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Dear Member,

Apologies for the slight delay in publishing this newsletter, which would usually follow straight after the Spring Show & Sale. The Midland Club Sale catalogue (now circulated) and Journal had to take immediate priority. The Journal is now almost proof-read and ready to print before the Midland Sale happens!

The office has been very busy recently, but if there is something for which you need urgent attention please let us know, and we will fit it in.

It is my very sad duty to have to report the deaths of several members since I last published a newsletter – Mrs Betty Tully (Waddeton), Mr Cyril White (Eatonford), and Mr Charles Hood (Woodbastwick). Sincere sympathy to all the families and friends.

Sale reports are inside, together with details of the Auction of Promises, and the Annual General Meeting.

There are also announcements of various events, sales and shows, and the launch of a revamped David Phillips Memorial Competition which is geared towards younger members of the Society.

It's a full newsletter, which I hope you will find interesting, and if you would like any more information on anything mentioned (or not mentioned!) please ask.

Liz and I will be at Stratford, which is the next big event on the calendar, armed with Journals, and we look forward to seeing many of you there!

Finally, Debbie is enclosing statements of account as appropriate. If you wish to pay electronically, please use our account name, South Devon Herd Book Society, account number 00410188, sort code 30-96-06 at Lloyds TSB, Newton Abbot, and don't forget to identify yourself!

With best wishes

Caroline

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES HOOD

It was an enormous shock to hear the news that Charlie Hood had died very suddenly at the beginning of March.

He had recently celebrated his 60th birthday with great gusto, surrounded by friends and family, and had just a few days earlier returned from a holiday in South Africa with his wife Jane. He also leaves two sons, Nick and Tom, who will continue their father's work with the herd.

The Woodbastwick herd is a very worthy example of the South Devon breed – big strong cows producing wide, long calves which grow well – and the herd has had a big influence in other South Devon herds being established, in East Anglia in particular. The Society owes a very big debt to Charlie for all his work, and his guidance to new breeders in particular.

Charlie was a regular exhibitor at shows, which he greatly enjoyed, and his efforts to promote the breed were tireless. In 2007 he and his close friend, Clive Salmon, held a joint Open Day for Society members to show their cattle from the Woodbastwick and Malthouse herds, and the

opportunity to walk through the cattle grazing below sea level on the Norfolk marshes was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Within the Society Charlie had been Chairman of Region 5 (East and East Midlands) for some years, encouraging breeders who at times feel rather isolated geographically from the main core of activities, and was in the middle of his first term as Society Trustee on Council. He had recently been nominated to sit on the Executive Committee, and the Society will miss the contribution that he would have made to our activities.

His memorial service at St Helen's Church, Ranworth, Norfolk, was attended by so many people that there was no standing room left inside the church, even around the altar, and the marquee erected outside the church was also full. It was a fitting tribute to Charles's love of life, of his family, of sport, of nature, and of his South Devon cattle.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Devon Hotel, Matford, Exeter, the evening before the Spring Show & Sale, and was attended by some 80 members and guests.

A minute's silence was held in memory of past Society officers who had died during the previous year – Jim Hosking, Peter Goode, Keith Rundle, and Charles Hood.

Formal proceedings were started by Chairman James Eustice who presented his Report to the meeting, a copy of which is printed in the AGM booklet, sent to all members at the beginning of March. The Accounts were approved, and Wortham Jaques, reappointed as Society Auditors.

Roger Clemens and Suzanne Harper proposed that Tony Rickett be appointed Society President for the coming year, and Tony gave a very eloquent acceptance speech, punctuated by one or two humorous tales! I am sure Tony will make a very good ambassador for the breed in the coming months, and he follows a very eminent President –Peter Pratt –

who has carried out his duties with much energy and enthusiasm. Tony's first job as President was to present cups and trophies to winners of last year's Herd Competition and to winners of the Society awards:

The WAKEHAM MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP to the Winner of the Competition, B G & J Z A Dart

The CECIL HARVEY SHIELD for the Best Herd of Cows, to B G & J Z A Dart

The TREGERRICK PERPETUAL TROPHY for the Best Stock Bull, to R A Ford for Trevassack Trusty 4

The SOCIETY CUP for the Best Young Stock, to M R & R J Rowe

The ANGUS LOGGIE MEMORIAL TROPHY for the member gaining most points having not won the herd competition or this trophy previously, to R A Ford

The IRVING ENTERPRISE TROPHY for the highest placed herd with 15 cows or fewer, to K V & M A Plain

The BILL MAJOR TROPHY for the Best Three Cows sired by the same bull, to B G & J Z A Dart for Z Cilgwrrwg Illya

The EDMESTON HILDA CUP for The Best Cow to A R Lee, for Lumbylaw Avril 53 (received on Robert's behalf by Paul Harrison)

The HSBC TROPHY for the Best Herd judged on inspection and performance, to B G & J Z A Dart

The CILGWRRWG TROPHY for Best homebred polled animal, to J F Collinson & Son, for Z Norton Commander 9 (received on Paul's behalf by Richard Ashcroft)

The CORONATION TROPHY for the exhibitor gaining most points at major shows during 2008, to W H D Scott

The BULL OF THE YEAR for the bull gaining most points at major shows during 2008, to W H Sandford for Al Haughton SAS Joe Louis 1 (received on Bill's behalf by Richard Hartshorn)

The PRESIDENT'S CUP for Junior Bull of the year, awarded jointly to W H D Scott for Grove Croesus 6 and J P Harrison for Brafferton Starbuster 17

The FEMALE OF THE YEAR for the female gaining most points at major shows during 2008 to W H D Scott for Grove Celandine 81

The SMITHFIELD CUP for best South Devon at the 2008 Royal Smithfield Christmas Fair, to Hillwood Estate for Aldbourne Chase Audrey 46

One of the special awards made at the AGM is presented in memory of Linda Rounsevell, and it rewards exceptional contribution to promotion of the breed in the previous year. This year the very worthy winner was Mark Thomas, who does so much in a number of different capacities to promote the breed and to help breeders.

Another award made that evening was to Paul Harrison who introduced the greatest number of new members to the Society in the previous year. Paul received a few bottles of his favourite tippie.

The meeting received a number of suggestions from members, which have now been put to Council for consideration, and Bill Harper kindly gave the meeting an update on the TB situation and some of the work being undertaken by the TB Eradication Group.

Following the meeting members enjoyed a very good Dinner, with Tregondale beef supplied by Phillip Warren, and sponsored by retiring President Peter Pratt.

The Club draw was won by ticket no. 54 – Alan & Lisa Johns, who receive a cheque for £215.

John Wakeham then took to the floor to conduct the Auction of Promises, with plenty of flair and enthusiasm, and every last pound was extracted from bidders to raise a fantastic £3,761 for Society funds. Thanks to all who contributed, whether through donations or bids.

AUCTION OF PROMISES

Donor	Lot	Purchaser	£
SDHBS office	Bottle whisky	Richard Davies, Woodend, Towcester, Northants	35
Mr WHD Scott	Mixed case wine	David Wortham, Wortham Jaques, Crediton, Devon	60
Mr WHD Scott	Esk Hector straws	Patrick Gunn, Bunsley Bank, Crewe, Cheshire	160
Mrs T Broome	Christmas pudding	Jerry Horsman, Lower Ashton, Exeter, Devon	40
Mrs T Broome	Christmas pudding	James Eustice, St Ervan, Wadebridge, Cornwall	25
Mr&Mrs PS Rowe	Trewint Henry straws	David Irving, Georgetown, Dumfries, Scotland	50
Mr&Mrs PS Rowe	Trewint Henry straws	Alan Bartley, Mutterton, Cullompton, Devon	50
Mr&Mrs K Poultney	Single malt whisky	David Nixey, Tetsworth, Thame, Oxfordshire	25
Mr&Mrs A Rusher	River Exe fishing	Richard & Diana Wright, Oxey, Leics	100
Mr D White	Gardening equipment	Pat & Tony Rickett, Everdon, Daventry, Northants	55
Mr D White	Gardening equipment	Richard Hartshorn, Roden, Telford, Shropshire	30
Mr&Mrs P Harrison	Hambleton Ales	Mark Bromell, Kivells, Launceston, Cornwall	27
Mr&Mrs P Harrison	Hambleton Ales	Mike Kettlewell, Over Norton, Chipping Norton, Oxon	25
Mr&Mrs R Shinner	Stretchford "break"	David & Sally Smallcombe, North Piddle, Worcs	140
Mrs S Read	Wheel cover	Nick Holt-Martyn, Tavistock, Devon	50
Mr&Mrs D Nixey	Drinks selection	Graham Kerslake, Shobrooke, Crediton, Devon	65
Mr&Mrs S Ward	Merchandise	David Nixey, Tetsworth, Thame, Oxfordshire	15
Mr&Mrs M R Rowe	Tregondale "break"	Malcolm & Thelma Broome, Thorpe Langton, Leics	105
Mr WHD Scott	Grove Charlemagne straws	David Irving, Georgetown, Dumfries, Scotland	85
Mrs S Kettlewell	Marmalade	Stephanie Rowe, Tregondale, Menheniot, Cornwall	52
Mr&Mrs D Northey	Single malt whisky	David Wortham, Wortham Jaques, Crediton, Devon	27
Mr&Mrs R Burrough	Axminster rug	Keith & Caroline Poultney, SDHBS	60
Mr B Kingham	Partridge shoot	Douglas Scott, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire	460

Mr&Mrs M Kettlewell	Case of fine wine	Richard & Diana Wright, Oxey, Leics	160
Mr&Mrs R Rundle	Kestle Mill holiday	Paul & Pam Harrison, Tollerton, Yorkshire	200
Mr&Mrs G James	Wooden bowl	Keith & Caroline Poultney, SDHBS	40
Mr&Mrs J Eustice	Cornish produce	Graham Kerlake, Shobrooke, Crediton, Devon	45
Mr&Mrs WP Harper	HomeMix feed	Hugh Lello, Kehelland, Camborne, Cornwall	200
Mr&Mrs AH Bartley	Ryley Farm holiday	Ian Rounsevell, Highgate, Lostwithiel, Cornwall	140
Mr&Mrs M Kettlewell	Single malt whisky	Jim Webster, By-Dunkeld, Perth, Scotland	60
Sir Simon Day	River Erme fishing	Andrew Allan, Portman Burtley, Beaconsfield, Bucks	40
Mr&Mrs S Ward	Plant holder	Hugh Lello, Kehelland, Camborne, Cornwall	45
Mr WHD Scott	Grove Hector straws	Phil Marjason, Torrington, Devon	90
Mr&Mrs M Kettlewell	Upper Norton "break"	Bill & Suzanne Harper, North Tamerton, Devon	160
Mr WHD Scott	Champagne	Jeffrey Warhurst, Sutton-under-Brailes, Oxon	35
Mr&Mrs A Rickett	Juniper "break"	Hugh Lello, Kehelland, Camborne, Cornwall	200
Mr&Mrs R Wright	Oxey shooting	Bill & Suzanne Harper, North Tamerton, Devon	420
Miss A Monro	Pony & trap ride	Mark Thomas, Treguddick, Launceston, Cornwall	55
D J Thomas & family	Dorset lamb	Richard & Diana Wright, Oxey, Leics	130

SPRING SHOW & SALE

Judge: Mr Lionel Pascoe, Fraddam, Hayle, Cornwall
Auctioneers: Mr John Wakeham & Mr Mark Bromell

I am delighted to report an excellent Show & Sale with plenty of buyers and a good number of high prices, topping at 6200 guineas, which should boost confidence throughout the breed. A number of bidders were unsuccessful and we expect to see them return at Stratford, unless they find what they are looking for privately in the meantime.

31 bulls and 19 females sold, and individual lots are detailed below. It should be noted that the **average** bull price has now risen to £3,695 – an increase of £508 since 2008! Average bull prices at the Spring Sale since it has been held at Exeter in 2003 have been:

2003 - £2,430
2004 - £2,351
2005 - £1,982
2006 - £2,274
2007 - £2,951
2008 - £3,187
2009 - £3,695

Female prices have also risen considerably, as they should do with greater recognition of the breed and a background of much firmer beef prices.

What is crucial is that we don't get carried away! Quality must always come first, otherwise the breed's reputation will suffer and much good will be undone.

Thanks are conveyed to all those who helped make such a success of the Sale, and in particular our Chief Steward David Camp; his team of helpers – John Irish, Raymond Perkins, and Chris Savery; judge Lionel Pascoe; John Wakeham, Clare Smith, Mark Bromell and all the Kivells team; and Jeremy Kivell at the Livestock Centre. Liz and Debbie did a sterling job in the run-up to and during the Sale, and succeeded in selling a good quantity of merchandise on the day.

THE SHOW

BULLS

Class 1

1 st	B G & J Z A Dart	Z AI WOODHAYES ILLYA 12
2 nd	J P Harrison	BRAFFERTON STARBUSTER 18
3 rd	R R B & S J Harvey	Z SEXTON GENERAL 6

Class 2

1 st	P S Rowe	TREWINT TRUSTY 1
2 nd	R A Ford	GOFFE CAVE PERSIUS 8
3 rd	D A Ashcroft	CHAVID IMPERIAL

Class 3

1 st	Mr & Mrs R C Burrough	GODWORTHY ENTERPRISE 12
2 nd	H Lello	TREVASSACK GEM
3 rd	Mr & Mrs W P Harper	Z AI BEDFORD HERMES 1

Class 4

1 st	M E & T E Broome	WELLAND VALLEY TOBIAS 6
2 nd	R K Rundle	KESTLE LEO 2
3 rd	R W Bostelmann	RUFFORD SAS GUNNER

Class 5

1 st	Mr & Mrs J Collings	WENFORK TRUSTY 5
2 nd	D J Thomas & Son	Z TREGUDDICK POLL PROGRESSION 5
3 rd	R R B & S J Harvey	Z SEXTON POLL POLARIS 2

Class 6

1 st	R J & C J Edwards	X COLCHARTON DEMETRIUS 14
2 nd	R K Rundle	KESTLE LEO
3 rd	M E & T E Broome	WELLAND VALLEY DYNAMIC 4

Male Champion – Roskymer Cup

Winner M E & T E Broome WELLAND VALLEY TOBIAS 6

Reserve Male Champion – Rowe Cup

Winner Mr & Mrs J Collings WENFORK TRUSTY 5

Most points on inspection & performance – Thornton Cup

Winner B G & J Z A Dart Z AI WOODHAYES ILLYA 12
Reserve R K Rundle KESTLE LEO 2

Best Male Pair – Macfarlane Cup

Winner R K Rundle KESTLE LEO 2
KESTLE LEO
Reserve D J Thomas & Son Z TREGUDDICK POLL PROGRESSION 5
TREGUDDICK PROGRESSION 3

Best Polled Male – Polled South Devon Cup

Winner B G & J Z A Dart Z AI WOODHAYES ILLYA 12
Reserve D J Thomas & Son Z TREGUDDICK POLL PROGRESSION 5

FEMALES

Class 7a

1st R K Rundle KESTLE TULIP 77
2nd A H & E M Bartley MUTTERTON CAMPION 4
3rd R K Rundle KESTLE BUTTERMAID 75

Class 7b

1st M R & R J Rowe TREGONDALE JILL 132
2nd R Sadler CARLYDNACK CAROLINE 7 (T)
3rd R J & C J Edwards Z COLCHARTON DARLING OF 2007

Champion Female – Sexton Cup

Winner R K Rundle KESTLE TULIP 77

Reserve Champion Female – Alger Cup

Winner M R & R J Rowe TREGONDALE JILL 132

Best Female Pair – Greenslade Perpetual Cup

Winner R K Rundle KESTLE BUTTERMAID 75
KESTLE TULIP 77
Reserve M R & R J Rowe TREGONDALE JILL 132
TREGONDALE SUFFRAGETTE 17

Best Polled Female – Colcharton Cup

Winner R J & C J Edwards Z COLCHARTON DARLING OF 2007
Reserve Mr & Mrs W P Harper Z BEDFORD DAFFODIL 59

THE SALE

BULLS

Vendor	Name	Purchaser	Gns
P S Rowe	Trewint Tornado 4	G Kerslake, Moor Farm, Shobrooke, Crediton, Devon	4000
BG&JZA Dart	Z AI Woodhayes Ilyya 12	Minard Farm, Polbathic, Torpoint, Cornwall	3800
J P Harrison	Brafferton Starbuster 18	P S Rowe, Trewint, Menheniot, Liskeard, Cornwall	3500
RRB&SJ Harvey	Z Sexton General 6	N H & M J Cole, Greenwell Farm, Yelverton, Devon	3900
Northwick Est	Northwick Claudius 12	J Burgess, 139 Boxworth End, Swavesey, Cambridge	2000
P S Rowe	Trewint Trusty 1	J R Nicholls, Berry Farm, Berry Pomeroy, Totnes, Devon	3500
JGWilliams &Son	Hopton Duke 1	M & B Janes, The Waun, Penrhos, Raglan, Usk, Monmouth	2000
R A Ford	Goffe Cave Persius 8	F Screech &Son, South Petherwin, Launceston, Cornwall	2000
D A Ashcroft	Chavid Imperial	J Northway, Broadhalls Fm, Chagford, Devon	1700
FRJ&RJ Horsman	George Teign Harold 2	T W Pearce, West Tenecreek, St Veep, Lostwithiel, Cornwall	1500
RCBurrough	Godworthy Enterprise 12	J R Davis, Clapton Fm, Cucklington, Wincanton, Somerset	3200
Mr&Mrs WP Harper	Z AI Bedford Hermes 1	T Whitley, Hedge Barton, Widecombe in the Moor, Devon	2000
R C Burrough	Z Godworthy Excalibur 56	J Dyer, Hartnoll Barton, Muddiford, Barnstaple, Devon	3800
H Lello	Trevassack Gem	CJ Smallwood, Chapple Farm, Gidleigh, Chagford, Devon	2800
RW Bostelmann	Rufford SAS Gunner	Mells Park, Frome, Somerset	3000
JGWilliams &Son	Hopton Duke 2	SP Burden, Higher Tredundle, Egloskerry, Launceston, Cornwall	1500
ME&TE Broome	Welland Valley Tobias 6	WJ&GM Chesters, Whitegates Fm, Nomansheath, Cheshire	3700

R K Rundle	Kestle Leo 2	TF Ball, Roserrans Fm, Tregatillian, St Columb Major, Cornwall	2600
MR&RJ Rowe	Tregondale Balti 6	RJ Hunt, Springfields, Lower Roccombe, Newton Abbot, Devon	3200
DJ Thomas & Son	Z Treguddick Poll Progression 5	EL Foale, Courtwell Fm, Coffinswell, Newton Abbot, Devon	6200
R A Ford	Goffe Cave Navigator 2	RA Wonnacott & Son, Thornworthy, Chagford, Devon	2200
RRB&SJ Harvey	Z Sexton Poll Polaris 2	Mr&Mrs JA Hopkins, Dolhurst Fm, Lympsham, Somerset	5500
DJ Thomas & Son	Treguddick Progression 3	GH Denning, Green Fm, Mudford, Yeovil, Somerset	2800
ME&TE Broome	Welland Valley Dynamic 1	MR&RJ Rowe, Tregondale Fm, Menheniot, Liskeard, Cornwall	4700
Mr&Mrs J Collings	Wenfork Trusty 5	T M Kent, Eyton Fm, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire	5800
RJ&CJ Edwards	X Colcharton Demetrius 14	MJ&RD Shinner, Coyton Barton, Ermington, Ivybridge, Devon	5000
RJ&CJ Edwards	Z Colcharton Dynamic 2	JB Fentem&Sons, Manor Fm, Alsop-en-le-Dale, Derbyshire	5500
R K Rundle	Kestle Leo	D J Camp, Brockhills Fm, Harbertonford, Totnes, Devon	5100
ME&TE Broome	Welland Valley Dynamic 4	JF Collinson&Son, Inces Barn, Norton Fm, Seaford, Sussex	4500
RRB&SJ Harvey	Sexton Excalibur 38	C&V Kneebone & Son, Gatherleigh, Lifton, Devon	3100
RRB&SJ Harvey	Sexton Cavalier 11	JG Williams&Son, Upper House Fm, Craven Arms, Shropshire	5000

31 bulls sold, average 3159 gns=£3695

HALTER BROKEN 2-YR OLD HEIFERS

Vendor	Name	Purchaser	Gns
R K Rundle	Kestle Buttermaid 75	T Earl, Ethy Barton, Lerryn, Cornwall	2050
Sir Simon Day	Keaton Buttercup 35	M J H & Sons, Herons Green Fm, Compton Martin, Avon	1250
Sir Simon Day	Keaton Cowslip 90	R A Cole, Higher Beardon, Lydford, Okehampton, Devon	1220
Mr&Mrs J Collings	Wenfork Jane 8	T Earl, Ethy Barton, Lerryn, Cornwall	1720
AH&EM Bartley	Mutterton Champion 4	M J H & Sons, Herons Green Fm, Compton Martin, Avon	1620
R K Rundle	Kestle Tulip 77	R A Cole, Higher Beardon, Lydford, Okehampton, Devon	2100
AH&EM Bartley	Mutterton Clary 3	R A Cole, Higher Beardon, Lydford, Okehampton, Devon	1620
Mr&Mrs WP Harper	Z Bedford Moonbeam 30	W D Vanstone, Burford Cottage, Woolsery, Bideford, Devon	2050

8 halter broken 2-yr old heifers sold, average 1704 gns=£1789

HALTER BROKEN YEARLING HEIFERS

Vendor	Name	Purchaser	Gns
MR&RJ Rowe	Tregondale Jill 132	T Earl, Ethy Barton, Lerryn, Cornwall	2150
RJ&CJ Edwards	Z Colcharton Darling of 2007	R Edwards, Mousenatch Fm, Kingsland, Leominster, Hereford	3000
R Sadler	Carlydnack Caroline 7 (T)	M J H & Sons, Herons Green Fm, Compton Martin, Avon	1750
MR&RJ Rowe	Tregondale Suffragette 17	T Earl, Ethy Barton, Lerryn, Cornwall	2600
Mr&Mrs WP Harper	Z Bedford Daffodil 59	W D Vanstone, Burford Cottage, Woolsery, Bideford, Devon	2050
Mr&Mrs WP Harper	Z Bedford Beauty 52	W D Vanstone, Burford Cottage, Woolsery, Bideford, Devon	2200
Mr&Mrs WP Harper	Z Bedford Suffragette 34	W D Vanstone, Burford Cottage, Woolsery, Bideford, Devon	2300

7 halter broken yearling heifers sold, average 2293 gns=£2407

NON HALTER BROKEN 2-YR OLD HEIFERS

Vendor	Name	Purchaser	Gns
Sir Simon Day	Keaton Polly 39	R A Cole, Higher Beardon, Lydford, Okehampton, Devon	1480
Sir Simon Day	Keaton Bluebell 28	T Earl, Ethy Barton, Lerryn, Cornwall	1800
Sir Simon Day	Keaton Judy 73	D Holt, Dane Spring Fm, Bower Heath Lane, Harpenden, Herts	1700
Sir Simon Day	Keaton Bluebell 29	D Holt, Dane Spring Fm, Bower Heath Lane, Harpenden, Herts	2100

4 non halter broken 2-yr old heifers sold, average 1770 gns=£1859

FRAME SCORE MEASUREMENTS

SCROTAL CIRCUMFERENCE (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg	Pass size
15-20	2	36	36	33
21-30	32	35-40	37	35

HEIGHT AT WITHERS (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	2	136-142	139
21-30	32	125-150	142

HEIGHT AT RUMP (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	2	144-150	147
21-30	32	134-157	148

LENGTH (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Withers to pins		Hooks to pins	
		Range	Avg	Range	Avg
15-20	2	145-150	147.5	63-65	64
21-30	32	131-162	149	56-72	65

RUMP WIDTH (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	2	63-68	65.5
21-30	32	60-71	66.5

WEIGHT (kg)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	2	776-912	844
21-30	32	642-1134	910

SHOULDER WIDTH (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	2	66	66
21-30	32	59-80	70

One bull was rejected for scrotal circumference.

JAW (inspection)**Bulls**

All 34 bulls passed at inspection with teeth on the pad.

Females

All 19 females passed at inspection with teeth on the pad.

CHARITY TOURS 2009

Robin Weston, one of our “expat” members who now lives in France, has asked us to publicise another long charity cycle ride which he plans to undertake later this year, in July.

Sponsorship permitting, he hopes to participate in the London-Edinburgh-London Audax ride, which is to raise money for the Make a Noise campaign to prevent the long distance transport of horses for slaughter.

If you would like to make a contribution please contact Robin & Sandra Weston, tel: 0033 553 28 55 74, e-mail saroanje@wanadoo.fr, or write to Le Bois de Guinot, 24620 Marquay, France.

FORTHCOMING SALES

MIDLAND CLUB

22nd Annual Sale at Stratford Livestock Auctions, Willicote,
Clifford Chambers, Stratford-upon-Avon

Saturday 2nd May

Judging from 9.30 am, Sale at 12 noon

30 pedigree bulls, 69 pedigree females

2 primestock

dispersal of Wormsley herd

Auctioneer: John Wakeham, Messrs Kivells

Inspector: Duncan Findlay, MRCVS

“CORNISH SOUTH DEVON BREEDERS FAIR”

at Hallworthy Market

Friday 15th May

starting from 12 noon, after main store sale

8 bulls under 3 years

3 cows & calves

28 pedigree heifers

9 purebred steers and 3 purebred heifers

5 crossbred steers and 12 crossbred heifers

catalogues from Kivells, Hallworthy

tel: 01840 261261

DISPERSAL OF THE TAN HOUSE HERD

by instruction of John & Menna Rowlands, A Rowlands & Son
(PB) Ltd, Tan House Farm, Overton on Dee, Wrexham, LL13 0LJ
Tel: 01978 710303/07711 577836

Saturday 16th May at 12 noon, on-farm

Pedigree performance recorded South Devon herd
Juniper, Grove, Wappenshall, Nether Mynton bloodlines

32 cows, warranted in-calf or calved
12 heifers, 9 of which warranted in-calf or calved
2 maiden heifers (19 and 21 months)
16 heifers born 2008
3 young bulls
2 stock bulls – Highgate Hayden 14 & Eyton SAS Bassa 1

Bluetongue vaccinated October 2008
BVD vaccinated (except 2008 born)
2-yearly TB testing interval

Oswestry Cattle Auctions, tel: 01691 653547 for catalogues

Initial notice of the DISPERSAL OF THE FLETE HERD

by instruction of Mr A J B Mildmay-White, Flete Farms
Partnership, Haye Farm, Holbeton, Plymouth, Devon, PL8 1JR

Tuesday 14th July

Auctioneer: Mr John Wakeham, Messrs Kivells, Hallworthy
Tel: 01840 26126

CARLISLE SPRING PEDIGREE SALE

Borderway Mart, Carlisle
Friday 22nd May

7 bulls, 19 females
cattle will be shown

catalogues from Harrison & Hetherington, tel: 01228 640924
info@borderway.com

SOUTH DEVON CATTLE BREEDERS CLUB

Exeter Livestock Market
Friday 29th May
following main store sale at 10.00 am

Entries invited for pedigree, purebred, crossbred South Devons
from members and non-members

Judging begins at 9.00 am by Mr Prydderch Rees, Crickhowell,
Powys, Wales

Contact: Mr Peter Farnsworth
Messrs Rendells, Exeter Market Auctioneers, Tel: 01392 276668

SOCIETY OFFICERS **EXECUTIVE & SUB-COMMITTEES**

Following elections in March, the following officers are now committee members:

EXECUTIVE

Mr James Eustice (Society Chairman)
Mr Malcolm Broome
Mr Richard Camp
Mr Richard Harvey
Mr Mervyn Rowe

BREED IMPROVEMENT (TECHNICAL)

Mr Richard Wright (Committee chairman)
Mr George Dart
Mr Richard Harvey
Mr Peter Rowe
Mr Douglas Scott

BREED PROMOTION

Mr Malcolm Broome (Committee chairman)
Mr Richard Ashcroft
Mr Richard Burrough
Mrs Diana Rusher
Mr Tom Elliott
Mr Richard Ford

JUDGES ADVISERS TO EXECUTIVE

Mr Peter Rowe
Mr Mark Thomas

NOTICE OF REGIONAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Region One will take place on Tuesday 5th May at 7.30 pm, at the Victoria Inn, Roche, Cornwall

All regional members are invited to attend

The meeting will be followed by a talk by Mr James Moon of Cornish Livestock Producers (CQLP)

NOTICE FOR MEMBERS OF REGION 7 **(The North, Scotland & N. Ireland)**

A review has recently been made of Council representation in the Regions, to assess whether any proportional changes might be desirable.

The conclusion reached by the Executive and by Council was that Region 7 might be considered to be under-represented in comparison with other regions.

Members within that region are requested to voice their opinion on the matter to the Breed Secretary and, in particular,

- Do you consider it necessary or desirable to have a third representative from the Region on Council?

Please would you reply by **Friday 5th June**, so that further consideration to the matter may be given by the Executive Committee.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF FARM WALK IN REGION 4 (South & South-East)

A farm walk by kind invitation of Robert & Sophie Whitcombe, Berry Grove Farm, Hawkley Rd, Liss, Petersfield, Hampshire, will be held in the middle of June.

It will be open to members of Region 4, and any other Society members.

The firm date will be advised to members shortly.

CALL FOR HELP FROM REGION 2 (Devon)

Changes to arrangements at the Devon County Show this year, which runs from Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd May, mean that extra help is required on the South Devon stand.

Instead of being inside the cattle building, Breed Societies will have stands in a marquee alongside the livestock judging ring, and so cannot rely on as much help from exhibitors as in recent years.

In addition, Council have taken the decision to ask Caroline to represent the Breed at Beef Expo 2009 (21st May), and at the Carlisle Sale (22nd May), leaving the Devon County Show in the capable hands of Liz and Debbie.

If any Devon members have an hour or two to give, to spend on the stand talking to visitors about South Devons, handing out literature, or making cups of tea or coffee, it would be much appreciated. Please would you be kind enough to let the office know if you can help.

ASSISTANT STOCKMAN WANTED

ALDBOURNE CHASE HERD

Pedigree South Devon herd
Commercial Aberdeen Angus herd
Expanding to 1000 head including followers

Excellent opportunity for the right applicant
Includes 3-bedroom house

Send CV to David Armstrong, 1 Snap Farm Cottages, Woodsend,
Aldbourn, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 2NP,
or telephone 07786 543381

ADVANCE NOTICE OF OPEN DAY

by kind invitation of Malcolm & Thelma Broome,
Welland Valley herd, Manor Farm, Thorpe Langton, Market
Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 7TS

THURSDAY 2ND JULY
beginning at 1.30 pm

There will be a further notice in the next newsletter

SHOW NEWS

SHOW LINK REPRESENTATIVES

Would all Show Link Representatives from 2008, who kindly undertook the responsibility of providing contact between Show secretaries and the SDHBS (to monitor number of entries for example), and ensuring that promotional literature from the SDHBS office is available to visitors to their particular show, please let us know *if you are no longer able* to carry out this very valuable function.

If we do not hear from you we will assume you still have the job!

THE ROYAL SHOW

No doubt you will all have read in the Press that 2009 will be the last year for the Royal Show, and there is no need here to delve into the Show's recent history and its problems.

Suffice it to say that exhibitors have one more chance to win what are still deemed to be very prestigious awards at the Royal Show, and we hope for a good turnout.

Council have asked that as many members as possible support the Show in this, its final year, and give encouragement to South Devon exhibitors.

The Society will hold a barbecue, as usual, on the evening of the day of judging – more details to follow – and Roger Elliott and family have kindly offered to organise and cook. Annabel Ford has also generously offered to help with catering, *but we do need other helpers* in the Pavilion.

Please let the office know if you are willing and able to assist.

THE SMITHFIELD CHRISTMAS SHOW

Again, no doubt you will all have heard that Smithfield is to move to Stoneleigh this year.

With this more central location, we hope to attract more exhibitors to promote the breed at this very important primestock show, so please consider what you might have in your herds that might be suitable!

If you would like advice, then just let the office know.

ROYAL CORNWALL

On the first day of the Show, Thursday 4th June, the Truro Club will be hosting a Tea Party in the Society's marquee at 4 pm, for all Society members attending the show.

The Tea Party will be sponsored by Harpers Home Mix.

NEW SUPPORT CALLED FOR

A number of Shows have indicated an interest in holding classes for South Devons in the future, if sufficient numbers can be encouraged to enter this year.

They include:

Dorset County Show, Dorchester,	5 th & 6 th September
Royal Berkshire Show, Newbury	19 th & 20 th September
Woolsey Show, North Devon	27 th July

For further information, either "google" the internet, or contact the office.

DAVID PHILLIPS MEMORIAL COMPETITION

As a result of the difficulty in attracting sufficient entries to the Competition in its original format, it has now been redrafted with the objectives of encouraging younger members, and younger relatives/employees of members, to show South Devon cattle.

The new format will be distinct from the Lloyd & Whyte Young Handler Competition, and will encourage involvement in a multitude of different shows where South Devon classes are held.

The new Competition will run in any one calendar year, and Summer shows with individual South Devon classes will qualify for the Competition. A minimum of two shows must be entered. There will be no maximum number of shows, and the two highest-scoring shows will count towards the final points.

Members, and relatives or employees of members, aged between 16 and 25 on the dates of their first and last shows will be eligible to enter the Competition. Cattle shown need not be the property of the Exhibitor, but must be prepared at the Show by the Exhibitor.

Entrants and exhibitors are invited to apply for Young Exhibitor cards from the SDHBS office in good time before shows are held, which must be handed to the South Devon judge of the classes *before judging begins*. The entrant should identify in which class he/she should be judged.

The judge will mark the Exhibitor with points out of ten, in each of three sections: Exhibitor's personal presentation; presentation of the animal; competence in handling the animal. The judge will be encouraged to ask pertinent questions of the entrants.

The judge will be responsible for returning the completed cards to the SDHBS office as soon as possible after the show, and in any case by 31st December.

The Young Exhibitor's two highest scoring shows will count towards the winning prize of £200, and a Trophy to be retained for one year will be presented at the AGM following the year in which the cattle were shown.

In the event of a tie, the prize money will be shared equally among the winners.

The Competition may be held for as many years as the David Phillips Memorial Fund allows. It may not be won by any one individual more than once.

WORLD CONGRESS 2011

Hosts of the 2011 World Congress, the South Devon Cattle Society of Australia, have released a draft outline of the itinerary, as follows:

Daphne Lines is acting as coordinator, and we wish her well for this mammoth task! The Tour will be conducted from 10th October to 10th November 2011. The Conference will be held on 23rd and 24th October in Ballarat, Victoria.

The draft Tour schedule will start with five days in south-west Western Australia (fly to Perth); the next six days will be in South Australia; followed by four days in southern Victoria; three days in northern Tasmania; five days in southern Queensland; with the last five days in eastern New South Wales. The plan is to have dinner on the last night aboard an evening cruise of Sydney Harbour!

For participants who do not have time to attend the full schedule, it will be possible to join the Tour at various stages across the country; similarly it will be possible to depart at various stages if delegates are unable to attend to the end.

Watch this space for more details – it sounds fabulous!

COMPENSATION FOR BOVINE TB

Payable during April 2009

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NON PEDIGREE AND PEDIGREE IS HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT – IT IS IN YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS TO CHECK THAT YOUR REGISTRATIONS ARE UP TO DATE!

NON PEDIGREE BOVINE

Male		Female	
Age	Compensation due	Age	Compensation due
Up to 3 months	210	Up to 3 months	170
Over 3 months up to 6 months	338	Over 3 months up to 6 months	288
Over 6 months Up to 9 months	531	Over 6 months Up to 9 months	450
Over 9 months Up to 12 months	655	Over 9 months Up to 12 months	555
Over 12 months Up to 16 months	711	Over 12 months Up to 16 months	605
Over 16 months Up to 20 months	772	Over 16 months Up to 20 months	688
20 months and over	883	20 months and over	785
Breeding bulls 20 months and over	1183	Calved	1022

PEDIGREE BOVINE

Male		Female	
Age	Compensation due	Age	Compensation due
6 months up to 12 months	*	6 months up to 12 months	1,045
Over 12 months up to 24 months	4,478	Over 12 months up to 24 months	*
24 months and over	2,681	24 months and over (not calved)	1,520
		Calved under 36 months	1,444
		Calved 36 months and over	1,494

*Compensation to be determined using individual valuation

FILM TO HIGHLIGHT BOVINE TB

One of our members on Dartmoor, Chris Smallwood, who has suffered significantly in recent months from TB casualties, has been contributing to the making of a film by Chris Chapman about the TB crisis in the south-west.

Sponsorship is now being sought to help with the finance target of £12,000. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Chris Chapman, tel: 01647 231508. His website is www.chrischapmanphotography.com.

USE OF GAMMA INTERFERON TEST

There has been some concern recently that the Gamma Interferon Test is being “imposed” in some circumstances where it does not need to be.

Please be aware that it is normally employed only in herds where there is a persistently high level of TB infection. *You do not have to accept its use on inconclusive reactors.*

GRASS ROOTS PUBLISHING

Award-winning author, Graham Harvey, has published a book called “The Carbon Fields” in which he sets out the very positive case for eating meat, particularly beef from animals that spend much of their lives grazing fresh pasture.

In his book he investigates the world of food, farming and how global corporations have hijacked almost every aspect of the natural world around us. He shows how internationally traded grains have been used to exacerbate climate change, obesity and sickness.

We are being offered a special price of £35 for 10 copies, and we are very happy to order a small stock for members. If you would like a copy please let us know. It makes interesting reading, and is quite supportive of our native breeds!

EXPORTS

Would anyone like to represent the breed in Poland this year? There have been some changes which make it impossible for Caroline to attend – it's a new show with new dates.

Lublin Agricultural Show, Sitno, Poland
3rd-5th July

A grant is available towards the Society's costs, and if you would like to set up and man a stand for 3 days (with materials provided by the office), it would maintain the support we have been giving to breed promotion in Poland.

Please let Caroline know as soon as possible if you are interested in helping with this one.

VIV Asia, Bangkok

Richard Hartshorn has recently returned from Thailand where he represented the SAS breeding group and the Society at the VIV Asia show. He was successful in sorting out the paperwork to get some semen into the country before the Show, which meant there was something to offer potential buyers who made enquiries on the stand.

It is very encouraging that much of that semen has now been sold, and it would appear that we are putting a small foothold into the country.

Our thanks and appreciation go to Richard for his dedication and enthusiasm.

MERCHANDISE CLEARANCE SALE

Lots of bargains still being offered!

South Devon Aprons (green or cream) were £8.50, now £3.00 each, or two for £5.00

Baseball Caps (green with logo) were £3.50, now £2.50 each or two for £4.00

Keyrings with logo (gold/silver) were £3.25/£3.50, now £1.00 each

Lapel pins with logo were £1.25, now £1.00

Lorry stickers with logo only were £3.00, now £1.00

Letter openers (silver with logo) were £4.75, now £2.00

Silver Regency Rollerball pens with logo were £4.95, now £2.00

Postcards in packs of 5 or 10 were £1.35/£2.70, now £50p/£1.00 (just 10p per card)

Print of South Devons at water were £9.50, now £6.50

Dartington Crystal Tankard were £15.00, now £5.00 each or two for £8.00

South Devon umbrellas with plastic or elm handle were £16.00/£18.00, now £8.00/£10.00

THERE IS ALSO A SELECTION OF SWEATSHIRTS, T-SHIRTS, AND POLO SHIRTS - please ask Debbie for more information

DNA SERVICES – REDUCED CHARGES

Please would you be aware that the ONLY test included in the cost of pedigree male registration (£45 plus VAT up to 18 months) is **sire verification**. The registration fee does not include a test for myostatin or the beef profile.

The cost of testing for myostatin and the Igenity beef profile (incorporating scores for a range of traits such as tenderness, marbling, fat thickness, etc) **is now combined to give an overall reduced cost of £22.50 plus VAT** (previously it would have cost £39.50 plus VAT).

CALENDAR 2010

Following the successful production and sale of our first South Devon calendar in 2009, we are looking to produce another one for next year, in good time for selling it this Autumn.

If you have a camera, please take it with you when you think there may be an opportunity for a South Devon picture.

We welcome your photographs, and we will be able to run a competition for the best one in each season if there are sufficient entries.

We can receive graphics electronically via e-mail, or on disc, or the old-fashioned paper variety!

SOUTH WEST RDA FUNDING

A FREE event with lunch provided is being held by the South West Regional Employment and Skills Partnership to determine the levels of investment for skills and training needs in the South West. There is £8 million to be spent (!), and input is needed to know where to channel expenditure.

The event will be held on Friday 8th May between 10 am and 2 pm, at Dillington House, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 9DT.

For further details contact Samantha Gates, tel; 01823 414403, e-mail Sam.Gates@swrsp.org.uk.

TOWERGATE LLOYD & WHYTE **YOUNG HANDLER COMPETITION**

Please be advised that this year's Young Handler Competition will be held at the Royal Welsh Show, on Tuesday 21st July at 4.30 pm.

More details and an entry form will be included in the next newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS

NEW FULL MEMBERS

Region 1 Mr T Earl, Ethy Barton, Lerryn, Cornwall, PL22 0ND
Prefix: ETHY

Region 3 Mrs M Heald & Mrs M Kemmish, Westhill Farm, Catherine St, East Huntspill, Somerset, TA9 3PZ Prefix: WESTHILL BONIFACE

Region 5 Mr J Hedges, Wormsley Estate, Stokenchurch, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP14 3YG Prefix: WORMSLEY
Mr M Denton & Mr B Pike, The Lodge, Poughley, Woodlands St Mary, Hungerford, Berks, RG17 7BA Prefix: DOWNLAND

NEW INTRODUCTORY

Region 2 Mrs S Thomas & Mr P Cuff, Styles Barton Barn, Whitestone, Exeter, Devon Introduced by George Dart

Region 3 G Cullimore & Son, New House Farm, Ryalls Lane, Cambridge, Glos, GL2 7AT Introduced by Douglas Scott
Mr & Mrs C Norman, The Manor House, Winterbourne, Monkton, Dorchester, DT2 9BT Introduced by John Virgin

Region 6 Major & Mrs C A R Lockhart, High Ash, Tushingam, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 4QL Prefix: HILLSIDE Introduced by Patrick Gunn

Region 7 Alan Dalton Ltd, c/o Mr J Hick, Park Farm, Howden, East Yorkshire, DN14 7JP Introduced by Stewart Cooke
C N Stevens & Sons Farms Ltd, Sow Brook Farm, Sow Brook Lane, Dale Abbey, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 4PD Prefix: CHARLESDALE
Introduced by Richard Harvey

NEW RESIGNING

- Region 3 Blade Farming South West Ltd, Muchelney Rd, Huish Episcopi,
Langport, Somerset, TA10 9HG
- Region 7 R & L Austin, Upper Portrack, Holywood Rd, Dumfries, Scotland, DG2
0SD Prefix: ISLESIDE

DIARY

- May** 2nd Midland Club Sale, Stratford upon Avon
15th Truro Club Sale, Hallworthy
16th Tan House dispersal sale, Oswestry
21st/23rd Devon County Show
21st Beef Expo 2009, Malvern
22nd Carlisle Sale
29th South Devon Cattle Breeders Club Sale, Exeter
- June** 4th/6th Royal Cornwall Show
17th Meeting of the Executive, Westpoint
- July** 2nd Welland Valley Open Day
7th/10th Royal Show
14th/16th Great Yorkshire Show
14th Flete herd dispersal sale
20th/23rd Royal Welsh Show
21st Young Handler Competition, Royal Welsh Show

AND FINALLY

SOME DEFINITIONS (courtesy of the RASE)

- Democracy** A system which ensures that everybody gets what nobody wants
- Experience** The ability to recognise a mistake when you make it again
- Hypochondria** The only illness a hypochondriac thinks he or she doesn't have
- Procrastination** A word I didn't get round to defining today but might get round to tomorrow
- Dieting** Wishful shrinking