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## JUNE 2008 NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Member,**

May I begin with the sad news, to inform you of the deaths of three Society members. Peter Goode, who established the Bedford herd, was also actively involved in the administration of the Society, being a past member of Council in the late 1980s and 1990s. His funeral will be held at North Tamerton church, near Holsworthy, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2 pm. Richard Hartshorn has also recently lost his father, Mr Hartshorn himself being a former Society member. From further afield, members will be saddened by the death of Ned Rees, of the Barooga herd of South Devons in Western Australia. Our condolences go to all the families.

It has been a busy month, with the show season underway but suffering varying degrees of disruption because of the bluetongue vaccination programme. Beef Expo 2008 and the Carlisle sale, on top of the "day to day" business of the Society, have also kept us busy. Reports are inside.

The Young Handler Competition at the Royal Cornwall Show stands out as one of the memorable events – such a professional turn-out, and young members to be very proud of.

Hair samples are still coming in to us, for forwarding to Merial for parentage profiling. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SENT HAIR SAMPLES FROM BULLS REGISTERED PRIOR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2007 PLEASE WOULD YOU DO SO URGENTLY! They are all important. If we are unable to get them to Merial by the end of June the Society will incur the cost of the test, and we would prefer to spend our income elsewhere, such as on breed promotion. Furthermore, if we are unable to get them to Merial by the end of December, it will be the breeder who will have to pay, so this is a big opportunity for us to extend our data and save some costs!

A SINCERE APOLOGY: It was announced at the AGM, and then published incorrectly in the Journal, that Welland Valley Hanbury 1 gained the most points at shows last year and thus gained Bull of the Year Award 2007, but in fact the award should have gone to Bill Sandford's Al Haughton SAS Joe Louis 1. I apologise for any embarrassment caused by my mistake, and would only add that it is a pity we cannot have two winners!

A number of forthcoming events are noted inside, with contact details for further information if you are interested in attending.

The Bluetongue vaccination programme is continuing to roll out faster than forecast, despite a most untimely glitch last week, and I am very pleased to hear reports of members vaccinating their cattle wherever possible. A new order for vaccine has been placed by the government with Merial, for 8 million doses for England, and 5 million doses for Wales. It is predicted that this will allow sufficient quantities to be rolled out by September. The position in Scotland is different, and vaccine is unlikely to be available to breeders for the next few months, as the disease is not considered by the powers-that-be to be an imminent threat. Let us hope they are not mistaken! The Welsh Assembly has just announced that animals from a PZ in England can now move to slaughter in Wales.

Those delegates who are attending the South Devon World Congress in Canada will be boarding their planes in a few weeks' time, and will come back with plenty of tales to tell, I am sure! With other major shows also taking place soon, the next newsletter is unlikely to hit your letterboxes before the end of July. I therefore take the opportunity to make a first call for entries for the National Herd Competition, a form being included inside.

This will be the final opportunity for you to respond to our Marketing Survey, if you have not already done so, so that we can compile a response to Dovecote Park/Waitrose. Please would you spend 5 minutes completing it, even if not directly interested – too little information will not give the confidence to put forward a proposal!

For those members who are performance recording (and I am pleased that the numbers are steadily increasing), weigh sheets are enclosed as appropriate, for return BY FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE in order to be sure of inclusion in the next BLUP analysis.

With best wishes

**Caroline**

## **PRESENTATION TO LIZ**

### **Devon County Show 2008**

I expect it will surprise many of you to read that Liz has been working for the South Devon Herd Book Society for 20 years now – a very long and commendable service record. During that time she has seen many changes to the Society, and a big rise in membership and registrations in recent years.

Times have changed rather a lot since 1988 when her principal work tool was a type-writer (only very recently thrown in a skip during an office clear-out); now she administers amongst other things, not only the registrations, but also performance records, and now DNA profiles – all computerised.

I am sure you will agree that she is a valuable asset to us, and I personally thank her for her support and loyalty.

By way of a thank-you, the Society marked the 20 years at the Devon County Show by making a surprise award to Liz, of some hotel accommodation vouchers, jewellery, and flowers. Shirley Harvey kindly made a very tasty chocolate cake, and refreshments were provided as part of the Devon Region's cheese & wine hospitality. A card signed on behalf of all regions, Clubs, and the Chairman and President, was also given to Liz.

She asked that we publish her response to the Society, as follows:

*"I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who wished me congratulations on having worked with the Society for 20 years in May this year. I joined the Society in May 1988 being given the job just after I moved down to Devon by John Pappin. In my years here I have been in two offices and had four Breed Secretaries – John Pappin, Alan Lyons, Lesley Lewin, and Caroline, who I would like to say "thank you" to for her support since she joined the Society.*

*The time has just flown by and I have seen members come and members go but have enjoyed the work, dealing with and meeting all you members out there and hope this will continue for future years.*

*Once again, thank you to all past and present Secretaries, Executive and Council members and all you Society members for making my job worthwhile.*

*Liz”*

We look forward to the next 20 years, and wonder where we shall all be then!

## **CARLISLE SALE**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May, Borderway Mart**

**Judge: Mr P F Pratt, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire  
Auctioneer: Mr D Thomlinson, Harrison & Hetherington**

### **Show Results**

#### **BULLS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	J McCracken	AI BEECHWOOD ASHLEY 2
2 <sup>nd</sup>	A R Lee	LUMBYLAW MAGNUS 5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	A R Lee	LUMBYLAW TSAR 78

#### **COWS SERVED AND/OR SUCKLING**

1 <sup>st</sup>	S J & M C Holliday	AI ENTERPRISE CARLA
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#### **JUNIOR MAIDEN HEIFERS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mr & Mrs J A Hetherington	THE HEIGH DAWN
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr & Mrs J A Hetherington	THE HEIGH DOROTHY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr & Mrs J A Hetherington	THE HEIGH DENISE

### **Sale Results**

#### **BULLS**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Bull</u></b>	<b><u>Purchaser</u></b>	<b><u>Gns</u></b>
J McCracken	AI Beechwood Ashley 2	WR&J Barron, The Deans Fm, Mugglewick, Consett, Durham	1500
A R Lee	Lumbylaw Magnus 5	McNeill Estates, Carserriggan, Kirkcowan, Wigtownshire	2000
A R Lee	Lumbylaw Leo 28	MR&GS Jenkins, Ha of Bowermoden, Bower, Wick, Caithness	2000

**3 bulls sold, average 1833 gns = £1925**

#### **COWS WITH/WITHOUT CALVES AT FOOT**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Cow</u></b>	<b><u>Purchaser</u></b>	<b><u>Gns</u></b>
JB&C Webster	Halsall Duchess 9 & heifer calf	KW&SF Loadman, West Layton Fm, Richmond, N Yorks	1100
JB&C Webster	Halsall Rose 13 & bull calf	WR&J Barron, The Deans Fm, Mugglewick, Consett, Durham	1000
JB&C Webster	Halsall Daisy 8	H Jackson-Gamlen, Littleton Hse, Rattray, Blairgowrie, Perth	650
JB&C Webster	Halsall Rose 15 & bull calf	G Ford, Larkfield Fm, Newton by Darasbury, Warrington	950
JB&C Webster	Halsall Dewdrop & heifer calf	KW&SF Loadman, West Layton Fm, Richmond, N Yorks	1100
JB&C Webster	AI Enterprise Carla	JR Pye, Hatters Fm, Stalmine, Poulton le Fylde, Blackpool	1150

**6 cows & 4 calves, average 992 gns = £1041**

## **2 YR OLD BULLING HEIFERS**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Heifer</u></b>	<b><u>Purchaser</u></b>	<b><u>Gns</u></b>
JB&C Webster	Halsall Downy 13	H Jackson-Gamlen, Littleton Hse, Rattray, Blairgowrie, Perth	700
JB&C Webster	Halsall Downy 14	Douganhill Farms, Orchardton Mains, Castle Douglas	850
JB&C Webster	Halsall Dora 8	Douganhill Farms, Orchardton Mains, Castle Douglas	780
JB&C Webster	Halsall Duchess 16	Douganhill Farms, Orchardton Mains, Castle Douglas	800
JB&C Webster	Halsall Rose 20	Douganhill Farms, Orchardton Mains, Castle Douglas	720
JB&C Webster	Halsall Buttercup 12	Douganhill Farms, Orchardton Mains, Castle Douglas	880

**6 x 2 yr old bulling heifers, average 788 gns = £828**

## **YEARLING HEIFERS**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Heifer</u></b>	<b><u>Purchaser</u></b>	<b><u>Gns</u></b>
JA Hetherington	The Heigh Denise	R&RE Everitt & Son, Kirkley Hse Fm, Wolsingham, Durham	950
JA Hetherington	The Heigh Davina	W Barr & Co, Thirlestane, Lauder, Berwickshire	600
JA Hetherington	The Heigh Dawn	R&RE Everitt & Son, Kirkley Hse Fm, Wolsingham, Durham	1200
JA Hetherington	The Heigh Deborah	R&RE Everitt & Son, Kirkley Hse Fm, Wolsingham, Durham	950
JA Hetherington	The Heigh Doris 2	R&RE Everitt & Son, Kirkley Hse Fm, Wolsingham, Durham	900
JA Hetherington	The Heigh Daffodil	W Barr & Co, Thirlestane, Lauder, Berwickshire	1100
JA Hetherington	The Heigh Dorothy	W Barr & Co, Thirlestane, Lauder, Berwickshire	1100
JA Hetherington	The Heigh Debbie	WJ&GH Chesters, Whitegates Fm, Nomansheath, Cheshire	620
JA Hetherington	The Heigh Dewdrop	WJ&GH Chesters, Whitegates Fm, Nomansheath, Cheshire	1020
JA Hetherington	The Heigh Dandelion	WJ&GH Chesters, Whitegates Fm, Nomansheath, Cheshire	720

**10 yearling heifers, average 916 gns = £962**

# **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

## **A CELEBRATION OF FOOD & FARMERS**

**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Eden Project**

Advertised as “A Midsummer’s weekend in Eden’s Garden” this Event is being staged to promote Cornish produce, and to mark the Year of Food and Farming in the Southwest and as part of a nationwide effort to reconnect children to the countryside and raise awareness of the origins and impact of food on health and the environment.

To book in advance, telephone 01726 818821. We have a small number of free tickets giving family entry to Eden for the weekend – first come, first served – and only available to Cornish residents!

## **TRURO CLUB SUMMER OUTING**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

The Truro Club’s annual outing is a visit to the Mutterton herd, Cullompton, by kind invitation of Alan & Elizabeth Bartley. This will be followed by lunch in Kentisbeare, and an afternoon visit to Taverner Partners’ Haldon Valley herd, near Kennford, which produces the Orange Elephant Ice Cream.

Tickets cost £28.50 to include coach travel and 2-course lunch with coffee/tea. Please contact Sarah Eustice or Suzanne Harper.

**SOUTH WEST UPLANDS CONFERENCE 2008**  
**27<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30-4.00, Dartington Hall**

South West Uplands Task Force, established with the support of the NFU and CLA, is hosting a Conference entitled "What future the SW Uplands", to which you are invited to participate. Keynote speakers are David Fursdon, former CLA president, and Dr Stuart Burgess, the government's Rural Advocate. Farmer representation includes Guy Thomas-Everard, Exmoor farmer, and Layland Branfield, Dartmoor Commoners Council.

The Task Force is committed to developing short and long-term sustainable solutions, which will be presented on the day. This is an opportunity for farmers to influence and provide feedback to the government.

For bookings (cost £5 including lunch), contact SW Chamber of Rural Enterprise, tel 01392 878334, e-mail [enquiries@swcore.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@swcore.co.uk), [www.swcore.co.uk](http://www.swcore.co.uk).

**REGIONAL EVENT IN CORNWALL**  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Beckaveans Farm, Jacobstow, Camelford**

By kind invitation of Ada Brookes and Russell Bridger, an afternoon discussing the selection of breeding stock is being organised for members new to the breed.

For more information contact Mark Thomas, on 07977 058184, or Stewart Ward, on 01726 882947.

**MEAT SOUTH WEST FARM WALK**  
**Marketing opportunities for the modern beef farmer**  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, Banks Farm, Chesterblade, Shepton Mallet**

By kind invitation of Ed Green, this is an opportunity to visit a finishing unit supplying Waitrose, and direct retailing. The evening begins at 6 pm with a farm walk, followed by a buffet supper.

Speakers will be David Hendy talking about nutrition, and Steve Hamilton from the MLC talking about live cattle selection. The event is scheduled to end by 9.40pm.

To book your free place contact Helen Ashcroft, Meat South West, telephone 01837 880443, e-mail [info@meatsouthwest.co.uk](mailto:info@meatsouthwest.co.uk).

# SHOW RESULTS TO DATE

## DEVON COUNTY SHOW RESULTS

JUDGE: Mr M R Rowe, Tregondale, Menheniot, Liskeard, Cornwall

### **Class 10: Cow, born before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005, having had a full time calf on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008**

1<sup>st</sup> W P & S L Harper Z BEDFORD DORIS 12  
2<sup>nd</sup> T W C Trudgeon WADDETON PANSYETTE 28  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sir Simon Day KEATON ROSEBUD 52

### **Class 11: Cow, born before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005, warranted in calf, having had a full time calf since the previous Show and before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008**

1<sup>st</sup> T W C Trudgeon WELLAND VALLEY TRACEY 3

### **Class 12: Heifer born in 2005**

1<sup>st</sup> T W C Trudgeon PENBUGLE BUTTERCUP 50  
2<sup>nd</sup> R V Hartshorn Z CILGWRRWG SAS Q-MILLIE

### **Class 13: Heifer born in 2006**

1<sup>st</sup> T W C Trudgeon TREGOOSE BUTTERCUP 2  
2<sup>nd</sup> T W C Trudgeon TREGOOSE BUTTERCUP 1  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sir Simon Day KEATON JUDY 66

### **Class 14: Heifer born in 2007**

1<sup>st</sup> R V Hartshorn CILGWRRWG SAS SIMPLY MOLLY  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sir Simon Day KEATON COWSLIP 89  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bredon School BREDON NORMAN COUNTESS

### **Class 15: Bull born before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005**

1<sup>st</sup> W H Sandford AI HAUGHTON SAS JOE LOUIS 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sir Simon Day TREWINT JUBILEE JUNIOR 12

### **Class 16: Bull born in 2005 or 2006**

1<sup>st</sup> Bredon School BREDON ZAGREUS  
2<sup>nd</sup> W P & S L Harper BEDFORD HADRIAN 14

### **Class 17: Bull born in 2007**

1<sup>st</sup> Sir Simon Day KEATON LANCELOT 12  
2<sup>nd</sup> T W C Trudgeon TREGOOSE HERMES 1  
3<sup>rd</sup> W P & S L Harper BEDFORD HERMES

### **Class 18: Bull or heifer born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007**

1<sup>st</sup> W P & S L Harper BEDFORD ELIZABETH 96

### **Class 19: Group of three animals, exhibitor bred**

1<sup>st</sup> W P & S L Harper  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sir Simon Day

## SPECIALS

### **Champion Female**

T W C Trudgeon TREGOOSE BUTTERCUP 2

### **Champion Male**

W H Sandford AI HAUGHTON SAS JOE LOUIS 1

### **Breed Champion**

W H Sandford AI HAUGHTON SAS JOE LOUIS 1

### **Best group of three cattle**

T W C Trudgeon

### **Best group of three females**

W P & S L Harper

### **Best female with calf at foot**

W P & S L Harper Z BEDFORD DORIS 12

### **Best exhibit bred by resident in Devon**

W P & S L Harper Z BEDFORD DORIS 12

### **Best bull born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007**

Sir Simon Day KEATON LANCELOT 12

**Best Young Bull on performance**

Sir Simon Day

KEATON LANCELOT 12

**Exhibitor gaining highest points**

T W C Trudgeon

**RUTLAND COUNTY SHOW RESULTS****JUDGE: Mr R J Edwards, Colcharton, Tavistock, Devon****Class 22: Bull born before 01.01.2007**

1<sup>st</sup> M E & T E Broome WELLAND VALLEY CRUSADER 13  
 2<sup>nd</sup> M E & T E Broome WELLAND VALLEY HANBURY 9  
 3<sup>rd</sup> W J Wright & Son TREGONDALE KING COLE 18

**Class 23: Bull born on or after 01.01.2007**

1<sup>st</sup> M E & T E Broome WELLAND VALLEY HANBURY 11  
 2<sup>nd</sup> M E & T E Broome WELLAND VALLEY HANBURY 10

**Class 24: Cow or heifer in calf or with calf at foot born before 01.01.2006**

1<sup>st</sup> M E & T E Broome WELLAND VALLEY ETHEL 2  
 2<sup>nd</sup> O Brewin WELLAND VALLEY CLAUDIA 6  
 3<sup>rd</sup> G R Fountaine BILLINGTON SNOWDROP'S TAMMY

**Class 25: Heifer born on or after 01.01.2006 and before 01.01.2007**

1<sup>st</sup> G R Fountaine PORTMAN BURTLEY FLAME  
 2<sup>nd</sup> W J Wright & Son OXEY KATIE 141  
 3<sup>rd</sup> M E & T E Broome WELLAND VALLEY PRINCESS 19

**Class 26: Heifer born on or after 01.01.2007**

1<sup>st</sup> O Brewin NORTH VIEW CLAUDIA 1

**SPECIALS****Breed Champion**

M E &amp; T E Broome WELLAND VALLEY CRUSADER

**Junior Champion**

M E &amp; T E Broome WELLAND VALLEY PRINCESS

**SUFFOLK SHOW****JUDGE: Mr I Rounsevell, St Veep, Lostwithiel, Cornwall****Class 418: Bull, any age**

1<sup>st</sup> Mrs J Archer GOFFE CAVE STURDY 6  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Heath Farms WOODBASTWICK JOE LOUIS 5  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Malthouse Livestock MALTHOUSE HARLEQUIN

**Class 421: Heifer in calf, born in 2006**

1<sup>st</sup> G R Fountaine PORTMAN BURTLEY FLAME  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss C Hanton JUNIPER GILLY  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs J Archer JUNIPER GARNET

**Class 422: Maiden heifer born in 2007**

1<sup>st</sup> Mrs J Archer BRETTLES SAS BLUEBELL 13  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Malthouse Livestock MALTHOUSE HOLLY 7  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Malthouse Livestock MALTHOUSE HOLLY 8

**SPECIALS****Breed Champion**

G R Fountaine PORTMAN BURTLEY FLAME

**Male Champion**

Mrs J Archer GOFFE CAVE STURDY 6

**Female Champion**

G R Fountaine PORTMAN BURTLEY FLAME

**Best bull born on after 01.01.2007**

Heath Farms Ltd WOODBASTWICK JOE LOUIS 5

**Best group of three**

Malthouse Livestock MALTHOUSE HARLEQUIN

**INTERBREED****Reserve Best Native Exhibit**

G R Fountaine PORTMAN BURTLEY FLAME

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY SHOW****JUDGE: Mr S Bailey, Crewe, Cheshire****Class 338: Heifer born on or after 01.01.2006**1<sup>st</sup> G R Fountaine PORTMAN BURTLEY FLAME2<sup>nd</sup> D Nixey CHILTERN & HADDENHAM MOLLY**Class 340: Cow in calf or with calf at foot**1<sup>st</sup> G R Fountaine BILLINGTON SNOWDROP'S TAMMY2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs S Simms WELLAND VALLEY ADORA**Class 341: Bull born on or after 01.01.2006**1<sup>st</sup> D Nixey PORTMAN BURTLEY HECTOR 2**SPECIALS****Breed Champion**

G R Fountaine PORTMAN BURTLEY FLAME

**ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW****JUDGE: Mr M E Broome, Thorpe Langton, Market Harborough, Leicestershire****Class 185: Cow born before 01.01.2005, having had a full time calf on or after 01.01.2008**1<sup>st</sup> T W C Trudgeon WADDETON PANSYETTE 282<sup>nd</sup> R K Rundle KESTLE DAHLIA 483<sup>rd</sup> D J Thomas & Son TREGUDDICK ROSEBUD 2**Class 186: Cow born before 01.01.2005, having had a full time calf since the previous show, and before 01.01.2008**1<sup>st</sup> P S Rowe TREWINT NYLON 1999**Class 187: Heifer or cow born in 2005**1<sup>st</sup> W H D Scott GROVE CELANDINE 812<sup>nd</sup> R K Rundle KESTLE DAHLIA 513<sup>rd</sup> T W C Trudgeon PENBUGLE BUTTERCUP 50**Class 188: Heifer born in 2006**1<sup>st</sup> M A & C Sandbach & Son PERLEES CRUMPLE 32<sup>nd</sup> T W C Trudgeon TREGOOSE BUTTERCUP 13<sup>rd</sup> T W C Trudgeon TREGOOSE BUTTERCUP 2**Class 189: Heifer born in 2007**1<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs J Collings WENFORK QUAIN 42<sup>nd</sup> W H D Scott GROVE WILLOWHERB 483<sup>rd</sup> W H D Scott GROVE ANEMONE 23**Class 190: Bull born before 01.01.2005**1<sup>st</sup> P S Rowe TREWINT TORNADO

2<sup>nd</sup> P R Eustice TREVOWAH LANDMARK

**Class 191: Bull born in 2005 or 2006**

1<sup>st</sup> D J Thomas & Son TREGUDDICK LANDMARK 31

2<sup>nd</sup> W H D Scott GROVE EISENHOWER 19

3<sup>rd</sup> P S Rowe TREWINT TORNADO 2

**Class 192: Bull born in 2007**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> T W C Trudgeon TREGOOSE HERMES 1

3<sup>rd</sup> A L Pascoe CARZISE TSAR 2

**Class 193: Group of three animals**

1<sup>st</sup> T W C Trudgeon

2<sup>nd</sup> W P & S L Harper

3<sup>rd</sup> P S Rowe

**SPECIALS**

**Best female with calf at foot, judged as a pair**

R K Rundle KESTLE DAHLIA 46

**Best young bull on performance**

W H D Scott GROVE CROESUS 6

**Male Champion**

P S Rowe TREWINT TORNADO

**Female Champion**

W H D Scott GROVE CELANDINE 81

**Breed Champion**

P S Rowe TREWINT TORNADO

**INTERBREED**

**Breeding Beef Cattle – Devon and South Devon**

D J Thomas & Son TREGUDDICK LANDMARK 31

# **LLOYD & WHYTE YOUNG HANDLER COMPETITION**

## **Royal Cornwall Show**

**Judge: Mr M E Broome, Thorpe Langton, Market Harborough, Leicestershire**

The Society holds its Young Handler Competition, sponsored by Towergate Lloyd & Whyte, at a major show every year, and this year it was back to Wadebridge.

Eight entrants – either related to, or employees of, members – were under the scrutiny of judge Malcolm Broome for about an hour, and what an impressive demonstration they gave. Aged between 16 and 25, they were all very professional and deserved the appreciation of the audience who had gathered for a sit-down in the afternoon sunshine.

The competition began with 15 minutes of preparation for showing. The animals were the 2-year old heifers, which the entrants drew at random, and all behaved very well. Then followed the showing section, when Mark Thomas judged the heifers, and Malcolm Broome judged the competitors. Four of the heifers were then withdrawn and the remaining four were placed in order by the judge and the competitors, after which the competitors gave their reasons to the judge, in turn.

A big thank you to those who helped, especially Roger Rundle, Roger Clemens, Mark Thomas, and all the stock handlers who gave up their opportunity for a cup of tea immediately after the Grand Parade!

Awards were made immediately after the Competition in the Society marquee, as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Emma Pascoe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Edward Hosking
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oliver Penellum

Runners-up: David Hillhouse, Katie Rowe, Craig Rowland, Hannah Simpson, and Stacey Ward. Congratulations to Emma, and to all those who took part.

Emma wins a £400 cash prize towards a trip overseas to extend her knowledge of South Devon breeding, plus a showing stick, and we look forward to her report of her trip when she comes back.

The Society is very grateful to Lloyd & Whyte, who have enabled this competition to be held for many years now.

## **BEEF EXPO 2008**

### **Perth Auction Mart**

The National Beef Association's annual Beef Expo was held in Perth on 21<sup>st</sup> May and, as usual, the Society was fully represented.

Crossbred cattle were loaned by Snaigow Farm Partnership from Blairgowrie – a strong selection of bulling and in-calf heifers, most of which were sired by Grove Pompey 31. Snaigow manage a three-way crossing herd, using South Devon, Beef Shorthorn, and Simmental, aimed mostly at the finished market, and producing suckler replacements for home use.

Pedigree cattle were demonstrated by Hugh Jackson-Gamlen – Welland Valley Winfield 3, with a strong calf at foot; and by David Irving – Enterprise Condor, and Enterprise Acorn with Ava at foot.

The number of visitors to the Event was markedly lower than in previous years, probably as a result of the different bluetongue vaccination strategy currently in force

in Scotland, but those who came to the stand seemed impressed with the animals, and there were some good enquiries which we hope to be able to follow through if bluetongue controls ease later in the year. Richard Lochhead paid a visit, and was introduced to us by David Leggatt of United Auctions, but his ear was not willing to be bent by bluetongue and TB issues!

The further expansion of the breed into Scotland is proving to be a slow process, but we will continue the dripfeed promotional campaign to take advantage of the significant opportunities for development, once conditions for trade become easier.

Our thanks go to all who helped, especially Kenny Cannon, Hugh Jackson-Gamlen, David Irving, Bill Harper, Peter Pratt and Marjorie Titcombe.

Next year's Beef Expo will be held at the Three Counties Showground, and this year's South-West NBA event is scheduled for Hatherleigh on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

## **OPEN DAY, REGION 5**

**By kind invitation of David & Tracey Nixey  
Chiltern & Haddenham herd**

Region 5 is one of our largest areas geographically, and get-togethers are few and far between as a result. So when there is an Open Day, it is a good opportunity to catch up on news, and to see how other members' herds are developing.

The visit earlier this week to Oxfordshire was attended by about 20 members, some of whom had travelled big distances to come. The weather was perfect – plenty of sunshine, with a light breeze.

We started at Manor Farm, Chinnor, which is the base from where the Nixeys operate their extensive arable business, to see firstly cross-bred cows running with Chiltern & Haddenham David Phillips, a longish bull producing easily-calved offspring. We then saw a good even bunch of heifers, barely interested in receiving visitors (!), and a group of cows with calves. We were also treated to a fine sight of five red kites circling above us.

We then moved back to Spencers Farm, where the cattle are housed in the winter months, and where the remainder of the herd runs during the summer. The group of cows with younger calves, running with Goffe Cave Solo, were impressive, as were the in-calf heifers by the same bull, and the grass very plentiful.

Tracey treated the group to a leisurely lunch in the garden – very welcome and enjoyable. Our thanks go to David & Tracey for such a pleasant day out at such a busy time of year.

# **EBLEX NATIONAL PRODUCER**

## **CONFERENCE**

**Bristol 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Some very interesting speakers at this well-attended Conference, and many of you will no doubt have read some of the more professionally written (!) reports in the national press, but below are some notes taken from two of the presentations which might be of interest:

**PROFESSOR NEVILLE GREGORY, Animal Welfare Physiology, Royal Veterinary College**

Professor Gregory spoke on the subject of meat quality and, in particular, Dry Firm Meat, or DFD, which is a problem for abattoirs and which can be avoided by better cattle handling.

Normal meat should look bright red, whereas DFD looks purple and dark and has a poorer shelf-life and a poorer flavour. It is caused by inadequate acidification – when there is a lack of glycogen in the animal and therefore an insufficient conversion to lactic acid. Glycogen levels can be depleted by too much activity prior to slaughter, which can commonly be caused by too much exercise or stress. (Bull beef is quite prone to being DFD). Interestingly, it can take a matter of *days* before the glycogen levels are restored to a normal level once they have been depleted.

Other causes of a drop in glycogen levels, and therefore poorer meat quality, were given as long distance transport, a long keep in lairage, fighting (bulls in particular), over-stocking in lairage, injury, and dehydration.

Some of these factors contributing to DFD are avoidable, especially with a normally quiet breed, but others are not where there is no control over an abattoir's method of practice. DFD is likely to become more of an issue, and it already costs the UK at least £9 million each year. Bruised carcasses cost the UK £5 million each year.

The issue of dirty animals was also discussed, with the risk of e-coli contamination to carcasses. Not considering the thorny subject of clipping, there are some steps which can be taken to reduce the dirt: by feeding hay before transport, and *not* fasting animals (fasting will increase the level of salmonella in the gut).

To finish with a quote from Professor Gregory: “Some breeds tend to be a bit difficult to handle .... And like the challenges of the high-jump!” Thankfully, not ours.

**PROFESSOR TEMPLE GRANDIN, Animal Science, Colorado State University**

Professor Temple Grandin is considered to be the world's leading authority on animal handling and has designed and installed facilities globally based on her acute

understanding of how animals behave and respond to stress. Over half of all cattle killed in the US go through systems she designed and her key design points such as curved raceways and crowd pens are seen regularly in large plants in the UK.

She is a fascinating person to listen to, and is very passionate about her subject. Many of the points she makes are more relevant to other breeds, but we still may have lessons to learn, many of them quite logical! Below are a few of them:

- Calm animals are easier to handle and have higher weight gains (certainly the case with South Devons)
- Stock handlers should focus on getting the animal to cooperate, not driving it where it is frightened to go
- “Yelling and screaming raises the animal’s heart rate”
- Cattle have wide angle vision, and react more to what they see than to what they hear; small distractions which handlers may not notice can be traumatic to an animal. For example, a hanging chain or cord, or dripping pipe, in a walkway
- Cattle cannot see red, but they can see “high-vis” yellow jackets, and the colour blue
- Cattle react warily to shadows and high contrasts between light and dark in a walkway, as they do to reflections, sudden movements, objects lying on the ground, etc
- Cattle may refuse to enter dark buildings in groups
- Races should have solid sides and non-slip flooring
- An animal’s flight zone is its safety zone (the area it sees to either side). If its flight zone is threatened by, for example, a person getting too close, it will move. Calm animals have a smaller flight zone, and “genetically flighty animals will have a bigger flight zone”

Both these presentations are available on the EBLEX website – [www.eblex.org.uk/producerconference](http://www.eblex.org.uk/producerconference).

## **A NOTE FOR ALL SOCIETY JUDGES**

Please be aware that your attendance is required at the JUDGES SEMINAR which is being held at Grove Farms on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

You will receive a further notification nearer the time.

# **BIRTH REGISTRATION STATISTICS**

## **EXTRACTED FROM BCMS For years from 2002-2007**

These figures make quite interesting reading, especially for the use of South Devons for cross-breeding.

Between 2002 and 2007 South Devon females birth-notified to BCMS rose by 9%, males by 10%, crossbred females by 24%, and males by 23%. These are healthy increases and the result of all our promotional efforts!!

	M/F	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	% diff
<b>SD</b>	F	6,317	6,508	6,701	6,951	7,228	6,928	+9%
<b>SD</b>	M	6,196	6,391	6,808	6,754	7,005	6,897	+10%
<b>SDX</b>	F	5,151	5,213	5,536	5,845	6,230	6,782	+24%
<b>SDX</b>	M	5,232	5,326	5,633	5,878	6,720	6,759	+23%
		<b>22,896</b>	<b>23,438</b>	<b>24,678</b>	<b>25,428</b>	<b>27,183</b>	<b>27,366</b>	<b>+12%</b>

## **MARKET FOR CULL COWS**

Just to show what was achievable in May, at a Barren Cow sale at Sedgemoor Auction Centre, a new section record was achieved by J Shinner & Sons for “a tremendously deep fleshed South Devon cow” which sold at £1313.20 – 938 kg at 140ppk. The average price on the day was 98.7ppk.

It is delightful to see this type of market become available for the South Devon breed which can gain much from the demand for good fleshy cows.

## **THE ROYAL SHOW 2008**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Stoneleigh

We hope to repeat the display of commercial cattle which we had at last year's show, and which succeeded in attracting more people to the Pavilion. In addition to our demonstration in the Pavilion, we shall have a small Breed Society stand in the cattle lines.

The deadline for entries was extended by the Show organisers because of restrictions in numbers being entered because of bluetongue, and have now closed with about 30 South Devons.

Judging the South Devon classes will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are thinking of visiting and supporting exhibitors and ourselves, it would be advisable to check the exact time of judging with us, because of the need for more flexible arrangements this year, again thanks to bluetongue.

The awards will be made on Friday in the early evening, and will be followed as usual by the Society barbecue. The Elliott family are making a very welcome return to the cooking this year, after a very much appreciated barbecue last year, and you are encouraged to book tickets with the SDHBS office. There will be South Devon steak, a pud, and a glass of Pimms.

It would be lovely to have home-made cakes in the Pavilion again – they were much enjoyed last year, and any contributions will be gratefully received! We also hope to be able to serve a meal on Thursday evening, for exhibitors and visitors – please let the office know if you are interested. On Friday lunchtime there will be filled rolls available – with the ever-flowing tea and coffee, and a small bar.

Anyone able and willing to do a stint in the Pavilion – please let Caroline know. Thank you – and please read the following!

## **MIDLAND CLUB SOCIAL EVENING**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**By kind invitation of Pat & Tony Rickett**

**Dedicated to ROY BABEY**

Something *even more* special this year! The Midland Club always hold a Social Evening to coincide with the Royal Show, to give show exhibitors a break and an opportunity to see some real fields for a few hours, and to have a good feed!

This year the evening is dedicated to Roy Babey, who established the Northwick herd of South Devons and was such a great supporter of the breed, and who died earlier this year.

There will be a charge for the food and wine this year (which we can all easily afford as the hosts have always been so very generous in previous years), and also a raffle. All the money raised will be used to purchase a carved wooden Trophy for presenting at the Moreton Show in Roy's name. If you are unable to come but would like to make a donation anyway, please let Pat know.

# TB VALUATIONS

The most recent letter which I sent to Hilary Benn has been replied to, by Jeff Rooker, Minister for Sustainable Farming and Food, and Animal Welfare. My letter urged decisive action to be taken without further delay, and also questioned the fairness of the tabular valuation system. This is taken from the reply which I received:

“TB is one of the most difficult endemic animal health problems facing our farming industry. This Government recognises the significant and damaging impacts that the disease can have on cattle farming businesses, which go beyond financial issues. We are committed to finding the best way to combat this disease, backed by the available evidence and taking account of all the key interests.

“Hilary Benn has written to the Chairman of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to thank them for their work and explaining that to deal thoroughly with the Committee’s recommendations will take time. I can assure you that we are currently giving careful consideration to the Committee’s report, as well as the other available evidence, before coming to a decision on badger culling.

“In respect of table valuations, the decision to introduce a revised cattle compensation system was not made lightly, and only after two public consultations. However, given the substantial body of independent evidence, which showed that the previous TB compensation system (based on individual valuations) resulted in significant and widespread over-compensation, Government had little choice but to take robust corrective action and introduce new arrangements.

“We recognise that the current compensation system is not supported by all stakeholders, but would point out that table valuations are entirely objective and based on real and significant amounts of contemporary market data. For example, in 2006, sales data from nearly 8,000 cattle sales were used to inform the table valuations, comprising 1.23 million head of cattle. This represented around 98% of open market sales as well as a high proportion of dispersal sales. Although Defra has not ruled out the possibility of changes to the current compensation system, any changes would need to be justified and take account of the taxpayers’ interests. They would also need to take account of the extensive evidence of significant over-compensation experienced under the previous system, which was based on individual valuations.

“Finally, you expressed concern at the lack of clinical evidence of disease in many TB reactor animals. It is important to note that a failure to find post-mortem evidence of disease does not mean that disease is not present. Post-mortem examination and microbiological culture are not as effective as identifying infected cattle – they are both less sensitive than the ante-mortem diagnostic tests. The

primary purpose of post mortem analysis is not to validate the results of ante-mortem tests, but to identify the severity and strain of infection – this is useful for epidemiological purposes and helps to support subsequent disease control efforts.”

If you have any comments, perhaps you would like to address them to your MP, or direct to Mr Rooker.

## **COMPENSATION FOR BOVINE TB**

**Payable during June 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	162	Up to 3 months	125
Over 3 months up to 6 months	272	Over 3 months up to 6 months	236
Over 6 months up to 9 months	431	Over 6 months up to 9 months	362
Over 9 months up to 12 months	530	Over 9 months up to 12 months	448
Over 12 months up to 16 months	614	Over 12 months up to 16 months	506
Over 16 months up to 20 months	686	Over 16 months up to 20 months	583
20 months and over	791	20 months and over	688
Breeding bulls 20 months and over	1,401	Calved	1,060

## PEDIGREE BOVINE

Male		Female	
Age	Compensation due	Age	Compensation due
6 months up to 12 months	*	6 months up to 12 months	1,612
Over 12 months up to 24 months	3,834	Over 12 months up to 24 months	1,516
Bull 24 months and over	2,949	24 months and over (not calved)	2,476
		Calved under 36 months	1,748
		Calved 36 months and over	1,635

\* Compensation to be determined using individual valuation

## ON-LINE REGISTRATIONS

Liz is concerned that some of you may be unknowingly requesting pedigree status for more bulls than you would like, when submitting notifications electronically.

Please make sure that you are selecting notification and not registration, to save having to undo certificates and invoices! Thank you.

## DISEASE ADVICE – LIVER FLUKE BIOBEST FACTSHEET

The common Liver Fluke is a flat leaf-like parasite found in the tissue and bile ducts of the liver that causes problems in stock. The life cycle of the parasite and how it interacts with domestic stock is important in order to understand the disease. The life cycle of Liver Fluke differs slightly from the more familiar patterns seen with the common gut worms. Firstly, it takes longer to complete the cycle from egg to adult fluke, generally around 6 months, and one reason for this is that another host is involved. This is the mud snail and it is an essential element in the development and multiplication of the fluke. As its name would suggest, it inhabits ditches, ponds, ruts and other, often temporary wet areas.

The liver fluke life cycle is complicated. Flukes live in the bile ducts and produce eggs which are passed out in faeces. These develop into tiny larvae which are picked up by mud snails. The flukes multiply in the snail and then pass out of the snail, settling onto nearby vegetation and forming cysts. These cysts, which are full

of parasites, can persist for up to a year in the right conditions. When the cysts are ingested by sheep and cattle the young flukes move to liver where they can cause considerable damage. Mild winters, plus warm and wet spring, summer and autumn seasons favour snail activity and fluke development.

The main losses caused by fluke often go unrecognised and include reduced live weight gain, lower feed conversion efficiency, reduced fertility, lower milk production and occasional deaths due to acute or untreated chronic infections.

In order to reduce the risk of disease certain measures should be adopted:

- A quarantine and testing strategy for bought-in animals. Bought-in animals should be treated with a flukicide that kills immature fluke and kept in isolation for 28 days
- Drainage management. Cattle should avoid grazing close to muddy ponds or ditches. If possible, boggy areas should be fenced off and drainage improved. Young and vulnerable stock should be kept off any suspect pastures.
- Treatment. Use flukicides that are active against fluke during the autumn and early winter. Treatment will depend upon when your cattle are likely to be housed and the effectiveness of particular flukicide against the fluke present on your farm. Remember that some flukicides are effective against immature flukes and others are only effective against adult flukes. Do not use the same flukicide year on year – a strategic rotation programme alternating closantel and triclabendazole year on year is a good option.
- Serum testing allows herd health status to be initially diagnosed and then future testing may be used to monitor the effectiveness of treatment and control.

## **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 Polled Herd

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**

**Z BILLINGTON PASTICHE 24**

UKHW0449-00130

Born 02/04/1996

**Z BILLINGTON TOMAHAWK**

UK280954 700150

Born 12/05/2001

**KESTLE HORATIO 11**

G K & M A Garrett & Son

Devon – Region 2

01837 54348

G K & M A Garrett & Son

Devon – Region 2

01837 54348

R Sadler

01326 250392

UK381722 700114 Born 28/02/2002 <b>WOODHAYES HECTOR 16</b> UK361609 100055 Born 01/03/2002	Cornwall – Region 1  L E Walters & Son Devon – Region 2	   01404 841403
<b>BARNS COURT JUPITER</b> UK364729 500027 Born 05/04/2002	T Martin Devon – Region 2	01769 580737
<b>BARNS COURT HERATIO</b> UK3634729 600028 Born 06/05/2002	T Martin Devon – Region 2	01769 580737
<b>NORTHWICK BULL</b> UK321645 600331 Born 04/02/2006	Northwick Estate Gloucestershire – Region 3	07500 013903
<b>ALDBOURNE CHASE TEMERAIRE</b> UK327674 500313 Born 18/02/2006	D Armstrong Wiltshire – Region 3	07786 543381
<b>LINSCOTT CENTURION 4</b> UK361009 400174 Born 02/03/2006	J Andrew Devon – Region 2	01271 858213
<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>Z BILLINGTON CRUSADER 22</b> UK371751 600051 Born 10/04/2006	G K & M A Garrett & Son Devon – Region 2	01837 54348
<b>KNOWLHILL DUKE 3</b> UK280705 100899 Born 22/04/2006	A E F & F J Claridge Buckinghamshire – Region 5	01296 730235
<b>KNOWLHILL DUKE 4</b> UK280705 200907 Born 22/04/2006	A E J & F J Claridge Buckinghamshire – Region 5	01296 730235
<b>KNOWLHILL DUKE 5</b> UK280705 400909 Born 24/04/2006	A E J & F J Claridge Buckinghamshire – Region 5	01296 730235
<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>SELECTION YOUNG BULLS</b>	J P Harrison Yorkshire – Region 7	01347 838725
<b><u>FEMALES</u></b>		
<b>3 x 2 YR OLD HEIFERS</b>	Lyons Grant-Dalton Cornwall – Region 1	01872 580323
<b>COWS &amp; CALVES, BULLING AND IN-CALF HEIFERS</b>	R R B & S J Harvey Devon – Region 2	01548 830307
<b>3 x 3 YR OLD HEIFERS</b>	S Frederick Kent – Region 4	01892 870926

<b>2 BULLING HEIFERS</b>	G M & S Taylor Cornwall – Region 1	07834 967921
<b>10 BULLING HEIFERS AND 20 YEARLING HEIFERS 5 YEARLING HEIFERS</b>	D A Ashcroft Hampshire – Region 4	01420 511011
<b>5 BULLING &amp; 5 IN-CALF HEIFERS</b>	J Virgin Dorset – Region 3	01258 817171
<b>4 BULLING HEIFERS</b>	Newfield Farm Ltd Nottinghamshire – Region 7	01636 525376
<b>2 YR OLD BULLING HEIFERS</b>	G C Hill Devon – Region 2	01822 614319
<b>COWS &amp; CALVES, AND BULLING HEIFERS 6 IN-CALF HEIFERS</b>	P Hickman Devon – Region 2	01364 642264
<b>4 POLLED YEARLINGS</b>	D P Crow Shropshire – Region 6	01952 255650
<b>3 X 2 YR OLD AND 2 YEARLING ORGANIC HEIFERS</b>	D Chadwick Derbyshire – Region 7	01335 345980
	P Marjason Devon – Region 2	07813 720595
	Mr & Mrs J Rider Cornwall – Region 1	01579 370186

## DIARY

<b>JUNE</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Executive meeting, Westpoint Deadline for submission of recorded weights
<b>JULY</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup></b>	Royal Show, Stoneleigh World Congress, Canada Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Judges Seminar, Wells Folly Council meeting, Stoneleigh Poll Group Open Day, Polkinghorne, Cornwall Beef & Growing Cattle South West
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Autumn Show & Sale, Bristol Borderway Agri-Expo 2008, Carlisle
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Royal Smithfield Christmas Fair Council meeting

# 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 .....