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## AUGUST 2008 NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Member,**

Where did July go?? It has been a very busy month for many of us, what with the conclusion of the major shows and the start of many one-day shows. Results of the majors are inside; the one-day results will appear in next year's Journal. Unfortunately both TB and BTV restrictions have bitten hard into the number of cattle forward, but exhibitors have pulled out all the stops to do what they can. Demand for the breed continues to be strong, as reflected in the level of enquiries received in the cattle lines and on the Society stand.

The **World Congress** in Canada has been and gone, and for those who were able to go, it was a really memorable time: the World Conference was positive and progressive; the South Devon cattle were impressive and an insight into another country's breeding environment; the Tours were interesting and often exciting (especially at the top of a mountain!); the scenery was breath-taking; and the company was friendly and fun. To sum up, in Dar Giess (World President)'s words – "Good cattle – good people – having a good time!" An initial report on the

Conference is inside. Other reports will follow and will also be in next year's Journal.

Forthcoming events are detailed inside – please note in particular the change of date of the **Poll Group's visit to the Polkinghorne herd** – now *Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September*.

It is also your last chance to enter the **National Herd Competition** if you wish to do so – entries will close on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August. I shall be away on holiday for the second half of August so the itinerary has to be put together before I go. Judging will take place between 12<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

The **Judges Seminar** (for all Society qualified and probationary judges) is taking place on 8<sup>th</sup> September – individual letters are being sent to all those concerned.

Also on the horizon and rapidly approaching, is the **Autumn Show & Sale**. At the moment, because of Bluetongue zoning, areas of Wales and the north of England and Scotland are excluded. However, there is a strong likelihood that more availability of vaccine will open up Wales and the north (Scotland will remain apart) in time for the Sale. Entries are invited, and a Schedule is enclosed. Please contact the office to request entry forms.

Debbie has recently written to all those of you who kindly bought a **Club** ticket last year. The new fund has just been launched, so if any others of you are interested in taking part, please see inside.

Members' generosity has once again come to the fore, with the ever-enthusiastic rally cry for help from Pat Rickett, to raise funds to pay for a specially designed wooden trophy in memory of Roy Babey – to be presented at the Moreton-in-Marsh Show on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September. The target has just about been reached – but there is one more fund-raising event to take place at the pre-Sale Supper at the Bristol Sales Centre on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October – more detail within.

Sadly, I have a few losses to report to you, all of whom leave a gap in the Society in one way or another: Mrs Joan Parish, from West Yorkshire, who died a few months ago; Mr Gerald Mitchell, from Cornwall, who kept South Devons since the 1950s; Mr Lesley Wills from Ireland, who only last year made a presentation of a picture to the Society at the Devon County Show; and Mr Ned Rees, a well-respected stalwart of the Australian Society. Our sincere condolences to all the families and friends.

With best wishes

**Caroline**

# **AUTUMN SHOW & SALE**

**Bristol Sales Centre  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

**Judge:** Mr M R Rowe, Tregondale, Menheniot, Liskeard, Cornwall

**Inspector:** Mr D Findlay, MRCVS, Vale Veterinary Practice, Cullompton, Devon

**Auctioneers:** Mr J Wakeham & Mr M Bromell, Messrs Kivells, Launceston, Cornwall

## **SCHEDULE**

- A. All animals in the Show Classes to arrive at the Livestock Centre between **11.00** and **14.00** on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October.
- B. A veterinary inspector will be carrying out inspections on all animals at the Centre on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October between the hours of **14.00** and **16.00**. If animals are not made ready to be inspected during those times the Society reserves the right to refuse entry to the Sale. Any member who has an animal rejected will have their entry fee refunded.
- C. All measurements (frame scores) of bulls will be shown at the sale. EBVs will be published in the catalogue for cattle from Breedplan recorded herds, and will be on display on each pen as applicable.
- D. Judging will take place at 09.00 on Tuesday morning and the Sale will start at 12.30 pm.

**ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 29th AUGUST 2008**

*(Late entries accepted only at the discretion of the Secretary)*

**Entry Forms are now available from**

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## **CLASSES**

### **BULLS**

- 1. Bulls from 12 months to 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> years of age. This class may be divided.
- 2. Bulls over the age of 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> years (*for sale only*).

### **FEMALES**

- 1. Cow of any age, in calf or with calf at foot.
- 2. Heifers under the age of 3 years 3 months on the day of sale, with calf at foot or warranted to calve by that age.
- 3. Heifers from 1 year 3 months to 2 years 3 months, in calf, running with the bull or not served.
- 4. Heifers from 9 months to 15 months of age.
- 5. Non halter-broken females (*for sale only*), classes as for halter-broken.

## NOTES

### 1. **ENTRY FEES:**

Bulls	£30 + VAT
Females (including calf at foot)	£30 + VAT

Animals not forward due to illness but with a veterinary certificate will receive a £10 + VAT reimbursement.

The entry fee, pedigree certificate, and organic certificate (where applicable) must be enclosed when returning the completed entry form for each animal.

### 2. **INSPECTION OF ALL ENTRIES**

Once at the Sales Centre all bulls will be weighed and all halter broken entries inspected and checked for locomotion, temperament, active infection (eg ringworm, etc), and defects (eg jaws, testicles, hernia, etc) by the veterinary inspector. Those found to be not up to standard will be rejected. No entry thus rejected may be sold through the ring and must be removed from the pens. Non-halter broken females will also be subject to an inspection.

#### **Bulls - Scrotal Circumference:**

Bulls aged 12-14 months	31 cms
Bulls aged 15-20 months	33 cms
Bulls aged 21-30 months	35 cms
Bulls over 31 months	36 cms

Failure to meet the above measurements will mean automatic rejection from the sale.

### 3. **DISPERSAL SALES**

If a member wishes to disperse his/her herd immediately after the Society Sale they may do so provided that it is the whole herd. The cattle are subject to a reduced entry fee of £10 + VAT per animal, which must be enclosed with the entry forms and pedigree certificates and received by the closing date.

### 4. **JUDGING**

Animals bred by the judge will have to be placed by another person. The person so nominated by the Society will not enter the ring until all other animals in the class concerned have been placed by the judge. The person nominated will then enter the ring and place the animal concerned.

If a judge enters an animal for any Society Sale it may be *SOLD* only, but the entry in the catalogue will remain in the appropriate show class. The animal will be paraded in its class but will be removed at the instruction of the steward before judging.

### 5. **CATALOGUE INFORMATION**

Up to 50 words of information may be provided by the Vendors for the catalogue. An additional 30 words may be added at a charge of £0.10/word. **EBVs** - all Breedplan recording members will have their animals' EBVs published in the catalogue as appropriate. **Caesarean births** - members are reminded that they must declare caesarean births for all entries at Society Sales. **Health declarations** - members belonging to a CHeCS scheme will have health status details included with the animal's pedigree information in the catalogue. Information given by other members wishing to make any declarations about health matters will be included as

vendors' notes in the catalogue. BSE declarations will no longer be required.

6. **TB TESTING**

All animals are required to have been tested clear of TB within 60 days prior to the Sale date.

7. **AUCTIONEER**

John Wakeham and Mark Bromell will conduct the Sale.

If you are perhaps new to Society Sales, or to the breed, and would like some advice on the suitability/preparation of animals for the Sale in order to achieve the best results, please let us know. Many of our Society judges would be happy to help and we can point you in the direction of those nearest to you.

## **ROY BABEY MEMORIAL TROPHY**

At the Midland Club Supper, on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July, a large crowd gathered to enjoy a sumptuous feast laid on by Pat and Tony Rickett at Wood Farm, Everdon, and to help raise money towards a special Memorial Trophy for Roy Babey.

Raffle tickets quickly sold out, and Shirley Babey kindly drew lots for the large number of donated prizes. Together with monies raised from the food and drink, a total of £602.95 was collected – a fantastic achievement! In addition £465 was raised from donations – including a very generous £100 from Keith Fisher, Marcus Terry, and Jenny Parkes, which was their winnings for the Best Kept Cattle Line at the Royal Show (those floral displays must have done the trick!)

This tremendous result is a clear reflection of the esteem and respect held for Roy during his time with the South Devon breed.

But it's not finished yet! Mr Bond, owner of Northwick Estate, has very kindly donated a week's holiday accommodation in Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland. We are told that the let is in an idyllic situation – on the coast, on a sheep farm - , and sleeps four (well behaved dogs allowed). It will be available in 2009, subject to other bookings. John Wakeham has kindly agreed to auction it at the pre-Sale Supper on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October. An indication of value is a maximum £550 during high season – so it would be great to raise as much as we can from this. If you are unable to come along, please let us have your sealed bids by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

## **CLUB DRAW NEWS**

The final three draws for 2007/8 were made at the Royal Show barbecue, the winners being Angela Smaridge, Thomas Baker, and J A & C W Young. Each received a cheque for £220.

The new Club is now launched, and the first of six draws throughout the next twelve months will be made at the pre-Sale Supper at Bristol on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Tickets are on sale to members and non-members alike, so if you have family and friends who would like to have the opportunity to win a substantial cash prize, please do your best to sell them a ticket.

If you would like to take part in this year's draw, please let Debbie know by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008. Each ticket costs £15.

### **AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR A YOUNG FARMING COUPLE HAS ARISEN IN CANADA!**

A South Devon breeder, and member of the Canadian South Devon Association is looking to recruit a young couple interested in facing an exciting, life-changing challenge! A new position managing a 120-head herd of South Devon cattle offers long-term commitment and rewards.

If you think this might suit you, please contact Ralph McGregor, e-mail [sms@xplornet.com](mailto:sms@xplornet.com) for more information

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

An enquiry was received at the Mid Devon Show from a couple from Crediton who are looking to purchase an older pedigree cow with calf at foot, that would be suitable for a smallholder, to both suckle the calf and obtain about 3 pints of milk daily for their own consumption.

They are looking for something quiet. If you can help, please let us know.

# **SIRE SUMMARIES**

We have a few copies of the current North American South Devon Sire Summary available. Let us know if you would like one.

We can also provide the most recent UK Sire Summary produced from the July BLUP evaluation. Of course, you can produce your own by using the online database, going to “EBV Enquiry” and filling the “Select if” boxes with Male, Active, Published in Sire Summary, from the drop down menus. If you wish to make a further shortlist, just enter some additional selection criteria further down the page.

# **CELEBRITY OPPORTUNITY!**

We have been contacted by a Ms Sharon Tucker from a production company named Twofour Broadcast who are currently making a show for BBC2 called “Keep it in the Family”.

They are looking for family run farms where the sons or daughters of the family have chosen a career away from farming.

The show looks to explore the dynamics of family businesses and the difficulty they might have in keeping the business in the family, where there is no successor. The idea is that the son or daughter will serve an apprenticeship at the business for a fortnight, allowing the owner to take a step back and observe, hopefully giving all the family members a fresh approach to the future of the business.

Sounds quite daunting to me, but if you are interested in being in the limelight please contact Sharon Tucker, tel 01752 727471, email [sharon.tucker@twofour.co.uk](mailto:sharon.tucker@twofour.co.uk), Twofour Broadcast, Estover, Plymouth, PL6 7RG.

# **BLUETONGUE UPDATE**

These notes came from Andrew Taylor, who sits on the BTV stakeholder group, and is a very helpful point of contact on all matters to do with Animal Health. The meeting took place on 16<sup>th</sup> July, so some points may already be a little out of date.

## **Disease situation:**

- No evidence yet of any BTV circulating in the UK. Number of confirmed cases therefore remains at 136, of which 66 were confirmed cases in 2007 and the rest were detected by pre-movement testing during the vector free period.

- DEFRA are not carrying out any active surveillance, merely investigating any reported cases, none of which have been confirmed as positives.
- All BTV-susceptible imports are being screened on arrival for all BTV serotypes.
- If BTV is still out there we can expect clinical cases to start occurring very soon. Everyone should therefore remain vigilant and report any suspect cases.
- BTV1 is on the move in France, and if and when it arrives in the UK it will cause clinical disease, as BTV8 vaccine does not give cross-immunity.
- Evidence re trans-placental transmission is strengthening and this may turn out to be the major overwintering mechanism.

### **Vaccination:**

- As of this Monday, there is no longer a Surveillance Zone in England, it having either been incorporated into the Protection Zone, or it remaining a clear zone prior to becoming a Protection Zone.
- Take up of vaccine is estimated at over 90%.
- The first deliveries of vaccine from Merial (8 million for England, 5 million for Wales) are expected in early to mid August with completion of delivery by early Autumn. It will be in 100 ml bottles.
- For cattle, the 2 doses of Merial vaccine should be administered 4 weeks apart (not 3 as for Intervet). It is very important that both doses are from the same manufacturer.
- No decisions have yet been made about ordering vaccine supplies for 2009.
- Adverse reactions have been very low indeed. Intervet stress that any suspect adverse reaction should be reported immediately to one's vet who should then report it direct to Intervet.

## **TB UPDATE**

What words can I use to describe the utter frustration at Hilary Benn's announcement that there is to be no cull of badgers in England, and that, instead, extra money will be put towards developing a vaccine. The level of disinterest and sheer irresponsibility on the part of the Government is quite staggering, and I could devote the rest of this newsletter to ranting and raving – but we all feel the same, so I shan't waste paper or breath.

However, there are still a few chinks of light to give us hope: firstly the Welsh Assembly do seem to be committed to taking a holistic approach to eradication of the disease. At meetings held at the Royal Welsh show, it was announced by Christianne Glossop, CVO in Wales, that all herds will be screened for TB this autumn to at least determine the scale of the infection. She said that Wales would

follow a “find, fix and destroy” policy, applicable to the disease, not the industry – a refreshing change to the situation in England.

Secondly we are very fortunate to have such dedicated people working on the NBA TB pedigree committee who are determined to persuade government to allow badger cull licences in carefully boundaried areas. There has also been a change at the top of the NBA, the new Chairman being Christopher Thomas-Everard, a hill farmer from Exmoor, who has direct experience with TB and will no doubt use his position to keep the issue in the public arena.

Thirdly the industry has an almost unanimous voice which includes the NBA, NFU and CLA, in agreeing that DEFRA’s proposed TB Partnership Group would not be joined unless it could set its own agenda and make its own recommendations to the Secretary of State.

Finally, EFRA have criticised the government of underplaying the serious nature of bovine TB, and failing to establish a strategy to immediately reduce the disease.

Please keep your letters flowing to your MPs – the more voice we have, the more chance we have of action. Someone out there must listen one day – hopefully whilst they have power to wield!

## **COMPENSATION FOR BOVINE TB**

**Payable during July 2008**

**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**

<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>	
<b>Age</b>	<b>Compensation due</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Compensation due</b>
Up to 3 months	185	Up to 3 months	149
Over 3 months up to 6 months	300	Over 3 months up to 6 months	257
Over 6 months up to 9 months	434	Over 6 months up to 9 months	370
Over 9 months up to 12 months	516	Over 9 months up to 12 months	441

Over 12 months up to 16 months	682	Over 12 months up to 16 months	543
Over 16 months up to 20 months	777	Over 16 months up to 20 months	656
20 months and over	860	20 months and over	747
Breeding bulls 20 months and over	1,027	Calved	1,100

### **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	1,576
Over 12 months up to 24 months	3,832	Over 12 months up to 24 months	1,338
Bull 24 months and over	2,824	24 months and over (not calved)	1,978
		Calved under 36 months	1,741
		Calved 36 months and over	1,724

\* Compensation to be determined using individual valuation

## **ROYAL SMITHFIELD SHOW**

Entries are called for the following pure breed or sired by pure breed South Devon bull classes:

- Class 3 Heifer
- Class 4 Steer – up to 520 kg
- Class 5 Steer – over 520 kg and up to 580 kg
- Class 6 Steer – over 580 kg

Entries close Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Forms from The Royal Smithfield Club, Brierley House, Summer Lane, Combe Down, Bath, BA2 5LE. Tel: 01225 834741.

# BORDERWAY AGRI-EXPO 2008

A new event which got off to a shaky start in 2007 thanks to FMD and BTV hopes to have better support this year.

The Borderway Agri-Expo is being organised by Harrison & Hetherington at Borderway Mart, Carlisle, on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October, to feature a national suckled calf and primestock show.

With a prize fund of £7,000 there are classes available for native steer & heifer, with overall champion animal receiving £500.

For more information, contact H & H, 01228 640924.

## MORE MAJOR SHOW RESULTS

### THREE COUNTIES

**JUDGE: Mr J P Harrison, Tollerton, Yorkshire**

#### **Class 85: Bull born before 1 September 2006**

1 <sup>st</sup>	W H Sandford	AI HAUGHTON SAS JOE LOUIS 1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	C D & S H Smallcombe	AI GROVE BRUTUS 82
3 <sup>rd</sup>	W H D Scott	GROVE EISENHOWER 19

#### **Class 86: Bull born on or after 1 September 2006**

1 <sup>st</sup>	W H D Scott	GROVE CORNELIUS 74
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#### **Class 87: Cow with her own calf at foot, or certified in calf, having had a full time calf since previous Show**

1 <sup>st</sup>	W H D Scott	GROVE WILLOWHERB 21
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#### **Class 88: Heifer born in 2005**

1 <sup>st</sup>	W H D Scott	GROVE CELANDINE 81
2 <sup>nd</sup>	K V & M A Plain	FOXHOLE WILLOW
3 <sup>rd</sup>	R V Hartshorn	Z CILGWRRWG SAS Q-MILLIE

#### **Class 89: Heifer born on or after 1 January 2006**

1 <sup>st</sup>	W H D Scott	GROVE PRIMROSE 47
2 <sup>nd</sup>	C D & S H Smallcombe	BROOKIN BLUEBELL

#### **Class 90: Heifer born on or after 1 January 2007**

1 <sup>st</sup>	C D & S H Smallcombe	BROOKIN CALA LILY
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bredon School	BREDON NORMAN COUNTESS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	R V Hartshorn	CILGWRRWG SAS SIMPLY MOLLY

#### **Class 91: Group of three animals, exhibitor bred**

1 <sup>st</sup>	C D & S H Smallcombe
2 <sup>nd</sup>	W H D Scott
3 <sup>rd</sup>	K V & M A Plain

#### **SPECIALS**

##### **Male Champion**

W H Sandford	AI HAUGHTON SAS JOE LOUIS 1
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**Female Champion**

W H D Scott GROVE WILLOWHERB 21

**Best Young Bull**

W H D Scott GROVE CORNELIUS 74

**Breed Champion**

W H D Scott GROVE WILLOWHERB 21

**Best Pair**

C D &amp; S H Smallcombe

**Midland Club exhibitor bred animal**

W H Sandford AI HAUGHTON SAS JOE LOUIS 1

**Interbreed supreme champion**

Reserve W H D Scott GROVE WILLOWHERB 21

**Interbreed champion native beef breed**

Champion W H D Scott GROVE WILLOWHERB 21

## **SHROPSHIRE & WEST MIDLANDS**

**JUDGE: Mr C P Hood, Witton, Norwich, Norfolk**

**Class 555: Bull born before 31 December 2006**1<sup>st</sup> W H Sandford AI HAUGHTON SAS JOE LOUIS 12<sup>nd</sup> C D & S H Smallcombe AI GROVE BRUTUS 82**Class 556: Bull born on or after 1 January 2007**1<sup>st</sup> T M Kent Z EYTON SAS BASSA 3**Class 557: Heifer born on or after 1 January 2006**1<sup>st</sup> C D & S H Smallcombe BROOKIN BLUEBELL2<sup>nd</sup> T M Kent Z EYTON SAS DOLLY 63<sup>rd</sup> T M Kent Z EYTON SAS KETTY 5**Class 558: Heifer born on or after January 2007**1<sup>st</sup> R V Hartshorn Z CILGWRRWG SAS SIMPLY MOLLY2<sup>nd</sup> C D & S H Smallcombe BROOKIN BLUEBELL 33<sup>rd</sup> C S Downes CHARD BRISBANE**Class 559: Cow or heifer with calf at foot or in calf born before 31 December 2005**1<sup>st</sup> R V Hartshorn Z CILGWRRWG SAS Q-MILLIE2<sup>nd</sup> G W Goodwin Z GLYNDWR SAS POLLY**Class 560: Pair of exhibitor bred animals**1<sup>st</sup> C D & S H Smallcombe2<sup>nd</sup> R V Hartshorn3<sup>rd</sup> T M Kent**SPECIALS****Male Champion**

W H Sandford AI HAUGHTON SAS JOE LOUIS 1

**Female Champion**

C D &amp; S H Smallcombe BROOKIN BLUEBELL

**Breed Champion**

W H Sandford AI HAUGHTON SAS JOE LOUIS 1

**Exhibitor bred Champion**

W H Sandford AI HAUGHTON SAS JOE LOUIS 1

**Interbreed beef recorded bull (native)**

T M Kent Z EYTON BASSA 3

## ROYAL NORFOLK

**JUDGE: Mr D J Thomas, Treguddick, Launceston, Cornwall**

### **Class 262: Maiden heifer born in 2007**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs J Archer	BRETTLES SAS BLUEBELL
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Malthouse Livestock	MALTHOUSE HOLLY 8
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Malthouse Livestock	MALTHOUSE HOLLY 7

### **Class 263: Heifer in calf born in 2006**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Malthouse Livestock	MALTHOUSE PERIWINKLE 2
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs J Archer	JUNIPER GARNET
3 <sup>rd</sup>	G R Fountaine	PORTMAN BURTLEY FLAME

### **Class 264: Cow with calf at foot**

1 <sup>st</sup>	D Bunn & S J Cooke	BUNNY DORA 1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Miss S Cooke	BUNNY STEPHANIE 2

### **Class 265: Bull any age**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs J Archer	GOFFE CAVE STURDY
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Heath Farms	WOODBASTWICK JOE LOUIS 5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Malthouse Livestock	MALTHOUSE HARLEQUIN

## **SPECIALS**

### **Champion Female**

Winner	D Bunn & S J Cooke	BUNNY DORA 1
Reserve	Malthouse Livestock	MALTHOUSE PERIWINKLE 2

### **Champion Male**

Winner	Mrs J Archer	GOFFE CAVE STURDY
Reserve	Heath Farms	WOODBASTWICK JOE LOUIS 5

### **Breed Champion**

Winner	D Bunn & S J Cooke	BUNNY DORA 1
Reserve	Mrs J Archer	GOFFE CAVE STURDY

### **Best Animal exhibitor bred in Norfolk**

Winner	D Bunn & S J Cooke	BUNNY DORA 1
Reserve	Malthouse Livestock	MALTHOUSE PERIWINKLE 2

### **Best Yearling Bull**

Winner	Heath Farms	WOODBASTWICK JOE LOUIS 5
Reserve	Malthouse Livestock	MALTHOUSE CONJURER

### **Best Group of Three**

Winner	Malthouse Livestock
Reserve	Malthouse Livestock

## THE ROYAL

**JUDGE: Mrs Pat Rickett, Everdon, Daventry, Northants**

### **Class 72.01: Cow, with calf at foot, having had a full time calf in the previous 12 months. Centenary Perpetual Challenge Trophy.**

1 <sup>st</sup>	W H D Scott	Z GROVE SORREL 39
1 <sup>st</sup>	P S Rowe	TREWINT NYLON 1999

### **Class 72.03: Cow or heifer born in 2005**

1 <sup>st</sup>	W H D Scott	GROVE CELANDINE 81
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### **Class s.72.04: C F Nielsen Challenge Trophy for bes female with calf at foot, shown as a pair**

Winner	W H D Scott	GROVE CELANDINE 81
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**Class 72.05: Heifer born in 2006**

1<sup>st</sup> D Smallcombe BROOKIN BLUEBELL  
 2<sup>nd</sup> D Smallcombe BROOKIN BELLA

**Class 72.06: Heifer born in 2007**

1<sup>st</sup> W H D Scott GROVE DAISY 15  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Bredon School BREDON NORMAN COUNTESS  
 3<sup>rd</sup> D Smallcombe BROOKIN BLUEBELL 3

**Class s72.07: Herbert Tully Challenge Cup for best cow or heifer**

Winner W H D Scott GROVE CELANDINE 81

**Class 72.08: Bull born before 31 December 2004**

1<sup>st</sup> D Smallcombe AI GROVE BRUTUS 82

**Class 72.09: Bull born in 2005 or 2006**

1<sup>st</sup> W H D Scott GROVE EISENHOWER 19  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Bredon School BREDON ZAGREUS

**Class 72.10: Bull born in 2007**

1<sup>st</sup> W H D Scott GROVE CROESUS 6

**OTHER SPECIALS****Best bull**

D Smallcombe AI GROVE BRUTUS 82

**Best group of one bull and two females**

W H D Scott

**Best exhibitor bred pair**

W H D Scott

**Breed champion**

D Smallcombe AI GROVE BRUTUS 82

**Best junior bull**

W H D Scott GROVE CROESUS 6

**Best junior animal**

W H D Scott GROVE DAISY 15

**Best polled animal**

W H D Scott Z GROVE SORREL 39

**GREAT YORKSHIRE**

**JUDGE: Mr R K Rundle, Kestle, Newquay, Cornwall**

**Class 52: Bull, born on or after 1 September 2006**

1<sup>st</sup> J P Harrison BRAFFERTON STARBUSTER 17  
 2<sup>nd</sup> W H D Scott GROVE WELLINGTON 51  
 3<sup>rd</sup> J P Harrison BRAFFERTON HADRIAN 1

**Class 53: Cow, with calf at foot or certified in-calf**

1<sup>st</sup> W H D Scott GROVE WILLOWHERB 21  
 2<sup>nd</sup> J P Harrison BRAFFERTON DINAN 3  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs K Darnbrook BRAFFERTON REBECCA

**Class 54: Heifer born in 2006**

1<sup>st</sup> T R Bailey GALTRES HADRIAN ASTER 7  
 2<sup>nd</sup> T R Bailey GALTRES HADRIAN ASTER 5  
 3<sup>rd</sup> W H D Scott GROVE HAWTHORN 36

**Class 55: Heifer born in 2007**

1<sup>st</sup> W H D Scott GROVE ANEMONE 23  
 2<sup>nd</sup> W H D Scott GROVE WILLOWHERB 46  
 3<sup>rd</sup> J P Harrison BRAFFERTON PRINCESS 1

**Class 56: Group of three**

1<sup>st</sup> W H D Scott  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs K Darnbrook  
 3<sup>rd</sup> J P Harrison

**Class 57: Pair by same sire**

1<sup>st</sup> W H D Scott Z HIGHGATE HANOVER 2  
 2<sup>nd</sup> T R Bailey WADDETON HADRIAN 4  
 3<sup>rd</sup> J P Harrison

**SPECIALS****Champion**

Winner W H D Scott GROVE WILLOWHERB 21  
 Reserve J P Harrison BRAFFERTON STARBUSTER 17

**Junior Champion**

Winner J P Harrison BRAFFERTON STARBUSTER 17  
 Reserve W H D Scott GROVE ANEMONE 23

**Champion Male**

Winner J P Harrison BRAFFERTON STARBUSTER 17  
 Reserve W H D Scott GROVE WELLINGTON 51

**Champion Female**

Winner W H D Scott GROVE WILLOWHERB 21  
 Reserve W H D Scott GROVE ANEMONE 23

**Best bull born on or after 1 March 2006**

Winner J P Harrison BRAFFERTON STARBUSTER 17  
 Reserve W H D Scott GROVE WELLINGTON 51

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all exhibitors who have taken the time and trouble to take cattle to shows in what has proven to be a very difficult show season. Despite the reduced numbers of cattle, there has been a lot of interest in the breed and it has been well worth "flying the flag".

A real case in point was the Royal Welsh Show, where bluetongue prevented our classes from being held. We still went ahead with the Society's marquee, and were delighted with the number of visitors to the stand, both known and new. A special thank you to those very loyal members – Richard Hartshorn, Gwyn & Carys James, and Diane Sugden – who took time out to set up the stand and man it until I could arrive later than usual, after returning from the Congress in Canada. You did a fine job, and I shall take a back seat from now on!

The Royal also deserves special mention, in a year when it could have done with a little luck. Cattle numbers were enormously depleted as a result of bluetongue, but the South Devon classes were quite respectable and the quality of cattle was good. We were delighted to welcome HRH The Prince of Wales into the ring to present the Liddell Perpetual Challenge Cup to Marcus Terry, David & Sally Smallcombe's stockman, for Al Grove Brutus 82 as breed champion. Thank you to all those members who came to the show and supported the South Devon judging, and the Society's presence in the Pavilion. We all enjoyed a lovely barbecue, thanks to the Elliott and Ford families. Douglas Scott collected most of the awards at the

Presentations, and also a special award made by EBLEX in recognition of the “most improved herd” for average Breedplan Quality Beef Index.

We look forward to a more normal show season next year!

## **BULL FERTILITY**

There has been quite a bit in the press recently about bull fertility levels and, with the average values rising, (South Devons now averaging £3,227 at Society sales), the potential cost of an infertile or subfertile bull can be very significant.

Studies are quoted as showing that about 20% of bulls in the beef industry are sub-fertile, and whilst these bulls may get some cows in calf eventually, the economic value of an early born calf compared to a late born calf is considerable; and if you are under the misapprehension that your bull is working away when he is not, even an entire breeding season can be lost.

EBLEX under its Better Returns programme, is one of a number of organisations which is advising breeders to “MOT” their stock bulls by employing a professional to check quality of semen, as well as testicle size and general condition.

A number of veterinary practices offer such services, such as St David’s Farm Practice, in Exmouth, Devon, and your own vet should be able to point you in the right direction within your area.

## **SCANNING SERVICES**

For those of you who are performance recording, there have been a couple of changes to the list of accredited scanners, data measured by whom only is accepted by Breedplan.

Those currently provisionally or fully accredited are:

Jim Denison	Co Antrim, N Ireland	028 908 33123/07774 617473
Willie Tait	Co Antrim, N Ireland	018 908 33123/07833 968417
Linda McKendrick	Cupar, Fife	01334 840489/07803 064452
Adrian Johnson	Brandsby, Yorks	01347 888665/07702 000760
Jim Barber	Congleton, Cheshire	01260 273421/07973 307687
Gordon Clark	Cupar, Fife	01337 828632/07850 885468
Willy Wilson	Coylton, Ayr	01292 570629/07740 611545

**Please note: Neither Laura Smith (Innovis) nor Malcolm Kelly (Isle of Man) are currently accredited – *please do not use their services for the moment, the data will not be accepted***

It is always advisable to confirm a price before booking a visit. Some will make a mileage charge whereas others will not.

## **STEPS TOWARDS BVD ACCREDITATION**

GUIDELINES ISSUED BY BIOBEST HERDCARE

1. Check test 10 unvaccinated homebred animals aged between 9 and 18 months from each management group
2. If all animals test negative for antibodies to BVD proceed to point 5.
3. If some animals are positive for antibodies to BVD there is evidence of recent infection.
4. Identify and remove PIs (persistently infected):
  - a. Test all animals over 4 mths in whole herd using blood for antibodies. Any antibody negative or low positive animals should be tested by BVD virus. Test younger calves by taking ear tissue (Biobest can supply kits) for antibody and virus
  - b. Test all calves born within 12 months of the last PI being removed
5. Once all animals test negative for antibodies to BVD, this is a first clear check test indicating no active infection in the herd
6. Second qualifying check test 12 months after the first on the following year's calf crop. If all animals test negative, BVD accredited status is achieved
7. To maintain accreditation check test annually

## **WORLD ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

**Kananaskis, Canada, 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> July**

These are just some brief notes from the Conference. A CD will be compiled in the coming weeks bringing together all the presentations. Another one (available a bit later) will include a great many photos from the Tours.

**Teresa Walker**, President of the Canadian South Devon Association, and principal organiser of the Congress, opened the Conference by welcoming everyone present, and conveying the best wishes of the South Devon Cattle Breeders Society of South Africa. Dar Giess, World President, thanked Teresa on behalf of the delegates, and said a lot of backbone, pride and enthusiasm had been dedicated to the organisation of the Congress. He hoped it marked a new beginning for the Canadian Association.

Caroline gave a report as **World Secretary** on progress made between the Associations since the 2005 Congress. This included the production of newsletters to improve communications between member associations; moves to determine genetic linkage between different countries; and a report on her attendance at Beef Expo 2006 in Rockhampton, Australia, and at Expolnter in Porto Alegre, Brazil

The **South African Society** had produced a DVD to report on its recent activities. There are just 8 breeders, but they have made significant progress in both promoting and improving the breed, and making its availability known to commercial breeders with, for example, invitations to Field Days, advertising, and the production of a calendar. The breed is encouraged to improve quality through, for example, an award scheme for best productive female, testing facilities, and performance recording. Delegates were impressed by the pictures of quality cattle, and congratulated the South Africans on their progressive breeding.

The **South Devon Cattle Society of New Zealand** report was given by Lanise Robertson, President. Membership was steady, with a small decline in active females. The bull trial is continuing with 26 bulls being managed under the same conditions on one farm, reporting an average dlwg of 1.6 kg over 12 months, on grass alone. Bulls are tested for frame score and docility before being catalogued for sale at the National Beef Expo Sale. Last year a record price of \$41,000 was achieved for Burtergill Harry 3. Private sales are achieving \$10,000 - \$19,000 for the best bulls. The majority of bulls are sold to commercial buyers, with a preference for polled/scurred. Youth activity in the Society is encouraged, with an exchange visit with Australia. The industry faces environmental and economic challenges.

Jeff Lehmkuhler from **Kentucky University's Research Update** gave a paper entitled "South Devons: Gaining the Interest of an Industry". Most beef in the US is produced in feedlots, and 56% of marketed cattle are black to capitalise on the global success of Aberdeen Angus beef marketing. The incentive is for black bulls to be used, although regional differences do have a bearing on sale requirements. Buyers of steers look, in order, for skeletal soundness, temperament, muscle expression, and weaning weight EPD (EBV equivalent), followed by milk EPD, breed, and birth EPD. EPDs were being more widely used in the industry, as was ultrasound data, and DNA profiles. He advised better use of communication to promote the breed, for example through web searches. The feedlot system faced enormous challenges with the escalating world prices of grain.

The **North American South Devon Association** report was given by Jim Brown, who said that membership was steady. Active cow numbers stood at 3300, with mandatory performance recording for birthweight, weaning and yearling weights. University research facilities were more readily available than in other countries, and were encouraged by, for example, donating heifers to research institutes for feed efficiency trials. The use of EPDs was growing. Youth activities were strong, with

family businesses encouraging their youngsters to participate in shows and competitions.

A DVD compiled by the **Junior Association** of the North American South Devon Association was shown by Lane Giess, and included many photos of activities undertaken by younger South Devon enthusiasts. There were 96 Juniors in 2006, with their own Board. Apart from having fun, the Juniors were encouraged to show cattle, and to take an interest in the technical side of breeding. The Association was currently working on setting up scholarship programmes.

The report from the **Canadian South Devon Association** was given by Ralph McGregor. He said the industry was facing very serious global challenges – rising fuel and grain costs; markets still recovering from BSE; and bio-energy effects. There had been a loss of competitiveness in the beef industry, with domination by Charolais and Angus. He raised the question, how to market South Devons – copy, or define the differences? The Association's goals were to develop a business plan, with better coordination between members, and to make use of research at home and overseas. He forecast a growing niche market with consumers buying closer to home, and with quality and food safety becoming a marketing tool.

The **South Devon Cattle Society of Australia's** report was given by Ian MacGregor, who said the main challenge was the continuing severe climatic conditions affecting all states. The Society's members communicate through 4 meetings a year, 3 of which are by phone. The website has recently been rejuvenated, and younger members are being encouraged to participate in Society activities. The use of Genestart technology and Breedplan EBVs is also encouraged.

A report compiled by Arthur Rickards, MD of ABRI, was presented by Sherry Doubet, secretary of NASDA. This report will be included in a future newsletter. My own report is also available from the office if you would like to receive a copy.

## **NOTICE OF REGIONAL MEETING - DEVON**

A meeting of the regional committee of **Region 2** has been arranged for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 8 pm, in Rattery Village Hall.

# **NATIONAL HERD COMPETITION 2008**

**JUDGES:** Mr Roger Clemens  
Mr Douglas Scott (2007 winner)  
Mr Robert Shinner

**TO TAKE PLACE DURING MID-SEPTEMBER**

## **RULES**

- The whole of the herd must be shown for Inspection and 75% of the females in the herd must be pedigree cattle (pedigree to include animals entered in the Register or the Supplementary Register, Part III, in addition to the Herd Book proper)
- The Competition to be judged on Inspection only and the Inspection will be based on the Standard Breed Description (see Journal)
- If a member has two farms, they shall be coupled as one for the purposes of the Competition
- 1,000 points to be awarded as the maximum number and sub-divided as follows:

500 points for all Cows including heifers in-milk

425 points for Young Stock

75 points for Stock Bull or Bulls in use

- The winner of the Herd Competition is required to hold an Open Day shortly after the results are announced (probably in the first week of October) and to be one of the Judges for the following year

## **PRIZES (awarded at the 2009 AGM)**

- Wakeham Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Herd
- Cecil Harvey Challenge Shield for the Best Herd of Cows
- Tregerrick Perpetual Trophy for the Best Stock Bull
- Angus Loggie Memorial Trophy for the member gaining the most points, who has never won either the Herd Competition or this Trophy
- The Society Cup for the member gaining the highest number of points for Young Stock
- Bill Major Trophy for the Best Group of Three Cows sired by the same bull
- Edmeston Hilda Cup for the Best Cow
- Irving Enterprise Trophy for the Best Small Herd
- A new Trophy presented by Richard Hartshorn for Best Homebred Polled animal

If you would like your herd to be included please would you complete the form on the back and return it, together with the entry fee of £17.62 (£15 + VAT), to the SDHBS office by the closing date – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

## **CATTLE FOR SALE LIST**

**IF YOU DO NOT ADVISE THE OFFICE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR ANIMALS TO CONTINUE TO BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE, WE WILL REMOVE THEM FROM THE LIST BEFORE THE NEXT PUBLICATION**

### **BULLS**

<b>Z BILLINGTON PASTICHE 24</b> UKHW0449-00130 Born 02/04/1996	G K & M A Garrett & Son Devon – Region 2	01837 54348
<b>HILLSON JUBILEE 2</b> UK366630 100171 Born 11/04/2004	J Dyer Devon – Region 2	01271 850293
<b>COTON ZEN</b> UK283222 100102 Born 21/10/2005	C Page Oxfordshire – Region 5	07990 970065
<b>NORTHWICK BULL</b> UK321645 600331 Born 04/02/2006	Northwick Estate Gloucestershire – Region 3	07500 013903
<b>NORTHWICK BULL</b> UK321645 100361 Born 10/03/2006	Northwick Estate Gloucestershire – Region 3	07500 013903
<b>NORTHWICK BULL</b> UK321645 300363 Born 11/03/2006	Northwick Estate Gloucestershire – Region 3	07500 013903
<b>COTON ARAMIS</b> UK283222 700108 Born 24/03/2006	C Page Oxfordshire – Region 5	07990 970065
<b>Z COTON ATHOS</b> UK283222 200117 Born 06/05/2006	C Page Oxfordshire – Region 5	07990 970065
<b>2 x 2 YR OLD BULLS</b>	R R B & S J Harvey Devon – Region 2	01548 830307
<b>2 YR OLD BULL</b>	D P Crow Shropshire – Region 6	01952 255650
<b>BRAFFERTON STARBUSTER 17</b> UK122117 600156 Born 16/01/2007	J P Harrison Yorkshire – Region 7	01347 838725
<b>BRAFFERTON STARBUSTER 20</b> UK122117 500162 Born 24/01/2007	J P Harrison Yorkshire – Region 7	01347 838725

### **FEMALES**

<b>5 x PEDIGREE 2 YR OLD HEIFERS</b>	C Page Oxfordshire – Region 5	07990 970065
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<b>COWS &amp; CALVES, BULLING and IN-CALF HEIFERS 4 x 18 MTH HEIFERS</b>	R R B & S J Harvey Devon – Region 2 J Virgin Dorset – Region 3	01548 830307 01258 817171
<b>4 BULLING HEIFERS</b>	G C Hill Devon – Region 2	01822 614319
<b>4 POLLED YEARLINGS</b>	P Marjason Devon – Region 2	07813 720595
<b>10 PEDIGREE COWS WITH/ WITHOUT CALVES</b>	C Wyatt Somerset – Region 3	01460 63155

## DIARY

<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	Deadline for Herd Competition entries Deadline for Bristol Sale entries
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	Judges Seminar, Wells Folly Council meeting, Stoneleigh Poll Group Open Day, Polkinghorne, Cornwall Dairy Event (with Society stand) Stoneleigh Beef & Growing Cattle South West (with Society stand)
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	Farma exhibition, Poznan, Poland Autumn Show & Sale, Bristol Borderway Agri-Expo 2008, Carlisle
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup></b>	Indagra, Bucharest, Romania Eurotier, Hanover, Germany
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	Royal Smithfield Christmas Fair Council meeting

## NEW MEMBERS

<b>LIFE</b>	
<b>Region 2</b>	Mr J W Shinner, Stretchford Farm, Buckfastleigh, Devon, TQ11 0JY
<b>FULL</b>	
<b>Region 1</b>	Mr N Osbourne, Little Trevarrack Holiday Park, Laity Lane, Carbis Bay, St Ives, Cornwall, TR26 3HW
	Mr B Eastley, Little Larnick, Pelynt, Looe, Cornwall, PL13 2NB
<b>Region 2</b>	Mr B M Baker, New Burleigh Farm, South Huish, Kingsbridge, Devon, TQ7 3EG (rejoining) Prefix: BURLEIGH NEWHOUSE

**Region 5** Mrs V L Wilson, Baylham Hall, Baylham, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP6 8JY  
(rejoining) Prefix: BAYLHAM

## **INTRODUCTORY**

**Region 1** Mr J Moon, Liskeard, Cornwall  
(introduced by Mervyn Rowe)

**Region 2** J & C Stone, Little Leigh Farm, Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, EX6 7RF  
(introduced by Bill & Suzanne Harper) Prefix: MISTLEIGH  
R J R & S A Ashford, Bowden Farm, Buckfastleigh, Devon, TQ11 0JG  
(introduced by David Mudge) Prefix: PUPERS HILL  
Mr L Stone, Ruddyckleave Partners, Ruddyckleave Farm, Buckland-in-  
the-Moor, Ashburton, Devon, TQ13 7HP (introduced by Peter  
Hickman)  
Mr P Wakeham, Uphempston Farm, Uphempston, Totnes, Devon,  
TQ9 6LP (introduced by Gordon Tully)

**Region 4** A J & S E Crosby-Jones, Churchlands Farm, Hailsham, East Sussex,  
BN27 1SD (introduced by David Ashcroft)

**Region 6** Mr R Sperry, Lodge Farm, Garway, Hereford, HR2 8RJ  
(introduced by Malcolm Broome)

**Region 7** Mr B Taylor, Ivy Cottage, 12 High St, Moreon, Bourne, Lincolnshire,  
PE10 0NR (introduced by Ged Pike)  
Mr C S Johnson, Springfields Farm, Little Bytham, Grantham,  
Lincolnshire, NG33 4PP (introduced by Malcolm Broome)  
Mr D Christian, Ballakeigh Farm, Bride, Isle of Man, IM7 4BA  
(introduced by Paul Fletcher)

## **POLL GROUP FARM WALK**

The date of the farm walk has been changed *to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 1 pm.* (This is because of a clash of dates with some other events). The Poll Group will join the Truro Club, by kind invitation of the Laity family, at Polkinghorne Manor, Gwinear, Hayle, Cornwall, TR27 5LH. Lunch will be provided. There will be a short meeting of the Group at the end of the afternoon.

If you are interested in polling and would like to come along please let the office know, by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, by returning the slip below.

**Directions:** Exit the A30 at Connor Downs roundabout, and go to Angarrack. At the T-junction turn right, up the hill, and left over the railway bridge. Follow the road to Gwinear, and just through the village, turn left down the track to Polkinghorne Manor.

### **I WOULD LIKE TO COME TO THE POLKINGHORNE OPEN DAY**

**Name** ..... **Number of guests** .....

# HERD COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

***Please complete and return by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August together with your entry fee of £15 plus VAT = £17.62***

I/We wish to enter the 2008 Herd Competition

The Herd comprises:

STOCK BULLS (Name and Identification number)

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COWS  
(NUMBERS) .....

YOUNG STOCK INCLUDING CALVES (NUMBERS) .....

I/We agree to abide by the Rules of the Competition

SIGNED .....

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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For performance recorded herds only. If you would like to enter the Breedplan competition please sign here.

SIGNED .....