

SHORTHORN

DECEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES
AND ALL FRIENDS**

World Conference –

Arrangements for the 2010 World Conference are well under way. We would like to have as many cattle as possible forward at the Royal Highland and Royal Shows to show the rest of the world the quality of our Shorthorns. Council are currently looking at the possibility of a grant towards travel to help members to exhibit at these two shows, so start planning now for 2010.

In order to raise money for the World Conference we are having an auction of semen and embryos to take place in February at Perth for the beef semen/embryos and in June at Chelford for the dairy semen/embryos. If anyone has any semen or embryos they would be willing to donate for this auction please let us know. If anyone wants to put a restriction on the use of the semen donated eg. only to be used for single pregnancies this can be arranged.

We are looking for sponsorship from a wide range of companies to help finance the Conference so if you know of any potential sponsors, there are details of various sponsorship packages available on the website, or let us have contact details and we will contact them.

Do you speak Spanish?

Do you know anyone who speaks Spanish who would like to spend some time in June/July 2010 travelling with the World Conference tours and helping to interpret the language for our Argentinean and Uruguayan delegates? We are looking for several people who would be prepared to accompany the tours for all or part of the time and help to interpret for our Spanish speaking delegates. You are guaranteed an interesting and enjoyable trip and will meet some very nice people from many different Countries. If you can do this or know of anyone who can please let Frank know at the office.

President's Dinner

The President's dinner will be held on Wednesday March 4th at the White Lion Hotel, Weston, Cheshire CW2 5NA just off junction 16 of the M6. Mr Peter Slack, a very entertaining after dinner speaker will be our guest speaker, so please book your dinner with the office. Accommodation is available at the White Lion tel. 01270587011 for those wishing to stay overnight.

Calf Show

The national all breeds calf show has been rescheduled for Feb 14/15th 2009. This is immediately before the Holstein Society's national show and will result in a saving in the cost of running the calf show which will be to everyone's benefit. If you haven't received a schedule and wish to enter please let the office know immediately – there is still time to enter before the closing date on Monday 9th January.

NB. It has been agreed, since the publication of the schedules, that it will not be necessary for calves entered for the National Calf Show to have been vaccinated for Blue-tongue, as this is no longer required by DEFRA.

Increase in subs

If you haven't already returned your completed standing order form for the new subscription rate please do so as soon as possible. As the VAT rate will return to 17.5% next year we have retained the old VAT rate of 17.5% for the standing orders. The difference of £1.25 will be credited to your account and set against future purchases. (Thank you Alastair Darling!). If you do not make any purchases in the next year arrangements can be made for repayment of the £1.25.

Star Brood Cows

The new system of star brood cow awards is explained in the journal. Please make sure you apply for any milk yield certificates or diplomas which will all qualify for these awards. If anyone has any comments or suggestions about how the system could be improved please let us know and it will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

SHOWS FOR 2009

Date (approximate)	Show	Contact for Schedule
May 4 th	North Somerset Show	08456 342 464
May 10 th	Newark and Notts	0870 224 1035
May 13/15 th	Balmoral Show	028 9066 5225
May 16 th	Otley Show	01943 462541
May 25 th	Northumberland County	01434 609533
May 27 th /28 th	Staffordshire County	01785 258 060
May 27/30 th	Royal Bath and West	01749 822 200
June 4/6 th	Royal Cornwall	01208 812183
June 16/17 th	Cheshire Show	
June 25/28	Royal Highland	01313 356212
July 7/10 th	Royal Show	02476 696969
July 14/16 th	Great Yorkshire	01423 541000
July 20/23 rd	Royal Welsh	01982 553683
August 5/6	Bakewell Show	01629812736

British Cattle Breeders Conference

The British Cattle Breeders Conference takes place on 19th to 21st January 2009 at Telford Golf and Spa Hotel, Great hay drive, Sutton Heights, Telford, Shropshire with a theme of "Bringing Science to the Field." A full programme and application form can be downloaded from the website at www.cattlebreeders.org.uk or by contacting Lesley Lewin on 01409241579

YEAR LETTER FOR 2008 IS "B"

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY Teasdale Tours 2009

Teasdale Tours will be visiting Cumbria from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May 2009

Accommodation will be at the The North Lanes Hotel, Penrith— Just off J40 of the M6. Tel no: 01387880236

Monday 4th May

1.30 Winton Manor, Winbrook Herd. Find your own way to Winton. If a lift is required from the Hotel, contact John Teasdale on 01387 880236

5.00 Return to Hotel

6.45 leave for Messrs Armstrong at Moorriggs, Thrimby (in own cars) for farm visit and buffet/barbeque.

Tuesday 5th May

Leave **8.00ish**

10.00 Sellafield Visitor Centre

11.30 K & W Mawson, Bailey Ground Seascale to visit their Holstein herd and processing plant.

Lunch at their new venture hotel.

Pm Depending on time visit to Muncaster Castle, La'al Ratty. Return via the scenic route.

Wednesday 6th May

Leave **9.00** for Keswick

10.00 to 12.00 Things to see/ do Motor Museum, Lake, Retail Therapy, Pencil Museum etc.

12.30 Depart Keswick—**NB Get own Lunch before Leaving**

1.00 Messrs Ritson—Ireby Hall

Tea—possibly Hesket New Market or Ireby

5.00 Brewery Visit—Hesket New Market

8.00 Dance—Blencowe Village Hall

Thursday 7th May

Leave **9.00** Messrs James-Roadhead

11.00 Messrs Hewson, Parton

Depending on weather, Allonby Beach for windsurfing/swimming!!/ice cream

Friday 8th May

9.30ish Leave Hotel

Robinson, Strickley, herd visit and BBQ Lunch

Pm Free in Kendal—then home

Approximate cost:

Bed and Breakfast £50 per person per night

Bus £50 per person

Please book before 31st January 2009 – phone the Shorthorn office or send cheque to either J Teasdale, Brickhouse, Kirkbean, Dumfries DG2 8DN or the Shorthorn office.

Events for 2009

February 14/15th National Calf Show, Stoneleigh

March 4th President's Dinner, White Lion, Cheshire

May 4th / 8th Teasdales Tours

June 1st Chelford Sale

June 13/ 14th AGM and judging day at Royles Dunham Herd, Dunham Massey, Cheshire

October 10/ 11th National Calf Show, Stoneleigh

November 2nd – Chelford Sale

WANTED – FARM TO RENT - Tom Ripley (Hauxwell herd) is looking for a farm to rent to resume breeding his Hauxwell herd of Dairy Shorthorns. If anyone can help please email Tom at thomasgripley@yahoo.ca

Tom's address and phone number are as follows
3925 County Rd. 6,
Yarker, Ontario,
Canada, K0K 3N0 tel: 613-358-9696

FOR SALE

Semen Straws from

Hauxwell Ferryman

Sire: Hauxwell Rose Duke

Dam: Hauxwell Fernleaf

Also from

Hauxwell Rose Duke

Sire: Meadowhaven Prides Star

Dam: Collingham Duchess 28th

Cost £5 per straw

CONTACT GEOFF DIXON ON 01388 527 305



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mr Rae has the following books:

Coates's Herd Books Vols 96—108

Dairy Year Books Vol 52—61

Thomas Bates of Kirklevington Shorthorns 1895

Shorthorn Grading registers Vols 32-33

Contact him if interested on 01768 881 510