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JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Member,

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL! How nice to start 2009 with a lengthy spell of winter weather, although we seem to be back to “wet and windy” for most of us at the moment.

It is already time to be calling for entries to the **Spring Show & Sale**, to be held at Exeter on Wednesday 25th March, with a closing date for entries of Friday 6th February. Entry forms are now available from the office, and the Sale Schedule is printed inside this newsletter.

Also inside is a further call for offers for the **Auction of Promises**, to be held after the Annual General Meeting the night before the Sale. Please send in your ideas and offers to the office as soon as you can.

We are calling for entries for the annual award of the **Linda Turpie Rounsevell Memorial Trophy**. It is an opportunity for members to nominate someone who has worked hard at promoting the breed in the past 12 months. Please let us have your ideas by **Friday 27th February**. The Competition will be judged by myself, our President Peter Pratt, and Ian Rounsevell, and the winner announced at the AGM.

With best wishes

Caroline

SPRING SHOW & SALE

EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE, MATFORD, EXETER

Wednesday 25th March 2009

- A. All animals to arrive at the Livestock Centre between **11.00** and **14.00** on Tuesday 24th March.
- B. A veterinary inspector will be carrying out inspections on all animals at the Centre on Tuesday 24th 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 6TH FEBRUARY 2009

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

Entry Forms are now available from

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

JUDGE: Mr A L Pascoe, Fraddam, Hayle, Cornwall

CLASSES

BULLS

- 1. Bulls from 12 months to 2 ³/₄ years of age. This class may be divided.
- 2. Bulls over the age of 2 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. **Herd health declarations** – information will be taken from completed Herd Health Declarations submitted to the South Devon office at the same time as the completed entry forms, and will be printed in the sale catalogue. No other information relating to herd health, or individual animal health status will be published in the catalogue. Vendors may display additional information on the animal pen. The Herd Health Declaration will be displayed on the animal pen.

6. **TB TESTING and BLUETONGUE VACCINATION**

All animals are required to have been tested clear of TB within 60 days prior to the Sale date. All animals are required to have been vaccinated for BTV8 (initial dose and booster) within the past 12 months.

7. **AUCTIONEER**

John Wakeham will conduct the Sale, assisted by a second auctioneer from Kivells.

AGM DINNER

THE DEVON HOTEL, MATFORD, EXETER
Tuesday 24th March at 7.45 pm

MENU

Cream of Vegetable Soup
or
Melon

Choice from the Carvery
with fresh vegetables

Chocolate Torte
or
Mango & Apricot Mousse

Tea or coffee

£20 plus VAT per person (£23)

Please book with the office, giving your choice of starter and sweet

**WE HAVE BLOCK-BOOKED A NUMBER OF ROOMS AT THE
DEVON HOTEL FOR THE NIGHT OF TUESDAY 24TH MARCH.
RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE THROUGH OUR OFFICE,
ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS**

AUCTION OF PROMISES 2009

The Society's biannual Auction of Promises, first launched in 2001, will be held at the Devon Hotel, Exeter, on Tuesday evening, 24th March, immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

Originally held as a fundamental part of the Society's fundraising activities, the Auction has become an important social function, very generously supported by members and non-members alike.

If you would like to be part of the fun, you can either donate a "promise" or participate in the Auction itself on the night or by making a postal bid.

We are always looking for new ideas to add to those more traditional "lots" which include holiday accommodation, fine wines, whisky, South Devon semen, and unique crafts.

Please put your thinking caps on, and have a go! Thank you for your support, which is always very gratefully received. The closing date for offers is ***Friday 27th February.***

NEW BLUP EVALUATION

The January BLUP evaluation by Breedplan has just been published, together with a new Sire Summary.

Any member wishing to receive a copy of the Sire Summary is invited to contact the office.

The Society is continuing its financial incentive to encourage new members to record, which means that the herd charge of £120 plus VAT will be waived in the first year. The new recording year begins in April. If you would like more information please speak to Caroline.

TB UPDATE

DEFRA's published figures show that last year saw a 27% rise in the incidence of TB. Between January and September, 27,000 cattle were slaughtered, and 7,000 farms were under restriction. Gloucestershire had 28.2% of herds under restriction, and Devon 22%. The cost to the taxpayer was £80 million.

COMPENSATION FOR BOVINE TB

Payable during January 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	174	Up to 3 months	135
Over 3 months up to 6 months	325	Over 3 months up to 6 months	260
Over 6 months Up to 9 months	454	Over 6 months Up to 9 months	365
Over 9 months Up to 12 months	510	Over 9 months Up to 12 months	408
Over 12 months Up to 16 months	699	Over 12 months Up to 16 months	546
Over 16 months Up to 20 months	786	Over 16 months Up to 20 months	678
20 months and over	846	20 months and over	752
Breeding bulls 20 months and over	993	Calved	779

PEDIGREE BOVINE

Male		Female	
Age	Compensation due	Age	Compensation due
6 months up to 12 months	*	6 months up to 12 months	*
Over 12 months up to 24 months	3,608	Over 12 months up to 24 months	1,303
24 months and over	2,119	24 months and over (not calved)	*
		Calved under 36 months	1,373
		Calved 36 months and over	1,418

*Compensation to be determined using individual valuation

JOURNAL 2009/2010

Advertisements for the new edition of the breed Journal have started to come in, from existing and new advertisers.

The Journal was produced in full colour for the first time last year and was met with much favour. We would therefore encourage advertisers to make use of colour in their advertisements, even just by going part-way and using one, spot colour to highlight the salient points. The difference in rates between spot colour and black and white is small, and colour greatly enhances the appearance of advertisements.

Members' rates (plus VAT) are unchanged from last year, as follows:

	FULL PAGE	HALF PAGE	QUARTER PAGE
FULL COLOUR	325	225	175
SPOT COLOUR	150	120	90
BLACK/WHITE	130	95	70

If you have not advertised before, and are interested in doing so, please ask for more information.

Advertisements can be received electronically, on CD, or on paper, and can be type-set for you at no additional cost.

Deadline for receipt of advertising copy: Friday 6th February, please

EMBRYO TRANSFERS

A service to flush and implant embryos is offered by the Vale Veterinary Group in Cullompton, Devon, which is George Dart's practice (Woodhayes herd).

Embryos have been successfully flushed from cows in the Woodhayes herd, by Al Haughton SAS Joe Louis 1, and are available for sale.

Any member with an exceptional cow which might be flushed should contact the practice on 01884 32228. Cows should be 6-8 weeks calved and in rising condition. Embryo recipients need not be pedigree, or even pure-bred, but should be fully vaccinated and in good health and condition.

NEW BEEF CARCASS SPECIFICATIONS

As of 1st January 2009 all abattoirs were required to adopt changes to beef carcass specifications which were published in July last year.

There are now just three specifications: **Standard** (the old “MLC standard spec”), **EC Reference** (the old “EC spec”), and **UK** (an adaptation of the previous “New EC spec”). The MLCSL concludes that it should now be easier to make comparisons between the specifications, with better price transparency.

Beef suppliers are advised to know to which specification their carcasses are trimmed. Different levels of carcass trim can result in a 2% difference in weight for steers, and 2.5% for heifers. The main changes to the specifications are to the UK spec which includes a need to leave a covering of fat over the brisket and the retention of the pizzelle sheath on males.

From 1st January all abattoir kill sheets and software systems should have all references to “Company spec” removed. All pricing will now be based on the three specs approved by the EC.

BLUETONGUE UPDATE

France has declared the whole of the country a Protection Zone for BTV8 and BTV1. In simple terms this means that live exports are not permitted from France (because England, Scotland and Wales are not Protection Zones for BTV1). It is hoped that France will now put in place an effective vaccination programme, and thus provide a good barrier for us.

Holland has made BTV8 vaccination voluntary for 2009, and Sweden has started a vaccination programme.

England has published its plan for BTV8 vaccination in 2009, with voluntary vaccination, but no further purchase of vaccine by government. We are told that the shelf-life of vaccine stocks is:

Intervet	20 ml bottles	28 th Feb
Intervet	50 ml bottles	30 th June
Merial	100 ml bottles	June to 26 th Aug

It is very important to continue to vaccinate, and even if your livestock is nowhere near the south-east, this is not an effective barrier - as we have seen in recent months from the import of animals from areas where the disease is circulating. Vaccine has shown itself to be effective in England, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg, and is the *only* protection against infection.

CORNISH SOUTH DEVON BREEDERS FAIR

The Truro South Devon Cattle Club are holding a new Sale in 2009, on Friday 15th May at Hallworthy Market, in conjunction with Kivells.

The Sale will be open to pedigree, non-pedigree and crossbred South Devon cattle, and entries not restricted to just Truro Club members. For more information contact Suzanne Harper, 01409 271376.

SOUTH DEVON CATTLE BREEDERS CLUB SALE

There will be a new venue for this year's South Devon Cattle Breeders Club Spring Sale, when it moves to the Exeter Livestock Centre on Friday 29th May. For more information contact Margaret Northey, on 01548 830612.

CALENDARS

The first "issue" of the South Devon calendar has sold very well, and we shall certainly be looking to produce another one for 2010.

So PLEASE take your cameras with you when you think there might be a good photo opportunity, and let us have the results!

We do have a few calendars left, so let us know if you would like one, as soon as possible.

CATTLE FOR SALE LIST

BULLS

WELLAND VALLEY HADRIAN 2

UK201140 400497

Born 14/05/2004

NORTON COMANDER 6

UK262738 300304

Born 07/03/2005

2 YR OLD BULL

by Erme Jambo

BRAFFERTON STARBUSTER 18

UK122117 300160

Born 23/01/2007

20 MTH OLD BULL

J B & C Webster

Lancashire – Region 7

01704 566159

J F Collinson & Son

East Sussex – Region 4

01323 897544

D P Crow

Shropshire – Region 6

01952 255650

J P Harrison

Yorkshire – Region 7

01347 838725

J Virgin

Dorset – Region 3

01258 817171

ARNCLIFFE ETHELRED UK122824 100466 Born 25/02/2007	Sir John Bell Yorkshire – Region 7	01609 882202
X ARNCLIFFE ECLIPSE UK122824 200481 Born 06/093/2007	Sir John Bell Yorkshire – Region 7	01609 882202
X ARNCLIFFE EROS UK122824 400504 Born 01/04/2007	Sir John Bell Yorkshire – Region 7	01609 882202
Z ARNCLIFFE EDEN UK122824 500515 Born 20/04/2007	Sir John Bell Yorkshire – Region 7	01609 882202

FEMALES

COWS & CALVES, BULLING and IN-CALF HEIFERS	R R B & S J Harvey Devon – Region 2	01548 830307
5 BULLING HEIFERS	J F Collinson & Son East Sussex – Region 4	01323 897544
6 x 18-MONTH OLD REGISTERED BULLING HEIFERS	N H & M J Cole Devon – Region 2	01822 853563
6 BULLING HEIFERS	F & J Rowe Cornwall – Region 1	01503 272766

AND FINALLY

An actual call centre conversation, as recorded:

Technical support: "I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop"

Customer: "OK."

Technical support: "Did you get a pop-up menu?"

Customer: "No."

Technical support: "OK. Right-click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?"

Customer: "No."

Technical support: "OK, sir. Can you tell me what you have done up to this point?"

Customer: "Sure. You told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click'."

LINDA TURPIE ROUNSEVELL MEMORIAL AWARD

Nominations are invited for this year's award at the AGM of the Linda Turpie Rounsevell Memorial Trophy. The Trophy is a sketch of one of the Highgate herd dams with her calf, and was produced by renowned South-West artist, Xanthe Moseley.

Pat Rickett is the current recipient of the award.

You may nominate **any member or non-member**, and the nominations will be judged according to the greatest contribution to promotional work during 2008. The winner will retain the Trophy for one year and will receive a framed print to keep.

Please would you complete the form and return it to the Society office by 27th February. The judges will be Ian Rounsevell, Caroline Poultney (Secretary) and Peter Pratt (President) and the winner will be announced at the AGM.

NOMINATION FORM

I wish to nominate (name)

of (address)

.....

.....

for the Linda Turpie Rounsevell Memorial Trophy for 2008

Proposed by (name)

of (address)

.....

Signed (Proposer)

Please tell us, in the box below and in no more than 300 words, why you believe this person should receive the Trophy for the year 2008.

Maximum 300 words

Please return this form to:

“Linda Turpie Rounsevell Memorial Trophy”, SDHBS, Westpoint, Clyst St Mary, Exeter, EX5 1DJ by 27th February