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OCTOBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Member,

For those of you who were unable to come to the Autumn Show & Sale at Bristol, it was further solid evidence of the continuing growth in demand for the breed. The quality of the cattle, particularly the females, was strong, and buyers and vendors should have been happy with the trade, there being a total clearance of the female section. Tony & Jane Wadsworth's dispersal of their Court Farm herd attracted some strong bidding, particularly from establishing herds.

Prices for females rose considerably, bringing halter-broken in-calf heifers to a top of 2800 guineas, and an average of £1723. This is quite justified, bearing in mind the quality of the cattle forward and the rise in the finished market: we do need to keep a significant distance between breeding and finishing prices otherwise we shall see ultimately a shrinkage in the number of heifers retained across the national herd. Full details of the sale and the frame score results are included within.

Judging of the national, regional, and Club herd competitions took place during September and abbreviated results are inside, as well as a report of the Open Day at Woodhayes.

This is the time of year for promoting the breed overseas, with a number of international agricultural events at which we have a presence (with the support of grant funding). I attended Farma in Poznan, Poland at the beginning of October and will be going to Eurotier in Hannover, Germany in a few weeks time. Anthony and Diana Rusher are representing us at Indagra in Romania at the beginning of November, for which I am very grateful (airports and exhibition halls quickly lose any glamour they ever had!)

Dare I mention that preparations for Christmas are creeping up on us – so we have made one or two additions to our merchandise list to help you with your shopping. Just let us have your orders, and you won't need to venture beyond your doorstep!

With best wishes

Caroline

A MESSAGE FROM LIZ

Alistair and I had a wonderful wedding day on Saturday 18th October. The weather was good, enjoyable company of family and friends, everything running smoothly except I was late to the ceremony – which is not going to be forgotten in a hurry, but then that's me, running on the edge of time.

We would like to say thank you to the Society for their contribution and for the lovely Dartington crystal vase we had as a wedding present, and to thank everyone who wished us well, sent cards and e-mails and contributed towards our honeymoon. We now have to decide where to go.

And finally, to all those who have met, seen and know me, yes I did wear a dress, and no, I didn't have jeans, trainers or boots underneath it!

Thanks again to everyone!

Love, Liz xx

STATEMENTS AND ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

Enclosed with this newsletter is a current statement of account – please accept our apologies if this crosses in the post with a payment from you.

If it is easier for you to pay us electronically, please remember to include your name with the payment advice so that we can identify you easily. Electronic payments can be made to:

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| Name of Account | SOUTH DEVON HERD BOOK SOCIETY |
| Account Number | 00410188 |
| Sort Code | 30-96-06 |
| Bank | LLOYDS TSB, NEWTON ABBOT |

AUTUMN SHOW & SALE

THE SHOW

Judge: Mr Mervyn Rowe, Tregondale, Menheniot, Liskeard, Cornwall

Bulls

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Class 1 | 1 st | K V & M A Plain | FOXHOLE BENTLEY |
| | 2 nd | M E & T E Broome | WELLAND VALLEY GRAZIER 5 |
| | 3 rd | R A Ford | GOFFE CAVE MARIUS |
| Class 2 | 1 st | J P Harrison | BRAFFERTON STARBUSTER 17 |
| | 2 nd | R J & C J Edwards | Z COLCHARTON DEMETRIUS 12 |
| | 3 rd | T G Davies | Z MONKTON NELSON |
| <i>Male Champion</i> | | <i>J P Harrison</i> | <i>BRAFFERTON STARBUSTER 17</i> |
| <i>Reserve Champion</i> | | <i>K V & M A Plain</i> | <i>FOXHOLE BENTLEY</i> |
| <i>Thornton Cup</i> | | <i>M E & T E Broome</i> | <i>WELLAND VALLEY TOBIAS</i> |
| <i>Macfarlane Cup</i> | | <i>M E & T E Broome</i> | |
| <i>Ciba-Geigy Trophy</i> | | <i>M E & T E Broome</i> | |
| <i>Polled Cup</i> | | <i>R J & C J Edwards</i> | <i>Z COLCHARTON DEMETRIUS 12</i> |

Females

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|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Class 4a | 1 st | T G Davies | Z MONKTON COWSLIP 24 |
| | 2 nd | R R B & S J Harvey | SEXTON KAY 151 |
| | 3 rd | Mrs D R Rusher | BURROW BELLA 2 |
| Class 4b | 1 st | Mrs D R Rusher | BURROW SWIG PRIMROSE 23 |
| | 2 nd | C Page | COTON NANCY 2 |
| | 3 rd | C R Wyatt | CHALK REGIS MISTLETOE 2 |
| Class 4c | 1 st | M E & T E Broome | WELLAND VALLEY DALLAS 10 |
| | 2 nd | P S Rowe | TREWINT SNOWDROP 174 |
| | 3 rd | R Sadler | CARLYDNACK CAROLINE 4 |
| Class 5 | 1 st | R Sadler | CARLYDNACK CAROLINE 5 |
| | 2 nd | R K Rundle | KESTLE BUTTERCUP 112 |
| | 3 rd | R K Rundle | KESTLE TULIP 72 |
| <i>Female Champion</i> | | <i>T G Davies</i> | <i>Z MONKTON COWSLIP 24</i> |
| <i>Reserve Champion</i> | | <i>M E & T E Broome</i> | <i>WELLAND VALLEY DALLAS 10</i> |
| <i>Greenslade Cup</i> | | <i>R R B & S J Harvey</i> | |

Colcharton Cup T G Davies
Bristol Sales Trophy T G Davies

Z MONKTON COWSLIP 24
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THE SALE

Auctioneer: John Wakeham, Messrs Kivells

BULLS

| Vendor | Name | Purchaser | Gns |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---|------|
| Northwick Est | Northwick Drusus 3 | J D Stone, Little Leigh Fm, Doddiscombsleigh, Exeter, Devon | 1450 |
| K V & M A Plain | Foxhole Bentley | A L Pascoe, Chy-an-Gweal, Fraddam, Hayle, Cornwall | 4400 |
| R A Ford | Goffe Cave Marius | R R B & S J Harvey, Sexton Fm, Ermington, Ivybridge, Devon | 2600 |
| ME&TE Broome | Welland Valley Grazier 5 | C B Mutton, Burlerrow, St Merryn, Bodmin, Cornwall | 1800 |
| ME&TE Broome | Welland Valley Tobias | F B & F Thomas, Tregerrick, Gorran, St Austell, Cornwall | 2000 |
| J P Harrison | Brafferton Starbuster 17 | Mr & Mrs R C Burrough, Godworthy Fm, Membury, Devon | 3500 |
| T G Davies | X Monkton Wellington | J C & E M Ridout, Penbugle Fm, St Keyne, Liskeard, Cornwall | 3000 |
| RJ&CJ Edwards | Z Colcharton Demetrius 12 | G Probert, Great Bottom Fm, Penrhos, Raglan, Monmouthshire | 1800 |
| T G Davies | Z Monkton Nelson | A Watkins, Castlefield Farm, Kentchurch, Herefordshire | 2600 |
| T G Davies | Z Cilgwrrwg SAS Napoleon | G K & M A Garrett & Son, Waytown Fm, Inwardleigh, Devon | 1850 |

10 bulls sold, average 2500 gns = £2625

HALTER BROKEN 2-YR OLD HEIFERS

| Vendor | Name | Purchaser | Gns |
|----------------|-----------------------------|--|------|
| RRB&SJ Harvey | Sexton Kay 151 | N & M Holt-Martyn, East Crowndale Fm, Tavistock, Devon | 2800 |
| T G Davies | Monkton Cowslip 23 | B E Gnyla, Bank Fm, Aston, Market Drayton, Shropshire | 1200 |
| RRB&SJ Harvey | Sexton Snowdrop 517 | Mr & Mrs J A Hopkins, Dolhurst Fm, Lympsham, Somerset | 2700 |
| A L Pascoe | Carzise Pauline 18 | A Davies, Gro, Dolanog, Trallwng, Powys, Wales | 1200 |
| Mrs D R Rusher | Burrow Bella 2 | N & M Holt-Martyn, East Crowndale Fm, Tavistock, Devon | 1650 |
| A L Pascoe | Carzise Pauline 19 | MJH & Sons, Herons Green Fm, Compton Martin, Bristol | 1150 |
| T G Davies | Z Monkton Cowslip 24 | M A & C Sandbach & Son, Perlees Fm, St Breock, Cornwall | 2700 |
| C Page | Coton Caroline | N & M Holt-Martyn, East Crowndale Fm, Tavistock, Devon | 1325 |
| C R Wyatt | Chalk Regis Mistletoe 2 | R Orsop, Marchay Hall Fm, Ripley, Derbyshire | 1150 |
| Mrs D R Rusher | Burrow SWIG Primrose 23 | D Holt, Dane Spring Fm, Bower Heath Lane, Harpenden, Herts | 1750 |
| C Page | Coton Harriet 3 | N & M Holt-Martyn, East Crowndale Fm, Tavistock, Devon | 1525 |
| C Page | Coton Nancy 2 | N & M Holt-Martyn, East Crowndale Fm, Tavistock, Devon | 2050 |
| C Page | Coton Venus 4 | N & M Holt-Martyn, East Crowndale Fm, Tavistock, Devon | 2000 |
| P S Rowe | Trewint Darkie 131 | W J & G M Chesters, Whitegates Fm, Malpas, Cheshire | 1100 |
| ME&TE Broome | Welland Valley Dallas 10 | N & M Holt-Martyn, East Crowndale Fm, Tavistock, Devon | 2350 |
| C R Wyatt | Chalk Regis Marigold 3 | N & M Holt-Martyn, East Crowndale Fm, Tavistock, Devon | 1300 |
| C R Wyatt | Chalk Regis Kitty 5 | W J & G M Chesters, Whitegates Fm, Malpas, Cheshire | 1150 |
| P S Rowe | Trewint Snowdrop 174 | W J & G M Chesters, Whitegates Fm, Malpas, Cheshire | 1250 |
| R Sadler | Carlydnack Caroline 4 | J Musgrave, Fursdon Farm, Dunstone, Yealmpton, Devon | 1900 |
| R K Rundle | Kestle Tulip 72 | A Baird, Lower Fm, Todenham, Moreton in Marsh, Glos | 1275 |
| ME&TE Broome | Welland Valley Buttergirl 1 | A Baird, Lower Fm, Todenham, Moreton in Marsh, Glos | 1700 |
| R K Rundle | Kestle Buttercup 112 | A Baird, Lower Fm, Todenham, Moreton in Marsh, Glos | 1850 |
| Mrs D R Rusher | Burrow Primrose 24 | D Holt, Dane Spring Fm, Bower Heath Lane, Harpenden, Herts | 1250 |
| Mrs D R Rusher | Burrow Audrey 21 | Miss C Hanton, Kings Close Fm, North Burlingham, Norfolk | 1150 |

25 halter broken 2-yr old heifers sold, average 1641 gns = £1723

NON HALTER BROKEN COWS

| Vendor | Name | Purchaser | Gns |
|------------|--------------------|--|------|
| T G Davies | Monkton Cowslip 12 | R Norrish, Sherrell Farm, Ivybridge, Devon | 1150 |

1 non halter broken cow, 1150 gns = £1208

NON HALTER BROKEN 2-YR OLD HEIFERS

| Vendor | Name | Purchaser | Gns |
|----------------|-----------------------|---|------|
| Mrs D R Rusher | Burrow Isabel 23 | MJH & Sons, Herons Green Fm, Compton Martin, Bristol | 1125 |
| Mrs D R Rusher | Burrow Dinah 15 | Hill & Johnstone, Priors Park Fm, Culmhead, Taunton, Somerset | 1200 |
| Mrs D R Rusher | Burrow Empress 10 | B E Gnyla, Bank Fm, Aston, Market Drayton, Shropshire | 1725 |
| P W Coaker | Bittleford Cherry 117 | C Northey, The Smithy, Ermington, Ivybridge, Devon | 1550 |

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| P W Coaker | Bittleford Yellowmaid 65 | A Baird, Lower Fm, Todenham, Moreton in Marsh, Glos | 1700 |
| P W Coaker | Bittleford Iris 24 | C Northey, The Smithy, Ermington, Ivybridge, Devon | 1750 |
| P W Coaker | Bittleford Cherry 119 | A Baird, Lower Fm, Todenham, Moreton in Marsh, Glos | 1700 |
| P W Coaker | Bittleford Ruby 9 | A Baird, Lower Fm, Todenham, Moreton in Marsh, Glos | 1700 |

8 non halter broken 2-yr old heifers, average 1556 gns = £1634

NON HALTER BROKEN YEARLING HEIFERS

| Vendor | Name | Purchaser | Gns |
|----------------|------------------------|--|------|
| P W Coaker | Bittleford Princess 70 | S Wright, Elm Fm, Suffield, Norwich, Norfolk | 1325 |
| P W Coaker | Bittleford Cherry 120 | J D Stone, Little Leigh Fm, Doddiscombsleigh, Devon | 1250 |
| P W Coaker | Bittleford Ruby 10 | C T Land, Mines Fm, Snelston, Ashbourne, Derbyshire | 1200 |
| P W Coaker | Bittleford Princess 71 | A Davies, Gro, Dolanog, Trallwng, Powys, Wales | 1300 |
| P W Coaker | Bittleford Tiny 62 | C T Land, Mines Fm, Snelston, Ashbourne, Derbyshire | 1150 |
| JR Bastard&Son | Tregada Catherine 6 | Miss C Hanton, Kings Close Fm, North Burlingham, Norfolk | 1000 |
| JR Bastard&Son | Tregada Holly 36 | Heath Farms, Cherry Tree Fm, Witton, Norwich, Norfolk | 1050 |
| JR Bastard&Son | Tregada Pansy 31 (T) | Mr & Mrs R C Burrough, Godworthy Fm, Membury, Devon | 950 |
| JR Bastard&Son | Tregada Fiona 11 | L J Cunnington, Church Fm, Pentney, Kingsley, Norfolk | 875 |
| JR Bastard&Son | Tregada Pansy 36 | Mr & Mrs R C Burrough, Godworthy Fm, Membury, Devon | 875 |
| JR Bastard&Son | Tregada Pansy 37 | Mr & Mrs R C Burrough, Godworthy Fm, Membury, Devon | 975 |
| Sir John Bell | Arncliffe Doris 07 | L J Cunnington, Church Fm, Pentney, Kingsley, Norfolk | 800 |
| Sir John Bell | Z Arncliffe Bargain 07 | A Davies, Gro, Dolanog, Trallwng, Powys, Wales | 1250 |
| Sir John Bell | Arncliffe Pansy 5 07 | A Davies, Gro, Dolanog, Trallwng, Powys, Wales | 900 |
| Mrs D R Rusher | Burrow Isabel 26 | MJH & Sons, Herons Green Fm, Compton Martin, Bristol | 1050 |

15 non halter broken yearling heifers, average 1063 gns = £1117

DISPERSAL SALE OF COURT FARM HERD

| Name | Purchaser | Gns |
|---------------------------------------|--|------|
| Al Court Farm Loveday 3 & heifer calf | W Baines, Southlands Farm, Monks Gate, Horsham, Sussex | 1400 |
| Al Court Farm Loveday 4 & heifer calf | A Sell, Gardeners Cottage, Marsh Fm, Vange, Basildon, Essex | 1600 |
| Al Court Farm Tamsin 8 & steer calf | J Musgrave, Fursdon Farm, Dunstone, Yealmpton, Devon | 2350 |
| Al Court Farm Tamsin 9 & bull calf | Miss E J Paynter, Tregarrick, Merrymeet, Liskeard, Cornwall | 2000 |
| Court Farm Trevenen 5 & bull calf | R & M L Drew, Higher Laity Fm, Portreath Rd, Redruth, Cornwall | 1750 |
| Court Farm Loveday 8 | M S & C Gray, Ashfield Fm, Bishop Burton, Beverley, East Yorks | 1550 |
| Court Farm Loveday 9 | W Baines, Southlands Farm, Monks Gate, Horsham, Sussex | 1275 |
| Court Farm Tamsin 14 & steer calf | N & M Holt-Martyn, East Crowndale Fm, Tavistock, Devon | 1750 |
| Court Farm Morwenna 11 | A Baird, Lower Fm, Todenham, Moreton in Marsh, Glos | 1300 |
| Court Farm Loveday 10 & steer calf | N & M Holt-Martyn, East Crowndale Fm, Tavistock, Devon | 1575 |
| Court Farm Jennifer 14 | W Baines, Southlands Farm, Monks Gate, Horsham, Sussex | 1300 |
| Court Farm Tamsin 16 & steer calf | N & M Holt-Martyn, East Crowndale Fm, Tavistock, Devon | 1575 |
| Al Court Farm Trevenen 8 | W Baines, Southlands Farm, Monks Gate, Horsham, Sussex | 1350 |
| Court Farm Loveday 11 | W Baines, Southlands Farm, Monks Gate, Horsham, Sussex | 1300 |
| Court Farm Tamsin 17 | Mr & Mrs D Dark, Mill Fm, Sedgwick Lane, Horsham, Sussex | 1050 |
| Court Farm Trevenen 9 | W Baines, Southlands Farm, Monks Gate, Horsham, Sussex | 850 |
| Court Farm Loveday 12 | W Baines, Southlands Farm, Monks Gate, Horsham, Sussex | 975 |
| Court Farm Tamsin 18 | W Baines, Southlands Farm, Monks Gate, Horsham, Sussex | 900 |
| Trewint Henry Junior 1 | Mr & Mrs R W Little, Higher Thorne Fm, Rackenford, Tiverton, Devon | 1100 |

FRAME SCORE MEASUREMENTS

HEIGHT AT WITHERS (cm)

| Age (mths) | No | Range | Avg |
|------------|----|---------|-----|
| 15-20 | 4 | 134-138 | 136 |
| 21-30 | 8 | 135-152 | 143 |
| 31-33 | 1 | 145 | 145 |

HEIGHT AT RUMP (cm)

| Age (mths) | No | Range | Avg |
|------------|----|-------|-----|
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| 15-20 | 4 | 143-145 | 144 | | |
| 21-30 | 8 | 138-159 | 149 | | |
| 31-33 | 1 | 150 | 150 | | |
| LENGTH (cm) | | Withers to Pins | | Hooks to pins | |
| Age (mths) | No | Range | Avg | Range | Avg |
| 15-20 | 4 | 140-151 | 143 | 59-68 | 63 |
| 21-30 | 8 | 143-160 | 150 | 63-71 | 68 |
| 31-33 | 1 | 155 | 155 | 67 | 67 |
| RUMP WIDTH (cm) | | | | | |
| Age (mths) | No | Range | Avg | | |
| 15-20 | 4 | 59-66 | 63 | | |
| 21-30 | 8 | 59-71 | 66 | | |
| 31-33 | 1 | 68 | 68 | | |
| WEIGHT (kg) | | | | | |
| Age (mths) | No | Range | Avg | | |
| 15-20 | 4 | 724-813 | 773 | | |
| 21-30 | 8 | 799-1031 | 913 | | |
| 31-33 | 1 | 1041 | 1041 | | |

One bull was rejected.

FEMALES

All females (except those in the Dispersal Sale) were inspected for jaw, and one was rejected for being overshot. Of the remaining 39, two were marginal. The Inspector (Duncan Findlay MRCVS) commented that the overall quality was better than the last two Society sales, but disappointingly twenty per cent were noticeably weaker on the legs.

PRE-SHOW SUPPER & CLUB DRAW

A very pleasant evening, hosted by the Wessex Region, was held at the Bristol Sales Centre the night before the Show & Sale.

Over fifty members and their guests enjoyed a roast beef dinner, preceded by the Auction of a stay in a holiday cottage in Kirkcudbrightshire. The Secretary was beaten to it by Jacqueline Harris from Trenderway Farm, Polperro, Cornwall who successfully bid £470. The money raised will be used to add a silver surround to the base of the Roy Babey Memorial Trophy which was on display at the supper. (Those who did not see it can view it www.billprickett.co.uk and click on gallery, and then commissions).

The first draw of the new Club fund was won by Mr Julian Collings, from Treburley, Launceston, Cornwall, who receives a cheque for £215.

The evening ended with a raffle draw – most tables managing to win something – and thanks are very much due to the Wessex Region for their organisation.

DIARY NOTICE TO MEMBERS IN REGION 2 **(DEVON)**

Please would you note that the Annual meeting of members in Region 2 is scheduled to take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3rd December, at Rattery Village Hall.

There will also be a talk from vet, Jeremy Hamilton, on the subject of herd fertility.

All Devon members are encouraged to attend and have a say!

OFFICIAL TB STATISTICS

Figures released by DEFRA for the first half of 2008 very depressingly show:

- An increase of 44% on 2007 in the numbers of cattle culled – over 20,000
- An increase of 16% on 2007 in the number of new herd incidents – 2,639
- 9% of Britain's herds were under restriction on 30th June
- An 82% rise in reactors and a 46% rise in herd breakdowns in Cornwall
- Nearly 25% of all herds in Gloucestershire affected

In Wales there was a 44% increase in the number of cattle slaughtered between January and May. The programme to test all herds between now and December 2009 has now begun.

Pressure continues to mount from the NBA, the LAA and the NFU, to oblige the government to act, including the involvement of the EU in pressing an eradication programme.

There are now some political chinks of light, with the NBA and NFU proposing the immediate formation of an Eradication of TB from England Group to drive forward the EU's recommendation to DEFRA to put together an eradication plan in just over six

months. Bill Harper, chairman of the NBA TB committee continues to work extremely hard to bring the VLA9 control programme to a conclusion as part of an eradication plan. As many of you will be aware, Hillary Benn visited the West Country recently and was presented with a great deal of factual information which we hope he now has under consideration.

In the meantime please make use of the pedigree “cushion” to value your cattle, and speak to Caroline if you need to get your records up to date.

COMPENSATION FOR BOVINE TB

Payable during October 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

| Male | | Female | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Age | Compensation due | Age | Compensation due |
| Up to 3 months | 177 | Up to 3 months | 143 |
| Over 3 months up to 6 months | 362 | Over 3 months up to 6 months | 306 |
| Over 6 months up to 9 months | 436 | Over 6 months up to 9 months | 355 |
| Over 9 months up to 12 months | 547 | Over 9 months up to 12 months | 443 |
| Over 12 months up to 16 months | 668 | Over 12 months up to 16 months | 546 |
| Over 16 months up to 20 months | 755 | Over 16 months up to 20 months | 647 |
| 20 months and over | 834 | 20 months and over | 728 |
| Breeding bulls 20 months and over | 990 | Calved | 870 |

PEDIGREE BOVINE

| Male | | Female | |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Age | Compensation due | Age | Compensation due |

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 6 months up to 12 months | * | 6 months up to 12 months | 1,571 |
| Over 12 months up to 24 months | 3,499 | Over 12 months up to 24 months | 1,479 |
| Bull 24 months and over | 2,597 | 24 months and over (not calved) | 1,972 |
| | | Calved under 36 months | 1,280 |
| | | Calved 36 months and over | 1,421 |

- Compensation to be determined using individual valuation

HEALTH ISSUES – LIVER FLUKE

INFECTION

Cattle, sheep and occasionally other species such as rabbits, acquire infection when they graze pastures that have been contaminated by infective fluke, which in turn have been released by affected snails. Hence fluke can only be picked up where snails are present. However, because the fluke take several months to mature inside cattle, adverse effects caused by fluke may not be apparent until long after stock have left the infective pastures.

After ingestion by grazing cattle, the young fluke make their way to the liver and browse through the tissue until at about 8 weeks of age they penetrate the bile ducts, where they spend the rest of their adult lives.

HARMFUL EFFECTS

Because the liver is such a fundamentally important organ in the body, fluke damage can lead to a variety of different problems and consequent losses. These include reduced weight gain and condition, poor feed conversion efficiency, reduced milk production and quality, and poor fertility.

TREATMENT

There are a relatively small number of products licensed for the treatment of liver fluke in cattle, and several are only available as combinations with other parasiticides. They are available as injections or drenches and their specific efficacy varies somewhat, primarily in relation to the extent to which they kill immature fluke.

All the products are effective against adult fluke, and there are broadly two periods of treatment:

- Between November and March to remove adult flukes and prevent damage to cattle

- Between April and August to remove adult flukes and prevent the pastures being contaminated with fluke eggs

BLUETONGUE VACCINATION

Compulsory bluetongue vaccination in Scotland will begin on Monday 3rd November, when Scotland will be declared a Protection Zone and free movement of bluetongue-susceptible animals across Great Britain will be permitted.

The period for vaccination in Scotland will last several months, during the time when the risk of transmission by midges is considered to be low, and before the Spring when midges become active again and livestock need protection.

In the first year the Scottish Government is supporting half of the vaccine manufacturer costs (£2.6 million).

Advice continues to be given to avoid sourcing livestock from high risk areas, particularly following incidents of positive tests from imported cattle and sheep. The number of BTV8 cases in France now exceed last year, at 17,257, and alarmingly BTV1 cases (new in 2008) have already reached 2,750. Any non-vaccinated animals are entirely exposed to infection and it is very important to vaccinate to protect.

Council has endorsed the urge to vaccinate on the understanding that the risks known to be associated with bluetongue infection (in particular loss of fertility) far outweigh any unproven risks during livestock handling.

BEEF SUPPLIES

Disappointingly, but as predicted, beef prices have dropped back in the past week due to a perceived reduction in economic confidence and they may fall further again this week.

However, in the longer term tighter global beef supplies are expected to continue into 2009. The major beef exporting countries which account for 70% of global exports (Brazil, Australia, USA, Argentina and Uruguay) are expected to see a drop in production of 2-3%.

At the same time the EU has seen a drop in production and therefore a reduction in availability which is likely to continue into 2009.

“SHARE TO REAR” IN DEVON

English Farming and Food Partnerships (EFFP) has secured funding from Devon Rural Renaissance to help livestock farmers in the county develop joint ventures. The funding means that the majority of the support provided will be free to Devon farmers.

Support is available for joint initiatives such as marketing, input purchase, machinery sharing, or labour sharing, for example. The support is available until the end of March next year and will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact Liz Bowles, EFFP South West, tel 018843 32605, email bowles@effp.com

DNA TYPING

MYOSTATIN DELETION

Most of you will, by now, have received results from the DNA typing of stock bulls for the deleted myostatin gene which we hope will give clues as to breeding type. As we build up the records we will gain more of an overall picture of how the presence of this deletion is affecting breeding, but it is early days!

Basic genetic understanding tells us that genes are inherited – one copy from each parent to make a pair.

Myostatin has been identified as a muscle-growth controller. When it is “switched off”, or “deleted”, muscle can continue to grow unchecked. Hence the loose term “double muscling”. This can be seen in both positive and negative light, depending on your breeding programme.

Results of Merial’s DNA analysis are written on the certificates as:

| | |
|-------|---|
| +/+ | Meaning no copy of the deleted myostatin gene |
| +/mh | Meaning one copy of the deleted myostatin gene (inherited from one or other parent) |
| mh/mh | Meaning two copies of the deleted myostatin gene (inherited from both parents) |

It follows that the bull will pass on 50% of this part of his genetics to his offspring: so that if your bull has one copy there is a chance that the deletion will be passed on, if he has two copies he will definitely pass on the deletion, and likewise if there is no deletion then the offspring will have at least one “+” in his typing.

The interesting bit comes when you add the dam to the equation to make the sum for the progeny's status!

The implications for an animal having one or two copies of the deletion have been investigated by the Roslin Institute. Their findings were, that the deletion tends to improve muscle conformation, reduce fat, and increase hot weight at slaughter. BUT it also tends to increase birthweight, decrease calving ease, reduce weight gain, reduce internal organ and bone size, and reduce eating quality. These effects are most obvious when the animal is mh/mh (two copies).

Unfortunately, the whole issue is complicated by the fact that the phenotype (visual appearance) of the animal does not always reflect the genotype (myostatin status). It is also very important to note that natural fleshing is influenced by a great many other things – there are plenty of stock bulls that are “+/+” which are very nicely fleshed!

IGENITY BEEF PROFILE

As part of the launch of the DNA testing by Merial, the “back catalogue” of stock bulls were tested free of charge for parentage verification, myostatin, and beef profile.

We have now reached the end of this period (which was extended as a gesture of Merial's goodwill, for which we are very grateful) and separate charges will now be made for both myostatin and beef profile testing, which are as follows:

| | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Myostatin | £22.50 plus VAT |
| Beef profile | £17.50 plus VAT |

Parentage verification, as you are no doubt already aware, is included in the cost of bull pedigree registration. If you require a stand-alone test to determine parentage after registration, the charge will be £17.50 plus VAT.

NATIONAL HERD COMPETITION

Judges: Roger Clemens, Douglas Scott, Robert Shinner

26 herds, 1241 cows, 69 bulls, 1876 youngstock judged over 11 days

OVERALL RESULTS OF TOP TWELVE HERDS

| | | <i>Bulls</i> | <i>Cows</i> | <i>Y/stock</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 st | B G & J Z A Dart | 58 | 478 | 403 | 939 |
| 2 nd | M R & R J Rowe | 63 | 463 | 404 | 930 |
| 3 rd | R A Ford | 65 | 457 | 400 | 922 |
| 4 th | A R Lee | 58 | 461 | 397 | 916 |
| =5 th | K V & M A Plain | 61 | 436 | 380 | 877 |
| =5 th | W J Wright & Son | 56 | 438 | 383 | 877 |
| 7 th | D L Irving | 67 | 435 | 374 | 876 |
| 8 th | D & S Smallcombe | 61 | 427 | 387 | 875 |

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|------------------|------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 9 th | T H E Laity | 61 | 436 | 374 | 871 |
| 10 th | J F Collinson | 62 | 421 | 385 | 868 |
| 11 th | Northwick Estate | 58 | 434 | 375 | 867 |
| 12 th | J A Wadsworth | 57 | 437 | 372 | 866 |

Runners-Up: D & B Bowley; A H & E M Bartley; T J Warhurst; W H Sandford; G & J Hocking; T R F Smyth; Portman Burtley Estate Co; J Townley & Son; T Kent; D G & M Northey & Son; D & L Farr; T R Bailey; Clarendon Park Estate; Bredon School

BEST SMALL HERD

K V & M A Plain

BEST GROUP OF THREE COWS BY SAME SIRE

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 st | B G & J Z A Dart | Z CILGWRRWG ILLYA |
| 2 nd | Portman Burtley Estate | GROVE CLAUDIUS 63 |
| 3 rd | M R & R J Rowe | GROVE CLAUDIUS 26 |

BEST HOMEBRED POLLED ANIMAL

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 st | J F Collinson & Son | Z NORTON COMMANDER 9 |
| 2 nd | W J Wright & Son | Z OXEY CAROLINE 50 |
| 3 rd | B G & J Z A Dart | Z WOODHAYES DAFFODIL 13 |

TOP TWENTY BULLS

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 st | R A Ford | TREVASSACK TRUSTY 4 |
| 2 nd | W H Sandford | AI HAUGHTON SAS JOE LOUIS 1 |
| 3 rd | M R & R J Rowe | DONHEAD BALTHAZAR |
| 4 th | Northwick Estate | UPPER NORTON FORTISSIMO |
| =5 th | D L Irving | ENTERPRISE CONDOR |
| =5 th | A R Lee | ENTERPRISE CONDOR |
| =5 th | R A Ford | STRETCHFORD HERCULES 2 |
| =5 th | J F Collinson & Son | Z NORTON COMMANDER 9 |
| =9 th | R A Ford | JUNIPER CARACTACUS |
| =9 th | M R & R J Rowe | WELLAND VALLEY MERLIN |
| =9 th | T H E Laity | Z AI WOODHAYES ILLYA 2 |
| =12 th | Northwick Estate | NORTHWICK CENTURION 11 |
| =12 th | Portman Burtley Estate | GROVE CLAUDIUS 63 |
| =12 th | G & J Hocking | STRETCHFORD DYNAMIC 2 |
| =12 th | G & J Hocking | STRETCHFORD PILOT |
| =16 th | D & S Smallcombe | AI GROVE BRUTUS 82 |
| =16 th | W J Wright & Son | Z POLKINGHORNE NIMROD |
| =18 th | R A Ford | JUNIPER EXPLORER |
| =18 th | J Townley & Son | WELLAND VALLEY EXPLORER 3 |
| =20 th | K V & M A Plain | FOXHOLE BENTLEY |
| =20 th | J F Collinson & Son | Z COLCHARTON DEMETRIUS 5 |

TOP TEN COWS

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 st | A R Lee | LUMBYLAW AVRIL 53 |
| 2 nd | B G & J Z A Dart | WOODHAYES DAFFODIL 13 |
| 3 rd | J A Wadsworth | COURT FARM TAMSIN 8 |
| 4 th | Northwick Estate | NORTHWICK PANSY 17 |
| 5 th | D L Irving | ENTERPRISE JUDY |
| 6 th | W J Wright & Son | OXEY DOWNY 41 |
| 7 th | D & S Smallcombe | NORTHWICK BLUEBELL 21 |
| =8 th | Portman Burtley Estate | EWEIFIELDS FANCY 6 |
| =8 th | T H E Laity | POLKINGHORNE GRACE 30 |
| =10 th | K V & M A Plain | FOXHOLE BUTTERCUP 2 |
| =10 th | D & B Bowley | OXEY KATIE 25 |
| =10 th | M R & R J Rowe | TREGONDALE BUTTERCUP 31 |

NATIONAL HERD COMPETITION WINNERS OPEN DAY

George and Ann Dart, winners of this year's Herd Competition, picked a lovely sunny autumnal day to welcome about 80 members and their guests to Woodhayes, Clyst Hydon, Cullompton to see their prize-winning herd.

George began by introducing his family, and saying that well-selected females were the key to a good business and a good family (his own included!), and described how they started their herd about 20 years ago with cattle from the Oaklands and Roskymer bloodlines. The Countess, Duchess, Daffodil, Ann and Holly families form the basis of the present Woodhayes herd.

Douglas Scott spoke unanimously for the judges in saying that although the first four placings in the Competition had been close, there had been a clear winner. He said that since Dart Brothers won the Competition in 2006, the Woodhayes cattle had improved even more and he wished visitors an enjoyable and interesting afternoon.

The herd does not run a stock bull but makes use of some of the best AI genetics available. To make it easier for visitors, youngstock were colour coded according to their sire. Past and present sires include Z Cilgwrrwg Illya, Trewint Henry 1, Torr Down Hermes 3, Lumbylaw Baron, Sexton Centurion, Highgate Hayden 11, and Edmeston Homer 1.

The afternoon finished with a sumptuous tea provided by Ann and her "team", and Peter Pratt, Society President, thanked the Darts for their warm welcome and congratulated them on their win.

The Dart Brothers partnership has recently been divided, and we watch with interest as Roy's son Timothy (George and Ann's nephew) sets up a new herd with Woodhayes foundation stock, in Cornwall.

WESSEX REGION HERD COMPETITION

Judges: Douglas Scott and Charles Hood

OVERALL RESULTS OF TOP FIVE HERDS

| | | <i>Bulls</i> | <i>Cows</i> | <i>Y/stock</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 st | Mrs D R Rusher | 68 | 400 | 390 | 858 |
| 2 nd | J A Wadsworth | 61 | 375 | 370 | 806 |
| 3 rd | M Stanley-Smith | 54 | 370 | 380 | 804 |
| 4 th | K V & M A Plain | 60 | 365 | 375 | 800 |
| 5 th | D P Snook | 44 | 377 | 370 | 791 |

Runners-Up: Mrs J Duncan; C R Wyatt; J Dufosee; M J Amos; C Allcock; Clarendon Park Estate; Bredon School

BEST POLLED HERD

J Dufosee

BEST SMALL HERD

J A Wadsworth

TOP FIVE BULLS

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 st | Mrs D R Rusher | GEORGE TEIGN HAROLD |
| 2 nd | Bredon School | AI BREDON WALTER |
| 3 rd | Mrs J Duncan | BILLINGTON DONATELLO |
| 4 th | J A Wadsworth | TREWINT HENRY JUNIOR 1 |
| =5 th | K V & M A Plain | FOXHOLE BENTLEY |
| =5 th | C R Wyatt | GODWORTHY EXCALIBUR |

SOUTH DEVON CATTLE BREEDERS CLUB **HERD COMPETITION**

Judges: James Burrough and Raymond Perkins

RESULTS OF TOP THREE IN EACH CLASS

HERD OF OVER 20 COWS

| | | <i>Bulls</i> | <i>Cows</i> | <i>Y/stock</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 st | D Smith | 80 | 445 | 370 | 895 |
| 2 nd | G & J Hocking | 89.5 | 435 | 360 | 884.5 |
| 3 rd | A H & E M Bartley | 83 | 430 | 365 | 878 |

Runners-Up: A S & L Johns; Sir Simon Day; W & H M Palmer

HERD OF 20 COWS AND UNDER

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 st | S & R Rowland | 90 | 438 | 368 | 896 |
| 2 nd | R & B Masters | 82 | 428 | 362 | 870 |
| 3 rd | D G & M Northey & Son | 84 | 426 | 354 | 864 |

Runner-Up: A Daniels

THREE HEIFERS BORN IN 2006 FROM HERD OF OVER 20 COWS

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 st | A H & E M Bartley |
| 2 nd | A S & L Johns |
| 3 rd | G & J Hocking |

THREE HEIFERS BORN IN 2007 FROM HERD OF OVER 20 COWS

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 st | A H & E M Bartley |
| 2 nd | A S & L Johns |
| 3 rd | Sir Simon Day |

PAIR OF STEERS

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 st | A H & E M Bartley |
| 2 nd | A Daniels |
| 3 rd | S & R Rowland |

BEST HERD OF COWS

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 st | D Smith |
| 2 nd | S & R Rowland |
| 3 rd | G & J Hocking |

BEST GROUP OF THREE COWS IN MILK AND/OR IN CALF

- 1st S & R Rowland
 2nd A Daniels
 3rd A H & E M Bartley

BEST BUNCH OF THREE COWS & THEIR CALVES

- 1st G & J Hocking
 2nd A H & E M Bartley
 3rd R L & B Masters

BEST FAMILY GROUP OF THREE GENERATIONS

- 1st A H & E M Bartley
 2nd D G & M Northey & Son
 3rd S A Bennett

TWO HEIFERS BORN IN 2006 FROM HERD OF 20 COWS AND UNDER

- 1st S A Bennett
 2nd A Daniels

TWO HEIFERS BORN IN 2007 FROM HERD OF 20 COWS AND UNDER

- 1st A Daniels

TOP FIVE PEDIGREE STOCK BULLS

- | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 1 st | S A Bennett | EXTON SUPREME 3 |
| 2 nd | G & J Hocking | TRETCHFORD DYNAMIC 2 |
| 3 rd | S & R Rowland | WIGFORD WILLIAM |
| 4 th | G & J Hocking | TRETCHFORD PILOT |
| 5 th | Sir Simon Day | REWINT JUBILEE JUNIOR 12 |

BEST PEDIGREE BULL BORN AFTER 1 JANUARY 2007

- | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 st | A H & E M Bartley | MUTTERTON STRONGBOW |
| 2 nd | D G & M Northey & Son | IVY PRINCE 5 |
| 3 rd | A H & E M Bartley | MUTTERTON MAGNERS |

BEST COW

- | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1 st | G & J Hocking | RUGWELL FOXGLOVE |
| 2 nd | S & R Rowland | ROSIE |
| 3 rd | Sir Simon Day | KEATON ROSEBUD |

TRURO SOUTH DEVON CATTLE CLUB HERD COMPETITION

Judges: Phillip Laity, Lionel Pascoe, Gordon Tully

OVERALL RESULTS OF TOP FIVE HERDS

| | | <i>Bulls</i> | <i>Cows</i> | <i>Y/stock</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 st | F & J Rowe | 58.5 | 475 | 400 | 933.5 |
| 2 nd | M R & R J Rowe | 61.25 | 460 | 380 | 901.25 |
| 3 rd | S J & S M Ward | 61 | 445 | 360 | 866 |
| 4 th | J R Bastard & Son | 54.5 | 430 | 378 | 862.5 |
| 5 th | Ms Ada Brookes | 57 | 440 | 350 | 847# |

Runners-Up: M A & C Sandbach & Son; G M & J A Hosking; W P & S L Harper; P A & A F Hambly

TOP FIVE BULLS

- | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 st | M R & R J Rowe | DONHEAD BALTHAZAR |
| 2 nd | S J & S M Ward | TREVASSACK TUSTY 13 |

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 3 rd | F & J Rowe | KESTLE HORATIO 6 |
| 4 th | M R & R J Rowe | PORTMAN BURTLEY TROOPER |
| 5 th | M R & R J Rowe | WELLAND VALLEY MERLIN |

MIDLAND SOUTH DEVON CATTLE BREEDERS CLUB HERD COMPETITION

Judges: Mrs Joy Broughton & Bob Borwick (Mara herd, Herefords)

OVERALL RESULTS OF TOP FIVE HERDS

| | | <i>Bulls</i> | <i>Cows</i> | <i>Y/stock</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 st | W J Wright & Son | 54 | 448 | 400 | 902 |
| 2 nd | Hadley Farms Ltd | 59 | 441 | 401 | 901 |
| 3 rd | D & S Smallcombe | 59 | 450 | 380 | 889 |
| 4 th | Portman Burtley Estate | 48 | 440 | 385 | 873 |
| 5 th | T G Davies | 43 | 442 | 384 | 869 |

Runners-Up: R A Ford; Northwick Estate; K V & M A Plain; R G Elliott & Son; T M Kent; A E J & F J Claridge

OVERALL RESULTS OF TOP FIVE SMALL HERDS

| | | <i>Cows</i> | <i>Y/stock</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 st | T G Davies | 442 | 384 | 826 |
| 2 nd | G & D Sugden | 440 | 365 | 805 |
| 3 rd | W H Sandford | 380 | 377 | 757 |
| 4 th | P Gunn | 380 | 376 | 756 |
| 5 th | S Robbins | 375 | 375 | 750 |

Runners-Up: R V Hartshorn; Bredon School (2002) Ltd

TOP THREE HOMEBRED COWS

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1 st | G & D Sugden | Z COTSWOLD IRIS |
| 2 nd | Northwick Estate | NORTHWICK PANSY 17 |
| 3 rd | Hadley Farms Ltd | KNIGHTCOTE ANTHEA 35 |

TOP THREE POLLED ANIMALS

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1 st | T G Davies | WADDETON ANN 84 |
| 2 nd | Hadley Farms Ltd | Z KNIGHTCOTE ANTHEA 39 |
| 3 rd | G & D Sugden | Z COTSWOLD IRIS |

TOP THREE PROGENY GROUPS

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 st | T G Davies | Z CILGWRRWG SAS NAPOLEON |
| 2 nd | Hadley Farms Ltd | Z COLCHARTON DEMETRIUS |
| 3 rd | D & S Smallcombe | GROVE BRUTUS 82 |

TOP THREE GROUP OF THREE RELATED FEMALES

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 st | Hadley Farms Ltd |
| 2 nd | D & S Smallcombe |
| 3 rd | K V & M A Plain |

TOP FIFTEEN BULLS

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 st | W J Wright & Son | TREGONDALE KING COLE 18 |
| 2 nd | D & S Smallcombe | GROVE BRUTUS 82 |
| 3 rd | Northwick Estate | UPPER NORTON FORTISSIMO |
| 4 th | R A Ford | JUNIPER EXPLORER |

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| =5 th | Hadley Farms Ltd | Z COLCHARTON DEMETRIUS |
| =5 th | W J Wright & Son | Z KNIGHTCOTE LANDMARK 2 |
| 7 th | R G Elliott & Son | KISLINGBURY FIELDSMAN |
| 8 th | A E J & F J Claridge | KNOWLHILL DUKE 4 |
| =9 th | R G Elliott & Son | KISLINGBURY GENERAL |
| =9 th | D & S Smallcombe | LUMBYLAW LEO 10 |
| =9 th | W J Wright & Son | OXEY COUNT 3 |
| =12 th | Northwick Estate | NORTHWICK CENTURION 1 |
| =12 th | Portman Burtley Estate | GOFFE CAVE PERSIUS |
| =12 th | W J Wright & Son | Z POLKINGHORNE NIMROD |
| 15 th | R A Ford | STRETCHFORD HERCULES |

JUDGES TRAINING DAYS

Two training days have been held in recent days for members interested in following the procedures for qualification as a Society judge.

These events are held every year (barring exceptional circumstances), normally involving 6 to 8 trainees at each session which is led by one or more of our most experienced judges.

This year Tregondale Farm, by kind invitation of Mervyn, Stephanie and Richard Rowe, played host to the first training day which was led by Mark Thomas. The other event was held in the Midlands, at Oxey Farm, by kind invitation of Richard and Diana Wright, and led by Hugh Lello and Gordon Tully.

If any member is interested in training to become a Society judge, they should inform Caroline. The next events will be held in 2009.

WANTED

Bulls, steers and heifers for finishing

Contact Richard Burrough

Godworthy Farm, Membury, Axminster, Devon

Tel: 01404 881479

Cows & calves, in-calf cows (commercial)

Contact John Clark

Trecarne, Advent, Camelford, Cornwall

Tel: 01840 212231

COURTESY OF FARMERS WEEKLY

Some of you may have read the “this week ...” section in a recent copy of the Farmers Weekly. For those of you who did not:

“40 years ago – August 1968

Nearly 90 South Devon bulls were in quarantine in Plymouth, booked for shipment to north America as the first instalment of a record order for 700-plus bulls over five years. The contract for the export deal – ‘the biggest yet for British pedigree cattle’ – was signed by the South Devon Cattle Sales Co with a North American group called Professional Genetic Management. The first consignment of bulls, aged between 15 months and four years, was worth \$250,000. The boss of South Devon Sales dubbed the deal a ‘tremendous scoop for the breed’.

CATTLE FOR SALE LIST

BULLS

| | | |
|--|---|--------------|
| Z BILLINGTON PASTICHE 24 UKHW0449-00130 Born 02/04/1996 (£200 – plus royalties to be discussed) | G K & M A Garrett & Son Devon – Region 2 | 01837 54348 |
| BILLINGTON GENERAL 31 UK280954 400259 Born 24/06/2002 | J Dufosee Wiltshire – Region 3 | 01985 214559 |
| WENFORK TRUSTY 3 UK380646 100035 Born 04/01/2004 | P S Rowe Cornwall – Region 1 | 01579 347155 |
| WELLAND VALLEY HADRIAN 2 UK201140 400497 Born 14/05/2004 | J B & C Webster Lancashire – Region 7 | 01704 566159 |
| TREGUDDICK HALLMARK 20 UK380721 300334 Born 14/12/2004 | J Dufosee Wiltshire – Region 3 | 01985 214559 |
| NORTON COMANDER 6 UK262738 300304 Born 07/03/2005 | J F Collinson & Son East Sussex – Region 4 | 01323 897544 |
| Z WOODHAYES HERMES 3 UK361609 700138 Born 29/10/2005 | G E Pike Northants – Region 5 | 01604 770368 |
| 2 x 2 YR OLD BULLS | R R B & S J Harvey Devon – Region 2 | 01548 830307 |
| 2 YR OLD BULL by Erme Jambo | D P Crow Shropshire – Region 6 | 01952 255650 |
| BRAFFERTON STARBUSTER 18 UK122117 300160 Born 23/01/2007 | J P Harrison Yorkshire – Region 7 | 01347 838725 |
| 17 MTH OLD BULL | J Virgin Dorset – Region 3 | 01258 817171 |

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|---|---|--------------|
| 5 YOUNG BULLS | Mr & Mrs R C Burrough Devon – Region 2 | 01404 881479 |
| <u>FEMALES</u> | | |
| COWS & CALVES, BULLING and IN-CALF HEIFERS | R R B & S J Harvey Devon – Region 2 | 01548 830307 |
| 6 POLLED BULLING HEIFERS | Mr & Mrs P Draper Cornwall – Region 1 | 01579 362295 |
| 3 PEDIGREE COWS WITH CALVES | C Wyatt Somerset – Region 3 | 01460 63155 |
| 7 BULLING HEIFERS | M R & R J Rowe Cornwall – Region 1 | 01579 342407 |
| 5 BULLING HEIFERS | J F Collinson & Son East Sussex – Region 4 | 01323 897544 |

NEW MEMBERS

Full

Region 7

T & J Critchley, t/a J & M Critchley, Hook Cliff Farm, Newark Hill,
Gonerby Moor, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 8P
Prefix: HOOK CLIFF

AND FINALLY ...

Once upon a time in a place overrun with monkeys, a man appeared and announced to the villagers that he would buy monkeys for \$10 each. The villagers, seeing that there were many monkeys around, went out to the forest, and started catching them.

The man bought thousands at \$10 and as supply started to diminish, they became harder to catch, so the villagers stopped their effort. The man then announced that he would now pay \$20 for each one. This renewed the efforts of the villagers and they started catching monkeys again. But soon the supply diminished even further and they were ever harder to catch, so people started going back to their farms and forgot about monkey catching.

The man increased his price to \$25 each and the supply of monkeys became so sparse that it was an effort to even see a monkey, much less catch one. The man now announced that he would buy monkeys for \$50! However, since he had to go to the city on some business, his assistant would now buy on his behalf.

While the man was away the assistant told the villagers: "Look at all these monkeys in the big cage that the man has bought. I will sell them to you at \$35 each and when the man returns from the city, you can sell them to him for \$50 each." The villagers rounded up all their savings and bought all the monkeys. They never saw the man nor his assistant again and once again there were monkeys everywhere. Now you have a better understanding of how the stock market works!