

SHORTHORN

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**AUGUST 2004
NEWSLETTER**

CALENDAR 2004

SALES

October 15th – Chelford - Auctioneers - Frank Marshalls
October 25th – Perth Bull Sales - Auctioneers - UA
October 30th – Thirsk - Auctioneers Thirsk Market

Forthcoming Events

**Midlands Breeders Club
Herd Visit to the Wavendon Herd
September 19th 10.30 am**

ABRI

THE historical data from our pedigree database has been transferred onto the ABRI system and is currently available on the website [at www.shorthorn.co.uk](http://www.shorthorn.co.uk) We have not therefore been able to process any new registrations until the new system goes live which will be 19/20th August so if you have sent in registrations recently there may be a slight delay in sending out the certificates. I apologise for the inconvenience but I am sure you will agree that the new system is worth the wait. If you haven't already seen the **searchable pedigree and membership database on the web, please have a look** – I think it is a great step forward. Major Gibb's Glenisla herd performance data was entered for demonstration purposes for the Royal Show and all other recorded herds' performance data will be added when the system goes live.

Following on from the booklet you recently received about BREEDPLAN, the 6 British Breed Societies involved, are sponsoring a visit to the UK, during October by Mr Bob Freer, Chairman of the National Beef Extension Program in Australia. Bob will give a series of six presentations, which will be open to all members of the 6 breed Societies, further explaining the advantages of beef recording and BREEDPLAN in particular. I would strongly urge you to attend one of these presentations. A proposed schedule of meetings is printed below. I emphasise this is only proposed at the moment and not confirmed – more details re: times and venues will be given later.

Proposed Itinerary for Bob Freer's visit to UK

18th Oct pm Seminar in Hereford
19th Oct pm Seminar in Exeter
20th Oct pm Seminar in Milton Keynes
21st Oct pm Seminar in Harrogate
22nd Oct pm Seminar in Penrith
23rd Oct Relocate to Perth
24th Oct Rest day and attend bull sales
25th Oct Seminar in Perth

Shorthorn Tour 2005

After the success of this year's Teasdale's Tour to Ireland - Next year's tour will be 28th April – 2nd May and will be based in the South West, so make a note in your diary now.

John Doughty

We are very sorry to hear of the passing in June of our Vice Chairman, John Doughty. John had been a staunch supporter of Beef Shorthorns and had persuaded many other people of their attributes. John had a lot to offer the Beef Shorthorn Society and it was very unfortunate that he was not able to take on the job of President. Janet would like to thank all the members for their kind letters and cards during John's illness and after his death. They were very much appreciated. Although John has gone his legacy will live on for many years through the Tugby cattle which are spread throughout the UK and I hope we will continue to see Janet at Shorthorn gatherings.

James Biggar OBE

We have just heard the sad news that James Biggar OBE died last week. James Biggar's name was synonymous with Beef Shorthorns, and he was one of the elder statesmen of the Society. It is because of James's confidence in the Beef Shorthorn that the breed is now enjoying such a revival. We send our condolences to Donald and family after losing Irene and now James in such a short space of time.

New Clubs

Two new Beef Shorthorn Breeders clubs are currently being set up in the Midlands and in the South West, which all our members are invited to join. The Midlands Club is having a herd visit to Mr Chris Marler's Wavendon Herd on September 19th at 10.30am, and the South Western club is circulating members in their area with details of activities and meetings. The breed is growing in numbers and Regional clubs are an essential part of a dynamic Society so don't be left out, go along and support these activities – you will be made very welcome.

For more information please contact:

Midland Club – Julie Evans 01886 821431

South Western Club – Steve Hamilton 07838224207

**BALMEDIE FARMS
ABERDEENSHIRE**

**HAS FOR SALE
5 STRAWS OF
GLENFORD PACESETTER**

Contact : Mr Ross on 01358 743398

The year letter for 2004 is 'X'

Chelford Sale

Please note that the date for the Autumn show and sale at Chelford, will revert back to the first Friday in November from November 2005 onwards

Backload

We include with this newsletter a brochure for a new service to farmers or indeed any one with livestock, launched recently at the Royal Show. We believe this could be of great use to you.

COATES' HERD BOOK VOL 150

2003 births - Now available from the office.

Database of email addresses

We would like to compile a database of email addresses for all our members so that information can be easily, quickly and cheaply circulated. If you have email, please send an email to shorthorn@shorthorn.co.uk the subject line should read: **Beef member email** and we will pick up your email address for our database.

Journal

The Directors decided at the last meeting that the **Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society should have its own journal** instead of sharing a journal with the Shorthorn Society. Charles and Sally Horrell have agreed to help and will act as sub editors for the journal. They will be sourcing articles, adverts etc. to send to the office for compilation prior to printing. If the journal is to be a success we need to have articles on members, herds, club activities, shows, sales, photographs etc. All information **must be in to the Office by October 25th**.

Exciting New Bloodlines -

Chapelton will offer at the Perth sale on October 25th - 4 bulls by some of the most successful sires in North America.

Chapelton Tycoon -

by Varsity .Full brother to Wildfire - Junior Champion at the 2004 Royal .

Chapelton Technician -

by Shadybrook Royal Marc, Sire of \$100,000 Centurian.

Chapelton Translator -

by WHR Sonny -who has sired several Denver Champion Females.

Chapelton Tardis -

by Dividend's Impact one of the most influential US sires in recent years .

Enquiries - Contact- Donald Biggar 01556 660205

Transfers

We have recently received several calves for registration out of animals which have been sold but the ownership has **not been transferred**. This causes frustration and delay for the new owner and extra work for the office. Please ensure when you sell an animal for breeding that the certificate and transfer fee is returned promptly to the office so that the animal can be transferred to the new owner. The computer will not now **accept registrations from animals which have not been transferred**.

Herdsman Required

There is a vacancy for a herdsman to work with a large well established herd of pedigree Beef Shorthorns, to include day to day management of herd as well as shows and sales. Please contact the office for more information.

Unfortunately Messrs Barrett's telephone number was incorrectly printed in the last journal.

The correct number is
01553 672 440

Herd Books, Journals and Breeding Registers.

The following have the above to find new homes for

Mr N Brayton—Cumbria 01697 321 444

Coates herd books vols 65—83

Mrs E Jewell—Aberystwyth 01974 241493 or email : esterjewell@aol.com

Some Breeding Registers, Year Books 1931-1941 and Coates herd books

Mr J Floyd-North West Wiltshire. 01225 782239

-Coates Herd Books Volumes 20, 22-24, 30-32, 50-115, 117-118 (1873-1971).-The Dairy Shorthorn Year Book Volumes 1-15 (1917-1932) & 1950-1961.-The Shorthorn Breeders Guide 1921-1930.-The Shorthorn Breeders Review 1935-1939.-Thorntons Shorthorn Circular Vol 14 (1894-1895).

Mrs P Campbell at Aberdeen Rare Books 01358 751 275

Shorthorn Records volumes from 1922-25 & 1931—34

