



### CALENDAR 2007 SALES

October 22<sup>th</sup> – Perth Bull Sales - Auctioneers - UA  
 October 27<sup>th</sup> – Thirsk - Auctioneers Thirsk Market  
 November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Chelford - Auctioneers - Marshalls

#### New Member of Staff

Many of you will know that Louise is expecting another child at the end of September, so she will be off work on maternity leave until the New Year. We wish her well with her addition to her family and look forward to seeing her back in the office next year. In the meantime we have been very fortunate to secure the services of Lyn Snell who will be covering Louise's work for four months from September to December. Lyn has recently left the Blonde D'Aquitane Society so is very well acquainted with pedigree registration procedure and hopefully there should be no disruption to the excellent turnaround of pedigree certificates which we are currently achieving. Please continue to send queries etc to [louise@shorthorn.co.uk](mailto:louise@shorthorn.co.uk) and Lyn will pick up those emails. I do not think we need to alter the email address for the short period of time involved.

#### TH Results

The Directors are continuing to monitor the TH test results and are keeping the Society's TH policy under review as more information becomes available. The current policy on TH, as published on the Society's website, is shown below. The Directors are currently looking at how best to monitor animals considered to be "at risk" ie animals whose pedigree contains an unbroken line to a known TH carrier, so further amendments or additions to the TH policy may be made as and when the Directors feel it is appropriate. Safeguards have been put in place on the database, to identify any animals submitted for registration from TH carrier parents, and the Directors are confident that these measures will ensure that TH is eradicated from the breed.

#### Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society Policy Regarding TH

**The following policy was agreed by the Beef Shorthorn Society Directors at their meeting on 4th October 2006**

1. All animals imported into Coates's Herd Book (Beef) including animals from Coates's Herd Book (Dairy) must be tested TH free
2. Imported embryos will only be accepted for registration in Coates's Herd Book (Beef) if the sire and dam have been tested TH free. In derogation of this condition, if the sire or the dam cannot be TH tested then the resultant progeny will be accepted if tested TH free.
3. Progeny from imported semen will only be accepted for registration in Coates's Herd Book (Beef) if the donor bull has been tested TH free

4. All sires used for semen collection must be tested TH free
5. All samples of blood sent for testing will require a result release form to be included giving permission for the results to be sent to the Shorthorn Society. All TH results will be published on the Shorthorn Society website

#### The following additions/amendments to the Society's TH policy were agreed at the Director's meeting on 15th May 2007

6. Progeny of TH carriers must be TH tested in order to be accepted for registration in Coates's Herd book (Beef)
7. Any TH carrier registered with the Society or transferred to a new owner from 15th May 2007 will have the pedigree certificate stamped with the words "TH Carrier"
8. TH carrier animals can not be sold at Society Sales

#### Perth Bull Sales

There will be a social evening on Sunday 21st October at the Royal George Hotel, Perth. A two course supper of soup followed by chicken main course will be served at 7.30pm. If you want to attend, the meal must be booked with the Society Office and the cost is £12.00 per person. Please let us know numbers required by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at the very latest.

The hotel have also agreed to hold the preferential room rate with the Royal George (01738624455) for Beef Shorthorn Society members of £70 per room in a double/twin bed room or £50 per room single occupancy bed and breakfast, for the week-

#### The Durham Ox

A new book "The Durham Ox" has just been published by Norman Comben. The book celebrates the bicentenary of the demise of this famous animal and charts the remarkable life of this ox as it travelled the Country.



Copies of the book can be obtained from the office at a cost of £20 + p & p

## The year letter for 2007 is 'A'

Congratulations must go to Mark Holmes and his show team for completing a remarkable season of Championship wins at the main shows this summer (what summer!!)

He had Breed Supreme and Native Champion at the Royal Highland

Breed Supreme and Native Champion at the Royal Show  
Breed Champion, Reserve Interbreed and Native Champion at the Great Yorkshire

and Breed Champion at the Royal Welsh with his homebred bull Holmeere Alastair, shown to perfection by Mr & Mrs Rettie  
*Has this ever been done before—please let us know if so.*



### Journal

It might only be August but we are already thinking about the next issue of the journal. Please let us have judges reports, show results, field day reports etc as soon as possible, and start thinking about your advert now. We need copy for the journal by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at the latest but it would be a great help if you could send in any information as soon as possible so that we can start formatting it earlier.

Following the success of the breeders' directory in the red white and roan brochure we will also be offering a similar advertising opportunity in the journal. Inclusion in the breeders' directory will cost £20.00 + VAT but all members taking out a full or half page herd advert or a full thumb strip will be included in the breeders' directory free of charge. A form to complete for the breeders' directory will be sent out to all members later this year.

All adverts for the Journal are full colour and the rates are as last year.

### Shorthorn Breeder for EBLEX

We are pleased to report that James Fanshawe, who runs the Lucombe herd of Beef Shorthorns has recently been appointed to the board of EBLEX. His role is non executive and begins in April 2008. He would be very happy to take comment or answer questions on the objectives and activities of EBLEX from any of our members and he can be contacted on 07802794553.

### World Conference 2007

There is still time to book a place on this year's World Conference to Argentina on 1<sup>st</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November. Details are on the website or contact the office and we will send them out to you. At this year's Conference we will be putting in a bid to hold the next World Conference in the UK in June/July 2010, taking in the Royal Highland and Royal shows. We are currently putting together a DVD to promote our bid which will be shown at this year's World Conference, and assuming the bid is accepted we will be forming a World Conference Committee to plan and organise this prestigious event. It will be a wonderful opportunity to show the world what good cattle we have here in the UK and allow us to promote the export of our genetics worldwide.

### Livestock Show Sommet de L'Elevage

This year for the first time we are exhibiting at the Sommet de L'Elevage livestock show in France. This is the

largest livestock show in Europe and we will be attending as part of a delegation of British Breeds to promote Beef Shorthorn cattle in Europe. We have a limited amount of semen which is immediately available to export to

### Foot and Mouth Disease

We do not know at this time how quickly the recent outbreak of Foot and Mouth will be contained. Hopefully it will be quickly brought under control and movement restrictions will be able to be lifted. In the meantime all we can do is to continue planning for future events in the hope that they will be able to go ahead so please make sure your entries for sales at Perth, Thirsk, Chelford, are sent in as normal.

### Performance Index

A new index for Beef Shorthorns has been formulated by the Directors in conjunction with Jack Allen of Abri. The new index will be called the Shorthorn Beef Cow Index and it will reflect the commercial use of the Beef Shorthorn with a balance of commercial and maternal EBVs. This index should be available to all performance recording herds from the next EBV run and will then become the main index used by the Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society.

### Receipted Invoices

At the moment receipted invoices are sent out to members by post, but shortly we will be able to send them out by email to all members with an email address on file. The original invoice and query letter will continue to be printed and sent out together with the pedigree certificate, but subsequent receipted invoices will be sent by email.

### Herd Books, Journals and Breeding Registers.

Mr James Lucas has Herd books 1918-1952 contact him on 01327 340235

Mrs Libby Dewdney-Herbert has several Shorthorn related publications from her fathers estate (Rugby, Warks) As follows:

Coates's herd books vols 95-96 -

Year Books vols 4-11 13-15 17-25 -

Shorthorn Records vols 31, 33-38 40-42

Grading registers vols 31 -38.

contact her on 0207 219 3596

