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JANUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Member

A very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year to you all! I sincerely hope that we see a big improvement to circumstances in 2008.

We start the year with an opportunity to take advantage of the declared "Vector Free Period" for bluetongue virus, and to bring forward the date of the Spring Show & Sale to allow animals from all across the country to come to Exeter, subject to compliance with blood-testing for the disease before movement. There is obviously still a risk that circumstances will change again, but this is our best chance of including all members, and we hope that the weather does not become unseasonably warm, or that the midges become active earlier than forecast.

The decision has therefore been taken by Council to bring forward the Spring Show & Sale to **Wednesday 5th March**, with animals coming into the market on Tuesday 4th March. Sale entries are now available from the office. Because of the tighter time for organising the Sale, and publishing the catalogue, I would urge you, please, to respect the closing date for entries of **Friday 25th January**. A schedule is published inside this newsletter.

Please be advised also, that the date of the **Annual General Meeting** will be brought forward in line with the Sale, to the evening of **Tuesday 4th March**. This means that the preparation of draft accounts is well underway, and they will be sent to members by mid-February.

As regards other scheduled events, they are all subject to change as we see whether DEFRA is successful in containing the spread of the bluetongue virus (easier to control the movement of ruminants than midges!)

In the last newsletter we announced that, as of 1st January, the fee for registering bulls would increase to include the cost of a compulsory DNA sire verification test. If you wish to register bulls from now on, it is important that your request is accompanied by a hair sample, otherwise the registration will be delayed.

Accompanying this newsletter are instructions for taking hair samples for the DNA test. If you follow these steps it should ensure a good sample with plenty of DNA on the root-ball.

Bulls registered before 1st January 2008 will also need to be tested in order to build up a bank of DNA information, and this will be at the Society's expense if done during 2008. *We will be encouraging you to sample your registered bulls sooner rather than later, and to send samples to us in the office for batching and onward despatch to the laboratory.* Please put samples individually into envelopes, marking the envelope with the bull's identity.

The decision to verify sires by DNA is a progressive one, and a very positive step forward for the breed.

With best wishes

Caroline

SPRING SHOW & SALE 2008

EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE, MATFORD, EXETER

Wednesday 5th March 2008

- A. All animals in the Show Classes to arrive at the Livestock Centre between **11.00** and **14.00** on **Tuesday 4th March**.
- B. A veterinary inspector will be carrying out inspections on all animals at the Centre on Tuesday 4th March 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 Wednesday morning and the Sale will start at 12.30 pm.

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 25TH JANUARY 2008

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

Entry Forms are now available from

SDHBS, Westpoint, Clyst St Mary, Exeter, EX5 1DJ

Tel: 01392 447494, Fax: 01392 447495, e-mail: info@sdhbs.org.uk

JUDGE: Mr R C Shinner, Stretchford, Buckfastleigh, Devon

CLASSES

BULLS

- 1. Bulls from 12 months to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ years of age. This class may be divided.
- 2. Bulls over the age of 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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.

RULES APPLICABLE TO THE MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS OUT OF A PROTECTION (PZ) OR SURVEILLANCE ZONE (SZ) DURING THE VECTOR FREE PERIOD (VFP) FOR BLUETONGUE

A Vector Free Period was declared on December 20th, and is forecast to last during January and February, and hopefully into March.

During the VFP ruminant animals can be moved out of the PZ or SZ to the non-restricted zone provided that the following testing conditions are met:

- The animal has been serologically tested (Elisa) to detect antibodies to the bluetongue virus group, with negative results, carried out at least 28 days following the date of the commencement of the seasonally VFP (20th December), or
- The animal has been subjected to an agent identification test (PCR), with negative results, carried out at least 14 days following 20th December, and
- A Self-Declaration Form 2 is completed detailing the conditions used for the move. The animal's owner must keep a copy of the movement licence and the self-declaration during the licensed movement, and retain copies on the premises of origin for 6 months.

The applicable movement licence is General Licence EXD472 (BT) (E), which can be obtained on:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/diseases/notifiable/bluetongue/pdf/selfdeclarationform2.pdf>

Animals must be moved within the Vector Free Period. Private vets should give advice on obtaining ELISA or PCR tests, and livestock keepers are responsible for all the costs of the collection and the laboratory testing of the samples.

Likely costs (to include up to 2 re-tests, if required) are:

- Laboratory cost of a PCR test will be £15 per sample tested
- Laboratory cost of an ELISA test will be £2.95 per sample tested

The minimum test turnaround for both tests is 4 working days. Test results are returned to the private vets together with a certified copy which should be attached to the self-declaration form.

WELFARE OF ANIMALS DURING TRANSPORT REGULATIONS

ADAS is running a series of meetings around the country on what is required for achieving Certificates of Competence. They all run between 10 am and 12.30 pm. Please call 01522 521302 or e-mail animalhealth@adas.co.uk if you are interested in attending any of them. Admission is free.

14 th Jan	Eye (Suffolk)	21 st Jan	Carlisle
14 th Jan	Hexham	21 st Jan	Truro
15 th Jan	Ashford	22 nd Jan	Garstang
15 th Jan	Newark	23 rd Jan	Cirencester
16 th Jan	Kettering	23 rd Jan	Uttoxeter
16 th Jan	Salisbury	29 th Jan	Exeter
17 th Jan	Frome	31 st Jan	Northallerton
17 th Jan	Selby		

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

Council has recently adopted an Equal Opportunities Policy, which is available to members on request.

SEDGEMOOR WINTER FAIR SHOW & SALE RESULTS, 3rd December 2007

The new Sedgemoor Auction Centre opened in the Autumn and its first Winter Fair Show & Sale was held at the beginning of December. Congratulations go to Richard and Debbie Burrough for their support, and their considerable successes!

Restricted Open Steer Class

2 nd	R C Burrough & Sons	SD steer, 615 kg, selling at 141.5p to Owen Taylors of Derbyshire
3 rd	R C Burrough & Sons	SD steer, 645 kg, selling at 135.5p to Wood Bros of Colne, Lancs

Pedigree Pure Bred Native Steer or Heifer Class

1st R C Burrough & Sons SD steer, 685 kg, selling at 127.5p to H R Jasper & Sons, Treburley, Cornwall

Native Steer or Heifer Class

1st R C Burrough & Sons SD steer, 615 kg, selling at 141.5p to Woodhead Bros, Colne, Lancs

3rd R C Burrough & Sons SD steer, 645 kg, selling at 135.5p to Woodhead Bros, Colne, Lancs

JOURNAL 2008/9

Please be reminded that if you would like to place an advertisement in the new Journal, you need to complete an advertising form, available from the office.

Also, please be kind enough to submit any articles or other relevant information as soon as you can.

If you have Organic Status and are not already listed as such in the current Journal, please let us know.

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

Bank details for electronic payments are:

Account name	SOUTH DEVON HERD BOOK SOCIETY
Account number	00410188
Sort code	30-96-06
Bank	Lloyds TSB, Newton Abbot

If you pay your membership subscription by standing order, please would you check that you are paying the correct amount (some accounts are many years out of date!)

Full membership	£50
Associate	£45
Retired	£20
Youth	£15

CURRENT TB COMPENSATION TABLE

(Payable during January)

**PLEASE BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR PEDIGREE REGISTRATIONS UP TO DATE
– IT IS WELL WORTH IT IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING SPREAD OF TB**

NON PEDIGREE BOVINE

Male		Female	
Age	Compensation due	Age	Compensation due
Up to 3 months	118	Up to 3 months	86
Over 3 months up to 6 months	244	Over 3 months up to 6 months	208
Over 6 months up to 9 months	373	Over 6 months up to 9 months	292
Over 9 months up to 12 months	418	Over 9 months up to 12 months	333
Over 12 months up to 16 months	527	Over 12 months up to 16 months	418
Over 16 months up to 20 months	597	Over 16 months up to 20 months	513
20 months and over	634	20 months and over	549
Breeding bulls 20 months and over	631	Calved	625

PEDIGREE BOVINE

Male		Female	
Age	Compensation due	Age	Compensation due
6 months up to 12 months	1289	6 months up to 12 months	Individual valuation
Over 12 months up to 24 months	3634	Over 12 months up to 24 months	1594
Bull 24 months and over	1216	24 months and over (not calved)	1917
		Calved under 36 months	1473
		Calved 36 months and over	1281

DIARY

January	15th	Executive meeting
	21st-23rd	BCBC Conference
	25th	Spring Show & Sale entries close
February	7th	Council meeting
	21st	Breed improvement meeting
	26th	Region 3 annual meeting
March	4th	Annual General Meeting, Devon Hotel, Exeter
	5th	Spring Show & Sale
April	8th	Breed Promotion meeting
	22nd	Council meeting

CATTLE FOR SALE LIST

BULLS

Z Billington Pastiche 24 UKHW0449-00130 Born 02/04/1996	G K & M A Garrett & Son Devon – Region 2	01837 54348
Tregondale Brutus UK383061 500095 Born 23/03/2001	M J Penney Cornwall – Region 1	01579 370241
Northwick Centurion 6 UK321645 700164 Born 13/02/2003	D A Ashcroft Hampshire – Region 4	07966 511868
Highgate Rocket 3 UK383244 600259 Born 06/04/2004	J C & E M Ridout Cornwall – Region 1	07970 880831
Chavid Matrix UK281439 500635 Born 30/09/2005	D A Ashcroft Hampshire – Region 4	07966 511868
Brafferton Starbuster 6 UK122117 200124 Born 04/01/2006	J P Harrison Yorkshire – Region 7	01347 838725

Aldbourne Chase Temeraire	D Armstrong	07786 543381
UK327674 500313	Wiltshire – Region 3	
Born 18/02/2006		
Z Billington Crusader 22	G K & M A Garrett & Son	01837 54348
UK371751 600051	Devon – Region 2	
Born 10/04/2006		
Brafferton Starbuster 15	J P Harrison	01347 838725
UK122117 500148	Yorkshire – Region 7	
Born 29/05/2006		
Hopton	J G Williams & Sons	01547 530319
UK303529 700437	Shropshire – Region 6	
Born 07/06/2006		
23 month old bulls	R R B & S J Harvey	01548 830307
	Devon – Region 2	
18 month old bull	P F Pratt	01299 822025
	Worcestershire – Region 6	
3 young bulls	J Andrew	01271 858213
	Devon – Region 2	
FEMALES		
Bulling heifers	M R & R J Rowe	01579 342407
	Cornwall – Region 1	
5 yearling heifers	M Stanley-Smith	01934 750856
	Somerset – Region 3	
Cows & calves, bulling & in-calf heifers	R R B & S J Harvey	01548 830307
	Devon – Region 2	

Please would you note that there will not be a Cattle for Sale List in the next newsletter, due to the proximity of the Spring Show & Sale

BLUETONGUE MEETINGS IN THE SOUTHWEST

Two meetings have been arranged (at fairly short notice, I'm afraid) to focus on Bluetongue.

Both meetings will be held on 16th January, one in Exeter Livestock Centre and the other at the Sedgemoor Auction Centre, Bridgwater.

Anyone wishing to attend either meeting should notify the National Sheep Association on 01684 892661 or e-mail enquiries@nationalsheep.org.uk.

The organisations involved are the National Sheep Association, the Livestock Auctioneers' Association, the National Farmers Union, and the National Beef Association.

NEW RESTRICTIONS ON THE IMPORT OF BEEF FROM BRAZIL

None too soon, the European Commission has recently imposed new controls on imports of Brazilian beef.

The Commission has told Brazil it must fully meet the basic standards laid down by Brussels for tracing the movement and origin of products imported into the EU.

It has been suggested that 97% of farms in Brazil would be unable to comply with these rules, and would therefore be ineligible to supply cattle for beef export. However much of the export supply chain comes from large feedlots, so it is unclear exactly what percentage of beef production will be affected.

The new rules will come into effect at the end of January, but supplies of deboned and matured beef that were certified and despatched prior to the new rules coming into force will be allowed to be imported until 15th March.

This should have an effect on the overall beef supply situation in the EU, further tightening availability and thus creating price pressure – we hope!

MEAT SOUTH WEST AND NFU SOUTH WEST
2008 RED MEAT INDUSTRY CONFERENCE
26th February 2008, Sandy Park Conference Centre, Exeter

The Red Meat Industry Conference, postponed from last Autumn, has been rescheduled for 26th February.

There is an interesting list of speakers, with talks ranging from the NFU's perspective on the future of the red meat industry, "managing change and educating the consumer", the positive promotion of British agriculture, and making a profit.

Information and a booking form is available from Helen Ashcroft, PO Box 16, North Tawton, EX20 2WE, telephone 01837 880443, e-mail info@meatsouthwest.co.uk.

DEVON COUNTY SHOW SPECIAL AWARDS

Nominations are invited from the industry for a number of special awards to be made at this year's Devon County Show.

LONG SERVICE AWARD

To an employee who has completed over thirty years service in agriculture, horticulture or forestry. Cash awards of £50, £30, and £20 will be made. Entries close 14th March.

PRINCE OF WALES AWARD

Recognises those in the rural economy who offer young people the best opportunities to gain land-based rural skills. Nominees could be farmers, landowners, institutions, partnerships or lone craftsmen, who are working as trainers and mentors to young people. The winner will receive a framed certificate and a £1000 cash prize, donated by HRH the Prince of Wales. Entries close 26th February.

DEVON DIVERSIFICATION AWARD

Aims to find the best diversification business in the county, and offers a prize of £600. The competition is for projects involving a range of innovative ideas and is open to all businesses. Entries close 7th March.

For application forms for all three awards contact Christine Wood, tel 01392 353710, or e-mail christinewood@westpoint-devonshow.co.uk