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You should soon be receiving the first Journal for the Society. This is a project that has been in the pipeline for some time now, with a few hitches along the way! As a first edition there will obviously be room for alteration and improvement—so your comments would be greatly appreciated—good as well as bad!

We are extremely grateful to all our advertisers who have made the production of this publication possible—please do support them. We do have additional copies of the journal available for distribution to potential new members or to place in your farm shop, holiday cottage etc. Please let me know if you would like additional copies.

It was extremely gratifying to see so many Longhorn breeders at Roger Carter's dispersal sale, held at Worcester Market at the beginning of March. It was pleasing to see good prices being achieved, and also plenty of sales to new breeders. We send Roger and Jan our good wishes.

For those who missed out at Roger's sale, there will be plenty of opportunity to purchase quality stock over this coming year: the Midlands Group Sale is

being held at Worcester Market on the 23rd April; on the 21st May at Chelford Market is a combined dispersal sale from George Worth's Heyworth herd and production sale from the Bollin Valley Partnership's Bollin herd; the 25th June sees the dispersal of the Waltham herd—at Worcester Market, whilst on 13th August is a sale at Taunton Market; and we have our National Show and Sale at Melton Mowbray in September.

With the summer showing season nearly upon us, now is the time to be thinking about preparation of cattle for classes. If you have never shown before, why not give it a go? There are plenty of classes at smaller shows, and you will find other breeders a very friendly and helpful bunch.

Finally, this is traditionally the busiest time of year for calvings. When you come to put your cows back in calf, don't forget the bulls available through the Society's AI scheme.

*Sarah Slade*

#### **Dates for Your Diary**

*Worcester Spring Sale  
23rd April 2005*

*G.Worth and Bollin Valley Sale  
21st May 2005*

*Waltham Herd Dispersal Sale  
for Davies Farms Ltd, to be held  
at Worcester Market  
25th June 2005*

*South East Group Meeting—  
open to all—Epping Forest  
16th July 2005*

*Rare Breeds Sale, Taunton  
Market  
13th August 2005*

*Melton Mowbray Autumn Sale  
9th/10th September 2005*

*AGM  
12th November 2005*

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# A GUIDE TO THE HUSBANDRY OF A HERD OF LONGHORN CATTLE

By Roger Carter

This is the first of a series of articles which was produced some years ago and is now re-printed here by kind permission

## Spring Calving

Presumably most people will be calving their cows in the spring, and if everything has gone according to plan, this has a lot of advantages. With the spring grass the cow will be able to give her maximum in milk and most calving can be done outside with little or no worry about weather conditions.

We do not deliberately calve anything before late March, thus avoiding the worst of the winter.. However, if the weather is very wet and cold, **it is most essential to bring inside any cows that are about to calve**—even if it is only a temporary pen in a barn where they can be kept windfree and dry. Calving these early cows inside has its advantages because you will be able to keep an eye on the cow regularly without walking for miles around a paddock or field, perhaps, as often happens, in the early hours of the morning. If you have used A>I> for your cow or cows you will almost certainly know the exact date they will be due to calve. If, however, they have been running with a bull, this proves a little difficult because you may not have seen him serve the cow or cows, in which case you will have to go by personal judgement and close observation as to their calving dates. As the cow gets near her calving time she will start to “udder up” and from then on it would be advisable to keep a close watch on her two or three time a day. When she is finally ready she will find a quiet corner in the field, where she is best left undisturbed.

## Easy Calvers

As a rule, Longhorns are exceptionally easy calvers, but should she appear to be in labour for perhaps three-quarters of an hour and nothing happening, i.e. feet and head not showing, it could mean that there are complications. It could mean that the calf is wrongly presented, in which case she will need assistance. As this is far too complex to put down on paper, it should only be carried out under experienced supervision. **Cleanliness at this time cannot be emphasized too strongly**—plenty of soap and water and well scrubbed hands.

When the calf finally arrives it will soon be on its feet and find its own way to suckle the mother. In no way attempt to strip milk into the calf's mouth direct from its mother. This I must emphasise, otherwise you may find a dead calf on your hands, caused by drowning. If you find the calf has not suckled within 7-8 hours, and you are absolutely certain it has not done so, for this is a rare occurrence indeed, then the best course to follow would be to strip some of the mother's milk into a bottle fitted with a lamb's teat and feed it that way until such time as it can be encouraged to suckle its mother.

## Supplementary Feed

Bearing in mind one expects to have strong and healthy calves, **the condition of the cattle at this time of year is quite an important factor**. If I find that one or two cows have not wintered too well, then they may need some supplementary feeding, and I would suggest approximately 6lb concentrates, i.e. rolled barley or low protein beef or barley nuts. This can be partly supplemented by sugar beet if available—about 4lb concentrates, and 3-4lb sugar beet pulp. As an alternative beef cobs are available; these are large feed nuts that can be fed on the ground when it is dry. I hope to deal more fully with winter rations in a later article.

## Parasites

If the condition of these poorer cattle does not improve, then one must look for other causes, and it is as well to think of the possibility of worms. The symptoms of worms are that the coat becomes very dull and lank and the dung is usually very loose; in severe cases the animal will become lethargic. Of course, these symptoms can be caused by some other problem, and if the animal does not respond to worming, it is advisable to consult your veterinary surgeon. There are now several worm remedies available on the market—your veterinary surgeon will be able to advise as to the best one for you.

## Minerals

**Free access to minerals all the year round is advantageous**, and the importance of this cannot be stressed too strongly, particularly at this time of year with the rich spring grass coming along. For my cattle I like to use good general purpose mineral blocks. These can be tied to a fence post, but in my experience this does not prove very satisfactory as the blocks gradually disintegrate. I put them in feeding pans so that when they do break up, it is not so wasteful. It is a swell not to site these blocks too near water sources because some animals adapt a taste for the salt and will take too much, which can be harmful.

## Spring Grass

With the winter months now coming to an end, one can look forward to the grass starting to grow. Our grazing system, very briefly, is that we confine the main herd to one field through the winter months, keeping one further field closed off to enable it to be “top dressed” as early as possible ready for the spring. These can then be used alternately through the summer months. However, **care is needed when turning cattle on to rich spring grass**. Whether they have been yarded or out-wintered, it is best to give them plenty of hay a few hours previously. It will also help if they have access to plenty of hay or good feeding straw in a rack in the new pasture. This will act as a roughage and avoid some of the ill effects that can be caused by new grass.

### **The Importance of Colostrum**

Once a calf leaves the sterile surroundings of its mother's womb, it is immediately exposed to a variety of disease-producing bacteria. The most important of these is probably E.coli, a major cause of enteritis and septicaemia. Since calves at birth have no immunity against infection, their only protection is provided by the antibodies in their mother's colostrums. These antibodies are protein substances often referred to nowadays as "immune globulins", or simply Ig, and they can make all the difference between survival and death. Although the importance to the calf of the Ig in its mother's colostrum has been recognized for decades, a large amount of research has been done on this subject in the past few years. A brief summary of present knowledge is as follows:

1. The mortality rate in calves with low blood Ig levels is much higher than in those with high Ig levels
2. The concentration of Ig in colostrums is at its peak at calving. It then drops rapidly, falling to under 10% of its peak level in two days. Colostrum Ig levels are much lower in cows that have been pre-milked.
3. At birth, calves have no Ig in their blood. After the first feed immune globulins in the colostrums are rapidly absorbed from the intestine into the blood stream. It is these antibodies which protect the calf against septicaemia.
4. The intestine is only able to absorb Ig for a very short time, and it is essential that the calf gets its first feed within a few hours of birth. The minimum requirement is an intake of about 60ml per kg bodyweight (1 fl. Oz per lb) within 8 hours of birth.
5. The rate of absorption of Ig from the intestine depends not only on the time after birth, but also on the calf being "mothered". Absorption is much more efficient if the calf, whether bucket-fed or suckled, remains with its mother for 24 hours.
6. Calves are often assumed to have had enough colostrums early enough merely because they have been left with their mothers. This may be untrue for a variety of reasons, and the only way to be sure is either to keep mother and calf under observation or to bucket-feed the colostrums within a few hours of birth.
7. A sucking calf's instinct leads it towards the highest point of its mother's underside. If the cow has a low pendulous udder the calf may waste valuable hours vainly seeking the teats either in its mother's groin or around her brisket. If this happens the first feed may come too late for maximum absorption of Ig to take place. Other factors, e.g. chilling in calves born outside in winter, may also delay the first feed.

## Council Corner

### Election of Chair

Frank Sutton was re-elected Chairman of the Society for a third year, and opened the meeting by thanking Council members for their support, and by welcoming Andrew Nelson and Joshua Brigg.

### Council Terms

A proposal to restrict the time members serve on Council was debated. It was decided that Council members' expertise and the contribution they could make to the breed and the society was more important than artificially restricting length of terms.

### Election Lobbying

Council considered representations on this issue and agreed that it would be fair if each candidate's proposer and seconder was invited to provide the reasons why they felt their nominee should be elected. These reasons would be printed with the election papers.

### Shows

The Society will be in attendance at the major shows. In addition, sponsorship has provided for additional show boards which can be set up at some of the regional shows. The Society will have a stand at The Game Fair this year as it is being held at Belvoir Castle—the linkage to Robert Bakewell means this should offer good promotional opportunities.

### Inspections at Sales

Council debated the issue of whether or not to inspect at sales, and if so, how that should be undertaken, at great length. However, with strongly held views both for and against, it was agreed to seek further information before reaching a conclusion.

### Judges' Workshop

A judges' workshop will be held, at which all current members on the judges' list together with prospective judges will be expected to attend. The master judge will be David Lowry and Mrs Pat Quinn has very kindly offered to host. The date is expected to be late summer/early autumn and those required to attend will be notified in due course.

### Bulls

Concern had been expressed to Council that many bulls being registered were not of a sufficiently high standard. A proposal was made that bull registration fees should be increased. It was noted that the fee had not increased for many years, but Council was not convinced that increasing registration fees alone would necessarily lead to better quality bulls. They felt that bull selection workshops which would enable members to benefit from the better bulls they selected would be beneficial.

### New Bull for Society's AI Scheme

Raby Galdiator has been accepted into the Society's AI scheme and will be available priced £20 per straw.

## REGIONAL GROUP NEWS

The regional groups organise herd visits, social events and herd competitions. They form a focal point for getting to know other like-minded people and provide a potential for gaining stock and knowledge. All the groups are run by volunteers and enthusiastic group members, young and old, experienced or complete beginners are always welcome. Please do get in touch with your local support group co-ordinator and get involved in group activities.

### **Mid West Longhorn Support Group**

Herd visit—group members only—17th September.

The annual herd competition will be judged in late September/October by Mr R Jones of Craven Arms Awards Lunch, Alveston Manor Hotel 20th November—replies to Joshua Brigg by 10th November

For details contact:

**Contact: Peter Guest, Colaba Lodge, Hamnish, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0QN**

**Tel: 01568 760251**

### **South East Breeders Group**

Open Day at Epping Forest by kind invitation of the Corporation of London—16th July—open to all. Conservation grazing in the Forest in action!

The Annual herd competition will take place in mid September

A reminder—group membership fees are due—please send to the group secretary, Robert Williams.

For details contact:

**Robert Williams, Maydencroft Manor, Gosmore, Hitchin Herts**

**Tel: 01462 434762**

### **North Western Breeders Group**

For details contact:

**Phil Robinson, Bolin Valley Project, County offices, Chapel Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire**

**Tel: 01625 534790/534791**

### **Midland Longhorn Breeders Club**

Spring Sale at Worcester Market, April 2004

**Rita Poulson, New House Grange, Orton Lane, Sheepy Magna, Atherstone, Warwickshire CV9 3NJ**

**Tel: 01827 880203**

### **Northern Longhorn Breeders Club**

For details contact:

**Peter Pitchford, Cormiston, Biggar, Lanarkshire ML12 6NS**

**Tel: 01899 221257**

### **Welsh Longhorn Breeders Club**

For details contact:

**Bernard Llewellyn, Carreg Cennan Castle, Trapp, Llandeilo, Dyfed**

**Tel: 01558 822291**



### **New Members**

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

\* Master Scott Clark, Great Westwick Farm, Marsh Road, Burnham on Crouch, Essex CM0 8NE

\* Thoresby Home Farm, Perlethorpe, Newark, Notts NG22 9EG

\* Messrs J & S Harrison, Thornton Hall Farm, Thornton in Craven, Skipton, Yorks BO23 3TJ

\* Mr R Parish, The Fold, Hill Farm, Market Weighton Road, Barlby, Selby, Yorks YO8 5DA

\* Messrs J E Barker & Sons, Great Berwick Farm, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 3HS

\* The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, c/o Martin Mere, Fish Lane, Burscough, Ormskirk, Lancashire L40 0TA

\* Mr Robert Taylor, 24 Meadowlands, Corston, Bath BA2 9AS





# Showing 2005



Please do try to support these shows next season which offer Longhorn or Any Other Breed Classes

**Leicestershire County Show** 1st & 2nd May  
Dishley Grange Farm, Derby Road, Loughborough, Leices. LE11 5SF  
Tel: 01509 646786

**Newark & Nottinghamshire** 14 & 15th May  
The Showground, Winthorpe, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG24 2NY  
Tel: 01636 702627

**Northumberland County Show** 30th May  
PO Box 17, Brampton, CA8 7GA  
Tel: 01697 747 848

**Royal Bath & West Show** 1-4th June  
The Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 6QN  
Tel: 01749 823169

**Suffolk County** 1 & 2nd June  
Tel: 01473 707115

**Rutland County** 5th June  
Rutland Agricultural Society, Chard Farm, Tilton on the Hill, Leicester LE7 9LF  
Tel: 0116 259 7466

**Royal Cornwall** 9-11 June  
The Showground, Wadebridge, Cornwall PL27 7JE  
Tel: 01208 812183

**Three Counties Show** 17-19th June  
The Showground, Malvern, Worcs WR13 6NW  
Tel: 01684 584900

**National Rare Breeds Show** 19th June  
Held at the Three Counties, address as above

**East of England Country Show** 17-19th June  
East of England Showground, Peterborough PE2 6XE  
Tel: 01733 234451

**Cheshire County Show** 21st & 22nd June  
Mr D Broster, Clay Lane Farm, Marton, Winsford, Cheshire CW7 2QH  
Tel: 01829 760021

**Lincolnshire Show** 22 & 23rd June  
Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, Lincoln LN2 2NA  
Tel: 01522 522900

**Shropshire & West Midlands Show** 25 & 26th June  
The Agricultural Showground, Berwick Road, Shrewsbury SY1 2PF  
Tel: 01743 289831

**Derbyshire County Show** 26th June  
Mrs Ann James, 5 Willow Park Way, Aston on Trent, Derby DE72 2DF  
Tel: 01332 793068

**Royal Norfolk** 29 & 30th June  
Norfolk Showground, Dereham Road, Costessy, Norwich NR5 0TT  
Tel: 01603 748931

**Royal Highland** 23-26th June  
Kate Stephen, Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh EH28 8NF  
Tel: 0131 335 6200

**Royal Show** 3-6th July

**Ashby de la Zouch** 17th July  
Mrs L Ensor, Tithe Farm, Livery Stables, Boundary, Swadlincote, Derbyshire DE11 7BA  
Tel: 01283 229225

**Great Yorkshire Show** 12-14th July  
Yorkshire Agricultural Society, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate HG2 8PW  
Tel: 01423 541000

**Royal Welsh Show** 18-21st July  
RWAS, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, Powys, LD2 3SY  
Tel: 01982 554403

**Heckington Show** July  
Tel: 01529 461102

**New Forest & Hampshire** 26-28th July  
Tel: 01590 622409

**Burwarton Show** 4th August  
The Show Office, Burwarton, Bridgnorth, Shropshire WV16 6QJ  
Tel: 01746 787535

**Pembrokeshire County Show** 16-18th August  
Show Office, County Showground, Withybush, Haverfordwest, Pembs SA62 4BW  
Tel: 01437 764331

**Monmouthshire Show** 25th August  
Kay Spencer, Parclands House, Raglan, Monmouthshire NP15 2BX  
Tel: 01291 691160

**Moorgreen Show** 28-29th August  
Mrs Winifred Smith, "Daranside", 25 Main Street, Ambaston, Derbyshire DE72 3ES  
Tel: 01332 792217

**Dorchester Show** 3-4th September  
Tel: 01305 264249

**Moreton In Marsh** 6th September  
Tim Gardner, Show Office, Oxford Street, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos GL56 0NA  
Tel: 01608 651908

**Westmorland** 8th September  
Tel: 015395 67804

## The 2005 Grand Slam Challenge

**Royal Highland Show** 23rd - 26th June

**Royal Show** 3rd-6th July

**Royal Welsh Show** 18th-21st July

### Terms & Conditions

A Grand Slam Slaver plus £2,000 is offered through the Longhorn Cattle Society by a "consortium of Breeders" to the exhibitor winning the Longhorn Cattle Championship at the Royal Highland, The Royal and the Royal Welsh with the same animal in the same year.

*This challenge is open to all members of the Longhorn Cattle Society*

## **FUTURE SALES**

### **Dates for 2005**

#### **Saturday 23rd April Show and Sale at Worcester Livestock Market**

Auctioneers:

McCartneys, The Heath Meadow, Nunnery Way, Worcester WR4 0SQ

Tel: 01905 769770

Email: worcester@mccartneys.co.uk

#### **Saturday 21st May 2005—**

#### **G Worth Longhorn Dispersal and Bollin Valley Production Combined Sale at Chelford Market**

Auctioneers:

Marshalls, Chelford Agricultural Centre, Chelford,

Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 9AX

Tel: 01625 861122

Email: chelford@frankmarshall.co.uk

#### **Saturday 25th June 2005**

#### **Waltham Herd Dispersal Sale for Davies Farms, Ltd, Waltham Abbey, Essex, at Worcester Market**

Auctioneers:

McCartneys, The Heath Meadow, Nunnery Way, Worcester WR4 0SQ

Tel: 01905 769770

Email: worcester@mccartneys.co.uk

#### **Saturday 13th August 2005**

#### **Sale of Pedigree Rare, Traditional & Native Livestock**

#### **At Taunton Market**

Auctioneers:

Taunton Market Auctioneers, Priory Bridge Road,

Taunton, Somerset TA1 1PN

Tel: 01823 275171

#### **9th & 10th September 2005**

#### **National Show & Sale at Melton Mowbray**

Further details in due course

#### **17th September 2005**

#### **Annual Chelford Rare Breeds Show & Sale**

Auctioneers:

Marshalls, Chelford Agricultural Centre, Chelford,

Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 9AX

Tel: 01625 861122

Email: chelford@frankmarshall.co.uk

#### **23rd & 24th September 2005**

#### **Show & Sale of Traditional, Rare & Minority Breeds**

#### **At Bristol Sales Centre**

Auctioneers:

Harrison & Hetherington Ltd, Borderway Mart, Rose Hill, Carlisle CA1 2RS

Tel: 01288 640924

Email: info@borderway.com

### **Diary date for 2006**

Autumn 2006—Longhorn Sale at Taunton Market

# Dispersal of the Leebarn Herd

On 5th March 2005 Roger Carter's noted Leebarn herd was dispersed at Worcester Market. It was with great reluctance, through health reasons, that the decision was made. The herd was started in the early 1970s with the purchase of yearlings from the late Robert Wales' "Stoke" herd and these were later joined by a bull, Winthill King and two heifers from Lesley Hutton's Winthill herd. These five animals were the foundation of the Leebarn herd which went on to have considerable success at many of the major shows. Firstly with Leebarn Napoleon and Leebarn Louise both winning at these shows, and later Leebarn Kojak who was Royal Show Champion in 1990, and more recently Leebarn Rembrandt, now owned and shown by Stan Dixon. Four cattle were retained for sentimental reasons and Roger hopes that this will enable him to stay in touch with the many friends and breeders he has met through the Society.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Purchaser</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>(gns)</b>
<b>Cows</b>			
Leebarn Scilla	R Carter	Mrs F J & Miss J F King	860
Leebarn Teasel	R Carter	Mr S F Wright	780
Leebarn Tarragon	R Carter	Mr A Bytom	620
Leebarn Toffee	R Carter	Chillington Farms	840
Leebarn Unity	R Carter	Mr S F Wright	870
Leebarn Ulex	R Carter	Hatton Farm Village	800
Leebarn Virginia	R Carter	C C Morgan & Son	840
Leebarn Walnut	R Carter	Messrs T R Michell	1300
Leebarn Anemone	R Carter	Messrs T R Michell	700
Leebarn Bramble	R Carter	Mr F Sutton	1600
Leebarn Blackberry	R Carter	Mr S F Wright	1360
<b>Senior Heifers</b>			
Leebarn Deutzia	R Carter	Messrs T R Michell	470
Leebarn Dahlia	R Carter	Messrs J P & P Grainger	600
Leebarn Damson	R Carter	T Barber & Son	420
Leebarn Dewberry	R Carter	Messrs Gooding	300
Leebarn Daisy	R Carter	M Lock	700
Leebarn Diuanthus	R Carter	Messrs Gooding	480
<b>Junior Heifer</b>			
Leebarn Euphorbia	R Carter	H C Sanders & Son	540
Leebarn Eunonymous	R Carter	H C Sanders & Son	310
<b>Senior Bull</b>			
Leebarn Brunel	R Carter	Chillington Farms	920
<b>Junior Bull</b>			
Leebarn XB63809	R Carter	Mr I Kett	520
<b>Bull Calf</b>			
Leebarn	R Carter	Clifton Brothers	340
<b>Averages:</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Top (Gns)</b>	<b>Average(Gns)</b>
<b>Cows</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>961</b>
<b>Senior Heifers</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>495</b>
<b>Junior Heifers</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>425</b>
<b>Senior Bulls</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>920</b>
<b>Junior Bull</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>520</b>

## Merchandise

We have a limited supply of merchandise remaining:

Breed history— “Robert Bakewell and the Longhorn Breed” by Pat Stanley  
£9.99 plus £1.50 P & P

There are just a few Naturecraft models left. Naturecraft have now ceased production so we will not be able to obtain any more of these beautiful models.

Bulls are priced at £225 (inc. delivery)

*Please order direct from the Society Office*

## Handling Facilities and Health and Safety Risks

The Health & Safety Executive (HSE) has produced regulations regarding the handling and housing of cattle. The full information sheet—Agriculture Information Sheet No 35 is available from HSE (tel: 01787 881165).

However, for those thinking about artificial insemination of cattle, here are a few pointers to make sure that cow and technician are both safe:

- ◆ The cow and technician should stand on the same level. This also helps conception rates— survey work shows that when cow stand on floor that is six inches or more above a technician, conception rates are lower
- ◆ The cow must be suitably restrained—especially the hindquarters so that she cannot move sideways
- ◆ Sufficient elbow room must be provided for the technician—in particular look at walls which may restrict that elbow room
- ◆ The pen should be covered—this helps the technician, especially in very bad weather. There should also be sufficient lighting so he can see what he is doing!
- ◆ There should be easy access to the front of the holding pen—this is very important as it enables ear tag numbers to be properly read
- ◆ The cow to be inseminated must always be clearly identified—this avoids the wrong cow being served
- ◆ Sufficient number of people should be available to help the inseminator safely move the cow into the crush

The size and design of facilities will depend on the size of the herd; but good holding facilities are relatively inexpensive and easy to provide and can improve efficiency due to reduction of labour and veterinary costs, decrease in personal injury as well as an improvement in conception rates.

## Tombstone Feeders

A member has reported a problem with the tombstone style feeders. The animal became trapped between the tombstones and ultimately had to be put down. The tombstones have now been removed and replaced with widely spaced uprights.

We hope that other members have not experienced such problems, but please do let us know if you have.



# !!!!!! WANTED !!!!!!

Who has got fantastic Longhorns grazing at home, the most attractive herd, or even the Longhorn with the best back end?

There are lots of exceptional cattle in our breed, but we don't have any pictures of them, so we can't tell other people and the public about them.

**We would like to change that!**

The Society tries to promote the breed on behalf of its members which in turn means more interest from other breeders and better prices for you.

But to promote the breed we need to show the best of what we have—outside as well as within the show ring

We would like to show all aspects of the breed in our promotional material, for example:

At home

Grazing

In groups

Feeding

Being handled

Being prepared for show or sale

With calves

With you!

We would love to see any photos you may have (including ones of historic interest) and can return all photos to you (so long as you tell us who they are from!)

**As a small incentive there will be a prizes for:**

The photo of the Longhorn (or Longhorns) with the best rear view,

The best photo of a Longhorn being prepared for show/sale

The best photo of Longhorns at home/grazing

The best “other” photo

Please send photos (by 30th April if you want to be considered for a prize) to the Secretary:  
Southcott Farm, Chawleigh, Chulmleigh, Devon EX18 7HP

**THANK YOU!!**

# Longhorn Cattle For Sale and Wanted

## FEMALES FOR SALE

**Mrs S Coleman, Chalkney Mill, Earls Colne, Colchester, Essex CO6 2PR**

**Tel: 01787 222253**

Southfield Amber (6726) Born: 2/1/96

Sire: Fishwick Playboy (5210)

Dam: Southfield Azalea (4403)

Bull calf at foot born 5/7/04

Chalkney Hally (11042/C0490) Born: 17/4/02

Sire: Linton Ulysses (8330)

Dam: Southfield Amber (6726)

Running with Blackbrook Newt from August 2004

Chalkney Ingot (11897/D0490) Born: 19/6/03

Sire: Linton Apollo (10062/B0112)

Dam: Southfield Amber (6726)

**Mr F H Millington, The Oaks, Stanton Upon Hine Heath, Shrewsbury, SY4 4LR**

**Tel: 01939 250243**

Rock Farm Daisy (11750/D0439) Born: 28/7/03

Sire: Milton Hercules (2713)

Dam: Rock Farm Poppy (5823) by Longash Lancelot

Rock Farm Daffodil (11751/D0439) Born: 29/7/03

Sire: Milton Hercules (2713)

Dam: Rock Farm Margaretta (4374) by Cosby Archer

Both heifers are hornless, disbudded as calves

**Dr P Cleland, School Green, Huntingdon, Kington, Herefordshire, HR5 3PQ**

**Tel: 01544 370650**

School Green Dilemma (11283/D0068) Born: 2/4/03

Sire: Quantock Tempest (7622)

Dam: School Green Patricia (3539)

**Charlotte Gifford, 6 Hans Street, London SW1 X0NJ**

**Tel: 07789 861711**

Benchil Domino (11464/D0761) Born: 3/5/03

Sire: Raby Freebooter (7662)

Dam: Waltham Ida (9354)

Dam is full sister to show cow, Waltham Holly

Benchil Clara (11151/C0761) Born: 5/12/02

Sire: Charnwood United (8329)

Dam: Ayton Lara (4535)

United was 2nd Senior bull at Royal Show 2003

## BULLS FOR SALE

**Mrs S Coleman, Chalkney Mill, Earls Colne, Colchester, Essex CO6 2PR**

**Tel: 01787 222253**

Linton Ulysses (8330) Born: 17/5/97

Sire: Llantrothy Kestrel (3698)

Dam: Rufforth Firework (2014)

**Bryan & Margaret Clark, Saltmoor Barn, Ashford, Carbonel, Ludlow SY8 4BU**

**Tel: 01584 873843**

Karbergh Ellwood (XB64010) Born: 18/5/04

Sire: Wellhead Bowler (10921/B0268)

Dam: School Green Amelia (9322)

This is a fine young bull.

**David & Angela Blockley, Southfield Farm, Field-head Lane, Drighlington, Bradford BD11 1JL**

**Tel: 0113 2853015**

Southfield Attitude (9972/B0460) Born: 6/1/00

Sire: Llantrothy Kestrel (3698)

Dam: Fishwick Mirage (3207)

Very quiet & good to handle. Sire of Southfield Chianti, 1st Junior Heifer, Junior Champion & Reserve Female Champion Royal Show 2003

**Mr & Mrs A P Neads, Oakhill Farm, Burton Row, Brent Knoll, Somerset TA9 4BY**

**Tel: 01278 760765**

Underknoll Quest (12846) Born: 25/6/03

Sire: Quantock Utah (8497) g.s. Honeywood Edmund

Dam: Harford Utopia (8846) g.s Harford Windrush

Proven young bull. 400 day weight 530 kg.

**Mr J Henson, Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Glos GL54 5UG**

**Tel: 01451 850 307**

Bemborough Crown (11905/D0043)

Sire: Harford Umpire (9493)

Dam: Bemborough Whortleberry (8093)

**I K Clark, Glebe Farm, Broadmayne, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 8PW**

**Tel: 01305 852332**

Holcombe Dazzle (12596/D0673) Born: 1/6/03

Sire: Holcombe Arthur (10230/B0673)

Dam: Meon Valley Nightjar II (7218)

Only for sale as replacing with another herd bull

# Longhorn Cattle For Sale and Wanted

**Robert Vaughan, Penlan-Uchaf, Gwaun Valley, Fishguard, Pembrokeshire SA65 9UA**

**(Day): Tel: 01348 881388**

**(Evenings): Tel: 01239 820775**

Newbrook Tristan (8587) Born: 9/6/97

Sire: Leebarn Isambard (2069)

Dam: Longrove Fidelity (3254)

Very good young bull. Stock can be seen. Produces stock with good confirmation.

**Mr P H Evans, Hollybush Farm, Llanreithan, Mathry, Haverfordwest, Pems**

**Tel: 01348 831512**

Linton Druid (12499/D0112) Born: 30/4/03

Sire: Bollin Urchin (8331)

Dam: Linton Katrina (3394)

Reserve Male Champion Pembrokeshire Show 2004  
400 day weight—608kg

## WANTED

**Mr D C Greaves, The Coppice, Hextall Lane, Ranton, Staffs, ST18 9JU**

**Tel: 01785 282616**

RBST finisher looking for stores

**Richard Vaughan, Huntsham Court, Goodrich, Ross-on-Wye, Hereford**

**Tel: 01600 890296**

Looking for store cattle, male/female, well grown for finishing. Will pay Continental prices for suitable cattle.

**Michael Davies, Avey Lane Farm, Waltham Abbey, Essex EN9 3QJ**

**Tel: 020 8508 2579**

Requires OTMS cattle for conservation grazing 30months—10years old. Will collect & pay OTMS prices.

**David Sheppy, Three Bridges, Bradford on Tone, Taunton, Somerset TA4 1ER**

**Tel: 01823 461233**

Looking for Longhorn steers, preferably de-horned. 12-16 months of age.

**WANTED URGENTLY: Two large steers —can be OTMS—please contact the secretary if you can help.**

## WANTED: DNA SAMPLES

The Longhorn is to be included in a new research project and we need some DNA samples. If you are TB/Brucellosis testing in the next four months, then please let Libby know. She will then work out from their breeding which of your animals will fit into the project.

She will then send blood tubes and instructions for your vet. The blood can be collected at the same time as the test blood. Because we need unrelated animals, it is unlikely that many animals will be selected from any one herd and we need thirty samples in total.

Contact Libby to let her know that you will be testing:  
Email: [Libby@grassroots.co.uk](mailto:Libby@grassroots.co.uk)

or, drop her a line at:  
Longhorn Registrations Office  
PO Box 251  
Exeter  
EX2 8WX

or, fax: 01392 270421

## \* \* \* Standing Order Credits \* \* \*

We have received a number of Standing Order Credits in our account which we cannot identify as belonging to any of our members.

If you have a bank account with one of the following names, PLEASE let Libby at the Registrations office know so that the money can be correctly credited to your account:

Post Green Farm  
Droversway Farming  
Haul-Tec Ltd  
Grtaigbeck  
Greenhill Nursery  
Farm  
Mr David Herbert

# Breeding Matters— The Society's AI Scheme

Have you considered using AI?

Full colour AI booklets are available from the Society Office and have pedigree details and colour photographs of bulls.

## Gene Bank Bulls

Gene Bank semen costs £7.50 per straw

Colaba Krypton  
 Cosby Archer  
 Fishwick Oarsman  
 Honeywood Callicles  
 Leebarn Isambard  
 Longash Lancelot  
 Milton Hercules  
 Plaitford Orlando  
 Rousham Monty  
 Shugborough Benbow  
 Tregonhayne Startrek

## Premium Bulls

\* \* \* Bulls @ £15 each \* \* \*

Fishwick Kinsman  
 Llantrothy Kestrel

\* \* \* Bulls @ £20 each \* \* \*

Raby Gladiator—NEW!

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Eyebrook Richard  
 Grove House Baron  
 Honeywood Edmund

There is a £2 per Straw handling charge on all straws  
 Royalty fees are charged for the registration of some calves got by AI

Please order direct from the Society Office:

*Southcott Farm, Chawleigh, Chulmleigh Devon EX18 7HP  
 Tel/Fax: 01769 581212 Email: longhorncs@tiscali.co.uk*