

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2004

Sept 22 / 23	The Dairy Event
Sept 28/29	Irish Ploughing Match
Oct 9/10	All Breeds Calf Show at Stoneleigh.
Oct 6	South West Dairy Event
Oct 19	Welsh Dairy Show
Dec 16	Royal Ulster Winter Fair

SALES

September 25th	South West Regional Sale at Taunton
October 15th	Chelford Show & Sale

Regional Calf Shows

North East All breeds calf show - Sunday 29th August at Thirsk market -

Details from Mary Collins 01924 493422

North Midlands All breeds calf show - Saturday 18th September at South View

Equestrian Centre, Nantwich - details from Jill Collins 07989842514.

NB. All calves shown in Shorthorn classes at all calf shows must be registered with or be eligible for registration with the Shorthorn Society and must be 25% or more Shorthorn blood.

National All Breeds Calf Show

The national calf show is to be held on 9/10th October 2004 at Stoneleigh. Last year we had 50 Shorthorn calves shown in the calf classes and 15 handlers competing in the young handlers competitions. This year we would like to do better than that. There are classes for all ages of calves born from 1st January 2003 onwards, and classes for handlers up to 30yrs old. It is a great spectacle and a great opportunity for young people to compete and learn about showing and handling. It is also a very enjoyable weekend with lots of young people from other breeds as well as Shorthorns. If anyone would like to attend and compete but does not have a suitable calf, we can arrange a suitable calf for them to show – just let us know as soon as possible. The judge for the shorthorn calf classes this year is Mr Matthew Hayward.

Shorthorn Tour 2005

After the success of this year's Teasdale's Tour to Ireland - Next year's tour will be 28th April – 2nd May and will be based in the South West, so make a note in your diary now.

Dairy Event

We have an excellent entry of cattle for the Dairy Event with 7 exhibitors entered. The highlight of the Society stand this year will be a calf, kindly donated by Mr J Hayward, which will be raffled off during the show. Raffle tickets for the calf are now on sale and the draw will be made on Thursday 23rd September at 4.00pm. We enclose some raffle tickets, which we hope you will be able to sell. If you need any more tickets to sell, please let us know. In the unlikely event of the winner not wanting the calf, a cash prize will be available. **Please return the stubs and money for the tickets to the office by 21st September at the latest.**

CHELFORD SHOW & SALE

October Friday 15th October 2004

We have generous sponsorship for the show from Carrs Billington and Blue Merle which ensures a prize of at least £200 for the champion animal. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE - entries have to be in by the closing date in order to produce and distribute the catalogue. It is unfair on those who have entered on time if the catalogue is delayed for the benefit of late entries.

Reminder of regulations for Chelford Show and sale Qualifying standards for dams of bulls sold at society sales have been re introduced as follows:

- 1) Bull's dam and grand dam each to have at least one lactation with an index of 110% or greater. (to apply immediately)**
- 2) Bull's dam to be classified VG or EX (this to apply from 2006, to give members sufficient time to have their herd classified).**

Unregistered cattle, to be sold at the end of the sale, with the following exceptions:

- 1) No unregistered bulls to be sold**
- 2) No black and white cattle to be sold**

Foundation cows and Grade A cows can be entered for sale but cannot be shown.

NB Please note that the date for the Autumn show and sale will revert back to the first Friday in November from November 2005 onwards

Coates Herd Book Volume 150 2003 births—now available contact the office for a copy

2004 Journal we are now in the process of putting this together. All articles, Herd visits, Sales, Show info and Adverts to be in by October 25th

The Year Letter for 2004 is 'X'

OBITUARY

Mr SR Collins

We are very sad to report the death of our Vice President Richard Collins in July. Richard had always been a great supporter of the Shorthorn breed and was a very committed and dedicated member of Council. His presence will be missed at all Shorthorn gatherings throughout the country. Mary and family would like to thank everyone for their support and good wishes during Richards illness and on the day of his funeral. The collection raised a total of £1500 which was divided between the Mountain Rescue Team and the Royal Association Benevolent Fund.

Mr A Goaman

It is with sadness we report the death of Mr Andrew Goaman in July of this year. Mr Goaman of Beaworthy, Devon, with his Fordland herd, had been a stalwart member of the Society for many, many years. We send our condolences to his family.

Mr Simon Tupper

All competitors will know the name of Simon Tupper, his photography of prize winning cattle and horses was renowned. It is with regret we report his passing in July of this year

Dispersal Sale of the Glanhirwen Dairy Shorthorn herd of Mr Morris James

To be held on 13th September 2004
At Carmarthen Livestock Centre

For information and catalogues contact:
Bob Jones—Prytherch & Co
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International Red Cow Conference

The IRCC takes place in June 2005 in South Africa. The tour will include dairy farms and also game parks culminating in the conference on 9/10th June. Further details from the office.

Database of email addresses

We would like to compile a database of email addresses for all our members so that information can be easily, quickly and cheaply circulated. If you have email, please send an email to shorthorn@shorthorn.co.uk the subject line should read : **Dairy member email** and we will pick up your email address for our database.

Northern Dairy Shorthorns

Northern Dairy Shorthorns have recently been accepted by the Rare breeds Survival Trust onto the RBST Watchlist in Category 1. Critical. If anyone has any pure Northern Dairy Shorthorns, please contact Brian Bellas on 01884 860232

Type Classification

At the last Council meeting it was agreed to an increase in type classification fees to £7.00 per animal. The fees have not been increased for many years, and the current fees were not covering the expenses. The value of classification to the breed is greater than ever, and we have certainly increased the amount of information available on a larger number of bulls over recent years. This information is vital to the continued improvement of the breed. It gives ALL breeders information on the conformation of daughters of bulls, and strong female lines with good classifications are essential for bull mothers. If you want your herd classified please let the Secretary know as soon as possible so that he can plan his visits, or if you want more information on classification please contact the Secretary.

Herd Books, Journals and Breeding Registers.

The following have the above to find new homes for

Mr N Brayton—Cumbria 01697 321 444
Coates herd books vols 65—83

Mrs E Jewell—Aberystwyth 01974 241493 or email : esterjewell@aol.com

Some Breeding Registers, Year Books 1931-1941 and Coates herd books

Mr J Floyd-North West Wiltshire. 01225 782239

-Coates Herd Books Volumes 20, 22-24, 30-32, 50-115, 117-118 (1873-1971).-The Dairy Shorthorn Year Book Volumes 1-15 (1917-1932) & 1950-1961.-The Shorthorn Breeders Guide 1921-1930.-The Shorthorn Breeders Review 1935-1939.-Thorntons Shorthorn Circular Vol 14 (1894-1895).

We also have:-The English Jersey Herd Book Vols 62-67 (1950-1955).-Various other stock books including:-Gloucestershire Old Spots Herd Book Vols 9-14 & 16 (1923-30).

