

SHORTHORN

BEEF

APRIL 2007
NEWSLETTER

List of Shows with Beef Shorthorn Classes

North Somerset Show	7	May
Balmoral Show	16/18	May
Surrey County Show	28th	May
Royal Cornwall Show	7/9	June
East of England Show	15/17	June
Royal Highland Show	22/24	June
Royal Norfolk Show	27/28	June
Royal Show	1/4	July
Great Yorkshire Show	10/12	July
Royal Welsh Show	23/26	July
Todmorden Show	June	
Rydale Show	July	
Aylth Show	June	
Perth Show	August	
Fife Show	May	
Turriff Show	August	
Dumfries Show	August	
Nidderdale Show	September	

Sale Dates.

Perth May Sale	7th May
Carlisle	25th May
Chelford	2nd June

Judging Day
Sunday June 10th. 10.00am.
DUNSYRE BEEF SHORTHORNS.
Weston Farm, Dunsyre
Carnwath, Lanark.

All interested breeders and friends are invited to a combined judging and Breedplan performance recording day. The objects of the day are to compare complimentary techniques of cattle selection. The first is visual appraisal of both led and penned cattle and the second is by using the Breedplan analysis of measurable traits. It is hoped to show that the approaches are complimentary and that both can aid in selection of cattle that deliver the ultimate aim of beef breeders- real quality beef. The visual appraisal will be supervised by Mr Robert McNee a well known breeder of pedigree Luing cattle. Barbara Webster of Pedigree Cattle Services will also be there to comment on the performance figures and to answer any questions on Breedplan performance recording. There will also be an opportunity to see one of the largest herds of Beef Short-

horns in the UK (260+ head) at grass and compare the merits of dams from a number of notable sires.

In order to assist with catering early indication of attendance would be appreciated.

contact Carey Coombs. 01899 810273, 07734 330087, carey.coombs@btconnect.com

See Map—over the page

For Accommodation, see below or there are a number of hotels and guesthouses in the Biggar and Lanark area.

Mr and Mrs R Lawson,
Eastmains Farm, Newbigging, Carnwath, Lanark.
01555 840707

Mrs Armstrong .
Dunsyre Mains. Dunsyre.Lanark .Tel: +44 (1899) 810251 Mobile +44 (7999) 534582

Nestlers Hotel
2. Dunsyre Road, Newbigging, Carnwath, Lanark.
01555 840680

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Considerable progress has been made in the last six months in testing animals from susceptible pedigree lines. As outlined at the AGM, some members have now been contacted and requested to test certain animals, tracing back to Kenbar Renegade and T Bar Done Deal and the results obtained so far have all proved to be THF (Free of TH). All the results received have been posted on the website.

The Directors are confident that the measures in place will prevent any more TH carrier animals coming into the UK, and the testing of animals currently being carried out will lead to a rapid eradication of the defect.

World Conference 2007

The World Conference 2007 will be held in Argentina from 1st to 17th November. The detailed itinerary and costs are published on the website at www.shorthorn.co.uk If you do not have internet access and would like details please contact the office and we will post them out to you.

Society Sale Levy

The Society levy paid by vendors on all stock sold at Society sales, currently ranges from 1% to 4 %. At the last Directors meeting it was agreed to standardise the amount of levy paid at Society sales so that from October 1st 2007, the Society levy will be 3%, applicable to all Society sales.

The year letter for 2007 is 'A'

Passports

Recent information from BCMS has indicated that the number of Beef Shorthorn and Shorthorn cross calves is increasing. The BCMS computer designates Beef Shorthorn and Shorthorn as two different breeds, so please make sure you enter the correct breed code for Beef Shorthorn, which is BSH on the passport application form. It is also possible that future beef payments paid to eligible beef breeds could differentiate between BSH and SH so it is important that the correct breed code is used.

Polled/horned

The article in the journal by Major Gibb highlighted the importance of differentiating between horned and polled cattle, and as there are some breeders who do not want to disbud calves and will only use polled bulls it is vital that we are able to provide the correct information on the pedigree certificate of the animal. In the past this information has not always been provided and in those cases the animal has been registered as horned. The Directors have agreed that in future the information regarding polled/horned MUST be provided for every calf registration. If this information is not available then the animal will not be registered and a query letter will be generated. Occasionally it may be difficult to determine whether or not a calf is polled at the time of registration, but if an animal subsequently turns out to have been wrongly categorised, the certificate can be returned to the office for correction which will be carried out free of charge.

Naming of Cattle

We have recently been receiving registrations for calves with very long names. This sometimes causes problems with the computer programme as the last part of the name can be missed off when the pedigree certificate is printed. It also causes problems in the amount of space needed when printing sale catalogues in that it causes information to spread out over more than one line. In order to prevent these problems please restrict the length of the name to a maximum of 30 characters including the prefix and any spaces and numbers included in the name.

HERD BOOKS

Mr J Harrison has a number of Northern Dairy Herd books from 40's to 50's, also Coates's herd books and Grading registers. Contact him on 01768 840039 (Cumbria)



Mrs Spokes has Coates's herd books volumes 79-103 And a selection of Grading registers from 1943 through to 1955 and Year books 1942- 1945 Also Shorthorn Breeders preview 's no's 35-39 plus a large amount of Shorthorn Journals Interested contact her on Tel/Fax 01604 582174 (Northampton)

Mr I Portues has Shorthorn Journals from 1950/55 contact him on 01902 850 349 (Staffs)

Rutland Show

Is holding Beef Shorthorn classes this year for the first time. Show is on the 3rd June and entries close 19th May, contact Jo Morley at Chard Farm, Main Street, Tilton on the Hill, Leicester, LE7 9LF for entries.

**DISPERSAL SALE
OF
30 HEAD OF PEDIGREE SHORTHORNS
From the "ARLINGHAM Herd" of
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**For more information
tel: Mr Telka on 07919 221056**

**Or contact the auctioneers
Voyce Pullin on 014557 269 486**

