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Dear Member,

Firstly, may I warmly thank you for your kind wishes, cards, and flowers, during the last three weeks whilst I have been laid low by a nasty infection from which I am now recovering. Contrary to some rumours, it was not the result of my time spent in Ireland at the Ploughing Championships! I hope to be back in the office at full speed again very soon. Liz and Debbie have been doing a great job in my absence, and "Team B" have coped admirably at the two Open Days, and at the Autumn Show & Sale - THANK YOU!

The National Herd Competition Winner's Open Day was held at Polkinghorne by kind invitation of Mr Henry Laity, marking a milestone in the Society's history as this is the first polled herd to win such an award. All those who attended

were very impressed by the strength of the cattle, achieved through decades of careful breeding. Full results of the Competition are inside.

Another very successful Open Day was hosted by Bill & Suzanne Harper for the Poll Group, and the quality of the stock was much admired and appreciated. A formal discussion concluded that polling has developed well in many herds in recent years in terms of retaining size and conformation; but bloodlines are very limited, although available (if expensively) to import. Igenity are close to offering a commercial test to determine polled status through DNA, which we look forward to announcing. Many thanks to Bill & Suzanne for their time and trouble.

Results from the Truro, and Midland Club competitions, as well as the Wessex Region are inside. Congratulations to all those who entered, and particularly to Mervyn & Richard Rowe, Richard Ford, and Keith & Margaret Plain.

Another excellent Sale took place at Bristol at the beginning of October, with a new high average for the Autumn for bulls of £3150, and a new high average for 2-year old halter broken heifers of £1995, and a double high of £3780 for two heifers! We must continue to keep a close eye on quality, though, particularly with regard to feet and legs. The more valuable the animal, the more it needs to justify its value in terms of breeding ability! Advice is always available if you are in doubt.

Accompanying this newsletter is a booklet listing current membership, together with prefixes allocated to that membership, for your information. There are, of course, many other prefixes which have been used in the past, and for more information please ask the office.

There is also a merchandise "flyer" for you to consider for your Christmas shopping - new items include a 2010 calendar, kitchen chopping board, and handy shopping bag. Debbie will be pleased to take your orders.

Finally, please read inside (under Council Business) about the launch of a new NATIONAL SHOW OF SOUTH DEVONS in 2010 - an excellent opportunity to advertise your herd!

With my best wishes, *Caroline*

AUTUMN SHOW & SALE

BRISTOL SALES CENTRE, 6TH OCTOBER

JUDGE: Mr Roger Rundle, Kestle Mill, Newquay, Cornwall

AUCTIONEERS: Messrs Kivells, Hallworthy, Cornwall (Mr John Wakeham & Mr Mark Bromell)

INSPECTOR: Mr Duncan Findlay MRCVS, The Vale Veterinary Practice, Cullompton, Devon

THE SHOW

Bulls

Class 1

1 st	Mr J P Harrison	BRAFFERTON STARBUSTER WRIGHT
2 nd	R R B & S J Harvey	SEXTON CAVALIER 10
3 rd	K V & M A Plain	FOXHOLE BEAUMONT 2

Class 3

1 st	W H D Scott	GROVE BRUTUS 109
2 nd	R J & C J Edwards	X COLCHARTON DEMETRIUS 17
3 rd	M E & T E Broome	WELLAND VALLEY CRUSADER 4

Champion Male - Roskymer Cup

J P Harrison BRAFFERTON STARBUSTER WRIGHT

Reserve Champion Male - Rowe Cup

R R B & S J Harvey SEXTON CAVALIER 10

Best Bull on Performance & Inspection - Thornton Cup

W H D Scott GROVE BRUTUS 109

Best Pair of Bulls - Macfarlane Cup

R R B & S J Harvey

Best Polled Bull - Polled South Devon Cup

R J & C J Edwards Z COLCHARTON HALLMARK 1

Most Points at Spring and Autumn Sales - Ciba-Geigy Trophy

M E & T E Broome

Females

Class 5

1 st	M E & T E Broome	WELLAND VALLEY LILY 14 (B)
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Class 6

1 st	C R Wyatt	CHALK REGIS ELIZABETH 6
2 nd	C R Wyatt	CHALK REGIS ELIZABETH 5

Class 6a

1 st	R R B & S J Harvey	SEXTON ALICE 45
2 nd	A H & E M Bartley	MUTTERTON DAISY 5
3 rd	Mr R Clemens	PENROSE STONEHEDGING LISA 28

Class 7

1 st	M R & R J Rowe	TREGONDALE CRUMPLE 49
2 nd	The Tully Partnership	Z WADDETON SUFFRAGETTE 89
3 rd	M R & R J Rowe	TREGONDALE BUTTERCUP 59

Female Champion - Sexton Cup

RRB & S J Harvey SEXTON ALICE 45

Reserve Female Champion - Alger Cup

M R & R J Rowe TREGONDALE CRUMPLE 49

Best Pair of Females - Greenslade Perpetual Cup

The Tully Partnership

Best Polled Female - Colcharton Cup

The Tully Partnership Z WADDETON SUFFRAGETTE 89

Best Female on Performance & Inspection - Bristol Sales Centre Trophy

M R & R J Rowe TREGONDALE CRUMPLE 49

THE SALE

BULLS

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
J P Harrison	Brafferton Starbuster Wright	D & L Farr, Bodkin Farm, Ingleberry Rd, Shepshed, Leics	3000
RRB&SJ Harvey	Sexton Cavalier 10	P S Rowe, Trewint, Menheniot, Liskeard, Cornwall	3100
ME&TE Broome	Welland Valley Hercules 3	HT Farthing, New Manor Fm, Upper South Wraxall, Wilts	2000
RRB&SJ Harvey	Sexton King Lear 13	TA&LG Jarman, Ty-Ibaf, Dolgadfan, Llanbrynmair, Powys	2200
RJ&CJ Edwards	Z Colcharton Hallmark 1	N&M Holt-Martyn, East Crowndale Farm, Tavistock, Devon	3000
W H D Scott	Grove Brutus 109	Hill&Johnstone, Priors Park Fm, Culmhead, Somerset	2700
RJ&CJ Edwards	X Colcharton Demetrius 17	Portman Burtley Est, Hedgerley Lane, Beaconsfield, Bucks	3300
B Kingham	Aldbourn Chase Colosus	C Warner, Storesbrook, Rhealay, Ledbury, Herefordshire	2500
B Kingham	Aldbourn Chase Conquer	RG Nicholls, Berry Farm, Berry Pomeroy, Totnes, Devon	3100
ME&TE Broome	Welland Valley Crusader 4	Portman Burtley Est, Hedgerley Lane, Beaconsfield, Bucks	5300
D Smallcombe	Lumbylaw Leo 10	DA&M Sandbach & Son, Perlees Farm, St Breock, Cornwall	3000
KV&MA Plain	Foxhole Titan	D Morgan, Rhewl Farm, Shirenewton, Monmouthshire	2800

12 bulls sold, total 36000 gns

average 3000 gns = £3150

top price 5300 gns = £5565

FEMALES

Halter-broken Cows with Calves

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
R K Rundle	Kestle Buttercup 101	G W Pluess, Trevolter Barton, Poundstock, Bude, Cornwall	2200
ME&TE Broome	Welland Valley Lily 14 (B)	TR Baker, Mill Fm, Gilmorton, Lutterworth, Leics	1700

2 cows with calves sold, total 3900 gns

average 1950 gns = £2048

Halter-broken Heifers

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
Mr&Mrs J Hopkins	Delhorn Tulip 6	AL Phillips, Crawless Farm, Berkeley, Gloucestershire	2000
Mr&Mrs J Hopkins	Delhorn Coltsfoot 2	AL Phillips, Crawless Farm, Berkeley, Gloucestershire	1800
C R Wyatt	Chalk Regis Elizabeth 5	D Trewern & Son, Trewey Fm, St Levan, Penzance, Cornwall	1250
C R Wyatt	Chalk Regis Elizabeth 6	D Trewern & Son, Trewey Fm, St Levan, Penzance, Cornwall	1500
C R Wyatt	Chalk Regis Molly 3	D Trewern & Son, Trewey Fm, St Levan, Penzance, Cornwall	1350
C R Wyatt	Chalk Regis Dewdrop 3	P Holloway, Home Farm, West Lavington, Devizes, Wilts	1250
AH&EM Bartley	Mutterton Daisy 5	NE&DM Chanin, Lee Cross, Thorverton, Exeter, Devon	1500
RRB&SJ Harvey	Sexton Alice 5	R Jenkins, Holland Park, Chasty, Holsworthy, Devon	3600
C R Wyatt	Chalk Regis Mistletoe 3	Lord Prior PC, Old Hall, Brampton, Beccles, Suffolk	1200
R Clemens	Penrose Stonehedging Lisa 28	BE Gnyla, Bank Fm, Minn Bank, Aston, Market Drayton, Salop	1700
ME&TE Broome	Welland Valley Ramsvale Willing 3	Bredon School, Pull Court, Bushley, Tewkesbury, Glos	1650
R K Rundle	Kestle Buttermaid 81	PG Bowditch, Stone Barrow Fm, Hawkchurch, Devon	2900
R K Rundle	Kestle Buttermaid 82	CN Stevens & Sons, Sowbrook Farm, Dale Abbey, Derbys	2200
Tully Prtnrshp	Waddeton Norman Countess 120	PG Bowditch, Stone Barrow Fm, Hawkchurch, Devon	2250
C R Wyatt	Chalk Regis Bluebell 4	JE Blackwell, Lower Penhale Fm, St Keyne, Liskeard, Cornwall	1450
Tully Prtnrshp	Z Waddeton Suffragette 89	N&M Holt-Martyn, East Crowndale Farm, Tavistock, Devon	3600
BG&JZA Dart	AI Woodhayes Countess 20	J Virgin, Glebe Farm, Pulham, Dorchester, Dorset	2100
ME&TE Broome	Welland Valley G Hilda 5	K Finch, Filbert Lodge Fm, Yelvertoft Rd, Crick, Northants	1650
MR&RJ Rowe	Tregondale Crumple 49	A Davies, Gro, Dolanog, Trallwng, Powys, Wales	2600
MR&RJ Rowe	Tregondale Buttercup 59	K Finch, Filbert Lodge Fm, Yelvertoft Rd, Crick, Northants	2000
MR&RJ Rowe	Tregondale Jill 135	C Read, Brine Pits Farm, Lowerwych, Malpas, Cheshire	1050
J P Harrison	Brafferton Griselda 4	M Lamb & M Rogers, Glebe Fm Prtnrs, Venton Fm, Widecombe in the Moor, Devon	1800
ME&TE Broome	Z Welland Valley Buttercup 17	H Rudge, Ballingham Court, Ballingham, Herefordshire	1300

23 halter-broken 2-yr old heifers sold, total 43700 gns
avg 1900 gns = £1995
top price 3600 gns = £3780

Non Halter Broken Cows, with/without calves at foot

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
S Robbins	Donhead Snowdrop 3	JR Darlington, Common Fm, Norbury, Whitchurch, Salop	1050
BG&JZA Dart	AI Woodhayes Countess 13	C Jeffrey, Twiscombe Farm, Whitestone, Exeter, Devon	1450
Mrs NJ Meyrick	Yarcombe Rose 5	CR Harris, 2 Sand Pit Cottage, Croft Rd, Thurlastone, Leics	1700
Mrs NJ Meyrick	Yarcombe Dolly 3	CR Harris, 2 Sand Pit Cottage, Croft Rd, Thurlastone, Leics	1600
Mrs NJ Meyrick	Yarcombe Doris 5	CR Harris, 2 Sand Pit Cottage, Croft Rd, Thurlastone, Leics	1450
Mrs NJ Meyrick	Yarcombe Gill	D Trewern & Son, Trewey Fm, St Levan, Penzance, Cornwall	1300
Mrs NJ Meyrick	Yarcombe Doris 6	TC Trehearne, Martinsfield, Lladough, Cowbridge, Glamorgan	1700
Mrs NJ Meyrick	Yarcombe Rose 7	Mr&MrsR Allsop, Marehay, Hall Farm, Denby Ripley, Derbys	2050

8 non halter broken cows sold, total 12300 gns
avg 1538 gns = £1614

Non Halter 2 year old Heifers

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Gns</u>
DH Hartnell&Sons	Cornworthy Court Darling 49	CN Stevens & Sons, Sowbrook Farm, Dale Abbey, Derbys	1850
DH Hartnell&Sons	Cornworthy Court Darling 52	A L Phillips, Crawless Farm, Berkeley, Gloucestershire	1700
DH Hartnell&Sons	Cornworthy Court Cherry 20	C T Land, Mines Farm, Snelston, Ashbourne, Derbyshire	1600
P W Coaker	Bittleford Tiny 63	CN Stevens & Sons, Sowbrook Farm, Dale Abbey, Derbys	1900

P W Coaker	Bittleford Primrose 41	L Salt, Beech Farm, Quixhill Lane, Prestwood, Staffs	1700
P W Coaker	Bittleford Dorothy 23	S I Barkwill, Beechcombe, Long Cross, Milton Abbot, Devon	850
P W Coaker	Bittleford Cherry 122	J E Blackwell, Lower Penhale Farm, St Keyne, Cornwall	1450
P W Coaker	Bittleford Yellowmaid 69	JG Williams & Son, Upper House Fm, Hopton Castle, Salop	1500
P W Coaker	Bittleford Yellowmaid 70	C Read, Brine Pitts Farm, Lowerwych, Malpas, Cheshire	1450
P W Coaker	Bittleford Bianca 10	CN Stevens & Sons, Sowbrook Farm, Dale Abbey, Derbys	1600
P W Coaker	Bittleford Yellowmaid 72	J E Blackwell, Lower Penhale Fm, St Keyne, Cornwall	1200
P W Coaker	Bittleford Tiny 64	L Rooke, Kit Fm, Southview, Little Cheverell, Devizes, Wilts	1200
P W Coaker	Bittleford Princess 74	L Salt, Beech Farm, Quixhill Lane, Prestwood, Staffs	1250
D A Ashcroft	Chavid Mira 2	Lord Prior PC, Old Hall, Brampton, Beccles, Suffolk	1600
D A Ashcroft	Chavid Privet 15	Lord Prior PC, Old Hall, Brampton, Beccles, Suffolk	1500
Mrs NJ Meyrick	Yarcombe Dolly 4	A L Phillips, Crawless Farm, Berkeley, Gloucestershire	1450
Mrs NJ Meyrick	Yarcombe Rose 8	CN Stevens & Sons, Sowbrook Farm, Dale Abbey, Derbys	1750
MA&CSandbach&Son	Perlees Jenny 3	B Darke, The Old Quarry, Southwood, Bridford, Devon	1750
MA&CSandbach&Son	Perlees Sally 9	B Darke, The Old Quarry, Southwood, Bridford, Devon	1700
MA&CSandbach&Son	Perlees Jane 1	GW Pluess, Trevolter Brtn, Poundstock, Bude, Cornwall	1950
RW Bostelmann	Rufford SAS Primula 5	A L Phillips, Crawless Farm, Berkeley, Glos	2100
RW Bostelmann	Rufford SAS Tiny (T)	A Davies, Gro, Dolanog, Trallwng, Powys, Wales	2450
AH&EM Bartley	Mutterton Teazle	J E Blackwell, Lower Penhale Fm, St Keyne, Cornwall	1950
AH&EM Bartley	Mutterton Cherry 7	L Rooke, Kit Fm, Southview, Little Cheverell, Devizes, Wilts	1900
SJ&SM Ward	Besowsa Prudence 41	A L Phillips, Crawless Farm, Berkeley, Glos	1550
SJ&SM Ward	Besowsa Cherry 22	W L House & Sons, Bojowen Farm, Newquay, Cornwall	1250
SJ&SM Ward	Besowsa Anne 154	TC Trehearne, Martinsfield, Lladough, Cowbridge, Glamorgan	1300
BG&JZA Dart	AI Woodhayes Daffodil 18	C Jeffrey, Twiscombe Farm, Whitestone, Exeter, Devon	2000
FRJ&RFHorsman	George Teign (SWIG) Helen 39	H Rudge, Ballingham Court, Ballingham, Herefordshire	1650
FRJ&RFHorsman	George Teign Primula 97	H Rudge, Ballingham Court, Ballingham, Herefordshire	1250
FRJ&RFHorsman	George Teign (SWIG) Primula 99	B Darke, The Old Quarry, Southwood, Bridford, Devon	1400
FRJ&RFHorsman	George Teign (SWIG) Primula 100	B Darke, The Old Quarry, Southwood, Bridford, Devon	1400
Mrs NJ Meyrick	Yarcombe Doris 7	J R Darlington, Common Fm, Norbury, Whitchurch, Salop	850
Mrs NJ Meyrick	Yarcombe Emily 9	S I Barkwill, Beechcombe, Long Cross, Milton Abbot, Devon	900
Mrs NJ Meyrick	Yarcombe Rose 9	J R Darlington, Common Fm, Norbury, Whitchurch, Salop	820

**35 non halter-broken heifers sold, total 53720 gns
 avg 1535 gns = £1612
 top price 2450 gns = £2573**

FRAME SCORE MEASUREMENTS

SCROTAL CIRCUMFERENCE (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg	Pass size
15-20	7	34-40	36	33
21-30	5	35-37	36	35

HEIGHT AT WITHERS (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	7	129-141	136
21-30	5	140-147	143

HEIGHT AT RUMP (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	7	138-149	144
21-30	5	146-155	150

LENGTH (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Withers to pins		Hooks to pins	
		Range	Avg	Range	Avg
15-20	7	138-150	145	61-68	63
21-30	5	149-156	152	63-70	68

RUMP WIDTH (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	7	62-67	65
21-30	5	64-71	69

WEIGHT (kg)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	7	681-835	786
21-30	5	856-1035	961

SHOULDER WIDTH (cm)

Age (mths)	No	Range	Avg
15-20	7	61-71	68
21-30	5	66-78	73

Two bulls were rejected for scrotal circumference not meeting the minimum measurement, and one bull was rejected for poor locomotion. One bull was found to be scurred, rather than fully polled.

One female was rejected for poor legs, and at least one more was borderline on inspection; more attention needs to be paid on females' legs and feet.

All the bulls and all the females passed their jaw inspection.

PRE-SALE SUPPER

Thanks go to the Wessex Region for hosting the pre-Sale Supper at the Bristol Sales Centre, which brought together about 70 members and their guests. Charles Phillips, Chairman of the Region, very generously provided wine with the meal, and a Raffle was organised by Jane Wadsworth and "her team".

The winner of the Region's Herd Competition was announced, and Anne Tully (who accompanied Diana Rusher as Judge), spoke about her impressions of the herds seen during their travels, noting the variety in type but emphasising the need to retain strength and quality.

CLUB DRAWS

The first Club Draw of the year (which runs in this case from the beginning of August to the end of July), was held at the pre-Sale Supper at Bristol, and was won by Mrs Michelle Meyer-Mischell, Plympton Farm, Malborough, Kingsbridge, Devon who receives a cheque for £215.

COUNCIL BUSINESS **arising from Council meeting 08/09**

➤ **COUNCIL REPRESENTATION FROM REGION 7 (THE NORTH OF ENDLAND & SCOTLAND)**

A recent review of Council representation across all Regions concluded that Region 7, with its current two representatives, was under-represented in terms of Society members. Council have therefore decided to increase the number of representatives to three, as of the next Annual General Meeting (23rd March 2010), and elections will be held in January.

➤ **REGIONAL COMMITTEES**

A Review of the Functionality of the seven Regional Committees has been requested, and your comments are therefore invited to questions such as:

Do you feel that your Regional Committee represents your interests?

Does it meet regularly enough?

Do you have the opportunity, through the Committee, to discuss matters of current interest within the Society and the breed?

How can the structure be improved?

Do you know who is on the Committee?

Should the Committee be more active in organising events within the Region, and if so, would you be keen to attend?

If you are interested in the official bit, articles 8 to 12 of the Memorandum & Articles of Association refer! Please would you let me have your responses **by the end of November**, so that Council may deliberate them at their December meeting.

➤ **BREED STANDARDS**

The Council meeting unanimously backed the tightening of inspections at Society sales, and reference should be made to the Breed Description as published in the Society Journal. Any pedigree animals should meet this Description, and should be fit for breeding purpose. Advice is available through the Secretary, if required.

➤ **CREDITS AGAINST REGISTRATION CHARGES (slaughter/casualty)**

Under Society rules, members can claim back a credit of £30 against a registration charge paid by themselves for animals under 30 months at the time of their slaughter or becoming a casualty. Council have more clearly defined this rule by requiring members *to claim the credit within 4 months of the date of slaughter/casualty*. This will come into force on 1st January 2010, when late claims will no longer be accepted.

➤ **SUBSIDIES FOR EXHIBITORS AT AGRILIVE SMITHFIELD 2009**

Members who enter animals in this year's new AgriLIVE Smithfield will have their entry fees (£20 per animal) reimbursed by the Society. In addition, a contribution from the Society of £30 per animal forward will be paid to help with exhibitor costs.

➤ **NATIONAL SHOW OF SOUTH DEVONS IN 2010**

With the loss of The Royal Show, and in order to provide a breed forum for South Devon breeders to compete together at one event, Council are supporting the holding of a National Show of South Devons at the Royal Cornwall Show in 2010. This will be a tremendous opportunity to promote herds, and the breed, with all its attendant publicity. The Royal Cornwall was chosen as the first venue for a National Show because of its size, its willingness to accommodate, and the existing

level of support it receives from exhibitors and visitors alike. If successful, the Show might then be held at a different venue each year. A small Working Group will be set up to sort out the detail, including ways of making it easier for exhibitors coming from outside the South West.

➤ **CALL FOR SUPPORT FOR THE ROYAL WELSH SHOW**

The Royal Welsh is a very important show at which to be seen, and a very big shop window for the breed. The Society has a stand there, similar in size to the Royal Cornwall Show. Council recognises the need for more exhibitors to support the classes, especially with restrictions placed on herds because of TB. The costs of showing are lower than at many other shows, so please mark this event on your calendar, and support if you can.

COMPENSATION FOR BOVINE TB

Payable during October 2009

TO ENSURE THE BEST VALUE FOR YOUR CATTLE PLEASE CHECK THAT YOUR PEDIGREE REGISTRATIONS ARE UP TO DATE. IF YOU NEED ANY ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

NON PEDIGREE BOVINE

Male		Female	
Age	Compensation due	Age	Compensation due
Up to 3 months	227	Up to 3 months	184
Over 3 months up to 6 months	408	Over 3 months up to 6 months	379
Over 6 months up to 9 months	484	Over 6 months up to 9 months	424
Over 9 months up to 12 months	616	Over 9 months up to 12 months	521
Over 12 months up to 16 months	710	Over 12 months up to 16 months	614
Over 16 months up to 20 months	797	Over 16 months up to 20 months	716
20 months and over	855	20 months and over	781
Breeding bulls 20 months and over	1,075	Calved	1009

PEDIGREE BOVINE

Male		Female	
Age	Compensation due	Age	Compensation due
6 months up to 12 months	*	6 months up to 12 months	1,172
Over 12 months up to 24 months	4,085	Over 12 months up to 24 months	1,509
24 months and over	2,944	24 months and over (not calved)	1,725
		Calved under 36 months	1,047
		Calved 36 months and over	1,680

*Compensation to be determined using individual valuation

DEVELOPING A BOVINE TB ERADICATION PROGRAMME FOR ENGLAND

Summarised report from the TB Eradication Group

The full report can be accessed at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/farmanimal/diseases/atoz/tb/documents/tb-erad091008.pdf>. In the meantime Scotland has been approved as a "TB Free Area" by Brussels which is bound to have an impact on trade, and may prove to be a fragile ruling highly susceptible to breakdown! Devolution is not always a good thing. The recommendations made by the TB Eradication Group (England) include the following:

Areas of Disease Risk

Current TB testing is "constantly playing catch-up." Geographic areas should be described according to their level of risk (high, edges of high, medium, declining, low). For example, an established endemic area such as the South-West would be "high", and Cumbria where the situation is improving would be "declining". Risk assessment should be based on local epidemiology;

proximity to high incidence areas; current disease restrictions in place; evidence of local wildlife reservoir; and historic incidence of TB.

Providing advice on bovine TB to restricted farms

The Group have identified the lack of provision of veterinary and ecological advice, as well as business advice options, particularly for newly restricted herds. From early in 2010 an enhanced advice service will be available.

Dispersal sales

A recommendation has been made that TB breakdown premises that satisfy specified criteria should have the option to hold dispersal sales; with movements only to other TB restricted herds that fulfil specified criteria. This will come into effect by the end of 2009.

Approved finishing units

Approved finishing units can be set up to receive clear tested cattle from TB breakdown herds, and are exempt from pre-movement testing. This should relieve pressure of over-stocking of animals ultimately destined for slaughter, and reduce the need for testing. In high risk areas a TB test will be valid for 90 days for approved finishing units with grazing, and for 6 months for those without grazing where there is wildlife proof housing.

Flexible approach to timing of short interval testing

For herds suffering protracted breakdowns which have had to test every 60 days, there will be more flexibility to allow the majority of farmers in high risk areas to opt for 120 day intervals between tests if they so wish.

Testing areas

In a worsening disease situation the current Parish Testing Interval is inadequate, unfair and inconsistent. Work will start to set testing frequencies based on local epidemiological risks, but will take time, so an interim approach is recommended for 2010:

High risk areas (the South-West and Midlands) should be blanket tested annually across whole counties. They will be bordered to the north and east by 2-yearly routine testing areas (either whole counties or two parish wide strip areas). The North & East will remain on 4 yearly routine testing, although any individual parishes in this area may be subject to more frequent testing without buffering, if there have been recent incursions of TB due to movements of infected cattle.

Inconclusive reactor policy - change to allow only one re-test

Until now up to two retests of inconclusive reactors have been allowed. From 1st January 2010 only one retest will be allowed before the animal is

removed for slaughter. This is because IRs are considered to be a good indicator of the true level of infection and therefore should be removed more quickly.

Bovine TB and badgers

Because the Government's policy is not to issue licences to cull badgers for bovine TB control in England, the TB Eradication Group were not given the remit to make recommendations concerning the control of badgers. However the Group has stated that bovine TB cannot be brought under control or eradicated in areas where the risk from wildlife is not addressed, and they will continue to closely review the situation.

Injectable badger vaccine is expected to be licensed in 2010, but a vaccination programme will be limited both in terms of its administration and effectiveness, and will have only a small impact on the epidemic.

Biosecurity

Recommendations are based around an advice service from vets to farmers, particularly with relation to minimising cattle and badger contact, and this will be developed during 2010.

BRITISH CATTLE BREEDERS CONFERENCE

25th-27th January Telford Golf & Spa Hotel

"January! You're just recovering from the Christmas and New Year celebrations and thinking that there is still a long way to spring when you suddenly spot the British Cattle Conference programme lying on the kitchen table! The perfect antidote to the midwinter blues!

Once again the Club Committee has managed to secure an exceptional set of world class speakers to deliver Conference papers to challenge us all. The theme for the British Cattle Conference 2010 is "A Sustainable Breeding Future".

Don't wait, BOOK NOW! Come and join us at the superb facilities offered Telford Golf and Spa Hotel from 25th to 27th January 2010

for this vibrant, informative and challenging Conference and we will look forward to welcoming you.

More information on the programme is available from www.cattlebreeders.org.uk

Rob Wills, Chairman BCBC"

NATIONAL HERD COMPETITION

(full results are available from the office)

JUDGES: Mr James Eustice, Mr Ian Rounsevell, and Mr Robert Whitcombe
20 herds, 54 stock bulls, 1146 cows, and 2000 youngstock judged over 8 days!

OVERALL RESULTS OF FIRST 12 PLACINGS

NAME	Bulls	Cows	Y'stock	Total	Place
THE Laity	53	455	375	883	1 st
ME & TE Broome	53.5	450	365	868.5	2 nd
W J Wright & Son	48.5	443	365	856.6	3 rd
D & S Smallcombe	60.5	425	347	832.5	4 th
K V & M A Plain	53.5	424	345	822.5	5 th
Mr & Mrs J Townley	56	421	342	819	6 th
Portman Burtley Estate Co	41	418	350	809	7 th
Mr & Mrs J Hadley	45	405	345	795	8 th
M R & R J Rowe	45	400	349	794	9 th
Mr & Mrs D Bowley	48	422	322	792	10 th
Northwick Estate	50.5	398	342	790.5	11 th
M S & C Gray	47.5	416	326	789.5	12 th

RUNNERS-UP: D G & M Northey & Son, G M & J A Hosking, G & J Hocking, W H Sandford, Norton Farm Partnership, P Gunn, N & M Holt-Martyn, Bredon School (2002) Ltd

BEST SMALL HERD

K V & M A Plain

TOP 25 BEST BULLS

NAME	Name of Bull	Points	Place
M E & T E Broome	Welland Valley Crusader	130	1 st
W J Wright & Son	Z Polkinghorne Nimrod	127	2 nd
W J Wright & Son	Z Oxey Landmark 3	124	3 rd
Portman Burtley Estate Co	Tregondale King Cole 23	122	=4 th
W H Sandford	AI Haughton SAS Joe Louis 1	122	=4 th
D & S Smallcombe	Lumbylaw Leo 10	122	=4 th
D & S Smallcombe	AI Grove Brutus 82	120	7 th
G M & J A Hosking	Trewint Excalibur	118	8 th
M E & T E Broome	Welland Valley Hanbury 11	116	9 th
Mr & Mrs J E Hadley	Z Colcharton Demetrius	115	10 th
Mr & Mrs J Townley	Welland Valley Explorer 3	112	11 th
M E & T E Broome	Edmeston Trusty 7	110	12 th
W J Wright & Son	Z Knightcote Landmark 2	109	13 th
T H E Laity	Z AI Woodhayes Illya 2	108	14 th
K V & M A Plain	Foxhole Titan	107	15 th
M E & T E Broome	Stretchford Dynamic 3	106	16 th
Northwick Estate	Upper Norton Fortissimo	105	17 th
M E & T E Broome	Waddeton Hadrian 4	104	=18 th
T H E Laity	Welland Valley King George	104	=18 th
M E & T E Broome	Stretchford Hercules 2	103	=20 th
Northwick Estate	Northwick Centurion 11	103	=20 th
M E & T E Broome	Juniper Caractus	100	22 nd
D G & M Northey & Son	Z Waddeton Poll Sunshine 9	97	23 rd
Norton Farm Partnership	Welland Valley Dynamic 4	96	24 th
M S & C Gray	Brettles SAS Red Comet	95	=25 th
Northwick Estate	Northwick Claudius 11	95	=25 th

TOP 12 BEST COWS

Name	Name of Cow	Points	Placing
M E & T E Broome	Welland Valley Adora 2	90	1 st
T H E Laity	Z Polkinghorne Daisy 30	89	2 nd
D & S Smallcombe	Z Flintfield Sarah	88	3 rd
K V & M A Plain	Foxhole Buttercup 2	85	4 th
Mr & Mrs J Townley	Hambury Mary	80	5 th
M R & R J Rowe	Tregondale Jill 60	79	6 th
Portman Burtley Estate Co	Portman Burtley Downy	78	7 th
Northwick Estate	Northwick Eija 19	77	8 th
M S & C Gray	Upper Norton Carrie	76	9 th
W J Wright & Son	Oxey Katie 141	75	=10 th
D G & M Northey & Son	Ivy Princess 1	75	=10 th
N & M Holt-Martyn	Burrow Bella 2	71	12 th

TOP 5 BEST HEIFERS UNDER 2 YEARS OLD

Name	Name of Heifer	Points	Placing
M E & T E Broome	Welland Valley Gemma 3	90	1 st
Northwick Estate	Northwick Bargain 30	85	2 nd
D & S Smallcombe	Brookin Buttercup	82	3 rd
W H Sandford	Z Haughton SAS Vicky 3	80	4 th
K V & M A Plain	Foxhole Willow 3	79	=5 th
T H E Laity	Z Polkinghorne Daisy 43	79	=5 th

TOP 5 BEST HOMEBRED POLLED ANIMALS

NAME	Name of Animal	Points	Placing
T H E Laity	Z Polkinghorne Daisy 40	90	1 st
W J Wright & Son	Z Oxey Landmark 3	89	=2 nd
D & S Smallcombe	Z Brookin Cala Lily	89	=2 nd
W H Sandford	Z Haughton SAS Saucy Sue 7	88	4 th
P Gunn	Z Bunsley Bank Acorn	85	5 th

BEST GROUP OF 3 COWS FROM SAME SIRE

Name	Name of Sire	Points	Placing
D & S Smallcombe	AI Grove Brutus 82	82	1 st
Portman Burtley Estate Co	Grove Claudius 63	80	2 nd
T H E Laity	Z Countisbury Cracker 2	79	3 rd

WESSEX REGION HERD COMPETITION

JUDGES: Mrs Anne Tully & Mrs Diana Rusher

OVERALL RESULTS OF FIRST 5 PLACINGS

Name	Bulls	Cows	Y'stock	Total	Placing
K V & M A Plain	65	460	410	935	1 st
J Virgin	58	450	390	898	2 nd
M Stanley-Smith	63	447	380	890	3 rd
Mrs J Duncan	49	445	385	879	4 th
Clarendon Park Farms Ltd	47.5	440	370	857.5	5 th

Runners-Up: Hill & Johnstone, W R & C F Cox, M Amos, & Bredon School (2002) Ltd

TOP 6 BEST BULLS

Name	Name of Bull	Points	Placing
K V & M A Plain	Foxhole Titan	65	1 st
M Stanley-Smith	Trewint Trooper 5	63	2 nd
J Virgin	Sexton Gallant 49	58	3 rd
Hill & Johnstone	AI Molehill Forester	50	4 th
Mrs J Duncan	Billington Donatello	49	5 th
Clarendon Park Farm	Z Treguddick Poll Progression 3	48	6 th

TRURO CLUB HERD COMPETITION

(full results will be given out at the Club Dinner in November)

JUDGES: Mr Douglas Scott, Mr John Rowe, & Mr Godfrey Hosking

Name	Points	Placing
M R & R J Rowe	853	1 st
J R Bastard & Son	850	2 nd
T H E Laity	839	3 rd
James Eustice Farms	825	4 th
P S Rowe	824	5 th
W P & S L Harper	818	6 th
A L Pascoe	815	7 th
D J Thomas & Son	809	=8 th
Ms A Brookes	809	=8 th
P A & A F Hambly	802.5	10 th
D T Trewin	791.5	11 th
Mr P J & Mrs R J Draper	766	12 th
S Burden	752	13 th

MIDLAND CLUB HERD COMPETITION

JUDGES: Mr Richard Wright & Mr Michael Winterton

OVERALL RESULTS OF FIRST 4 PLACINGS - THE SOCIETY CUP

Name	Bulls	Cows	Y'stock	Total	Placing
R A Ford	59	420	360	839	1 st
J P Harrison	49	360	390	799	2 nd
Northwick Estate	47	340	350	737	3 rd
Hadley Farms Ltd	48	350	300	698	4 th

Runners-Up: David Smallcombe Ltd, M & M Rushbrooke, C Page, R G Elliott

BEST SMALL HERD - KINWARTON SHIELD

Name	Cows	Y'stock	Total	Placing
P Gunn	350	300	650	1 st
Bredon School	300	250	550	2 nd
W H Sandford	290	245	535	3 rd
S Robbins	280	240	520	4 th

BEST BULL (top 9) - THE TULLY TROPHY

1 st	J P Harrison	BRAFFERTON STARBUSTER WRIGHT
2 nd	R A Ford	TREVASSACK TRUSTY
3 rd	Northwick Estate	UPPER NORTON FORTISSIMO
4 th	R A Ford	GOFFE CAVE PERSIUS
5 th	Hadley Farms Ltd	Z COLCHARTON DEMETRIUS
=6 th	R A Ford	WADDETON ECLIPSE 4
=6 th	M & M Rushbrooke	X HAUGHTON SAS JOE LOUIS 4
=8 th	Northwick Estate	NORTHWICK CENTURION 11
=8 th	David Smallcombe	AI GROVE BRUTUS 82

BEST COWS - EDMESTON TROPHY

1 st	R A Ford
2 nd	J P Harrison
3 rd	Hadley Farms Ltd
4 th	Northwick Estate

BEST YOUNGSTOCK

1 st	J P Harrison
2 nd	R A Ford
3 rd	Northwick Estate
4 th	David Smallcombe

BEST POLLED ANIMAL - PENSHAM TROPHY

1 st	Hadley Farms Ltd	Z COLCHARTON DEMETRIUS
2 nd	P Gunn	Z BUNSLEY BANK ACORN
3 rd	David Smallcombe	Z FLINTFIELD SARAH
4 th	M & M Rushbrooke	Z BRETTLES SAS HUMBER

BEST COW - STRETCHFORD TROPHY

1st	R A Ford	GOFFE CAVE HILDA 1
2 nd	J P Harrison	BRAFFERTON STELLA
3 rd	Hadley Farms Ltd	KNIGHTCOTE ANTHEA 35
4 th	M & M Rushbrooke	BRETTLES SAS GYPSY 11

BEST 3 RELATED FEMALES - BETTON TROPHY

1st	M & M Rushbrooke
2 nd	J P Harrison
3 rd	Hadley Farms Ltd
4 th	R A Ford

BEST PROGENY GROUP - HARDING TROPHY

1 st	David Smallcombe	AI GROVE BRUTUS 82
2 nd	Northwick Estate	UPPER NORTON FORTISSIMO
3 rd	Hadley Farms Ltd	Z COLCHARTON DEMETRIUS
4 th	J P Harrison	GOFFE CAVE STARBUSTER

IRISH PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Co. Kildare, 22nd-24th September

As part of the Society's long-term export programme, the Society took stand space in the British Pavilion at the recent national ploughing championships in the Republic of Ireland, which is the country's principal agricultural event, attracting over 60,000 visitors each day.

A number of breeds (ourselves, British Blue, Beef Shorthorn, British Blondes, Galloways, and Murray Grey) exhibited, and we had a very busy three days with enquiries for semen in particular. We have a supply of semen (Trewint Henry 1 and Grove Germanicus 13) at the National Cattle Breeding Centre in Enniscorthy, which is being handled by Progressive Genetics.

Trade in live cattle is more difficult of course, with specific health requirements (for example, cattle have to be bluetongue vaccinated by a vet, and females must not be in calf), and transport restrictions limiting which ferry routes can be used. But it is not impossible!

Apart from farmer visitors, enquirers included meat processors, semen distributors, and plenty of students. One visitor to the stand was the very person who handled the import into Ireland of some 25 South Devon bulls in the 1970s - those days are long gone! Without doubt, though, the breed is well suited to the Irish beef industry which is why we continue to promote and market the breed there. A more discerning consumer will help open up opportunities for the breed, just as it is doing in the UK with the swingback to native beef breeds.

NEW JUDGES TRAINING DAYS

The Society holds training days in the Autumn each year, to give members who would like to train to become a Society judge the opportunity to learn from the experts!

There will be two this year, a little later than usual because of my sick leave, and if you would like your name added to the list of trainees please would you let the office know immediately before plans become set in stone.

NOTICE OF REGIONAL MEETING

Members in Region 2 (Devon) are invited to attend their annual regional meeting to be held at Rattery Village Hall on Wednesday 25th November at 7.30 pm. Guest Speaker, Mr Bill Harper

SAVE THE DATE!

Next year's Beef South West event, organised by NBA Southwest, has a change of venue. Instead of Hatherleigh, it will be held at Exeter Livestock Market, on 29th September 2010. Very convenient for the office!

HERD BOOK 2007/8

The latest edition of the Society's Herd Book will be published at the end of the year. Because of the cost of production, we are only able to guarantee orders taken in advance, so please reserve your copy by contacting the office.

Thank you.

PHOTOS WANTED

We are always very happy to receive photographs from members for use in publications and publicity material. If you have anything we might use please share it with us. We are particularly short of commercial scenes - in finishing sheds, for example.

STUDENT FARM WORK WANTED

Shaun Barron from near Hexham in Region 7 started his studies at Harper Adams University College in late September and is looking for farm work in the area.

He has lived on a farm all his life and has studied Agriculture for the last two years at Newton Rigg College in Cumbria, gaining top marks on the course.

References are available. Anyone interested please contact Shaun on 07969 097704.

WANTED

**Store cattle, and young bulls, for fattening
Contact Richard Burrough, 01404 881479**

CATTLE HEALTH ISSUES - NEOSPORAS

What is Neospora?

Neosporosis results from infection with the protozoon *Neospora caninum* and causes abortion in cattle. Serum testing of cattle can be used as an effective screening tool to identify herd infection and allow vet and client to make a suitable diagnosis and management decisions.

Clinical signs of Neospora

An animal with antibodies to Neospora will not always abort but carries infection which may be dormant. Abortion may occur between 3 and 9 months of pregnancy, particularly 5 to 7 months and there may be an increase in the number of still births and premature calves. Infection in late pregnancy will most likely result in the birth of a healthy but infected calf.

Source of infection

Cattle are the intermediate host for the parasite. Dogs are the only proven primary host and are able to infect cattle by causing contamination of feed and water with infected faeces. Dogs, and possibly foxes, are infected by eating contaminated placental tissue or dead calves. Transmission via infected colostrum is also possible.

Control

Feedstuffs, hay, bedding, and water should be kept free of faecal contamination by dogs and other carnivores. Consider putting up signs on public footpaths asking dog owners to clear up dog mess. Prompt and responsible disposal of placentas, foetuses and stillborn calves is recommended. Transmission from mother to calf is the most common method of transmission (over 90% of calves born to mothers with antibodies to *Neospora* will have been infected in utero).

To eliminate *Neospora*:

- identify infected cattle and cull them; all cattle with antibodies are sources of infection to their calves, have significantly increased risk of abortion, and produce less milk
- select only sero-negative cattle for breeding

The cost of elimination may well be outweighed by the economic impact of neosporosis in your herd!

DIARY

October	24 th	Midland Club annual meeting & Herd Competition Winner's Open Day
November	17 th 24 th 25 th 25 th	Breed Improvement meeting Breed Promotion meeting Executive meeting, Judges Advisers' meeting Region 2 annual meeting
December	8 th 11 th /12 th	Council meeting AgriLIVE Smithfield, Stoneleigh
January	25 th /27 th	British Cattle Breeders Conference
March	23 rd 24 th	Annual General Meeting, Exeter Spring Show & Sale, Exeter

CATTLE FOR SALE LIST

BULLS

Kestle Horatio 6 UK381722 100003 Born 09/04/00	J Rowe Cornwall - Region 1	01503 272766
Brettles SAS Red Ace UK302256 100006 Born 25/03/01	D Armstrong (Aldbourne Chase) Wiltshire - Region 3	07786 543381
Northwick General 8 UK321645 500106 Born 11/02/02	A H & E M Bartley Devon - Region 2	01884 38964
Woodbastwick Majestic 37 UK220573 200385 Born 22/02/07	Heath Farms Ltd Norfolk - Region 5	07782 298834

Z Billington Donatello 26 UK371751 500190 Born 04/04/08	G K & M A Garrett & Son Devon - Region 2	01837 54348
Z Billington Donatello 37 UK371751 100221 Born 21/04/08	G K & M A Garrett & Son Devon - Region 2	01837 54348
Billington Donatello 38 UK371751 300223 Born 25/04/08	G K & M A Garrett & Son Devon - Region 2	01837 54348
Billington Donatello 49 UK371751 200250 Born 14/04/08	G K & M A Garrett & Son Devon - Region 2	01837 54348
Young bulls	R C Burrough Devon - Region 2	01404 881479

FEMALES

20 yearling heifers & 3 x 2-year old heifers Cows with calves	D A Ashcroft Hampshire - Region 4 L E Walters & Son Devon - Region 2	01420 511011 01404 841403
8 x 18-21 mth old heifers	D Snook Avon - Region 3	01761 471872
10 x 18 mth old heifers	M R & R J Rowe Cornwall - Region 1	01579 342407

NEW MEMBERS

FULL

Region 1	Mr A Nicklen, Creathorne Farm, Bude, Cornwall, EX23 ONE Prefix: CREATHORNE
Region 7	Mr & Mrs G Ford, Larkfield Farm, Higher Lane, Newton-by-Daresbury, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 4JF Prefix: LARKFIELD
	Mr C Read, Brine Pits Farm, Lower Wych, Malpas, Cheshire, SY14 7JX Prefix: BISHOPSWAY

INTRODUCTORY

- Region 2 Mrs K Heath, Yeatt Farm, Denbury, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 6EH *Introduced by Margaret Northey*
P D Rogers, Netton Lodge, Newton Ferrers, Devon, PL8 1HB
Introduced by Mark Stanley-Smith
- Region 3 Mr P Brooks, Brookfield, Lyatts Hill, Hardington, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 9NR *Introduced by Mr & Mrs Wareham*
Mr H & Mrs C Gray, Newton Farm Partners, Newton Farm, Newton St Loe, Bath, BA2 9BT *Introduced by David Hedgman*
- Region 5 Mr N R Turner, Rownley Farm, Whepstead, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP29 4TQ *Introduced by Clive Salmon*
Mr D Rice, Park View Farm, Foulden, Thetford, Norfolk, IP26 5AP
Introduced by Pat Rickett
- Region 6 Mr T Bowen, New House, Forest Farm, Forest Lane, Hanbury, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 4HP *Introduced by M Rushbrooke*
T A & L G Jarman, Ty-Isaf, Bont Dolgadfan, Llanbryn-mair, Powys, Wales, SY19 7BQ *Introduced by R J & E J Jones* Prefix:
CONROY
- Region 7 Mrs T Botham, t/a G & D Precious, Mill Lane Farm, Newport, Brough, Yorkshire, HU15 2QE *Introduced by Caroline Gray*
Mr P Monkman, t/a J F & T Y Monkman, Middlecave Farm, Malton, North Yorkshire, YO17 7JH *Introduced by Caroline Gray*
Mr A Haigh, Topcliff Grange Farm, Dewsbury Road, Tingley, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF3 1SH *Introduced by Tony Leadbeater*

ASSOCIATE

- Region 6 R & C Pocock, 25 Old School Mead, Bidford on Avon, Worcestershire, B50 4AW

RESIGNING

- Region 2 Mr P Parfitt, 3 Courtyard Cott, Ugbrooke, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 0AD

AND FINALLY

TAKEN FROM A SCHOOL SCIENCE EXAM:

Q: Name the four seasons

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink

A: Filtration makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes

A: Premature death

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie

Q: What does 'varicose' mean?

A: Nearby

Q: What does the word 'benign' mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight