

Dates for your Diary

14/15 May	Newark & Notts
11/13 May	Balmoral Show
19/21 May	Devon County
21 May	Otley Show
1/2 June	Staffordshire Show
1/4 June	Bath & West
9/11 June	South of England
9/11 June	Royal Cornwall
17/19 June	East of England
21/22 June	Cheshire County
22/23 June	Lincoln Show
23/26 June	Royal Highland
25/26 June	Newbury
2 July	Omagh Show
3/6 July	Royal Show

Sale Dates

**Friday June 3rd Chelford Show & Sale
Dispersal Sale of 40 Shorthorns from Mr JL
Thomas of Wrexham. Held at Chelford on 11th
April 2005**

Events

**Sat/Sun 11/12th June – Judging weekend at
Messrs Crank's Farm at Chester
Tuesday 28th June – AGM and herd visit at
Messrs J Teasdale's Farm at Kirkbean, Dum-
fries**

Classifying Workshops:

**11th May at Rantonall Herd at Gnosall
28th June at the Herd Visit after the AGM
at the Brafell Herd.**

Judging Weekend 2005

Following on from last year's successful weekend, the judging weekend this year will be held on **11/12th June 2005 at Messrs Crank's, Village Green Farm, Ince, Chester**. We are hoping to incorporate a handling demonstration into the weekend, as well as the clipping workshop and judging exercise, so there will be something for everyone young and old.

Anyone interested in showing or judging Shorthorn cattle should make every effort to attend. Opinions and ideas about showing and judging cattle are constantly changing and it is only by discussing these changes that a more consistent approach to judging cattle will be achieved.

The Judge's Committee uses the results of the judging day to assess the potential of future judges, so it is essential for any aspiring judges to attend at least the Judging day which will be on Sunday 12th June. The format for the week end will be as follows:

Saturday 11th June 2.00pm -Clipping and handling demonstration followed by evening barbeque.

Sunday 12th June 10.00 am - Judging day

The South Wales & Mid Western Shorthorn Region are holding an Open Day on the 18th June 05 at the Gelli Herd of Mr & Mrs I Harries at Crosshands, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire

AGM

The AGM will take place on Tuesday 28th June 2005 at Brickhouse, Kirkbean, Dumfries DG2 8DN by kind permission of Messrs Teasdale. The meeting notices will be issued nearer the time but John Teasdale has asked anyone wanting accommodation arranging to contact him before April 30th.

Classifying Workshops

At the last Council meeting it was agreed to hold two type classifying workshops during the summer to explain the classification system and to demonstrate how heifers and cows are scored, and the benefits to the owner and to the breed of having animals classified. The workshops will be held as follows:

- Wednesday 11th May 2005** at Mr D Winnington's Rantonall herd at Moor End Farm, Gnosall, Staffordshire ST0 0JB at 1.00pm. Following the classification workshop, David would be pleased to show people round the Rantonall Herd
- Tuesday 28th June 2005** at Messrs Teasdale's Brafell Herd, Brickhouse, Kirkbean, Dumfries DG2 8DN after the AGM

It would be very much appreciated if anyone intending to attend these workshops would let the office know in advance.

Classifying Subsidised by Council

Council also decided that in order to encourage more members to classify the cost of classifying should be subsidised by the Society to the value of £2.00 per animal, so the cost to the member will be £5.00 per animal, with immediate effect. The cost of this subsidy is to come from the income from a legacy recently bequeathed to the Society by the late Miss McKerness

Dispersal Sale

Mr J L Thomas, Kiln Farm, Sontley, Wrexham LL13 0YA is selling his herd of approx. 40 Shorthorn cattle at Chelford Agricultural Centre on Monday 11th April 2005. Further details from Frank Marshall 01625 861122

Society Sales

At the last Council meeting, the standard and presentation of cattle offered for sale at Chelford was discussed, and it was decided that any cattle entered for the sale, which are not, in the opinion of the inspectors, in good condition or are not properly presented for sale ie. washed and groomed, will be sold at the end of the sale.

Sales List on the Web Site

This facility, provided free to members of the Society, is not being used, consequently the office cannot direct would be purchasers to breeders who have cattle to sell. The sales list works very well with the beef shorthorns, with some cattle being sold within days of appearing on the list, so if anyone has cattle to sell please let the office know so they can be advertised, free of charge, on the sales list.

Sires not found in Coates' Herd Book

Members registering progeny from sires or dams not registered in Coates **must provide the office with a copy of the original 5 generation pedigree from the herd book concerned** before any registration can be accepted.

The Year Letter for 2005 is 'Y'

Red Cattle Genetics

Red Cattle Genetics has just taken delivery of a small amount of semen from **Kingsdale Libby's Rebel**. This is the last semen from this bull and we have been very fortunate to secure this semen. The price of the semen is **£20 per straw** and is available on a first come first served basis. Please ring Sue in the office with your order.

RCG are also importing some semen from an American Milking Shorthorn Bull, **Innisfail Prince of Diamonds** which should be available shortly. The dam is pictured in the journal on page 32.

Provisional orders can be booked through the office, and will be confirmed when the price of the semen is determined.

Journal

Many members have commented very favourably on the new journal. I am very pleased with the design and layout, which I think, gives a good impression of the Society.

In order to defray some of the cost of printing we are anxious to attract a few commercial advertisers who would be willing to take a page advert at a cost of £400 per page.

We could also offer an advert in both the Dairy and Beef journals for the reduced price of £600. If you know any suppliers who may be interested please let me know. We will be printing approx 2000 copies of each journal, which go to a very targeted readership.

New Database

The installation of the new database has taken longer than we anticipated and did cause a considerable backlog of registrations.

The backlog has now been almost cleared and I do thank all our members for their patience and understanding over the last few months.

There is still further work to be done on the database, which is currently ongoing.

The certificates printed recently do not have the animals type classification scores on the certificate, and this is being addressed at the moment. If any member requires the information to be included on the certificate, please return the certificates to the office with a note asking for classification information to be added and we will reprint the certificates.

We are also working on updating the milk records on the certificates, which will include milk records from herds recorded with CIS.

Gift Aid

Reclaiming income tax on membership subscriptions, which are gift aided to the Society, brings in over £1000 per year to the Society, but it could be considerably more if all eligible members participated in the scheme.

If you have not filled in a gift aid form please ask the

office for a form and send it back to us, *it will cost you nothing* but gives the Society more funds from the taxman. It only has to be done once and will be a great benefit to the Society.

Opportunities to have something for nothing are very rare indeed so when they do arise let's make sure we don't miss out!

Society Attendance at Shows

At the last Council meeting it was decided that the cost of the Secretary's attendance at some of the summer shows could not be financially justified. Council decided therefore that in order to reduce costs the Secretary should only attend the Royal Show, The Dairy Event, and The Ploughing Match in Ireland. It

**FOR SALE— YOUNG BULL 78%
Red & White**

Sire: Vinra Frost Ted (AMSS)

Dam: Kayl Meri Countess

PTA	Rel	Milk	Fat	Pro	Fat%	Pro%
50	200	3kg	4.3kg	-0.1	-0.05	

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was stressed that Regions or local clubs should be encouraged to attend local shows and that display material and promotional brochures could be provided by the Society, by arrangement with the Secretary. Leaflets and journals will be available to be distributed by exhibitors, or a small display set up in the cattle lines manned by volunteers from the Regional clubs.

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