

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2003

August 30th	Calf Show - Penrith
Sept 17 / 18	The Dairy Event
Sept 23/25	Irish Ploughing Match at Ballinabrackey
Oct 11/12	All Breeds Calf Show at Stoneleigh.
Oct 19	South West Dairy Event
Oct 21	Welsh Dairy Show
Dec 21	Royal Ulster Winter Fair

SALES

September 27th	South West Regional Sale at Taunton
October 17	Chelford Show & Sale

GIFT AID

Following consultation with the Inland revenue we have received clarification on the eligibility of the Shorthorn Society to treat membership subscriptions as Gift Aid.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ? It means that the Shorthorn Society can reclaim 28p in the pound on your membership subscription, provided that you live in the UK and are a tax payer. The Society can also make a retrospective claim on subscriptions back to January 2000, so we can claim an initial repayment of approx. £30 per member and an ongoing repayment of £11 per annum per member. I am sure you will appreciate the beneficial impact this would have for the Society.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO ? Simply fill in the enclosed form and send it back to the Shorthorn Society in the enclosed envelope. Once we receive the form we can reclaim the money annually without any further action from you. You do not have to renew the instruction annually and you can cancel the instruction to have your subscription treated as Gift Aid at any time should you so wish.

PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM AND RETURN TODAY – IT COSTS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING AND BENEFITS THE SOCIETY CONSIDERABLY.

(Gift Aid is not applicable to members living in Southern Ireland and to members who are Limited Companies)

**COATES' HERD BOOK VOL 149
2002 births - Now at the printers, available shortly**

CHELFORD SHOW & SALE

October 17th 2003

- £400 prize fund!!

At the last Council meeting, it was decided that every effort should be made to try to improve the overall quality of cattle for sale at the Society's sale at Chelford. There is currently an excellent market for Dairy Shorthorn cattle, and if breeders can be persuaded to enter some of their best cattle, the prices realised should reflect that market and attract publicity for the breed. In an effort to encourage breeders, sponsorship has been obtained and a prize fund of £400 will be available for the show classes. **The Champion animal will win at least £200 in prize money**, (provided the animal is subsequently sold at the sale) on top of the sale price - a great incentive to send the best. The right time to sell your best cattle is when there is a good demand. The market will not always be as good as at present.

IRELAND TOUR

The proposed tour to Ireland in May 2003 had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. Several members have expressed a wish to tour Ireland in 2004, and so a provisional date has been fixed for 29th April to 5th May 2004. If you are interested in going on this tour would you please let the office know, so that we can decide whether or not to continue with the organisation. Obviously I don't have firm costs at this stage but I would estimate it will be around £400/person.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

At the last council meeting, it was decided that the photographic competition, which was introduced during the Foot and Mouth epidemic when shows could not operate, should be discontinued. Due to lack of entries the 2003 competition will not take place.

**Bull for Sale
COURTOVER PATRIOT
D.o.b. 12/1/01 Red & L/White**

**Sire: Courtover Fellow
Dam: Courtover Presentation 5th**

**Contact Mr D Spencer on Tel: 01291 690586
Or
Mr C Spencer on Tel: 07760 321014
South Wales**

The Year Letter for 2003 is 'W'

CHELFORD EVENING

Following on from the successful barbeque evening before the Chelford Show & Sale on June 6th. There will be a further social evening before the Autumn show and sale on the evening of October 16th. This will be in the way of a buffet, to be held in the canteen of the auction mart. Tickets will be available from Frank Marshalls & Co at a later date

ALL BREEDS CALF SHOW

Don't forget the all breeds calf show, to be held at Stoneleigh on 11th and 12th October. This was a tremendous event last year, and a very enjoyable weekend for all those taking part. Make sure you have the dates booked and the calves sorted and trained ready for October. Entry forms will be available shortly from the office.

HISTORY OF THE SHORTHORN BREED

John Wood Roberts, who was Secretary of the Shorthorn Society for 19 years prior to his retirement in 1999, is keen to update the history of the Shorthorn breed, and is undertaking to write a book entitled "The History of Shorthorns in the 20th Century in the UK and Ireland." Such a book would be a valuable reference for future generations, but would be unlikely to be a viable commercial proposition. The cost of publishing the book of about 300 pages in hardback would be in the region of £7000 without any allowance for John's expenses or time. The Shorthorn Society and some individual members have already pledged money towards the cost, and if any other members would like to pledge a sum of money towards the costs, please let the Society know. Such a lot has happened within the breed in the last Century and this is a wonderful opportunity to record those happenings. We are very grateful to John for giving his time and expertise to this venture and I hope that we can raise the necessary funds to allow the project to go ahead.

JUDGING DAY- June 11th

This year's venue in the South West, kindly hosted by the Whittle family, at Houndsmoor, Milverton, Taunton, Somerset, was a super day for all those attending. David Baynes thought that it was the best judging day yet and a few of the candidates were full of surprises. Many thanks go to all who organised the event and to the Whittle family for their generous hospitality.

Membership subscriptions

Unfortunately the Society cannot continue to send newsletters, journals etc to people who have not paid their membership subscriptions, so from September 30th anyone who has not paid a subscription for the current year will be taken off the membership list, so if you haven't paid your subscription please do so now.

IRISH PUBLICITY BROCHURE

In conjunction with the Irish Shorthorn Breeders Association, we are publishing a publicity brochure specifically designed to illustrate the merits of the breed in Ireland, both as a milking animal and as a suckler cow. The design of the brochure will be similar to the existing brochure published last year, and will be printed at Stoneleigh. Boxed adverts will be available to members at a cost of 80 euros. We will be printing 3000 brochures to distribute throughout Ireland at next year's shows, so it is an ideal means of advertising your herd. People will not know you are there unless you tell them !! If you wish to be included in the brochure please let the office know.

The President, John Teasdale, and Secretary, Frank Milnes, will be over in Ireland for the Ploughing, so we hope to see many of our members at Ballinabrackey in September.

RED COW Conference in Hamer, Norway, in September 2003, starting 14th September has been cancelled due to lack of support.

Visit to 'MARLEYCOTE HERD'

This turned out to be a very successful day for all who took the long trip north to visit the Baynes family and their lovely shorthorns. Over 60 people did just that and the weather was very kind to everyone, the hospitality excellent, and the cattle memorable. Thanks go to all the Baynes family and their helpers for such a lovely day.

Mr Downes, Shropshire has old Herd Books free to collector volumes 30-43 of Grading register and 72-106 of Coates's Herd Book. Tel: 01588 650270

Bull for Sale

BRECKNEY GEORGE

Born:- 29/5/2000

Sire:- Stsvq Rubens Dam:- Wreay Wild Eyes 442

Dams Records:	milk	days	fat	pro
1. 29/5/00	5244	296	4.16%	3.52%
2. 11/5/01	6070	267	4.04%	3.70%
3. 2/5/02	6569	276	3.85%	3.55%
4. 6/5/03	600	15	4.23%	3.58%

George is very quiet and docile

Daughters 1st & 3rd Great Yorkshire Show (Maiden Heifers) and 2nd, 3rd & 4th at Penrith. Full Sister 2nd In-Calf Heifer at the Great Yorkshire and 1 pair Interbreed with another Rubens Daughter.

Contact: Dennis Craig on Tel: 01388517297
Bishop Auckland, Co Durham.