

**Dates for your Diary**

13/14 May	Newark & Notts
10/12 May	Balmoral Show
18/20 May	Devon County
20 May	Otley Show
27 May	Heathfield Show
29 May	Nothumberland Show
31 May/ 1 June	Staffordshire Show
31 May/ 1 June	Bath & West
8/10 June	South of England
8/10 June	Royal Cornwall
16/18 June	East of England
20/21 June	Cheshire County
21/22 June	Lincoln Show
22/25 June	Royal Highland
24/25 June	Newbury
1 July	Omagh Show
2/5 July	Royal Show

**Sale Dates**

Friday June 2nd Chelford Show & Sale

**Events**

Sat/Sun 10/11<sup>th</sup> June – AGM and Judging weekend at Mr & Mrs Davies's Troedyrhiw Farm,

**AGM and Judging Weekend**

The AGM will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at Troedyrhiw, Llangynnin, St Clears, Carmarthenshire, SA33 4JU by kind permission of Mr and Mrs M Davies. The meeting will be held at 12.00 noon and will be incorporated into the Society's annual judging day to which everyone is invited. Everyone is invited to bring a picnic lunch which will be taken after the AGM. On Sunday morning there will be a clipping and handling workshop/demonstration. If you have a set of clippers please bring them with you. If you are staying over for the weekend please contact Mrs Davies, for accommodation options. The timetable for the weekend will be as follows:

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

10.00am Arrive – coffee

10.30am Judging and reason giving discussion/workshop

12.00 noon – AGM

12.30pm – Lunch

1.30pm – Judging and reason giving for two classes of cows

3.30pm – Inspection of Elkington Herd followed by Tea

kindly provided by Mrs Davies

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

10.00am to 12.00 noon – Clipping and handling demonstration and workshop

To assist with the catering, please notify the office of numbers attending.

The judges committee have asked that all judges and potential judges should take note of the fact that attendance at the judging day is taken into consideration when nominating judges for shows.

**Chelford Show and Sale**

Exhibitors are reminded of the Society's show and sale rules and regulations, copies of which have been sent out with entry forms. Please note:

- It is the vendors responsibility to milk animals, as soon as possible after the sale, unless instructed otherwise by the purchaser.
- All animals must arrive at the Cattle Market before 8.00am. on the day of the Show and Sale.
- Presentation. All animals must be washed, groomed and properly presented. The Inspectors have the authority to delay the offering of any animal not satisfactorily presented to the end of the sale.
- Exhibitors or their representatives must be in attendance to show their animals at the times fixed for judging.
- In the Show ring and the Sale ring Exhibitors and Cattle handlers are expected to be smartly attired.
- All animals entered in the Show and Sale must be provided with a serviceable halter which will become the property of the purchaser.
- The qualifying standards for dams of bulls for sale have been amended, in that the requirement for the granddam's index has been dropped. The qualifying standards are:
- Bull's dam to have at least one lactation with an index of 110% or greater.
- Bull's dam to be classified VG or EX

**Change to the Rules and Regulations for Registering Cattle in Coates's Herd Book**

At the last Council meeting, an amendment was made to the rules and regulations for registration.

**Rule no. 2. was amended to read as follows:**

“2. The Society will accept registrations from the breeder who must be a paid up member of the Shorthorn Society.

In derogation of the above, the Society will accept registrations for animals not bred by the member, provided the member can prove that the sire and dam are registered animals, acceptable to the Shorthorn Society. Such animals accepted for registration will be registered **without a prefix**, and will **not be eligible to be shown as exhibitor bred**.

The Society reserves the right to insist on a DNA parentage test, to be provided by the member, if required.”

**National Calf Show 6th-8th October 2006**

Last year's event was a terrific weekend, with 33 young handlers and 55 calves entered in the shorthorn section. Start planning your entries now for this year's event. The calf classes will be as follows:

Calf born on or after 1st March 2006

Calf born between 1st Dec 2005 and 28th Feb 2006

Calf born between 1st Sept and 30th Nov 2005

Calf born between 1st May and 31st August 2005

Calf born between 1st Jan and 30th April 2005

# The Year Letter for 2006 is 'Z'

## Sponsorship

There is a considerable cost involved in putting on the calf show and we are looking for sponsorship to help defray some of the costs. If anyone can help with contacts for potential sponsors (preferably money rather than goods) please contact Wendy Young on 07785971614 or 01759369638.

## Raffle Calf

Council agreed at the last meeting that the proceeds of the calf raffle held at the Dairy Event should go towards the costs of the calf show, and this year we will be selling tickets throughout the summer rather than just at the Dairy Event, so please support our younger members by selling as many raffle tickets as possible when they are sent out later in the year.

## Summer Brochure

We are planning another publicity brochure for next year. Please let us have any interesting articles, photos, facts or figures which can be used to publicise the breed. We don't know what is happening unless you tell us!

## RED CATTLE GENETICS

### New Bulls for 2006

**Dunham Discovery 100%**  
**Tonelea Chancellor 60.93 %**  
**Marleycote Maverick 50.00%**  
**Churchroyd General Jack 52.38%**  
**Drisgol Watzon 42.18%**

**Something for everyone  
at £8.50 per straw**

## Type Classification

At the end of 2005 Frank Milnes asked Council to consider using someone else to do the type classifying, as he was finding it increasingly difficult to travel round all the farms as and when required. Council decided to approach HUK and at the beginning of March a classifying workshop was held with HUK classifiers, Frank, and several Council members. The workshop went very well and there was a very high degree of unanimity in the scoring of the cows and heifers. As a result of that workshop, Council decided at the last meeting to ask HUK to carry out a type classifying service for Shorthorns, and they have agreed to start classifying Shorthorns from the beginning of April.

There will be a few slight changes to the system but basically it will be the same as we have been doing previously. The main change will be that the heifer classifications eg H1, H2 etc will be dropped and all animals whether heifers or cows will be classified on the same scoring range ie:

**90+ - excellent, 85-89 - VG, 80-84 - GP,  
75-79 - G, 70-74 - F, 65-69 - P**

Heifers must be a minimum of 85 points in legs and feet and 85 points in mammary to score VG

Cows to be a minimum of 133 cms at the shoulders to be classified excellent.  
2<sup>nd</sup> calf cows can score maximum 89 points – with all composite boxes to be 89  
3<sup>rd</sup> calf cows can score maximum 93 points – with mammary at least 87 points  
4<sup>th</sup> calf cows can score maximum 95 points  
5<sup>th</sup> calf cows can score maximum 97 points

- The cost of classifying for the member will remain the same at £5.00 per animal.
- HUK will notify members who have previously classified, when they are in the area, together with a date for classification. If the suggested date is not convenient, then the member must rearrange it with HUK. If visits are not cancelled or amended and the classifier visits and is unable to classify, there will be a visit fee charged.
- All animals must be inspected on concrete or other hard surface
- All heifers must be presented for classification
- Cows to be classified at the owners discretion  
Animals will not be classified at shows

## David Winnington of Rantonall attended the workshop and submitted the following report:

It was with an open mind that I attended the workshop. How humbled I felt spending time with a group of men who really know cows. One told me he had classified well over 10,000 per year.

They all listened to our views and needs. Dairy Character is now a thing of the past for them and Dairy Strength is the order of the day. They admired the power of the cattle before them, coupled with cleanness of bone and fleshing. As they classified and scored each trait of each individual cow their consistency was exceptional as each classifier called out their scores.

Also, great importance is put on longevity with older cows scored positively relevant to their years. Sound legs and feet were high priority along with tidy wearing udders – it appears we have the cow that will score highly.

I was encouraged by what I saw and heard from this professional, unbiased team of men who want to provide the best possible service for us.

David Winnington.

## Sale

100% COWS AND HEIFERS :  
NEWLY CALVED AND INCALF,  
also 100% YOUNGSTOCK OF ALL AGES,  
also  
SEVERAL 12 MONTHS – 22 MONTHS 100% WELL BRED  
YOUNG BULLS, OUT OF HIGH YIELDING DAMS.  
READY FOR SERVICE.

FROM THE RANTONALL HERD OF 100% SHORTHORNS.

CONTACT DAVID on 01785 824402 or 07854027072.