

Ear Tags

A reminder of our partnership with Nordic Star for the supply of ear tags. Nordic Star who sponsored our recent World Conference and provided the name tags for the delegates are keen to continue their relationship with the Shorthorn Society and have offered to donate 5% of the cost of any orders received from shorthorn members to the Shorthorn Society.

Their tags are very competitively priced at 99p per set of two tags and members who already use them say they are excellent tags. Replacement tags are provided next day at £2.00.

To order your tags (and raise money for the Society) ring the freephone number 08007319465 and say you are a member of the Shorthorn Society quoting your membership number.

The Society will then benefit from your order and you will receive excellent tags at a very competitive price. If we can build up successful partnerships with suppliers it will undoubtedly benefit the Society and the members in the future.

RCG—NEW BULLS

Semen from Twells Barrington Grange 5th is now available, both sexed and ordinary and another young bull Strickley True Perfection is currently on centre for collection.

RCG are constantly on the lookout for outstanding young bulls, particularly 100% bulls. As a starting point for selection bull mothers have to be classified VG or Excellent and should have a CPI of 110 or above. If you know of any good young bulls please send details for the RCG Directors to consider.

RCG currently has more plus rated proven bulls than ever before which is a great testament to the selection procedures adopted by the Directors.

Journal 2011

We apologise for the late delivery of the 2011 journal which is due to a number of factors.

Council were informed in early November that the journal would not be ready by Christmas as very little information had been submitted by the closing date of end of October. The resulting delay and time spent chasing information led to inevitable delay and once the Christmas deadline is not achieved, other issues in the New Year combine to lead to further delay.

Our aim is to provide a high quality, interesting and informative journal but in order to achieve that there has to be deadlines for receipt of information. We are hoping that a scheme can be put in place for this year to ensure the journal is printed before Christmas but it will depend on **ALL** information actually being received in the office by the **end of October** at the very latest. Reports, show results, regional herd competitions etc can be submitted throughout the year as they happen rather than waiting until the deadline.

With everyone's co-operation we can print the journal before Christmas and we will, provided we have the information by the deadline date.

SHORTHORN

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NEWSLETTER

National Show

Following the demise of the Royal Show, Council have decided to hold a National Dairy Shorthorn Show.

The inaugural Show will be held at the **Cheshire Show on 21st June 2011** and the RASE have agreed to loan the prestigious Royal Trophies for competition and presentation at our National Show.

The Shorthorn Society will have a stand alongside the judging ring and there will be an evening **BBQ and prize presentation on the Showground on the evening of 21st June.**

This will be our first ever National Dairy Shorthorn Show and will hopefully attract entries from the whole of the UK.

More information and the schedule of classes will be available later but for now make sure you book the date in your show diary.

Teasdale's Tours

If you haven't already booked your place on Teasdale's Tours then please do so a.s.a.p This year's tour takes in Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire and includes bowling, and greyhound racing as well as visits to several Shorthorn herds including old established herds as well as new herds just starting in Shorthorns. Teasdale's tours are always very enjoyable, seeing good shorthorn cattle and having a great sociable few days with other shorthorn breeders. I don't think Teasdale's tours feature yet on trip advisor but if they did it would be 5 stars! A tour itinerary

"Dee" Dispersal Sale

The Dee herd will be dispersed on Tuesday 19th April 2011 at Beeston Market.

The sale will be conducted by Marshalls under the auspices of the Shorthorn society, in conjunction with Wright Manley.

There will be 70 cows plus heifers for sale from this well bred herd.



HERD BOOKS

2009 Herd Book is now available from the office.

We stock many back copies for any interested parties.

Tel: 02476 696549

and booking details were sent out previously, but if you didn't receive one and wish to look at it let the office know and we will send you one.

Presidents Dinner

The President's dinner will be held on Wednesday March 2nd at 7.30pm at the White Lion Hotel, Weston, Cheshire CW2 5NA just off junction 16 of the M6.

The Cost of the dinner is £25.00 and tickets should be booked through the office. Accommodation is available at the White Lion tel. 01270587011 for those wishing to stay overnight and this should be booked directly with the hotel.

On the following morning, Thursday March 3rd at 10.00am there will be an open meeting at which Mr S Boothman of Cogent will give a presentation about Cogent's AI collection facility and the special arrangements in place for semen collection for all Shorthorn bulls. He will also give an update on the progress of the marketing of RCG semen through Cogent .

AGM and Judging Day 2011

The AGM and judging day will be held on Saturday 18th June 2011 at Messrs G.A. and D Dent, Winton House Farm, Winton, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria, CA17 4HL

The format for the day will be decided later in the year but will include a judging workshop and opportunity to judge and give reasons on two classes of Dairy Shorthorns.

There has been a marked improvement in the standard of judging and reason giving in recent years and much of that improvement is down to the workshops and practice obtained at the Society judging days.

This can only enhance the reputation of the breed and its judges so I would encourage all judges young and old to make every effort to attend.

Mr Graham Worsley is looking for straws of Wenvoe Briar's Masterman.

Should you have any spare contact him on. Tel: 01355 330262

GOLD CUP 2010

Please find enclosed forms to enter the Gold Cup competition for 2010.

Remember that any animal that is given a diploma is also awarded a star.

If you have any that are consistent breeders, then in the words of Neil Madeley, "it is your duty to honour these cows for the work they have done for you over the years"

So if you can find the time have a look through your milk records to see if any qualify. It is also very good publicity for the breed if we have a good entry for consistent breeding and milk quality.

The closing date for entries this year is May 30th so it gives you plenty of time to get your entries in.

Presentations to the winners will be at the National Show in Cheshire in June 2011

Classifying

In order to encourage as many members as possible to classify their cattle, the Society has over a number of years subsidized the cost of classifying to the tune of £1.00 per animal. Council feels that this subsidy can no longer be justified and decided at the last meeting that as from January 1st 2011 classifications would be charged at the full rate charged by HUK which is £6.00 per animal. This still represents excellent value for money and the resulting information is invaluable for obtaining type information on a bull's progeny.

NOTE:

I have in my possession an old Dairy Shorthorn Journal, Volume 22 covering the year 1953 and containing hundreds of photographs and bloodline details at a time when the breed was possibly at it's peak.

It might be of interest, in which case perhaps get in touch either by e-mail or by telephoning 01597 810305.

Many thanks!
V Harris

FORTHCOMING SALES

CHELFORD SPRING 6th June 2011
SWCSBA Annual Show & Sale at Sedgemoor Auction Centre, Somerset. Sept 24th
CHELFORD AUTUMN 7th Nov 2011

Please Note: Due to requests from exhibitors for a better sale catalogue, the entry closing date has reverted back to one month before the sale.

Eligibility for showing of animals displaying non shorthorn colour

The Shorthorn Society Council has on several occasions recently discussed the issue of the eligibility of cattle displaying non Shorthorn colour to be entered in shows

It is a very complicated issue and very difficult to compile a definite and consistent ruling as to what degree of non Shorthorn colour is acceptable or unacceptable.

Council was, however, of the opinion that members with animals displaying non Shorthorn colour should be discouraged from entering such animals in shows. After much deliberation Council has issued the following statement.

"The Council of the Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland does not wish to encourage animals not displaying true Shorthorn colour to be entered in shows. Any colour other than true Shorthorn colour should be regarded as an undesirable trait and should be judged accordingly."

Judges are requested, therefore, to take non Shorthorn colour into consideration alongside all other desirable/undesirable traits of animals in the show ring.

This instruction has been sent out to all judges on the Shorthorn Society's list of approved judges so all judges and exhibitors should be aware of this instruction from Council.