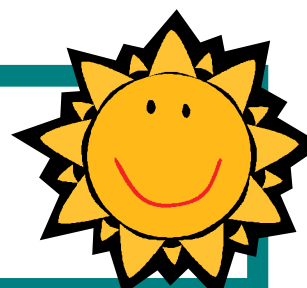


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JULY 2006 NEWSLETTER



CALENDAR 2006 SALES

October 23th – Perth Bull Sales - Auctioneers - UA
October – Thirsk - Auctioneers Thirsk Market
November 3rd – Chelford - Auctioneers - Marshalls

UPPERMILL DISPERSAL SALE CANCELLED –

The Uppermill dispersal sale scheduled for 16th August has been cancelled. The entire herd has been sold privately to Mr James Porter, Lisburn, Co Antrim, Northern Ireland. The famous Uppermill herd prefix has also been transferred to Mr Porter, so we will continue to see Uppermill cattle around in the future. We wish Mr Porter all the best with his new herd of Beef Shorthorns, and wish Stuart and Joy Durno a long and happy retirement!

Beef Shorthorn Interbreed Successes 2006

Beef Shorthorns are going from strength to strength. They have recorded many interbreed successes at shows this year including the following:



East of England –
Supreme inter breed Beef Champion
-
Tarrant Paladdin

Bath and West – Inter breed native beef Champion
– Redhill Bundaberg Lovely

North Somerset – Reserve Supreme Inter breed beef champion
- Redhill Bundaberg Lovely

Royal Highland – Native Interbreed team Champions
Royal Show

Reserve Supreme Interbreed – Chapelton Toronto
Supreme Native inter breed junior Champion
– Chapelton Yardley

Native interbreed Burke Champions
Chapelton Toronto and Holmeere Georgia Rose



Congratulations to all the exhibitors. Their success is also shared by all Beef Shorthorn breeders as the profile of the breed continues to soar.

Congratulations to Mark Holmes on winning the Highland Show Championship with his home bred cow Holmeere Georgia Rose. It is the first time, since 1934 that the Championship at the Highland Show has been won by an animal bred outside Scotland. The Scots extracted swift revenge however by winning the Royal show with Chapelton Toronto, owned by Messrs James Biggar and Croxton Park Partnership.

Beef Shorthorn Exports

The first Beef Shorthorn cattle to be sold for export since the lifting of the export ban have been purchased to go the Ireland. Five animals from the Croxtonpark herd have been bought by Mr. P J Kelly and will be travelling to Ireland.

shortly.

Export Database

Following the lifting of the export ban on British livestock, there is now the opportunity to export cattle throughout the world. There are obviously certain health certificates which have to be obtained in order to apply for an export licence, and it would be very helpful if we as a Society were aware of breeders who had cattle or embryos and semen suitable for export. With this in mind I have enclosed a short questionnaire, which we will use to compile a database of Beef Shorthorn breeders with stock or genetics to export. This will be supplied to potential overseas breeders who inquire about Beef Shorthorn genetics, so if you are interested in exporting animals or genetics please return the questionnaire

Perth – October Bull Sales

There will be a social evening on Sunday 22nd October at the Royal George Hotel, Perth. A soup and steak pie supper at 7.30pm will be followed by a slide-show presentation from our President Mr Dan Bull on his recent trip to Canada.

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 17th October at the very latest.

We have also arranged a 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 weekend of the bull sales. If you wish to avail yourselves of this offer please ask for the special Beef Shorthorn room rate when making the booking.

Upsall Farm Walk

The Hon. Gerald Turton is hosting a farm walk on Saturday 5th August 2006 at Park House Farm, Upsall, Thirsk starting at 3.00pm and is inviting members and friends to attend. In order to gauge numbers would anyone wishing to take part please ring: either Gerald Turton on 01845 537202 or Laurence Fenton on mobile 07792114928

The year letter for 2006 is 'Z'

Health Certificates.

At the last Director's meeting it was agreed that Pen cards, displaying an animal's health status, which were used at Perth Bull sales for the first time in February this year, would be obligatory for all animals entered for Society sales from January 1st 2007. This sends out a very clear message to all prospective purchasers that Beef Shorthorns offered for sale at Society sales will be of the highest health status. Vendors who are members of a recognised health scheme will already have the required information available, and will not require any further testing. They will be able to request a pen card from the health scheme. A copy of the pen card is enclosed with this newsletter. The card may vary slightly in detail when it is issued but will be displaying the same information. The pen card is designed to provide uniformity of health information so that the purchaser has a better understanding of the health status of the cattle he is buying.

Vendors who are not members of a recognised Herd Health scheme will still be required to display the pen card and will have the following options:

- a) Not have the animals blood tested in which case the pen card will be blank – Not recommended
- b) Have a blood test taken by a vet who will send the sample for testing to an approved laboratory. The farmer must specify which tests he requires. The vet will then fill in an application form and if the sample is sent to SAC, Hi Health or Biobest laboratories he can request a sale card to be produced complete with the results. SAC will also accept test results from other recognised laboratories provided they are accompanied by a completed TB 52 form. Blood samples should be submitted at least 4 weeks prior to the sale.

Recognised Herd Health Schemes

Biobest Herdcare: Pentlands Science Park, Bush Loan, Penicuik, EH26 0PZ tel: 01314 456101

Hi Health Ltd: Unit 5, Orkney Auction mart, Kirkwall, Orkney KW15 1FL tel. 01856 878293

Premium Cattle Health Scheme: SAC Veterinary Services, Greycrook, St Boswells, Roxburghshire TD6 0EU tel 01835 822456

Membership Subscription

Reminders have been sent to all members who have not yet paid this year's subscription. We do not want you to miss out on newsletters and journals, so please pay the subscription now to avoid being taken off the database. Registrations are not accepted from members whose subscription is outstanding.

Herd Books, Journals and Breeding Registers.

Mr McHugh from Oxfordshire 01608 641 828
Herd books vol's 88-106 Yr Books 1942-1948

Mrs Wright from Cambridgeshire -01354 741538
vol 85, 1938 to vol 99 1952 complete and also
Lincolnshire Red Shorthorns vol 85,86 and 87

Journal

December may seem a long way away but we need copy for the journal by Monday 16th October at the latest. Please let us have judges reports, show results, field day reports etc as soon as possible. It is also time to start thinking about your advert. The journal goes all over the world and if you don't advertise in the journal you will not be known. I know that many prospective purchasers use the adverts in the journal to contact breeders when looking to buy Beef Shorthorns, so to coin a phrase "you have to be in it to win it" All adverts are full colour and the rates are as follows:
Full Page - £100 including up to 2 photos
Half Page - £80 including 1 photo
Thumb strip - £80 including up to 2 photos
Half Thumb strip - £40 including 1 photo
Extra photos will be charged at £20 per photo and all prices are ex VAT

New Beef Shorthorn Breeders Club

With the advent of classes for Beef Shorthorns at the South of England Show and at West Country Shows and the huge interest that our breed is creating a new club has been formed covering the whole of Southern England. The objectives will follow the lines of the Central and Northern Clubs and indeed those of the South of England Club previously run by Bob Howard namely:

- To encourage membership of the Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society
- To act as a local group of people with a common interest and bond of friendship
- To help sales and purchases of cattle if we are approached, including Beef Shorthorn Bulls for commercial crossing and to develop contact with commercial beef breeders.
- To promote the breed at various shows and sales
- To organise an advisory service for new enquiries, and to support those needing help or advice with their cattle.
- To encourage owners and young handlers to show their cattle
- To develop the skills and interests of young people

We very much hope that you will join this friendly, social and educational club. Events we might run are Herd visits, a Herd Competition, Social and Education events and anything else that the membership would like. This will be a club run by the members, for the members covering the entire region.

Our initial meeting will include a herd visit, where we can then all meet up and decide between us who the Officers/Committee of the Club should be and get the Club up and running. The venue is **Richard Newgass's Gambledown Farm, Sherfield English, Hampshire, on Sunday 10 September** and will include a BBQ and farm walk. We are all very enthusiastic that this Club will bring together people with a common interest in Beef Shorthorns and will give us an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with a variety of herdsmen and women. We hope very much that you will join us.

Chris Blyth – West Sussex Tina Russell – Kent
Bob Howard - Surrey Brenda Wear – Somerset
Sue Watson – Devon David Rutherford –Hants
Richard Newgass – Hants Keith & Jacqui Olver – Cornwall ... and many more

For further details on joining the club or on any of the events above contact—Sue Watson on 01271 850 502