

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2003

May 10/11	Newark and Notts
May 14/16	Royal Ulster Show
May 26	Surrey County
May 28/31	Bath and West
May 28/31	Staffordshire Show
May 30/31	Ballymena Show N/I
June 5/7	South of England
June 11	Judging Day / Somerset
June 5/6	Royal Cornwall
June 13/15	East of England Show
June 17/18	Cheshire County
June 18/19	Lincolnshire Show
June 19/22	Royal Highland
June 20/21	Shropshire Show
June 22	Derbyshire County
June 24th	AGM @ Marleycote
June 25/26	Royal Norfolk Show
June 28/29	Newbury Show
June 29/ July 2	Royal Show
July 8/ 10	Great Yorkshire Show
July 11/13	Kent County
July 12	Liskeard Show
July 21 / 23	Royal Welsh Show
Sept 17 / 18	The Dairy Event
Oct 21	Welsh Dairy Show

SALES

June 6 & October 17 Chelford Show & Sale
Tues Aug 12th North West Region 's Sale
at Penrith Mart

JUDGING DAY

Following on from another successful Judging day in 2002, This years venue will be in the south west hosted by the Whittle family, at Houndsmoor, Milverton, Taunton, Somerset, **The date is June 11th 2003.** If you wish to attend details will be announced at a later date or contact Roy or Arthur Whittle on 01823 400252 or South West Regional Sec, Sally Mitchell on 01935 423474

The Master Judge will again be Mr P. Harrison. He will give instruction and advice and some tuition on using the microphone. All the successful candidates from the previous judging day went on to a **List of judges**, these were circulated to all the local shows by regional secretaries. Many of these shows nominated these young judges to officiate.

RED CATTLE GENETICS INVITE YOU TO AN OPEN MEETING

For all breeders and interested parties

It will be held on Wednesday 5th March from 7.30pm at Lilleshall Hall, Nr Telford, Shropshire.

The evening will be informal, Mr Gwyndaff James will give a talk on " Making use of Data available for bull selection" and Mr Graham Madeley will give an update on RCG, there will be plenty of time for questions, discussion and time to chat together .

Overnight accommodation can be booked at the Lilleshall Hall at a very competitive rate of £45.95 to include all meals for 24hrs. Please phone the Shorthorn office to book your accommodation, to be sure of getting the reduced rate.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

We have recently received several requests from members to register cattle which they have bought as unregistered cattle, but out of registered parents. Please be aware that if you buy unregistered cattle, and the breeder is not prepared to register them, they can only be registered in the Grading Register. The following rules apply:-

"The breeder of an animal is the owner of the dam at the date of calving."

"An animal shall only be entered in the Herd Book by its breeder, or in the case of an imported animal, by its owner."

When purchasing pedigree stock the purchaser must make sure that the certification is received **at the time of purchase** to prove its pedigree status.

Registration Secretary, Anne Brooks has given up the job of the Dairy registrations to have more time at home with her first granddaughter. Sue Walters has taken on the task. Anne is still in the office on a part time basis, doing the Beef registrations.

PLEASE NOTE: Certificates for births in 2003 will not be issued until end of March when we close the 2002 herd book.

The Year Letter for 2003 is 'W'

OBITUARY

Richard (Dick) Rose

Passed away on 5th February 2003 aged 85. Past President of the Shorthorn Society 1968 to 1969. Instigator of the Blended Shorthorn programme through the BRWS register. Our Sincere Condolences go to Mrs Rose and family

A Memorial Service will be held at The Church of St Simon and St Jude, Milton under Wychwood, Oxford on 27th February at 11.30 am

WINNER OF THE COW OF THE YEAR Churchcroyd Kirklevington 2nd



Congratulations to the breeders of the winning cow, IRG Collins & Partners.

And thanks to all who sent in their votes

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The classes remain the same, entry forms enclosed. Photos must not be taken by a professional photographer. Size of photos must be 6 x 4 and taken between March 1st and July 31st 2003, closing date for entries is 15th August, winners will be announced as usual at the European Dairy Event.

RCG – New Bulls now ready for orders

The two new bulls, Glanhirwen Prince and Irthingvale Lilians Rebel, have now left the stud and the semen will be ready for use in a couple of weeks. The cost of the semen will be £7.50 a straw plus VAT and distribution charges. If you require details of the bulls please telephone Sue on 024 7669 6549.

MEMBERS BULLS

We would like to remind members that Red Cattle Genetics will market semen from your own bulls. We will market up to 300 straws, at a price you state. RCG take a commission of 40% of sales. The owners pay for the initial cost of an advertising leaflet, approx £10.00 and RCG will be responsible for advertising the bull, taking orders, sending out invoices and collecting the revenue. All owners are paid half yearly according to sales. If you have semen you wish to market contact the office and we will forward you a contract.

COATES' HERD BOOK VOL 148 2001 births

This volume is finally at the printers and should be available shortly. We thank you for your Patience, but unfortunately this was entirely out of our hands. Hopefully in the future we shall be more in control of it and hope to have it printed by early summer.

CHELFORD BARBEQUE

Don't forget the Chelford Barbeque to be held the evening before the Chelford Show & Sale on June 6th.



HERD BOOKS

The following have Herd books available looking for new homes:

J P Bowen. Cheshire 01270 811586

Mr Burrows 01404 822257

Mrs Houston. Berwickshire 01890 818261

MEMBERSHIP

Members please note that all annual subscriptions are due January 1st 2003. To keep the Society's cost down, it would be much appreciated if members who have not yet paid their subs would forward the amount as soon as possible.