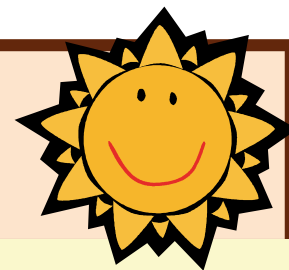


SHORTHORN

AUGUST 2008
NEWSLETTER



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007

Sept 17 / 18	The Dairy Event
Oct 1	South West Dairy Event
Oct 21	Welsh Dairy Show
Dec 11	Royal Ulster Winter Fair

SALES

November 3rd Chelford Show & Sale

Calf Show – With Holstein National Show

The National All Breeds Calf Show has been rescheduled for Feb 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. The calf classes and the handling classes will remain the same as in previous years.

Further information will be available with the next newsletter.

Teasdale Tours 4 to 8th May 2009 – Cumbria

The ever popular Teasdale's Tours is bound for Cumbria in 2009. The tour will be from 4th to 8th May 2009 and provisional booking has been made at the North Lakes Hotel, Penrith. More details will follow nearer the time but this advance notice is so that you can reserve those dates now on next year's calendar

Journal and Herd Adverts—free on the web

It might only be August but we are already looking forward to producing the next Shorthorn journal. Please send in any judges reports, herd competition results, interesting articles, pictures etc now so that we can see just how much information we have for the next issue.

To encourage as many members as possible to advertise their herds in the journal we are offering all advertisers in the next journal a free copy of their advert on the Society website for 12 months. The journal advert will be posted on the herd adverts page as a PDF file. This will give extra advertising for the member and add extra interest to the website – surely this has to be a win / win situation! So start thinking about your advert now.

Copy deadline for this year's journal is Monday 20th October 2008

Increase in subs 2009.

A resolution to increase the ordinary membership subscription rate was agreed at the AGM on 24th May 2008. The associate subscription rate remains unaltered. This is the first increase for 7 years and still represents excellent value for money. The new subscription rates applicable from January 1st 2009 are as follows:

UK members £50 + VAT per annum (total £58.75)

UK Associate membership £15 +VAT per annum (total £17.62)

Irish members €70 per annum.

Irish Associate membership €24 per annum

A new standing order mandate is included with this newsletter which we urge you to complete and return immediately. This will prevent the wrong amount being paid by your bank at the beginning of 2009. If you haven't previously paid by standing order please consider doing so now, as it helps to keep administration costs down and means that your subscription is never out of date. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

New Rules for Registrations in Coates's Herd book

Due to amendments in the EC rules for pedigree registrations we are currently making some slight alterations to our registration requirements. The following rules for registrations in Coates's Herd book have been agreed by Council in consultation with DEFRA and ADAS. These rules fully comply with EC directive 2007/371/EC and we will be applying these rules retrospectively from **1st January 2008**. All animals already registered this year will have their pedigree certificates reissued with the new herd book number as per the requirements below:

Main Register

Animals 87.5% Shorthorn and above to be registered in this section with the actual calculated percentage figure displayed and the word "pure" printed on the certificate. The herd book number to contain the suffix 7 after the breed code to denote main register eg 02712345

Supplementary Register

Animals 25% and over but under 87.5% Shorthorn to be registered in this section with the actual calculated percentage of Shorthorn blood and the words "supplementary register" printed on the certificate. The herd book number to contain the suffix 8 after the breed code to denote supplementary register eg 02812345
Females from this register attaining 87.5% would be eligible to enter the pure section

Appendix Register

Animals under 25% Shorthorn or not of shorthorn colour to be entered in this section and the words "Appendix register" printed on the certificate. The herd book number to contain the suffix 9 after the breed code to denote appendix register eg 02912345

Grading up register

Unregistered Shorthorn type females displaying Shorthorn colour shall subject to inspection by a Society representative, be accepted as Foundation cows, and graded up to pure shorthorn as follows:

Foundation crossed with registered shorthorn bull = Grade A
Grade A crossed with registered Shorthorn bull = Grade B
Grade B crossed with registered Shorthorn bull = pure

The certificate to have the actual calculated blood percentage and the words grade A etc printed after animals name. The herdbook number to contain the suffix 3 after the breed code to denote grading register eg 02312345

We apologise for any confusion over the renaming of the supplementary and appendix registers, but DEFRA insisted that these names be used. The other main changes are:

1. Animals over 92.75% will not now be upgraded to 100%. They will retain the actual calculated percentage figure but will be designated "pure" Shorthorn.
2. Only females will be allowed to enter the main section when they reach 87.5% purity. Males from the supplementary section will not be allowed to be upgraded in to the main section, irrespective of their actual percentage purity.

100% Semen for sale
RANTONALL JOINER

Colour: Roan Hd Bk No; 02685005

Sire: Rantonall Lord Kirk

Dam: Rantonall Joy 34th

In current 7th Lact peaking at 38kgs & still milking.

In 6th Lact she gave over 7800kgs @ 3.4% pro.

G Dam: Joy 28th gave 8736kgs @ 3.9% pro on 6th Lac.

GG Dam: Joy 16th EX gave 9319kgs @ 3.52%F 7th Lac

His breeding contains the best natural milking, prize winning lines in the Rantonall herd and will provide an excellent out-cross for he contains no Peri's Champ or Peerless bloodlines.

SEMEN VERY LIMITED
£8.50 PER DOSE (MAX 15 DOSES)
Contact David Winnington on 01785 824402

Chelford

Following the last Society sale at Beeston, several points were made by members regarding the facilities and cataloguing procedure for the Chelford sale. Following a meeting with Gwyn Williams to discuss these issues, Council decided, in agreement with Gwyn to implement the following changes for the Society sale at Chelford in November

1. Dairy Shorthorn Sale: - to be held Monday 3rd November following commercial dairy sale. Provision for show of cattle would not be affected by the commercial sale. Cattle will be able to enter the market between 5pm and 8pm Sunday Evening.
2. Simplified entry form to be available on Marshalls and Shorthorn Society websites, as well as on application to Marshalls. Closing date for entries Friday 17th October. Telephone entries not acceptable – need for clear trail of information provided.
3. Catalogue to be produced in house by Marshalls from information provided by Shorthorn Society. There will be no provision for including extra notes in the catalogue. Additional information will be announced from the rostrum by the auctioneer.
4. Marshalls to provide washing and milking facilities for all cattle entered unless vendor wishes to wash and milk his/her own cattle.
5. Substitute entries to be numbered separately and sold at the end of the relevant section of the sale irrespective of age. This will avoid any potential misunderstanding of the pedigree details of the animal being sold.
6. Members are reminded that animals entered for the sale should be forward on sale day. Under Society sale rules, Council may impose a fine of £100 per animal where reasons for absence are not considered satisfactory by Council.

The production index qualification for bull mothers is to be deleted. Bull mothers must however be classified VG or EX.

Recent Society sales have resulted in excellent prices for cattle sold. The prices obtained also have a great bearing on the value placed on cattle on farm, so it is imperative that members support the Society sales with good quality cattle.

Gold Cup Results

Winner overall and Western Area winner

N Madeley Rodway Tiny 20th EX90 22276kg

Reserve overall and reserve Western Area

IL & E Harries Glanhirwen Pansy 14 EX90 2260kg

Area Winners

Northern Area

G Royle Dunham Margaret 73 VG85 1985kg

Older Cattle Disposal Scheme – info from RPA

A Reminder that the scheme as it stands now will finish on January 1st 2009. See enclosed leaflet from RPA for new information

Photo Competition 2008

There will be a photographic competition this year along the same lines as last year. It is open to all photographs, both professional and amateur but the photographs must have been taken between October 21st 2007 and October 20th 2008 inclusive. Entries can be sent in to the office at any time from now until the closing date of Monday 20th October 2008. The rules for the competition and classes are on a separate sheet included with this newsletter.

World Conference



The itinerary for the 2010 World Shorthorn Conference and Tours to be held in UK is now available to view on the website at www.shorthorn.co.uk The World Conference Committee are looking at raising funds towards sponsorship of this prestigious event.

It is essential that we put on a show to be proud of. The committee are planning a sale of semen as part of their efforts. The Beef Shorthorn semen to be sold by auction at the Perth bull Sales in February 2009, and the Dairy Shorthorn Semen to be sold at Chelford in June 2009. If anyone has any straws of semen they would be willing to donate to this sale with all the proceeds going towards the World Conference 2010, please let the office know.

RED CATTLE GENETICS

Three New Bulls

Available now
Churchroyd Pluto -White—50%
From the Peggy family

Available end of August
Lisnamulligan Fairway -Pure Bull-100%
Out of an Eaves Fairy cow

Twells Prince - Impressive records- 75%
A son of Nejay Prince

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