

Longhorns Go from Strength to Strength!

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Demand for Longhorns continues to grow as Roger Carter's successful dispersal sale early this spring was followed by an exceptionally good Spring Sale at Worcester where 3,000 guineas was reached twice—once for Phil Evan's magnificent Linton Druid and once for John and Pat Stanley's superb heifer, Blackbrook Neb.

The third week of May saw a packed saleroom for the largest longhorn sale in over a century as 150 Longhorns, from the Bollin and Heyworth herds went under the hammer at Chelford Market. Demand for females was exceptional and we are particularly pleased to see so many new faces purchasing cattle. We welcome all these new breeders to the society.

We look forward now to the dispersal of the noted Waltham herd being held at Worcester Market on 25th June, to the inaugural rare breeds sale at Taunton Market in August and to our National Show and Sale at Melton Mowbray in September.

Elsewhere you will see that the show season is now firmly underway. Look out for the society stand at shows around the country and call in and see

us at the Royal, Royal Highland and Royal Welsh where we will have a stand in the cattle lines.

The South East Group is this year hosting an Open Day at Epping Forest on 16th July. This promises to be a fascinating day out and is open to all—so bring your friends!

Another date for your diaries is the CLA Game Fair on 22nd—24th July where we will be promoting tasty Longhorn beef as well as the breed in the food part of the show. The Game Fair is this year being held in the grounds of Belvoir Castle—home of Robert Bakewell, noted for his improvement of the Longhorn breed—so come along and see us and taste some Longhorn beef in an historic setting.

Looking further ahead, plans are already underway for the AGM on 11th—13th November—we have some super visits and an exciting speaker lined up.

And finally, for those who felt that our website was just that little bit unexciting, there is good news as Council has agreed to upgrade the site. It will take some time for the work to be completed, but keep an eye on it over the coming months!

Sarah Slade

Dates for Your Diary

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

CLA Game Fair
22nd—24th July 2005

Rare Breeds Sale, Taunton Market
13th August 2005

Melton Mowbray Autumn Sale
9th/10th September 2005

AGM & Visit to Houghton Hall Estate
11—13th November 2005

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For all registrations, transfers, subscriptions and accounts

A GUIDE TO THE HUSBANDRY OF A HERD OF LONGHORN CATTLE

By Roger Carter

Continuing our series of articles which was produced some years ago and is now re-printed here by kind permission

Selection of Bull Calves

With the arrival of the calves one must decide which will be suitable to retain for breeding. With reference to the bull calves I leave mine entire for two to three months before getting them steered, and I can then get a fair idea which are shaping up best.

Before rearing a bull there are several factors to consider. **Firstly, only the very best should be chosen, unless it is from a particularly important or rare bloodline. Secondly, a good growth rate in a beef herd is essential.** We in the Longhorn breed set a minimum of 950 lb (431 kg) at 400 days when we carry out a bull inspection.

When selecting a bull calf the points I look for, very briefly, are a good square rear end that is well meated, and length of rib that is evenly covered and a level top line. The legs and feet must also be considered; looking at the animal from behind when walking, his hind legs should be square and in line with this body and on no account should he cross his legs. The colour of the Longhorn is optional, but all should have a white line down the centre of the back and slight preference is given to red brindles and rich reds, and all to have a white patch on each thigh. He should in general have a masculine appearance.

Bull Management

When the bull is approximately twelve months old he will need to have a ring fitted through his nose. It is best to get the veterinary surgeon to do it. When getting the ring fitted do make sure it is not too small. It is much better to have one that is a little too large bearing in mind that at this stage the bull is still growing. When he has been fitted with the ring do not attempt to use it for leading for perhaps a fortnight or so otherwise his nose will become sore. It is a good idea to put a little grease on the ring and turn it regularly. Also if he is fed with hay through a mesh he will find it difficult, so until such time that it has healed it would be advisable for him to be fed directly on the floor or out of a manger. Another important point when keeping a bull inside is to make sure he is on a concrete or hard floor with just enough bedding straw for him to lie on and be comfortable. **Make sure he is well cleaned out as deep manure can be very detrimental to his feet and this is often the cause of bulls walking badly.**

Returning to the bull calves, it may be safer to separate these and their mothers, if space permits, from the rest of the herd at an early age as there can be a possibility of the young heifers bulling as early as four months and any that you may not have steered could quite easily serve these young heifers. It is, of course, as well to remember this if you have a herd sire running with the cows.

Creep Feeding

Because it is essential to make the most of all young stock from about two months onwards, the calves will need supplementary feeding, and for this you will need a creep feed. If you have only a few calves to feed, this need not be a very elaborate affair; it can be constructed from some gates with uprights at the front wide enough to enable the calves to get in and out. It is a swell to have some form of covering on the top in order to keep the food dry. When the calves are about two months old start them off with a handful of coarse mixture from a cattle feed merchant. This perhaps may appear a little expensive but the calves seem to enjoy it and proves to be a tempting food as a starter. Towards the autumn a small amount of sweet hay can be added to the diet. As they get into the habit of eating the coarse mixture, one can start to introduce cheaper concentrates—approximately up to 2 lb (1 kg) per day at weaning time.

New Forest Eye

With the warmer days ahead the animal's eyes must be closely watched for an eye infection known as New Forest Eye or New Forest Disease. This infection is connected with flies and can be cured fairly easily if immediate action is taken. The symptoms are that the eye becomes very watery followed by clouding over the pupil, and if left untreated can eventually cause blindness. The treatment used is either an antibiotic injection or ointment smeared onto the eye. The former is probably the quickest and most effective way to deal with the disease as one injection soon clears it up, whereas the ointment must be applied daily until cured.

Halter Training

Some heifers and perhaps all bulls need to be halter trained. One cannot start on them too young; once trained they never forget and to me the time and effort spent doing this certainly makes it worthwhile in the end and a pleasure to handle them. When the animals are approximately ten months old, I find the best way is to tie them up by a halter in a loose box or shed where they can be kept tied for a few days, making sure they have plenty of clean bedding under them and plenty of water and hay. Here they will be able to struggle without giving much trouble to you, but do make sure that the slip part of the halter is knotted in such a way that it cannot be pulled too tightly under its mouth, otherwise this would make difficulty in feeding. This should be checked regularly. Also tie the correct knot which can be released easily and make certain they have enough length to lie down. During this time try to handle them as much as possible, perhaps a little grooming with a stiff brush. The next step will be to lead them around the shed, and with a little patience and perseverance you will soon be able to walk the animal around outside. Although at the time this may seem a lot of tedious work, it is nevertheless a worthwhile exercise as the benefit will clearly be shown when either entering for show purposes or in a sale ring as the later trained animal is very much more attractive to a potential buyer.



Show Results 2005



LEICESTER SHOW

Judge: F J Warne

JUNIOR BULL born on or after 1st January 2004

(3 entries / 2 forward)

1st Blackbrook Odin Mr & Mrs J W Stanley
2nd Bejon Egbert W J Spalton

SENIOR BULL born before 31st December 2003

(6 entries / 5 forward)

1st Tetford Kingpin C T D & S D Sutcliffe
2nd Bejon Dickie W J Spalton
3rd Blackbrook Nimrod Mr & Mrs J W Stanley
4th Fishwick Discovery J A Warner

COW or HEIFER born on or before 1st January 2003

(7 entries / 3 forward)

1st Charnwood Carpathia J A Warner
2nd Gorse Graceful J S & J W Brigg
3rd Blackbrook Louisa Mr & Mrs J W Stanley

HEIFER born after 1st January 2003 and before 31st December 2003 (6 entries / 2 forward)

1st Bejon Delia W J Spalton
2nd Blackbrook Natasha Mr & Mrs J W Stanley

HEIFER born on or after 1st January 2004

(12 entries / 5 forward)

1st Tetford Lucerne C T D & S D Sutcliffe
2nd Gorse Lawful J S & J W Brigg
3rd Blackbrook Otter Mr & Mrs J W Stanley
4th Charnwood Empress J A Warner

PAIR OF ANIMALS (4 entries / 4 forward)

1st Bejon Dickie & Delia W J Spalton
2nd Gorse Lawful & Layla J S & J W Brigg
3rd Blackbrook Nimrod & Natasha Mr & Mrs J W Stanley
4th Tetford Kingpin & Lucerne C T D & S D Sutcliffe

Breed Champion

Reserve Breed Champion

Male Champion

Female Champion

Best Junior under 2 years

Best Junior Heifer

Tetford Kingpin

Charnwood Carpathia

Tetford Kingpin

Charnwood Carpathia

Blackbrook Odin

Tetford Lucerne

NATIVE BREEDS INTERBREEDS – Aberdeen Angus, Hereford, Highland & Longhorn

Junior Native Interbreed

Supreme Champion
Reserve

Blackbrook Odin
Aberdeen Angus

Native Interbreed

Supreme Champion
Reserve

Aberdeen Angus
Tetford Kingpin

NEWARK & NOTTS SHOW

Judge: John Brigg

The six bulls forward were all in the age range of January 2003 down to January 2004 and were led by the youngest, a smart well balanced young bull. Second place went to a big and rangy bull which could be a useful sire in a herd seeking to increase size and stretch.

First prize in the Cow class went to the younger of the two forward, a first calver with a nice January born calf at foot. The Senior Heifers again, were led by the youngest, an attractive heifer that walked well. The Junior Heifers caused some head scratching. I felt that I had to demote my first choice for a swelling on the hock which, although not affecting the action too badly, was a disfigurement that would not merit the red card.

The Female Championship and Reserve went to the first and second Senior Heifers. The Breed Championship I awarded to the bull with, unusually, the second prize bull being preferred to the females and standing reserve.

Bull

1st Blackbrook Odin J W Stanley
2nd Bejon Dickie W J Spalton
3rd Tetford Kingpin Mr & Mrs C T D Sutcliffe
4th Blackbrook Nimrod J W Stanley

Cow

1st Blackbrook Moonstone J W Stanley
2nd Tetford Holly A & J Nelson

Senior Heifer

1st Bollin Dalon Bollin Valley Project
2nd Blackbrook Natalie J W Stanley
3rd Charnwood Dazzle A & J Nelson
4th Bejon Deua W J Spalton

Junior Heifer

1st Tetford Lucerne Mr & Mrs C T D Sutcliffe
2nd Blackbrook Octopussy J W Stanley
3rd Blackbrook Otter J W Stanley
4th Dodsleigh Eirlys J & G Stanier

Group of Three

1st J W Stanley
2nd Bollin Valley Project

Breed, Male Champion, & Best Junior Bull

Blackbrook Odin
Reserve Breed & Reserve Male Bejon Dickie
Champion Female Bollin Dalon
Reserve Champion Female Blackbrook Natalie

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

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

For details contact:

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 :

Mr M Lock, High Croft Farm, Ossttes Hole Lane, Yaringdale Common, Claverdon, Warks CV35 8HN

Mr C G Tomlinson, 35 Liverpool Road, Rufford, Nr Ormskirk, Lancashire L40 1SA

Mr R Hoyle, Raintree lodge, Linton road, Wetherby, West Yorks LS22 6SD

Mr C Sanders, Rimmers Farm, Wichenford, Worcester WR6 6YT

Mr N Glover, 1 Summerhouse Way, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 4DJ

Mrs F J & Miss J F King, Kites Nest Farm, Whiteshill, Stroud, Glos GL6 6BL

Mr Andrew L Riseborough, Cayo Farm, Usk Road, Raglan, Monmouthshire ND15 2HJ

Mr David Ridley, Goblin Combe Farm, Cleve, Bristol BS49 4NX

Mr G A Clews, Spring Bank Farm, Barrage Road, Biddulph Moor, Stoke on Trent ST8 7NU



Longhorn Cattle Society Journal

Advertising Rates for Breeders for the 2006 Journal

Following the great support we received from breeders for advertising in our new journal, we are publishing the advertising rates early so that you can begin to think about your advert for the next journal.

As with last year we will continue to offer reduced rates to Longhorn Cattle Society breeders, and we are pleased that we are able to hold advertising rates at the same reduced rate as last year. We are also offering a free listing on our new website!

Special Breeders' Rates:

Full Page	£225
Half Page	£140
Quarter Page	£80
Eighth Page	£50

Also includes free
website ad !!

Photos included in full, half and quarter page adverts at no extra charge

All adverts full colour at no extra cost.

Copy should be sent to the secretary:
Sarah Slade, Southcott Farm, Chawleigh, Chulmleigh, Devon EX18 7HP
Telephone/Fax: 01769 581212
Email: longhorncs@tiscali.co.uk

DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISING COPY IS

FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2005

Commercial advertisers please contact the secretary to discuss your requirements and for details of commercial rates

FUTURE SALES

Dates for 2005

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

Entries close 15th July 2005

Judge: Mr Roger Carter

Inspector: Mr Peter Boylett

Entry Forms and Catalogues from the Auctioneers:

Melton Mowbray Market Auctioneers

Melton Mowbray Market, Scalford Road,

Melton Mowbray LE13 1JY

Tel: 01664 562971

Email: info@meltonmowbraymarket.co.uk

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

April 2006—Spring Sale at Worcester Market

Autumn 2006—Longhorn Sale at Taunton Market

Open Day At Epping Forest

On Saturday 16th July the South East Breeders Group will be hosting, for *all* Society members and friends, an Open Gathering at Epping Forest. The Corporation of London own Epping Forest and in recent times have been acquiring Longhorns for work in the forest and the Superintendent of the Forest is keen to show us the excellent results of the project. We will also be inviting guests from other organisations involved with grazing in conservation.

We strongly recommend this day to members, so if you would like to join the event, please complete the enclosed slip and send it direct to Robert Williams. The gathering starts at 12.20 at The Warren (see map) with your own picnic. A charge of £5/head is being made to cover coach costs and teas.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Directions:

- Leave M25 at junction 26.
- Take A121 Signed Loughton and Epping
- At Roundabout take 4th exit - A104
- Carry straight on at next roundabout.
- The Warren is 1/2 mile on left hand side

Reply to:

Robert B Williams
Maydencroft Manor
Gosmere
Hitchin Herts SG4 7QA

From:
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EPPING FOREST GATHERING
Saturday 16th July 12.30 pm

We will be attending the above event and plan to be in number.

Enclosed is a cheque for £..... Based on a charge of £5 per head for a seat on the coach and tea

Spring Photographic Competition

Our thanks go to all those who entered our photographic competition. We have had great fun looking through your photos and selecting the winners. Look out for the pictures in publicity over the coming months!

Longhorn/Group of Longhorns with the Best Rear View

1st N Lockett
2nd S Hollier
3rd C Gifford

Longhorns At Home/Grazing

1st N Lockett
2nd K Long
3rd A Wilson

Longhorn being Prepared for Show/Sale

1st S Hollier
2nd N Lockett
3rd C Gifford

Best Other Photograph of a Longhorn

1st N Lockett
2nd G Stanier
3rd K Long



Merchandise



NEW!!!!

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NEW!!!

Longhorn Cattle Society car stickers - available now

£1.00 + 35p P & P

Buy 5 & the postage is FREE!

We also 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 all merchandise direct from the Society Office

Cattle Tracing System (CTS)

British Cattle Movement Service (BCMS) is making a plea to all cattle keepers regarding the accuracy of the Cattle Tracing System (CTS). The UK seeks to have the beef ban lifted and make changes to the Over Thirty Months rule, both of which will benefit cattle owners. However, these moves could be hindered if the CTS is found to be inaccurate.

Cattle keepers are reminded that passports must be returned to BCMS once animals have died. This should be done within 7 days, but even if you have passports for animals that died longer ago than this, then you should still return the passports to BCMS. Provided that the passports have been returned voluntarily in this way, BCMS will simply record the details and no action will be taken for returning them late.

The message is: *If an animal has died, please return its paperwork...no matter how long its been dead.*

To contact BCMS: Helpline: 0845 050 1234

BCMS, Curwen Road, Workington, Cumbria CA14 2DD

www.bcms.gov.uk

AGM Weekend 11th—13th November 2005

The weekend is to be based at Houghton Hall, the beautiful stately home in north west Norfolk at the invitation of the Marquess of Cholmondeley.

Accommodation has been block booked at The Knights Hill Hotel on the A419, King's Lynn by-pass. Telephone: 01553 675566. Please quote "Longhorn Cattle Society" to get the block rates.

Provisional timetable:

Friday 11th November

Informal dinner at The Knights Hill Hotel
Members to judge the photographic competition

Saturday 12th November

Visit to Houghton Hall Estate
Light Lunch in Houghton Restaurant
AGM 2.15 pm—speaker Lord Melchett
7.30pm for 8.00pm Dinner in Houghton Restaurant with an Auction of Promises

Sunday 13th November

Optional visit to the Glaven Herd.
Visit to Houghton Hall itself and the walled gardens, which are to be opened especially for us.
Lunch at Houghton or another local venue

HOUGHTON HALL

Built in the 1720's by Britain's first Prime Minister, Houghton Hall is one of the grandest Palladian houses in England. Now lovingly restored to its former grandeur by the 7th Marquess of Cholmondeley, Houghton retains many of its original furnishings, allowing visitors the opportunity to step back in time and enjoy the house much as it would have been in Walpole's day.

The Hall sits at the centre of a vibrant 4,500 acres estate and includes the deer park of 450 acres which is home to over 600 of the famous white fallow deer and smaller groups of exotic deer, about 620 acres of woodland, and 3,100 acres of farmland. Visitors can also explore the much acclaimed 5 acres walled garden which has been beautifully restored and the stables which reflect the elegant age of riding and coach horses. The stables also house the Cholmondeley Soldier Museum.

The farmland is run in four units: two contract farming units, an organic unit and one tenant farmer. The contract farming operations are entirely arable with wheat, barley, OSR and sugar beet the main crops grown. In 2002 about 650 acres was taken out of the contract farming operation and a mixed farming organic unit was developed. A large areas to the west of the Hall was converted back into parkland where extensive tree planting and fencing has taken place in conjunction with Countryside Stewardship Schemes. The remaining organic land is farmed within an arable/clover rotation.

Livestock form an integral part of the organic unit. Initially Longhorn heifers came from the Cholmondeley Herd at Cholmondeley Castle in Cheshire and more recently heifers were purchased from the Eastburn Herd in Yorkshire. The herd now comprises 25 cows and the aim is to eventually increase this to 50 cows. The unit also has flocks of Norfolk Horn and South Down sheep. These breeds were chosen as it is known that both breeds were kept on the estate in the late 1700's. At present there are 200 ewes but again the aim is to increase numbers to about 450. An outdoor pig unit and a free range poultry unit also form part of the organic unit.

At present all the lamb and beef produced is sold directly from the farm through boxed schemes or at Fakenham farmers market. They also supply several restaurants and plans are underway to develop a farm shop.

The management of game and wildlife habitat on the estate has improved dramatically in recent years with the introduction of conservation and stewardship headlands, game cover crops and wise management of hedgerows. All game on the estate is completely wild and Houghton is one of the few Norfolk estates with a high enough density of English grey partridges to allow shooting.

Longhorn Cattle For Sale and Wanted

FEMALES FOR SALE

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

Tel: 01787 222253

Chalkney Cally (7935) Born: 27/9/97

Sire: Harford Pioneer (4064)

Dam: Longrove Delight (2907)

In calf

Chalkney Catkin (7934) Born: 27/9/97

Sire: Harford Pioneer (4064)

Dam: Woodland Thistle (4802)

In calf

Chalkney Delilah (8475) Born: 4/6/98

Sire: Harford Pioneer (4064)

Dam: Tottiskay Fantasy (1181)

Heifer calf at foot

Chalkney Isla (11260/D0490) Born: 1/1/03

Sire: Linton Ulysses (8330)

Dam: Chalkney Delilah (8475)

Bull calf at foot

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

Tel: 01544 370650

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

Sire: Quantock Tempest (7622)

Dam: School Green Patricia (3539)

**Philip & Lisa Bell, Wheatholme Farm, South Clifton,
Newark, Notts NG23 7BE**

Tel/Fax: 01522 778634

16 cows and heifers, in calf/with calves at foot

Please phone for further details.

WANTED

Brigid Harrison, Pensthorpe, Fakenham, Norfolk

Tel: 01328 851465

Wanted, preferably to hire, bull for 6 –8 weeks

BULLS FOR SALE

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

Tel: 01787 222253

Chalkney Jasper (13118/E0490) Born: 30/1/04

Sire: Linton Apollo (10062/B0112)

Dam: Chalkney Garnet (10140/B0490)

Chalkney Juggernaut (13119/E0490) Born: 14/2/04

Sire: Linton Apollo (10062/B0112)

Dam: Chalkney Echo (9147)

**Mrs N Luckett, Well Head, Mealsgate, Wigton, Cum-
bria CA7 1DJ**

Tel: 01697 371487

Wellhead Darwin (12302/D0268) Born: 3/3/03

Sire: Raby Gladiator (8623)

Dam: Wellhead Anna (9382)

**Messrs J & J Brigg, Bishops Gorse, Lighthorne,
Warks CV35 0BB**

Tel: 01926 651273

Gorse Layabout (13347/E0033) Born: 24/4/04

Sire: Glaven Phoenix (9957/B0204)

Dam: Gorse Camelia (6017)

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

Tel: 01348 831512

Linton Emperor (XB63909) Born: 3/4/04

Sire: Llanthrothy Kestrel (3698)

Dam: Linton Zodiac (9072)

Linton Elijah (XB63911) Born: 28/4/04

Sire: Bollin Urchin (8331)

Dam: Linton Kate (3157)

Photos on www.lintonlonghorns.co.uk

EMBRYOS

The Society would be interested to learn if there are any members undertaking, or considering undertaking, embryo transfer of Longhorns.

If you are, please contact Sarah Slade at the Longhorn office

Longhorn Cattle For Sale and Wanted

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.

Christopher Lees, Dorset

Tel: 07785 595930

Looking for maiden heifers, 18 months +, preferably organic, although this is not essential, ready to go to bull. Also required: good quality bull.

Peter Oliver, Mutton Hall Farm, Feckenham, Redditch, Worcs

Tel: 01562 777836 (answer phone)

Older bull required

Council Corner

Marketing

Council agreed to the production of a Breed Promotion DVD, with filming to take place over the summer and to involve as many members as possible. Council also agreed on the production of information to assist new members. New car stickers have been produced and will be available to members priced £1/each.

The website was reviewed and Council agreed that the site should be updated. Work would commence and be ongoing throughout the summer. It was agreed that breeders advertising in the journal should receive a free advertisement on the new website.

Sales

Council agreed a proposal for inspections at official sales. A society sale may comprise both official and unofficial sections, but in the official section cattle must be haltered, led and subject to inspection. The inspector will assess the animal against the breed standard and for its general health and condition. All inspected animals should be seen walking. Female animals which fail to satisfy the inspector may, at the vendor's option, be transferred to the unofficial section (if any) or removed from the market before the sale. Male animals which fail inspection must be removed from the sale. Only animals entered into the official section may also enter the pre-show sale, and the show should be judged in a ring, not pens. These rules take immediate effect and will apply at the next Society sale—i.e the National Show & sale at Melton Mowbray. (A full copy of these rules is obtainable from the secretary).

Love Longhorns & want to Promote the Breed?

We are producing a DVD to promote the Longhorn. It will feature all aspects of the breed—from small herds to those adorning stately homes; from commercial to conservation; as well as breeding, showing, sales etc.

If you would like yourself or your herd to be considered for selection, then please contact Sarah Slade as soon as possible.

Filming will take place throughout the summer.

Beef Quality Conference

An international conference on improving beef quality, the latest research, and how to benefit from quality beef is being held in Edinburgh on 20—21 June. This is just before the Royal Highland Show, which starts on 23 June, so make a trip of it!

For details and booking contact:
Katie Evans, Eurowelcome Scotland,
14 South Charlotte Street, Edinburgh EH2 4AX
Tel: 0131 226 5968
Email: Katie@eurowelcome.co.uk
www.beefqualityconference2005.org

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
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* * * Bulls @ £15 each * * *

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Eyebrook Richard
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 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:

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