

SHORTHORN

AUGUST 2007
NEWSLETTER



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007

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| Sept 20 / 21 | The Dairy Event |
| Sept 26/29 | Irish Ploughing Match |
| Oct 5/7 | All Breeds Calf Show at Stoneleigh. |
| Oct 3 | South West Dairy Event |
| Oct 17 | Welsh Dairy Show |
| Dec 13 | Royal Ulster Winter Fair |

SALES

November 3rd Chelford Show & Sale

Royal Show 2007

Congratulations to IRG Collins and Partners on winning the Royal Show with Churchcroyd Lilian 2nd and well done to all our exhibitors for turning out such a wonderful display of Shorthorn cattle. The Dairy Shorthorns had the largest number of entries of any dairy breed – who would have thought that a few years ago. Congratulations also to all the helpers who worked hard to ensure a victory for the Shorthorn breed in the tidy lines competition.



Dairy Event 19/20 September 07

If you haven't received a schedule and entry form for the Dairy Event please let us know immediately and we will send you one. Entries are again restricted so please get your entries in early.

We will be again holding a raffle for a beautiful heifer calf kindly donated by Messrs G G Baynes and Son and the proceeds of the raffle will go towards the cost of staging the National Calf show, so please support our young breeders and sell as many raffle tickets as possible. Don't forget to return the stubs of all tickets sold to the office before the 17th September.

Calf Show 5th/7th October 2007

The National Calf show will once again be held at Stoneleigh with classes for handlers up to the age of 26 and calf classes for all ages of calves. If you haven't shown before, don't be afraid to enter – there are always lots of people around to help you – you won't be left on your own. Schedules and entry forms are available from the office and closing date for entries is Monday 17th September.

Booking accommodation in the Blackdown village will be done directly this year by anyone wishing to reserve a room

(details in schedule) on a first come first served basis so early booking is advisable.

The contact number is 02476 690123. It is advisable to book before September 21st as rooms cannot be guaranteed after that date.

Show Rules—Reminder

The last meeting of the judges committee asked that members are reminded of the Shorthorn Society's Show Rules which state:

"No animal shall have its teats sealed nor the udder in any way 'faked'." Whether or not this practice is allowed or condoned in other breeds does not affect the Shorthorn Society's position that this is not allowed in Shorthorn cattle either in breed classes or interbreed classes.

Council also asked that all exhibitors should maintain high standards of behaviour and dress when exhibiting animals at shows.

Mobile phones should not be used by handlers whilst leading cattle either in the ring or when leading cattle from their stalls to and from the ring, and the Society showing uniform stipulates blue trousers which **does not** include the wearing of denim jeans.

Journal and Herd Adverts—free on the web

It might only be August but we are already looking forward to producing the next Shorthorn journal. Please send in any judges reports, herd competition results, interesting articles, pictures etc now so that we can see just how much information we have for the next issue. To encourage as many members as possible to advertise their herds in the journal we are offering all advertisers in the next journal a free copy of their advert on the Society website for 12 months. The journal advert will be posted on the herd adverts page as a PDF file. This will give extra advertising for the member and add extra interest to the website – surely this has to be a win / win situation! So start thinking about your advert now.

Copy deadline for this year's journal is Monday 15th October 2007

Foot and Mouth Disease

We do not know at this time how quickly the recent outbreak of Foot and Mouth will be contained. Hopefully it will be restricted to the original outbreak and movement restrictions will be able to resume fairly quickly. In the meantime all we can do is to continue planning for future events in the hope that they will be able to go ahead so please make sure your entries for the Dairy Event, Calf Show, Chelford etc are sent in as normal.

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 Member of Staff

Many of you will know that Louise is expecting another child at the end of September, so she will be off work on maternity leave until the New Year. We wish her well with her addition to her family and look forward to seeing her back in the office next year. In the meantime we have been very fortunate to secure the services of Lyn Snell who will be covering Louise's work for four months from September to December. Lyn has recently left the Blonde D'Aquitaine Society so is very well acquainted with pedigree breed society work. She will be responsible for Beef registrations but will also be responsible for reception and general enquiries, so I am sure many of you will speak to her over the next few months.

World Conference 2007

There is still time to book a place on this year's World Conference to Argentina on 1st to 17th November. Details are on the website or contact the office and we will send them out to you. At this year's Conference we will be putting in a bid to hold the next World Conference in the UK in June/July 2010, taking in the Royal Highland and Royal shows. We are currently putting together a DVD to promote our bid which will be shown at this year's World Conference, and assuming the bid is accepted we will be forming a World Conference Committee to plan and organise this prestigious event. It will be a wonderful opportunity to show the world what good cattle we have here in the UK and allow us to promote the export of our genetics worldwide.

Illawarra Conference 2008

The Illawarra conference takes place in Australia in January 2008. Several of our members have expressed an interest in attending and details and costs can be seen on the website, or contact the office for more information.

Anniversary Brochure

Mr P Evans is looking for a copy of the Shorthorn Society 150th Coates Anniversary brochure. If any one has one for sale or copy could you contact the office.

As follows:

Coates's herd books vols 95-96 - Year Books vols 4-11 13-15 17-25 - Shorthorn Records vols 31, 33-38 40-42 - Grading registers vols 31 -38.

If you need some for your collection contact her on 0207 219 3596

NORTH MIDLAND ANNUAL HERD VISIT

Will be on 30th August and will be visiting the "DEE" Herd of David and Liz Price-Jones
Sited at Little Overton Farm, Overton on Dee,
Wrexham. Tel: 01978 710592
Contact them for more details or tel. Gary or Anne
Norbury on 01666 833122

N.B. This event will possibly be postponed due to the restrictions

Gold Cup Results

Winner overall and Western Area winner

N Madeley Nejay PrincessEX93 2314kg

Reserve overall and reserve Western Area

N Madeley Rodway Tiny 201VG86 2191kg

Area Winners

Northern Area

RJB Lawson & Sons Eaves Fairy 198EX91 1689kg

Diploma Awarded

Miss J Davies Elkington Amber Princess 4 VG83
1605kg

Mr G Madeley Rodway Foggathorpe Primrose 18th
1585kg

Lifetime Yield Certificates

Council are very keen to promote the longevity and lifetime production of Shorthorns and there is no better way to do this than to award lifetime production certificates to cows which have produced a minimum of 50 tonnes (50,000kgs) of milk. The list of cows awarded certificates will be published in the journal in December. In order to qualify, cows must have produced a minimum lifetime yield of more than 50 tonnes milk, as recorded in the current milk recording year (finishing 29th September 2007). If you have any cows which qualify please ask the office for application forms. There will be a charge of £5.00 +VAT for each certificate issued to cover administration costs and all animals issued with a certificate will be listed in the next journal.

25th Anniversary of the North West and North East Regional Annual Prize Show and Sale of Dairy Shorthorns

To be held at Penrith Mart
on Tuesday 14th August
For further information

Contact David Jackson on 07831 486856
Possibly postponed contact above

Herd Books,

Mrs Libby Dewdney-Herbert has several Shorthorn related publications from her fathers estate (Rugby, Warks)

