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Dear Member,

Spring is finally arriving, and hopefully the grass won't be too far behind. The winter has been far too long and it hasn't quite finished yet, it would seem! But there was a good positive mood at the Annual General Meeting, and at the following day's Sale, and a lovely crowd of members at the AGM Dinner. As ever, thank you for all your support. The report is inside.

Some very sad news came to us earlier this week, when we learned that Roger & Rose Clemens' step-grandson was killed in a dreadful farm accident at the weekend. Jordan was only 16 - a tragic waste of life. Our deepest sympathy goes to the whole family.

May is a busy month for sales, starting with the Midland Club at Stratford on Saturday 1st, followed by the Truro Club, Carlisle, and Devon Cattle Breeders Club sales. Please support as and where you can - contact details are inside.

Shows also begin in May, and we look forward to seeing the "shop window" filled as often and as widely as possible. A list of show dates are inside.

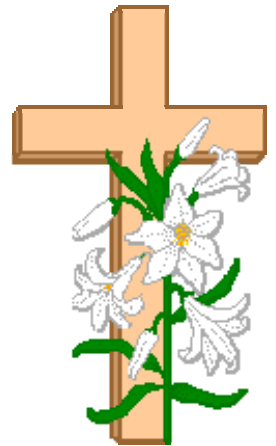
A new semen list has been produced - let us know if you would like a copy. This coincides with the successful collection from EBLEX-sponsored Promising Young Bull, Z AI Woodhayes Illya 12; and from Society-sponsored Proven Bull, Grove Bellerophon 3. Our grateful thanks go to Mr & Mrs Keith Marks, Minard Farms, Cornwall, and to Mr Douglas Scott, Grove Farms, Gloucestershire, for their generous help in making these bulls available.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a flyer announcing next year's World Congress in Australia. Please let us know as soon as you can whether you are interested in attending (ignore the 'by 1st April' request, obviously!) - no commitment at this stage, but it will help the organisers with costings. Either ring the office here, or post the reply slip back to Daphne Lines in Australia. It looks to be a fabulous tour, with flexibility to dip in, and dip out, as needs be.

May I wish you all a joyous Easter - with plenty of chocolate!

With best wishes

Caroline



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Mark Thomas, Cornwall; Hugh Lello, Cornwall

SPRING SHOW & SALE

24TH MARCH, EXETER

Another good sale to be recorded in the breed's history saw sixty-two bulls forward at the Society's bull sale. All were checked by veterinary inspector, Mr Duncan Findlay, and all passed the inspection. With such a big workload for the inspection, frame-score, and auctioneer teams, we are grateful to the vendors who arrived in good time. It was a busy place to be - as was the concourse in the market the following morning. Spectators stood up to three deep, to watch judge Malcolm Broome carefully work his way through six big classes of bulls.

The Sale, as expected, was also busy - with 75% of the bulls sold, which is far more than for several decades. The average price was a little down on last year, but that has to be expected with the numbers forward. The top prices held well, with the highest being 7100 guineas. Forty-five buyers took bulls home, which is a very satisfactory result. The trade for heifers was a little quieter, with fewer buyers in attendance, but still achieved good averages and a top price of 2500 guineas.

THE SHOW

Bulls

Class 1

1 st	A & P Rickett	JUNIPER IMPERIAL
2 nd	B G & J Z A Dart	Z AI WOODHAYES ILLYA 13
3 rd	T M Kent	Z EYTON POLLED SUNSHINE

Class 2

1 st	Highgate Farm Partnership	HIGHGATE EPOCH 6
2 nd	R R B & S J Harvey	SEXTON EXCALIBUR 40
3 rd	Hadley Farms Ltd	Z KNIGHTCOTE DEMETRIUS 2

Class 3

1 st	P S Rowe	TREWINT TORNADO 6
2 nd	R K Rundle	KESTLE REX
3 rd	Mr & Mrs M Rushbrooke	BRETTLES SAS HERMES

Class 4

1 st	W H D Scott	GROVE MIDAS 26
2 nd	M R & R J Rowe	TREGONDALE BALTI 11
3 rd	J Shinner & Sons	STRETCHFORD DYNAMIC 12

Class 5

1 st	R R B & S J Harvey	Z AI SEXTON POLL HERMES 4
2 nd	P S Rowe	TREWINT ECLIPSE 3
3 rd	R R B & S J Harvey	SEXTON POLL POLARIS 7

Class 6

1 st	R K Rundle	KESTLE LEO 5
2 nd	Mr & Mrs M Rushbrooke	Z BRETTLES SAS HUMBER
3 rd	P S Rowe	TREWINT TRUSTY 4

Champion Male - Roskymer Cup

R K Rundle KESTLE LEO 5

Reserve Champion Male - Rowe Cup

R R B & S J Harvey Z AI SEXTON POLL HERMES 4

Best Bull on Inspection & Performance - Thornton Cup

Winner	R K Rundle	KESTLE LEO 5
Reserve	P S Rowe	TREWINT TORNADO 6

Best Pair of Bulls - Macfarlane Cup

Winner	Mr & Mrs R C Burrough
Reserve	R R B & S J Harvey

Best Polled Bull - Polled South Devon Cup

Winner	R R B & S J Harvey	Z AI SEXTON POLL HERMES 4
Reserve	Mr & Mrs M Rushbrooke	Z BRETTLES SAS HUMBER

Heifers

Class 8a

1 st	R K Rundle	KESTLE DAHLIA 57
2 nd	R K Rundle	KESTLE BUTTERCUP 116 (T)
3 rd	A L Pascoe	CARZISE EMMA 5

Class 8b

1 st	T H E Laity	Z POLKINGHORNE IRIS BLITZ 117
2 nd	R K Rundle	KESTLE TULIP 80
3 rd	Mr & Mrs J Collings	WENFORK JANE 10 (T)

Female Champion - Sexton Cup

R K Rundle KESTLE DAHLIA 57

Reserve Female Champion - Alger Cup

R K Rundle KESTLE BUTTERCUP 116 (T)

Best Female Pair - Greenslade Perpetual Cup

Winner	R K Rundle
Reserve	A L Pascoe

Best Polled Female - Colcharton Cup

T H E Laity Z POLKINGHORNE IRIS BLITZ 117

THE SALE

BULLS

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Bull</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
D J Thomas & Son	Treguddick Progression 6	P Hickman, Baddaford Farm, Ashburton, Devon	2500
B G & J Z A Dart	Z Al Woodhayes Illya 13	D Moss, Sandy Hey Farm, Adlington, Macclesfield, Cheshire	2000
Northwick Estate	Northwick Fortissimo 2	The Tully Partnership, East Farm, Waddeton, Brixham, Devon	2000
T M Kent	Z Eyton Polled Sunshine	Mr & Mrs G Hocking, Withmore Farm, Malborough, Kingsbridge, Devon	2100
B G & J Z A Dart	Z Al Woodhayes Patrician	A Dolby, Barrington Park Estate, Great Barrington, Burford, Oxon	2800
A & P Rickett	Juniper Ivanhoe	A Sell, Gardeners Cottage, Marsh Farm, Basildon, Essex	2000
R J & C J Edwards	Z Colcharton Demetrius 16	D J Richards, Newhay Farm, Altarnun, Launceston, Cornwall	1800
R R B & S J Harvey	Sexton Excalibur 40	T & J Budden, Higher Hacknell, UMBERLEIGH, Devon	3400
Hadley Farms Ltd	Z Knightcote Demetrius 2	P G Bowditch, Stone Barrow Farm, Hawkchurch, Axminster, Devon	6000
Highgate Farm	Highgate Epoch 6	P Rowe, Tarista Farm, Polperro Road, Polperro, Looe, Cornwall	2200
R A Ford	Goffe Cave Navigator 4	K V & M A Plain, Foxhole Farm, Kinsham, Tewkesbury, Glos	1900
Portman Burtley	Al Portman Burtley Joe Louis 2	C T Hutchings, Staddicombe Farm, Holne, Ashburton, Devon	1100
Hadley Farms Ltd	Knightcote Demetrius 3	D J Thomas & Son, Treguddick Manor, Launceston, Cornwall	3600
Mr&Mrs Rushbrooke	Brettles SAS Hermes	R A Cole, Higher Beardon, Lydford, Okehampton, Devon	2600
Mr&Mrs Burrough	Godworthy SAS Enterprise 29	P N Burden, Friningham, Detling, Maidstone, Kent	2000
R J & C J Edwards	Z Colcharton Hallmark 2	I G Mortimore & Son, Shapley Farm, Chagford, Devon	2300
P S Rowe	Trewint Tornado 6	Sir Simon Day, Keaton House Farm, Ivybridge, Devon	3400
R K Rundle	Kestle Rex	C N Stevens & Sons, Sowbrook Farm, Dale Abbey, Ilkeston, Derbys	2500
F R J Horsman	George Teign Harold 4	A W Barrow, 2 Stormsdown Cottage, Bickington, Newton Abbot, Devon	1200
Mr&Mrs Burrough	Godworthy Enterprise 33	Messrs G Abel & Sons, Dunkeld, Collaton, Peter Tavy, Tavistock, Devon	2500
M E & T E Broome	Welland Valley Dynamic 6	A H & E M Bartley, Weekes Farm, Mutterton, Cullompton, Devon	5000
R J & C J Edwards	Colcharton Hallmark 3	C J Richards, Rietfontein, Perranwell Station, Truro, Cornwall	5000
M R & R J Rowe	Tregondale Balti 11	G L Stidston, Court Park Farm, Thurlestone, Kingsbridge, Devon	5400
R J & C J Edwards	Z Colcharton Hallmark 4	E D E & D R Price, Longstone Farm, Mitchell Troy, Monmouthshire	1800
M R & R J Rowe	Tregondale Balti 12	Northwick Estate, Upton Wold, Moreton in Marsh, Glos	4000
W H D Scott	Grove Midas 26	G C & V J Hill, Newcourt, Lamerton, Tavistock, Devon	5200
J Shinner & Sons	Stretchford Dynamic 11	D Dark, Mill Farm, Sedgwick House, Horsham, Sussex	1500
M & S Kettlewell	Upper Norton Kenaniah	M Cooke, Great Avercombe, Bishops Nympton, South Molton, Devon	4000
GK&MA Garrett&Son	Z Billington Donatello 26 (T)	R Merchant, Great Sloncombe Farm, Moretonhampstead, Devon	2400
P S Rowe	Trewint Eclipse 3	D A Ashcroft, Oaktree Farm, Honey Lane, Selborne, Alton, Hants	3250
Mr & Mrs J Collings	Wenfork Trusty 6	C J Page, Coton Farm, Chacombe, Banbury, Oxon	3700
K V & M A Plain	Foxhole Titan 6	Messrs G & H Rogers, Hellesveor, St Ives, Cornwall	2000
R R B & S J Harvey	Sexton Poll Polaris 7	M S & C Gray, Ashfield Farm, Dog Kennel Lane, Bishop Burton, Yorks	2500
GK&MAGarrett&Son	Z Billington Donatello 37	P H J Down, Little Bidlake, Bridestow, Okehampton, Devon	2600
GK&MAGarrett&Son	Billington Donatello 38	C Bowden & Sons, Welstor House, Ashburton, Devon	2500
R R B & S J Harvey	Z Al Sexton Poll Hermes 4	R Edwards, Mousenatch Farm, Kingsland, Leominster, Herefordshire	7100
R A Ford	Goffe Cave Moonshine	R J & S J Rundle, Trevean Farm, Kestle Mill, Newquay, Cornwall	2000
Mr&Mrs Rushbrooke	Z Brettles SAS Humber	J & B Fentem & Sons, Manor Farm, Alsop-en-le-Dale, Derbyshire	2000
R K Rundle	Kestle Leo 5	D & J Hedgeman, Hethfelton, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset	5500
P S Rowe	Trewint Trusty 4	D J & C M Smallridge, Ludbrook House, Ludbrook, Ivybridge, Devon	3000
D J Thomas & Son	Z Treguddick Poll Progression 6	J & B Fentem & Sons, Manor Farm, Alsop-en-le-Dale, Derbyshire	2000
GK&MAGarrett&Son	Billington Donatello 49	R L A Rogers, South Down Farm, South Milton, Kingsbridge, Devon	2000
M E & T E Broome	Welland Valley Hanbury 16	Peckons Hill Farms, Ludwell, Shaftesbury, Dorset	2250
R R B & S J Harvey	Sexton Poll Polaris	E J Paynter, Tregarrick, Merrymeet, Liskeard, Cornwall	2300
R K Rundle	Kestle Leo 6	Sunderlandwick Farms, Sunderlandwick, Driffield, East Yorkshire	3600
K V & M A Plain	Foxhole Beaumont	G T Adams & L E Boon, Higher Roslyn, Bittaford, Ivybridge, Devon	1500

46 bulls sold, average 2913 guineas (£3059)

FEMALES

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Heifer</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
M E & T E Broome	Welland Valley Francesca 7	G W & L F Pluess, Trevolter Barton, Poundstock, Bude, Cornwall	1550
A L Pascoe	Carzise Emma 5	G W & L F Pluess, Trevolter Barton, Poundstock, Bude, Cornwall	1550
A L Pascoe	Carzise Emma 6	J Gurney, Mountmill Farm, Wicken, Milton Keynes, Beds	1300
M E & T E Broome	Welland Valley G Hilda 6	V Nicklen, Creathorne Farm, Bude, Cornwall	1500
R K Rundle	Kestle Buttercup 116 (T)	D C Abbott, Ashfield, Downgate, Callington, Cornwall	2000
R K Rundle	Kestle Dahlia 57	G W & L F Pluess, Trevolter Barton, Poundstock, Bude, Cornwall	2500
R K Rundle	Kestle Tulip 80	G W & L F Pluess, Trevolter Barton, Poundstock, Bude, Cornwall	2000
T H E Laity	Z Polkinghorne Iris Blitz 117	V Nicklen, Creathorne Farm, Bude, Cornwall	1400
T H E Laity	Z Polkinghorne Dimples 17	M J Amos, Lower Failand Farm, Failand, Bristol	1350
Mr & Mrs J Collings	Wenfork Jane 10 (T)	J Gurney, Mountmill Farm, Wicken, Milton Keynes, Beds	1000

10 halter-broken heifers sold, average 1615 guineas (£1696)

FEMALES

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Heifer</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
Sir Simon Day	Keaton Bluebell 32	J Gurney, Mountmill Farm, Wicken, Milton Keynes, Beds	1000
Sir Simon Day	Keaton Princess 32	J Gurney, Mountmill Farm, Wicken, Milton Keynes, Beds	1150
Sir Simon Day	Keaton Cowslip 96	D C Abbott, Ashfield, Downgate, Callington, Cornwall	1050
Sir Simon Day	Keaton Bluebell 33	J Gurney, Mountmill Farm, Wicken, Milton Keynes, Beds	1000
MA&CSandbach & Son	Perlees Crumple 4	C E Partridge & Co, Park Farm, Poughill, Crediton, Devon	1350
MA&CSandbach & Son	Perlees Sally 11	C E Partridge & Co, Park Farm, Poughill, Crediton, Devon	1300
S J & S M Ward	Besowsa Iris 17	J Gurney, Mountmill Farm, Wicken, Milton Keynes, Beds	1200
S J & S M Ward	Besowsa Bernadette 37	J Gurney, Mountmill Farm, Wicken, Milton Keynes, Beds	1050
F R J & R F Horsman	George Teign Primula 103	V Nicklen, Creathorne Farm, Bude, Cornwall	1000

9 non halter-broken heifers sold, average 1122 guineas (£1178)

FRAME SCORE MEASUREMENTS

SCROTAL CIRCUMFERENCE (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg	Pass size
15-20	3	37-40	39	33
21-30	58	35-44	38	35

HEIGHT AT WITHERS (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	3	132-139	135
21-30	58	136-152	143

HEIGHT AT RUMP (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	3	140-148	143
21-30	58	143-157	149

LENGTH (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Withers to pins		Hooks to pins	
		Range	Avg	Range	Avg
15-20	3	137-149	144	61-63	62
21-30	58	141-162	151	59-72	66

RUMP WIDTH (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	3	66-67	66
21-30	58	63-73	67

WEIGHT (kg)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	3	776-878	813
21-30	58	774-1102	922

SHOULDER WIDTH (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	3	69-71	70
21-30	58	65-78	71

All the bulls passed the inspection. Two females were rejected for being too narrow and having poor locomotion. All the bulls and all the females passed their jaw inspection.

FRAME SCORE MEASUREMENT GUIDELINES

The Society has been recording frame scores of bulls at Society sales since 1992. The measurements contributing to the frame score are:

- weight, measured in kgs
- height at withers, measured in cms
- length withers to pin, measured in cms
- length hook to pin, measured in cms

Each of these measurements is graded against a scale which has been put together from data amassed over the years for the bull's age-class (months). The weight is graded from 'A' (heaviest) to 'J' (lightest). The frame is graded from '27' (largest) to '3' (smallest) - which is a maximum of 9 points and a minimum of 3 points for each of the three height/length measurements. The largest frame score would therefore be 'A27' and the smallest 'J3'.

The frame score, therefore, is a means of comparison with all other bulls measured at Society Sales since 1992. Other measurements taken at the same time are:

- scrotal circumference, measured in cms
- height at rump, measured in cms
- width at rump, measured in cms
- width at shoulders, measured in cms

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society's AGM was held the evening before the Show & Sale, at the Devon Hotel in Exeter, and the meeting room drew a capacity audience of over eighty members.

The formalities of confirming last year's AGM minutes, and adopting the Accounts for 2009 being completed, it was time to elect Mike Kettlewell from Over Norton, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire as Society President for 2010/11. Mike has served two three-year terms on the Executive Committee, is a loyal supporter of the Society at all sorts of events and shows, and he and Sarah have manned the stand in Ireland at the Ploughing Championships three years running. They bring animals to Society and Midland Club sales, and show cattle from their Upper Norton herd at a number of agricultural shows. Sarah is also a very talented photographer, so we will undoubtedly benefit from her being the President's wife! We look forward to a busy year, with plenty of opportunities for Mike to promote and represent the breed.

Retiring President, Tony Rickett, was warmly thanked for his year of fronting the breed at so many different events and functions, a task he undertook with much enthusiasm and good humour!

Awards were then presented to winners in last year's National Herd Competition:

- The Wakeham Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup to Mr T H E Laity, overall winner of the competition
- The Cecil Harvey Shield for the best herd of cows to Mr T H E Laity
- The Tregerrick Perpetual Trophy for best stock bull to M E & T E Broome for Welland Valley Crusader
- The Society Cup for best young stock to Mr T H E Laity
- The Angus Loggie Memorial Trophy to M E & T E Broome for gaining most points and not having won the Competition or this trophy previously
- The Irving Enterprise Trophy for highest placed small herd to K V & M A Plain
- The Bill Major Trophy for best three cows sired by the same bull to D & S Smallcombe for AI Grove Brutus 82

- The Edmeston Hilda Cup for best cow to M E & T E Broome for Welland Valley Adora 2
- The HSBC Trophy for best herd judged on inspection and performance to Mr T H E Laity
- The Cilgwrrwg Trophy for best homebred polled animal to Mr T H E Laity for Z Polkinghorne Daisy 40
- The Erme Cup for best two year old heifer to M E & T E Broome for Welland Valley Gemma 3

These were followed by the Society awards:

- The Coronation Trophy to the exhibitor gaining most points at major shows during 2009 to M E & T E Broome
- Bull of the Year award to D & S Smallcombe for AI Grove Brutus 8
- The President's Cup for Junior Bull of the Year to Mr W H D Scott for Grove Wellington 56
- Female of the Year award 2009 to M E & T E Broome for Welland Valley Adora 2

The David Phillips Memorial Competition was redesigned in 2009 to encourage younger members and South Devon enthusiasts to exhibit cattle at shows, and there was a good level of entries at shows across the country. The overall winner was Miss Emma Pascoe who received a cheque for £200 and a trophy.

The last award of the afternoon, the Linda Turpie Rousevell Memorial Award, was presented by Mr Ian Rousevell to the member nominated as having made an exceptional contribution to the breed. There was much appreciation and sustained applause for the winner, Mr Hugh Lello, who has done so much to encourage, guide and help other breeders for many years. Formal recognition was long overdue!

A number of members' suggestions were received for Council to consider, before Chairman James Eustice closed the meeting.

We were then entertained by a most informative and enjoyable presentation given by Miss Emma Pascoe about her travels to the USA in 2009, to which her winnings from the Lloyd & Whyte Young Handler Competition in the previous year contributed.

NATIONAL SHOW

Royal Cornwall Show, 10th-12th June

A reminder that entries for the Royal Cornwall Show close on 17th April. If you would like to receive a prize schedule, contact Myra Langdon, Livestock Secretary, Royal Cornwall Show, Wadebridge, Cornwall, PL27 7JE, tel 01208 812183, e-mail livestock@royalcornwall.co.uk

Transport discounts from the Society -exhibitors outside Devon & Cornwall

Region 3	£10 per animal forward
Region 4	£20 per animal forward
Region 5	£30 per animal forward
Region 6	£20 per animal forward
Region 7	£40 per animal forward

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Accommodation for exhibitors and visitors

If you are planning to exhibit or visit for several days, and have not yet succeeded in finding accommodation nearby, please let the office know - we may be able to help. Caravans could be booked on site for exhibitors.

National Show polo shirts

Debbie is taking orders for specially commissioned polo shirts for the National Show, which are black, and bear a National Show embroidered badge.

National Show 2011

The venue for the 2011 National Show will be the Royal Norfolk Show, and the organisers are looking forward to welcoming us there.

SHOW DATES 2010

MAJOR SHOWS

Devon County Show	20 th - 22 nd May
Suffolk Show	2 nd - 3 rd June
Royal Bath & West Show	2 nd - 5 th June
Royal Cornwall Show	10 th - 12 th June
Three Counties Show	18 th - 20 th June
East of England Show	18 th - 20 th June
Shrewsbury County Show*	26 th - 27 th June
Royal Norfolk Show	30 th June - 1 st July
Great Yorkshire Show	13 th - 15 th July
Royal Welsh Show	19 th - 22 nd July

* (This is the resurrected Shropshire & West Midlands Show - details from Richard Harthorn, 01952 770887)

OTHER SHOWS

Herts:	29/30 th May	Yealmpton:	28 th July	Okehampton:	12 th August
Rutland:	6 th June	Totnes:	25 th July	Minsterley:	21 st August
Liskeard:	10 th July	Woolsery:	26 th July	Bucks County:	26 th August
Stithians:	12 th July	Thame:	31 st July	Aylsham:	30 th August
Launceston:	15 th July	Wayland:	1 st August	Kingsbridge:	4 th September
Camborne:	17 th July	Blakesley:	2 nd August	Moreton:	4 th September
Mid Devon:	24 th July	Honiton:	5 th August	Dorset County:	4/5 th September
		Camelford:	11 th August		

URGENT REMINDER FOR GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW EXHIBITORS

We have been advised that stalls are being booked very quickly, so please get your entries in without any delay!

SALE DATES

Midland Club, Saturday 1st May

Clifford Chambers, Stratford upon Avon

Entries have now closed and the catalogue is in production

Truro Club, Friday 14th May

Hallworthy Market, Camelford, Cornwall

Entries close 16th April. Contact Suzanne Harper 01409 271376 for forms

Carlisle Society Sale, Friday 21st May

Borderway Mart, Carlisle

Entries close 16th April. Contact Heather Pritchard, 01228 406230

South Devon Cattle Breeders Club, Friday 28th May

Exeter Livestock Centre

Contact Margaret Northey, 01548 830612 for details

HELP, PLEASE!

After the judging at last year's Spring Show & Sale, most unfortunately the Rowe Cup went missing. The Cup is awarded to the Reserve Male Champion, and was given by Stewart Rowe and family to the Society just a few years ago.

Despite all the efforts made by us here in the office, and by exhibitors and others, we have not managed to trace its whereabouts.

It is possible that the Cup was mistakenly picked up by someone, and perhaps lies hidden in a box or gathering dust on a shelf. Could we call upon you all to check your show boxes and anywhere else where it is possible that this Cup could be hiding? Thank you!

Z TORR DOWN HERMES 3 SEMEN

Expressions of interest are invited in semen from the above heterozygous bull.

Sire of the top priced animals at three recent Society sales. A small amount of semen will be arriving soon at UK Sire Services, Devon. Cost £20 per straw ex UKSS, minimum 10 straws, discount for 20 plus.

Contact via e-mail jsharvey@nex.net.au or phone 00 61 3 54241001.

Please remember Australia is NINE HOURS AHEAD!!!

View Hermes and other Torr Down South Devons on

www.southdevonbeefcattle.com.au

SEMEN AVAILABILITY

SOCIETY PROVEN BULL

One of the regular tasks of the Breed Improvement Committee is to try to identify bulls which might be suitable as Proven Sires **for use particularly in newly established herds**. The current criteria is tight and involves a number of inspections of the animal and its herd (with two generations of progeny). On paper, the bull must be performance recorded, with reasonable calving records (both Breedplan and breeder's own records). Of course, that "perfect" bull is yet to be found - if it were, breeding would lose many of its challenges!

We are very grateful to Douglas Scott, the breeder of Grove Bellerophon 3, for allowing us to acquire a stock of semen to offer to members who are relatively new to the breed. As supplies are limited, initial orders will be restricted to 10 straws per breeder. The price is just £5 per straw plus a distribution cost of £30 per despatch (plus VAT).

This is a great opportunity for new breeders to acquire some very sound genetics - without having to purchase the whole bull! Bellerophon has been used in three herds, with 83 progeny analysed by Breedplan, many of which are pedigree registered. Twenty-two of those progeny have also been scanned, and thus contributed to the carcass EBVs.

GROVE BELLEROPHON 3 - UK321658 400280

S.D.E. TRUMP 3 SDE-34

Sire - GROVE CHARLEMAGNE 19 UKEF0347-00259

GROVE CHERRY 9 EF347-9253

KESTLE JETHRO T1594-9328

Dam - KESTLE BUTTERMAID 31 UKT1594-00161

KESTLE BUTTERMAID 11 T1594-9212

January 2010 Breedplan EBVs

Trait	EBV	Accuracy	Breed Avg
Calving Ease Direct (%)	+7.2	74%	-0.4
Calving Ease Daughters (%)	-3.5	58%	+1.0
Gestation Length (days)	+0.5	84%	+0.4
Birth Weight (kg)	+2.7	92%	+1.3
200 Day Weight (kg)	+26	89%	+16
400 Day Weight (kg)	+43	86%	+30
600 Day Weight (kg)	+49	79%	+38
Milk (kg)	+3	55%	+3
Scrotal Size (cm)	-0.8	53%	+0.3
Carcass Weight (kg)	+35	72%	+24
Eye Muscle Area (cm ²)	+3.6	55%	+1.9
Rib Fat (mm)	-0.3	68%	0.0
Retail Beef Yield (%)	+0.8	66%	+0.2
Intramuscular Fat (%)	+0.2	57%	-0.1
QUALITY BEEF INDEX	+22		+12

Myostatin Status: 0

PROMISING YOUNG BULL

SPONSORED BY EBLEX

Semen from the recently collected Promising Young Bull, Z AI Woodhayes Ilyla 12, has now been released for distribution.

This is an opportunity for members to acquire polled genetics from the Woodhayes herd. The bull was the winner of the Thornton Cup (best animal on inspection and performance) and the Polled Cup at the 2009 Spring Show & Sale. We are grateful to the owners, Mr & Mrs Marks from Minard Farms, Polbathic, Cornwall, for allowing us to collect semen.

It is available through the Society at a launch price of £5 per straw, plus a distribution charge of £30 per despatch (plus VAT). An allocation of ten free straws per performance recording member is ready to be claimed.

Z AI WOODHAYES ILLYA 12

Z PAPER MILL SAFFRON G8388-9304

Sire - Z CILGWRRWG ILLYA UKFV0180-00017

CILGWRRWG FRUHLING FV180-9406

GROVE CHARLEMAGNE 5 EF347-9206

Dam - WOODHAYES DAFFODIL 6 UKV7403-00106

WOODHAYES DAFFODIL 2 V7403-A001

January 2010 Breedplan EBVs

Trait	EBV	Accuracy	Breed Avg
Calving Ease Direct (%)	+0.5	55%	-0.4
Calving Ease Daughters (%)	-0.5	52%	+1.0
Gestation Length (days)	-1.6	67%	+0.4
Birth Weight (kg)	+3.0	69%	+1.3
200 Day Weight (kg)	+32	72%	+16
400 Day Weight (kg)	+60	70%	+30
600 Day Weight (kg)	+66	67%	+38
Milk (kg)	-2	58%	+3
QUALITY BEEF INDEX	+25		+12

Myostatin Status: 1 (nt821)

NEWS FROM THAILAND

Richard Hartshorn has reported that the first South Devon sired calf has been born in Thailand, as a result of his promotional efforts including successfully overseeing the import of semen into South-East Asia.

The calf was born in the North East area of Thailand called Issan near Nakhon Rachasima. The dam calved without assistance, the calf is brown, and weighed 36 kg.

Semen from AI Haughton SAS Joe Louis 1 and from Trewint Henry 1 were exported at the same time. Unfortunately the farmer did not read English so did not identify the sire from the straw. Suffice it to say, it's South Devon!

NBA BEEF EXPO 2010

HEXHAM AUCTION MART, NORTHUMBERLAND, 27th May

As usual the Society will host a breed stand with demonstration cattle at the Beef Expo in May, to include both cross-bred and pure-bred cattle. There are two competitions at the show which might be of interest to members:

National Spring Spectacular Show

This is open to commercial beef cattle by both continental and native breed sires with a total prize pool of over £5,000. The 20 classes will include sections for baby calves up to 425 kg (steers) and 400 kg (heifers), and steers and heifers by native breed, and by continental sires.

Championship awards include a top prize of £500 for supreme champion, £250 for reserve, and £200 each for baby beef, steer and heifer champions. Class prize money will start at £50 for first prize down to £5 for sixth place.

Cattle entered for the show are required to be at Hexham Auction Mart between 10 am and 4 pm on Wednesday 26th May. Judging will commence at 9 am the following morning.

The entry fee for NBA members is £10 plus VAT, and for non-members £20 plus VAT. Entry forms are available from Mrs Julie Sedgwick, 01388 609322/07836 773888. The closing date is Friday 9th April.

Bull Survival Competition

A new idea offering the opportunity to win a top pedigree bull valued at £10,000! The winner of the judging competition will take home the bull receiving the most votes, and the bull's owner will receive £10,000.

Pedigree breeders from all the main beef breeds (including South Devon) are invited to enter bulls in the Competition - entry fee £500 to include a pen for demonstration and promotion of the bull and its herd. Sponsorship might be the way to cover the entry fee. A minimum of 16 bulls will be entered.

Participants in the judging competition will pay £25 to enter and tickets will be available to purchase both before and during the event.

Bulls will be paraded at 10.30 am, and those who have purchased a ticket will vote for one bull which they consider to be the best. The eight bulls attracting the most votes will go forward to a second round of judging in which only those who voted for one of those eight going forward will be eligible to participate.

The same procedure will be followed to reduce the number of bulls to four for the third and final round. The winner will be chosen in a prize draw for which only those who chose the bull gaining the most votes will be eligible.

All bulls entered for the competition will undergo a veterinary inspection for correctness. The remaining bulls can be offered for sale at Beef Expo, either privately or by auction, although owners will have the option to retain them.

Entry forms from Euan Emslie, info@beefexpo.co.uk, tel 01430 441870.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF MEETING

FOR MEMBERS IN DEVON (REGION 2)

A meeting to give an overview of the workings of Breedplan (pedigree, performance and internet solutions) is being organised for members in Region 2.

It will be held at Weekes Farm, Mutterton, Cullompton, Devon, by kind invitation of Alan & Elizabeth Bartley on Tuesday 11th May.

Invitations will be sent direct to members in the next couple of weeks.

EBLEX BEEF BETTER RETURNS PROGRAMME

Notice is given of an Open Meeting with EBLEX to be held at Exeter Market on Monday 19th April from 5.45 to 9 pm.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for producers to catch up on the latest news on export markets for beef, lamb and offal, as well as looking at the year ahead.

There will be a marketing update and butchery demonstration showing innovative meat cuts to maximise carcass value and versatility. This will include a selection of ongoing EBLEX development work adding value to the traditional cuts.

PROGRAMME

Arrival and refreshments from 5.45 pm (hot beef rolls, tea/coffee)

Introduction, John Cross, EBLEX chairman, 6.30 pm prompt

Session 1: Marketing update and butchery demonstration - Dick van Leeuwen and Hugh Judd

Session 2: Cows, sheep and climate change - what can we do? - Dr Duncan Pullar

Session 3: Export opportunities for beef, lamb and offal - Dr Phil Hadley

To book a free place please contact Selma Todd, e-mail selma.todd@eblex.org.uk, tel 0870 608 6610

WHEELCOVERS - ANY INTEREST?

If you are interested in acquiring a South Devon wheelcover for your vehicle and have not yet registered that interest with us, please could you let Debbie know as soon as possible.

She needs to know the make and model of your vehicle, and the wheel size. The covers are soft, dark green in colour, and have the logo and "The Breed That's Quietly Going Places" printed on them.

RACE FOR LIFE 2010

IN AID OF CANCER RESEARCH

Liz, Caroline and Emily Rose (Caroline's daughter) will be tackling the 5 km Race for Life once more this year at Westpoint on Sunday 11th July.

If you would like to make a donation to encourage us, please either notify the office, or go to www.raceforlifesporsorme.org/southdevons

MYOSTATIN - FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Since the beginning of the year all bulls being registered as pedigree require a DNA test for myostatin as well as sire verification, which is arranged through the office.

The status is published on the website a few days after the breeder is informed of the result, which you can access by putting the bull's ID or name on the "Animal Enquiries" page. You can also do a search to select bulls without knowing their identity, according to their myostatin status by going to the same page, choosing a calving year, click on 'select if' and choose 'male', then choose the myostatin status (either 0, 1 or 2).

Some of the results coming back to us pose even more questions, and perhaps they will be part of future research, if deemed appropriate. For example, it is possible for an animal to have more than one type of myostatin, but we do not know how those types interact to influence the animal's development.

On the Igenity certificate breeders receive back with the notification of the myostatin status for registered bulls, it is the final column which gives the result, which appears as a '0', '1' or '2' to determine the number of copies of the gene. It will then give the variant of the myostatin gene, most commonly in our breed 'nt821', less frequently 'F94L' and rarely 'Q204X'.

So, here are some more technical tips on myostatin!

- The Igenity myostatin profile detects **nine** different variants of the myostatin gene, which appear to be breed specific.
- Six of these variants cause double-muscling and are referred to as "**disruptive**"; both 'nt821' and 'Q204X' are in this category.
- Animals that are homozygous (ie have two copies of the gene, one inherited from each parent) for any of these six disruptive variants, tend to have larger birth weights, increased dystocia (difficult calvings), reduced fat cover, larger ribeye area, and enhanced meat tenderness.
- The other three variants, including 'F94L', are referred to a "**missense**". They yield increased muscularity and a reduction in external and intramuscular fat with no effect on birth weight or dystocia.
- Variant 'nt821' is identified in Belgian Blue and Angus cattle as well as South Devons
- Variant 'Q204X' is identified mainly in Charolais and Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle
- Variant 'F94L' is identified mainly in Limousin cattle, which the Limousin Society market as 'The Profit Gene'.

DIARY

April	14 th	Executive meeting
	22 nd	Council meeting
	27 th	Breed Improvement Committee meeting
May	1 st	Midland Club Sale, Stratford upon Avon
	4 th	Breed Promotion Committee meeting
	5 th	Region 1 meeting, Roche, Cornwall
	11 th	Region 2 Breedplan meeting
	14 th	Truro Club Sale, Hallworthy
	21 st	Carlisle Sale
	27 th	NBA Beef Expo, Hexham
	28 th	SDCBC Sale, Exeter
June	10-12 th	National Show, Wadebridge, Cornwall
September	7 th	Council meeting
	14 th	Welland Valley reduction sale
	29 th	NBA Beef Southwest Event, Exeter
October	5 th	Autumn Show & Sale

NEW MEMBERS

Full

- Region 1 T R Dart, Little Resparveth Farm, Grampound Rd, Truro, Cornwall, TR2 4EF Prefix: WOODHAYES-OAK
- Region 2 M A Mitchell, West Worthele Farm, Westlake, Ivybridge, Devon, PL21 9JT
South Battisborough Partnership, South Battisborough Farm, Holbeton, Plymouth, Devon, PL8 1JY Prefix: SOUTH BATTISBOROUGH
- Region 3 H & C Gay, Newton Farm Partners, Newton Farm, Newton St Loe, Bath, BA2 9BT Prefix: GOODMEAT
- Region 5 N R Turner, Rowney Farm, Whepstead, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP29 4TQ Prefix: ROWNEY

Introductory

- Region 1 Mr A & Mrs K MacIver-Redwood, Hays Farm, St Dominick, Saltash, Cornwall, PL12 6SJ *Introduced by Mark Stanley-Smith*

Resigning

Region 2 E H Bowden, 3 Brookfield East, New North Road, Exeter, Devon,
EX4 4LA Prefix: GIDLEIGH

Region 5 Mr J Hedges, Wormsley Estate, Wormsley, Stokenchurch, High
Wycombe, Bucks, HP14 3YG Prefix: WORMSLEY

CATTLE FOR SALE

BULLS

Brettles SAS Red Ace UK302256 100006 Born 25/03/2001	D Armstrong (Aldbourne Chase) Wiltshire - Region 3	07786 543381
Higher Lanner Trump 3 UK383759 300138 Born 20/10/2001	G Wright Devon - Region 2	01363 777642
Tregondale King Cole 15 UK383061 200197 Born 25/04/2002	Higher Hacknell Farm Devon - Region 2	07968 131030
Kislingbury Fieldsman UK202004 400083 Born 02/04/2003	R G Elliott & Son Northants - Region 5	07896 512107
Chiltern & Haddenham David Phillips UK283733 400217 Born 19/09/2003	D Nixey Oxfordshire - Region 5	07711 896318
Wydbury Goliath UK 241164 300422 Born 09/03/2007	E Noy Herts - Region 5	07812 137201
Wydbury Wonder Boy UK241164 400465 Born 24/12/2007	E Noy Herts - Region 5	07812 137201
Waterlane Cyril UK260354 600291 Born 27/12/2007	O A Reynolds Kent - Region 4	07885 802302
Ewefields Hayden UK202600 600220	T J Warhurst Oxfordshire - Region 5	01608 686238

Born 21/01/2008		
Waterlane Delboy	O A Reynolds	01580 754353
UK260354 300295	Kent - Region 4	
Born 29/01/2008		
Brafferton Trooper 11	J P Harrison	01347 838725
UK122177 200194	Yorkshire - Region 7	
Born 19/02/2008		
Arncliffe Farebrother	Sir John Bell	01609 882202
UK122824 700535	Yorkshire - Region 7	
Born 26/02/2008		
Arncliffe Foley	Sir John Bell	01609 882202
UK122824 500554	Yorkshire - Region 7	
Born 10/03/2008		
Ewefields Hanbury 2	T J Warhurst	01608 686238
UK202600 500240	Oxfordshire - Region 5	
Born 01/04/2008		
Homefields Apollo Storm	J Townley & Son	01327 842297
UK201772 500019	Northants - Region 5	
Born 11/06/2008		
Billington Arthur	G K & M A Garrett & Son	01837 54348
UK371751 100270	Devon - Region 2	
Born 28/06/2008		
Young bulls	Mr & Mrs R C Burrough & Sons	01404 881479
	Devon - Region 2	
2 year old polled bulls	R R B & S J Harvey	01548 830307
	Devon - Region 2	

FEMALES

15 bulling & 30 yearling heifers	D A Ashcroft	01420 511011
	Hampshire - Region 4	
5 bulling heifers	A & R Good	07824 516780
	Cornwall - Region 1	
2 in-calf cows, 3 in-calf heifers	G K & M A Garrett & Son	01837 54348
Bulling heifers	R R B & S J Harvey	01548 830307
	Devon - Region 2	

**Cows with calves,
& heifers
4 2-yr old heifers**

J P Harrison
Yorkshire - Region 7
Sir Simon Day
Devon - Region 2

01347 838725

07946 588676
(M Mitchell)

FOR SALE

Two blue merle Collie pups, excellent working parents with cattle & sheep
Malcolm Broome, 07732 331372

AND FINALLY ...

(thanks to the RASE newsletter)

A man and his wife were woken at 3 am by a loud pounding on the door. The man got up and went to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, was asking for a push.
"Not a chance," said the husband, "it's 3 in the morning!"
He slammed the door and returned to bed.
"Who was that?" asked his wife.
"Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answered.
"Did you help him?" she asks.
"No, I did not. It is 3 in the morning and it's pouring rain out there!"
"Well, you have a short memory," said his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!"
The man did as he was told, got dressed, and went out into the pouring rain. He called out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"
"Yes," came back the answer.
"Do you still need a push?" called out the husband.
"Yes, please!" came the reply from the dark.
"Where are you?" asked the husband.
"Over here on the swing," replied the drunk.

