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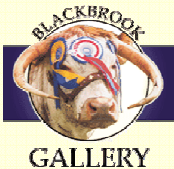


The 'Blackbrook Gallery' offer for sale the complete set of five Longhorn engravings by George Garrard

- The 'Improved Longhorned or New Leicester Bull'*
- The 'Improved Longhorned or New Leicester Cow'*
- The 'Improved Longhorned or New Leicester Ox'*
- The 'Fat Longhorned Ox'*
- The 'Fat Longhorned Heifer'*

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SHOW TRAINING DAY BOOKING FORM

I/we would like to attend the Show Training Day on Saturday 24 May 2008 at Gupworthy Farm, Minehead

Name(s) of ALL those attending:

.....

Membership (Herd) Number.....

Address

.....

Contact telephone number

Contact Email address

Please return to the secretary:

Debbie Dann, 3 Eastgate, Stoneleigh Park, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire,
 CV8 2LG

Email: secretary@longhorncattlesociety.com

By 19 April 2008 please!

PLEASE NOTE: PLACES MUST BE PRE-BOOKED



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*Spring Show & Sale,
 Worcester
 26 April 2008*

*Beef Expo, Perth
 21 May 2008*

*Showing workshop,
 Minehead
 24 May 2008*

*AGM Weekend
 14-16 Nov 2008*

*A full listing of
 dates available on
 the website*

It seems to have taken an age but finally the days are getting noticeably longer and spring seems to be just around the corner.

There has been an great response to the survey that was send out at Christmas; it's certainly been an excellent opportunity to sort the registry and make it more accurate. Please remember to complete your survey if you haven't done so— **you won't be able to register calves if your survey hasn't been returned.** The survey results will be in the herdbook and will contain all members, but those that haven't returned their surveys will be marked accordingly to show the data isn't necessarily accurate.

This issue of the newsletter contains a detailed report on one member's experience of Bluetongue and we are very grateful to Mike Hodges for keeping a diary so efficiently. The Bluetongue virus is a disease that is probably here for the long term and so we are all going to have to learn to live with the disease and manage our herds accordingly. A vaccination policy

announcement is expected soon and full details will be posted on the website, or contact me if you don't have internet access.

The programme of events for 2008 are coming together and there is a booking form for the Showing Workshop inside this newsletter. Information about a member's visit and the AGM will be in the next newsletter and on the website so keep an eye out for those.

The website is also used extensively by members to advertise their stock for sale or wanted. Adverts are listed for a three month period or until I am aware that the animal has been sold.

You may have noticed the new cover to the newsletter. We are trialling a colour cover for a couple of newsletters to see if members like it and would use it to advertise (or know of other companies that would) which would help cover the extra production costs. The advertising rates are very reasonable so please contact me if you are interested!

Debbie

Chairman's Message

As we enter another challenging year for British livestock farming, there are many reasons for optimism in the Longhorn Breed and we can expect further good progress within the Breed, in the areas of registrations and membership levels.

Beef prices look very buoyant and there should be a good demand for all beef produced. This will have a knock-on effect on prices of breeding stock which again should be in great demand.

There are, of course, a few dark clouds on the horizon. We await this season's Blue-tongue developments with trepidation but, as Debbie has mentioned, the Society is looking actively at staging sales to help members in all "zones".

The cost of feed is not at all helpful to all livestock farmers and, in particular, the cost of organic feeds has become astronomic, necessitating an improvement in prices for our end product, which is certainly a possibility in this new era of rising food prices.

Let us hope that our Sales and Shows are relatively unscathed this year and that our livestock enterprises can be run efficiently and without the encumbrance of influences beyond our control.

I would like to remind Members of the Showing Workshop that is coming up on the 24th May, courtesy of George and Jackie Woollatt at Gupworthy Farm near Minehead, which will be of great interest to those members who are thinking of taking to the ring, or those who wish to improve their showing skills.

This Newsletter accompanies the Annual Journal which has been produced earlier than ever this year and we owe great thanks to Debbie and her co-compilers, Charlie Sutcliffe and Peter Guest for the time and hard work they have put into making it such a good publication

John Hedges

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Sales 2008

All dates subject to DEFRA movement and gathering regulations

Saturday 26 April 2008

*Society Spring Show and Sale at Worcester
Auctioneers: McCartneys Tel: 01905 769770*

Friday 12 and Saturday 13 September 2008

*National Show and Sale at Melton Mowbray
Auctioneers:
Melton Mowbray Market Auctioneers Tel: 01664 562971*

Saturday 20 September

*Rare & Traditional Breeds Show and Sale
Chelford Agricultural Centre
Auctioneers: Marshalls. Tel 01625 861122*

Saturday 27 September 2008

*Society Autumn Sale at Worcester
Auctioneers: McCartneys. Tel: 01905 769770*

Friday 3 and Saturday 4 October 2008

*Autumn Rare & Minority Breeds Show & Sale
York Livestock Centre
Auctioneers: Tel 01904 489731*

Saturday 11 October 2008

*Mid West Longhorn Breeders Club 3rd production sale
at Sedgemoor Market Centre
Open to all Longhorn Cattle Society members.
All classes of stock accepted including steers
Auctioneers: Greenslade Taylor Hunt. Tel 01935 423474*

SHOW TRAINING DAY

At Gupworthy Farm, Wheddon Cross, Minehead, Somerset,
TA24 7DA

on Saturday 24 May at 10.30 for 11 am

by kind invitation of George, Jackie and Thea Woollatt

For a third year a Show Training Day has been arranged to encourage new exhibitors to start showing their cattle. Once again 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.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided

It is hoped this day will be fun for all who attend. In the afternoon after lunch there will be a foot trimming demonstration by the Woollatts local foot trimmer Chris Yeoman.

There will be fun competitions with lots of prizes!

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

Co-ordinator: Jackie Woollatt

Speakers/demonstrators:

Keith Jempson, Thea Woollatt and Chris Yeoman

Biosecurity As the day will be a practical one using the Woollatt's cattle it is essential that visitors wear clean clothes and bring clean Wellingtons as you may be taking part in wet activities such as washing cattle.

Please complete and return the booking form on the back page if you wish to attend

Mid West Breeders Sale

LONGHORN BULL SELLS TO SCOTLAND FOR 2300gns AT TAUNTON

Auctioneers Greenslade Taylor Hunt were delighted to welcome the 2nd Mid West Longhorn Breeders Production Sale to Taunton Livestock Centre on Saturday 8th December.

Two months later than planned Longhorn Breeders generated a great deal of interest resulting in a top price of 2300gns for Sid Hollier's much admired two year old prize winning bull "Long Ash Fruit". By "Long Ash Captain" and out of a Culcombe dam he was purchased over the telephone by Robert Gunn of Caithness.

In calf heifers sold to 1100gns for Ian & Lyn Kett's "Quantock Ffion" by "Fishwick Ulysses" she is due to calve in April to "Bemborough Crown". Two year old in calf heifers from David & Pat Lawrence's Tripps herd sold to 880gns for "Tripps Finch".

Maiden heifers sold to 680gns for Sid Hollier's "Long Ash Gingham" by "Riffhams Alfred". The only cow and calf to be sold was from Church Farm Business Park being "Bejon Belle" with her 4th calf at foot. She sold for 880gns to Mrs Ridewood of Exeter and her 3rd calf "Ashton Gail" that was born in August 2006 sold for 620gns.

Heifer calves born in May 2007 sold to 390gns three times for NR Glover's "Warns Hilary, Heather & Hazel" all by "Holcombe Dazzle" bred by Mr Ian Clark. Six April 2007 steer calves met a strong trade for the second year selling to 300gns a piece.

A day that confirmed the increasing interest in the Longhorn breed in the West created the following averages:-

Cow & Calf	£ 880.00
In-calf Heifers	£ 962.50
Maiden Heifers	£ 560.00
Heifer Calves	£ 373.00
Bull	£2300.00



22 Princes Street, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1EQ

Tel: 01935 423474 Fax: 01935 432588

Website: www.gth.net e-mail: livestock@gth.net

Bluetongue Virus

Mike and Hilary Hodges from Dereham in Norfolk very kindly kept a daily diary to record their experiences of the Bluetongue Virus. It is reproduced here for the benefit of all members.

We've had blue tongue in Norfolk!

The dubious honour of having the first blue tongue (BTV') case in the UK Longhorn herd appears to have fallen to Welborne, so I thought members of the Society might be interested in my experiences.

Firstly, thanks to advice from Sabine Zentis and my sister-in-law, Doctor Ruth Watkins, I was mentally prepared for the inevitable. Quite why and how the virus jumped 35 miles and singled out a 9 year old cow with calf at foot when there are about a 1000 others within a three mile radius of us remains to be answered. However the cow had been involved in a fight with our young bull followed by one with her sister, during which the bull raped her! Consequently she was feeling a bit low. This assumes a week or so of virus incubation.

In early September in an attempt to mitigate midge attack, all cattle were dosed with Ivermectin. Events then unfurled as follows:

Day 1 (Thurs 8th Nov) Showing signs of lameness a.m., and by late p.m., acute lameness in all four feet (I now realise that her dislike of this year's coarse haylage some two days earlier was also due to BTV); a continued need to lie down, and in the darkest part of the shed. After discussion with vet, dosed with anti-inflammatory and penned her.

Day 2 Milk yield down; dosed with second dose of anti-inflammatory. No haylage eaten, even when offered succulent handfuls of last year's, however beet and protein nuts eaten with no problem; obviously soreness in the throat.

Day 3 Eyes very swollen and red, with ulcers along upper lids; applied eye ointment as for conjunctivitis.

Day 4 Slight cough; respiratory antibiotic given for two days as a precaution.

Regional Groups

The regional groups operate independently of the Society and organise herd visits, social events and herd competitions. Enthusiastic group members are always welcome. Do get in touch with your local breeders group co-ordinator and get involved in group activities

Mid West Longhorn Breeders Group

Herd visit to the 'Gupworthy' herd on Sunday 21 September at 2pm, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs G Woollatt

Contact: Peter Guest, Colaba Lodge, Hamnish, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0QN Tel: 01568 760251.

Email: colabalonghorns@aol.com

South East Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

Contact: Charlotte Coleman, Chalkney Mill, Earls Colne, Colchester, Essex CO6 2PR. Tel 01787 222253.
Email: chalkneylonghorns@talktalk.net

North Western Longhorn Breeders Group

For details of Group activities

Contact: Phil Robinson, Blackden Cottage, Blackden Heath, Goostrey, Crewe, Cheshire CW4 8DG Tel: 01477 571406.

Email: s12vet@tiscali.co.uk

Midland Longhorn Breeders Club

Wednesday 13 February—AGM at Ticknall Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Thursday 13 March—Mr Chris Parker MRCVS will give a talk about 'Bluetongue and other cattle diseases' at Scarsdale Vet Practice, Markeaton Lane, Derby. All welcome!

Contact: Rita Poulson, New House Grange, Orton Lane, Sheepy Magna, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 3NJ. Tel 01827 880203.

Email: ritapoulson@btinternet.com

Welsh Longhorn Breeders Club

For details of Group activities

Contact: Bernard Llewellyn, Carreg Cennan Castle, Trapp, Llandeilo, Dyfed, SA19 6UA Tel: 01558 822291
Email: carregcennencastle@btinternet.com

Northern Longhorn Breeders Club

For details of Group activities

Contact: Pam Pumphrey, Clonyards Farm, Colvend, Dalbeattie, DG5 4QW Tel. 01556 630246
Email: clonyard@btinternet.com

Longhorn Cattle Wanted

Mr Carl Warren, Norfolk, NR14 6DG

Tel: 01508 480256, 07919 008529

New member wishing to establish a large herd. In calf cows and heifers preferred

Michael Davies, Essex EN9 3QJ

Tel: 020 8508 2579

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

Sam Barker, Shropshire, SY4 3HS

Tel 07793 365517

Organic steers and heifers wanted for finishing. Top prices paid.

Richard Vaughan, Herefordshire

Tel: 01600 890296

Well grown store cattle male or female required for finishing. Will pay Continental prices for suitable cattle

Cotswold Farm Park, Glos, GL54 5UG

Tel: 01451 850307

Wanted at weaning at the beginning of March, two steers to train to the yoke. Twins preferred, or two 'mates' would be acceptable

Daniel Bunting, Essex, CO6 4BS

Tel: 01206 272300 Mobile: 07889 640199

Steers wanted for finishing

Mrs Barker, Dorset DT2 9HF

Tel: 01308 482371

Weaned Longhorn calves required.

D C Greaves, Staffs ST18 9JU

Tel: 01785 282616

Stores always required for rare and traditional breeds finisher



New Members

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

- * Mr & Mrs D Preece, 2 The Slough, Stoke Prior, Leominster, Hereford, HR6 0NB
- * Mr S Dalton, Greenside Farm, Hallbankgate, Brampton, Cumbria, CA8 2PX
- * Mr CA West & Son, Warren Hill Farm, Oakley, Diss, Norfolk, IP21 4AN
- * Mr & Mrs M Ridewood, 14 Isleworth Road, St Thomas, Exeter, EX4 1QU
- * MP & EM Langdon, Court Farm, Clovelly, Bideford, Devon, EX39 5TA
- * Mr IP Crane, Astley Grange Farm, Back Lane, East Langton, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 7TB
- * Mr & Mrs F&M Van Nes, Whitcombe Barn Farm, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 8NL
- * Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust, Brocks Hill Environment Centre, Washbrook Lane, Oadby, Leicestershire, LE2 5JJ
- * Aldbourne Chase Farms, Snap Farm, Woods End, Aldbourne, Wilts, SN8 2NP
- * Mrs R Halvorsen, Versions Farm, Brackley, Northants, NN13 5JY
- * Mrs A Pollock, Norley Farm, Norley Wood, Lymington, Hants, SO41 5RT
- * Mr C Warren, Langley Abbey Estate, Langley Green, Norwich, Norfolk, NR14 6DG
- * Mr E Wright, 60 Undermill Road, Upper Beeding, Steyning, West Sussex, BN44 3JG (A)
- * Mr G Redfern, Upper Green Farm, Onecote, Leek, Staffordshire, ST13 7RZ (A)
- * Miss V Clark, Woodside Farm, Gallows Green, Great Dunmow, Essex, CM6 3QS(J)



Bluetongue Virus

Day 5 Clear to me it was BTV; DEFRA informed; our vet came out of interest for his first case. He noticed inflamed nostrils; heart, lungs all ok.

Day 7 DEFRA vet took blood sample, noticed puffy coronary bands. An open-ended Stand Still Order was issued for the farm.

Day 8 Cudding resumed with small quantity of haylage eaten.

Day 12 DEFRA confirmed BTV; all restrictions lifted over the phone (confirmation by post the following day) within the Control Zone.

Day 15 DEFRA epidemiology report interview.

Day 16 Still very lame; further anti-inflammatory given.

Day 18 Passed "black treacle" then "black tar" and then black dung. Dosed with broad spectrum anti-biotic for two days. Must have had internal bleeding, apparently 5% may have this.

Day 19 Dung normal.

Throughout the 19 days, the cow's temperature remained rock steady normal, and from day 19 she gradually regained all her normal activities. One month down the line she was still a little sore on her feet, however she continued to suckle her calf and as far as far as I have observed, she is still due to calve in April.

Other points taken into account during treatment were minimal stress and a dark pen. One other cow may have been infected, she was slightly sore on her feet and her milk suddenly dried up.

This is not, as everyone knows, a normal disease. One can live with it providing some TLC is given to the victim. Hopefully the anti-bodies are now in place for some of our herd for next year.

Lt Col Mike Hodges. Welborne Herd



Showing 2008



In the last newsletter we listed all the shows with Longhorn classes. In addition to those shows, the following also have dedicated Longhorn classes.

Garstang Show **2 August**
Sue White, Pilling Copy, Fax & Print Shop,
Horse Park Lane, Pilling, Lancs PR3 6AS
Tel: 01253 799119
Email: info@garstangshow.org

Southwell Ploughing Match **27 Sept**
Mrs Angela Hardstaffe
Colliery Farm, Main Street, Linby, Notts
NG15 8AE
Tel: 0115 963 3654

Winter Primestock Events

The winter events have Native Breed classes, and may stage specific Longhorn classes if there are sufficient entries

English Winter Fair **15-16 Nov**
Held at Bingley Hall, Staffordshire Show-ground, Stafford.
Schedules from: Mrs K Tomlinson, Dam-bridge Farm, Marchington Woodlands, Uttoxeter, Staffs, ST14 8PB
Tel: 01283 820012

Welsh Winter Fair **1-2 Dec**
RWAS, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, Powys, LD2 3SY
Tel: 01982 554403
Email: requests@rwas.co.uk

Smithfield Winter Fair **5-6 Dec**
Held at the Royal Bath & West Show-ground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset
Schedules from: Royal Smithfield Club, Brierley House, Summer Lane, Combe Down, Bath, BA2 5LE. Tel: 01225 837904
Email: sally@royalsmithfieldclub.co.uk

If you haven't shown before and fancy having a go then please come along to our showing workshop on 24 May. A booking form is included in this newsletter.

Whilst there is a great deal of uncertainty over the show season this year, I'm sure there will still be members who will want to compete.

Please remember that if only registered animals can be shown so please make sure all animals — especially bulls — are registered. If you are in doubt a quick phone call to the office could save embarrassment later.

The Society will be taking a stand at the Royal Show again this year so do come along and support the exhibitors.



Longhorn Cattle for Sale

BULLS FOR SALE

S Wigmore, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 9NY
Tel 01823 480547. Mobile 07734 584673

MOOLHAM CHARLES (XB65973)
Born: 20.02.07
Sire: Eyebrook Richard (1014)
Dam: Wellhead Elissa (12213/E0268)
Birth notified young bull. Eligible for registration subject to normal Society registration conditions

Messrs Vaughan, Pembrokeshire, SA65 9UA
Tel 01348 881388 Mobile 07773 789850
Email robert@carnedward.co.uk

MAYVILLE DRUID (12710/D0738)
Born: 12.07.03
Sire: Roxton Ifor (9210)
Dam: Ardenlea Farina (8373)

Mrs NA Luckett, Cumbria, CA7 1DJ
Tel 01697 371487
Email nickyluckett@aol.com

WELLHEAD GRASMERE LAD (15685/G0268)
Born: 28.03.06
Sire: Bollin Darrell (12791/D0343)
Dam: Wellhead Maggie(4032)
Best Junior Bull at Highland Show 2007, easy to handle.

BULLS FOR SALE

Natural England, Wiltshire, SP3 4ET.
Tel 01980 620486. Mobile 07810 297886.
monique.hustinx@naturallengland.org.uk

STOKE FUDGE (15350/F0021)
Born: 03.05.05
Sire: Bollin Urchin (8331)
Dam: Stoke Treacle (6711)
Quiet & easy to handle. Has been successfully shown.

David Sheppy, Somerset, TA41ER
Tel 01823 461233, Mobile 07763 476995
email: david@sheppyscider.com

THREE BRIDGES GALILEO (15393/G0797)
Born: 18.02.2006
Sire: Blackbrook Masquerade
Dam: Frondeg Delhila
Very quiet and easy to handle

Longhorn Cattle For Sale

FEMALES FOR SALE

Natural England, Wiltshire, SP3 4ET.
Tel 01980 620486. Mobile 07810 297886.
monique.hustinx@naturallengland.org.uk
STOKE FELT (13486/F0021)

Born: 28.04.05

Sire: Bollin Urchin

Dam: Stoke Satin

STOKE FELDSPAR (13485/F0021)

Born: 30.04.05

Sire: Bollin Urchin

Dam: Stoke Amethyst

Clive Roads at McCartneys 01905 769770.

Private sale. Small quality herd for sale.

Was due to be exported to Ireland but now staying in Britain.

Mr R. J. Saxby, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 4EH. Tel 01729 851840 Mobile 07792 817538

email: richardjsaxby@aol.com

BRIDLE STYLE VALENTINE (11409/D0374)

Born: 15.02.2003

Sire: Southfield Apache (10055/B0460)

Dam: Ulverscroft Juniper (2659)

In calf to Bollin Edgar (13803/B0460)

Bluetongue free area at present

BRIDLE STYLE DIANE 11410/D0374

Born: 07.04.2003

Sire: Southfield Apache (10055/B0460)

Dam: Bridle Style Molly (4114)

In calf to Bollin Edgar (13803/B0460)

Bluetongue free area at present

OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE

Mrs S Morris, Rugeley, Staffs, WS15 3JD
Cattle crush for Longhorn or Highland cattle. Suitable for calves to fully grown £1000 plus VAT.

STEERS AND STORES FOR SALE

Mr P Morgan, Bradley Cross Farm, Bradley, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3YU
Tel 01934 741771

Email: bradleyxfarm@btinternet.com

5 majestic pure homebred Longhorn steers. Born 2003 and 2004. Very suitable for a park setting or conservation grazing. Priced 'to live' but open to offers.

Mr B Manchester, 18 Greaves Avenue, Old Dalby, Melton Mowbray, Leics, LE14 3QE Tel 01664 823889

Purebred yearling steers, 3/4 bred yearling heifers and 1/2 bred yearling heifers

Mrs. N. A. Lockett, Well Head, Mealsgate, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 1DJ

Tel: 01697 371487

email: nickylockett@aol.com

Four well grown steers born 18.02.06 to 12.06.06

Useful News

Competency Certificates

A reminder that Certificates of Competency for the Welfare of Animals in Transit must be obtained by 30th April 2008 if you transport animals over 65km in connection with an economic activity. There are two types of licence, one for journeys over 65km but under 8 hours, and one for journeys over 65km and over 8 hours. Failure to present a valid certificate could result in 6 months in prison or a £5000 fine. Information on the assessments and test centres can be found at www.nptc.org.uk or telephone **024 7685 7300**

Memorandum of Agreement on Red Diesel

Following agreement with HMRC and DVLA, the NFU and NAAC are pleased to finally announce the release of a new Memorandum of Agreement giving guidance on the use of red diesel in agricultural, horticultural and forestry vehicles on the road.

The aim of the new Memorandum is to clarify how rebated fuel can be used by farmers and agricultural contractors. One of the main difficulties of recent years has been interpreting the definition of 'agriculture.' This Memorandum seeks to clarify what activities and journeys fall within the definition, and what vehicles are covered.

The Agreement is not a change to legislation, but a shared understanding of the legislation and how the law will be interpreted and applied. This will ensure both the industry and enforcement officers have a clear and common understanding of what is permitted use

Food Labelling

A large number of Longhorn producers market their own meat direct to the public and could easily fall foul of the regulations with regard to food labelling.

The Food Labelling Regulations 1996 requires food to be marked or labelled with certain requirements such as:

- the name of the food
- a list of ingredients
- the amount of an ingredient which is named or associated with the food
- an appropriate durability indication
- any special storage conditions
- the name of business and manufacturer and in certain cases the place of origin
- the process used in manufacture
- instructions for use

For further information contact the Food Standards Agency at www.food.gov.uk or telephone **020 7276 8000**

NetRegs - environmental guidance for your business

NetRegs provides free environmental guidance for small businesses in the UK. NetRegs will help you to understand what you need to do to comply with environmental legislation and protect the environment. It may even help to save you money by showing you ways to use your resources more efficiently.

www.netregs.gov.uk or telephone **08708 506 506**

Society Reminders

Subscriptions

Subscriptions were due on 1 January and by now you would have received a statement if you haven't paid.

Please settle your account promptly!

Transfers

When you sell an animal, please remember to return the pedigree certificate to the office so that both the certificate and the registry can be updated to show the new owner. £11.75 is payable by both the vendor and the purchaser on the transfer of registered animals, but birth notified animals, steers and calves at foot are transferred free of charge

Herdbook

The herdbook for 2007 will be closed at the end of February. Please ensure any 2007 born animals are birth notified or registered before then or they will be in the 'late registered' section of the 2008 herdbook.

2008 Journal

The 2008 Journal is enclosed with this newsletter. Thank you to all of you who advertised, contributed articles or generally helped with it's production this year.

We had 1500 copies of the 2007 Journal produced and I have only 20 copies left so they really do get circulated to, and appreciated by a wide audience. If you need further copies then please let me know.

Articles for the 2009 Journal will be needed so please bear me in mind if you think you have something you want to share!

Vital Statistics

Here are a few statistics that may be of interest....

Membership at 31.12.07

Full	450
Associate	40
Junior	7
Honorary Life	4
Total	501

Members joined in 2007

Full	43
Full rejoined	2
Associate	2
Junior	2
Total	49

Animals registered or birth notified in 2007

Registered Females	1197
Registered Males	76
Birth Notified Males	1019
Birth Notified Females	47
Total	2339

Transferred in 2007 1055

Total females registered 8221

Distribution of females at 31.12.07

No of females	no of members	
1-10	177	1 - 10 females = 177 members
11-20	89	} 11 - 100 females = 197 members
21-30	37	
31-40	28	
41-50	14	
51-60	11	
61-70	8	
71-80	4	} over 100 females = 8 members
81-90	5	
91-100	1	
100-110	1	
110-120	2	
120-130	3	
130-140	1	
Over 140	1	
Total of 382 members with females		
Average herd = 20.25 females		