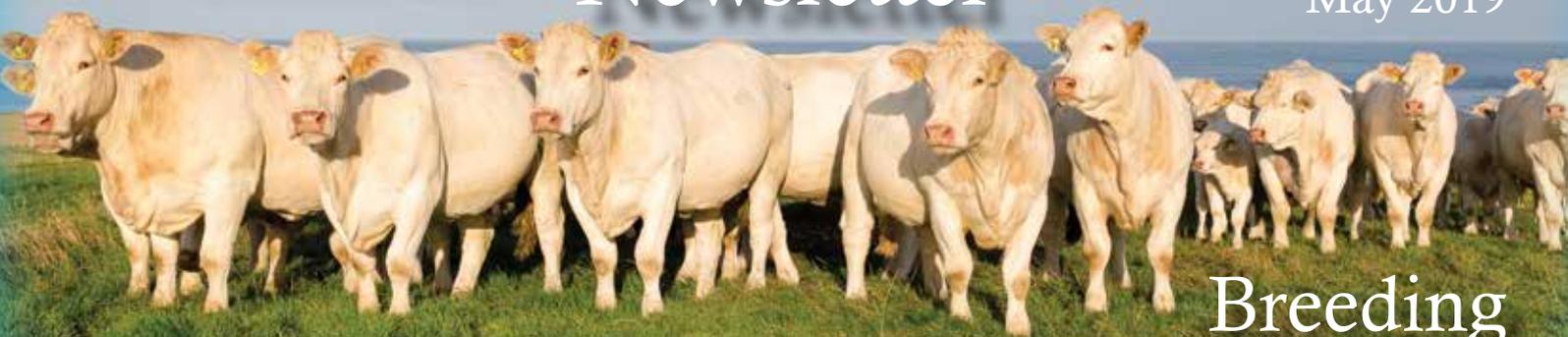




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## NATIONAL CHAROLAIS SHOW

Will be held at the Yorkshire show

9 - 11 July 2019

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## BCCS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

will be held on the 20 June at 8.15 am in the Charolais

Marquee, Royal Highland Show,

Ingliston, Edinburgh, EH28 8NB



## Cross into Profit

The BREXIT scenario seems to be no closer to being resolved, as I write this article today its looking like the debate will rumble on until October and with the rumour mill still full of different views on subsidies and tariffs we need to resolve this whichever way it goes as soon as possible so farming can move forward and start planning again, we're so lucky to have such a versatile breed that fits into most beef systems with a tweak of management and therefore once we know the outcome of BREXIT we can market our breed to match the new legislation.

### 2019 Society Sales

The three sales we've had so far at Stirling, Dungannon and Aberdeen have seen really encouraging trade with Stirling in February where 121 bulls sold to average £6063, representing an 83.5% clearance. Without any spectacular prices and a top of 13,000gns, it was a great level trade. This carried on at Aberdeen and Dungannon with buyers prepared to pay good money for good bulls as a result of Charolais cross stores regularly commanding a premium, even in an uncertain marketplace.

### New offices

The new offices were completed in January this year, and we'd like to welcome our new tenants, the Dairy Shorthorn Cattle Society and the British Simmental Cattle Society. This will be a win win scenario, with the two societies saving money and we will receive a rental income. As cattle numbers have been dropping for several years for all breeds, hopefully this will lead to more exploration of synergies, and we'll be able to work closer together and share other cost saving ideas.

### Beef Shorthorn work

In March we tendered for, and won, the registration and DNA work for the Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society, this work will start in July.

### Staff changes

Mandy Mooney has joined us to work on the extra work the DNA project has brought in, and to work on the new Beef Shorthorn work.

### Social Media

Our Facebook account carries on growing and with over 15,490 followers, it's a big well done once again to Sue and Fiona from the office, and Carlene Mackay for all the great updates. Let's try and grow our followers to 16,000+ by the end of the year. Please share our posts as we want everyone to know when our sales are and of course, how great our breed is...

### Marketing

Cross into Profit will remain our strapline for 2019 but we will tweak this with Breeding, Feeding, Succeeding as can be seen from the front cover of the 2019 newsletters.

Finally, I would just like to say good luck to all our members who will be out showing this summer and I'm look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Peter Phythian  
**Chief Executive**



# Stirling

## Charolais lead the Spring trade

*Judge: Michael Minto*

Charolais sold the most bulls, had the highest average and best clearance rate of the spring round of the Stirling bull sales, with the Charolais portion of the sale taking place on Tuesday 19 February. There were 121 bulls sold representing an 83.5% clearance, with bull prices topping 13,000gns and averaging £6,063. The heifer prices peaked at 5,800gns, while the dispersal of the Alsnow herd saw prices of up to 8,500gns for cows and calves.



*The top price Thrunton Nugget at 13,000gns*

Chief Executive of the Charolais Society Peter Phythian said I'm 'absolutely delighted with the sale, despite all of the doom and gloom in the industry, and the uncertainty over Brexit. Charolais once again proved to be the sire most in demand'.

The top priced bull was the class winning **Thrunton Nugget**, a May 2017 born son of the homebred pairing Thrunton Gladiator and Thrunton Hoopla, who goes back to Thrunton Doubletop. He was offered for sale by JHC Campbell & Sons and purchased by Kevin Thomas, Newcastle Emlyn, Carmarthenshire for 13,000gns.

The Campbell family went on to sell a total of four bulls to averaging £9896.25 and their next highest priced at 10,000gns was the 16 month-old **Thrunton Nike**, who is also sired by Thrunton Gladiator but this time out of the 22,000gns Newhouse Bigal daughter Thrunton Exquisite and purchased by AJ Maclean, Scarinish, Isle of Tiree.

The Campbell's other leading seller, **Thrunton Nighthawk**, was snapped up by JW Hogg, Grifford, East Lothian, for 8,500gns. Nighthawk is a September 2017 born son of the 28,000gns Maerdy Jerusalem and Thrunton Gitane, a 20,000gns Perth supreme champion Moncur General daughter.

The presale senior champion was next in the trade stakes at 12,000gns. **Inverlochey Nelson**, a 21 month-old, who was bred and exhibited by father and son team John and Raymond Irvine, Tomintoul, Banffshire, is sired by the Highland show supreme champion and Irish-born Kilbline 1 Instigator and

out of Inverlochey Gypsum, a daughter of the Black Isle show champion Lochend Apache. He goes on to work in Crawford, Lanarkshire, for Mr and Mrs JJ Wight.

A trio of lots went under the hammer for 11,000gns. The first was an entry from Alasdair Houston, Gretna Green, Dumfries-shire who caught the eye of T Smith and Son, Alford, Aberdeenshire, when he was tapped out first in his class at Monday's pre-sale show. **Gretnahouse Neverland**, a June 2017 born son of Westcarse Jimmy, who has sired over 40 progeny in the herd since his purchase in 2016, is out of the Gretnahouse Ultimate daughter, Gretnahouse Daisy.

Mr Houston went on to sell another three bulls and averaged £8269 for the lot, with his next highest priced, the yellow ticket winner and June 2017 born **Gretnahouse Nylon**, also sired by Westcarse Jimmy, selling to H MacDonald, Advie, Morayshire for 8,500gns. He is bred out of Stobarts Fabulous, a 13,000gns Woodpark Bishop daughter.

Matching the 11,000gns price tag and this time selling to JG Wilson, Glenkindie, Aberdeenshire, was the 18 month-old **Harestone Nighthawk**, also securing a red ticket at the previous day's show. His dam is Harestone Brigitte who goes back to the Royal Highland show supreme champion Harestone Ronsard, he's sired by the 12,000gns Balmyle Addition, and was bred and exhibited by R and N Barclay, Insh, Aberdeenshire.

**Goldies Navigation** was another pre-sale show class winner purchased for 11,000gns, this time offered for sale by Hamish Goldie, Ruthwell, Dumfries-shire. An 18 month-old son of the 15,000gns herd sire Gretnahouse Heman, who has bred over 120 progeny into the herd, Navigation is out of Goldies Hazel, a 12,000gns Goldies Elation daughter. GA Mackie, Rescobie, Angus, was the purchaser.

Up next and knocked down at 10,500gns was the blue ticket winner and



*Thrunton Nike at 10,000gns*



*Thrunton Nighthawk at 8,500gns*



*The senior champion Inverlochey Nelson at 12,000gns*

September 2017 born **Killadeas Noah** from Stuart and David Bothwell, Ballina Mallard, co Fermanagh. Purchased by J Warnock, Broughton, Lanarkshire, he's sired by Bleack Blackberet and his dam is Killadeas Hazeline, a daughter of the 16,000gns Stirling supreme champion Blackford Dynamite.

Hamish Goldie, who sold a total of 13 to average £7083, was the first to sell one of five 9,500gns priced lots, also sired by Gretnahouse Heman. This one was knocked down sold to A and J Wilson, Culsalmond, Aberdeenshire who bid off the competition to secure the class-winning **Goldies Nugget**, a 20 month-old out of Bleack Blackberet daughter Goldies Gilly.

Mr Goldie went on to sell another 9,500gns lot, the 15 month-old **Goldies Noelle**. This time sired by the homebred Goldies Formidable, and out of another Blackberet daughter – Goldies Éclair. He was purchased by Adrian Ivory, Meigle, Perthshire.

The next 9,500gns lot was one of 17 bulls presented by Major Walter, Balthayock, Perthshire, which averaged £6850. **Balthayock Nominee** was purchased by CD Timm, Appleton Roebuck, Yorkshire. Sired by the homebred and 64-time father Balthayock Impression, the June 2017



*Goldies Navigation at 11,000gns*



*Gretnahouse Neverland at 11,000gns*



*Gretnahouse Nylon at 8,500gns*



*Harestone Nighthawk at 11,000gns*



*Killadeas Noah at 10,000gns*



*Goldies Nugget at 9,500gns*

born Nominee is out of Balthayock Japonica who goes back to Barbican Lancer.

The reserve supreme and intermediate champion was also offered for sale by the Major. **Balthayock Nanook**, a 19 month-old son of Highland show champion Balthayock Imp, who has previously sold sons to 19,000gns, and Barbican Lancer daughter Balthayock Gemma, goes on to work in Dundee for WJ Millar of Tealing, who purchased him for 9,500gns.

The Major's other two top priced lots both commanded bids of 8,500gns, the first being a May 2017 born blue ticket winner who was purchased by CA Smith, Tarland, Aberdeenshire.

**Balthayock Newton** is again sired by Balthayock Imp but this time out of Balthayock Heloise who goes back to Swalesmooer Cracker. The second was the June 2017 born **Balthayock Nuffield**, out of another Cracker daughter – Balthayock

Heroine, he's sired by the Royal Welsh show and 20,000gns Maerdy Grenadier and sold to Shanry Farms, Rait, Perthshire.

The last 9,500gns bull was **Woodpark Neptune**, an 18 month-old by the Irish-bred Deeside Guillver who's gone on to add 94 progeny to the British herd book. His dam, Woodpark Izzy, is sired by the 19,000gns Perth reserve junior champion Corrie Alan, and he came all the way from Beragh, Co Tyrone with breeder and exhibitor Will Short to go home with D Munro, Kingussie, Inverness-shire.

### Females

Main sale females topped at 5,800gns for the 12 month-old **Formakin Opal** from the McMurrich Partnership, Causewayhead, Stirlingshire. Sired by the French-bred Hercule and out of the Balthayock Matthew daughter and Stars of the Future class winner Formakin Licorice, she was purchased by the Rettie partnership.

Hamish Goldie also had heifers for sale, the highest priced making 4,500gns when she was purchased by DP Daniel, Maxworthy, Cornwall, who also went on to buy another of Mr Goldies lots for 3,800gns. The 23 month-old **Goldies Nell** was the first, a Bleack Blackberet daughter out of Goldies Lynn, who in turn is sired by the 15,000gns



*The reserve supreme and intermediate champion  
Balthayock Nanook at 9,500gns*

Gretnahouse Heman. She was followed by the female champion **Goldies Nina** who is a March 2017 born daughter of the 14,000gns Goldies Joss and Goldies Jollygood.

### Alsnow Herd Dispersal

The sale featured the dispersal of the Alsnow herd of Alan R Lawson & Son whose females sold to a top price of 8,500gns for **Alsnow Enchantress**, and her female calf at foot **Alsnow Olwen**. Enchantress has produced two RHS class winning daughters and is sired by Blelack Roger, while her dam is Alsnow Victoria who goes back to the 25,000gns Perth supreme champion Thrunton Socrates. Her daughter five month-old Olwen is sired by Blelack Immaculate, and the duo were purchased by N and R Barclay, who went on to purchase another of the Lawson family's lots.

The next highest priced lot sold in a two-way split at a total of 6,800gns, with the 2014 born cow **Alsnow Jazzygirl** heading

on to Hexham, Northumberland with G Grieve, while her April 2018 born bull calf **Alsnow Oscar** was sold to FR Walton, Morpeth, Northumberland. The triple calving Jazzygirl is a daughter of the 10,000gns Puntabrava Federico and out of a Blelack Roger daughter Alsnow Dixie and Oscar is sired by Alsnow Hurricane.

Just behind at 6,500gns was the cow and seven month-old bull calf outfit **Alsnow Hanna** and **Alsnow Oak**. NA Wattie was the purchaser of the pair and takes them home to his Aberdeenshire unit. Hannah, a 2012 lass by the 16,000gns Stirling junior champion Clyth Diplomat is out of Enchantress while her son is sired by Cottage Devon.

In addition to their fine batch of females, the Lawson family also had two bulls forward in the main sale, both sons of Puntabrava Federico, which averaged £8,505 each. The highest priced and youngest was the August 2017 born **Alsnow Nimrod**, bred from the Blelack Digger daughter Alsnow Hibiscus. He found a new home in Falkirk, Stirlingshire, with Messrs Paton for 8,200gns. Just behind at 8,000gns, and this time selling to Messrs Duguid, Huntly, Aberdeenshire, was the July 2018 born **Alsnow Napoleon**, who's dam Alsnow Hanna is another sired by Clyth Diplomat.

**Averages:** 121 bulls £6,063; 14 heifers £3,906; 13 Alsnow cows and calves £5161; one Alsnow heifer £1,700gns.

**Auctioneers:** United Auctions

**Judge:** Michael Minto



*Balthayock Nominee at 9,500gns*



*Alsnow Nimrod at 8,200gns*



*Goldies Noelle at 9,500gns*



*Balthayock Newton at 8,500gns*



*Alsnow Napoleon at 8,000gns*



*Woodpark Neptune at 9,500gns*



*Balthayock Nuffield at 8,500gns*



*The judge Michael Minto making his decisions*

## CHAMPIONS AT STIRLING



Overall champion Maerdy Northernboy from Esmor Evans and reserve overall champion Balthayock Nanook from Major DFWH & NR Walter



Senior champion Inverlochy Nelson from J Irvine & Son and reserve senior champion Glenerricht Notable from WK & P Drysdale



Interbreed champion Balthayock Nanook from Major DFWH & NR Walter and reserve Interbreed champion Harestone Novel from R & N Barclay



Junior champion Maerdy Northernboy and reserve junior champion Maerdy Norwegian from Esmor Evans



The female champion Goldies Nina at 3,800gns



Balthayock Group of 3 Balthayock Newton, Nimbus and Nanook from Major DFWH & NR Walter

## AROUND THE RING



## STATISTICS FROM STIRLING

Top 10 Leading sires with a minimum of 3 bulls sold to qualify				
	Sire	Number Sold	Range (gns)	Average (£)
1	Thrunton Florida	3	6,200 – 13,000	10,220.00
2	Westcarse Jimmy	4	5,000 – 11,000	8,268.75
3	Kilbline 1 Instigator	3	4,000 – 12,000	7,630.00
4	Gretnahouse Heman	8	2,500 – 11,000	7,218.75
5	Goldies Formidable	4	4,500 – 9,500	7,087.50
6	Woodpark Elgin	3	6,500 – 7,500	£6,930.00
7	Balthayock Impression	6	5,000 – 9,500	£6,860.00
8	Balthayock Imp	6	4,000 – 9,500	£6,737.50
9	Maerdy Grenadier	3	5,000 – 8,500	£6,650.00
10	Maerdy Figaro-W	5	4,000 – 7,500	£6,405.00

Top 10 Leading herds with a minimum of 3 bulls sold to qualify					
	Vendor Name	Herd Name	Number Sold	Range (gns)	Average (£)
1	JHC Campbell & Sons	Thrunton	4	6,200 – 13,000	9,896.25
2	R & N Barclay	Harestone	3	5,000 – 11,000	8,400.00
3	Mr A G Houston	Gretnahouse	4	5,000 – 11,000	8,268.75
4	J Irvine & Sons	Inverlochy	5	4,000 – 12,000	7,098.00
5	Mr H Goldie	Goldies	13	3,000 – 11,000	7,083.46
6	A MacGregor (Allanfauld Ltd)	Allanfauld	3	5,800 – 7,500	6,960.00
7	Major DFWH & NR Walter	Balthayock	17	4,000 – 9,500	6,849.71
8	Mr RA Milne	Elgin	3	4,200 – 7,000	6,020.00
9	WK & P Drysdale	Glenerecht	4	4,500 – 6,800	5,932.50
10	Mr W Short	Woodpark	3	3,200 – 4,000	5,845.00

# Aberdeen

## Increased demand for Charolais at Aberdeen

*Judge: Bob Adam*

Strong commercial interest saw an increased demand for Charolais bulls at the Royal Northern Agricultural Society spring show on Wednesday 27 February. Bidding peaked at 9,500gns which was the highest price of the day across all breeds, with 16 lots sold to an average of £4,463. This was five more sold than last year, with a clearance rate increase of 8% to 73%.



*Bonnykelly Nominator supreme and Charolais champion at 9,500gns*

Society CEO Peter Phythian was delighted with the sale: "On the back of last week's successful sale in the spring round of the bull sales at Stirling, where Charolais sold the most bulls, had the highest average and best clearance rate, this just goes to prove that the breed is still in demand despite the challenging market conditions.

"Obviously, as Charolais sired suckler calves are topping the markets on weight for age, and with budgets tightened this year, the suckler man wants a breed that will deliver the weights that the supermarkets demand in the shortest time, which is not only benefiting their pockets, but also the environment."

The top two Charolais sellers making 9,500gns and 6,800gns respectively both came from Robert Leggat, New Pitsligo, Aberdeenshire, who was already on a high after securing the breed and then the overall championship in the morning's pre-sale show.

Both of the top lots were June 2017 born bulls sired by the 10,000gns Carlisle reserve intermediate champion

Gretnahouse Ivory, who has bred almost 60 progeny into the Bonnykelly herd since his purchase in 2015, and both dams go back to the 9,000gns Newdeer show champion Newhouse Challenger.

The highest priced at 9,500gns was the day's overall champion **Bonnykelly Nominator**, bred out of Bonnykelly Freda, he goes on to work in Auchindoun, Banffshire, with winning bidders J and K Kellas. His shed mate **Bonnykelly Nimrod** who secured a price of 6,800gns from purchaser's FJ Keir, Alford, Aberdeenshire, is out of Bonnykelly Heidi.

The reserve champion was next in the trade stakes at 4,800gns. **Logiestate Neil**, a 22 month-old, who was presented for sale by AJR Farms, Ellon, Aberdeenshire, is sired by the 8,500gns Newdeer show male champion Goldies Golddust, while the dam is the 26,000gns Maerdy Amontillado-sired Craigieford Hermajest, he was purchased by M and I Steel, Banchory, Kincardineshire.

There were two 4,500gns sales, the first **Elgin Navara**, was purchased by JJ Gord, Wellheads, Aberdeenshire. The April 2017 born Navara had been tapped out second in his class at the pre-sale show for breeders and exhibitors Roy and Matthew Milne, Kennies Hillock, Morayshire. His dam Elgin Ianthe is a second calving daughter of the 12,000gns Caylers Gladiator and he is sired by the 11,000gns Woodpark Elgin, whose sons averaged 11,000gns at Stirling in October.

Matching the 4,500gns price tag, and this time exhibited by Andrew and James Gammie, Laurencekirk, Kincardineshire, was the 21 month old and red ticket winning **Westpit Nevada**. The 30,000gns Balmyle Bollinger is the sire here and his dam is Gretnahouse Eigg who goes back to the 18,000gns Derryharney Outstanding. He was snapped up by C Smith, Lumphanan, Kincardineshire.



*Logiestate Neil reserve Charolais champion at 4,800gns*

**Strathys Navigator** was the next highest priced at 4,400gns. A son of the 9,500gns Maerdy Harrypotter, who has bred well for exhibitor Mr K Mallarkey, adding almost 60 progeny into the Airdlin Mains, Aberdeenshire based herd. He travels on to Stenness, Orkney, with new owner WSL Muir, who took a liking to this April 2017 born lad bred out of the 12,000gns Mountjoy Eros daughter Strathys Isable.

Two yellow ticket winners from John Wilson and Sons, Glenkindle, Aberdeenshire, were both knocked down at 4,000gns. **Kinclune Nimrod**, who was purchased by GH Sinclair, Latheron, Caithness, was the first, a 23 month-old sired by the 12,000gns Stirling supreme champion Goldies Ivan and out of first time mum Kinclune Joanna who goes back to the 20,000gns Carlisle supreme champion Beechtree George.

The second 4,000gns bull from the Wilson family was the 19 month-old **Kinclune Norman** a son of the 20,000gns supreme Perth champion Thrunton Crownprince and Kinclune Ivy, who is also a Beechtree George daughter and was purchased by D Henderson, Lyth, Caithness.

**Averages:** 16 bulls £4,462.50

**Auctioneers:** Aberdeen and Northern Marts

**Judge:** Bob Adam



*Westpit Nevada at 4,500gns*

## 2019 Forthcoming Sales

### Stirling 21/22 October

Auctioneers: United Auctions Ltd

Tel: 01786 473055

### Dungannon 1 November

Auctioneers: Dungannon Farmers Mart

Tel: 028 8772 2727

### Welshpool 7 November

Auctioneers: Welshpool Livestock Sales Ltd

Tel: 01938 553438

### Carlisle 22 November

Auctioneers: Harrison & Hetherington Ltd

Tel: 01228 406230

### The OTM crowd gathered at Stirling sale in February – There are a few years of combined Charolais experience here!

From left to right with name and herd:

Front Row – Ronnie Mackay (Ross),  
Michael Minto (Farleycopse),  
Joan Campbell (Balthayock), Bert Taylor  
(Newthrum), Friar Thomson (Balmyle) &  
Bill Ferguson (Moyness)  
Back Row – George Young (Limestone),  
Jock Campbell (Balthayock),  
Gwen Minto (Farleycopse), Major David  
Walter (Balthayock), Jimmy McMillan  
(Seawell), Harvey Wood (Woodline)  
& Alex Pearson (Burnton)



# Dungannon

## Napoleon leads the charge at the Dungannon Charolais Sale

Judge: *Nigel Matchett*



There was a good trade for the Charolais at Dungannon on Friday 15 March at the Northern Ireland club official spring sale sponsored by Danske Bank. Bidding peaked at 8,000gns and 33 lots sold to an average of £3,379, up £94 on last year's sale.

The sale topper at 8,000gns was the supreme champion from C & S McIlwaine, Newtown Stewart, Co Tyrone, who also picked up the junior & male championship awards. The November 2017-born **Corrick Napoleon**, a son of the 25,000gns Stirling intermediate champion Inverlochty Ferdie and Corrick Hazel, who goes back to 9,000gns Balmoral supreme champion Goldies Carnival, was the star of the sale and the man with the final bid and taking him home to Belleek, Co Down, was Terence McGarrigle.

Next in the trade stakes was a 14 month-old entry from Andrew Wallace, Gubbacrock, Co Fermanagh, purchased by W Cousins, Omagh, Co Tyrone for 6,600gns. **Newline Outstanding**, a son of the 30,000gns Dingle Hofmeister and the Oldstone Egbert daughter Newline Ivy, was a class winner at the morning's pre-sale show.

Micheal O'Gorman's senior champion **Bromich Nevel** from Mullaghbawn, Co Down, was the first of two to go under



*Supreme champion for Corrick Napoleon with Neil McIlwaine, Judge Nigel Matchett and Ann McCorry, Danske Bank (sponsor)*

the hammer at 4,200gns. This June 2017-born lad is sired by Crossmolina Euro, bred out of the Blakestown Brion-sired Tullyallen Elaine and took the fancy of T Aiken, Coleraine, Co Derry.

Matching the 4,200gns price tag when he was purchased by Messrs Boyd, Bushmills, Co Antrim, was the reserve supreme champion bull **Derryharney Nipper** who is a September 2017 born son of Doonally New and his dam Derryharney Lulu, a Clogher show junior heifer champion, is in turn sired by the Ballymena show champion Glenross Graham. He was bred and exhibited by Harold Stubbs and his grandson Alan Burleigh, Crummy, Co Fermanagh.

Just behind at 4,100gns was another 14 month-old entry from the aforementioned Andrew Wallace who had been tapped out second in his class by show judge Nigel Matchett. **Newline Oliver**, who went home with S Taylor to Belfast, is by Major and his dam is Ashleigh Hazel, a Pirate daughter.

The very next lot was tapped down to RW Gourley, Cookstown, Co Tyrone, for 4,000gns. The January 2018-born **Slievemore Oisín** who boasts an impressive pedigree being by the 25,000gns Stirling intermediate champion Inverlochty Ferdie and out of Burnside Izra, a daughter of the 16,000gns Stirling junior champion Clyth Diplomat, was bred and exhibited by Seamus Bradley, Plumbridge, Co Tyrone.

A pair of bulls sold for the next highest price of 3,800gns and the first was **Brogher Nike**, an October 2017-born, yellow ticket winning entry from Trevor Phair, Bellanaleck, Co Fermanagh. He was purchased by SA Britton, Dunamana, Co Tyrone, and the breeding here includes Blelack Blackberet on to the home-bred Brogher Fancygirl that goes back to Lyonsdemesne Tzar.

The other to sell at the 3,800gns price tag was **Woodpark Nugget**, a son Deeside Gulliver who has bred over 90 progeny into Will Short's Beragh-based herd since his purchase in 2013. His dam Maerdy



*Newline Outstanding at 6,600gns*

Inbred is a Welsh-bred daughter of the French born Froufrous and the 15 month-old Nugget goes on to work in Belfast for new owner ED Sherrard.

Mr Short backed this up sale with another Deeside Gulliver son, **Woodpark Naples**, who made 3,500gns. C Monaghan, Cookstown, Co Tyrone, was the last man in on this May 2017-born bull whose dam is the home-bred Rumsden Tsar-sired Woodpark Evette.

The first of two knocked down for 3,600gns was **Drumconnis Neptune**, a May 2017-born entry from John McGrath, Dromore, Co Tyrone. His dam is the 15,000gns Goldies Dynamite daughter Blelack Fern. He's sired by the 12,000gns Caylers Hustler and was purchased by Sean Mullin, Cookstown, Co Tyrone.

The other 3,600gns lot was entered for sale by Patrick Quigley, Bellanleck, Co Fermanagh and snapped up by Messrs Chesney, Kircubbin, Co Down. **Rossavalley Navan**, a November 2017-born lad whose sire is the 18,000gns Thrunton Fairfax, is out of

Rossavalley Jill, a Blelack Digger daughter.

Just behind at 3,500gns was Harold Stubbs and Alan Burleigh's **Derryharney Nelson**, a 17 month-old out of the Thrunton Bonjovi daughter Derryharney Imlucky. The man behind the money on this 10,000gns Stirling junior champion Goldies Icon son was J Fraser, Belfast.

Heading up the females which averaged £2484.30 for the three sold, was the reserve female champion **Killadeas Natasha** who fetched 3,000gns when she was knocked down sold to Stephen McGuinness, Greysteel, Co Derry. A 23 month-old heifer from Stuart & David Bothwell, Ballina Mallard, Co Fermanagh, she is out of Killadeas Gail who goes back to the 16,000gns Stirling supreme champion Blackford Dynamite and is sired by the Welsh bred Gwenog Braveheart.

**Averages** 33 bulls £3,379, 3 heifers £2,484.

**Auctioneers:** Dungannon Farmers Mart

**Judge:** Nigel Matchett

**Sponsor:** Danske Bank



*Senior champion Bromich Nevel for Michael O'Gorman with Shane O'Gorman, Ann McCrory, Danske Bank (sponsor) Chris Curry, BCCS Chairman and the judge Nigel Matchett*



*Derryharney Nipper reserve supreme champion at 4,200gns*

## Exeter

### Exeter Charolais top at 3,600gns

*Judge: Tom Lightfoot*

A small but high-quality offering of Charolais bulls saw a high of 3,600gns at the South West Charolais Association's annual sale at Exeter on Friday 12 April, where the five bulls sold averaged £3,297.00.

Leading the bids at 3,600gns was an entry from 27 year-old Amy Wylde and her 24 year-old sister Hannah Wylde from Woolavington, Somerset. The girls, who have been involved in the Charolais



*The championship presentation to PW Greed with the judge Tom Lightfoot*

world since they were little with their father's Marland herd, have only been selling their own bred cattle since last year, and this is their first sale in the South West. Their bull, **Lewyd Onslow**, was the youngest forward at just 14 months old. Sired by Solo Llanhilleth and out of Martland Honey who goes back to Martland Felix, he was purchased by Barry Clarke, Exeter, Devon.



*Lewyd Onslow at 3,600gns*



*Trenestrall Nugget at 3,100gns*

Next in the trade stakes at 3,100gns was the May 2017-born **Trenestrall Nugget** who caught the eye of purchaser Messrs South, Brendon, North Devon, when he was tapped out second in his class at the pre-sale show. His dam is the Mortimers Cosmo daughter Trenestrall Henna and he is sired by the 8,000gns Edenhurst Idol. He was bred and exhibited by Will Palmer and Son, Truro, Cornwall.

Another from the Palmer's to find a new home was the 22 month-old **Trenestrall Norush**, sired by Fairway Jazz and out of Trenestrall Gush, a 7,000gns Westcarse beef daughter, he sold to Messrs Crane, Barnstaple, Devon for 3,000gns.

The last two bulls sold both matched the 3,000gns price tag. The first was **Maxworthy Norris**, an October 2017-born son of the 14,000gns Stirling junior champion Blelack Imperialist. D Paul Daniel, Maxworthy, Cornwall, consigner of the red ticket winning Norris who is out of the 22,000gns Newhouse Bigal daughter Thrunton Diva, handed over the halter to new owners Messrs Hawkins, Minehead, Somerset.

The 16 month-old **Lovistone Noble** was the other 3,000gns lot. This blue ticket winner who was bred and exhibited by Brian

Nancekivell and Son, Okehampton, Devon, is sired by the 18,000gns Thrunton Fairfax and is out of the homebred Lovistone Lochness who goes back to Balthayock Hamish. Nobel goes on to work for JF Norman in Barnstaple, Devon.



*Trenestrall Norush at 3,000gns*

Heading up the female section was the reserve female champion **Louis Imp**, a Worcestershire-bred 2013-born cow consigned by Patrick Greed, Rewe, Exeter, who sold along with her eight month-old heifer calf **Killerton Osaka** to Messrs Howard and Sons, Marsden, Wiltshire. Imp is bred out of Louis Dianthus and is sired by Thrunton Fitzroy while her daughter is sired by Alwent Goldbar.

**Average:** five bulls £3,297; four cows and calves £1,627.50; five heifers, £1,543.50  
**Auctioneers:** Kivells  
**Judge:** Tom Lightfoot



*Maxworthy Norris at 3,000gns*



*Lovistone Noble at 3,000gns*



*Louis Imp and her calf Killerton Osaka the reserve female champion headed up the female section*



*Foxacre Nacelle and Navarre from Mrs Ann Orr-Ewing*

# Welshpool

## Trefaldwyn Ore tops the Welshpool Charolais Sale at 7,000gns

*Judge: Matthew Milne*



There was a strong commercial and pedigree demand for Charolais bulls at Welshpool on Saturday 27 April at the breed's official spring sale. Bidding peaked at 7,000gns, 14 lots traded at 5,000gns and above and 45 lots sold to an average of £4004, an increase on last year of £8 with 13 more sold.

The sale topper at 7,000gns came from local breeder Arwel Owen, Welshpool, Powys. **Trefaldwyn Ore**, a March 2018-born Bleack Digger son out of Trefaldwyn Daffodil who goes back to Doonally New and had been awarded a red ticket at the presale show in the morning, was purchased by Ian Bell, Brampton, Cumbria.

Two of the top lots were bred and consigned by the Barker family of Caylers Charolais, Nuthampstead, Hertfordshire, and were sold only minutes apart. The top priced was purchased by Messrs Clayton, Newtown, Powys, for 6,200gns and topped his class earlier in the day. **Caylers Nissan** a 17 month-old, the first son sold by the French born First is out of Caylers Lara, a 10,000gns Thrunton Goldeneye daughter. Their second, **Caylers Nero**, which sold just moments later for 5,800gns to RG Lewis, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, was also sired by First but this time out of Caylers Lily, another Goldeneye daughter.

Just behind at 6,100gns was the February 2018-born **Esgob Osian**, offered for sale by Gareth Jones, Cwmtirmynach, Gwynedd. Osian who was tapped out second in class at the pre-sale show, caught the eye of D Jones who takes him home to work in Ceredigion. He is the first son to be sold by the 12,000gns Caylers Hustler from his 45 progeny born since joining the Esgob herd in October 2016, when he was purchased from the Bleack herd dispersal sale. His dam, Esgob Helen, is a daughter of the 26,000gns Carlisle junior champion Anside Excalibur.

Purchased at 6,000gns by JAV Mills and Sons, Builth Wells, Powys, was the 18 month-old **Dooley Norris**. Sired by National Show supreme champion Davally Igolo and out of the



*Trefaldwyn Ore the top price at 7,000gns*

15,000gns Goldies Dynamite-sired Dooley Leya. He was the only double Q bull in the sale, and was bred and exhibited by David Thornley, Hartshorne, Derbyshire.

Class winner **Montgomery Neville** was next in the trade stakes at 5,800gns. Messrs Roberts and Jones, Welshpool, Powys, are the breeders of this August 2017-born bull, who was purchased by Messrs Stephens, Neath, West Glamorgan. The 9,000gns Balmyle Harlequin is the sire here, while his dam is Montgomery Eiddwen, a daughter of the French born Suzeringie.

A trio of bulls sold for the next highest price of 5,500gns beginning with **Montgomery Napoli**, the day's supreme champion, who was also offered for sale by the Roberts and Jones partnership. The 18 month-old Napoli is sired by the 8,000gns Carlisle supreme champion Gretnahouse Jugular, who has bred over 80 progeny into the herd since his purchase in 2016, while his dam Montgomery Lupin goes back to Balmyle Harlequin. He was purchased by Messrs Claridge, Middle Claydon, Buckinghamshire.

Matching the 5,500gns price tag was **Maerdy Northernboy**, an entry from Flintshire Vet Esmor Evans of Mold. Another top priced bull awarded a red ticket by show judge Matthew Milne, he caught the eye of Jenny and John Rix, Nayland, Colchester. The 19 month-old Northernboy is out of Maerdy Gorgeousgirl who goes back to Veilleur and sired by Maerdy Figaro-w.

Also knocked down at 5,500gns and this time selling to JT Abberley, Builth Wells, Powys, was **Trefaldwyn Oxo**. Sired by the 28,000gns Perth supreme champion Brampton Nacodar and out of Trefaldwyn Heidi who goes back to Bleack Digger, the aforementioned Arwel Owen was the breeder and



*Caylers Nissan at 6,200gns*



*Caylers Nero at 5,800gns*



*Esgob Osian at 6,100gns*



*Dooley Norris at 6,000gns*



*Montgomery Nevile at 5,800gns*



*Maerdy Northernboy at 5,500gns*

exhibitor of the February 2018-born Oxo who placed third in his class.

Next to purchase was JR Jones, Caernarvon, Gwynedd, and another of the above-mentioned Roberts & Jones' entries was the one to take his fancy. The yellow ticket winning and 16 month-old **Montgomery November**, sired by Blelack Digger and out of Montgomery Ladysday, a Balmyle Harlequin daughter was knocked down sold for 5,300gns.

Making 5,200gns was Bob Roberts' September 2017-born **Brynffanigl Nero**, from Ucha, Clwyd. The breeding here includes dam Brynffanigl Empress who goes back to the 17,000gns Alsnow Almighty and sire the 12,000gns Wesley Equinox. He goes on to work in Llanddeusant, Anglesey, for Mr T Williams.

Next in the trade stakes at 5,100gns when he was purchased by J Roberts, Cruorney, Abergavenny, was the 17 month-old heifer's calf **Beanhill Nitro** who had been placed second in his class in the pre-sale show. James and Belinda Kimber, Christian Malford, Wiltshire, are the breeders here, his sire is

Wesley Equinox while his dam is Beanhill Lucy, a Blelack Digger daughter.

Two bulls sold for a ticket price of 5,000gns, the first was presented by the afore-mentioned Gareth Jones. The blue ticket winner and 19 month-old **Esgob Navigator**, who stayed local when snapped up by Messrs Davies who also hale from Cwmtirmynach, Gwynedd. Navigator is another by Caylers Hustler and his dam is the Anside Excalibur-sired Esgob Hyderus.

The other 5,000gns lot was the reserve champion **Maerdy Northwestwind** from Esmor Evans. A bull with French lineage, his sire is Julienas and his dam is the T-Unisson-sired Maerdy Fission, the December 2017-born Northwestwind was purchased by Brian Nancekivell, Oakhampton, Devon.

**Averages:** 45 bulls: £4003.65; two heifers: £1,233.75; one cow and calf: £1,260.00

**Auctioneers:** Welshpool Livestock Sales

**Show Judge:** Matthew Milne, Elgin, Morayshire

**Sponsor:** KLF Insurance Brokers



*Montgomery Napoli the champion at 5,500gns*



*Maerdy Northwestwind at 5,000gns*



*Trefaldwyn Oxo at 5,500gns*



*Montgomery November at 5,300gns*



*Brynffanigl Nero at 5,200gns*



*Beanhill Nitro at 5,100gns*



*Esgob Navigator at 5,000gns*

# Stirling

## McCornick family lead the trade at Stirling

*Judge: David Thornley*



*The supreme champion McCornick Nesquik and the reserve champion McCornick Newyork from the McCornick family*

High commercial interest in Charolais bulls at Stirling drove the average to £5,676 for the 33 bulls sold, up £274 on last year with six more sold, a clearance rate of 79%, and 20 lots making 5,000gns or more.

Society CEO Peter Phythian, delighted with the result, said: "The commercial farmer has driven the trade here at Stirling today, opting for a Charolais bull to produce Charolais sired suckler calves which top the markets on weight for age."



*McCornick Nesquik the supreme champion at 8,500gns*



*McCornick Newyork the reserve champion at 6,500gns*

Topping the lots, and following on from his success in the previous day's show, was the supreme champion **McCornick Nesquik** who was purchased by T Howden and Sons, Balerno, Mid Lothian, for 8,500gns. The May 2017-born Nesquik, who is sired by Thrunton Hermes and out of Mccornick Glacier, who goes back to the Carlisle reserve junior champion Edenhurst Dynamo, was bred and exhibited by the McCornick family, Kirkcowan, Wigtownshire, who not only made the top price of the day with the champion, but were also awarded the reserve championship by pre-sale judge David Thornley.

Their reserve champion was the previous lot and classmate **McCornick Newyork**, another Hermes son, this time bred out Mccornick Hugsy, also a Dynamo daughter. He was knocked down at 6,500gns and found a new home in Thurso, Caithness, with RM Mackay and Sons.

The two bulls were shown by the McCornick sisters, 25 year-old Gemma and her 21 year-old sister Kate. Champion handler

Gemma, a third generation Charolais breeder, who has worked full time on the farm since finishing her studies at agricultural college in Edinburgh in 2015, has taken over the responsibility for the management of the pedigree sale bulls, both Charolais and Aberdeen Angus, and was delighted with the day's trading.

Alongside their small pedigree Charolais herd, the family also run 80 pedigree Aberdeen Angus cows, 450 breeding ewes and 30 head of commercial cattle, consisting of Aberdeen Angus cross cows all served to a Charolais bull, the resulting progeny of which are sold as sucklers at Stirling in the autumn.

The champion and reserve are the McCornick family's first Charolais bulls sold through a Society sale ring since May



*Thrunton Norseman at 8,000gns*



*Lochend Noelle at 7,800gns*



*Harestone Nelson at 7,800gns*



*Westcarse Nimrod at 7,800gns*



*Balthayock Neville at 7,500gns*



*Lochend Orator at 7,200gns*

2015 and their biggest Charolais success since they sold the 10,000gns Mccornick Fusion at Carlisle in November 2011, as most of their bulls are sold to local repeat customers from the farm gate.

Following on at 8,000gns was the 23 month-old **Thrunton Norseman**. The homebred Thrunton Gladiator is the sire here, who has bred over 180 sons and daughters into the herd and Norseman's dam Thrunton Ellie is sired by the 15,000gns Carlisle supreme champion Burradon Talisman. He caught the eye of Messrs Strain, Ballantrae, Ayrshire, and was the first of three high priced lots to pass through the ring for breeders and exhibitors JHC Campbell and Sons, Alnwick, Northumberland. Next in the trade stakes for the Campbell's at 6,500gns was Thrunton Nemo, an October 2017-born son of Thrunton Gladiator and Thrunton Francis, a 16,000gns Carlisle reserve intermediate champion Maerdy Cecil daughter who was purchased by Messrs Thomson, Kelty, Fife.

The Campbell family's other high-priced lot sold just moments earlier for 6,000gns. The 19 month-old **Thrunton Neapolitan**, is a son of the 28,000gns Maerdy Jerusalem and the homebred dam Thrunton Gretel who goes back to Thrunton Doubletop and took the fancy of RT Phaup and Partner, Cockburnspath, Berwickshire.

The first of three to be knocked down at 7,800gns was John Christie and Son's **Westcarse Nimrod** from Stirling, Stirlingshire. Nimrod is by Mortimers Highlandfling and out of the Kersknowe Clansman-sired Westcarse Emily. In his first showing last year, the September 2017-born Nimrod was crowned senior and continental champion at the Stars of the Future show and James Moir takes him home to work in Keith, Banffshire.

Matching the 7,800gns price tag and snapped up by the Scottish Government, Inverness, was **Harestone Nelson**, a 19 month-old class winner, sired by the Irish-born Knockmahon Ireland and out of Harestone Emmanuel going back to the Highland show supreme champion Harestone Ronsard. He was bred and exhibited by Neil Barclay, Inch, Aberdeenshire.

The other 7,800gns lot was **Lochend Noelle**, an October

2017-born son of the 8,000gns and popular AI bull, Bleack Blackberet and Lochend Jinglebell, who goes back to Mortimers Highlandfling. Noelle was purchased by W Young and Sons, Ochiltree, Ayrshire. His consigner Iain Millar, Port of Menteith, Stirlingshire, was another breeder having a lucrative day, going on to sell the youngest lot of the sale, the 15 month-old yellow ticket winner **Lochend Orator** for 7,200gns. Orator, who caught the eye of Messrs McCarlie, Harthill, Lanarkshire, is by Mortimers Highlandfling and out of Lochend Freedom, a Kersknowe Clansman daughter.

Selling at 7,500gns was an entry from Major David and Nick Walter, Balthayock, Perthshire. **Balthayock Neville** who placed third in his class at the pre-sale show is sired by the homebred Balthayock Influence and his dam Balthayock Frolick is a daughter of the 10,000gns Balmyle Churchill. The August 2017-born Neville goes on to work in Kilbirn, Ayrshire for TRC Logan.

Next and the first of two to sell at 7,000gns was **Kersknowe Neil** from J Jeffrey, Kelson, Roxburgshire. G Wilson and Sons, Glenkindie, Aberdeenshire, were the last bidders standing on this 20-month-old son of the 16,000gns Burradon Insomniac and Kersknowe Hazel, a daughter of the 8,500gns Balnuith Carvalho.

Another class winner to bring 7,000gns when tapped down Glenkiln Farms, Crocketford, Dumfries-shire, was the blue ticket winner **Inverloch November**. The Highland show champion Kilbline 1 Instigator son and November 2017-born November, was consigned by John and Raymond Irvine, Tomintoul, Banffshire and out of the 12,000gns Maerdy Eryrsired Inverloch Hyacinth.

The class winner **Overhill Nightrider** was the next of the high-priced lots to sell. 6,500gns was the price that secured the 17 month-old Nightrider from exhibitor Richard McCulloch, Armadale, West Lothian. He is a son of the 25,000gns Stirling intermediate champion Inverloch Ferdie and the Alwent Goldbar daughter Overhill Leska and Woodmill Farms, Dunshelt, Fife, were the purchasers.

Two more bulls then achieved 6,000gns apiece: the first was an entry from Jim Muirhead of Arbroath, Angus. **Firhills**



*Inverloch November at 7,000gns*



*Thrunton Nemo at 6,500gns*



*Overhill Nightrider at 6,500gns*

**Nugget**, a 20-month-old son of the 8,800gns Stirling reserve junior champion Ugie Echo and the 20,000gns Royal Welsh show supreme champion Maerdy Grenadier daughter Firhills Jane, was purchased by A McEwan, Arbroath, Angus.

The other to secure a price tag of 6,000gns was Hamish Goldie's **Goldies Nelson** from Ruthwell, Dumfries-shire, who caught the eye of Messrs Orr, Cleghorn, Lanarkshire. This November 2017-born bull is a son of Goldies Formidable, whose sons have sold to 26,000gns and the Bleblack Blackberet daughter, Goldies Irene.

**Averages:** 33 bulls £5,676.36

**Auctioneers:** United Auctions

**Judge:** David Thornley, Swadlincote, Derbyshire



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# Dungannon

## Charolais trade to 3,300gns at Dungannon

*Judge: Kevin Reavey*



A small but high-quality offering of Charolais saw a solid trade at Dungannon on Monday 6 May where 11 bulls sold to a top price of 3,300gns and an average of £2,539.

The sale leader at 3,300gns was the blue ticket winner **Killadeas Oriel** from Stuart and David Bothwell, Ballina Mallard, Co Fermanagh. The 13 month-old Oriel is sired by Roughand Jaden, out of the home-bred Killadeas Letty who goes back to Gwenog Braveheart and was purchased by James Rice, Armagh, Co Armagh.

Mr F Lapin, Poyntzpass, Co Down, were the next to purchase, spending 3,000gns and taking home the supreme and male champion **Fymore Olaf**. Olaf is a January 2018-born son of the 18,000gns Perth intermediate champion Fury Action and Fymore Holly who is sired by the 38,000gns Perth reserve junior champion Goldies Champion and was bred and exhibited by Sean McCaughey, Augher, Co Tyrone.

Close behind and securing 2,800gns was **Derryharney Oddball** who took the fancy of Eric Robinson, Armagh, Co Armagh when he was tapped out second in his class at the pre-sale show. This 15 month-old entry from Harold Stubbs and Alan Burleigh, Crummy, Co Fermanagh, is sired by Dooley Lewis while his maternal grandsire is the 10,000gns Perth supreme champion Thrunton Bonjovi.

Next at 2,500gns was **Mountjoy Nepal** who was awarded a yellow ticket for breeder Caldwell McAskie, Tully, Co Tyrone. A son of the Royal Welsh show reserve male and junior champion Montgomery Lanto and the 13,000gns Perth junior champion Simpsons Gregg-sired Mountjoy Florrie. This September 2017-born lad travels on to work in Newtownhamilton, Co Down, with new owner Richard Bailie.

Matching the 2,500gns price tag was the January 2018-born **Brigadoon Oakley** from David and Albert Connolly, Ballynahinch of Co Down. Frank Mullin liked the look of this yellow ticket winning son of 10,000gns Stirling reserve junior



*Fymore Olaf supreme champion with Mr S McCaughey with judge Kevin Reavey and Sean McGovern*

champion Goldies Icon and Royal Capitan daughter Brigadoon Indigo, and takes him home to work in Sixmilecross, Co Tyrone.

Heading up the female section at 2,400gns was the June 2017-born **Killadeas Nuala**. Sired by the proven, high performing, short gestation and easy calving Bleack Digger and out of Killadeas Jean, who goes back to the 16,000gns Stirling supreme champion Blackford Dynamite, she was purchased by Phelim and Bronagh Caraher, Crossmaglen, and bred and exhibited by the aforementioned Stuart and David Bothwell.

The Bothwell's carried on their success with the reserve female champion **Killadeas Nanette**, who was next in the trade stakes at 2,350gns. This time purchased by N McGrattan, Kircubbin, Co Down, the aforementioned Roughan Jaden was the sire and the Clogher show intermediate female champion Killadeas Gloria – a Blackford Dynamite daughter – the dam of this October 2017-born lass.

The final noteworthy entry of the sale came from Harold Stubbs and grandson Alan Burleigh. Picking up a yellow ticket earlier in the day, **Derryharney Naughtygirl** went on to secure 2,300gns when knocked down to Clare Ferris, Millisle, Co Down. The breeding here includes the 10,000gns Perth supreme champion Thrunton Bonjovi and Derryharney Hazel, a daughter of the 9,000gns Balmoral show supreme champion Goldies Carnival.

**Averages:** 11 bulls £2,539.09, 3 heifers £2,467.50.

**Auctioneers:** Dungannon Farmers Mart

**Sponsor:** Moore Concrete

**Judge:** Kevin Reavy, Jerretspass, Newry.



*Derryharney Oddball for Mr HC Stubbs and Alan Burleigh sold for 2,800gns*



*Reserve male champion Ardmachree Noah with Erin Quigley, Kevin Reavey and Sean McGovern*



*Female and reserve supreme champion Burnside Nigella with William McAllister, Kevin Reavey and Sean McGovern*

# Carlisle

## Caylers Napoleon tops the lots at Carlisle

Judge: Sean McGovern

There was ready commercial trade for Charolais at Borderway Mart, Carlisle, on Saturday 11th May, where 61 bulls sold to average £4,855.82 with a clearance of 75% and 22 lots sold for 5,000gns and above.



*Caylers Napoleon the top price at 12,000gns*

Top priced at 12,000gns was the reserve supreme, reserve male and reserve intermediate champion **Caylers Napoleon** from the Barker family at Caylers Charolais, Nuthamptead, Hertfordshire, who went on to sell a total of four bulls to average £6,892.50. The 17 month-old Napoleon, who was knocked down at 12,000gns in a two-way share between John & Raymond Irvine, Ballindalloch, Aberdeenshire and Jim Muirhead, Arbroath, Angus, is sired by the Irish-born Rosanna Jupiter and out of Caylers Fuchsia, a Caylers Bombadier daughter.

Next, from the same vendor, came the blue ticket winner **Caylers Oscar**, who is also sired by Rosanna Jupiter. One of the sales' younger lots, the January 2018-born Oscar, who is bred out of the Thrunton Dominator-sired Caylers Glamour, caught the eye of Messrs Edmondson, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria, who purchased him for 6,000gns.

Also from the Caylers yard, and selling at 5,600gns, was the 17 month-old **Caylers Nougat**. This time purchased by J Griffiths, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, he is out of the Royal Highland show reserve junior male champion Elgin Davinci daughter, Caylers Inspiration, and sired by First, whose first two sons sold last month at Welshpool averaging £6,300.

The day's other five figure bull was Bill Bruce's reserve junior champion from Meigle, Perthshire. **Balmyle Oleary**, a 13 month-old by the 11,000gns Carlisle reserve champion Balmyle Jasper, whose first son sold for 20,000gns, was knocked down sold to Major David and Nick Walter, Balthayock, Perthshire, for 10,000gns. His dam is the 9,500gns Maerdy Egret daughter Balmyle Halo.

Next in the trade stakes at 9,000gns was the class winner **Goldies Network**. The 15,000gns Gretnahouse Heman is the sire of this December 2017-born lad, while his dam Goldies Jewel goes back to Goldies Gladiator. Local breeder William Cleasby, Temple Sowerby, Cumbria, was the buyer and he was offered for sale by Hamish Goldie, Ruthwell, Dumfries-shire, who sold a total of three to average £6,930.

Mr Goldie's other top lot selling for 8,000gns, was the supreme, male and intermediate champion **Goldies Noted**. Judge Sean McGovern of the Ratoary Charolais herd, Co Tyrone, placed him top commenting "the champion found me, I liked his moves, a long clean bull with nice quarters and top line, with a great head, locomotion and balance, the type of bull I would like to see in my own yard." Another Gretnahouse Heman son, this time bred out of Goldies Jinny, a 34,000gns Perth supreme champion Goldies Uppermost daughter, the 17 month-old Noted goes on to work in Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire, for his new owners Gelston Castle Farms.

Another lot knocked down at 8,000gns, was **Gretnahouse Ninja**, who had placed third in his class at the previous day's show. The December 2017-born Ninja is sired by Westcarse Jimmy, whose first four sons sold averaged £8,250 at Stirling in February, and out of Gretnahouse Faysse, who has previously bred bulls to 7,500gns, and is in turn sired by the 25,000gns Perth senior champion Thrunton Camelot. He was purchased by A Smellie, Peebles, Roxburghshire and consigned by



*Balmyle Oleary at 10,000gns*



*Goldies Network at 9,000gns*



*Goldies Noted at 8,000gns*



*Gretnahouse Ninja at 8,000gns*



*Gretnahouse Nelson at 7,200gns*



*Whitecliffe Nico at 7,800gns*

Alasdair Houston, Gretna Green, Dumfries-shire, who achieved the highest herd average of the day, 7,008.75 for his four bulls.

Mr Houston's next highest priced, selling at 7,200gns to William Forbes, Ballindalloch, Banffshire, was the class winner **Gretnahouse Nelson**. Westcarse Jimmy is also the sire of this 17 month-old whose dam is the 17,000gns Balthayock Gladiator daughter Gretnahouse Jaywatch.

**Gretnahouse Neon**, a blue ticket winner, was the other of Alasdair Houston's top selling lots. 6,500gns was the price paid for Neon, an October 2017-born son of Westcarse Jimmy and the 12,000gns Carlisle reserve senior champion Wesley Equinox daughter Gretnahouse Jusilla, who was purchased by Messrs Strain, Ballantrae, Ayrshire.

**Whitecliffe Nico**, who was tapped out second in his class, was the next highest priced at 7,800gns. Bred and exhibited by Mike and Jane Hayhurst, Kirbymisperton, North Yorkshire, this 20 month-old 30,000gns Dingle Hofmeister son, was snapped up by Rachel Dawson, Newton Burgoland, Leicestershire. His dam Whitecliffe Heather is a Blelack Digger daughter.

Not far behind at 7,500gns was the March 2017-born **Ricnick Nelson**, a top 1% calving ease bull, who placed second in his class at the presale show. He is no stranger to the show-ring, having secured the Dumfries show male championship last year. The 18,000gns Thrunton Fairfax is the sire here, and he is out of Ricnick Jump, a Logan Geordie daughter. Offered for sale by Richard McCornick, Lochfoot, Dumfries-shire, he was purchased by AH Fisher, Portpatrick, Wigtownshire.

The next highest priced lot was knocked down sold to Messrs Coghill, Birsay, Orkney, for 7,200gns. **Seaville Nero**, a yellow ticket winner and 20 month-old son of the National show reserve male champion Sportsmans Linesman, was consigned by Robert and Kathleen Jackson, Blencogo, Cumbria. His dam Seaville Julie goes back to the popular and easy calving AI sire Blelack Digger.

Also in the money were W K and P Drysdale, Blairgowrie, Perthshire, when a 7,000gns bid secured their blue ticket

winner Glenericht Nacho. Douganhill Farms, Palmackie, Kirkcudbrightshire, purchased this September 2017-born lad, who is sired by the Royal show and Royal Highland show supreme champion Fleets Vibrant and out of the 12,000gns Caylers Gladiator daughter, Glenericht Jarling.

Matching the 7,000gns price tag was Andrew Stott's class winner, **Tophill Oscar** from Canonbie, Dumfries-shire. A 16 month-old son of the 10,000gns Carlisle supreme champion Ratoary Ferguson and the 30,000gns Dingle Hofmeister-sired Edenhurst Rosett he was purchased by Messrs Gilleard, Thorne, South Yorkshire.

Commanding a 6,500gns bid from an undisclosed purchaser was the 9,000gns Carlisle class winner Nuthampstead Judas son, **Westcarse Napoleon**, who stood second in his class at the pre-sale show. John Christie, from Stirling, Stirlingshire, was the exhibitor of the December 2017-born Napoleon, who is bred out of Westcarse Gill, a Kersknowe Clansman daughter.

Two bulls then achieved 5,500gns apiece, with the first coming from Thor Atkinson's Arradfoot and Newland Pedigree Livestock, Newland, Cumbria. **Arradfoot Nixon**, who picked up a yellow ticket at the pre-sale show, has previously been crowned reserve supreme champion at Thirsk calf show and reserve calf champion at the English winter fair. A 17 month-old son of the 12,000gns Carlisle reserve senior champion Wesley Equinox, and the 6,800gns Glenrock Jewel, another Dingle Hofmeister daughter, he caught the eye of Glen Park Farms, Balerno, Mid Lothian.

The other 5,500gns lot was **Ellerton Oldstone** who had been tapped out second in his class for breeder and exhibitor Andrew Brown, Foggathorpe, Yorkshire, and sold to Messrs Shennan and Sons, Girvan, Ayrshire. The 19,000gns Perth reserve junior champion Corrie Alan is the sire of the March 2018-born Oldstone and his dam Ellerton Honeysuckle goes back to the £15,000 Lowerfrydd Benhurr.

There was plenty of trade for Charolais females, with heifers selling to 4,800gns twice, both of which were consigned by the aforementioned Hamish Goldie. **Goldies Nancy**, who had



*Ricnick Nelson at 7,500gns*



*Seaville Nero at 7,200gns*



*Glenericht Nacho at 7,000gns*



*Tophill Oscar at 7,000gns*



*Goldies Nancy at 4,800gns*



*Goldies Nice at 4,800gns*

placed second in her class the previous day was the first, a 25 month-old daughter of the 14,000gns Goldies Joss and the Goldies Formidable-sired Goldies Juliette. She sold served to Messrs Strain, Ballantree, Ayrshire.

The other of Mr Goldies lots to be knocked down at 4,800gns was the July 2017-born and Gretnahouse Heman sired, class winner, **Goldies Nice**. Out of Goldies Incense another Goldies Formidable daughter, she was purchased by Whitemills Ltd, Marden, Herefordshire, which is a new venture set up by Botswanan resident Patricia Johnson-Hill. Her son in law and stockman, UK born Clive Marshall, moved over to Botswana in 1985 to take over the running of the Charolais herd there after working for the De Crespigny herd with Gordon Brookes. Clive, who will be establishing Patricia's Charolais herd here in the UK, is travelling over later this month with the intention of selecting more base females for the herd. He is looking for "structurally correct females with very good figures."

Whitemills Ltd went on to purchase another of Mr Goldie's lots, the reserve female champion **Goldies Nora** for 3,500gns. The 19 month-old Nora is bred out of Goldies Jean, who also goes back to Goldies Formidable and is sired by Gretnahouse Heman.

A cracking draft of heifers from Roy and Matthew Milne, Lhanbryde, Morayshire, was up for sale next and saw the ten



*Goldies Nora at 3,500gns*

heifers on offer average £1785.00 with a top price of 4,000gns for the 16 month-old **Elgin Natty**, who was purchased by Ellis Mutch to join his herd in Forglen, Banffshire. She is sired by the 11,000gns Woodpark Elgin, while her dam Elgin Juliet, a half-sister to the 28,000gns Stirling supreme champion Elgin Glenlivet, goes back to the Highland show supreme champion Elgin Highroller.

Another of the Milne's family top lots was the February 2017-born **Elgin Nicky**, who sold served to Messrs Bowen, Molleston, Pembrokeshire for 3,200gns. Again, sired by Woodpark Elgin, Nicky is out of the 12,000gns Caylers Gladiator daughter, Elgin Ida.

The highest priced cow and calf outfit was bred and consigned by Fred, June and Emma Andrews of Holmfirth, Yorkshire. **Holtstead Libby**, a December 2015-born first calving heifer, who sold served to the 10,000gns Stirling senior champion Chunal Dougie, is sired by the 12,000gns Carlisle reserve senior champion Wesley Equinox and her dam Holtstead Gina goes back to the 30,000gns Dingle Hofmeister. She was purchased by E Hourston, Swannay, Orkney, along with her six month-old, Bleblack Digger-sired bull calf, Holstead Odin for 3,500gns.

**Averages:** 61 bulls £4,855.82; 17 heifers £2272.94; 3 cows and calves £2765.00

**Auctioneers:** Harrison and Hetherington Ltd.

**Judge:** Sean McGovern, Clogher, Co Tyrone.



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# Nico joins Coolnaslee herd for £14,000

The May, 2017-born Charolais bull, *Carwood Nico*, bred by the Wight family at Carwood, Biggar, has been sold in a private deal to Jonathan Crawford of the Coolnaslee herd, in Northern Ireland, for **£14,000**.

Nico has a strong pedigree behind him, being a son of Carwood Jonboy, a home-bred bull retained for breeding, sired by the 9,000gns Elgin Emperor. Jonboy's dam was Carwood Debbie, an outstanding Kelton Trident daughter, out of Dundas Mavis, which is a full sister to the 18,000gns Dundas Jackpot.

On the dam's side, Nico is out of Wesley Verify, which was purchased at the Wesley dispersal. She is the grand-dam of Carwood Lochness, a bull bought by the Elgin, Glenericht and Mornity herds. She has also bred the Carwood herd's main commercial herd sire Carwood Gigolo, which was retained for his excellent confirmation and easy calving over the 200-head suckler herd.



## Spring Commercial Top Prices

Top priced Charolais at Ruthin Show Potential Sale on Saturday 23 February was consigned by Messrs Bowen and Bowen, Brooks, Welshpool and sold for £3,050 to H Parry, Anglesey.

The top commercial seller at Dungannon on Friday 15 February was the Charolais sired heifer 'Moana' by Fury Action, bred by Alan Veitch she sold for £9,300, a centre record.

Top price Charolais calf at the Brecon show potential sale on Saturday 9th February was 'Queen B' from JAV Mills and Son, Llanerchllwyd, Llanafan Fawr, which sold to Phil and Sharon Sellers, Lincoln for £2,700.



Ruthin Show



Dungannon



Brecon Show

### PLEASE ENSURE ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ON TIME

Registrations should be submitted before 27 days of age to ensure no late fees are incurred.

Late fees are as follows:

Registration fees (late)	28 days to 45 days	£50.00 + VAT
	Inspection and DNA parentage testing may be required at the breeder's expense	
	46 days to 6 months	£75.00 + VAT
	Inspection and DNA parentage testing may be required at the breeder's expense	
	6 months and above	£100.00 + VAT
	Compulsory inspection and DNA parentage testing at the breeder's expense	

# Harman Awards recognise genetic Improvement in herds across the UK

The Harman awards, which recognise herds with the greatest % age improvement in SRI over the previous 12-month period, were presented by Society vice-chairman and award founder Ben Harman in February and March at the Stirling and Exeter sales.

He said: "The Self Replacing Index (SRI) is one of the key measures of genetic progress in British Charolais Cattle, and more and more of our customers - commercial beef producers - are looking to this performance data when considering which bull to purchase. The statistics for every Charolais sale since October 2015 show that buyers are actively selecting bulls with favourable calving figures, and this has been reflected in the prices they are prepared to pay. This just goes to show how heavily they are depending on the EBV data when making buying decisions.

This means that the requirement for accurately recorded performance data is vital. The Charolais society is committed to ensuring that the information it provides is as accurate as possible, and has conducted more herd inspections than any other beef society over the past year. Not only that, it's the first society to introduce DNA testing for all pedigree breeding cattle, with the aim of fully parentage testing every breeding Charolais within the next five years.

Integrity is key for the herd book, so that purchasers of cattle can be assured that they know what they are getting and, with the help of performance data, can identify the type of Charolais that best suits their needs. This, along with the quick finishing and efficient growth of the Charolais, will help give them a maximum return on their investment."

The most improved herd of the year, and the English regional winners, were John and Noelle Coombe of Fleet, Dorset. After purchasing the Sea Barn Farm in 1963, then a 100 acre Jersey dairy farm, are now running a pedigree and commercial suckler herd, an arable and a tourism enterprise on the 500 acre holding.

Their Seabarn Charolais herd, managed



*Harman Presentations Stirling - Ben Harman, Wil Owen, Jonathan Crawford, William Milne and Peter Phythian*

by their daughter Rocky Dikken, was established 19 years ago, when farming friend Mr Westmacott of the Redlands Charolais herd retired, and passed the mantle to them as they purchased his 12 breeding cows and a heifer.

This year the herd showed an improvement of +12.9 on SRI, ending the year on an average of +48.8, their greatest improvement since joining Breedplan in 2010. Rocky attributes this to the purchase of herd sire Vexour Jethro, whose first calves hit the ground in 2017 and have gone on to produce over 50 pedigree calves to date as well as a string of calves for their 28-strong suckler herd.

Rocky said: "We joined Breedplan as we felt that herd improvement was key to ease of management and profit. Knowing our figures, particularly the calving ease, has helped us to overcome any calving difficulties we've had in the past.

"Our breeding bulls, bred from our 22 pedigree Charolais cows, are sold to dairy herds from the farm gate - which is why we want to concentrate on calving, and selling locally up to the Devon border to customers who come back again and again for three or four bulls at a time."

The Glenernan Charolais herd, owned



*Harman award presentation with Rocky Dikken National and English regional winner*



*The cattle at Coombe Farm*

by William & Moira Milne, Strathdon, Aberdeenshire, was the country's second highest improved herd of the year and the Scottish champions with a +11.3 increase on SRI. Having been members of the society for the past 21 years, but members of Breedplan since 2017, they've strived to make improvements to their figures quickly.

William said: "We joined the scheme with the intention of bringing bulls to the Stirling bull sales and, as we're only a small herd, we never dreamed we could win the Harman Award. We can attribute this improvement to the influence of our stock bull Elgin Jagger, a bull we purchased at Stirling in February 2016. I always felt he had a great style about him before looking at the figures."

Although the family used Charolais bulls for over 40 years on their commercial suckler herd, their Glenernan Charolais herd was founded by chance when on a visit to Thainstone market where William intended to purchase some replacement autumn cross calves, and then found they had all been sold. There was however a Charolais heifer - Asloun Iona - for sale with her calf at foot and he thought she would do just as well. She, in return, boosted the Charolais herd, producing four more Charolais heifers.

The family needed to greatly reduce the Charolais and commercial herds when William was sadly diagnosed with cancer at just 43. But, when he got the all clear, they focussed on revitalising their Charolais herd with the purchase of a heifer - Udney Nora who was in calf to Glenleary Matchmaker from the Udney herd dispersal at Perth Auction Mart in 2000.

From this purchase they were rewarded with a 2,600gns return when they later sold the bull calf she was carrying at Thainstone. She proved to be a real asset when her next bull calf produced was sold privately for £5,000. Over the years, most of the bulls have been sold privately and many to repeat customers.

"Our main focus has always been the maternal traits," William said. "Breeding good milky cows has never been a problem here, since we purchased stock bull Mistral Ben, a Moncur General son, in 2007 from our good friend Paul Crane. He gave me invaluable advice on the best female lines in the Charolais breed.

"In recent years our focus has also broadened to incorporate ease of calving – a big dead calf is no use to anybody – which

is why we purchased Jagger, his figures speak for themselves, and he's produced us over 70 sons and daughters to date."

William has endured some trying times over his farming life, surviving cancer and a particularly debilitating operation in the summer of last year which stopped him from preparing bulls for the October sales in Stirling. Now that his health has improved, the family's focus is on enjoying life and their small Charolais herd.

The Welsh regional winner with an improvement of +5.51 taking his year end SRI value to +36.2, was Will Owen, Braich y Saint, Gwynedd.

Will's Deunawd Charolais herd, which was established 25 years ago, joined the Breedplan scheme when it was adopted by the society in 2007, as Will could see that in time the information provided would become more and more accurate and helpful to his breeding program as well improving the quality of bulls he produced for sale.

Will took over the running of the farm in 1978 and carried on using Charolais bulls, like his father before him, as sire onto the farms the commercial suckler enterprise, which now comprises 80 head of cattle. "To try and keep our health status intact, we're now breeding all our own replacements by introducing an Angus bull onto previously purchased Charolais x Fresian cows, the resulting replacements are then put back to the Charolais bull. For the past 10 years, all of our resulting store cattle have been sold directly from the farm gate to repeat customers," Will said.

"This year's improvement is down to our homebred bull Deunawd Ianto who falls within the top 10% of the breed for gestation length and 200-day weight; the top 15% for 600-day weight, 200-day milk and eye muscle area, and the top 20% for 400-day weight and maternal cow weight. We've been using him for the past couple of years and he's produced over 50 progeny.

Our new stockbull, Oakchurch Nasher, one we purchased in September, should improve our rating even further being in the top 1% for both terminal index and self-replacing index."

The Northern Ireland winner Jonathan Crawford whose father, the late Gilbert Crawford, established the Coolnaslee Charolais herd in 1993, was delighted to pick up the Harman award for the second year in a row. The Maghera-based unit, which is managed by Stuart Wilson, has shown a 12-month improvement of +4.7 bringing their total average to +45.

Another to join Breedplan at the outset in 2007, Gilbert was keen to take up the opportunity to improve not only his own herd but also the national herd as a whole, and Jonathan is just as focused on the progression and development of the Coolnaslee herd.

"I'm very proud that we've received this award for the second year running. The purchase of the Stirling reserve champion Balthayock Justice really made a difference to our calving ease figures. He now has 60 progeny on the ground, with calving ease, 200-day weight, 400-day weight, TI and SRI in the top 1% for the breed. Our latest stock bull Maerdy Maesmor, which we share with Will Short, in the top 25% for calving ease and, along with the use of selected easy calving AI bulls such as Thrunton Bonjovi, we aim to continue to produce easy calving bulls without sacrificing growth and style."

# Can you remember what happened 25 years ago?

*See page 49 for the answers*



# COMMON REGISTRATION QUERIES

**SIRE AND DAM DNA**, please ensure all sires and females are DNA tested before registering their first progeny to avoid a delay in the pedigree certificate being issued.

**SIRE AND DAM OWNERSHIP**, please check the sire dam has been transferred into the members ownership where required prior to registering a calf.

**MISSING INFORMATION**, please ensure all information is given ie: date of birth, tag number, calving easing, birth weight etc

**WRONG YEAR LETTER**, please ensure the calf name begins with the correct letter for the year (P for 2019)

**DUPLICATE NAMES & TAG NUMBERS**, please check a calf name or tag number has not been previously used

**GESTATION LENGTH**, please check the date of birth of the calf corresponds with the AI Date.

**LETTER OF SERVICE**, where a sire has been hired, please ensure the relevant letter of service has been forwarded to the office.

**REGISTRATIONS IN ON TIME**, registrations should be submitted before 27 days of age to ensure no late fees are incurred.

**SIRE AND DAM IMPORTS**, please obtain the relevant 5 generation import certificate (showing your details as the new member) from the relevant country in order to register any progeny.

**CALF NOTIFICATIONS** It is free to birth notify a calf within 27 days of birth, if at a later date you wish to fully register the calf the fees is the normal registration fee plus the standard late fee of £25.00 + VAT up to any age.

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# DNA sampling for SNP Testing

As you know, from July last year, we changed the way that we test our DNA samples from microsatellite to single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) testing, which is a much more comprehensive test.

The SNP chip which the hair, tissue or semen samples are tested on, produces 50,000 gene markers and, for the purposes of parentage analysis, over 200 are used. The additional markers can be used for other tests, such as to determine if the animal has myostatin or polled genes. In the future, advances will enable many more tests to be carried out from this one profile. Therefore, SNP testing provides more accurate data and more detailed information which the Society believes will increase the integrity and progression of the breed.

Since we've moved to SNP testing, we've found that the quality of the hair samples that are required for this test is higher than we previously needed for Microsatellite testing. This has meant that a much higher percentage of the samples we're sending to the lab have failed when they've been tested. Some weeks we have had 35% of our tests fail - whereas before, the failure rate was about 3%.

*This is bad news for two reasons:*

Firstly, we have to request a repeat sample, which means you have to take another hair sample from the animal and the test for this animal has to begin the process again – costing valuable time especially as the animal's test is to determine if it can attend a Society sale.

Secondly, as the Society absorbs the cost of re-tests, this is costing the membership as a whole - each re-test costs us the same amount as the original test. In addition, we have the cost of sending out a new DNA bag and you have the cost of sending it back.

To try and combat this problem we're being much more stringent on the quality of samples we're sending to the lab to be tested, which means that if you send in a sample which we think will fail the test, we'll write to you asking for another sample right away.

So that we don't have to do this, and we can cut down on the sample failures, please follow the following instructions when taking hair samples for DNA testing.

**Tail hair root follicles** are an excellent source of DNA for genomic and routine parentage testing. However, the performance of samples processed and the reliability of the genomic results are dependent upon sample quality.

Pull at least 60 hairs **from the tail switch – we no longer accept samples of coat hair**. DO NOT CUT hair - if the sample is missing the follicle (root), it will not contain DNA. If you don't have enough hairs, there will not be enough DNA for genotyping.

Gather at least 60 hairs, and grasp them tightly as close to the skin as possible with hands or pliers. As an animal gets older, the hair roots become harder to remove, so the use of pliers often aids removal.

Pull the hair slowly and firmly away from the tail, making sure to get the roots. Do not collect shed hair for sampling, as the follicles will carry degraded DNA.

Ensure the hair is completely dry, and as clean as possible, otherwise the DNA will degrade before extraction.

When more than one animal is sampled, take extreme care to avoid cross contamination of hair roots between animals. Only put the hair from one animal in each sample bag.

Be sure there's no substance on the sample, such as sprays, detergents or other cleaning agents.

Only take hair samples from live animals.

Please ensure that the DNA sampling bag is labelled with the correct animal details or, if we have not provided the labelled bag, please write the animal's name and full UK tag number on the bag with permanent marker.

Once you have placed the hair in the bag, seal it tightly ready for return, and avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight.

If sending semen samples, thaw and place one straw in the packet provided, seal and send immediately to the Society.

Keep both hair and semen samples out of direct sunlight and send your samples to: The British Charolais Cattle Society, Avenue M, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2RG.

## British Charolais Society DNA Test Fees

Test Type	Pending Sample Cost	Full Price
SNP Parentage & Myostatin	£27.00 + VAT	£32.00 + VAT
SNP Parentage, Myostatin & Polled	£29.00 + VAT	£34.00 + VAT
Additional Sires & Dams	£4.00 + VAT	
Sire Search	£9.00 + VAT	
Profile Certificate	£3.50 + VAT	
Imported Animal Profile	£3.50 + VAT	



Close up of hair follicles

**Pull the hair slowly and firmly away from the tail making sure roots are intact**



**Examples of poor hair samples which have failed to produce a result – insufficient hair and coat hair**



**Quality samples are the key to getting good DNA from your cattle – Plenty of Tail Hair with strong follicles**

# Tenderness and taste put Charolais at the front of the butcher's counter

It's a family affair... and a very successful one at that, with Charolais cattle making their mark from birth on one of the family's farms right through to the butchery counter at their Malt Kiln farm shop at Stretton under Fosse in Warwickshire.

"We love Charolais beef here," says butcher Martin Buswell, who certainly knows his trade as he's been in the job 40 years. "The marbling gives extra tenderness and taste and offers our customers a great cut of meat."

Martin believes his customers are getting more discerning, and says they want to know where the meat comes from and the way it has been reared. "People are spending more so want to know more about the provenance. It's great to be able to tell them that the beef comes from the family farm and travels just 17 miles from birth to the abattoir to the shop."

The Lea family consist of father John and wife Sue, then four brothers who each run different aspects of the farming operations and farm shop. Chris is in charge of the farm shop, Richard the soft fruit which centres around a pick-your-own enterprise in the summer, Mark who rears the cattle, sheep and pigs that go into the butchery counter, and Tim who looks after the arable side.

At Streetfield Farm on Watling Street in Leicestershire, Mark runs the livestock side of the business. Of the 370 acres farmed, approximately half is grassland and half arable, with wheat, barley and oilseed rape grown, with triticale replacing some of the wheat to help deal with the blackgrass.

He runs 500 Easycare ewes that start lambing in April through to the end of May, with spring lambs hitting the farm shop as early as possible. They aim to sell between 550 and 600 labs through the farm shop, keeping about 150 as replacements. Excess lambs are sold through the local Rugby market at Stoneleigh.

"They're easy to lamb, all outdoors, lose their own wool and are polled, so they are what their name suggests, easycare. We have to watch them carefully though, as it's quite easy for them to get fat."



*The Charolais sign in the Malt Kiln shop that shows the business's commitment to Charolais*



*The Lea family, Chris, Sue, Tim, Billy the homebred bull, Mark, John and Richard*

On the beef side, Mark runs a 130 head single suckler herd which is pedigree and crossbred Charolais, also consisting of Salers crosses, Aberdeen Angus crosses and Hereford crosses. But it's the Charolais that he rates as the best for the farm shop, welcoming their fast growth rates and end eating quality.

"Most of our stores have Charolais blood. We have two polled stock bulls, one we bred ourselves and the other, Penterven Lion, came from David and Sadie Littlehales in Shropshire. We're considering replacing our home bred bull this year and will looking for an animal that offers great growth rates along



*Mark Lea who rears the cross single suckler herd at Streetfield farm with one his bulls and some of his cattle to the right*

with ease of calving. We feel the Charolais is bred to just 'get up and go' which is a valuable attribute when you're running a suckler herd, and the calves just pop out."

Calving starts around the 20 February and continues through to the end of May.

"We aim to keep about 25 heifers as replacements and sell around 25 as stores. The Charolais is in big demand within the store market, the finishers love them as they don't have to worry about them getting fat. They just grow and grow," says Mark.

The rest of the cattle are sold through the farm shop, slaughtered at the local Joseph Morris butchers abattoir in South Kilworth. The usual carcass weight is between 320 and 350kgs, and Mark says the butchers love the Charolais as there is never too much that needs to be trimmed.

The home bred bull was out of a good calf bought from Ralph Needham in Lincolnshire, and in early 2000 some of the foundation heifers came from the same breeder. "We need bulls that are easy to handle and easy calving, and we want to make sure we keep the Charolais blood in our cows."

The cattle go out to graze once the sheep have lambed in May, with the younger cattle and replacements going to an outlying block in nearby Easenhall.

Brother Chris, who runs the farm shop, admits that single suckler herd beef is probably not the most cost-efficient type of beef – but believes the quality ensures it is the right product when it arrives on the butchery counter shelf.

"Our peak season is June to September, when the pick your own fruit operation is in full swing. We have 12 acres of soft fruit – strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, black currants, red currants, blackberries and tayberries. We also grow rhubarb, runner beans, broad beans, courgettes, squash and pumpkins.

"Our customers like to know the beef is local, and some are beginning to ask more about the provenance. They like to see marbling in the meat, which the Charolais offers, and moving forwards I think we need to do more to promote the 'home-grown' aspect of our butchery."



Chris Lea by the Malt Kiln Farm shop sign



To the left a Charolais cross calf at Streetfield Farm, right, some of the young cattle destined for the Malt Kiln Shop



Martin Buswell pictured in Malt Kiln shop with some of the Charolais beef on sale

He has been a butcher for 40 years so knows what he is looking for to sell over the counter



# Charolais is the Number One choice

Many factors have to be thought about when choosing a new stock bull. It's essential to consider the farming system, breeding females in the herd, and the end product for the market place. The Charolais breed is the No 1 choice for top breeders, given their prolific growth rate, and returns that top the market place week-on-week.

Charolais has been the No 1 choice for over 20 years at the farm of James and Shane Rice from Collin in County Armagh. With 100 commercial cows, they've been selling their Charolais cross weanlings for a premium. With a reputation for well-framed stores, there's high demand and a ready market for their quality stock. Calves are born in the spring then sold at the October weanling sales in Markethill, with pens of steers and heifers securing top prices and realising up to £130+ ahead of other breeds.

Repeat customers return year-on-year, and demand is high for the quality Charolais weanlings. Buyers know what they're getting when they buy Charolais, with weanlings being purchased by finishers across Northern Ireland and Scotland.

The Rice family is focused on breeding for the store cattle buyer for heifers, and for finishers for bulls. The discerning buyers are looking for cattle that are well grown for their age, and carry a moderate bit of condition ready to move on to more concentrated cereal feed. They aim to finish them through to 700kg liveweight or 400kg deadweight. "The Charolais used as the terminal sire is ideally suited as you can get them to an optimum weight for age at time of sale," says James who, for a number of years now, has been achieving his target weights.

In comparison to other breeds, the Charolais will maximise its potential at a younger age reducing overheads and improving farm profits. The diet for calves is mostly grass and milk based, the heifers and steers at Rice's farm are split in July when creep feeding is introduced. With



*Banking on success with Charolais - Shane Rice with Danske Bank, Rodney Brown, head of Agribusiness*

easy to flesh calves, the creep develops growth rates, with concentrates peaking at 2kgs per head before sale.

This flexible system, using home-grown grass and concentrates from local suppliers, allows diets to be adjusted easily to suit the gender, age and weight. The higher protein and lower starch levels are particularly important for heifers who are predisposed to laying down fat. This facilitates the development of a good, strong frame, ready for fleshing out.



Bearing in mind the recent weight restrictions imposed by beef processors, the Rice family seeks to combine the Charolais growth potential with their commercial cross cows to maximise returns. They want animals that can be finished to the desired weight, with muscle in all the right places, and desired correct fat cover. Not producing an excessively

large animal is also dependent on cow size, with the average cow weighing in at 680kg. These cows are better suited for the job, and are nicely shaped, without being too extreme or muscular, and keep input costs lower than those expected from bigger cows.

Cow management is important for James and Shane, and they're conscious of matching a bull for their cows. "It's down to careful bull selection, matching the bull's growth potential

## Farm Facts

Collin, Co Armagh  
James Rice and son Shane farm in partnership  
Farming for over 50 years  
130 acre grassland farm  
100 suckler cows, spring calving



to the cow size. I'm selecting one that is well shaped and fleshy." When selecting new bloodlines, they pay attention to the quality of the bull, looking at the pedigree background and then calving figures stating that he doesn't mind calving a few cows but he's looking for sensible mid-range figures.

Along with genetics and nutrition, management is equally important to maximise performance. "Over the past 20 years, we've changed from finishing cattle to producing weanlings. We intend to do more fine-tuning of nutrition, bull selection and cow management because there's always something you can learn: every day is a school day. The Charolais has done us well over the past 20 to 30 years, and I'm sure will continue to do so in the future."

## SEMEN ROYALTY SCHEME NEW BULLS

Balthayock Muskateer MBM0069647  
£30.00 + VAT (£36.00)

Cove Lordlinhay MBM0064583  
£35.00 + VAT (£42.00)

Solitude Narcos MBM0075092  
£35.00 + VAT (£42.00)

Sportsmans Neptune MBM0072623  
£40.00 + VAT (£48.00)

### REGIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

A list of all the regional club contacts can be found on the Charolais website.

Please use the link below to find your regional contact.

[http://www.charolais.co.uk/society/  
regional-contacts/](http://www.charolais.co.uk/society/regional-contacts/)

## Calling all British Charolais beef lovers...

***Come and join us for a very special celebration of prime British Charolais steak at The Tuning Fork in Houlton, Rugby ( CV23 0AB) on Thursday June 6 from 7pm.***

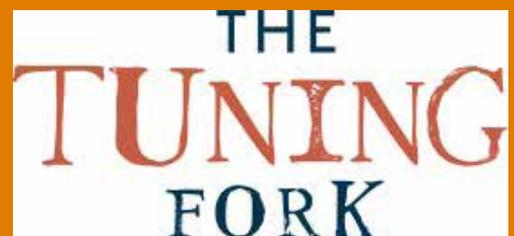
We're delighted to announce that they will be hosting a special British Charolais evening where you will be able to enjoy a tasty steak from locally sourced British Charolais provided by local producer Mark Lea, one of the family owners of the Malt Kiln Farm shop in Stretton under Fosse (see feature on pages 18-19) and then slaughtered at the nearby Joseph Morris abattoir in Kilworth.

We will be starting the meal with a choice between salt and pepper squid and battered tiger king prawns with mango nam jim or beetroot cured salmon with a cucumber and mint salad, yoghurt and lemon dressed. This will be followed by a generous succulent British Charolais sirloin steak with old fashioned chips, mushroom stuffed with basil, shallots and chorizo and Caesar dressed leaves. To finish we are offering a zesty lemon cheesecake pot or an individual apple pie.

The cost is £40 a head, and a paired wine menu (with three top class wines on offer) is available for £65 a head.

This promises to be a very special evening and we would love your support as we work to establish an opportunity for prime British Charolais to be enjoyed in restaurants and homes across the country.

***Places are limited, so please call 01788 824185 to book***



# Charolais Youth Regional Stock Judging Qualifiers

## Wales & Midlands

This year's regional qualifiers began with the Welsh & Midlands qualifier, which was once again held at Welshpool livestock market with the help of Welshpool livestock sales, on the night preceding the April Charolais sale.



*Intermediate winner  
Emma Page*



*Intermediate runner up  
Gwion Hughes*

The market, which was redeveloped and opened on its new and existing site in 2009, is capable of holding in excess of 1200 cattle and 15,000 sheep, and holds weekly sales of prime sheep and cattle as well as fortnightly sales of dairy and store cattle, selling in excess of 500,000 sheep and 10,000 cattle annually. In addition to the livestock market, WSL also offer other specialist services, including land valuations and surveys, farm and livestock sales and a range of grant and government subsidy services.

Welsh regional youth co-ordinator Eva Corbett, along with Rhian & Amy Varga from the Midlands club, arranged the get together which included an informative presentation by Oli J.E Hodgkinson BVSc Cert SH&P MRCVS of Trefaldwyn Veterinary Clinic, Montgomery, on herd health, and a quiz as well as the stock judging classes.



*Senior winner Guto Owen*



*Senior runner up Aimee Varga*

Once the stock judging of the two classes was complete, the master judge David Barker of Caylers Charolais, Nuthampstead, Hertfordshire, explained his reasoning before presenting the prizes to the winners. The junior (8-14 years) section was headed up by Gruffydd Llwyd Dafydd, Ceredigion, with 84 points and Serah Morgan-Page, Powys placed second with 60. Emma Page, Powys, won the



*Junior winner Gruffydd Lloyd*



*Junior runner up Sarah  
Morgan-Page*

intermediate (15-28 year) section with 92 points, and Gwion Hughes, Ceredigion, stood runner-up with 84 points. The Seniors (19-26 years) winner was Guto Owen, Gwynedd with a maximum of 100 points and Aimee Varga, Cheshire was just behind on 98. The open competition was a tie on 100 points between Robert Currell & Cecil Currell.

The Society, the Welsh and Midland regions would like to express their gratitude to the WLS team for hosting the event, Vet Oli Hodgkinson for his brilliant presentation, master judge David

Barker and Cogent for providing goodies for the competitors. Special thanks must go to the sale exhibitors who provided the cattle for the stock judging classes, without whom the qualifier would not have been possible.

## Anglia & South East



*Above: John and Jenny Rix with some of their cattle.*



*left: head stockman Darren Knox (right) with stockman Albert*

Next up, and just a week later, was the

Anglia and South East qualifier, which this year was kindly hosted by Jenny and John Rix and the Wissington Charolais herd in Nayland, Essex.

The Rix's, who established their Charolais herd in 2005,



*New stock bull Maerdy Northernboy*

currently register around 60 Charolais calves a year from their breeding females managed by Darren Knox, who also oversees their small commercial herd of South Devons. To establish the herd, selective drafts of females from the Darshams, Seawell, Barksore, Rumsden and Moyness herds were purchased, alongside bulls from Thrunton, Blelack and Goldies. Now being well established, the herd shows all over the country under Darren's expertise, and has been awarded breed championship at the Royal Highland show, Royal Norfolk show, Hadley show, Suffolk show, South of England show and Welshpool.

The herd's focus is on quality and longevity, and the cattle are halter trained being quiet, docile and easy to handle. The herd is spring and autumn calving, winter-housed and fed on straw,



*Intermediate winner Annabelle Howells*

silage and home-produced cereals, with only protein being bought in. Breedplan recording, membership of the Hi-Health Scheme and 48-month TB testing completes their customer assurance.

Alongside the cattle, the farms' main focus is its arable enterprise, mainly producing onions for



*Open winners John Rix and Charlie Maclean with Jenny Rix*



*Intermediate runner up Ellie Knox with*



*Senior winner Donald Maclean*



*Junior winner Williams Heath*



*Junior runner up Charlie Knox*

customers such as Tesco, Subway and MacDonald's.

The day began at 10am and four seasons worth of weather was experienced throughout, with bright sunshine, rain, wind and even sleet. Nothing, though could spoil the visit as the welcome, hospitality and scenery more than made up for the weather, not to mention the cattle.

Darren had organised three lovely quiet classes of cattle to be judged, a couple of heifer classes and some young bulls. The master judge Richard McInnes made his choices before the competitors looked over the cattle then gave their reasons. After which, all were treated to a BBQ lunch and lovely homemade cakes from the Knox girls before the farm tour got underway. Here there was a chance to see new stock bull and Stirling champion Maerdy Northernboy, who had been purchased the previous week in Welshpool, doing his job.

After the tour the presentations were awarded, with William Heath, East Sussex, placing first in the junior section with 110 points and Charlie Knox, Essex, in reserve with 73. The intermediate winner was Annabelle Howell, Norfolk, scoring 126 while Ellie Knox, Essex, placed second with 119 and the senior winner was Donald McClean, Hampshire with a score of 114. The open competition was won jointly by John Rix and Charlie McClean who both scored 134 points.

The Anglia and South East clubs and the British Charolais Cattle Society would like to thank the Rix family for their excellent hospitality, Darren and Donna Knox who organised the cattle and the day, Karen Maclean the South East coordinator for organising competitors to come up for the day and Richard McInnes, the master judge.

## Scotland

This year's Scottish qualifier was held at Stirling livestock mart on the Sunday evening preceding the multibreed bull sales on May day. For the first time this was a joint event, with the blessing of United Auctions, with three breeds – Charolais, Limousin and Aberdeen Angus. All three societies along with the Scottish and Northern Charolais club pulled together to organise, promote and run the event which it has to be said was a great success. Hopefully this will be the start of great things to come with breed cooperation for youth events and the future of the beef industry, as all three breeds are keen to work together in the future.

The evening began with the judging of three bull classes, one from each breed. There was a great showing of young people involved competing for the trophies, as well as a healthy amount of open competitors – possibly lured into taking part with the



*Vet demo*

promise of a bottle of whiskey as the first prize.

Each society had selected four cattle to take part for their class, and as usual the sale exhibitors were keen to take part and help out with the showing. After the stockjudging the societies had organised three demonstrations. First up Vet Gareth Boyes from Ark Veterinary Centre, Lockerbie, talked us through a bull inspection. Kay Adam of the Newhouse Charolais and Limousin herd demonstrated showmanship skills to the assembled youngsters, before Alex Brown from AHDB gave a presentation



*Open winners Kenny McKeague and Robert Beattie with the master judge John MacGregor*

on carcase EBV's. Each of the demonstrations was really informative, aimed at the youngsters there to compete, and each was really well received.

Finally, after the sandwiches and snacks were hungrily consumed, the master judge John Macgregor

gave the presentations. Topping the scores for the youngsters and leading the junior section with a score of 138 was Celeste McKeague, Stirlingshire with Isla Goldie, Dumfries-shire just behind on 135 points. Jack Smith, Aberdeenshire, was the winner of the intermediate section with a score of 134 and the Senior section was lead by Lauren Stronach, Aberdeenshire, with 135 points, while Louise McArthur stood reserve with a score of 134.

Thanks must go to the cattle exhibitors who provided bulls for the stockjudging, Carly Mackay from the S&N club who did a fantastic job organising the event, John MacGregor the master judge, Vet Gareth Boyes,



*Senior winner Lauren Stronach and runner up Louise McArthur*

Kay Adams and Alex Brown for giving their presentations, United Auctions for letting us host the evening and helping with logistics. We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets – together we raised £145 for the Scottish Air Ambulance.



*Junior winner Celeste McKeague and runner up Isla Goldie*

If you would like to take part in the National Final which will be held at Clogher Show, Ireland, this year on Wednesday 31st July, there are still opportunities to qualify. Please head along to one of the remaining regional qualifiers near you:

## REGIONAL STOCKJUDGING QUALIFIER DATES

### Northern Ireland

**Friday 31 May 2019, 5pm.**

At Swatragh Livestock Mart, 46 Garvagh Rd, Swatragh, Maghera, BT46 5QE

By kind invitation of Northern Counties Cooperative Ltd

### Yorkshire & NE

**Sunday 2 June 2019, 2pm.**

At Brampton Hall, Skelton On Ure, Ripon, North Yorkshire, HG4 5AW

By kind permission of Billy & Sarah Turner

**THE FINALS WILL BE HELD AT CLOGHER SHOW, IRELAND ON WEDNESDAY 31 JULY 2019**

*For more information, please contact the Society.*

# The Northern Ireland Charolais Club is organising a charity raffle in aid of Air Ambulance Northern Ireland and the NI Children's Hospice

The prize is a pedigree Charolais heifer generously donated by Will, Eleanor & Joseph Short from Beragh, County Tyrone. The February 2018 Woodpark Olivia was sired by Deeside Gulliver ET, who has bred Bulls up to £16,000 and is out of the Dam Woodpark Freckles sired by Jupiter.

The Woodpark pedigree prefix was founded by James Short in 1935 with Aberdeen Angus and Shorthorns. His grandson Will Short said: "We are delighted that Air Ambulance Northern Ireland & the NI Children's Hospice are the Charolais Club's chosen charity for 2019 as the NI Children's Hospice is very close to our hearts".

"Living in a rural community we are fully aware of the vital service that Air Ambulance Northern Ireland & NI Children's Hospice provides, and we are pleased to donate Woodpark Olivia or cash equivalent as a prize in the charity raffle."

"Club chairman David Connolly thanked the Short family for their generous donation. The vital services that both these causes provide to families is exceptional. So, I just hope everyone supports our raffle to raise as much money as possible."

Tickets are priced at £5 each or five for £20. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of 2019.

Woodpark Olivia will be visiting a number of the Provincial agricultural shows over the next few months – Commencing with the Balmoral Show, Armagh, Omagh, Castlewellan, Clogher Valley and Fermanagh County Show. Tickets will be on sale at these events and are also available at our Show & Sale in Swatragh on 31st May 2019 and in Dungannon on 1st November 2019. Tickets will also be available from NI Charolais Club committee members.

Air Ambulance Northern Ireland, in partnership with the



*Woodpark Olivia led by Richie Devine kindly donated by the Short family*

Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, provides a helicopter emergency medical service, and responds to seriously ill or injured patients, seven days a week, for twelve hours a day. From its base near Lisburn, Air Ambulance Northern Ireland can reach any part of the Province in approximately twenty-five minutes. Its primary role is to deliver advanced critical care, benefitting those whose lives are at serious risk following significant injury or trauma, by bringing urgent medical assistance directly to the patient at the scene.

Northern Ireland Children's Hospice is a local charity providing specialist respite, symptom management and end of life palliative care to over 300 infants, children and young people living with life-limiting and life-threatening illnesses both in the family home and in our Children's Hospice in Newtownabbey.

We support children and their families through a range of services. These services include end of life care, care at home, respite breaks, where children and families can come and enjoy tailored activities in a safe environment with specially trained staff on hand at all times and care for the whole family.

So, dig deep everyone and support these two wonderful charities.



*Raffle heifer with Wil Short and Johnny Breen, NI Childrens Hospice*



*Raffle heifer with Will Short and Michelle McDaid Air Ambulance*

# Northern Ireland

## NI Charolais club prizegiving success

The Northern Ireland Charolais club held their prizegiving night after the club's AGM at Quinn's Corner, Ballygawley on 27 February 2019. The club would like to thank all the sponsors who have supported the club throughout the year.

Awards as follows:

### March Sale 2018

**The Millar Trophy** - Supreme Champion  
Mr E Muckian, Carrgene Muckian

**The Northern Bank Salver** - Homebred supreme champion  
Mr E Muckian, Carrgene Muckian

**First Trust Bank Salver** - Champion female  
Mr T Phair, Brogher Mygirl

### May sale 2018

**The Simpson trophy** - Supreme champion  
J Crawford, Coolnaslee Noel

### June Sale 2018

**The Elmpark trophy** - Supreme champion  
W Short, Woodpark Magnum Balmoral 2018

### Balmoral Show 2018

**The Bardin trophy** - Best Charolais animal, Balmoral  
Devine Bros - Brownhill Mo

**The Breeders Perpetual Challenge Punchbowl with Ornate Lid - Best Bull Balmoral**  
J Crawford, Coolnaslee Nolan

**The Orage Trophy - Best Cow or Heifer, Balmoral**  
WD & J Connolly, Brigadoon Lolly

**HA Curry Cup** - Best Junior Bull, Balmoral  
J Crawford, Coolnaslee Nolan

**John K Currie Cup** - Best Heifer, Balmoral  
Brendan Feeny, Drumshane Mademoiselle

**Brigadoon Perpetual Trophy** - Best Homebred Animal, Balmoral  
Devine Bros, Brownhill Mo

### Bank of Ireland NI National Charolais championship

**Farming Life Cup** - Supreme champion  
Devine Bros, Brownhill Mo

**Brokers Bowl** - Best Pairs  
WD & JA Connolly

**Senior male champion** - Plaque  
WD & JA Connolly, Newhouse Maximus

**Junior male champion** - Plaque  
S & D Bothwell, Killadeas Norman

**Senior Female champion** - plaque  
Devine Bros, Brownhill Mo

**Junior Female champion** - plaque  
WD & JA Connolly, Brigadoon Nevada

**Overall Pairs** - plaque  
WD & JA Connolly

### Stockjudging 2018

**McAllister Shield** - Adult stockjudging  
Trevor Phair & Edgar Johnston

**Millar Shield** - Junior stockjudging  
Mark Reid

**UK stockjudging trophy** - Highest points in stockjudging at UK level  
Kevin Reavey

### November Sale 2018

**Lambeg cup** - Supreme male champion  
L Johnston, Mountain Native

**Auctioneers Silver Salver** - Best exhibitor bred animal  
L Johnston, Mountain Native

**Ulster Bank Rose Bowl** - Female champion  
S & D Bothwell, Killadeas Nancy

### Allams Fatstock Show

**McAllister livestock trophy** - Commercial champion, premier beef and lamb championship  
Geoffrey Rodgers



*The Muckian family being presented with the Millar Trophy and Northern Bank Salver by Peter Phythian*



*Peter Phythian presenting Trevor Phair with the First Trust Bank Salver*



*Peter Phythian presenting Stuart Wilson on behalf of Jonathan Crawford with the Simpson Trophy*



*Wil Short receiving the Elmpark Trophy from Peter Phythian*



*Peter Phythian presenting Thomas Devine with the Bardin Trophy*



*The Devine family receiving the Bardin Trophy, The Brigadoon Perpetual Trophy, Farming Life Cup and the plaque for senior female champion at the National Charolais championship*



*Stuart Wilson on behalf of Jonathan Crawford receiving the breeders Perpetual Challenge Punchbowl and the HA Curry Cup from Peter Phythian*



*The Connolly family receiving their awards for the Orage Trophy, The Brokers Bowl, Plaques for senior male and junior female championship at the National Charolais championship*



*Peter Phythian presenting Edgar Johnston with the McAllister Shield*



*Peter Phythian presenting Kevin Reavey with the UK Stockjudging trophy*



*L Johnston receiving his awards the Lambeg Cup and the Auctioneers Silver Salver from Peter Phythian*



*Peter Phythian presenting David Bothwell with the Ulster Bank Rose Bowl*

# NI Charolais club AGM

The Northern Ireland AGM was held in Quinn's Corner, Ballygawley, Co Tyrone on 27 February 2019. Chairman Mr David Connolly welcomed members and thanked all the sponsors who have financially supported club events over the past year.

Eilis Kelly (secretary) gave a flavour of events over the past year. Outlining the success of sales, especially congratulating our young breeders who represented Northern Ireland at the youth stock judging finals at Seawell Grounds, Foxley 2018.

Treasurer Trevor Phair outlined his report on the past financial year showing that sponsorship was up, and sales were well up because of the demand of the Charolais breed. A number of new members had joined the club, and this was to be encouraged. Membership by Standing Order is £20 or cash payment annually £30.

The NI Charolais herd competition was re-announced after its great success last year and also the National Charolais Championship to be held in Clogher. The NI Charolais Club will this year host the 2019 Charolais Youth Stock judging final at Clogher Show on 31 July 2019.

Next Charolais Club Show & Sale is on the 6 May in Dungannon sponsored by Moore Concrete.

After the business was dealt with, David introduced the speaker for the evening, Romy-Morrin O'Donnell from Weatherby's, and she gave a very informative talk on genomics.

There was great audience participation and plenty of questions from the floor.

David thanked Romy for coming to speak to us.

Peter Pythian chief executive of BCCS was in attendance and David Connolly welcomed him on behalf of the NI club.

New committee members elected – Martin Donaghy, Thomas Keelagher, Sean McGovern, Jeremy Paynter & Sean O'Kane

## Office Bearers for 2019

**Chairman** David Connolly, Ballynahinch  
**Vice Chairman** Martin Donaghy, Dungannon  
**Treasurer** Trevor Phair, Florencecourt  
**PRO** Kevin Reavey, Jerretspass, Newry  
**TB Stakeholders Group** Will Short, Beragh

David closed the AGM by thanking all sponsors and asked that we all give them our support. He thanked our outgoing committee members for their hard work and dedication. He thanked our judges, stewards, breeders, and exhibitors without whom this year would not be a success. Thanks were given to Quinn's Corner for their hospitality for the year, and for accommodating us for our AGM.

David wished everyone a safe journey home.



*Members attending the NI Charolais club AGM in Quinn's Corner, a presentation was given by Romy-Morrin O'Donnell from Weatherbys*



*Eilis Kelly NICC secretary presenting Romy-Morrin O'Donnell from Weatherbys with a beautiful bouquet of flowers*



*Peter Pythian Chief Executive of the BCCS speaking to members of the NI Charolais club at their AGM*

# Scottish & Northern - Carlene Mackay

## Stirling February Bull Sales

Congratulations to all the Scottish & Northern Charolais Club exhibitors who did so well at the February Stirling Bull Sales. The Charolais breed led the spring trade yet again, with the highest average and best clearance rate of all the breeds. Taking the top price of the day for the breed was the Campbell family from Thrunton, with Thrunton Nugget a May 2017 born son of the homebred pairing Thrunton Gladiator and Thrunton Hoopla, who goes back to Thrunton Doubletop. He was purchased by Kevin Thomas, Newcastle Emlyn, Carmarthenshire for 13,000gns. Well Done to all our members on a very successful spring sale. *The full sale report and photographs can be found on page 4 onwards*



## Scottish Association of Young Farmers - calf overwintering Competition 2019

This is our second year sponsoring the SAYFC calf overwintering competitions throughout Scotland and we were delighted that seven clubs came forward for the sponsorship. The prize was for the highest placed Charolais cross calf sired by a registered bull and consisted of a society rosette and a Charolais bodywarmer or jacket of choice.

## Clyde and Central YF Calf Rally

Winner – John & James Graham, Burnbank with 'That's My Style' a heifer weighing in at 500kg and sold for £2600 to Mark Robertson, Fodderletter. This heifer was bred by RSPB, Islay and was sired by Lochend Mowgli



## Forfar YF Calf Rally

Winner – Lyndsay Nelson, Mains of Lundie with her steer which weighed in at 460kg. Lyndsay purchased her Panmure sired calf from WN Lindsay, Cairnleith and not only won the Charolais prize but she also went on to win reserve overall champion and best turned out. She is seen here being presented with her prize by Jim Muirhead, Firhills Charolais Herd. The steer was later sold for £1390 to Scott Watson



## Caithness YF Calf Rally

Winner – Beth & Katie Dunnett from Bower Young Farmers with a heifer at 529kg sired after a Newhouse Bull. Selling for £1080 to Blair Duffton.



## Orkney YF Calf Rally

Winner – Graham Low, Craighaven, Toab, Kirkwall with a 665kg heifer sired by Braebuster Industrial. She sold for £1420 to Gordon A Reid, Mill of Haulkerton, Laurencekirk



## RNI District Calf Rally

Winner - Duncan Macallum, Shoreton Farm, Culbokie with a 485kg April-born heifer. This heifer was home bred and wasn't sold on the day as she has been kept breeding as a female. She was sired by Lettoch Logan.



## Perth YF Calf Rally

Winner - James Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill, Muthill, Crieff was the winner at Perthshire Young Farmers calf rally with a steer sired by Goldies Lionheart. This was 588kg and sold for £1330 to Robert Robb, Woodhead of Aberdalgie, Perth. Major Walter, Balthayock was there to present the prize on behalf of our club.



## Dumfries & Galloway YF Calf Rally

Winner - Hannah Sloan, Rigghead Farm, Collin, Dumfries took away the Charolais prize here with a 462kg heifer 'Legally Blonde' sired by Scotby Harty. She was purchased by Billy Boyd, Terregles Cottage, Dumfries for £1300.



## Huntly Overwintering Competition - United Auctions

Winner – Adele Irvine, Mains of Inverourie, Tomintoul, Ballindalloch with a steer weighing in at 605kg and sold for £1390 to Bill Cameron, Burnside Of Edingight. The steer was bred by AJ Mclean, Heylipol, Tiree and was sired by Elgin Lightening.



The Ayrshire YF calf rally is not being held until the 18 May so results will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

## Sponsorship 2019

The Scottish and Northern would like to thank the sponsors below for their support enabling us to once again assist our young Scottish stock-judging team who will be travelling to The National Finals at the Clogher Show, Northern Ireland on 31 July 2019.

**United Auctions,  
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Agricultural  
Centre, Stirling,  
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Scotland's Leading Livestock Auctioneers

**Lawrie & Symington – Forfar  
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Angus, DD8 3EZ**

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**ABP Perth, Inveralmond Industrial  
Estate, Ruthvenfield Road, Perth,  
PH1 3XB**



**ALSO**

**Knapp Farm Buildings, Knapp Quarry,  
Perth, PH14 9SW**

We are currently still recruiting 2019 Sponsors so we will add these to our Facebook page throughout the year to keep everyone updated on our progress.

## Scotland's Beef Event - North Bethelnie Farm, Oldmeldrum - Thursday 30 May 2019

The biennial national beef event, organised by the Scottish Beef Association (SBA), will take place on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at North Bethelnie Farm, Oldmeldrum, Inverurie. The all-grass farm is run by Robbie and Barbara Milne, along with their son James. The farm extends to 500 acres of owned land, plus 300 acres of hillground which is rented seasonally. The enterprise comprises 320 Salers and Salers cross cows and a flock of 200 breeding ewes. Cows are crossed with Charolais, Salers and Aberdeen-Angus bulls and all calves are either finished on the farm or sold as forward stores, depending on market conditions and available space.

The Society will have a breed stand at this event and we look forward to welcoming you all along that day for a cup of tea or coffee and home-made shortbread.

## Royal Highland Show BBQ – Wednesday 20 June 2019 - 6.30pm

The Scottish and Northern Club will once again be organising a BBQ on the Wednesday evening of the show within the Society's stand. Everyone who wishes to attend will have to purchase a ticket this year, available from myself so please ensure to get in touch and book your tickets - 07713 946865 or email [carlene.mackay@abpbeef.com](mailto:carlene.mackay@abpbeef.com). The tickets this year will be £15.00 each which is a small increase on previous years, but we will be offering a 28 -Day matured dry aged ABP Charolais cross rib-eye steak accompanied with various salads and followed by fresh strawberries and cream.

But you **MUST** book your tickets prior to the show and we already have names on the list so if your 'not fast, your last'!! Also as in previous years we seem to get a lot of people who pre-book tickets and then fail to turn up – in future we will be charging for 'no-show' tickets ... so if you can't make it you must let us know ahead of the BBQ as the tickets can be sold on without a problem. We appreciate your co-operation on this as we don't like to turn away hungry exhibitors.

## Royal Highland Show stand information

During the mornings of the show, teas/coffees and biscuits are available free for members and friends, please pop in for a chat and to rest weary legs and catch up with friends.

Roast beef rolls are available to purchase from the bar at lunchtime but, unfortunately, for our caterer to comply with licensing laws, children will not be allowed in the bar area during licensed hours.

Once again please do not take alcohol outside the marquee to comply with Highland Show regulations imposed in the past few years.

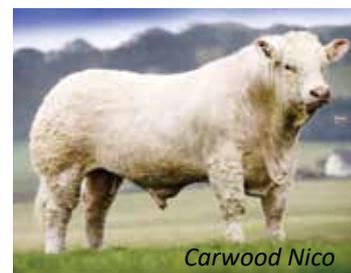
## Royal Highland Show – Stand rota

We are looking for members to come forward and cover the stand for a few hours on Friday or Saturday. This will include welcoming members onto the stand, selling merchandise and generally keeping an eye on everything going on within the stand. If you could spare some time to cover then please let me know ASAP... Thursday has been covered by Yvonne & myself but we need volunteers for Friday and Saturday. Please send me a message if your able to help out.

## Carwood Nico joins Coolnaslee herd for £14,000

The May, 2017-born Charolais bull, Carwood Nico, bred by the Wight family at Carwood, Biggar, has been sold in a private deal to Jonathan Crawford of the Coolnaslee herd, in Northern Ireland, for £14,000.

Nico has a strong pedigree behind him, being a son of Carwood Jonboy, a home-bred bull retained for breeding, sired by the 9000gns Elgin Emperor. Jonboy's dam was Carwood Debbie, an outstanding Kelton Trident daughter, out of Dundas Mavis, which is a full sister to the 18,000gns Dundas Jackpot.



On the dam's side, Nico is out of Wesley Verify, which was purchased at the Wesley dispersal. She is the grand-dam of Carwood Lochness, a bull bought by the Elgin, Glenericht and Mornity herds. She has also bred the Carwood herd's main commercial herd sire Carwood Gigolo, which was retained for his excellent confirmation and easy calving over the 200-head suckler herd.

**Balmyle & Balthayock Open Day - Sunday 28 July 2019**



approx. 2.30pm)

**2.30pm** – Argentinian BBQ at the Garden House, Matured roast of Charolais Beef & Blackface lamb followed by local fresh berries & washed down with Malbec and cold beer's.

**4.30pm** – A rare opportunity to purchase a Balthayock Heifer.

There will be 3 heifers offered for sale and the proceeds of one heifer will be donated to the charity of choice by Major Walter and his family.

If you would like to attend then due to catering purposes you are required to confirm your attendance by either email to: [office@balthayock.com](mailto:office@balthayock.com) or message the Balthayock Facebook page.

**Diamond Wedding Anniversary**

Congratulations to Ken & Ruby Stewart, Letham who have recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary. Before retiring to Letham, Ken worked for Frank Lawson at Glassel and also the Newthrusms Herd at Castleton of Eassie, both two great Charolais herds in days gone by.

*Bill Bruce and Dane Ivison*



An exciting opportunity has been announced for this summer with the chance to view the Scottish herd of the year 2018 - Balmyle and then later that day Balthayock are hosting a special celebration to celebrate the herd being 50 years old this year.

Please keep an eye on the club's Facebook page during July where we will keep you updated with any news on these events. At the moment the timetable for events will be this...

**10.00am -1.00pm** Viewing of The Balmyle Herd – winner of Scottish & Northern Charolais herd competition 2018

**11.30am** – First trailers to leave Balthayock Home Farm for farm tour (these trailers will continue throughout the day until

*Ken and Ruby Stewart*



*Major David Walter*

# Wales - Eva Corbett

Hello, shwmae! It's a quiet article to start off this year, my first as Welsh region secretary taking over after two years of hard work from Ruth. Following the decision to combine the two spring pedigree sales at Welshpool, the February sale will now merge with the April sale, which can be found at the start of the newsletter and will be covered in the next article.

Still going ahead in the Welsh region was the Brecon show on Saturday 9 February, where J Mills and Son from Llanafan Fawr topped the Charolais entries with their cross bred heifer calf Queen B. She was knocked down at £2700 to P & S Sellers from Lincoln. The end of the same month brought us the Ruthin show on Saturday 23 February, where again Welsh breeders secured the top Charolais sale price, this time from Messrs Bowen and Bowen of Brooks, near Newtown. Sired by Deunawd Henry, their nine-month-old heifer sold for £3050 to H Parry from Anglesey. As always, great to see the cross into profit ringing true.

Further afield, it was good to see a contingent from the Welsh region making the long trip up to Stirling for the February bull sale. A strong consignment from Esmor Evans saw Maerdy Northernboy take Junior and Overall Champion, while stablemate Maerdy Norwegian took reserve junior. Demand was high with 121 bulls selling at 83.5% clearance to average £6063. Top priced bull of the day, the £13,000 Thrunton Nugget, came home to Wales with Kevin Thomas from Newcastle Emlyn, to join the Moelfre herd.

So that's it for a quiet early spring. Let's hope the fine weather continues and the endless freezing temperatures of last year remain a distant memory until we catch up again next edition!

*After stepping down following many years of service as Welsh Chairman, it seemed only right that we put Wil Owen under the spotlight for our question and answer session this edition.*

## 12 Questions with Wil Owen:



*Queen B from J Mills & Son topped the Charolais sale at the Brecon Show at £2700*



*Maerdy Northernboy the junior and overall champion at Stirling February 2019*

### **1. In your opinion, what are the three best things about Wales?**

Passion for the Welsh language, rugby and male voice choirs.

### **2. How did you get involved with Charolais?**

Through my interest in showing Charolais commercial show calves in the early nineties.

### **3. What have your roles in the Charolais Society been and what did they include?**

I have been the Welsh Chairman for the past six years. I was also one of the hosts in 2012 for the World Charolais Congress Convention.

### **4. What do you consider your greatest achievement within the Charolais world to be?**



*The top charolais price at Ruthin Show was a nine-month old heifer from Messrs Bowen and Bowen of Brooks at £3050*

Being the first non-Scottish exhibitor to win the Scottish Winter Fair with a homebred Charolais steer in 2004. I also won three exhibitor bred champions that year, at all the national winter shows, with three different homebred Charolais beasts, only just missing out at Smithfield where I had reserve with a different Charolais beast again.

All animals were sired by Deunawd Moses and Deunawd Niagara. My most recent highlight was winning Male Champion with Deunawd Jeff at the NEC, Birmingham and reserve male at the Royal Welsh Show, who went on to win Senior Champion in Stirling and later sold for 13,000gns.

**5. The best thing about the Charolais breed?**

Unmatched daily liveweight gain and ability to finish them at any age.

**6. What do you think is the biggest challenge the Charolais breed is facing at the moment?**

The reduction in numbers of the national suckler herd.

**7. What is your best piece of advice to Charolais breeders?**

Keep faith in the breed and keep going.

**8. In your opinion, what has been the most influential Charolais in your time?**

On the commercial side, in the early years, it was Allanfauld Vagabond, who was the sire of Deunawd Niagara. On the pedigree side it was Dingle Hofmeister.

**9. Which agricultural show do you enjoy the most and why?**

I enjoy the Highland Show the most, due to the friends I have made over the years. The Royal Welsh is close behind, but I am always too busy stewarding to enjoy it as much.

**10. What did you want to be when you were younger?**

A farmer and nothing else, but in later years I have had to diversify into tourism.

**11. If you could have dinner with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be?**

My very dear friend, Duncan McGregor. He isn't very well at the moment, but I am waiting to buy him a huge steak ... once he's well again.

**12. If you were stranded on a desert island, what 3 things could you not live without?**

A good malt whiskey, chocolate and I'd better mention Teresa, my other half!!

Thanks to Wil for taking the time to answer those questions and for 6 years hard work as our chairman. Next time we'll try to catch up with incoming chairman Ben Williams. Hwyl am y tro.

## Dress code showing cattle

**All exhibitors must ensure they are wearing shirt and tie when showing.**

**No Shorts or trainers.**

**Charolais ties can be purchased from the Charolais office at £10 each plus postage and packaging.**

## REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE 1 JULY 2019

The following fees will apply for registrations as from 1 July 2019

Online £30.00 + VAT  
(£36.00)

Telephone/Paper £32.50 + VAT  
(39.00)

*Members must be set up for direct debit in order to do registrations online or telephone*

## IMPORTING ANIMALS, EMBRYOS AND SEMEN CHECKLIST

A link for all the information you require on importing can now be found on the Charolais website at

<http://www.charolais.co.uk/society/admin-procedures-and-fees/>

then clicking the relevant link.

Other useful information and forms can also be found on this page.

Please give the office a ring on 02476 697222 if you have any queries.

# Border - Betty Graham

It's now Easter weekend and we're all enjoying the warmth and glorious sunshine. This is quite unusual weather for a Bank Holiday weekend. The Lake District has been busy with many visitors enjoying the walks and scenery in this fabulous County of Cumbria.

Unfortunately, we don't have too much to report for the early part of 2019, but we do have lots to look forward to later in the year.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 5 February at Shepherds Inn, Carlisle, when there was a good attendance of members and Paul Stobart was in the chair. He gave his annual report and praised members for their help and support of all our activities.

Betty Graham gave the secretary's report and the financial statements were presented by Judith Hunter.

Election of Officers – Will Cleasby (Cleaden) was elected as the chairman, vice chairman is now Andrew Stott and both the secretary and treasurer will continue in their roles.

Will Cleasby thanked the Club officials for their work over the past year with particular thanks to Paul Stobart whose two-year term as chairman was complete.

After coffee and biscuits, the formal business was complete and we began to look at the programme and take suggestions for the rest of the year.

First on the agenda was the venue for the stockjudging. Our thanks go to Ian Bell from Hallbankgate who agreed to host this event which will include the eliminator for the Young Judges Competition as well as an open competition. Ian will also give tractor and trailer for a farm tour on the same afternoon. The date of Sunday 9 June was agreed with a start time of 1.30 pm. We do need numbers for catering purposes so if you intend to go please let either Betty or Ian know in advance.

May Sale – it was agreed that we hold a Family fun evening on Friday 10 May at Borderway Mart which is the evening prior to the may Sale. The Mart Cafe has been asked to provide food.

It was agreed that we have a day outing by coach. One or two herds were suggested as possible venues.

A dinner will be held in the upstairs room of the Auctioneer on the evening prior to the November sale.

Summer Shows – we wish everyone luck with their cattle at the summer shows

## Snippets

Our best wishes go to Nora Jefferson and Jenny Bowness, who have both had a stay in hospital. We wish them both well.

We wish to congratulate the Campbell family from Roseborough Farm, Alnwick who have recently won the Family-Run Farm of the Year at the Northern Farmer Awards.

John and Mairi run the farm together with son Ed and his wife Danielle and they have diversified their enterprise. They farm sheep along side their pedigree herds of Charolais and Aberdeen Angus. They have now started a hog roast business using home-bred pigs and they take bookings for events and often are at Alnwick Castle.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**FRIDAY 10 MAY** – Family fun evening at Borderway Mart to be held in conjunction with the Blonde Society. Please come and join in the fun, games and competitions from 7.00 pm, with food available.

**SUNDAY 9 JUNE** – Stockjudging at Hallbankgate Farm, Brampton by kind permission of Ian Bell. Starts at 1.30 pm and there will be farm tours. Please contact Betty or Ian with numbers as they are needed for catering.

## SUNDAY 28 JULY – DAY OUTING BY COACH

We are taking a coach to the open day being held by the Balmyle and Balthayock herds. This is a fantastic opportunity to visit these two well known herds, no need for you to drive there. Join us on our coach.

The coach will leave Wigton at 6.30 am and pick up at Shepherds Inn, Carlisle, at 7.00 am. Please book your seat with Betty as soon as possible. All are welcome.

## BALMYLE AND BALTHAYOCK

### JOINT OPEN DAY

Sunday 28 July 2019

From 10 am at **Balmyle** courtesy of **WP Bruce Ltd**

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*then a 30 minute drive to*

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Balmyle Nucleus  
15,000gns Stirling  
October 2018



Balthayock Minstrel  
46,000gns at Stirling  
February 2018

# South West - Vickie Sellick

Hi All, welcome to the latest news from the south west. I hope you are all having a successful calving and lambing season. It has been fairly quiet on the Charolais front this spring, although it won't be long now until things start hotting up for the upcoming show season.

At the beginning of January, a team represented Charolais at the annual interbreed quiz night at Oake Manor Golf Club near Taunton. The quiz is organised by David Barker and all money raised goes to charity. This year there were 11 teams competing, with the winners being the local Mount Vets team, who had entered for the first time. The Charolais team of Andrew and Vickie Sellick (Yellow Charolais), Laura French (Newdirection Charolais) and Jamie Batt (Harptree Charolais) came a very close second.

Back in February we held our annual AGM at Exeter livestock market. Our chair, Petrina Turner, gave a rundown of the year, including a summary of our herd walk and reports from the regional bull sales. A minute's silence was held for absent friends. Brian Lavis stood down as our club president after 3 years, and proposed Will Palmer of Trenestrall Charolais, into the position of president. This was unanimously agreed, and Will was duly elected. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian for his contribution to the South West Charolais over the years, and wish him all the best for the future.



*Championship judging*

Alison Turner remains secretary, with Petrina as chair for another year and Brian Nancekivell staying on as treasurer. Bernadette Stacey was elected as vice chair. Our council of management representative, Andrew Sellick, gave an overview of the events on council of the past 12 months, including a short discussion on the developments in the myostatin DNA testing and its application in a practical setting.



*The presentation for the championship bull Killerton Nortilus*

We held our annual Spring Show and Sale on Friday 12 April at Exeter Livestock Centre, with an entry of 17 bulls and 9 females.

The first class was won by Mr PW Greed, with Killerton Nortilus, a Maerdy Eurocrat son out of a Thrunton Fitzroy daughter, Louis Imp.

Class two was won by Mrs Ann Orr-Ewing's June 2017 born bull, Foxacre Navarre, sired by Goldies Unbeatable, out of a Wesley Forceful daughter. In 2nd and 3rd place in this class were two bulls from Mr W Palmer and family, Trenestrall

Farm, Truro, with Trenestrall Nugget and Novelty, both sired by Edenhurst Idol.

Class three was won by Maxworthy Norris, an October 2017 bull by Blelack Imperialist, out of Thrunton Diva, a Newhouse Bigal daughter, and bred and exhibited by Mr DP Daniel, Launceston. In 2nd was Lovistone Noble, a Thrunton Fairfax son out of a Balthayock Hamish daughter, bred and exhibited by the Nancekivell family from Okehampton. 3rd place went to Amy and Hannah Wylde, Woolavington, with the youngest bull in the sale, Lewyd Onslow, a Feb 2018 born bull by Solo Llanhilleth, out of Martland Honey, a Martland Felix daughter.



*The champion Killerton Nortilus*



*Left and above Judging of class 2*

In the championship the overall champion went to the winner of class one, Killerton Nortilus, with Foxacre Navarre, the winner of class two taking the reserve champion's spot.

The top price went to Amy and Hannah Wylde, with Lewyd Onslow, at 3600gns, with Trenestrall Nugget at 3100gns, with Trenestrall Norush, Maxworthy Norris, and Lovistone Noble all finding new homes for 3000gns.

The female section was led by Mr PW Greed's cow Louis Imp, mother of the champion, selling for 2500gns, with her eight-month-old heifer calf Killerton Osaka at foot. The best of the rest was 1700gns twice, for first placed served heifer Killerton Nasturtium, a Thrunton Fairfax daughter, and for Foxacre Nacelle, a Pinay daughter out of a Wesley Forceful cow, consigned by Mrs Ann Orr-Ewing. Our thanks to Exeter Livestock Centre and Kivells for undertaking the sale, as well as to our judge, Mr Tim Lightfoot.

We hope to see many of our members out and about throughout the summer and wish you all the best of luck for the show season.



*Judging of class 3*

# EXPORT CERTIFICATES

A **Five Generation Export Pedigree Certificate** from the herd book of the exporting country must be submitted for registration of imported animals or embryos.

This **MUST** be in the name of the member (except embryos).

Five Generation Pedigree certificates are also required for bulls from which semen is imported

## Cost

Regular animal export £50.00 + VAT + registration fee of £25.00 + VAT

Embryo export certificate per ovum  
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Further information can be found at:

<http://www.charolais.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Importing-Animals-Embryos-or-Semen.pdf>

**Closing date for regional reports in  
the September newsletter is  
19 August 2019**

## BVD Vaccinations for sale animals

Below are some key facts and differences between two well known single and double jab BVD vaccinations to use as a guideline. Always consult your vet and refer to the guidelines provided by the vaccination manufacturers as this will be the most up to date and accurate information. Only vaccinate healthy animals.

### Double Jab Vaccinations

e.g. Bovilis

**Age:** 8 months onwards

**Protection:** BVDV

**Onset of immunity:** 3 weeks after Immunisation

**Vaccination for animals going to sale:** Second dose of vaccination 4 weeks before sale date.

**Duration of Immunity:** 12 months

**Foetal Protection:** Foetal protection can be expected if the primary immunisation has been finalised 4 weeks before start of the gestation. Animals which are vaccinated less than 4 weeks before gestation or during the early gestation will not be protected against foetal infection. Two vaccinations with an interval of 4 weeks. The second vaccination should be given not later than 4 weeks before the start of the gestation. Revaccination, One vaccination 4 weeks before start of the next gestation.

### Single Jab Vaccinations

e.g. Bovela

**Age:** 3 months onwards

**Protection:** BVDV-1 and BVDV-2

**Onset of immunity:** 3 weeks after Immunisation

**Vaccination for animals going to sale:** at least 3 weeks before sale date.

**Duration of Immunity:** 12 months

**Foetal Protection:** It is recommended to vaccinate cattle at least 3 weeks before insemination/mating to provide foetal protection from the first day of conception. Animals which are vaccinated later than 3 weeks before gestation or during the early gestation may not be protected against foetal infection.

**All Charolais sale animals must be BVD vaccinated in order to be sold at Charolais Society Sales, please ensure you include vaccination dates on your herd health declaration form.**

# 1994 - 25 Years ago in the Charolais world

Picture 1 - Barrington Robinson receives a commemorative medal donated on behalf of the Charolais breeders in the Creuse region.

Picture 2 - L to R: The Young Members judging team who qualified to represent the NI Charolais club at the Royal Show in July. They are: Andrew Morrison, Raymond Crawford and Sandra McAdam

Picture 3 - Border Charolais club trip to Balthayock

Picture 4 - Former Society Chairman, Frank Lawson (right) presents the Asloun Trophy for the Champion Charolais bull to Gordon Wilson, Glenisla Charolais.

Picture 5 - John Mills (left) received a cow and calf figurine from Robert Simpson, Chairman of the NI Club. Looking on is the new Society inspector for the region, Alwyn Minford. The Society presented Mr Mills with a bull figurine.

Picture 6 - Jim Goldie was master judge at the Royal Show Young Breeders Stockjudging Competition. The individual winner, Andrew Stenton (Yorks & N East) is pictured in a pensive mood behind Jim.

Picture 7 - Smarty Pants - A Durno-bred beef champion

Picture 8 - Top price at Aberdeen sale, Kinlune Hogan sold for 6,000gns from JG Wilson, Glenkindie Charolais.

Picture 9 - Judging underway at Holsworthy

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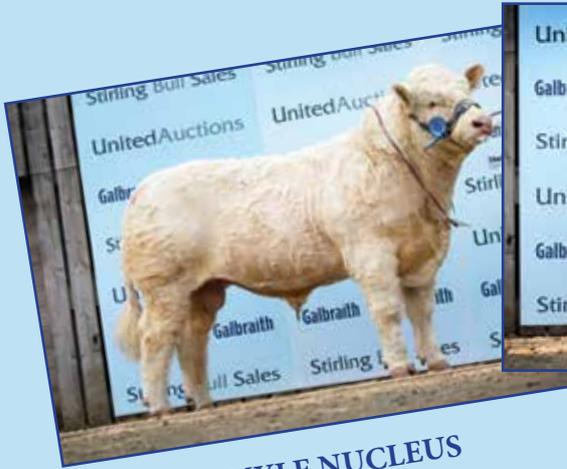
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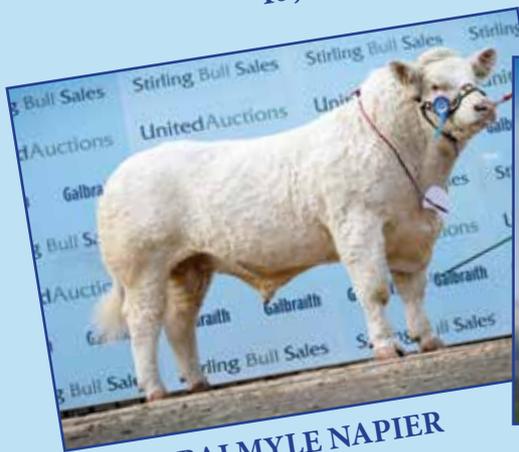


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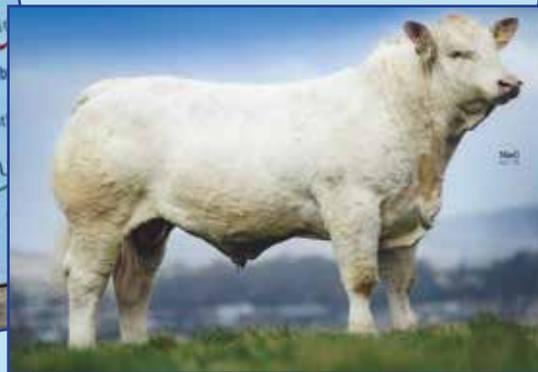


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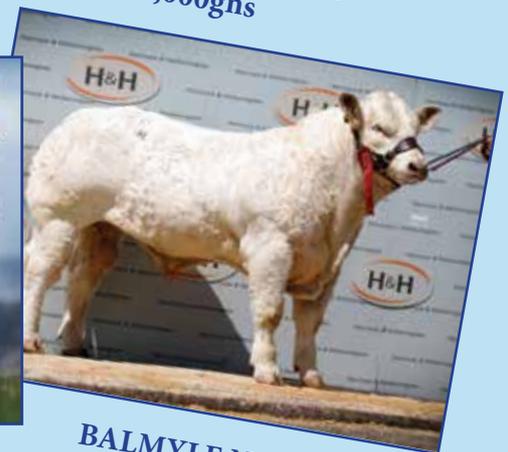
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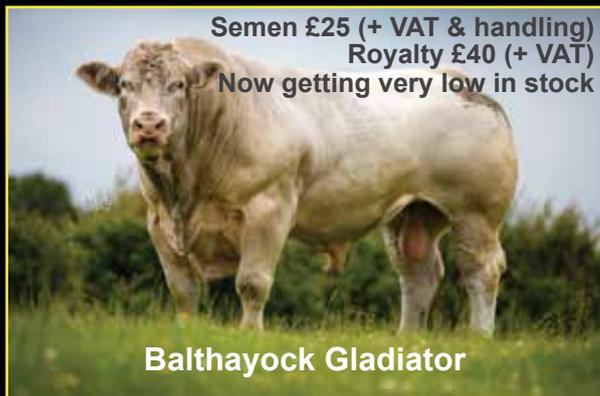
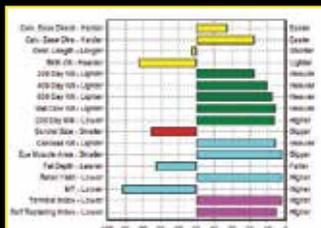
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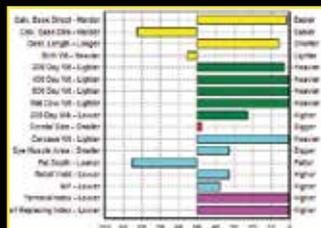
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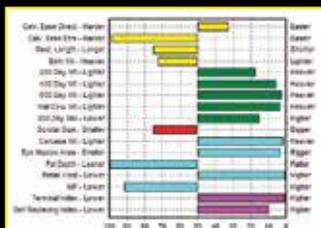
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