



BEEF SHORTHORN

DECEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES
AND ALL FRIENDS**

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Royal George Hotel, Perth on Monday 4th February. The room is only just big enough to accommodate our increasing numbers so I have to say –

WE CANNOT GUARANTEE A MEAL UNLESS IT HAS BEEN BOOKED WITH THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 30th January.

If we receive more bookings than can be accommodated in the main hall, extra tables will be laid in the conservatory and places will be allocated in order of booking so early booking is advisable.

The cost is £20 per person. Please send cheque to office for meals booked prior to the event. With the numbers involved, collecting money on the night has become unmanageable.

We have also again arranged a preferential room rate at The Royal George (01738624455) for Beef Shorthorn members, of £75.00 per room for a double/twin room or £50.00 per room single occupancy bed and breakfast, for the weekend of the February Bull Sales.

If you wish to avail yourselves of this offer you **MUST** ask for the special Beef Shorthorn room rate when booking. It is a very busy weekend for the Royal George and all the rooms will be taken over the weekend so early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

Shows holding Beef Shorthorn Classes in 2008

Show	Date	Contact for schedule.
Leicestershire County	4/5 May	01509 646786
North Somerset Show	7 May	08456 342464
Devon County Show	15/17 May	01392 446000
Fife	17 May	01334 880518
Surrey County	26 May	01483 890810
Royal Bath & West	28-31 May	01749 822200
Rutland County Show	1 st June	01162 597466
South of England	5-7 June	01444 892700
Royal Cornwall	5-7 June	01208 812183
East of England	13-15 June	01733 234451
Todmorden	21 June	01706 815648
Sales		
Perth Bull Sales	4/5 th Feb	01783 626183
Carlise Show & Sale	23 rd May	01228 640924
Chelford Show & Sale	7 th June	01625 861122

Perth – February Bull Sales

The programme for the Perth Bull Sales is as follows

- Sunday 3rd Feb.
 am – Bull inspections
 3.00pm – Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society AGM
- Monday 4th February
 am – Show of Beef Shorthorns
 pm – Sale of Beef Shorthorn females (40)
 7.30pm – Annual Dinner and prize presentations
- Tuesday 5th February
 pm – Sale of Beef Shorthorn Bulls (65)

Catalogues can be viewed online at www.shorthorn.co.uk

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

New Beef Shorthorn Classes

Leicestershire Show are holding Beef Shorthorn classes for the first time at their show on Sunday/Monday 4th/5th May 2008 . The show is held at Melton Mowbray airfield, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire and the beef judging will be held on the Sunday. For schedules please contact the Leicestershire agricultural Society
 tel: 01509646786
 email: info@leicestershireshow.co.uk
 web: www.leicestershireshow.co.uk

British Cattle Breeders Conference

The British Cattle Breeders Conference takes place on 21st to 23rd January 2008 at Hawkstone Park Hotel, Weston-under-Redcastle, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 5UY with a theme of “Back to British, Back to Breeding, Back to Making Money.” A very interesting programme has been organised including a presentation on the revival of native breeds and a debate on the desirability of breeding beef composites. A full programme and application form can be downloaded from the website at www.cattlebreeders.org.uk or by contacting Lesley Lewin on 01409241579



2006 HERD BOOKS - NOW AVAILABLE

TH

Further to the letter of 9th October sent to all members, the current Society policy on TH is re stated below.

I would particularly draw your attention to rule number 7. Please check that any animals entered for Society sales are not "at risk." If you are not sure please phone the office for advice. We apologise for the inconvenience caused by the removal of the export licence and we are doing everything possible to have the licence reinstated as soon as possible, so that testing can resume. The withdrawal of the licence is obviously causing problems for some breeders but unfortunately "at risk" animals are not going to be readily saleable until they have been tested.

The following updated TH policy was agreed by the Directors of the Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society at their meeting on 3rd October 2007. The policy to be effective as from 3rd October 2007.

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.
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 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.
5. Progeny of TH carriers, or progeny of

animals deemed by the Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society to be "at risk" * must be TH tested in order to be accepted for registration in Coates's Herd book (Beef). From 1st March 2008, no TH carrier animals will be accepted for registration into Coates's Herd book (Beef).

6. Any TH carrier animal previously registered with the Society and transferred to a new owner will have the pedigree certificate stamped with the words "TH Carrier".

7. TH carrier animals or animals deemed by the Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society to be "at risk" * can not be sold at Society sales.

8. All animals submitted for entry to the grading register as foundation animals must be tested TH free.

9. The Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society reserves the right to insist on a TH test, at the breeder's expense for any animal registered with the Society or submitted for registration.

* At risk animals are defined as animals whose pedigree contains an unbroken line to a known TH carrier.

Shorthorn Books,

Judy Burg has on behalf of Hotham estates vols, 3-5, 7-21, 23-47, 49-99 of Coates's herd books.

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