

Dates for your Diary

10/11 May	Newark & Notts
14/16 May	Balmoral Show
15/17 May	Devon County
17 May	Otley Show
24 May	Heathfield Show
26 May	Northumberland Show
28/29 May	Staffordshire Show
28/31 May	Bath & West
5/7 June	South of England
5/7 June	Royal Cornwall
13/15 June	East of England
17/18 June	Cheshire County
18/19 June	Lincoln Show
19/22 June	Royal Highland
22 June	Derby County
3/6 July	Royal Show
5 July	Omagh Show

Sale Dates

Saturday June 7th Chelford Show & Sale
Events

Sat/Sun 24/25 May – AGM and Judging weekend
at IRG Collins and Partners, Church Farm,
Dewsbury.

Royal Highland Show

The Royal Highland Show agreed this year to provide a maiden heifer class and a pairs class. Unfortunately the pairs class was omitted from the prize schedule but the RHS have confirmed that there will be a special class for the best pair of animals, entered in the Dairy Shorthorn classes, at the 2008 show.

Photo Competition 2008

There will be a photographic competition this year along the same lines as last year. It is open to all photographs, both professional and amateur but the photographs must have been taken between October 21st 2007 and October 20th 2008 inclusive. Entries can be sent in to the office at any time from now until the closing date of Monday 20th October 2008. The rules for the competition and classes are on a separate sheet included with this newsletter.

Classifying

Type Classification, identifies the strengths and weaknesses in dairy cows. This helps to select animals which will have good conformation, dairy character, and longevity and which will therefore be more profitable cows to keep and breed from.

There is plenty of evidence now to prove that highly classified heifers are more profitable and last longer and highly classified cows always command higher prices at sales. The more heifers which are classified, the more

information we can collect as a breed to give us an accurate assessment of the type of heifers a bull is likely to produce.

The type data is collated by MDC to produce the bar charts described over the page, which are beneficial to all breeders. HUK should notify previously classified herds when the classifier is in the area but if you haven't been notified or if you haven't classified before please ring the office to request a visit and we will contact HUK on your behalf.

AGM and Judging Weekend

Details below, if you require accommodation nearby contact Wendy or Ian - numbers shown below. Otherwise you are more than welcome to bring caravans or tents.

SHORTHORN SOCIETY AGM & JUDGING WEEKEND

ON SAT. 24th / SUN. 25th MAY 2008

AT CHURCH FARM, WHILEY LOWER, DEWSBURY,
WEST YORKSHIRE, WF12 0NB
BY KIND PERMISSION OF IRG COLLINS AND PARTNERS

PROGRAMME

SAT 24TH

10.30 am - JUDGING WORKSHOP

12.00 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12.30 pm - LUNCH, PROVIDED BY THE COLLINS FAMILY

1.30 pm - JUDGING AND REASON GIVING

3/3.30 pm - HERD WALK FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON TEA

EVENING - BBQ AND SOCIAL NIGHT

SUN 25TH

10.30 am - CLIPPING WORKSHOP

12.30 pm - TRADITIONAL YORKSHIRE SUNDAY LUNCH

Please contact Ian on 07761 965493 or Wendy on 07785 971614
for further details



Five Star Cows

At the last Council meeting it was decided to have a system of recognition for superior breeding cows. These cows would be awarded a star (which will be shown on the database and certificates) for the following criteria:

- Star awarded for Classifying Excellent - Automated
- 50000kg Milk Certificate – apply for
- 75000kg Milk Certificate - apply for
- Diploma award – apply for
- Progeny classifying excellent – Automated

More details in the next newsletter, but all Diplomas, Classifications etc. will now qualify.

The Year Letter for 2008 is 'B'

Shorthorn Bull Proofs for Production and Type

The most up to date bull proofs can always be viewed on the MDC breeding + website at <http://62.25.97.246/default.asp> or follow the link from the links page of the Shorthorn website. Click on Shorthorn in the right hand column to take you to the Shorthorn information. You can then choose to list either top Shorthorn bulls, pure and hybrid or top shorthorn bulls any breed, which are all bulls used on Shorthorn cows. The top 100 bulls are listed in each case. If you require information on any other bull not listed in the top 100, use the search facility at the top of the page and provided the bull has a proof it will be displayed.

Rank	EPLI	Sire Name	Breed	Rel %	Milk (kg)	Fat (kg)	Prot (kg)	Fat (%)	Prot (%)	EPIN	SCC	LS	Legs
1	148	COTLEY CUSTODIAN	02	77	67	21.3	14.0	0.31	0.20	39	-4	0.0	
2	99	WREAY RED DUKE	02	91	243	17.1	5.8	0.13	0.03	24	-3	0.0	1.5
3	91	WREAY MERRY MAN	02	86	18	12.6	9.0	0.20	0.14	25	-11	-0.1	
4	85	MARLEYCOTE THORNDALE PRINCE	02	94	32	9.3	9.3	0.13	0.14	22	4	0.1	-0.3
5	81	NEWBOLDS DIGNITY 5	02	84	406	12.7	14.6	-0.05	0.02	24	13	0.0	
6	80	AMBER IZAAK 3RD	02	90	658	2.3	12.7	-0.34	-0.13	6	-11	0.4	1.3
7	79	NEWBOLDS REDWOOD	02	77	210	14.1	8.3	0.10	0.02	20	6	0.1	
8	76	CHICKLADE LORD FIREMAN	02	72	-23	8.3	2.7	0.16	0.06	12	8	0.4	
9	74	WINEROOK KING HENRY	02	97	-63	2.7	0.8	0.09	0.05	5	-14	0.4	0.8
10	74	NEWBOLDS ERIC	02	77	446	14.6	14.6	-0.04	0.00	25	-2	-0.2	
11	72	MARLEYCOTE COSMONAUT	02	88	49	13.7	6.8	0.20	0.09	21	-6	-0.1	
12	64	NEWBOLDS CHAMP	02	82	249	8.7	8.6	-0.01	0.01	15	1	0.1	
13	63	NEWBOLDS KING 7	02	92	72	4.6	4.4	0.03	0.03	9	0	0.3	
14	63	HOOTON FAIR APPEAL	02	90	-252	2.8	-3.0	0.22	0.09	4	-11	0.3	1.8

To view the type proof for any bull just click on the bulls name and if a type proof is available it will be displayed

Shebeg Models

Mr Harper of the Shebeg Gallery has notified us that no models will be made until October, as he is in semi-retirement and hopes to have the spring and summer months off from work.

WANTED

- Dairy Shorthorn Calves

We have a buyer looking for 150 dairy shorthorn calves (any age) to rear as replacements. The buyer rears Holstein calves for dairy replacements and has received requests for dairy Shorthorn heifers due to their better longevity. If you have any heifer calves for sale please let the office know and we can put you in touch with the buyer.

Chelford

The Chelford sale on Saturday 7th June is being planned as a split sale between Beeston and Chelford similar to November's sale.

The Bluetongue zones can alter, however, at any time so the sale will be catalogued as normal and the venue for each vendor's stock will be decided in the weeks prior to the sale.

Please note there will be no catering facilities on the Friday evening prior to the sale, but there will be cheese and wine provided at Beeston

HERD BOOKS & other Shorthorn Literature



Mr MW Wright has around 100 herd books of varying volumes. Contact him on 01874 750990

Mrs J Allday of Cumbria has Shorthorn Breeders guides from 1927/28, 31/32, 35-37
Breeders Review 1937,1939
Shorthorn Journals Vol 8 1939-Vol 17 1948 inc
Contact her on 01900 85 282

Mr T Sinchett has herd books from 1930's
Contact him on 01296 720 256