

# SOUTH DEVON HERD BOOK SOCIETY

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## FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Member,**

February seems to have passed in a flash, with the office very busy with the Accounts and Audit, the production of two Sale Catalogues, and arrangements for the AGM and Spring Show & Sale - as well as all the usual! We have rapidly moved into 5<sup>th</sup> gear, and don't expect to be out of 'cruise control' for a while yet!

I am very pleased to report another year's accounts of surplus income over expenditure, with a good increase in registrations and membership. The Society is growing at a healthy pace, but we still have much work to do, and many opportunities to exploit!

The Flete herd dispersal will be upon us when you receive this newsletter, and promises to be of considerable interest to those looking to either start, or to continue to build upon, the foundations of a new herd, as well as to those keen to secure some sound bloodlines from this closed herd to add to their established pedigree herds.

Following on, on 24<sup>th</sup> March, is a very strong entry for the Spring Show & Sale at Exeter which will give a wide choice to purchasers of (as I write) 64 bulls, and 30 heifers, all inspected, and many with performance figures. The Society has not seen such a large number of bull entries since the mid-1970s, a time when the breed was being exported to many overseas countries. So this will be an opportunity to add a bull and some additional bloodlines to those cattle bought at Flete!

Later this year, on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, there will be another important sale for the breed, this time in Leicestershire. Malcolm & Thelma Broome will be reducing their herd to a 'more manageable' size which in itself will still be quite significant. This will be an excellent opportunity for new and established herds to acquire some strong foundation stock.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and will be followed by a very interesting presentation from Miss Emma Pascoe, winner of the Lloyd & Whyte Young Handler Competition in 2008. Emma used her winnings to help her travel around a number of South Devon herds in the USA, and she will be talking about some of her experiences and observations.

Dinner follows the AGM, and already we have nearly 100 bookings. So if you would like to come please let us know your menu choices (inside) as soon as you can. A 'secret' raffle will follow dinner, conducted by John Wakeham, and organised by Liz and Debbie who will spend time parcelling prizes in boxes to conceal the contents. If you would like to donate a prize please let us know - thank you.

The latest news about this year's National Show is inside. Plans are progressing well, and it promises to be a busy competition, with plenty of interest for members and guests, so please note the dates on your calendar - 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June, the Royal Cornwall Show, Wadebridge. If you would like to participate and exhibit your cattle, but are daunted by distance, please give us a ring - there may well be others in your region who are thinking along similar lines, and it might be possible to combine transport and resources.

A note about DNA testing: Merial are experiencing some problems with one of the laboratories with whom they are working, but assure us that new arrangements will very shortly be in place. Results for myostatin are published

two weeks after notification to the breeder - have a look at the website for information about particular bulls (see January newsletter if you are unsure how).

With best wishes

*Caroline*

## CONDOLENCES

I am very sorry to report the passing of three members in the last few weeks, all of whom contributed significantly to the breed during their time with the Society.

Mr Stewart Rowe sadly passed away earlier this week. The Trewint herd of South Devons appeared for the first time in the 1949 edition of the Herd Book, and from that original herd two well-established modern herds run by his sons now play a leading role in the breed today - Mervyn Rowe's Tregondale herd, and Peter Rowe's Trewint herd. Stewart's funeral will be held at St Lalluwly & St Antoninus church, Menheniot, Liskeard on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March at midday.

Mr Arthur Organ, who bred the Vineyards herd at Charlton Kings, near Cheltenham, passed away in January. Arthur was always a strong supporter of the Society, giving generously to all our fund-raising events. In recent years Arthur took the decision to increase the polling element of the herd, running a polled Knightcote bull.

Mr Richard Pearse who died in January, took over the Coyton herd in the South Hams alongside his brother George from their parents in the 1950s, and subsequently produced many more quality South Devon breeding animals. The brothers Pearse retired in the 1990s to Dunstone near Yealmpton, the herd then being acquired by Malcolm & Rosamund Shinner.

Our thoughts and condolences are with members of the Rowe, Edwards, Organ and Pearse families.

# COUNCIL MEMBERS 2010/11

Following recent elections, Council members (who are also the Trustees of the Society) for 2010/11 are named as follows:

<b>Region 1</b>	Roger Clemens, Suzanne Harper, John Rowe, Tim Bastard
<b>Region 2</b>	Alan Bartley, Margaret Northey, Graham Hocking, Gordon Tully, Richard Harvey
<b>Region 3</b>	Tony Wadsworth, Diana Rusher
<b>Region 4</b>	Robert Whitcombe
<b>Region 5</b>	Andrew Allan, Andrew Foulds
<b>Region 6</b>	Gwyn James, Prydderch Rees
<b>Region 7</b>	Caroline Gray, Paul Harrison, Richard Wright

The Council are in the process of electing officers to fill vacancies arising at the AGM on the Executive, Breed Promotion, Breed Improvement and Judges Advisers committees. Appointments will be announced in the newsletter immediately following the AGM.

## CLUB DRAW

The second of six draws to be made before July this year, was drawn at the recent Council meeting, and was won by Ms Lucy Shenton from Trent in Dorset who will receive a cheque for £215.

The next draw will be made at the AGM dinner.

## WANTED

Would anyone who has unwanted stock of Trevowah Joe Louis 11 semen, please contact Mr Douglas Scott, Grove Farms, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, tel 01608 651464.

# AGM DINNER

7.30 pm, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Exeter

## MENU

Country Vegetable Soup or Chilled Melon with a Fruit Coulis

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Full Carvery with fresh vegetables

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Chocolate Profiteroles or Raspberry Pavlova

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Coffee/tea

£23.50 per person

PLEASE BOOK WITH SDHBS

*Any donations for the Secret Raffle will be gratefully received!*

## STATISTICS FROM BCMS

Statistics received from BCMS for 2008 and 2009 show that South Devons are continuing to make a mark in the commercial world - although there is great scope for development particularly if commercial beef producers have a retail market to target, something that the Society is currently working towards.

	<u>Purebred</u>			<u>Crossbred</u>		
	Females	Males	<u>Total</u>	Females	Males	<u>Total</u>
2008	7,053	7,017	14,070	6,049	5,997	12,046
2009	7,191	7,001	14,192	5,737	5,707	11,444

# NATIONAL SHOW

Royal Cornwall Show, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June

Plans are progressing well for this, our first, National Show of South Devons. The Working Group (Caroline, Malcolm Broome, Richard Ashcroft, Roger Clemens, Richard Harvey) set up by Council have met with the organisers of the Royal Cornwall Show who have been most accommodating and helpful. Likewise Region 1, and the Truro Club, are very enthusiastic and will be playing a strong role in the events.

Council wish to help exhibitors to come to the show, and also to encourage visitors and attendant publicity. They have determined a budget, and this will be added to from sponsorship. So far, we have been very generously offered **sponsorship** by:

MERIAL ANIMAL HEALTH LTD

MOLE VALLEY FARMERS LTD

JASPERS TREBURLEY LTD

THE LAITY FAMILY, POLKINGHORNE

CORNISH QUALITY LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS LTD

Others are being approached now, and will be announced in forthcoming newsletters. We are most grateful to all our sponsors.

## Transport discounts - for those 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

Please note: entries close 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:livestock@royalcornwall.co.uk)

### **Prize Money**

An additional £500 will be awarded in the show ring, to be divided amongst the classes.

### **Special Awards**

Two awards previously made at the Royal Show will be made at the National Show in 2010:

The Track Marshall Trophy, to the exhibitor gaining most points

The Herbert Tully Perpetual Challenge Cup, to the exhibitor of the best polled animal

### **Towergate Lloyd & Whyte Young Handler Competition**

The Young Handler Competition will be held on Friday afternoon, after the Grand Parade, at about 4 pm, for 16-25 year olds. Entries will be invited nearer the time.

### **Some of the Special Events**

A Society Reception will be held in the President's Marquee at 4 pm on Thursday afternoon, to which all members, Truro Club members, and their guests will be very welcome.

On Friday evening there will be a social evening at St Ervan, home of Roger and Rose Clemens. Transport arrangements to and from the showground will be coordinated.

"Best Dressed" and "Best Hat" competitions, as well as a raffle with prizes from each region, will be held during the Show

## Our Patron

It is fortuitous that this year His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales is joint President of the Royal Cornwall Show with the Duchess of Cornwall, and will therefore be attending the Show on the Thursday. We have invited him to meet exhibitors in the show ring, and also to be our guest at the Reception, and we hope for a favourable response.

## NFU FORAGE EFFICIENCY DAY

TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 11 AM

Horsehill Farm, Ashburton, Devon, TQ13 7NW

by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Richard Camp

The programme should commence with Matt Rance of Mole Valley Forage Services in the field, digging holes looking at different soil types, encouraging us to understand the health of our soils. If the soil is not too wet (!! ) the AerWay soil aerator/cultivator will be on demonstration, and certainly work should have been carried out beforehand.

David McNaughton of Soya UK Ltd will extol the virtues of fermented bi-crops with a chance to see Lupin and Triticale in the clamp. Also on view (a short walk) will be the results of the crop undersown with Westerwold.

Richard Keenan UK Ltd will give a presentation on the needs of the ruminant for optimum performance and how to achieve this. Julie Edwards will be there to keep livestock producers up to date.

(The running order may be subject to change).

Open to all Young Farmers, SDHBS, NFU members and non-members within the group catchment. To guarantee your lunch and give us a guide to parking please let the South Devon office know you would like to attend, by 4pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

# COMPENSATION FOR BOVINE TB

Payable during February 2010

**TO ENSURE THE BEST VALUE FOR YOUR CATTLE PLEASE CHECK THAT YOUR PEDIGREE REGISTRATIONS ARE UP TO DATE. IF YOU NEED ANY ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.**

## NON PEDIGREE BOVINE

<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>	
<b>Age</b>	<b>Compensation due</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Compensation due</b>
Up to 3 months	223	Up to 3 months	180
Over 3 months up to 6 months	350	Over 3 months up to 6 months	292
Over 6 months up to 9 months	576	Over 6 months up to 9 months	476
Over 9 months up to 12 months	689	Over 9 months up to 12 months	596
Over 12 months up to 16 months	827	Over 12 months up to 16 months	721
Over 16 months up to 20 months	895	Over 16 months up to 20 months	804
20 months and over	959	20 months and over	860
Breeding bulls 20 months and over	1,021**	Calved	885

## PEDIGREE BOVINE

<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>	
<b>Age</b>	<b>Compensation due</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Compensation due</b>
6 months up to 12 months	*	6 months up to 12 months	*
Over 12 months up to 24 months	4,401	Over 12 months up to 24 months	*
24 months and over	2,255	24 months and over (not calved)	1,672
		Calved under 36 months	1,952
		Calved 36 months and over	2,276

\*Compensation to be determined using individual valuation

\*\* Compensation to be determined using previously ascertained market price

# TB TESTING OF CATTLE MOVING INTO SCOTLAND

Scotland was granted Official Tuberculosis Free status by the European Commission in September 2009, and rules are now being brought in to help protect that status when cattle are moved into Scotland.

As of 28<sup>th</sup> February, cattle 42 days of age and over that are being moved from low incidence TB areas of England must have a negative TB test within 60 days of date of movement, and no less than 60 days after any previous test. Exceptions will apply to cattle which:



can be shown to have spent their entire lives in low incidence areas



cattle being sent directly to slaughter, and



calves less than 42 days of age

This new testing regime will intercept those cattle coming from 4-yearly testing areas which had previously moved from a higher frequency testing area, which can be no bad thing.

## HERD TESTING FOR JOHNES

Bob Bostelmann has kindly brought to my attention some good advice for members testing for Johnes in their herds.

### **The facts:**

- 1 The blood test for Johnes is a screening test which occasionally gives false results, especially just after TB tests when it appears to 'react' with the avian part of the TB test. Some individual animals *always* show strange results
- 2 The PCR test is the gold standard of Johnes testing, where the lab looks for the DNA of the bacteria which causes Johnes disease in the dung of the animal

### **The advice:**

- 1 Carry out any blood testing for Johnes on the *first* day of a TB test.
- 2 Animal Health has a target of removing TB reactors within 10 working days, but the Johnes testing lab does not return the results of the blood

samples in that time. So if an animal has a false result for Johnes disease, then the lab will need a dung sample - which will no longer be available if the animal has been slaughtered as a TB reactor! This is particularly relevant for members of CHeCS schemes who will then lose their Johnes status if already accredited.

So, either delay the slaughter of reactors until lab results are available on the blood sample, *or, collect dung samples from TB reactors and keep them if the lab later requires them.*

## BLUETONGUE UPDATE

It is very reassuring to learn that all the samples taken by DEFRA during the winter surveillance period in the south and east of England tested negative for all BTV serotypes.

The disease situation in continental Europe has also improved, although there were cases of both BTV1 and BTV8 on the coast of France - too close for comfort, as infected midges can be blown across the Channel, as happened in 2007.

The whole of Great Britain remains in a Protection Zone for BTV8 which means that cattle can freely move from other BTV8 zones in continental Europe to this country, and if animals were positive they would further circulate the disease.

The vaccination programme has been very effective in keeping the disease out of the country in 2009, and the Society continues to support the programme by encouraging members to keep their herds protected - even if the apparent risks might have reduced.

Temperatures will begin to rise very soon (or so we all sincerely hope!), so the so-called 'vector-free period' will come to an end, as midges become active. Please continue to vaccinate to protect!

## **REGIONAL/CLUB MEETINGS**

### **WESSEX (3)**

The Annual Meeting of the Wessex Region will be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at the Crosshands Hotel, Old Sodbury, Gloucestershire, at 6 pm, followed by supper.

A Show Preparation and Feeding Regime Demonstration will be given for regional members on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March at Snap Farm, Woodsend, Aldbourne (home of the Aldbourne Chase herd) by kind invitation of Mr Brian Kingham. Mr Paul Harrison (Brafferton) will give the show preparation demonstration. From 1.45 to 4.30 pm. For more information, and to confirm your attendance, please contact Mr Tony Wadsworth at least a week before each event. 01278 781113, [wadsfarm@btinternet.com](mailto:wadsfarm@btinternet.com)

### **EAST MIDLANDS & EASTERN COUNTIES (5)**

The Annual meeting for members of Region 5 will be held at Portman Burtley Estate, Beaconsfield, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 5 pm, to elect chairman, secretary, and committee.

If you would like to attend please would you let the office know by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

## **SOUTH DEVON CATTLE BREEDERS CLUB**

Please be advised that, due to the Flete sale being held the same day as the next scheduled Club meeting, that meeting has now been postponed.

If you have any old photographs or other archive material that you might have brought to that meeting for speaker, Mr Colin Pearse, would you please be kind enough to send it direct to Colin at Barramoor Farm, North Bovey, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 8RP.

The meeting will be rescheduled later in the year.

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> July. Training has started!**

**If you would like to make a donation to encourage us, please either notify the office, or go to**

**[www.raceforlifesporsome.org/southdevons](http://www.raceforlifesporsome.org/southdevons)**

**Thank you!**

# DIARY

<b>March</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dispersal of Flete herd
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Region 5 annual meeting
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Wessex Region meeting at Aldbourne
	16 <sup>th</sup>	NFU Forage & Efficiency Day
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Rendells sale of SDs, Newton Abbot
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Annual General Meeting & Dinner
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Show & Sale
<b>April</b>	30 <sup>th</sup>	Wessex Region annual meeting
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Council meeting
<b>May</b>	27 <sup>th</sup>	Breed Improvement Committee meeting
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Midland Club Sale, Stratford upon Avon
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Breed Promotion Committee meeting
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Truro Club Sale, Hallworthy
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Carlisle Sale
	27 <sup>th</sup>	NBA Beef Expo, Hexham
<b>June</b>	28 <sup>th</sup>	SDCBC Sale, Exeter
	10-12 <sup>th</sup>	National Show, Wadebridge, Cornwall
<b>September</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	Council meeting
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Welland Valley reduction sale
	29 <sup>th</sup>	NBA Beef Southwest Event, Exeter
<b>October</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Show & Sale

## NEW MEMBERS

### FULL

- Region 1** J P Trounce, Cruggan Farm, Portloe, Truro, Cornwall, TR2 5PS  
*Prefix: CRUGGAN*
- Miss H Rogers, Hellesveor Farm, St Ives, Cornwall, TR26 3AD  
*Prefix: WITHEM*
- J A Hosking, Trembothick Farm, St Buryan, Penzance, Cornwall,  
TR19 6EA *Prefix: TREMELYN*
- T R Dart, Little Resparveth Farm, Grampound Rd, Truro, Cornwall,  
TR2 4EF *Prefix: WOODHAYES-OAK*

- Region 2** Harvey Bros, Hele Barton, Bickleigh, Plymouth, PL6 7AQ  
*Prefix: PILGRIM*  
 S I Barkwill, Beechcombe, Longcross, Milton Abbot, Devon,  
 PL19 OPY *Prefix: BEECHCOMBE*  
 May & Son, Blatchford Farm, Lower Ashton, Exeter, Devon,  
 EX6 7QN *Prefix: RYECROFT*  
 B Darke, The Old Quarry, Bridford, Exeter, Devon, EX6 7LQ  
 S & R Lang, Ley Farm, Plympton, Plymouth, Devon, PL7 5AT  
 M Cooke, Great Avercombe, Bishops Nympton, South Molton, Devon,  
 EX36 4EA *Prefix: GREAT AVERCOMBE*  
 M Lamb & M Rogers, Glebe Farm, Venton Farm, Widecombe, Devon,  
 TQ13 7TF *Prefix: NORTHALL MANOR*  
 P F Cuff & S J Thomas, Styles Barton Barn, Whitestone, Exeter,  
 Devon, EX4 2JJ *Prefix: STYLES BARTON*  
 M Scott, Brisdrew, Drewsteignton, Exeter, Devon, EX6 6RB  
 M A Mitchell, West Worthele Farm, Westlake, Ivybridge, Devon,  
 PL21 9JT  
 South Battisborough Partnership, South Battisborough Farm,  
 Holbeton, Plymouth, Devon, PL8 1JY
- Region 3** Ellipsis Farms Ltd, c/o Lushill Farm, Hannington, Highworth,  
 Swindon, Wilts, SN6 7TA *Prefix: WARNEFORD*  
 P Brooks, Brookfield, Lyatts, Hardington Mandeville, Yeovil,  
 Somerset, BA22 9NR *Prefix: LYATTS*  
 H C Gay, Newton Farm Partners, Newton Farm, Newton St Loe,  
 Bath, BA2 9BT *Prefix: GOODMEAT*
- Region 5** T Lever, 2 Ivy House Cottages, Brockhall, Northants, NN7 4LA  
*Prefix: BROCKHALL*  
 N R Turner, Rowney Farm, Whepstead, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk,  
 IP29 4TQ *Prefix: ROWNEY*
- Region 6** T A & L G Jarman, Ty-Isaf, Bont Dolgadfan, Llanbryn-mair, Powys,  
 Wales, SY19 7BQ *Prefix: CONROY*  
 Major & Mrs C A R Lockhart, High Ash, Tushingam, Whitchurch,  
 Shropshire, SY13 4QL *Prefix: HIGH ASH*
- Region 7** D E Coning, Fleet Bank Lodge, York Road, Tollerton, Yorkshire,  
 YO61 1RA *Prefix: SOWERTON*  
 A S Leadbeater, Fairfield, Hodgson Lane, Birkenshaw, Bradford,  
 BD11 2DA *Prefix: IVYBROOKE*

Alan Dalton (Outwood) Ltd, c/o J Hicks, Park Farm, Howden, East Yorkshire, DN14 7JP *Prefix: HOWDEN*

M Stevens, C N Stevens & Sons Ltd, Sowbrook Farm, Dale Abbey, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 4PD *Prefix: CHARLESDALE*

## INTRODUCTORY

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

**Region 2** Mr & Mrs S Pearson, Higher West Coombe Farm, North Bovey, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 8RS *Introduced by Peter Hickman*

**Region 5** P T Ware, The Limes, Farnham, Saxmundham, Suffolk, IP17 1LE  
*Introduced by Richard White*

The Countess of Erroll, Woodbury Hall, Everton, Sandy, Beds, SG19 2HR *Introduced by Pat Watson*

Mr & Mrs H Noble, Fullbrooke Farm, Naseby, Northants, NN6 6DN  
*Introduced by Malcolm Broome*

## RETIRING

**Region 2** A J B Mildmay-White, Flete Farms Partnership, Haye Farm, Holbeton, Plymouth, Devon, PL8 1JR *Prefix: FLETE*

## RESIGNING

**Region 1** A J Lobb & Sons, Lower Kestle Farm, St Ewe, St Austell, Cornwall, PL26 6EP *Prefix: LOBB'S*

**Region 2** T & D Biggs, Crowbeare Farm, Torrington, Devon, EX38 7EU  
*Prefix: CROWBEARE*

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

**Region 3** P Reynolds, 7 Redlynch House, Redlynch Park, Bruton, Somerset, BA10 0NH

**Region 5** A Cooper, Manor Farm, Chaddleworth, Newbury, Berks, RG20 7EG  
*Prefix: CHAD*

Mr & Mrs B E Brooks, Woodlands Farm, Long Lane, Bracon Ash, Norwich, Norfolk, NR14 8AN *Prefix: MANGREEN*

J Hedges, Wormsley Estate, Stokenchurch, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP14 3YG *Prefix: WORMSLEY*

**Region 7** C J Blundell, Mount St John, Felixkirk, Thirsk, Yorks, YO7 2DT