



### Congratulations to Mark Holmes

Supreme Inter breed beef champion at Great Yorkshire Show following Breed championship at Royal Highland and the Royal shows.



### Blue Tongue

Blue tongue requirements for cattle travelling to Perth for the Bull sales which have been available to view on the website are as follows:

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VENDORS IN BLUE TONGUE PROTECTION ZONE

Bulls and females not carrying calves from this zone are eligible for entry to the October sales providing they have undergone the following vaccination programme:

Cattle must have been vaccinated by a veterinary surgeon (received 2 doses of vaccine) and either (a) vaccination was completed more than 60 days before the date of movement, or (b) the cattle were subjected to a PCR test with negative results carried out at least 35 days after vaccination was completed. Both vaccinations must be confirmed in a Veterinary Surgeon certificate which must travel with the animals and be handed over on delivery of the animals to Perth. We will send faxed copies of post-movement notification forms and vaccination certificates to Scottish Government as required.

In calf cattle are only eligible if they have been vaccinated before becoming pregnant. Animals farmed in a Surveillance Zone are not eligible for the October 2008 sales.

We strongly advise that you seek guidance from your Veterinary Surgeon or your local DEFRA office for up to date information.

It is essential that cattle have the required documentation and that this is supplied before the stock is unloaded at Perth.

### Perth Bull Sales

There will be a social evening on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October at the Royal George Hotel. A two course meal will be served at 7.30pm. The cost of the meal will be £15.00 per person. If you want to attend, the meal MUST be booked with the Shorthorn Society office by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

### CALENDAR 2008- SALES

Sept 1st - Dispersal sale, Enniskillen Mart  
October 20<sup>th</sup> - Perth Bull Sales - Auctioneers - UA  
October 25<sup>th</sup> - Thirsk - Auctioneers Thirsk Market  
August 30<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Chelford - Marshalls

### \* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*

#### Compulsory Health Testing for Society Sales

From **January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009** all Beef Shorthorn Cattle sold at Society sales will be required to display a **completed** Health Pen Card, provided by SAC or Biobest. No other health information will be allowed to be displayed. Vendors who are members of SAC, HI Health or Biobest health schemes will need to notify their relevant scheme which cattle are entered for the sale at least one month prior to the sale. Individual blood tests will need to be taken and displayed on the pen card for EBV lept and IBR if these are not covered by the vendor's health scheme. Vendors who are not members of one of the three aforementioned herd health schemes will need to have the animals blood tested at SAC or Biobest laboratories for BVD, Lepto, IBR and a health pen card card obtained which will also display TB status of the herd and whether or not the herd is Johne's accredited. If you have any questions about this requirement please contact the office for more details.

#### ANIMALS ARRIVING AT A SALE WITHOUT A COMPLETED HEALTH PEN CARD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE SALE

### Chelford - Sale 30<sup>th</sup> August

As a result of vendors not being able to move cattle in June due to bluetongue restrictions a sale of over 70 Beef shorthorns will now be held at Chelford on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2008. This sale comprises drafts from the Wavendon, Aylward, Ballard, Hannington, and Meonhill herds. Details from Marshall, auctioneers, Chelford. Catalogues can be viewed on the web.

### Dispersal Sale

Due to ill health there will be a dispersal sale of the recently established Lougherne herd of pedigree Beef Shorthorns, the property of Mr A Mcelroy on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 at Enniskillen Mart at 7.00pm. The sale will comprise 20 Beef shorthorn cows, 4 in calf heifers and 6 maiden heifers, together with a herd of Angus cattle. Details from Enniskillen Mart on 02866322218

## Chelford

Following consultation with Marshall, auctioneers, and the Dairy Shorthorn Society, the Chelford sale for Beef Shorthorns has been amalgamated with a pedigree native multi breed sale to be held on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. The other breeds to be sold at the sale are Aberdeen Angus, Highland and Herefords. Everything else about the sale including the show will continue as before.

## Cattle for Sale

Don't forget if you have cattle for sale you can advertise them on the website for free. Several members have reported enquiries within hours of the animals going on the web. The website gets over 11,000 hits (page visits) per month and is the first place many people go when looking to buy Beef Shorthorns.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> October** at the latest.

The breeders register in the last journal proved very popular and very useful to people looking for Beef Shorthorns in any particular area. We are again including this advertising opportunity in the journal for the very reasonable fee of £25 + VAT. Members taking out a full or half page advert will again be included in this breeders register free of charge as well as having their advert on the website for 12 months. This is in effect a 25% reduction in the cost of advertising in the journal which makes it very cheap advertising.

As a Society we make very little money from the members' adverts but it is a service available to all members and anyone who sells cattle should think seriously about the benefits of taking out a page or half page advert. Details available from the office.

## East of England show and sale Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

The East of England Agricultural Society is launching a new "Winter Stock Festival" on Friday November 7<sup>th</sup> 2008. The festival will include a pedigree Multibreed Cattle Show and Sale. The Beef Shorthorn sale will be held as an official Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society sale under Society rules. This will provide a pedigree sale for breeders in the South and East within reasonable travelling distance. Entry forms and schedules are available from Kerry Buttriss on 01733234451 or email: [kbuttriss@eastofengland.org.uk](mailto:kbuttriss@eastofengland.org.uk)

## World Conference

The itinerary for the 2010 World Shorthorn Conference and Tours to be held in UK is now available to view on the website at [www.shorthorn.co.uk](http://www.shorthorn.co.uk)

The World Conference Committee are looking at raising funds towards sponsorship of this prestigious event. It is essential that we put on a show to be proud of. The committee are planning a sale of semen as part of their efforts. The Beef Shorthorn semen to be sold by auction at the Perth bull Sales in February 2009, and the Dairy Shorthorn Semen to be sold at Chelford in June 2009. If anyone has any straws of semen they would be willing to donate to this sale with all the proceeds going towards the World Conference 2010, please let the office know.



## Young members

All members are welcome to Bill and Jane Lander's farm for a young farmers stockjudging – please see below. Next year we will be looking to select one young member to represent the Beef shorthorn Society at the Canadian National 4H and youth judging competition at Agribition, Saskatchewan, Canada. Judging experience and ability is obviously a critical factor in selecting a suitable candidate, so take the opportunity now to practice and learn whilst having fun by going to Bargaly Farm on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Cairnsmore Beef Shorthorns & Cairnsmore Belties Y F Stockjudging

held on September 6<sup>th</sup> 2008,  
at Bargaly Farm,  
Newton Stewart DG8 7BH

7.30 pm Food and dancing 10 pm

All Beef Shorthorn Members welcome

Please let us know by August 28<sup>th</sup> if you will be  
attending for catering and tickets  
Phone Bill & Jane Landers evening  
01671 402179

## List of B&Bs and Hotels:

Sherwood B&B, Palnure, 01671 401174  
Flower Bank B&B, Newton Stewart, 01671 402629  
Galloway Arms Hotel, Newton Stewart, 01671 402653  
Creebridge House Hotel, Newton Stewart, 01671 402121

## Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society - Youth Development Programme 2008

### AN INVITATION TO BEEF SHORTHORN MEMBERS

Over 90 youngsters have registered in 2008 for the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society Youth Development Programme. The programme is specifically designed to encourage youngsters to work towards an industry recognised specialist award. Workshops have been held around the UK and Eire in the past few months to work on the practical skills of animal care, presentation and showing. Participants are eligible for entry into the scheme between the ages of 12 to 25.

All participants aged 14 years and over received a folder, which is split into three sections. The first section contains tasks that must be completed at home, the second section contains tasks that will be covered at the Regional YDP workshop and finally the third section contains tasks the participant will carry out at a show with an experienced pedigree Aberdeen Angus breeder. Once these tasks have been satisfactorily completed the participant will receive a National Standard Vocational Qualification, which has been approved by the National Awarding Body called VQSET / PAA.

The Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society would like to extend an invitation to the Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society to enter participants for the scheme in 2009. Entries for the 2009 scheme will re-open at the end of 2008.