

Spring News

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We start 2006 with a new Chairman of Council. After three years at the helm, Frank Sutton has retired. Joshua Brigg was elected, at the first Council meeting of the year, to the role—see the message from the new Chairman on page 2.

Following the success of the workshop for our judges last autumn, it was clear that exhibitors, and potential exhibitors, were keen to know more. So we have arranged a showing workshop at the beginning of April where some of the mysteries of exhibiting will hopefully be explained. We can only accommodate limited numbers, so please do book early!

So that you can then put your new-found skills into practice, we have listed again all the shows which are holding Longhorn classes this year. There have been one or two additions and we are delighted that Kent, Suffolk and Hope shows will all be holding specific Longhorn classes, whilst Halifax show has a special native breeds class. Please do support them, and all the other shows.

With this mailing you should find details of the Spring Sale being held at

Worcester on 22nd April. This is the first of three sales open to Society members throughout the year—the others being Melton, in September and Taunton, in October.

The first Longhorn sale of the year, the dispersal of Mr Preller's Rosecare herd at the end of January, resulted in good trade, with some excellent top prices. It is very pleasing to see new purchasers of Longhorns, and we welcome all new members to the society.

Finally those of you who have used our new website will know that it is ever-expanding and improving. Show results are now listed within the "herd book" section. The "for sale/wanted" section has already resulted in satisfied customers. All animal advertisements can now be listed both within the newsletter and on the website. In addition, do look at the "manage your own herd" section within the herd book—this enables easy on line completion of registrations and notifications. The website address is: www.longhorncattlesociety.com.

Sarah Slade

Dates for Your Diary

*Showing Workshop
9th April 2006*

*Worcester Spring Sale
22nd April 2006*

*Melton Mowbray Autumn Sale
8th/9th September 2006*

*Joint Production Sale, Taunton
14th October 2006*

*AGM
11th November 2006*

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For all registrations, transfers, subscriptions and accounts

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

At their meeting on 26th January, Council elected Joshua Brigg to the Chair. He replaces Frank Sutton who had completed a three-year term. Joshua has been brought up with Longhorns on the family farm in Warwickshire, home of the oldest privately owned herd in the Herd Book, which he now runs. Joshua is a well-known face around Longhorn shows and sale rings where the Gorse prefix is always one to be reckoned with.

Joshua writes "It is a great honour to be elected Chairman at a time which will prove to be another milestone in the breed's history. Numbers have now risen from six active herds when we started to 456 herds today leading to Longhorns now falling outside the remit of the RBST. I believe that the breed is now poised to take advantage of the increased emphasis on more extensive environmentally friendly systems for which our breed is ideal. Shows are the shop window both for the breed and for your own stock. If you have not shown before do please try and enter one or two local shows this year. You will be surprised how many potential purchasers you meet. The website is "live" although there is still a little more to do to get it how we want it. Please use it. You can trace pedigrees on it now and the more it is used the more useful the 'For Sale and Wanted' section will become. I am fortunate to have the support of enthusiastic Secretaries and Council. However it is your Society and if you have any concerns or ideas and we are anxious to hear them."

Council Corner

Election of Chairman

Joshua Brigg was elected Chairman of the Society, and opened the meeting by thanking Frank Sutton for his work as Chairman, and by welcoming Philip Robinson.

Deputy Chairman

Council agreed to the new Chairman's suggestion that a deputy chairman should be nominated to assist the Chairman in his role. The role of deputy chairman would be to support and assist the Chairman and to liaise with the Chairman and the Secretary. There would be no automatic presumption that the Deputy Chairman would succeed as Chairman, and it was also confirmed that the Chairman's position is an annual one, and that the Chairman can be re-elected annually to serve for a maximum of three years. There is no automatic presumption that any Chairman should be required to complete the maximum of three years. John Hedges was elected as deputy chairman

Finance

Council considered the budgets and finances, and concluded that detailed consideration would be required. A separate meeting would be convened to look at these issues and report back to the next Council meeting. Society finances were in a healthy state and it was therefore important that the funds should be used in a way that would best benefit the breed.

Exports

The NBA had recently held meetings on exports. The health status of animals would be vital, with animals having to be IBR clear for twelve months (therefore testing needs to start now for export in twelve months) and BVD free (not vaccinated), as well as TB tested. The export country may also have additional health requirements.

Marketing & Communications

The website was now up and running, although information still had to be placed onto the site. This was a time consuming process, and there were still difficulties with some of the photos. It was hoped that many of these difficulties would be resolved by the next meeting.

The DVD was now ready and a copy would be sent to all members with the journal. Copies would also be sent to all those enquiring about the breed.

The Journal will contain details of bulls available by AI, thereby doing away with the need for separate printing of the AI booklet.

Sales and Inspections

Proposals for clarifying the existing inspection rules had been circulated prior to the meeting, but agreement could not be reached. As a result, there could be no inspection at the Worcester sale this spring, but there would be led and unled sections.

Melton Mowbray will take place on 8th & 9th September this year. There was room for more cattle in overflow areas if unled sections were held.

Events

AGM

A discussion took place as to whether to hold the AGM in the summer, which would be a better time for viewing cattle, rather than the autumn. It was agreed that the full summer calendar and availability of hotels makes November a preferable time of year. It was agreed that the same timing and format should be retained. A date was set for the weekend of 11th November. It was proposed that after the AGM business was concluded there should be a conference on Health Schemes. It was noted that there is a growth market for Longhorns with conservation grazing, local authorities, wildlife groups etc. Representatives from these groups should be invited to the AGM.

Showing Workshop

A showing workshop will be held, to assist members in exhibiting cattle, with dates in early April proposed.

Judges' Workshop

Following the success of the workshop last year, the format will be repeated this autumn, with David Lowry again acting as master judge.

Shows

Following the acceptance of new judges onto the list, the judges allocation for 2006 and 2007 had been agreed. Society rosettes for best junior bull and best junior heifer will now be branded in Society colours.

The Three Counties Show had requested Longhorn classes on the Rare Breeds day to mark the success story of the breed. It was agreed that this would be accepted, although Longhorns would not be eligible to enter the Interbreed on that day.

Stands would be taken in the cattle lines at the major shows, including the Royal, Royal Highland, Royal Welsh, Royal Norfolk and Three Counties for display, but not hospitality purposes. However, investigation would be made into the possibility of a larger stand in the cattle building itself at the Royal Show.

Council also agreed that, with the potential of export markets, the Society should attend European shows including the Weide Festival and the Hanover Show and that literature should be available in German.

Correspondence

Registration

Various issues relating to registration procedures had been raised by members, including the EC decision on registrations, of which the Society was already aware and was equipped to deal, and the question of the whole bull registration procedure. It was agreed that for a slow-growing animal such as a Longhorn there is a relatively short window in which to register a bull. The whole procedure would therefore be evaluated so that it could be considered at the next meeting.

FMD Breeds at Risk Register

Although the Longhorn was no longer included on RBST Watch lists, it would still count as a rare breed for the purposes of this register. Members should therefore be encouraged to register.

AOB

A concern was raised regarding the development of teeth in Longhorns. One member was monitoring their own cattle to see how teeth developed, as against drawings of teeth development and criteria, and whether this led to difficulties in later life.

 * New Members *
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 * We should like to welcome the following new members to the society :
 * Mr & Mrs D E & M Laing, Mackerye Farms, Fermyn Woods Hall, Bridgstock, Northants, NN14 3JA *
 * Miss J H Barnacle, Ashby House Farm, Hungarton, Leicestershire, LE7 9JX *
 * Mr Harry Lomas, Mount Pleasant, Key Green, Buglawton, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 3PT *
 * Mrs J D Botham, G & D Precious, Mill Lane Farm, Newport, Brough, East Yorkshire, HU15 2QE *
 * R Hill, Acton Scott Farm, Wenlock Lodge, Acton Scott, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 6QN *
 * Mrs Polly Hedges, Wallace Hill Farm, Wormsley, Stokenchurch, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP14 3YF *
 * Mr J Hedges, Wormsley, Stokenchurch, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP14 3YF *

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. 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

Spring Show and Sale at Worcester Market 22nd April 2006

For details contact:

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

Tel: 01568 760251

South East Breeders Group

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

Welsh Longhorn Breeders Club

For details contact:

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

Tel: 01558 822291

DNA Profiling of Cattle

DNA profiling represents the method of choice to ensure the integrity of breeding stock records, says Dr N G Holmes, Genetic Service Manager at the Animal Health Trust.

A DNA profile is unique to an individual animal and, as such, provides an indelible identification that can be checked at any time during the animal's lifetime, or even after slaughter.

DNA profiling can be used to confirm parentage. Because one half of the profile is inherited from the dam, and the other from the sire, there must be a match between the profile of a calf and the profile of its parents. Profiling therefore provides a simple and robust technology to ensure that accuracy is maintained in breed records and is used by many societies responsible for maintaining breed databases in a variety of species.

The Animal Health Trust is one of a number of companies offering a DNA profiling service for cattle, based on DNA extracted from hairs. The method is non-invasive and can be carried out by the breeder. Hairs pulled from the tail are sent to the AHT where DNA is extracted from the hair-roots and the DNA profile recorded on a database. Confirmation that the animal has been satisfactorily profiled is sent to the breed society, together with the results of parentage analysis if required. Total cost is £18.00 +VAT per sample. The AHT can also extract DNA for profiling from other types of sample, including semen and muscle.

Further details on this service can be obtained from Dr Holmes, telephone: 01683 750659, email: nigel.holmes@aht.org.uk, or see the Animal Health trust website: www.aht.org.uk.



Showing 2006



Although Longhorns will no longer be able to take part in any Rare Breeds classes at shows around the country, there are many shows which do offer dedicated Longhorn classes. In addition, Longhorns will continue to be eligible for traditional and Native Breed classes (where these are not restricted to rare breeds only).

Please do try to support these shows this season

Leicestershire County Show 30th April—1st May
Dishley Grange Farm, Derby Road, Loughborough,
Leics. LE11 5SF
Tel: 01509 646786

Newark & Nottinghamshire 13 & 14th May
The Showground, Winthorpe, Newark, Nottinghamshire
NG24 2NY
Tel: 01636 702627

Northumberland County Show 29th May
PO Box 17, Brampton, CA8 7GA
Tel: 01697 747 848

Royal Bath & West Show 31st May –3rd June
The Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 6QN
Tel: 01749 823169

Suffolk Show 31st May– 1st June
Trinity Park, Felixstowe Rd, Ipswich, Suffolk IP3 8UH
Tel: 01473 707110

Rutland County 4th June
Rutland Agricultural Society, Chard Farm, Tilton on the
Hill, Leicester LE7 9LF
Tel: 0116 259 7466

Royal Cornwall 8-10 June
The Showground, Wadebridge, Cornwall PL27 7JE
Tel: 01208 812183

Three Counties Show 16-18th June
Rare Breeds One Day Show at the Three Counties
18th June

The Showground, Malvern, Worcs WR13 6NW
Tel: 01684 584900

East of England Country Show 16-18th June
East of England Showground, Peterborough PE2 6XE
Tel: 01733 234451

Lincolnshire Show 21 & 22nd June
Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, Lincoln
LN2 2NA
Tel: 01522 522900

Shropshire & West Midlands Show 24 & 25th June
The Agricultural Showground, Berwick Road,
Shrewsbury SY1 2PF
Tel: 01743 289831

Derbyshire County Show 25th June
Mrs Ann James, 5 Willow Park Way, Aston on Trent,
Derby DE72 2DF
Tel: 01332 793068

Royal Norfolk 28 & 29th June
Norfolk Showground, Dereham Road, Costessy,
Norwich NR5 0TT
Tel: 01603 748931

Royal Highland 22-25th June
Kate Stephen, Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston,
Edinburgh EH28 8NF

Royal Show 2-5th July
Livestock Office, RASE, National Agricultural Centre,
Stoneleigh, Warks CV8 2LZ
Tel: 024 7669 6969

Ashby de la Zouch 16th July
Mrs L Ensor, Tithe Farm, Livery Stables, Boundary,
Swadlincote, Derbyshire DE11 7BA
Tel: 01283 229225

Great Yorkshire Show 11-13th July
Yorkshire Agricultural Society, Great Yorkshire Showground,
Harrogate HG2 8PW
Tel: 01423 541000

Kent Show 14—16 July
County Showground, Detling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3JF
Tel: 01622 630975

Royal Welsh Show 24-27th July
RWAS, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, Powys, LD2 3SY
Tel: 01982 554403

Heckington Show 29-30th July
Tel: 01529 461102

Burwarton Show 3rd August
The Show Office, Burwarton, Bridgnorth, Shrops. WV16 6QJ
Tel: 01746 787535

Halifax Show (native classes) 12th August
Mr D Fleming, 28 Towngate, Southowram, Halifax HX3 9QZ
Tel: 01422 431420

Pembrokeshire County Show 15-17th August
Show Office, County Showground, Withybush, Haverfordwest,
Pembs SA62 4BW
Tel: 01437 764331

Monmouthshire Show 31st August
Kay Spencer, Parclands House, Raglan, Monmouthshire NP15
2BX
Tel: 01291 691160

Hope Show 28th August
Mrs Hope Morris, High Nightam, Maynestone Road, Chinley,
High Peak SK23 6AH
Tel: 01663 750318 Email: hope.morris@lineone.net

Moorgreen Show 27 –28th August
Mrs Winifred Smith, “Daranside”, 25 Main Street, Ambaston,
Derbyshire DE72 3ES
Tel: 01332 792217

Moreton In Marsh 2nd September
Tim Gardner, Show Office, Oxford Street, Moreton-in-Marsh,
Glos GL56 0NA
Tel: 01608 651908

National Primestock Show 18-19th November
Mrs K M Tomlinson, Dambridge Farm, Marchington
Woodlands, Uttoxeter, ST14 8PB

Showing 2006

**New Society Ties now available—red, green, blue
£10 each inc P & P**

**Available from the Society Office
Tel: 01769 581212**

FUTURE SALES

Dates for 2006

Saturday 22nd 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

8th & 9th September 2006

National Show & Sale at Melton Mowbray

Auctioneers:

Melton Mowbray Market Auctioneers, Melton Mowbray Market,

Scalford Road, Melton Mowbray LE13 1JY

Tel: 01664 562971

Saturday 14th October 2006

Joint Production Sale at Taunton Market

Entries from other herds also welcome

Auctioneers:

Taunton Market Auctioneers, Priory Bridge Road,

Taunton, Somerset TA1 1PN

Tel: 01823 275171

Shropshire Local Grazing Scheme

I would like to introduce myself and the Shropshire Local Grazing Scheme.

My name is Duncan Norman and I have just been entrusted with creating a new scheme to facilitate grazing using traditional breeds throughout Shropshire. The scheme has been set up with funding from the Lottery Fund and from English Nature, and operates at no cost to users.

I am establishing a register of sites within the county that need grazing and that come under a broad banner of being of 'conservation interest' so including wildlife sites, SSSIs, nature reserves, land in private ownership, wetlands, heath and traditional meadows. I will then try to match these sites to a register of livestock owners who have expressed an interest in finding additional grazing. An emphasis will be placed on linking graziers to sites that are as close to the original holding as possible (ideally closer than 10 miles or within the same or neighbouring parish). The scheme aims to source traditional and local breeds that are often the most adept at grazing courser vegetation on sites less suited to more intensive farming methods.

In cases where stock is grazed at a distance from the original holding the scheme will be recruiting and training local volunteers to act as 'lookers' – as informal livestock monitors. The scheme can also offer advice on issues concerning animal movement paperwork and assist with the transport of stock.

If there are any livestock owners in the Shropshire area that are looking to find additional grazing – be it long or short term, formal or informal— then please do contact me on the address below.

At present I have two priority sites: 1 near Ellesmere where I am looking for around 20 sheep to graze from August to November, and 1 south of Bridgnorth where I am looking for 2-3 non-breeding cows (such as Longhorns) to graze 3 small adjoining sites on an ongoing basis. More sites are being added to the register every day.

I would be very grateful if you could pass my details on to anyone in or around Shropshire you think may benefit from the scheme. I have a leaflet in production and hundreds of business cards produced with all the details on and would be happy to distribute any as required.

Duncan Norman

Dispersal of the Rosecare Herd

Mr and Mrs Preller dispersed their old established herd on 25th January 2006. The herd had been run on strictly commercial lines, some crossed with a Blonde bull and many dehorned, and was removed to KVN Stockdale's Hallworthy Market, Cornwall for convenience. A large crowd competed fiercely for the stock on offer resulting in a total clearance. The horned cows and heifers sold at a marked premium over the dehorned.

18 cows with Blonde calves at foot to 870 gns (ave £674.33)
 4 cows in calf to Blonde and Longhorn to 820 gns (ave £750.75)
 10 cows with Longhorn calves at foot to 1,080 gns (ave £987)
 5 horned (2003) bulling heifers to 1850gns (ave £1,810.20)
 13 dehorned heifers (2003/4) to 960 gns (ave £668)
 6 Blonde x cows to 680 gns (ave £647.50)
 4 Longhorn steers averaged £568
 11 Blonde cross heifers (2003/4/5) averaged £348.50
 11 Blonde cross steers (2003/4/5) averaged £485.36

Steps to Re-opening of Export Markets

The EU is making progress on the re-opening of export markets from the UK. The pre-condition requirement for the re-opening of markets—that there should be less than 200 cases of BSE per 1 million adult cattle population, and that UK BSE control measures should be deemed satisfactory, have both been met. The re-opening of export markets will necessitate changes in UK domestic legislation, most notably, that relating to SRM controls, and the consultation on that (reported in the last newsletter) closed at the beginning of January. There remain concerns at the impact those proposed changes might have on traditional and slow finishing breeds of cattle, such as Longhorns.

The export requirements apply only to EU countries as those outside the EU are free to impose their own individual import rules for live animals. It is also possible that some EU countries could impose special health conditions on live animals that come from countries known to have a lower health status. A list of priority export markets is being drawn up and the Society has already contributed towards this list.

The EU animal health and food chain committee, SCOFCAH, is expected to vote on a proposal to end the UK beef ban put forward by EU Commissioner Markos Kyprianou on March 7th-March 8th. The necessary qualified majority is expected if either Germany, France, Italy or Spain join the yes camp. The European Commission may offer the export of beef killed only after the date of the export ban release as a sweetener to bring the final country on board. If a qualified majority proves impossible the proposal is expected to be taken to the Council of Ministers where two-thirds must vote against it if it is to fail. Procedures following acceptance of the lifting of the export ban by the Council point to exports opening in July instead of mid-April if the Scofcah route is successful.

(The EU has been urged not to jettison the science led approach to BSE which allowed the Commission to lift the ban on Portuguese beef. Six Member States have higher, or similar, levels of BSE in cattle over 24 months old born after July 1996 compared with the UK which means there is no scientific reason to block the lifting of the export ban.)

A decision on where vertebral column can be removed in cattle older than 24 months, after the export ban is lifted, will be announced at an open Food Standards Agency meeting on March 9th.

There are a number of animal health requirements that have to be met in animals to be exported. These include statutory diseases like Bovine TB and Brucellosis, and endemic diseases like Johnes Disease, IBR and BVD. The UK is some way behind other EU countries which have funding assistance for national control and eradication programmes, and, furthermore, there is additional complication caused by the regional approach to disease control (the introduction of different testing conditions for Bovine TB in Scotland compared to the rest of the UK, for example). There are also problems caused by the use of vaccines, as these cannot be used if the breeder intends to export the animals, yet without such use the animals may be vulnerable to risk of disease.

Long term the aim must be for the attainment of high health status cattle, where a premium could be achieved. Members thoughts on this would be welcome.

FMD—BREEDS AT RISK REGISTER

Although Longhorns are no longer classed as a rare breed, they can still be included on the FMD—Breeds at Risk register. This register is being administered by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust, in association with Grassroots Systems Ltd. The full text of a letter from the Trust to the Society is reprinted below. Please do take note of it!

To: The Longhorn Cattle Society

FMD—Breeds at Risk Register

The Trust, in association with Grassroots Systems Ltd, is working with Defra, DARDNI, SEERAD and WAGEPCD to compile a national register of premises that **may** be considered to receive special measures in order to conserve livestock during an FMD outbreak*. The register will include breeds on the Trust's Watch List and other breeds that may be vulnerable because of their geographical distribution. The Trust will manage the register of Defra's behalf.

Inclusion on the register will be voluntary. However, it is in the interests of every breeder to register so their premises have the opportunity to benefit from any special measures that may apply or come into force for the conservation of rare breeds in the event of a future FMD outbreak. For premises to be eligible, they have to keep a breeding group, and for each breed the minimum criteria presently are:

Cattle: 8 females plus 1 male (or AI)

Sheep: 16 females plus 1 male

Pigs: 3 females plus 1 male (or AI)

Goats: 6 females plus 1 male

With your help, we will use our position as a partner in this project to advise and influence Defra to adjust these thresholds when necessary to ensure that genetically viable populations can be conserved. Of course, we need as much information as possible from you to enable us to do this.

Applications for inclusion on the database will be verified against Breed Society data: names, addresses, herd/flock number, and the number of breeding females. Grassroots have written a new option in the administration menu on *Breed Society Record* which will extract the names, addresses and number of breeding animals owned by your current members, to be imported direct into the verification module. This update is available from the Grassroots website in the normal way.

After the application has been verified against the data you provide, the applicant's details will be uploaded to the Defra database.

Some of your members may be concerned about Data Protection and privacy issues. The Trust will use the data only in connection with the project, unless we receive your permission to use it for wider conservation work. The Defra database will be accessible only to its staff, the SVS, and other authorities that may be involved in combating an outbreak of FMD.

Please give this letter the widest publicity, and encourage your members to apply, which they may do on-line via the RBST website at www.rbst.org.uk. They can also request a registration form from the RBST in writing, by email or telephone to:

Breeds At Risk Register
Rare Breeds Survival Trust
Stoneleigh Park
Near Kenilworth
Warwickshire CV8 2LG

Telephone: 024 7669 8763/8766
Email: bar@rbst.org.uk
Web: www.rbst.org.uk

If you have any questions about the Register, please contact us by email at bar@rbst.org.uk or by phone on 024 7669 8763/8766. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Terry

Executive Director

* Footnote. Article 15 of the European Union Council Directive 2003/85/EC on measures for the control of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) places a responsibility on member states to establish and maintain a list of premises keeping animals for the purpose of conserving Farm Animal Genetic Resources (FAnGR) during an FMD outbreak.

Longhorn Cattle For Sale and Wanted

FEMALES FOR SALE

**Lt. Col & Mrs M Hodges, Horseshoe House,
Welborne, Near East Dereham, Norfolk NR20 3LF
Tel: 01362 850365**

Five well grown yearling heifers from the Welborne herd—
2002 and 2005 winners of the South East Group Best Small
Herd. Ready in April.

**Nick Hutley, Wintershall, Bramley, Surrey GU5 0LR
Tel: 01483 894948 (day) 01483 898493 (eves)**

Heifers:

Wintershall Reed Born: 17/4/04

Sire: Leebarn Warlord

Dam: Meon Valley Carol

Wintershall Reta Born: 28/4/04

Sire: Leebarn Warlord

Dam: Meon Valley Mint 3rd

Wintershall Kate Born: 1/5/04

Sire: Leebarn Warlord

Dam: Meon Valley Hebe 5th

Heifers in Calf—due April 2006

Wintershall Hazel Born: 4/5/03

Sire: Leebarn Warlord

Dam: Meon Valley Mint 3rd

Wintershall Katrina born: 11/5/03

Sire: Leebarn Warlord

Dam: Meon Valley Hebe 5th

Cows in Calf—due April 2006

Meon Valley Christine Born: 19/4/02

Sire: Stackhouse Carlos

Dam: Meon Valley Nuthatch

Meon Valley Hebe 5th Born: 8/7/98

Sire: Bemborough Natterjac

Dam: Meon Valley Hazel

Yearling Heifers

Wintershall Brisbane Born: 18/4/05

Sire: Leebarn Warlord

Dam: Meon Valley Nuthatch

Wintershall Aderlaid Born: 3/5/05

Sire: Leebarn Warlord

Dam: Meon Valley Christine

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

Tel: 01544 370650

School Green Edwina Born: 2/3/04

Sire: Southfield Aristocrat g.s. Parc Grace Dieu Two Tone

Dam: School Green Xanthia g.s. Bollin Taurus

Show quality. Only for sale as is daughter of present stock bull.

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

Tel: 01823 461233

Stoke Betony Born: 26/6/01

Sire: Stoke Unicorn

Dam: Stoke Wisteria

In calf to Blackbrook Masquerade, due to calve May 2006.

Previous calves, male calf (steer) born 12/6/04 and Three

Bridges Fiona born 11/5/05

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

Tel: 01787 222253

Chalkney Izzy Born: 7/8/03

Sire: Linton Apollo

Dam: Chalkney Cally

In calf to Blackbrook Newt

Chalkney Juniper Born: 11/2/04

Sire: Linton Apollo

Dam: Bemborough Gooseberry

Chalkney Jezabel Born: 3/3/04

Sire: Linton Apollo

Dam: Chalkney Delilah

Chalkney Karma born: 6/1/05

Sire: Linton Apollo

Dam: Chalkney Grace

**Mrs W Warren, Mayville, Clothall Road, Baldock, Herts
SG7 6RB**

Tel: 01462 892193

Mayville Dinky Born: 6/7/03

Sire: Roxton Igor

Dam: Ardenlea Festival

Dark brindle. Ready to be put into first calf.

Mayville Ember Born: 21/6/04

Sire: Roxton Igor

Dam: Ardenlea Festival

White and dark brindle. Both of these live out happily all year
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Libby Henson

PO Box 251

Exeter

EX2 8WX

Tel: 01392 270421

Longhorn Cattle For Sale and Wanted

John Huntbach, New Farm, Baddiley, Cheshire CW5 8BS

Tel: 01270 524216

Baddiley Fantasy Born: 6/1/05

Sire: Bollin Bruno

Dam: Cwm Cathan Beth

Baddiley Faith Born: 4/4/05

Sire: Bollin Bruno

Dam: Landsyke Annabel

Baddiley Fancy Born: 7/4/05

Sire: Bollin Bruno

Dam: Southfield Rapture

Baddiley Eye Born: 3/12/04

Sire: Bollin Bruno

Dam: Southfield Topaz

WANTED

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

Tel: 01785 282616

Stores always required for rare and traditional breeds finisher

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.

BULLS FOR SALE

Dave & Nancy Young, 2 Farm Cottage, Gills Lane, Rooksbridge, Somerset BS26 2TY

Tel: 01934 750252 (eves)

Rooksbridge Barbarian Born: 15/7/01

Sire: Ulverscroft Saxon

Dam: Longrove Falcon

For sale or exchange. Very handsome, easy to load, has given us consistently the best calves we have ever had, very even. Photos available.

John Harrison, The Cobblers, Settrington, Malton, North Yorks YO17 8NR

Tel: 01944 768476 (office: 768441)

Settrington Escort Born: 16/1/99

Sire: Fishwick Apache

Dam: Rousham Twirl

Very quiet to handle, has sired very good breeding and beef stock

BULLS FOR SALE

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

Tel: 01787 222253

Chalkney Jasper Born: 30/1/04

Sire: Linton Apollo

Dam: Chalkney Garnet

Chalkney Juggernaut born: 14/2/04

Sire: Linton Apollo

Dam: Chalkney Echo

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

Tel: 01278 760765

Underknoll Quest Born: 25/6/03

Sire: Quantock Utah g.s. Honeywood Edmund

Dam: Harford Utopia g.s Harford Windrush

Proven young bull. Only for sale as related females coming into the herd.

Mrs G S Thomas, Barlings Hall, Langworth, Lincoln, LN3 5DG

Tel: 01522 751707 Mobile: 07968 580841

Email: sprogg77@btopenworld.com

Charnwood Ernie Born: 28/3/04

Sire: Ulverscroft John

Dam: Charnwood Zoe

Ernie is good natured, easy to handle and easy to load.

Weighing 670kg on 4th February, Ernie is an excellent example of the breed type. Shown twice, once at Lincolnshire Show and once at Heckington Show. Won 4th and 3rd respectively.

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Bollin Bruno Born: 8/5/01

Sire: Linton Trojan

Dam: Bollin Primrose

Progeny can be seen

Baddiley Edward Born: 11/7/04

Sire: Bollin Bruno

Dam: Honorwood Filligree

Mrs W Warren, Mayville, Clothall Road, Baldock, Herts SG7 6RB

Tel: 01462 892193

Mayville Druid Born: 12/7/03

Sire: Roxton Igor

Dam: Ardenlea Farina

Dark brindle, lovely nature, nice mover, good back. First crop of calves due this spring. Great Grandsire: Blackbrook Conqueror

SHOW TRAINING DAY

At Springbarrow Lodge, Swannymote Road, Grace Dieu, Coalville, Leicestershire (near M1 Junction 23) on Sunday 9th April at 10.45 for 11 AM by kind invitation of John and Pat Stanley

A Show Training Day has been arranged to encourage new exhibitors to start showing their cattle. This is intended as a basic "starter" day although there will no doubt be something of interest to the more experienced exhibitor. The whole showing process will be covered from early planning through training, washing and grooming to ringcraft and etiquette.

Pre-booking is essential to help with planning and it may be necessary to restrict numbers so please book early.

Chairman for the day – John Stanley

Speakers / Demonstrators – Pat Stanley, Steve Gray, John Brigg

Pat has kindly offered to provide tea and coffee. Please bring a packed lunch

Biosecurity As the day will be a practical one using the Stanley's cattle it is essential that visitors wear clean clothes and bring clean Wellingtons (i. e. **not** what you were wearing to fodder your cattle that morning!)

I/we would like to attend the Show Training Day on Sunday 9th April 2006

Name(s) of ALL those attending:

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Herd Number.....

Address

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Contact telephone number

Please return to the secretary:

Sarah Slade, Southcott Farm , Chawleigh, Chulmleigh, Devon EX18 7HP

Tel/Fax: 01769 581212

Email: longhorncs@tiscali.co.uk

By: 31st March 2006

PLEASE NOTE: PLACES MUST BE PRE-BOOKED

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

* * * Bulls @ £25 each * * *

Eyebrook Richard
 Grove House Baron
 Honeywood Edmund

There is a £3 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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 Tel/Fax: 01769 581212 Email: longhorncs@tiscali.co.uk*