



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
ONE AND
ALL**

SHOWS FOR 2007

7th May	North Somerset Show
12/13th May	Newark & Notts
16/18th May	Balmoral Show
17/19th May	Devon County Show
19th May	Otley Show
26th May	Heathfield Show
28th May	Northumberland Show
30th May /2nd June	Bath & West Show
30/31 May	Staffordshire Show

Online Registrations— Coming Soon

We are currently working with our database programmers to provide an online searchable database and registration facility. We will be starting a trial in the New Year to iron out any bugs in the programme and then go live with the system in March/April.



We will notify our members as soon as this is available and I hope that every one who has a computer will give it a try and register their calves on line. There will be built in validation checks which will ensure that if information is missing or incorrect the registration will not be accepted. We have an online registration system for the Beef Shorthorn registrations which works very well and we have used our experience with that to develop the Dairy system—watch this space.

President's Dinner and Open Meeting

The next Council meeting on Thursday 8th March will be held at the White Lion Hotel, Weston, Cheshire, just off junction 6 of the M6, this will be preceded by an open meeting for all members, which will be addressed by NMR.

On the evening before the Council meeting there will be a dinner for all members and friends and I hope as many of you as possible will attend the dinner and stay overnight e for the open meeting the following morning,

The Hotel offers overnight accommodation at a very reasonable rate and we have negotiated a special rate for this event. If you require overnight accommodation please book your room individually with the hotel and state that you are staying for the Shorthorn dinner. The room rates including breakfast are £55 for a single room and £65 for a double/twin room. The contact details for the hotel are as follows:

White Lion Hotel, 31 Main Road, Weston,
Cheshire CW2 5NA telephone: 01270 587 011
Programme of Events as follows:

Wednesday 7th March

- 1.30pm Finance and Admin Committee
- 7.30pm Presidents Dinner Everyone welcome

Thursday 8th March

- 9.30am Coffee
- 10.00am Presentation and Discussion given by NMR
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 1.00pm Council Meeting



RED CATTLE GENETICS

NEW BULLS FOR 2007

MARLEYCOTE RAIDER 59.38%

Full sister winner of Dairy Event 2006

COTLEY CUSTODIAN 37.5%

2nd Highest ranked Shorthorn Bull
for PLI and PIN

And a members bull

ATTWELL ATOM 52.34%

Out of Cotley Anne 35th EX92

by Winbrook Vince

For further info or a new catalogue

tel: 02476 696549 email: rcg@shorthorn.co.uk

Showing Uniform

We have been approached by several of the major shows, including the Royal, Great Yorkshire and Royal Highland regarding the standard of dress of cattle handlers in the grand parade. The shows are keen to promote the highest possible standards of stockmanship to the general public and it has been noted that whilst stockmen are very smartly attired in the show ring for the breed judging classes, this has not been the case for the Grand Parade. They have asked all breed societies to support their request for stockmen and handlers to wear either the breed showing uniform or a white coat when taking cattle in the grand parade. Council have given their support to this request and ask all handlers to dress accordingly for all parades.

Presidents Dinner—continued

NMR will be giving a talk and presentation on their herd health testing scheme, which they can provide from the bulk milk samples which they already hold, and they have offered to do a free BVD test for all members attending the meeting.

They will also be demonstrating their "Herd companion Software", and they are offering access to the software programme free of charge to all our members, so please come along and see how you can use "Herd Companion" to monitor the progress of your herd.

This software allows users to compare their herd performance against other recorded herds in a variety of different ways and flag up whether or not there is a problem which needs addressing.

It should be an enjoyable social event followed by an informative meeting the next morning. The cost of the dinner is £20 per person. Please let the office know if you wish to attend both or either the dinner or the meeting so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

Chelford Sale

The change of day for the Chelford sale from Friday to Saturday proved to be very successful. The vendors were able to bring cattle into the market much earlier and the sale attracted a large crowd of potential purchasers, so the sales for 2007 will continue to be held on the Saturday

DISPERSAL SALE OF 50 HEAD OF PURE BRED REGISTERED SHORTHORN CATTLE

At Leyburn Market on April 6th 2007
Ken Prestidge has requested that approximately 50 of his 100% pedigree cows many from excellent families be sold due to difficult circumstances and ill health

Contact him on 0777 487 8134
For further information

Shorthorn Books,

Elizabeth Leiper has for sale books collected by her late father as follows:



The Leading Shorthorn Tribes by Rev W Holt Beever
The History of Shorthorn Cattle edited by James Sinclair
The History of the Improved Shorthorn cattle and of the Kirklevington herd from the notes of the late Thomas Bates
(Published 1871)

Guenon on milch cows a treatise upon the bovine species in general by Thomas J Hand (illustrated) (published 1888)

Thomas Bates and the Kirklevington Shorthorns, a contribution to the history of pure Durham cattle by Cadwalider John Bates
(published 1897)

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