be interpreted by your vet as the bull's history (particularly vaccination) can have a major impact on the test results. However, it is important to remember that a negative John's result does not mean a bull is free of disease as many infected bulls can test negative. The only way of ensuring that an animal is free of John's is to buy it from a herd that has been tested and shown to be free of disease. Never buy a John's vaccinated bull as this is likely to have come from a farm with a significant disease problem and vaccination does not prevent infection.

3) Quarantine

If the bull passes these initial tests it should then go into quarantine on your farm. For BVD, Leptospirosis and IBR, it pays to retest negative animals that you have bought at a sale as they could have been infected at the sale and so be capable of spreading disease for another eight to ten weeks. Also ask your vet about treating the bull with antibiotics to prevent the excretion of Leptospirosis, which can happen even if the bull has no antibodies.

4) Other Disease Checks

The quarantine period is also useful for checking for digital dermatitis, *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter*. The latter is one of the commonest causes of infectious infertility, but only occurs in herds using natural service. Get your vet to test for *Campylobacter* and if necessary wash the prepucio with antibiotics to clear potential infection. Bulls bought from TB areas should also have an additional TB test while in quarantine, so that the only bulls from such areas which are allowed to enter the herd have had two recent clear TB tests.

This testing will significantly reduce the risk of bulls bringing disease onto your farm, preventing such disasters as the 80-cow suckler farm that lost 30 calves in one year due to BVD and the farm on which less than half of the cows got pregnant during the service period as a result of a bull infected with *Campylobacter*.

5) Vaccinate

Although the biggest risk is the bull bringing disease onto your farm, don't forget that infection can spread the other way. So if you have IBR, BVD or Leptospirosis and the bull you are buying tests negative, vaccinate to prevent it getting infected as these diseases can have significant effects on bulls as well as cows.



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SIRE: SOUTHFIELD KOBRA DAM: SOUTHFIELD KITE

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Fishwick Bull Sale

Sunday 5th July 2015

2014 gave us our best ever calf crop
Sired by these outstanding bulls

Nonsuch >>>

Huntsham Lion x
Huntsham Swallow



Lord of the Rings
by Carreg Cennen
& Bull of the Year
2012 and 2013
Semen for Sale



Macavity

We will not sell any
2014 born bulls
before the sale day



Mainland delivery included in the price
Barbeque—Saturday 4th July 6.30 pm