

# SOUTH DEVON HERD BOOK SOCIETY

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**Dear Member,**

The year seems to be racing by, and the show season gets underway this week with the Devon County. Please support our South Devon exhibitors when and where you can – they are working for the benefit of the breed, not just for their own herds, and are filling this important “shop window”. There will be classes, at the time of writing, at about 20 one-day shows, and at 10 major shows. As usual, the Society will have a promotional stand at the Devon County, Royal Cornwall, Royal, Royal Welsh, and Great Yorkshire Shows.

The Midland Club Sale was another very successful advance for bull trade, with a new average price set – at £3,227, and a new high for the Club of £6,090. Unfortunately, both entries and the potential to purchase were adversely affected by Bluetongue restrictions, with Wales excluded, and entries from the Protection Zone prohibited. The female trade was more mixed, with buyers picking out the better quality, and prices were not as strong as at the exceptionally successful sale in 2007. I think the message is clear - all cattle coming to public sales should be carefully selected and prepared, to give animals their best chance of impressing buyers and of doing the job they are purchased to do.

The next sale on the calendar is at Carlisle on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. There is a respectable entry of 5 bulls and 22 females, all from outside the Bluetongue zones. Please support if you can. Catalogues are available from Harrison & Hetherington, 01228 640924, e-mail [info@borderway.com](mailto:info@borderway.com).

News on the bluetongue front is mixed: vaccine has begun to filter out in parts of the Protection Zone; a tender for a further 13,000 doses (of which 8,000 for England, and 5,000 for Wales) has been issued; but the warmer weather must mean a greater chance of midge activity. The message is consistent – order vaccine now if you have not already done so, and vaccinate as soon as the vaccine becomes available to vets in your county. There is also now available an insecticide which reputedly has some effect on protecting animals for up to 28 days – your vet should advise.

Entries are now called for the Lloyd & Whyte Young Handler Competition, which will be held at the Royal Cornwall Show on Friday afternoon (6<sup>th</sup> June) after the Grand Parade. This is an excellent opportunity to encourage younger members, and sons/daughters of members, to show animals, with attractive prize incentives!

With beef prices thankfully continuing to rise, attention should focus more carefully on costs, to attain a balance between income and expenditure which hopefully gives the correct answer to the business equation! One of those costs, often hidden, is the presence of unmonitored disease in a herd, and Council were fortunate to have Duncan Findlay, MRCVS, Society Inspector, speak at their recent meeting on the subject of herd health. A resume of some of the more salient points are inside.

Our condolences go to the family of William Moore, Mill Farm, South Milton, Kingsbridge, Devon. Mr Moore died recently, aged 91, and was a long-standing member of the Society. The herd first appears in the 1945 Herd Book, and we are pleased that his grandson, Graham, is continuing to breed South Devons.

Please contact us if you need help or advice on any South Devon issues – we will do our best to assist!

With best wishes

**Caroline**

# MIDLAND CLUB SHOW & SALE 2008

Stratford Livestock Auctions, Clifford Chambers, Stratford-upon-Avon  
Auctioneers: John Wakeham, Mark Bromell, Messrs Kivells

## THE SHOW

Judge: W H D Scott, Wells Folly, Moreton in Marsh, Glos

### **BULLS (Thomas Brayne Trophy)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	R A Ford	GOFFE CAVE STURDY 6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	C G & J F Phillips	MACARONI CONSORT 1
3 <sup>rd</sup>	M & S Kettlewell	UPPER NORTON ISAIAH

### **BULLING HEIFERS (David Phillips Memorial Trophy)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	M & S Kettlewell	UPPER NORTON ILEX
2 <sup>nd</sup>	J G Williams & Son	HOPTON DOLLY 32
3 <sup>rd</sup>	David Smallcombe Ltd	BROOKIN BARONESS

### **YEARLING HEIFERS (Cholwells Cup)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	A & P Rickett	JUNIPER HILDA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr & Mrs J R Hadley	KNIGHTCOTE ANN 15
3 <sup>rd</sup>	J G Williams & Son	HOPTON DAPHNE 4

### **PRIMESTOCK (Hollygate Trophy)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	J P Harrison	BRAFFERTON TROOPER BOY
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### **CHAMPIONSHIP ROSETTE:**

R A Ford	GOFFE CAVE STURDY 6
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## THE SALE

### BULLS

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Bull</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
A&P Rickett	Juniper Geronimo	R&ML Drew, Higher Laity Fm, Portreath, Redruth, Cornwall	5800
ME&TE Broome	Welland Valley Hanbury 6 (T)	Sparey Bros, Demense Farm, Garway, Herefordshire	2100
TM Kent	X Eyton SAS Illya 4	Douthwaite & Sons, Townsend Fm, Radway, Warwickshire	3500
ME&TE Broome	Welland Valley Explorer 6	GP Hubbard & Sons, Home Fm, Walton, Lutterworth, Leics	3600
AR Lee	Lumbylaw Leo 26	GD Stephenson & Sons Ltd, Londesborough Wold Fm, Market Wheaton, Yorkshire	3300
M&S Kettlewell	Upper Norton Isaiah	J Andrew, Linscott, Tawstock, Barnstaple, Devon	2400
RA Ford	Goffe Cave Sturdy 6	Mrs J Archer, Old Hall Fm, N Tuddenham, Dereham, Norfolk	5500
AR Lee	Lumbylaw Leo 33	JA Hopkins, Dolhurst, Delhorn Lane, Lympsham, Somerset	1600
ME&TE Broome	Welland Valley Crusader 2	NP Foster & Prtnrs, Church Farm, Blakesley, Northants	1500
CG&JF Phillips	Macaroni Consort 1	ME&TE Broome, Manor Fm, Thorpe Langton, Leics	4000
JP Harrison	Brafferton Hadrian 2	R&L De Haan, Horton Park Fm, Monks Horton, Ashford, Kent	2000
JP Harrison	Brafferton Starbuster 19	WB Coton, Barretts Fm, Balsall Common, Daventry, Northants	1600

**12 bulls sold, avg 3075 gns = £3229**

### HALTER BROKEN HEIFERS BORN IN 2006

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Heifer</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
JG Williams&Son	Hopton Dolly 31	J&M Critchley, Hook Cliff Fm, Newark Hill, Grantham, Lincs	1500
M&S Kettlewell	Upper Norton Ilex	Miss C Hanton, Kings Close Fm, North Burlingham, Norfolk	1800
JG Williams&Son	Hopton Ruby 48	P Gunn, Bunsley Bank Fm, Audley, Cheshire	1000
TR&PD Baker	Al Gawney Doris 1	P Gunn, Bunsley Bank Fm, Audley, Cheshire	700
JG Williams&Son	Hopton Dolly 32	AJ Wadland, Poplars Fm, Williams Scot, Banbury, Oxon	1300
MJ Perris	Cross Tree Lily	Saywards Ltd, Brooklyn House, Whilton Kocks, Northants	750
JG Williams&Son	Hopton Ruby 51	J&M Critchley, Hook Cliff Fm, Newark Hill, Grantham, Lincs	1500
TR&PD Baker	Gawney Bluebell	P Gunn, Bunsley Bank Fm, Audley, Cheshire	700
D Smallcombe	Brookin Baroness	Saywards Ltd, Brooklyn House, Whilton Kocks, Northants	600
MJ Perris	Cross Tree Lunar	AJ Wadland, Poplars Fm, Williams Scot, Banbury, Oxon	850

**10 halter broken bulling heifers sold, avg 1070 gns = £1124**

### HALTER BROKEN HEIFERS BORN IN 2007

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Heifer</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
A&P Rickett	Juniper Hilda	RA Ford, Caudle View, Church Lane, Thorpe Langton, Leics	800
Mr&MrsJRHadley	Knightcote Ann 15	J&M Critchley, Hook Cliff Fm, Newark Hill, Grantham, Lincs	650
ME&TE Broome	Welland Valley Candy 14	Saywards Ltd, Brooklyn House, Whilton Kocks, Northants	550
Mr&MrsJRHadley	Knightcote Ann 16	Saywards Ltd, Brooklyn House, Whilton Kocks, Northants	650
A&P Rickett	Juniper Hawthorn	RA Ford, Caudle View, Church Lane, Thorpe Langton, Leics	950
JG Williams&Son	Hopton Mayflower 6	Miss C Hanton, Kings Close Fm, North Burlingham, Norfolk	700
JG Williams&Son	Hopton Daphne 4	Miss C Hanton, Kings Close Fm, North Burlingham, Norfolk	700
A&P Rickett	Juniper Heather	AEJ&FJ Claridge, Knowlhill Fm, Middle Clayden, Bucks	800
JG Williams&Son	Hopton Dolly 34	AJ Wadland, Poplars Fm, Williams Scot, Banbury, Oxon	620

**9 halter broken yearlings sold, avg 713 gns = £749**

### COWS

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Cow</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
G E Pike	Embury Maureen	R Weston, 88 Manor Rd, Desford, Leics	1200

**1 cow sold, 1200 gns = £1260**

### 3-YR OLD HEIFERS

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Heifer</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
ME&TE Broome	Welland Valley Dewdrop 2	CR Harris, 2 Sand Pit Cottage, Thurlastone, Leics	850
ME&TE Broome	Welland Valley Gem 6	CR Harris, 2 Sand Pit Cottage, Thurlastone, Leics	780
DJ Thomas&Son	Treguddick Dairymaid 3	AJ Wadland, Poplars Fm, Williams Scot, Banbury, Oxon	850

**3 in-calf heifers sold, avg 827 gns = £868**

### 2-YR OLD HEIFERS, NON HALTER BROKEN

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Heifer</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
WJ Wright&Son	Oxey Gossip 71	GP Hubbard & Sons, Home Fm, Walton, Lutterworth, Leics	850
WJ Wright&Son	Oxey Hilda 234	CT Land, Mines Fm, Snelston, Ashbourne, Derbyshire	850
WJ Wright&Son	Oxey Daffodil 61	AJ Wadland, Poplars Fm, Williams Scot, Banbury, Oxon	720
WJ Wright&Son	Oxey Claudia 2 (B)	CT Land, Mines Fm, Snelston, Ashbourne, Derbyshire	850
WJ Wright&Son	Oxey Daffodil 32	GP Hubbard & Sons, Home Fm, Walton, Lutterworth, Leics	850
NPFoster&Prtnrs	Fosmac Desdemona	HA&HJ East, Corner Farm, Kirtlington, Oxon	680

**6 non halter broken bulling heifers sold, avg 800 gns = £840**

**YEARLING HEIFERS, NON HALTER BROKEN**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Heifer</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
M Rushbrooke	Brettles SAS Bluebell 13	Mrs J Archer, Old Hall Fm, N Tuddenham, Dereham, Norfolk	1250
M Rushbrooke	Brettles SAS Venus 5	RG Elliott, 7 High St, Kislingbury, Northants	1000

**2 non halter broken yearlings sold, avg 1125 gns = 1181**

**COMMERCIAL SECTION**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Heifer</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
JG Williams&Son	AA x SD	RG Elliott, 7 High St, Kislingbury, Northants	650
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JG Williams&Son	AA x SD	RG Elliott, 7 High St, Kislingbury, Northants	650
JG Williams&Son	AA X SD	A Watkins, Castlefield Fm, Kentchurch, Herefordshire	660
NPFoster&Prtnrs	Fosmac Daisy	A Watkins, Castlefield Fm, Kentchurch, Herefordshire	650
NPFoster&Prtnrs	Fosmac Elsa	WB Coton, Barretts Fm, Balsall Common, Daventry, Northants	450
NPFoster&Prtnrs	Red Poll x SD	Saywards Ltd, Brooklyn House, Whilton Kocks, Northants	480
NPFoster&Prtnrs	Fosmac Enigma	Saywards Ltd, Brooklyn House, Whilton Kocks, Northants	400
A&P Rickett	Juniper Happy	HA&HJ East, Corner Farm, Kirtlington, Oxon	770

**9 commercials sold, avg 601 gns = £631**

**PRIMESTOCK**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Steer</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
JP Harrison	Brafferton Trooper Boy	EJ Paynter, Tregarrick, Merrymeet, Liskeard, Cornwall	1200

**1 primestock sold, 1200 gns = £1260**

**FRAME SCORE MEASUREMENTS****SCROTAL CIRCUMFERENCE (cm)**

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg	Pass size
15-20	3	37-42	40	33
21-30	11	36-50	42	35
31-33	1	37	37	36

**HEIGHT AT WITHERS (cm)**

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	3	138-142	140
21-30	11	139-149	145
31-33	1	146	146

**HEIGHT AT RUMP (cm)**

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	3	144-147	145
21-30	11	143-154	149
31-33	1	149	149

**LENGTH (cm)**

Age (mths)	No	Withers to pins		Hooks to pins	
		Range	Avg	Range	Avg
15-20	3	134-137	135	54-59	57
21-30	11	141-151	146	57-66	61
31-33	1	150	150	64	64

**RUMP WIDTH (cm)**

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	3	59-65	63
21-30	11	56-69	65
31-33	1	65	65

**WEIGHT (kg)**

<b>Age (mths)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Avg</b>
15-20	3	720-819	764
21-30	11	758-1063	937
31-33	1	857	857

### **INSPECTORS REPORT**

The cattle forward were very mixed, but the good cattle made good prices. However, there was not the “filling up of trailers” this year, so several cattle went home unsold. Three females were rejected, two for undershot jaws and one for being too small.

*Richard Hartshorn & Bob Bostelmann*

## **CARLISLE PEDIGREE SHOW & SALE**

**Borderway Mart, Carlisle  
FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

**Judge: Mr P F Pratt, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs  
President, SDHBS**

**5 BULLS, 22 FEMALES**

**Judging starts at 9, Sale begins at 11**

**CATALOGUES: HARRISON & HETHERINGTON  
01228 640924 [info@borderway.com](mailto:info@borderway.com)**

## **JOURNAL 2007/8**

The new Journal has been published and is available for members to collect (if you're passing the office), or to pick up from the various events and shows where we have a stand in the coming weeks. This will help us to save on postage!

# **BEEF EXPO 2008**

## **THE UK'S NATIONAL BEEF EVENT**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Farm Tours – visit to Ballathie Estates and Incheoch Farms, Alyth  
Demonstration on cattle handling system by Temple Grandin

Conference at Perth Agricultural Centre  
Dinner at Dewars Centre, Perth

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Perth Agricultural Centre – BEEF EXPO

The Society stand needs helpers!  
Please contact Caroline if you can lend a hand for an hour or two

## **DNA**

Thank you to all those who have already sent in hair samples from their stock bulls, and we look forward to receiving from more members as soon as the tail comes within pulling distance!

We shall shortly be sending out certificates from Merial for those bulls which have already been profiled, for the range of Igenity beef analyses.

If you would like animals to be myostatin tested please let us know – the cost is £22.50 plus VAT per animal.

If you hold straws of semen, these bulls can also be tested, but it would be advisable to check with Liz before sending us a straw, to avoid any duplication of samples.

# **ADVERTISING YOUR BUSINESS**

The Society can effectively advertise your business in a number of ways:

In the **Journal** – published annually, circulation to all members plus 500 copies distributed to enquirers and at shows and events. Rates according to advertising space and colour.

On the **Website** – the members' page features herd advertisements which are compiled by Acstede, our website designer, using information supplied by breeders. The cost is just £50 per year, and it opens your herd to the worldwide web!

**Links** to your Website – just let us know your web address and we will put a link to it from [www.sdhbs.org.uk](http://www.sdhbs.org.uk), at no charge.

If you are producing **Boxed Beef**, please let us know. We are very happy to advertise the service on our website, at the same time giving us the information to satisfy enquiries from members of the public looking to source South Devon beef.

## **BLUETONGUE UPDATE**

We must congratulate Intervet for beating their estimated delivery time of the first quantities of bluetongue vaccine by several days. Many of our members in the Protection Zone have already received their orders of vaccine and have administered the first dose. 3 million doses have already been delivered and another 1 million are now available (against the original delivery schedule of 2 million before the end of May).

It is still a race against time, though, before the disease begins circulating at a far more virulent level than in 2007. If you have not already placed an order with your vet please do so as soon as possible – without firm orders from their customers, veterinary practices are not able to place orders with the vaccine wholesalers!

The Protection Zones will be extended and merged today (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May), following the delivery of additional doses of vaccine, to include all of Hampshire, West Sussex, Lincolnshire, Berkshire, and Oxfordshire. The Surveillance Zone will not be extended at the moment, and it is expected that it will gradually be absorbed into the Protection Zone.

Livestock keepers coming into the Protection Zone today will be able to obtain vaccine from that date. They will be subject to the same restrictions as those in the existing Protection Zone. Animals can only be moved out of the Protection Zone if they are vaccinated, naturally immune (unlikely) or for slaughter, subject to meeting certain conditions.

Once animals have been fully vaccinated and full protection established, they can be licensed to be moved out of the PZ to the SZ (whilst it still exists), the English free area (which will become PZ in due course), Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland or other countries.

There are three levels of certification possible, depending on where the animals are to be moved and on who has done the vaccination. These cannot be changed once vaccination has been carried out, so the status of certification must be assessed before starting vaccination:

- 1 Vaccination for protection only – farmers can vaccinate themselves, recording details in the medicine book
- 2 Vaccination to move to English Free Area or Wales Restricted Zone – full vaccination programme must be completed more than 60 days before movement; or full vaccination programme completed at least 21 days before movement, and a PCR test with negative results carried out at least 35 days after full vaccination course.
- 3 Vaccination for movements to Free Areas of Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland or to other countries – must be vaccinated by a veterinary surgeon

The ability of the disease to transmit to unborn calves has not yet been defined, and therefore it is likely that movements of breeding females to Free Areas will be restricted until more testing is carried out.

# COMPENSATION TABLES FOR TB

**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	154	Up to 3 months	113
Over 3 months up to 6 months	271	Over 3 months up to 6 months	221
Over 6 months up to 9 months	422	Over 6 months up to 9 months	355
Over 9 months up to 12 months	541	Over 9 months up to 12 months	458
Over 12 months up to 16 months	604	Over 12 months up to 16 months	505
Over 16 months up to 20 months	664	Over 16 months up to 20 months	579
20 months and over	771	20 months and over	661
Breeding bulls 20 months and over	*	Calved	869

## **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	1335
Over 12 months up to 24 months	3755	Over 12 months up to 24 months	1305
Bull 24 months and over	1896	24 months and over (not calved)	1985
		Calved under 36 months	1720
		Calved 36 months and over	1592

\* Compensation to be determined using individual valuation

## **SOCIETY OPEN DAY – Preliminary notice**

The Society will be holding an Open Day for members and guests, by kind invitation of Malcolm and Thelma Broome, the Welland Valley herd, Thorpe Langton, Market Harborough, Leicestershire later in the year.

The date, however, is yet to be determined, and will depend on the roll-out of the Bluetongue Protection Zone and the availability of vaccine.

Please watch this space!

## **WAITROSE/DOVECOTE PARK**

### **BEEF MARKETING QUESTIONNAIRE**

Thank you to those 50 or so members who have kindly returned their completed questionnaires to us, to enable us to begin to assess the viability of a potential marketing scheme. We enclose a copy of the questionnaire for those other members who might have mislaid the original form. Please let us have the information as soon as possible.

## **SINGLE PAYMENT SCHEME**

If you wish to avoid a late claim penalty of 1% per working day, you must ensure that the RPA receives your signed 2008 SPS Application Form by midnight 15<sup>th</sup> May. Any applications received after 9<sup>th</sup> June will be rejected completely.

You are advised to keep a copy of the application and official proof of postage. You will receive a receipt from the RPA within 10 working days. Alternatively you can deliver your form by hand to one of the following RPA Centres:

Bristol, Carlisle, Crewe, Exeter, Newcastle, Newmarket, Northallerton, Nottingham, Reading, Worcester, Workington.

# 'BETTER RETURNS' IN WALES

The HCC have launched a major new initiative to encourage breeders to maximise their returns.

The initiative involves a specially commissioned and highly informative DVD, and a new round of day-long, hands-on training sessions from assessing live animals through to the carcass classification and meat cutting stages.

The DVD has been filmed on the farm of Prydderch and Ann Rees, South Devon members, at Llanbedr, near Crickhowell, Powys.

Both the DVD and training courses are free of charge – more details from HCC, tel 01970 625050.

## TIPS TO IMPROVE BREEDING RECORDS

It would help the validity and usefulness of South Devon breeding records if ALL breeders could, at the time of pedigree registration, let us know in the office the following bits of information:

- **Observed service or AI date**
- **Calf weight at birth** (if you have the means to measure it)
- **Calving score** ie:
  - 1 = No assistance
  - 2 = Slight assistance by hand
  - 3 = Assistance by rope, calf puller, etc
  - 4 = Vet assistance, non surgical
  - 5 = Vet assistance, surgical

This information contributes directly to our knowledge about calving ease, and therefore breed development, so please help us extend our records. Spaces are provided on the yellow birth notification sheets (columns 10, 11 & 12).

## **CALENDAR COMPETITION**

Now that there's some grass about, and the cattle are being turned out, do you have any photo opportunities for our Calendar Competition?

Entries will be judged by a professional photographer, and the best three from each season will be incorporated into a Calendar for 2009.

We can receive them either digitally (by e-mail or on CD) or the 'old-fashioned' paper way.

## **SOUTH DEVON BEEF AT LAUNCESTON COLLEGE**

At a time when there has been much adverse publicity about public and government institutions failing to support local food production by sourcing locally, it is very refreshing to see the recent launch by Launceston College, Cornwall, of a new "Choices" Diner for pupils and staff.

Pupils and staff can now buy South Devon-crossed beef in the Diner, which is sourced from Bray Farm Shop in Launceston. The beef is from dedicated suppliers who must meet Bray Farm Shop quality standards.

Eating good locally produced meat in a balanced diet is the thinking behind the initiative, and it is hoped that the College will visit a participating farm later in the year to learn more about the methods of production and the benefits to the environment of sustainable beef production.

It would be great to see other institutions – schools, hospitals, government offices – follow this example across the country, particularly with the growing awareness of the benefits to the environment, to public health, and to the economy, of sourcing quality food local to the area of its consumption.

# **HERD HEALTH**

At Council's recent meeting, Duncan Findlay MRCVS, who provides an inspection service at Society Sales, kindly gave a fully informative talk to Council members about health issues, and answered many questions with clear advice:

## **BVD**

- Intervet offer a BeefCheck to farmers, and where it has been used typically two thirds of the animals screened show exposure to BVD
- Yet only 6% of beef farmers surveyed said they thought they had BVD on their farms
- Losses in a 100 cow beef herd, producing 90 calves, are estimated at £2700 per year – through returns to service, abortion, and BVD damaged animals
- Screening and removal of PIs (persistently infected animals which spread the disease) can lead to eradication, which in turn produces a naïve herd exposed to infection from outside
- A vaccination programme will control the disease and can be managed annually

## **IBR**

- It is estimated that IBR will mean a loss of £36 per animal (in poor weight gain efficiency)
- Up to 8% of infected cattle will die from the disease
- The main problem with IBR in the pedigree beef sector is the restrictions to trade which it brings; a number of European countries are moving towards or have already reached eradication

## **Lepto**

- The advice is to vaccinate for protection

## **Johnnes**

- The most likely sources of infection are colostrum, faeces, and crossing through the placenta

- The advice is a programme of screening and culling towards eradication
- There is growing awareness of the disease, which is suspected to be linked to the human Crohnes Disease
- The Dutch dairy industry will refuse milk from Johnnes-infected dairy herds from 2011
- It is possible in the future that dairy herds might demand Johnnes-free status from beef herds where they source their bulls
- Similarly supermarkets might see a premium in beef from Johnnes-free herds
- Testing animals for Johnnes is a poor indicator of the disease being present, as a negative result might mean that the count is below the threshold but not absent

### **CHeCS schemes**

- Working to one applied standard, the main providers of the schemes are Biobest and SAC
- The schemes run programmes of screening, control, and eradication for the four diseases, with advice geared towards individual herds
- A premium for cattle from herds accredited free of the diseases and belonging to a CHeCS scheme is already payable in the north, and the south of the country will follow in time.

### **Conclusions**

- Breeders should follow a health programme for the whole herd, at the least monitoring for Johnnes
- Health declarations for individual animals are worth little on their own – a test only shows health status at the time of the test!
- When buying in animals, breeders should follow a strict practice of biosecurity – including quarantine for 30 days with a pre- and post-test

# **REGIONAL OPEN DAY – preliminary notice**

There will be an Open Day for all members of Region 5 (East Midlands & Eastern Counties) on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June – combining a visit to the Chiltern & Haddenham herd by kind invitation of David and Tracey Nixey, and an EBLEX Open Afternoon at Portman Burtley Estate – both in Buckinghamshire.

Please put the date in your diary – more details to follow later.

## **CATTLE FOR SALE LIST**

### **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>Z Billington Tomahawk</b> UK280954 700150 Born 12/05/2001	Lyons Grant-Dalton Cornwall – Region 1	01872 580323
<b>Kestle Horatio 11</b> UK381722 700114 Born 28/02/2002	R Sadler Cornwall – Region 1	01326 250392
<b>Woodhayes Hector 16</b> UK361609 100055 Born 01/03/2002	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 Horatio</b> UK364729 600028 Born 06/05/2002	T Martin Devon – Region 2	01769 580737
<b>Z Waddeton Poll Sunshine 2</b> UK364027 200363 Born 23/08/2003	W Kayley Oxon – Region 5	01608 677085
<b>Goffe Cave Persius 5</b> UK200202 700227 Born 28/03/2004	J W Hillson Devon – Region 2	07971 960928
<b>Aldbourn Chase Temeraire</b> UK327674 500313 Born 18/02/2006	D Armstrong Wiltshire	07786 543381

<b>Linscott Centurion 4</b> UK361009 400174 Born 02/03/2006	J Andrew Devon – Region 2	01271 858213
<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 17/04/2006	A E J & F J Claridge Bucks – Region 5	01296 730235
<b>Tregondale King Cole 24</b> UK383061 600558 Born 21/04/2006	M R & R J Rowe Cornwall – Region 1	01579 342407
<b>Knowlhill Duke 4</b> UK280705 200907 Born 22/04/2006	A E J & F J Claridge Bucks – Region 5	01296 730235
<b>Tregondale King Cole 23</b> UK383061 400556 Born 22/04/2006	M R & R J Rowe Cornwall – Region 1	01579 342407
<b>Knowlhill Duke 5</b> UK280705 400909 Born 24/04/2006	A E J & F J Claridge Bucks – 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 by Erme Jambo</b>	D P Crow Shropshire – Region 6	01952 255650

## FEMALES

<b>3 x 2 yr old heifers</b>	Lyons Grant-Dalton Cornwall – Region 1	01872 580323
<b>Cows &amp; calves, bulling, &amp; in-calf heifers</b>	R R B & S J Harvey Devon – Region 2	01548 830307
<b>3 x 3 yr old pedigree 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 &amp; 20 yearling heifers</b>	D A Ashcroft Hampshire – Region 4	01420 511011
<b>5 yearling pedigree &amp; grading-up heifers</b>	J Virgin Dorset – Region 3	01258 817171
<b>4 pedigree in-calf heifers, &amp; 1 in-calf cow</b>	H Upham Devon – Region 2	01626 835526
<b>5 bulling &amp; 5 in-calf heifers</b>	Mr Warrior, Newfield Farm Notts – Region 7	01636 525376

<b>4 bulling heifers</b>	G C Hill Devon – Region 2	01822 614319
<b>15 x 2 yr old bulling heifers</b>	P Hickman Devon – Region 2	01364 642264
<b>Cows &amp; calves, bulling heifers</b>	D P Crow Shropshire – Region 6	01952 255650

## **YOUNG HANDLER COMPETITION**

### **SPONSORED BY TOWERGATE LLOYD & WHYTE**

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT 3.30 PM (following the Grand Parade)  
ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW**

This year the Society's Young Handler Competition, which is sponsored by Lloyd & Whyte, is being held at the Royal Cornwall Show on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30 pm. Malcolm Broome has kindly agreed to judge, and the awards will be made in the marquee after the Competition.

Entries are invited from any Society member, from any Region, aged between 16 and 25 years of age on 6<sup>th</sup> June, as well as sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters or employees of members.

The object of the Competition is to identify future stockmen and stockwomen who can demonstrate an ability to prepare and exhibit cattle to a professional standard, and who can also demonstrate basic skills and knowledge of livestock breeding.

At the discretion of the Judge, the Competition may include any or all of the following:

- The preparation of an animal for showing (the animal will be supplied)
- Handling (control and exhibit an animal in a style that displays it in a positive manner, taking into consideration the safety of the handler and others)
- Assessment by placing a class of four animals, with justification, giving reasons using positive and descriptive terminology

The first prize will be a £400 contribution towards a trip abroad to see/assist with South Devon cattle. The winner will also receive a Showing Stick donated by the Society. Second and third prizes will be £50 and £25 respectively, plus a South Devon baseball cap and key-ring.

The winner will undertake to write a report for the Journal.

If you wish to enter please would you complete the form at the back of the newsletter and return it to the Society office by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May.**

If there are fewer than 6 competitors entered by the closing date this Competition will not take place, and competitors will be informed before the Show date.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

### **FULL**

- Region 2** Mr R S Mann, Great Dunstone, Widecombe-in-the-Moor, Devon  
Prefix – DUNSTONE  
N H & M J Cole, Greenwell Farm, Yelverton, Devon  
Prefix – GREENWELL
- Region 3** M J H & Sons Ltd, Herons Green Farm, Compton Martin, Bristol  
Prefix – HASELLHOFF
- Region 7** Mr C R Harris, 2 Sandpit Cottage, Croft Rd, Thurlaston, Leics  
Prefix – JENDARRA  
W J & G M Chesters, Whitegates Farm, No Mans Heath, Halpas, Cheshire Prefix – GOODWILL  
Mr I Hamer, Lower Red Lees Farm, Helmshore Road, Holcombe, Bury, Lancs Prefix – RUTHERFORD
- Region 8** Mr S Gill, Agrolrlandia, ul Zeganska 16, 04-713 Warsaw, Poland

### **INTRODUCTORY**

- Region 1** Mr S Bate, Trew Farm, Tresmeer, Launceston, Cornwall  
Prefix – TREW *Introduced by Mark Thomas*
- Region 2** Mr D Smith, Wrigwell Farm, Wrigwell, Ipplepen, Newton Abbot, Devon *Introduced by Ken Luscombe*  
Mr J Musgrave, Fursdon Farm Bungalow, Yealmpton, Devon  
*Introduced by Mr & Mrs D Northey*

- Region 3** Mr R J Dimond, Higher Farm, Shepton Montague, Wincanton, Somerset Prefix – SHEPTON *Introduced by Mark Stanley-Smith*
- Region 5** Mr E Dow, t/a S & E Dow, Westend Farm, 93 High St, Earith, Cambridge *Introduced by Pat Rickett*
- Region 7** Mr Pye, Hatters Farm, Back Lane, Stalmine, Poulton-le-Fylde *Introduced by Paul Harrison*  
 Mr J Farrow, W H Farrow & Sons, The Laurels Farm, Strubby, Alford, Lincolnshire *Introduced by Mr & Mrs R Wright*  
 Mr P Bromwich, Phillips Farm, Stockerston, Oakham, Leics *Introduced by Mr & Mrs R Wright*

**RESIGNING**

**Region 7** P T & L Johnson, Oakfield Grange, Brampton, Lincolnshire

**YOUNG HANDLER COMPETITION**

**I wish to enter the 2008 Young Handler Competition to be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June at the Royal Cornwall Show**

Name .....

Address  
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Date of birth .....

Eligibility criteria (eg daughter of member) .....

Signed .....