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Challenging times in the Beef Industry

At the time of writing this article, consumers are only paying 2.5% less for beef products than a year ago, while finished cattle are receiving 11% less. The climate change 'debate' goes on and plumbs new depths with the BBC's negligently misleading report on the IPCC report, and Goldsmiths University 'banning beef to save the planet'. I see no balanced 'right of reply' being given any airtime by our major broadcasters.

On top of this we have BREXIT and potential cross border tariffs, the future trading environment outside the EU, and all against a backdrop of political turmoil.

So, as a Society what are we doing? We send our member's concerns to the devolved levy boards whose job it is to promote beef and be accountable to their stakeholders. If you feel you can help or advise them, don't be afraid to pick the phone up and feed your concerns through to them.

We've also collected abattoir data from over one million processed head of steers, with information gathered from McIntosh Donald abattoir in Aberdeenshire. AbacusBio has analysed it, and produced a press release, it suggests that compared to the average carcase through that abattoir, those sired by a Charolais bull are:



- 14kgs heavier and
- Slaughtered 22 days earlier

“Heavier carcasses earn higher revenue, and a faster growing animal on average consumes less feed than a slower growing animal slaughtered at the same weight (not accounting for differences in feed conversion efficiency),” explains AbacusBio UK managing director Tim Byrne.

“Combined, these two factors suggest that terminal progeny sired by a Charolais bull are more profitable than the average. And, depending on the total feed intake of the heavier, faster growing Charolais-sired animals, improvements in greenhouse gas emissions per unit of product/carcase are also possible.

“With 1.59m beef cows in the UK, an estimated 343,000 are mated to a terminal sire, with 17.8% of this group mated to a Charolais sire (based on Charolais bull sales numbers, average working life, and bull:cow mating ratios). If the remaining 82.2% of terminally mated beef cows in the UK were mated to a Charolais, annual industry profits could increase by £12.1m with, at industry level, an additional 3,351 tonnes of carcase weight per year.

“At an industry level, this improvement in emissions intensity (kg CO2 equivalents/ kg of carcase weight) equates to a reduction of 11,097 tonnes annually, or the same as removing 7337 cars from the road.” (based on the average car in use in 2017 in the UK, traveling 10,000km/ year*.)”

So, in conclusion, White equals Green! We're very lucky to have such a fantastic versatile breed as it can be finished quickly to improve commercial farmers turnover and profitability.

Marketing

We now have over 16,140 Facebook followers who regularly get updates on what we're doing, and as many of you know, we share as many of your show success as possible.

The other posts we share are on eating beef and defending the beef industry against the anti- beef/farming articles on the environment.

World Congress 2022

We now have a skeleton plan for the congress and we'll be booking hotels over the next six months. We'll be looking for help and sponsors to make sure we show off British Charolais genetics at their best, so if you know anyone or companies that may want to sponsor the congress please contact the office

Summer shows

On to the Royal Highland show with Major Walter taking home the supreme championship with Balthayock Nessie, which was a fantastic result as Major Walter is celebrating his 50th year in Charolais. Neil Barclay's Harestone Mammamia took the reserve champion in a class full of very good stock, a real highlight of the summer, the Charolais stand was well organised by Carly Mackay and Allen Drysdale once again. Well done great job.

The National show was held at the Great Yorkshire show again this year (again wonderful hospitality from the Yorkshire club). This year Brailes Livestock came out on top with their super heifer Bassett Nadia, despite tough competition from the Corbett family's Teme Nude which took reserve supreme.

At the Royal Welsh show, the top results followed the National show with Brailes Livestock taking Supreme with Bassett Nadia and the Corbett family's Teme Nude taking reserve supreme. The show was an enormous success with the pavilion packed every day. Well done to the Welsh club.

The 101st Clogher Valley show and our National Young breeders final

Once again, another great show to attend with over 60 Charolais on display. The Matchett family took the supreme and Interbreed championship with their heifer Summerville Niki and S and D Bothwell took reserve with Killadeas Orlanda, who is a super bull, and I'm looking forward to hopefully seeing him again in October at the bull sales.

One of the big highlights of the summer show was this year's Young breeders final firstly well done to all the young breeders who took part and to the Northern Ireland club for running a great event, full details are on page 29.

Lastly many thanks for all the exhibitors, stewards and Judges for attending the shows. It was good to see so many of our members over the summer

No matter what happens in the future Charolais will always have a bright future as we are the Breed that improves all breeds!

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Michael Atkinson – President

Mike has been involved in the Charolais world since he and wife Margaret joined the Society in 1987. Having worked in the meat industry all of his working life, and serving six years on the Society Council, he knows a thing or two about what constitutes a great beef animal.

A previous buyer for Cleveland Meats, and still managing their herd of Charolais, alongside his demanding role at ABP as procurement manager, his focus for the future of his herd is with his four grandchildren especially oldest granddaughter Charlotte who has shown a real interest in Charolais and in showing.

Mike commented: “Nothing can compare to Charolais for finishing quickly and efficiently and their performance in terms of profitability has never been in doubt. They are the most valuable at every stage, whether a calf is sold at 10 days or taken through to beef, it commands a premium all the way.

“The trade is difficult at the moment, with the market demanding lighter cattle, but the Charolais can achieve this if it’s finished earlier. Due to the political changes we are experiencing, the next 18 months will continue to be a rocky time for the beef industry and British farming as a whole, but I foresee lots of new markets opening up for us after Brexit, and great opportunities lay ahead for our breed.”

Mike and Margaret’s Mowbraypark herd has had its fair share of success in the show ring over the years, claiming championship awards at the Royal Highland, Royal and Great Yorkshire shows along with securing a top bull sale of 24,000gns for their Perth supreme champion Mowbraypark Orlando and a top female sale of 16,000gns for Mowbraypark Gigi at the 1993 Christmas Cracker sale. Their two heifers Mowbraypark Acclaim and Airhostess also formed part of Romania’s first import of Charolais cattle and the foundation for their herd book in 2007.

Ben Harman – Chairman

Ben the new Charolais Society chairman for the Council of Management and taking over from Chris Curry has grown up with Charolais cattle, he’s a third generation Charolais breeder and took over the running of the Chesham herd in 1993 from his grandfather Tony Harman, a founding member of the Society and lobbyist for the Charolais breed.

His 250-hectare holding, Grove Farm in Chesham, Buckinghamshire, runs a 40-head pedigree Charolais herd, which he has progressed since his take over placing particular emphasis on genetic improvement based on performance recording.

His family commitment to the genetic improvement of the Charolais breed led to them setting up the Harman awards which are to recognise herds with the greatest % age improvement in SRI over the previous 12-month period, and Ben chaired the breed development committee on a previous term on the Society council.

Ben was shortlisted in last year’s Farmers Weekly Beef Farmer of the Year award for his work within the beef industry, and development of his Chagyu™ brand, is delighted to be heading up the Society at this most challenging time for the beef industry and said: “Some 50 years after my grandfather held the role, it’s a great honour to have been entrusted by my fellow British Charolais breeders to be Chairman of the Society. Chris Curry has been a paragon of judiciousness over the past two years, and it’s been my great pleasure to work alongside him as his vice chairman.

“The beef industry is under enormous pressure with unwarranted attacks from the Green lobby and non-meat diets, coupled with the uncertainty that Brexit has wrought over agriculture. However, all challenges bring with them opportunities. With fewer days to slaughter than any other breed, the British Charolais is uniquely placed to lead as the most environmentally friendly beef in the marketplace.

It’s up to all of us to calmly, and with sound evidence, challenge those who would damage our industry for their own ends. It’s my aim, together with my fellow council members, and our truly outstanding staff, to spread the truth about our exceptional breed, and what we can achieve with it.”

Arwel Owen – National

Arwel has stepped into the role of National council representative, coming back onto the Society Council after serving two previous terms.

Having served on the Charolais judging panel since 2001 and joining the Society in 1994, he’s also the current Chairman of the Breed Development committee and is dedicated to moving the breed forward within the beef sector. A product development manager for Genus ABS his role, which is based around the selection of genetics for AI in the UK, and the developing beef market abroad, gives him a unique



prospective on the beef industry as a whole.

Arwel said: “Technology is the way forward to helping us improving efficiency within the beef sector. Performance recording and genomics are the future, and why we’re investing so heavily in this area as a Society. The SNP profile data that we are collecting now is the key to linking to carcass data in the future to improve the finishing attributes of the breed for the beef market.

“Furthermore, DNA parentage testing is helping us to improve the accuracy of the herd book and, in turn, will protect our members giving us credibility and legitimacy as a breed.

“To help us to improve further, breeders must make every effort to populate Breedplan with accurate data, so that we can properly identify bulls of genetic lines that will deliver for our customers and myostatin testing will help us to educate ourselves to identify customers that require myostatin positive or negative bulls in their commercial herds, so that Charolais breeders can position the right genetics for their customers.”

Arwel’s Trefaldwyn bulls are always a feature at Welshpool sales with this year’s Spring topper Trefaldwyn Ore making 7,000gns when he was purchased by Ian Bell for the Hallbankgate herd in Cumbria. And, just two months ago, he was awarded the best bred bull in Wales, an accolade at this year’s Royal Welsh show, and then sold on his way back to the pen.

Will Short – Northern Ireland

A Charolais member since 1973, when his uncle gave him three Charolais crosses for passing his O Levels, Will Short is serving his first term as a Council representative for Northern Ireland.

Although not from a Charolais background, Will is a third-generation pedigree farmer, with his father and grandfather before him breeding pedigree cattle and pigs. When he enters the show ring Will is carrying on a prestigious show heritage as his grandfather was awarded the interbreed championship at Balmoral in 1935 with an Aberdeen Angus.

Will’s own show successes have been many and among the most memorable was the Balmoral supreme championship he secured in 2017 with Woodpark Lottie and the 16,000gns sale of Woodpark Longbow in February of the same year.



From humble Charolais beginnings, his aim was to grade up his crossbred heifers but, after a few years, he changed tact, sold them and purchased his first registered Charolais heifer. From this one heifer the herd has now grown to just over 50 pedigree cows today and is Will’s main farming focus.

Having previously served as Chairman for the Northern Ireland club, Will is always ready to participate in any club or Society event. This year he has donated a Charolais heifer for the Northern Ireland club charity raffle. The prize-winning Woodpark Olivia was awarded the reserve championship at this year’s Limavady show and has proved to be a great incentive, and so far the club has raised over £30,000 in ticket sales.

Looking to the future he said “In this world of ever-increasing population, there will be more and more demand for protein. The beef industry must be there to help fulfil this need and within that Charolais is the most efficient breed at converting silage and feed into protein.

“Added to that, with the uncertainty over Brexit and the changes that will come to single farm payments farmers need to look at efficiency to improve and sustain their profitability and this can only be a good thing for the Charolais breed.”

Tracey Nicoll – Scotland

A Society member since 1983, when her father set up their Dounreay herd in Caithness, Tracey started work at home then moved to Aberdeenshire at 22 to work as a stockperson for the late Ian Thompson, where he fattened 2000 lambs and 700 cattle per year for his butchers shop in Keith, alongside his Airdlin Charolais herd.

After eight years at Airdlin, she moved to Forfar working for the Cooper family, and their 150 cross cows, before managing their new Charolais herd. For the past 10 years she’s been stock manager, along with husband Davie, at the prestigious Balthayock herd of Major David Walter. There she manages 100 head of Charolais, 150 commercial cows and 700 Llyen sheep.



Major David Walter of Balthayock herd which has just celebrated its 50-year anniversary, has nothing but praise for Tracey and said that: “her enthusiasm and stockmanship has contributed greatly to where we are today.”

Tracey, commenting on her ethos and the future of the breed, said: “I always believe that if you look after your female breed lines, the bulls will follow. Here at Balthayock we have a working herd not a show herd, and the cows here are kept on their own merits. We’re here to breed bulls for the commercial man, and if you breed a stock bull it’s a bonus. The most rewarding part is when you have repeat customers.

“As a terminal sire, nothing beats the Charolais for performance. We must continue to breed easy calving, fast growing cattle, that

will flesh quickly to meet today's marketplace requirements.

"From an early age I would always be found following my Dad, he was a big believer in the breed, and we spent many a summer at our local shows at home in Caithness. This is where my passion for the Charolais breed started. I was lucky to learn from many of the top stock people and, due to this, I am very keen to encourage the next generation of stock people as they are as much a part of the breeds future as any other factor.

"I'm very honoured to be asked to serve on the Society council. I will do my utmost to represent our members as I really want to make a difference in such uncertain times with Brexit and falling cow numbers."

Jeremy Price – South of England

Jeremy established the Oakchurch Charolais herd in 2007 and his parents had kept Charolais before him. The herd is comprised of 20 cows with females kept as replacements and bulls sold for breeding.

Alongside their Charolais, the Oakchurch enterprise also consists a successful Aberdeen Angus herd and a finishing business, where they finish 150 to 180 cattle every year for the family farm shop. And apart from livestock side of the business, their fruit growing franchise produces strawberries, raspberries, cherries, blackberries and runner beans, not only for sale in their shop but also to supermarkets.

Former two-time winner of the Harman awards, the Oakchurch Charolais herd has been recognised for its genetic improvement, and Jeremy is keen to improve the reputation of the Charolais for calving. He produces cows that give birth unassisted, have a short gestation period, don't suffer losses, and produce calves with good growth rates and conformation.

In order to monitor performance Jeremy, who is serving his first term on society council, but is a serving member of the breed development committee, started recording as soon as he set up the herd. He says: "I find if you enter accurate data, you get useful information back. People always want an idea of what they are buying, and performance recording really helps with that."

Owner of the infamous Blelack Digger, Jeremy has used him extensively and says that "commercial producers love him and the offspring that he has produced. He really helped move the breed forward.

"We've a very efficient breed that is quick growing, but we must also produce an animal that is quicker to mature so that the meat is suitable for the marketplace. The key to this is developing animals who lay down fat cover earlier. We've recently invested in some polled semen from Australia – from the bull Palgrove Justice - a faster maturing bull with good fat depth figures."

Will Owen – Wales

First time councilman Will's Deunawd Charolais herd was established 25 years ago in Braich y Saint, Gwynedd, and now averages over 20 pedigree calf registrations a year. He served as chairman of the Welsh regional club for six years and his love of Charolais comes from a commercial perspective, as his father used Charolais over the suckler herd for many years.

Alongside the Charolais herd, the farm's commercial suckler enterprise comprises 80 head of cattle which are all put to a Charolais bull and they breed all their 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. All of the resulting store cattle are sold directly from the farm gate to repeat customers.

The Welsh regional winner of this year's Harman awards, Will is a great believer in EBV's as an improvement tool for his herd, and he joined the Breedplan scheme when it was adopted by the society in 2007.

Will's most successful Charolais so far is Deunawd Jeffrey, who was not only awarded the male championship and reserve supreme championship at the National show as well as the Royal Welsh show reserve male championship, but went on to secure a 13,000gns price tag when he was crowned senior champion at Stirling.

In 2004 the family diversified by purchasing a camp site, which now takes up much of Will's time and he's gradually been handing over the reins and responsibility for the cattle to his 19 year-old son Guto.

Will says of the future of the Charolais breed: "We're facing challenging times ahead, with the continued reduction of the national suckler herd. We've improved calving ease which is great, but I feel the use of figures and genetic testing will play even more of a part in the future, with commercial farmers looking for more information about what they are buying.

"Where the Charolais excels is in their fast growth and quicker finishing and, with the use of genetics and technology we'll be able to prove that this is the case."



Swatragh - May

5,400gns Killadeas Neil leads the Swatragh Charolais Sale

Judge: Gerard McShane

A small, but high-quality, offering of pedigree Charolais was on offer at the Northern Ireland Charolais club sale on Friday 31 May at Swatragh Mart, where 10 bulls sold to a high of 5,400gns, averaging £3,286, up £575 on the year, and cleared to 79%.

Topping the lots at 5,400gns was the reserve supreme and male champion **Killadeas Neil**, who was bred and exhibited by Stuart and David Bothwell, Ballina Mallard, Co Fermanagh. Two weeks ago they claimed both the male junior champion and reserve titles at the Balmoral show with their homebred bulls Killadeas Orlando and Olaf. The 20 month-old Neil is sired by Gwenog Braveheart who was purchased by the herd in 2014 and his dam Killadeas Francis goes back to Southern Irish-bred Dunlon Ulick. He was purchased by Raymond Pedlow, Lurgan, Co Armagh.

Next in the trade stakes at 4,200gns was a blue ticket winner from Phillip McCrory, Garvaghey, Co Tyrone. A November 2017-born son of Derryolam Impeccable, **Tandaragee Northstar** was snapped up by James McLeister, Portglenone, Co Antrim, and is bred out of the Pirate-sired Tandaragee Ellie.

Not far behind at 4,000gns was the 18 month-old **Ardmachree Noah** who caught the eye of Andrew Millar, Antrim, Co Antrim, when he was tapped out as the supreme and male champion at the pre-sale show for breeders and exhibitors Aaron and Erin Quigley, Macken, Co Fermanagh. Noah is sired by the proven easy calving AI sire Blelack Digger and his dam is Mullinveigh Gaga, a daughter of the 25,000gns Perth supreme champion Mowbraypark Orlando.

Carnview Oregon, an April 2018-born bull from James McGuigan, Maghera, Co Derry, who was placed second in his class earlier in the evening, was next top priced. His dam, the 14,200gns Balbithan Georgia who was purchased by the herd at the Balbithan dispersal sale in October 2017, is a daughter of the 10,000gns Stirling senior champion Chunal Dougie, while he is sired by the Royal Bath and West show class winner Mortimers Hurricane. He was knocked down sold to John Campbell, Maghera, Co Derry, for 3,600gns.

Following on at 2,600gns was the 13,000gns Goldies Iceman son **Toberlane Nigel**, whose dam Toberlane Georgia goes back to the 55,000gns Balmoral show interbreed champion Sportsmans Columbo. This 19 month-old lad was purchased by



Top price, reserve supreme champion and reserve male champion, Killadeas Neil sold for 5,400gns

S Brady, Stewartstown, Co Tyrone and consigned by William Causey, Cookstown, Co Tyrone, who went on the sell the next highest priced lot. The 2,500gns price was paid for his July 2017-born, yellow ticket winner **Toberlane Newton**, by purchaser Peter Quinn, Pomeroy, Co Tyrone. Newton is sired by the 14,000gns Goldies Joss and bred out of the Dungannon supreme champion Kiltybane Best-sired Toberlane Holly.

Securing 2,500gns for breeder and exhibitors Brian McAllister and Son, Kells, Co Antrim, was the 14 month-old **Burnside Olaf**, who is a son of Mowbraypark Paramount and Burnside Limp, a 16,000gns Stirling junior champion Clyth Diplomat daughter. His purchaser was the aforementioned Raymond Pedlow of Lurgan, Co Armagh.

The only heifer on offer was knocked down at 1,400gns and taken home by S Brady, Stewartstown, Co Tyrone. Royaldowns Orleans, an 11 month-old daughter of Rowandale Dancer and the 9,000gns Balmoral supreme champion Goldies Carnival-sired **Royaldowns Icecream** was offered for sale by Mervyn McKeown, Crossgar, Co Down.

Averages: 10 bulls £3,286.50, one heifer £1470.00

Auctioneers: Swatragh Livestock Market

Joint Sponsors: Friels bar and restaurant, Specialist Joinery Group and Creagh Concrete

Judge: Gerard McShane, Articarvin, Co Tyrone



Supreme and male champion Ardmachree Noah who sold for 4,000gns

Balmoral Show - Archie MacGregor

The Charolais Supreme Championship at this year's Balmoral Show went to the day's female champion, the January 2017-born **Elgin Nancy**. She was a recent purchase by exhibitor Patrick Gallagher, who bought her home to Maghera from the Morayshire based herd of Roy and Matthew Milne.

She's sired by the 11,000gns Woodpark Elgin while her dam, the Highland show class winning Elgin Electra goes back to the French born Harestone Tyrol. Nancy was much admired for her power and presence in the show ring, and she went to take Honourable Mention in the contest for Interbreed Champion.

Standing reserve to both Charolais champion titles was Susan & Jack Smyth's homebred **Bessiebell Nana** from Magheracolton. She's a 22 month-old daughter of the Stirling intermediate champion Derryharney Jumbo and the Doonally New-sired Dungannon female champion Aghyoule Finoula. This young heifer is sure to have a successful future ahead.

Judge in the Charolais section was Archie McGregor, the current President of British Charolais Cattle Society who hails from Glasgow. He needs no introduction across the pedigree and commercial cattle world. From the Allanfauld herd, he had a very successful breeding and showing career.

The Charolais breed took the Reserve Champion spot in the Linden foods beef groups consisting of Susan & Jack Smyth's **Bessiebell Nana**, David & Shirley Bothwell's **Killadeas Olaf** and WD & JA Connolly's **Brigadoon Olivia**. They were an excellent



The overall champion Elgin Nancy and reserve overall Bessiebell Nana



Overall champion Elgin Nancy from Mr P Gallagher



Reserve overall champion Bessiebell Nana from Mr J Smyth

young team that represented the breed very well.

There was no doubting the quality on show for the Charolais breed this year, with the Charolais male champion going on to take the title of the Fane Valley Interbreed Beef Performance Bull Champion from D & S Bothwell with **Killadeas Olaf**, sired by Battleford Laser and out of Killadeas Dainty, a Dunlon Ulick daughter.

WD & JA Connolly took reserve championship in the Ulster Bank Interbreed exhibitors bred pairs with **Brigadoon Nyoka** and **Brigadoon Nigella**. These excellent two year-old heifers were both sired by Goldies Icon, who also sired the Brigadoon herd's junior female champion Brigadoon Olivia.

There was a huge level of interest in the Charolais breed across the four days of the show, with visitors complimenting the high levels of quality across the classes, and many breeders spending significant time at the ringside and in the cattle lines. The club also attracted much discussion at the breed stand where they were attracted by a superb Charolais beef display from the Marquess Family Butchers, Muckamore, Antrim.

The club is indebted to the breeders for bringing out such a fine display of cattle, the British Charolais Society, the section sponsor and the RUAS; their staff and many



Junior male champion Killadeas Orlando and the reserve junior male champion Killadeas Olaf



Killadeas Orlando Overall Male, junior male champion from S & D Bothwell



Killadeas Olaf reserve junior male from S & D Bothwell

committees and sub-groups, as well as the farming press for all their hard work in rolling out the Balmoral Showcase.

BALMORAL SHOW 2019 RESULTS

Class 599 – Cow, born before 01/01/2016, in milk or in calf

- 1 Mrs & Mrs N Matchett – **Tawny Jasmine** – s Doonally New
- 2 WD & JA Connolly – **Wesley Glamorous** – s. Balthayock Aesop

Class 600 – Cow or Heifer, in milk or in calf born in 2016

- 1 Mr R McWilliams – **Stranagone Monalisa** – s. Stranagone Jones
- 2 WD & JA Connolly – **Brigadoon Milan** – s. Brigadoon Himself
- 3 Mr A McCammond – **Crossane Mia** - s. Alwent Goldbar

Class 601 – Heifer, born on or after 01/01/2017 and on or before 30 June 2017

- 1 Mr P Gallagher – **Elgin Nancy** – s. Woodpark Elgin
- 2 Mr & Mrs N Matchett – **Summerville Niki** – s. Cavelands Fenian
- 3 Mr B O’Kane – **Gallaran Nicole** – s. Rumsden Fawkes

Class 602 Heifer, born on or after 01/07/2017 and on or before 31/12/2017

- 1 Mr J Smyth – **Bessiebell Nana** – s. Derryharney Jumbo
- 2 Mr & Mrs N Matchett – **Limekiln Nicole** – s. Panama
- 3 Mr A McCammond - **Crossane Nora** - s.Tullygarley Alibaba

Class 603 – Heifer, born on or after 01/01/2018

- 1 WD & JA Connolly – **Brigadoon Olivia**– s. Goldies Icon
- 2 Mr J R Paynter – **Drumilly Overjoyed** – s. Invictus
- 3 J H Wilson & Sons – **Ballinlare Olive** – s. Harestone Jackson

Class 604– Bull born on or before 1/1/2018

- 1 Mr W Short – **Bleack Marmaduke** – s. Oak church Igor



Bleack Marmaduke reserve male champion from Mr W Short



Senior female champion Tawny Jasmine owned by Mr & Mrs N Matchett



Reserve junior female champion Drumilly Overjoyed from Mr J R Paynter

- 2 Mr J McGrath – **Sportsman Monarch** – s. Barnsford Ferny

Class 605 – Bull born on or after 1/1/2018 and on or before 31/3/2018

- 1 WD & JA Connolly – **Brigadoon Oskar** – s. Wesley Equinox
- 2 Mr W Short – **Woodpark Oak** – s. Deeside Gulliver
- 3 Miss L Titterington – **Cherryvalley Olympus** – s. Chic

Class – 606 - Bull born on or after 1/4/2018

- 1 S & D Bothwell – **Killadeas Orlando** – s. Battleford Laser
- 2 S & D Bothwell – **Killadeas Olaf** – s. Battleford Laser
- 3 Mr T O’Neill – **Glenramble Orson** – s. Dooley Lewis

Class 607 Group of Three Animals

- 1 WD & JA Connolly
- 2 E Johnston & Sons
- 3 Mrs & Mrs N Matchett

Supreme & Female Champion

- Mr P Gallagher – **Elgin Nancy** – s. Woodpark Elgin

Reserve Supreme & Reserve Female Champion

- Mr J Smyth – **Bessiebell Nana** – s. Derryharney jumbo

Junior Female Champion

- W D & J A Connolly – **Brigadoon Olivia** – s. Goldies Icon

Reserve Junior Female Champion

- Mr J R Paynter – **Drumilly Overjoyed** – s. Invictus

Junior Male Champion & Overall Male Champion
S & D Bothwell – Killadeas Orlando –
s. Battleford Laser

Reserve Junior Male Champion
S & D Bothwell – Killadeas Olaf – s. Battleford Laser

Reserve Male Champion
Mr W Short – Blelack Marmaduke –
s. Oakchurch Igor

Special prizes for the Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Charolais female
WD & JA Connolly – Brigadoon Olivia – s. Goldies Icon
Mr J R Paynter – Drumilly Overjoyed -s. Invictus

Special prizes for the Champion & Reserve Junior Charolais bull
S & D Bothwell – Killadeas Orlando – s. Battleford Laser
S & D Bothwell – Killadeas Olaf – s. Battleford Laser

Champion prizes for the Champion & Reserve Champion Charolais
Mr P Gallagher – Elgin Nancy – s. Woodpark Elgin
Mr J Smyth – Bessiebell Nana – Derryharney jumbo



The group of three - Brigadoon Charolais, WD & JA Connolly



Linden Farms interbreed reserve champions Mr J Smyth with Bessiebell Nana, S & D Bothwell with Killadeas Olaf and WD & JA Connolly with Brigadoon Olivia

Linden Foods Beef Groups Reserve Champions Mr J Smyth – Bessiebell Nana, S & D Bothwell – Killadeas Olaf and WD & J A Connolly – Brigadoon Olivia

Fane Valley Interbreed Beef Performance Bull Champion S & D Bothwell – Killadeas Orlando – s. Battleford Laser

Ulster Bank Interbreed Exhibitor Bred Pairs Reserve Champions WD & JA Connolly – Brigadoon Nyoka – s. Goldies Icon & Brigadoon Nigella – s. Goldies Icon

Linden Foods Interbreed Show Team Award Champions - WD & J A Connolly – Brigadoon Charolais



Class 599 - Tawny Jasmine from Mr & Mrs N Matchett



Class 600 - Stranagone Monalisa from Mr R McWilliams



Class 601 - Elgin Nancy from Mr P Gallagher



Class 602 - Bessiebell Nana from Mr J Smyth



Class 603 - Brigadoon Olivia from WD & JA Connolly



Class 604 - Blelack Marmaduke from Mr W Short



Class 605 - Brigadoon Oska from WD & JA Connolly

Royal Highland Show - Charlie Boden

HIGHLAND SHOW RESULTS 2019

Class 245 – Female born or between 01/04/2018 and 31/07/ 2018

- 1 J Irvine & Son – **Inverlochy Odette** – s Kilbline 1 Instigator
- 2 J Watson & Co – **Tweeddale Olive** – s. Goldies Jasper
- 3 Major DFWH & NR Walter – **Balthayock Octavia** – s. Balthayock Loyalist

Class 246 – Female born on or between 01/01/2018 and 31 March 2018

- 1 Jamie Rettie – **Formakin Opal** – s. Hercule
- 2 Mr A B Hornall – **Falleninch Orla** – s. Falleninch Imperator
- 3 Mr DM Lyle – **Loganbar Orla** - s. Lisnagre Jamson ET

Class 247 – Female born on or between 24/06/2017 and 31/12/2017

- 1 R & N Barclay – **Harestone Natalie** – s. Thrunton Socrates
- 2 Mr A B Hornall - **Falleninch Nigella** – s. Falleninch Imperator
- 3 Mr R Aitken – **Lourie Novelty** – s. Davally Illusion ET

Class 248 Female born on or between 01/01/2017 and 23/06/2017

- 1 Major DFWH & NR Walter – **Balthayock Nessie** – s. Dingle Hofmeister
- 2 Brailes Livestock – **Bassett Nadia** – s. Harestone Domino
- 3 Miss M T Hanson – **Silvermere Narnia** – s. Blelack Digger

Class 249 – Female born on or between 01/01/2016 and 31/12/2016

- 1 R & N Barclay – **Harestone Mammamia**– s. Maerdy Dublin
- 2 Mr G Russell – **Lesliepark Maggie** – s. Mandela Dillon 1 ET
- 3 Major DFWH & NR Walter – **Balthayock Melissa** – s. Balthayock Ferdinand



The overall champion and female champion Balthayock Nessie and reserve overall champion and reserve female Harestone Mammamia



Balthayock Nessie from Major DFWH & NR Walter



Harestone Mammamia from R & N Barclay

Class 251– Bull born on or between 01/04/2018 and 30/06/2018

- 1 Mr A J Stott – **Tophill Oly** – s. Sandelford Harrison ET
- 2 Mr A Ivory – **Cardean Osprey** – s. Maerdy Henley
- 3 Mr E A Mutch – **Forglen Ohio** – s. Forglen Hurricane

Class 252 – Bull born on or between 01/01/2018 and 31/3/2018

- 1 Mr J Rix – **Wissington Olaf** – s. Edenhurst Leader (P)
- 2 Mr S Mitchell – **Huttonend Oli** ET – s. Alwent Goldbar ET
- 3 J Irvine & Son – **Inverlochy Orion** – s. Blelack Giggsey

Class – 253 - Bull born on or between 24/6/2018 and 31/12/2017

- 1 Major DFWH & NR Walter – **Balthayock Nevada** – s. Balthayock Impression
- 2 Mr J Young – **Auchenhill Notorious**– s. Lesliepark Lithgow



Champion male and junior male champion Wissington Olaf and reserve champion male and reserve junior male Huttonend Oli ET



Wissington Olaf from Mrs J Rix



Junior champion and junior female champion Harestone Natalie and reserve junior champion and reserve junior female champion Falleninch Nigella

Class – 255 - Bull born on or before 31/12/2016

1 WK & P Drysdale – **Glenericht Hollywood** – s. Balnuith Valour

Overall Champion

Major DFWH & NR Walter – **Balthayock Nessie**

Reserve Overall Champion

R & N Barclay – **Harestone Mammamia**

Champion bull

Mrs J Rix – **Wissington Olaf**

Reserve champion bull

Mr S Mitchell – **Huttonend Oli ET**

Female champion

Mr DFWH & NR Walter – **Balthayock Nessie**



The pairs champions Harestone Mammamia and Natalie from R & N Barclay



The pairs reserve champions Falleninch Orla and Nigella from Mr A B Hornall



Harestone Natalie from R & N Barclay



Falleninch Nigella from Mr A B Hornall



Formakin Opal from Mr J Rettie & J McNeill



Tophill Olly from Mr A J Stott



Balthayock Nevada from Major DFWH & NR Barclay



Reserve Female Champion
R & N Barclay – **Harestone Mammamia**

Junior champion
R & N Barclay – **Harestone Natalie**

Reserve junior champion
Mr A B Hornall – **Falleninch Nigella**

Champion junior male champion
Mrs J Rix – **Wissington Olaf**

Reserve junior male champion
Mr S Mitchell – **Huttonend Oli ET**

Junior female champion
R & N Barclay – **Harestone Natalie**

Reserve junior female champion
Mr A B Hornall – **Falleninch Nigella**

Breeder of best bull
Mrs J Rix – **Wissington Olaf**

Best animal of opposite sex to champion
Mrs J Rix – **Wissington Olaf**

Best animal bred by Exhibitor
Major DFWH & NR Walter – **Balthayock Nessie**

Best pair of Charolais cattle owned and bred by exhibitor entered in the show classes
R & N Barclay – **Harestone Mammamia and Harestone Natalie**

Reserve pair of Charolais cattle owned and bred by exhibitor entered in the show classes
Mr A B Hornall – **Falleninch Orla and Falleninch Nigella**

Best animal bred by exhibitor who also must be a member of the Scottish and Northern Charolais Breeders Association
Major DFWH & NR Walter – **Balthayock Nessie**

Glenericht Hollywood from WK & P Drysdale

National Charolais Show at the Great Yorkshire Show - Ben Harman

National Show Results 2019

Class 72 – Female born on or between 01/05/2018 – 31/07/2018

1 – MV & ME Atkinson – **Mowbraypark Olivia** – s. Kilbreck Ecosse

Class 73 – Females born on or between 01/03/2018 – 30/04/2018

1 – J Watson & Co – **Tweeddale Olive** – s. Goldies Jasper

2 – Mr GW Turner – **Brampton Oyster** – s. Border Jamboree

3 – Messrs Mortimers Farms – **Mortimers Onyourtoes** – s. Farleycopse Laurence

Class 74 – Females born on or between 01/01/2018 – 28/02/2018

1 – Jamie Rettie – **Formakin Opal** – s. Hercule

2 – Messrs Mortimers Farms – **Mortimers Overjoy** – s. Farleycopse Laurence

3 – F, J & EC Andrews –

Holtstead Ophelia –

s. Blelack Digger

Class 75 – Females born on or between 01/07/2017 – 31/12/2017

1 – Mr G Russell –

Lesliepark Nora –

s. Lesliepark Lithgow

2 – Mr R Aitken – **Lourie Novelty** – s. Davally Illusion

3 – J Watson & Co –

Tweeddale Nannymcpee

– s. Goldies Jasper

Class 76 – Females born on or between 01/01/2017 – 30/06/2017

1 – Brailes Livestock – **Bassett Nadia** – s. Harestone Domino



The overall and female champion Bassett Nadia and reserve overall and reserve female champion Teme Nude



Bassett Nadia from Brailes Livestock



Teme Nude from Mrs SM Corbett & daughters

2 – Mrs SM Corbett & Daughters – **Teme Nude** – s. Teme Lunar
3 – Mr D H Knox – **Balbithan Nancy** – s. Davally Illusion

Class 77 – Female born on or before 31/12/2016

1 – Mr R Tremayne – **Marne Mirage** – s. Marne Gucci

2 – Mr H R Wood – **Woodline Holly** – s. Blelack Digger

3 – Mr G Russell – **Lesliepark Maggie** – s. Mandela Dillon

Class 78 – Bulls born on or between 01/05/2018 – 31/07/2018

1 – Mr G W Turner – **Brampton Omar** – s. Border Jamboree

2 – Mr D K Timm – **Hillviewfarm Outlaw** – s. Blelack Digger

Class 79 – Bull born on or between 01/03/2018 – 30/04/2018

1 – J Watson & Co – **Tweeddale Outlook** – s. Maerdy Jerusalem

2 – Mrs SM Corbett & Daughters – **Teme Oreo** – s. Shraden Ostram

3 – Mr D Noton – **Ashby Oaks** – s. Blelack Digger



*The junior Interbreed group
Wissington Olaf, Lesliepark Nora, Lourie Novelty
and Formakin Opal*



Male champion Wissington Olaf from Jenny Rix and reserve male champion Brampton Omar from Billy Turner



Junior female champion Lesliepark Nora from George Russell and reserve junior female champion Formakin Opal from R McNeill & J Rettie



Junior champion Lesliepark Nora from George Russell and reserve junior champion Wissington Olaf from Jenny Rix



The pairs champions from Messrs Mortimers Farms



Female champion Bassett Nadia from Brailes Livestock and reserve female champion Teme Nude from Mrs SM Corbett & daughters

Pair of Animals owned and bred by one exhibitor

- 1 – Messrs Mortimers Farms
- 2 – F & J & EC Andrews
- 3 – Mr G W Turner

Interbreed Junior Team Champions

- Mrs J Rix – **Wissington Olaf** – s. Edenhurst Leader
 Mr G Russell – **Lesliepark Nora** – s. Lesliepark Lithgow
 Mr R Aitken – **Lourie Novelty** – s. Davally Illusion
 Jamie Rettie – **Formakin Opal** – s. Hercule

Supreme & Female Champion

Brailes Livestock – **Bassett Nadia** – s. Harestone Domino

Reserve Supreme & Female Champion

Mrs SM Corbett & Daughters – **Teme Nude** – s. Teme Lunar

Class 80 – Bull born on or between 01/01/2018 – 28/02/2018

- 1 – Mrs J Rix – **Wissington Olaf** – s. Edenhurst Leader
- 2 – Brailes Livestock – **Bassett Online** – s. Harestone Domino

Class 81 – Bull born in 2017

- 1 – Mr D K Timm – **Balthayock Nominee** – s. Balthayock Impression
- 2 – Mr J Young – **Auchenhill Notorious** – s. Lesliepark Lithgow



BBC TV Countryfile presenters Jules Hudson and Anita Rani with a Charolais heifer belonging to Emma Andrews the Holstead herd of Charolais

Male Champion & Junior Male Champion

Mrs J Rix – **Wissington Olaf** – s. Edenhurst Leader

Reserve Male & Reserve Junior Male Champion

Mr G W Turner – **Brampton Omar** – s. Border Jamboree

Female Junior Champion

Mr G Russell – **Lesliepark Nora** – s. Lesliepark Lithgow

Reserve Junior Female Champion

Jamie Rettie – **Formakin Opal** – s. Hercule

Junior Champion

Mr G Russell – **Lesliepark Nora** – s. Lesliepark Lithgow

Reserve Junior Champion

Mrs J Rix – **Wissington Olaf** – s. Edenhurst Leader

Class winners



Class 76 - Bassett Nadia from Brailes Livestock



Class 77 - Marne Mirage from Rob Tremayne



Class 72 - Mowbraypark Olivia from MV & ME Atkinson



Class 78 - Brampton Omar from Billy Turner



Class 73 - Tweeddale Olive from Jonathan Watson



Class 79 - Tweeddale Outlook from Jonathan Watson



Class 74 - Formakin Opal from R McNeill & J Rettie



Class 80 - Wissington Olaf from Jenny Rix



Class 75 - Lesliepark Nora from George Russell



Class 81 - Balthayock Nominee from Mr CD Timm and family

Royal Welsh Show - Mike Atkinson

Royal Welsh Results 2019

Class 423 - Bull born in 2017

- 1 - Kevin & Sioned Thomas - **Thrunton Nugget** - s. Thrunton Gladiator
- 2 - Mr D Huw Jones - **Gwarcwm Nick** - s. Gwarcwm Lyric

Class 424 - Bull born on or between 01/01/2018 - 31/03/2018

- 1 - Mrs Jennifer Rix - **Wissington Olaf** - s. Edenhurst Leader
- 2 - Brailes Livestock - **Bassett Online** - s. Harestone Domino
- 3 - SM Corbett & Daughters - **Teme Oreo** - s. Shraden Osram

Class 425 - Bull born on or between 01/04/2018 - 31/07/2018

- 1 - Waldencourt Charolais - **Waldencourt Otago** - s. Blelack Digger
- 2 - Mr Richard Arwel Owen - **Trefaldwyn Orlando** - s. Goldies Eddy
- 3 - SM Corbett & Daughters - **Teme Optimum** - s. Barnsford Ferny

Class 429 Cow in milk or calf born before 31/12/15

- 1 - Josh Wainwright - **Rogans Jojo** - s. Corrie Alan
- 2 - Kevin & Sioned Thomas - **Moelfre Halo** - s. Newhouse Chicago
- 3 - Miss Charlotte L Boden - **Shraden Highlight** - s. Shraden Highlight

Class 430 Cow or heifer born in 2016

- 1 - Mr S James & Miss G Davies - **Goldies Madame** - s. Gretnahouse Heman

Class 431 - Heifer born on or between 01/01/2017 - 31/03/2017

- 1 - RO Williams & Son - **Carddaniel Nanette** - s. Dingle Hofmeister
- 2 - Darren Knox - **Balbithan Nancy** - s. Davally Illusion
- 3 - Mr S James & Miss G Davies - **Balbithan Nettle** - s. Thrunton Fairfax



The overall champion Bassett Nadia and reserve overall champion Teme Nude



Bassett Nadia from Brailes Livestock



Teme Nude from Mrs SM Corbett & daughters

Class 432 - Heifer born on or between 01/04/2017 - 31/12/2017

- 1 - Brailes Livestock - **Bassett Nadia** - s. Harestone Domino
- 2 - SM Corbett & Daughters - **Teme Nude** - s. Teme Lunar
- 3 - R O Williams & Son - **Caerddaniel Nice** - s. Goldstar Gentleman

Class 433 - Heifer born on or between 01/01/2018 - 31/03/2018

- 1 - SM Corbett & Daughters - **Teme Olive** - s. Shraden Talisman
- 2 - Brailes Livestock - **Bassett Oakleaf** - s. Harestone Domino
- 3 - Thor Atkinson - **Arradfoot Oceana** - s. Wesley Furnish



The male champion Wissington Olaf and reserve Thrunton Nugget



Wissington Olaf from Mrs J Rix



Thrunton Nugget from Kevin and Sioned Thomas

Class 434 - Heifer born on or between 01/04/2018 – 31/07/2018

- 1 - SM Corbett & Daughters - **Teme Octavia** - s. Blelack Blackberet
- 2 - Vivian Griffiths - **Ffynnon Olwen** - s. Ffynnon Icicle
- 3 - Miss Charlotte L Boden - **Bostockgreen Opal** - s. Davally Illusion

Interbreed Championships

Interbreed Junior Continental Bull Champion

Mrs Jennifer Rix - **Wissington Olaf** - s. Edenhurst Leader

Reserve Interbreed Team of Five Champions

Charolais – **Thrunton Nugget, Bassett Nadia, Teme Nude & Caerddaniel Nanette & Caerddaniel Nice**

Royal Welsh Show Young Handler Champions

Grace Corbett & Nathan Jones with Teme Octavia & Teme Olive

Breed Championships

Supreme & Female Champion

Brailes Livestock - **Bassett Nadia** - s. Harestone Domino

Reserve Supreme & Reserve Female Champion

SM Corbett & Daughters - **Teme Nude** - s. Teme Lunar

Male Champion, Junior Male Champion & Best Exhibit Opposite Sex to the Champion

Mrs Jennifer Rix - **Wissington Olaf** - s. Edenhurst Leader

Reserve Male Champion

Kevin & Sioned Thomas - **Thrunton Nugget** - s. Thrunton Gladiator



*The reserve Interbreed Group
Thrunton Nugget, Bassett Nadia, Teme Nude,
Caerddaniel Nanette & Caerddaniel Nice*

Reserve Junior Male Champion

Brailes Livestock - **Bassett Online** - s. Harestone Domino

Best Junior Bull Bred in Wales

Mr Richard Arwel Owen - **Trefaldwyn Orlando** - s. Goldies Eddy

Junior Female Champion

SM Corbett & Daughters - **Teme Olive** - s. Shraden Talisman

Reserve Junior Female Champion

Brailes Livestock - **Bassett Oakleaf** - s. Harestone Domino

Best Pair of Charolais Cattle

R O Williams & Son – **Caerddaniel Nanette & Caerddaniel Nice**



*The female champion Bassett Nadia
and reserve female champion
Teme Nude*



*Junior male champion Wissington Olaf
and Reserve Bassett Online*



*Bassett Online from
Brailes Livestock*



*Junior female champion Teme Olive
and reserve Bassett Oakleaf*



*Teme Olive from
SM Corbett & Daughters*



*Bassett Oakleaf from
Brailes Livestock*



The pairs champions Caerddaniel Nanette and Nice from RO Williams & Son



Caerddaniel Nannette from RO Williams & Son



Rogans Jojo from Josh Wainwright



Goldies Madame from S James & G Davies



Teme Octavia from SM Corbett & Partners



Waldencourt Otago from Waldencourt Charolais



*Left:
Ben Williams
with Rachel
Wyllie*



*Right:
Ben with
Eva Corbett*



Ben with Aled Shenton



Ben with Melita Corbett



Ben with Arwel Owen



Ben with Darren Knox

Around the shows 2019



Charolais show champions of 2019

Balbithan Nancy – Darren Knox

South of England Show Reserve Charolais Champion
 South Suffolk Show Reserve Supreme Champion
 Suffolk Show Reserve Supreme Champion
 Royal Norfolk Show Reserve Supreme Interbreed Champion,
 Continental Female Champion, Reserve Supreme Breed
 Champion & Breed Female Champion



Balbithan Nancy



Bassett Nadia

Bassett Nadia – Brailes Livestock

Breed Champion Stirling Show 2019
 Great Yorkshire Show Overall Champion



Bostockgreen Opal



Cove Nigella

Bostockgreen Opal – Charlotte Boden

Royal Cheshire Show Junior Champion & Reserve Supreme
 Champion

Cove Nigella – Clare Clapp

Bath & West Show supreme beef champion

Drumilly Overjoyed – Jeremy Paynter

County Armagh Show Reserve Champion



*Drumilly Overjoyed
 and Summerville
 Nikki*



Foxacre Ninette

Foxacre Ninette – Mrs Ann Orr-Ewing

Three Counties Show Champion

Lourie Novelty – Robert Aitken

Fife Show - Champion of Champions

Mortimers Novelty – Mortimers Farm Ltd

South of England Charolais Champion



Mortimers Novelty

Moulais Orla – Anthony Mould

Staffordshire County Show Champion

Moulais Olive – Anthony Mould

Staffordshire County Show Reserve Champion

Summerville Niki – Matchett Family

County Armagh Show Interbreed Supreme Beef Champion



Lourie Novelty



*Moulais Orla
 and Olive*

Teme Nude – Corbett Family

Shropshire Show Reserve Beef Interbreed Champion

Wissington Olaf – Jenny Rix

Royal Norfolk Show Supreme & Male Champion

Yondercroft Penelope – Meikle Farms

Newmilns Show Reserve Continental Beef Champion



Teme Olive



Teme Nude



Summerville Niki



Teme Optimum



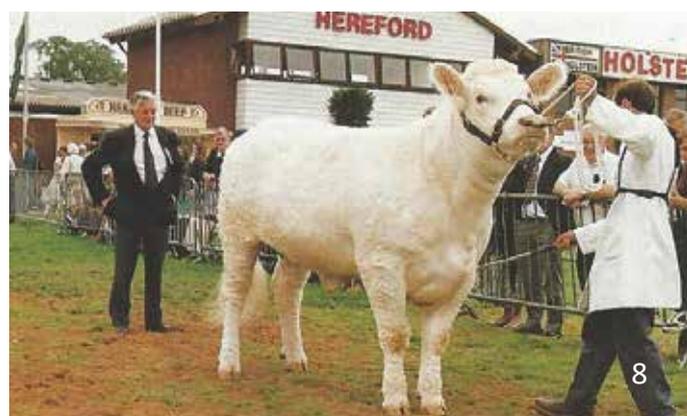
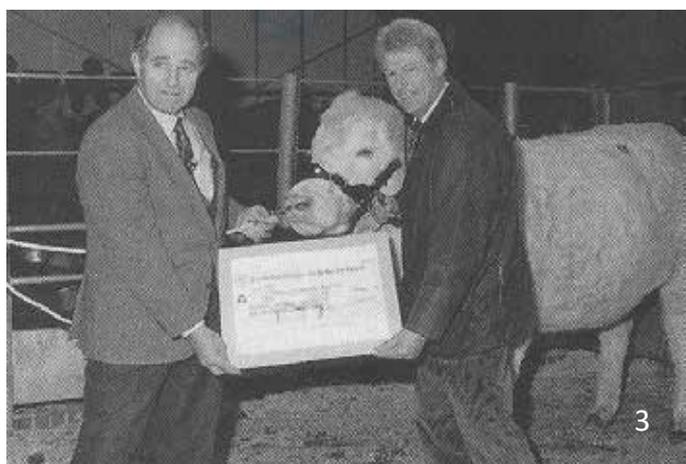
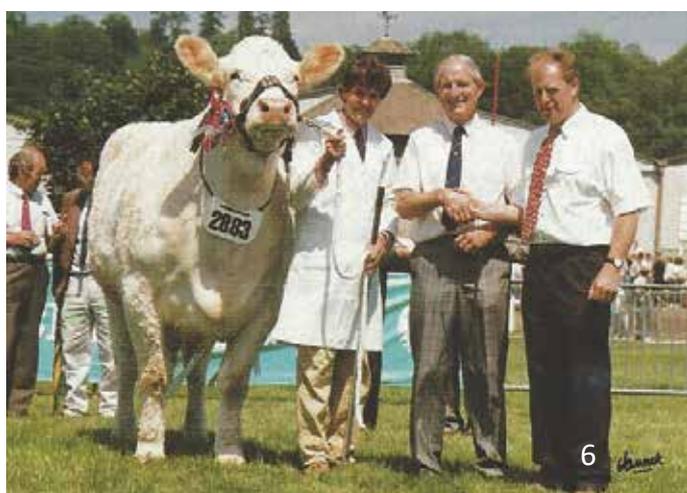
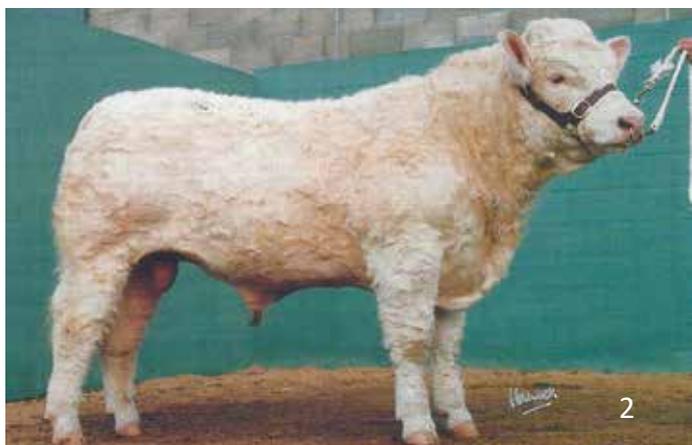
Wissington Olaf



Yondercroft Penelope

Can you remember what happened 25 years ago?

See page 45 for the answers



Charolais is the first choice in Warwickshire

Yvonne and Andrew Trivett want suckler cows that last and are busy building up both a commercial and pedigree Charolais herd to total 70 head at Boulthees Farm, Wigston Hill, Horley, Atherstone in Warwickshire.

“We were looking at the Charolais breed at shows across the country, and realised they were always selling for top prices at the auction marts,” says Yvonne. “Their growth rates were by far the best, and since we started with the breed quite a few years back, they’ve never disappointed. Today we’re breeding some stunning calves and we’re really happy with the quality they’ve brought to our farm.”

The couple farm a total of 1100 acres which are mainly arable, with just 150 acres of grass... shared between the cattle and an equestrian livery yard on site.

There’s about 100 acres of forage maize, 35 acres of fodder beet, 500 acres of winter wheat, and 300 of oilseed rape with the remainder down to spring barley. All wheat falls into a Group One and goes for milling, while some of the fodder beet is sold off the farm with the remainder fed.

The grassland is both grazed and cut for hay and silage with the surplus sold to neighbouring farms. Hay is the first cut followed by multiple silage cuts depending on grass growth and weather.

The main commercial beef herd consists of 33 cows running with a Charolais bull. Numbers go up and down year on year, but the cows are gradually moving from carrying a majority of Belgian Blue blood to a majority of Charolais, with the resultant calves are catching the eye of Charolais breeders across the county.

“Our heifers go to an Aberdeen Angus and we breed for good udders, they are so important. That first hour after birth is vital, and we don’t want a cow with an udder too high or two low making it difficult for the calf to suckle.”



Yvonne and Andrew Trivett

The Trivetts are pushing back calving to January to March from March to July as they found the workload, with such a large arable acreage, hard to manage. Calving is the busiest time, so it made sense to plan it away from harvest.

“This also enables us to put the calves out on to the spring grass,” explains Andrew. “It spreads the workload.”

The farm has two pedigree Charolais bulls, the first, Boulthees Liberator, is home bred and the second is Tutbury Monarch, who was bought in from the Leaversley herd in Burton-on-Trent.

When the Trivetts were first offered the farm tenancy, their background had been in dairy, but to stay in this, the farm would have needed a lot of infrastructure and investment. With no animals, the farm seemed to quiet, so the decision was made to ‘go for’ beef.

“We started by fattening, buying calves from local farms, but then realised we were better with a suckler cow unit. We were selling store cattle at the markets, and always admired the Charolais as a breed, and liked the high prices we saw them delivering week on week,” says Yvonne.

As well as the commercial sucklers, there’s a pedigree herd of eight cows that run with Tetbury Monarch. The heifers in both herds are retained, with the bull calves castrated as soon as practical.

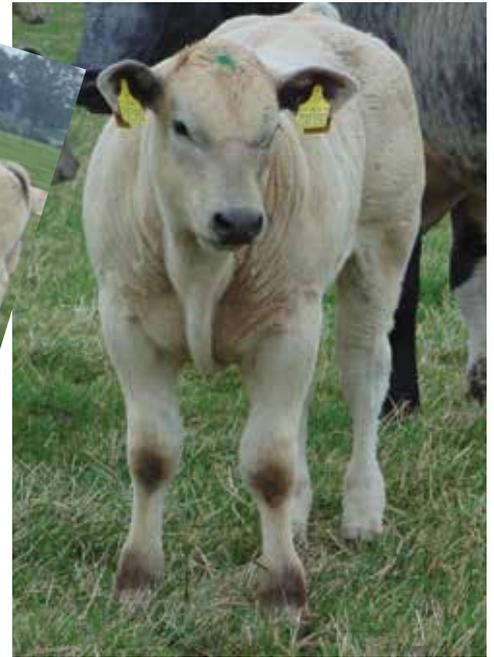
All cows and calves go out to grass as soon as practical – the couple believe they are much healthier out in the fresh air – and until November they have the choice of walking out or staying in, making for a much calmer herd.

November time they are weaned and are housed over the winter on a different farm. While loose housed they are reared on maize silage and rape meal.

“We’re not looking for a big carcass,” explains Yvonne. “We sell direct to Morrisons and aim to finish the cattle at between 18 and 20 months. We’re looking for a maximum of 430kgs deadweight with a killing out percentage of around 57%. They get there easily within 18 months as long as they get the proper forage and the right start.”

With the option to walk in or out, the cattle get very used to people, and the Trivetts are determined to keep handling and stress to a minimum. Their one journey to the abattoir is their only transport and they’re weighed twice in their lives – each time coinciding with TB testing.

“We’re really happy with the Charolais breed,” says Yvonne. “We’re getting some lovely calves, they’re giving us great returns, and the cows are easy to calve and very good mothers. We plan to increase numbers gradually, and will certainly be sticking with these cows in the future.”



Top accolade for Charolais breeder

Jim Goldie who brought his first Charolais cattle into the UK in 1969 has won a top livestock accolade and has been presented with the prestigious Sir William Young Award for outstanding contribution to livestock breeding. The award was announced at the Royal Highland Show in June and came as a complete surprise to Jim, who says he is both humbled and delighted to have won this award.

Jim, who farmed at South Bowerhouses and Townfoot in partnership with his sons Hamish and Bruce, is synonymous with the world of livestock breeding and showing, having been at the forefront of Charolais breeding for 50 years. He served several terms on Council between 1972 and 1995.

“I first saw Charolais cattle at the Paris Show and was really impressed with their growth rate and conformation” he remembers. “British Charolais have been adapted to meet the demand from commercial breeders with unbeatable growth rates and easy calving and are in great demand as sires of suckled calves and prime cattle.”

The ‘Goldies’ prefix is engrained in the pedigrees of a huge number of Charolais cattle, and as well as attracting top prices for bulls sold through Perth/Stirling and Carlisle he has won numerous show rosettes including the very first Charolais championship at the Royal Highland Show in 1972 and the first ever win for a continental breed in the famous Burke Trophy at the Royal Show in 1976.

In 2001 more than 30 years of pedigree breeding was wiped out when his entire herd of 720 pedigree Charolais and Limousin cattle was hit with Foot and Mouth disease. “It was absolutely heartbreaking” he says. “It took me to breaking point. All we had worked so hard to achieve disappeared overnight.” It was sheer dedication, and the love of the cattle, that encouraged him and his sons Hamish and Bruce to start again and Jim’s vision and support for his two sons has seen the Goldies Charolais and Limousin herds rebuilt.

Charolais bulls from the new herd have sold to 38,000gns and 34,000gns., and Goldies Formidable, who has sired 105 calves in the Goldies herd, sired Goldies Jasper and Goldies Jerry who sold for 23,000gns and 26,000 gns in February 2016.

Jim can always be found at the ringside at all the shows and sales in Stirling and Carlisle. He has judged cattle and sheep at all the major pedigree shows around the UK, including all four Royal Show, Smithfield and Paris Show. As a Young Farmer he represented Scotland at international stockjudging events for beef, sheep and dairy.

Today, the farming business has been divided between Hamish and Bruce, although Jim still assists in both Hamish and Bruce’s enterprises as both still breed high quality cattle and sheep successfully.

“Livestock is Jim’s passion, reflected in the world class animals he produces,” says Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland chairman Jimmy Warnock. “His achievements are remarkable and to be consistently leading the way in his industry is a credit to a man who is truly committed to excelling in livestock management.

“He has shown true resilience and his understanding and insight into livestock breeding is evident in the success he has enjoyed. Jim is a true asset and very worthy of this year’s Sir William Young Award”



Jim Goldie with some of his Charolais females above and below Charolais bulls



Charolais Youth Regional Stock Judging Qualifiers

Northern Ireland

Regional qualifiers continued with the Northern Ireland region and, once again, Swatragh mart kindly offered to host. There was a great turnout of youngsters taking part with the hope of securing a place on the Northern Ireland team at the finals.

There were three classes of cattle to be judged, two classes of heifers which were kindly supplied by Robert McWilliams and William Whyte, while Will Short brought a class of young bulls and has also very generously supplied a heifer as prize for this year's NI club raffle, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and the Air Ambulance of Northern Ireland. Tickets for this are still available to purchase from the Northern Ireland Charolais club.

Previous Charolais national youth final winner Kevin Reavey was the master judge. Kevin, who was incorporated onto the prestigious Charolais judges' panel after impressing his mentor David Barker of the Caylers herd from Hertfordshire, when he shadowed at last year's Clogher show, since went on to judge at Dungannon sale earlier this month.

Heading up the senior section with a score of 130 points was Alan Burleigh of Crummy, Co Fermanagh, who secured the top spot because of his excellent reasoning, while the section's runner up who also scored 130 points, was James Causey, Cookstown, Co Tyrone.

The intermediate winner Erin Quigley of Macken, Co Fermanagh, was also the evening's top scorer and achieved an impressive 146 points. Just behind with a score of 142 was Mark Reid, Dungannon, Co Fermanagh.

A score of 134 saw Clarke Balfour, Bellanaleck, Co Fermanagh,

top the junior section, while runner up James Morrison, Maguiresbridge, Co Fermanagh, was just behind on 130 points.

Joining the winners at the final will be the next highest placed competitors Amy Wilson, Sam Matchett, Matthew Mitchell and Eimear McGovern.

Yorkshire and the North East

The final qualifier of the year was held in the Yorkshire and North East region and was once again hosted by Billy and Sarah Turner at their Ripon based Brampton herd, on the first Sunday in June.

Brampton is one of the longest established Charolais herds in the country, beginning back in 1972, and has gone from strength to strength with accolades including the Raymond Ogden Perpetual Trophy on its first outing in 1982, numerous Supreme Championships at the Perth bull sales, and the Royal Show, and most recently

Brampton Legoman who was crowned junior champion at the Great Yorkshire Show. The Turners have also exported Charolais cattle worldwide including consignments to Brazil, South Africa and Eire. Their top price bull this year sold through the ring was sold at Welshpool in April – Brampton Omg for 5,000gns.

Stockman Antony and Michael had prepared a class of glamorous heifers and a class of handsome bulls and in a change from the norm a class of fat lambs to be judged, a surprise for master judge Robert Strickland! The competitors loved the challenge and rose to the occasion with some good high scores. The weather looked dubious, but managed to hold while the scoring took place, and the master judge explained his reasoning and the sun even made an appearance during our afternoon back at Billy and Sarah's house where we were treated to a wonderful spread and plenty of liquid refreshment.

The highest scorer of the day was the Senior winner Michael Dunbreck who had 144 points and runner up in the senior section was Tom



Intermediate winner Charlotte Hitchen, master judge Robert Strickland and intermediate runner up Michael Walsh



Senior winner Michael Dunbreck, master judge Robert Strickland and senior runner up Tom Brown



Northern Ireland stock judging team



Intermediate winner Erin Quigley with master judge Kevin Reavey and intermediate runner



Senior winner Alan Burleigh with master judge Kevin Reavey and senior runner up James Causey



Junior winner Clarke Balfour with master judge Kevin Reavey and junior runner up James Morrison



Junior runner up Tom Hitchen with master judge Robert Strickland and junior winner Eden Summer



Open stock judging winner Karen Wainwright



Guess the weight winner H Atkinson



Pictured left, Neil Blyth, Mike & Margaret Atkinson and Billy Turner presenting the Yorkshire Air Ambulance with a cheque for £1,500 raised by the Yorks and N East Club Auction and right Mike and Margaret Atkinson presenting a cheque for £1500 raised at the Golden Wedding Anniversary

Brown. Both lads have been regulars at Charolais Youth stock judging competitions and represented the Society at last year's Young Show Stars competition where they were rewarded for their efforts by a trip to Canada.

The Intermediate section was headed up by Charlie Hitchen with 141 points and runner up Michael Walsh scored 120. The junior winner was Eden Summer with 138 and just behind on 136 was Tom Hitchen.



The Brampton team, Anthony, Billy, Sarah and Michael



Left, stock judging the cattle and right Billy's backyard gathering



Siblings rule the day at the National Stock Judging Final

This year's National Final was held at Clogher Valley Show, Augher, Co Tyrone on Wednesday 31 July and was kindly hosted by the Northern Ireland Charolais Club. The competition was kindly sponsored by Weatherbys Scientific, Provita Animal Health and Caisley Tags and representatives from both Weatherbys and Provita attended the show to talk to the competitors who had travelled from Scotland, Cumbria, Yorkshire, Anglia and the South East, Wales and of course all from over Northern Ireland.

The morning began in a bit of a rush as the coach we had arranged from the hotel was a little late getting to the show. We just about managed to get everyone registered and into the ring ready for the first class coming in, although I think some of the competitors had to wait until after the judging for their breakfast of bacon rolls which the club had laid on.

The club had arranged for three classes of cattle to be judged by the competitors, with a total of six heifers and eight bulls plucked from the impressive show of sixty odd cattle that were to be shown right after the youth classes in the Northern Ireland national championship competition.

We would like to say a special thank you to all of the cattle providers and handlers who prepared their animals early especially for this event. Mr JA Watson – Cornascriebe herd, Edgar Johnson – Gallion herd, the Connolly family – Brigadoon herd, George Nelson – Drumacritten herd, The Devine Brothers – Brownhill herd, Liam and Margaret Ruddy – Kenaghan herd, Stuart and David Bothwell – Killadeas herd, Kenneth Veitch – Drumlone herd, Will Short – Woodpark herd, Thomas O'Neill – Glenramble herd and Harry and Heather Heron – Loughriscouse herd.

The Master judge, former Society president, Archie MacGregor of the Allanfauld herd in Kilsyth Scotland, looked over the cattle with the competitors before, when the three classes



The Fairway trophy winners - Johnathan & Stuart Hird with sponsor George Shaw from Provita, society president Michael Atkinson, sponsor Tonya Farrell from Weatherbys and master judge Archie MacGregor

had been judged, talking the junior's through their animal assessment. This element of the competition was introduced last year and after Archie had demonstrated what he was looking for on one heifer, the junior entrants graded another heifer in six categories, awarding up to a maximum of ten points for her head and neck, brisket, back, hindquarters and legs and feet and up to a maximum of 50 points for her general appearance, giving them a chance to start to learn about reason giving.

His duties not yet over for the day, he then joined Kim Montgomery from Antrim in listening to the Senior reason giving, while Sandra Cochrane, Portadown, Co Armagh and Alan Armstrong from Western Farm Enterprises heard the reasons from the intermediate contestants.





Senior winners - Runner up Caoimhe McGovern, winner Eimear McGovern and third placed Sam Matchett, all from the Northern Ireland club with sponsor George Shaw from Provita, society president Michael Atkinson, sponsor Tonya Farrell from Weatherbys and master judge Archie MacGregor

Junior winners - Runner up Katie Currie from the Northern Ireland club, winner Charlotte Currie from the Northern Ireland club and third placed Rebecca Hitchen from the Yorkshire and North East club with sponsor George Shaw from Provita, society president Michael Atkinson, sponsor Tonya Farrell from Weatherbys and master judge Archie MacGregor

While the reason giving was taking place the NI National show got underway and throughout the afternoon a delicious buffet lunch was served to stock judging competitors and show entrants alike.

The national show wrapped up and then the interbreed competitions took place before the results and presentations of the stockjudging just after 2:30pm.

Prizes were awarded for the top three placed competitors in each age category – juniors aged between eight and 14, intermediates aged between 15 and 18, and seniors aged between 19 and 26, as well as the coveted Fairway trophy for the pair's championship.

Heading up the junior section with an impressive 178 points and taking home the Cockerington perpetual trophy was the youngest entrant into the competition, eight year-old Charlotte Currie from Ballymena, Co Tyrone. Her older sister 10 year-old Katie Currie placed second with a score of 169.5 and Rebecca Hitchen from Ripon, Yorkshire, stood third with a total of 164.5 points.

The intermediate winner and claimant of the Alwent Perpetual Trophy was Orlagh McGovern, Clogher, Co Tyrone with 194 points, the joint top score of the day. Sean Mitchell of Penrith, Cumbria was runner up with 168 and placing third was another of the Northern Ireland competitors, Mark Reid from Dungannon, Co Tyrone.

Eimear McGovern, sister of the intermediate winner, was the senior winner with another score of 194 and was awarded the Houston Perpetual Trophy, their other sister Caoimhe



Intermediate winners - Runner up Sean Mitchell from the Border club, winner Orlagh McGovern from the Northern Ireland club and third placed Mark Reid from the Northern Club with with sponsor George Shaw from Provita, society president Michael Atkinson, sponsor Tonya Farrell from Weatherbys and master judge Archie MacGregor

McGovern placed second with 188 points, while a score of 174 placed Sam Matchett from Portadown, Craigavon, third.

As part of their prize, the two senior winning sisters will travel to the Moulins show in November, there they will witness the French National Charolais show where judging is a real spectacle taking place in several rings at once and culminating in the late afternoon with the National championships.

Twin brothers Jonathan and Stuart Hird of Wigton, Cumbria, were the winners of the Fairway pairs championship with a joint score of 333 points, while fellow Cumbrians Sean Mitchell and Robert Stott placed second with just a five-point difference.

The day ended on a high with Master judge Archie MacGregor demonstrating how to give reasons and all the winners taking home their goodie bags which had kindly been provided by Provita, along with commemorative joint sponsors bodywarmers and Charolais caps.

The Society would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors Weatherby's and representative Tonya Farrell, Provita and representative George Shaw, and Caisley Tags.

Also thanks must go to the Northern Ireland club who did such a great job with organising and hosting the day, to Ruth Montgomery and all from Clogher Valley Show for their help, to all the aforementioned cattle providers, to the Master judge Archie MacGregor, reasons judges Sandra Cochrane, Kim Montgomery and Alan Armstrong, ring compare Maggie McQuiston and also to Avril Robinson from the Corick House Hotel and Spa, who saved the day by delivering the bodywarmers to the show.

Charolais Youth Focus - Annabelle Howell

Here at the Society office, we recently had our first ever work experience placement. We were very excited when Annabelle Howell, Society member, Secretary of the Anglia Charolais club and Charolais youth competitor, asked if she could have a placement here with us, and we wanted to make sure she could experience all of the tasks that take place in the day-to-day running of the Charolais Society.

During her time here, Annabelle took part in the DNA, registration and accounts processes, and she even produced a market report for our website and social media. It was a pleasure to host her and she proved herself to be a very capable and motivated lady with a great deal of knowledge of all things Charolais. We expect that she'll go on to achieve a great deal in the future.

If you're interested in a work experience placement with the Society, please get in touch.

Here, Annabelle tells us a little about herself and her future aspirations.

"My name is Annabelle Howell, I'm 17 and live in Norfolk. Currently, I'm studying at a local sixth form, where I am taking Business, Biology and Psychology A Levels. I've shown cattle since I was three and a half, progressing from calves to commercial cattle, and now to pedigrees.

I bought my first Charolais heifer at the end of 2015, Cloybank Josie, a daughter of Thrunton Bonjovi. I chose to go in to pedigree Charolais because I saw the potential in the breed, as my dad is a commercial finisher and, working alongside a vast majority of different breeds, I saw that Charolais cross store cattle were consistent performers, with great growth rates, carcass grades and weights.

Alongside this, Charolais sired cattle are always in demand. Since having the Charolais, it's sparked a real interest for me in genetics, and I love studying the back breeding of the cattle.

The longer I've had my pedigree Charolais the more I've fallen



in love with the breed. I cannot fault the performance of the herd so far, with the calves being easily born and full of vigour, despite the stigma around the breed regarding new born calves and calving ease.

Currently, I have seven foundation breeding females, founded from herds including Lakenheath, Goldies, Weybread and

Corrie. My stock bull is Goldies Mighty, a bull I bought from Stirling in October 2017, after selling the last of my commercial crossbred herd. He is

breeding exceptionally well, and it's nice to see him producing consistent, good, calves from my cows and heifers which have such a variety of bloodlines in them. I'm looking forward to following his progeny and seeing how they develop.

I've had work experience with United Auctions, Genus and the Charolais Society, as well as time shadowing a vet and a Dunbia representative. I'm really passionate about the beef industry, and I'd love to work in either the genetics and breeding side, or the finishing aspect, of the industry.

A little more about me:

Places I'd like to travel too: South America, Australia, Italy and Canada.

A skill I would like to learn: Be able to Ski.

Favourite season: Summer..... two words: Show Season.

Most memorable moments in agriculture so far: Winning Young Stockperson of the Year at the Winter Stock Fest, and when my first pedigree calf was born.



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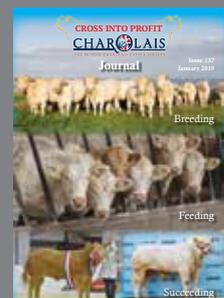
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Northern Ireland

Ballymoney Show

The O'Neill family with Champion Charolais at a dry Ballymoney

Ballymoney show was held on 1 June and a dry day it was bringing visitors out in their hundreds.

The large crowd in attendance was well rewarded with first class competition on offer in the show ring and the Charolais competition didn't disappoint with the Charolais champion Glenramble Orson from T O'Neill and the reserve from H Heron.



The Charolais champion Glenramble Orson from Mr T O'Neill

Lurgan Show

The farming calendar's provincial show circuit got underway with Lurgan Show hosting its 107th annual show in the town's idyllic park.

A lovely dry day and thousands of people packed into the Co Armagh event which featured a packed schedule for visitors of all ages.

The Matchett family stole the show for the Charolais breed by showing the champion and the reserve champion and also runner up in the interbreed line-up with the two year old Charolais heifer **Summervilla Nikki**.



The reserve overall supreme beef animal Summervilla Niki with Nigel Matchett and the judge



The Charolais champion Laheens Master with Gail Matchett above and below with the reserve champion



Armagh Show

Charolais are just champion at County Armagh Show. Taking the Interbreed Supreme Beef Championship was the Matchett Family's 2-year-old heifer Summervilla Niki who was selected by David Magee from Cavan earlier in the day as his Charolais champion with the Paynter's Family yearling heifer reserve champion Charolais. Well done to all the breeders.



Summervilla Niki interbreed supreme champion with Gail Matchett and David Magee



Summervilla Niki Supreme champion owned by the Matchett family and reserve supreme champion owned by the Paynter family with the judge David Magee

Ballymena Show

The Northern Ireland Club had the pleasure of been hosted by Ballymena Show on 15 June 2019. Harry Heron took the Charolais champion and reserve champion with Hollywell Latin. (Picture shown with Newry Show)

Newry Show

Despite the heavy showers at the start of the day the weather turned in their favour for the first show at their new site on land off the centre of Bessbrook.

The sun definately shone on Harry Heron as he claimed Charolais champion with Hollywell Latin, Harry previously won at Ballymena show two weeks earlier.



Harry Heron with Hollywell Latin the Charolais champion

Omagh Show

A lovely day was had by all at Omagh show and the Charolais champion went to Sportsman Monocur owned by John McGrath. Standing in reserve was Clogherney Owen owned by Devine Brothers.



Charolais champion Sportsmans Monocur



Reserve male champion Clogherney Owen from Devine Brothers

Castlewellan Show

It was a day to remember for the Paynter family as their home bred Junior heifer Drumilly Overjoyed gave the herd their first Charolais Championship in 25 years at Castlewellan Show. Big congratulations to the Paynter family. Standing in reserve was from Connolly family who also had the male champion with Brigadoon Omega.



Charolais champion Drumilly Overjoyed owned by the Paynter family



Reserve champion Brigadoon Omega owned by the Connolly family

Saintfield Show

The NI Charolais Club had the pleasure of been hosted by the Saintfield Show in the local Drumlins of County Down.

Champion and reserve went to the Connolly family with Brigadoon Olivia the RUAS Junior Female taking the top honours and Brigadoon Omega in Reserve.

Sponsors HVS Liquid Gold with Albert Connolly and David Connolly at Saintfield Show with champion Brigadoon Olivia and reserve champion Brigadoon Omega



Antrim Show

The historic Shanes Castle was the setting for the 113th Antrim Show which attracted exhibitors from all over the country and further afield. Harry Heron from Newtownards was announced the Charolais champion with the Connolly family in reserve. This has been a great showing year for the Heron family.



Charolais champion Hollywell Latin with Harry Heron and the sponsor Richard Primrose from the Bank of Ireland



Reserve champion Brigadoon Olympic owned by the Connolly family

Fermanagh Show

The final show of the year and Killadeas Orlando did it again at Fermanagh County Show.

Killadeas Orlando was tapped out as champion Charolais and then went on to pick up the NISA/Bank of Ireland Junior bull Championship. He also picked up the Fermanagh breeders continental champion and reserve overall Interbreed Championship. A great day at Fermanagh County Show for the Bothwell family. Reserve Charolais champion at Fermanagh County show was Derryharney Onherown owned by HC Stubbs & AA Burleigh.



Champion Killadeas Orlando pictured with the Bothwell family



Reserve champion Derryharney Onherown pictured with Alan Burleigh

Bank of Ireland NI National Charolais Championship at Clogher Show

The Northern Ireland Charolais Club was delighted with the quality of Charolais cattle entered into the Bank of Ireland NI National Charolais Championship at the 101st Clogher Valley Show.

The sun shone on glorious Clogher Valley and the judging got off to a great start with large crowds around the ring. The judge for the championship was Allen Drysdale of the Glenericht herd. Allen is a well-known breeder who remarked "travelling over to Ireland to judge the National Charolais show was a great honour and a fantastic experience. The Irish hospitality was unbelievable, and a credit to all the Northern Ireland Charolais club and the show organisers. The show of cattle I judged was by far the best show of Charolais at any show this year, and it is a true credit to all involved. The champion was an exceptional heifer with tremendous breed character, size, presence and style. It was an honour to be part of the show and we thoroughly enjoyed our trip.

Our sponsors Bank of Ireland represented by Mr Richard Primrose Agri Business manager, was on hand to present the winners with their just rewards.

With over 80 entries from across the province it turned out to be a fantastic day for the Charolais breed. With Summerville Niki from Matchett family, Portadown, Co Armagh taking the senior female champion, overall champion Charolais, Supreme Interbreed Champion and Champion of Champions and Standing in reserve was Killadeas Orlando from S & D Bothwell.

Class 160 – Female born in 2019

- 1 – HC Stubbs & AA Burleigh – **Derryharney Polly** – s. Derryharney Lionheart
- 2 – WD & JA Connolly – **Brigadoon Prudence** – s. Newhouse Maximus
- 3 – Malachy Connolly – **Palace Princess** – s. Derryolam Impeccable

Class 161 – Female born on or between 1 September & 31 December 2018



Sportsmans Monarch senior male champion for John McGrath



Summerville Niki, supreme and senior female champion with Gail Matchett and the sponsor Richard Primrose



Killadeas Orlando reserve supreme champion and junior male champion for S & D Bothwell

- 1 – Gerard McShane – **Altnaderog Orla** – s. Tonaghmore Augusto
- 2 – WD & JA Connolly – **Brigadoon Odessa** – s. Goldies Icon

Class 162 – Female born on or between 1 May & 31 August 2018

- 1 – Mr HC Stubbs & AA Burleigh – **Derryharney Onherown** – s. Balthyock Gladiator
- 2 – WD & JA Connolly – **Brigadoon Orient** – s. Goldies Icon
- 3 – Liam & Margaret Ruddy – **Kenaghan Orla** – s. Whitecliffe James



Limkiln Nicole reserve senior champion for the Matchett family

Class 163 – Female born on or between 1 January & 30 April 2018

- 1 – Jeremy Paynter –

Drumilly Overjoyed – s. Invictus
 2 – J A Watson & Son – **Cornascribe Olga** – s. Whitecliffe James
 3 – Will Short – **Woodpark Olivia** – s. Deeside Gulliver



Drumilly Overjoyed junior female champion for Jeremy Paynter



Drumacritten Oliver reserve junior male champion for George Nelson

Class 164 – Female born on or between 1 July & 31 December 2017

1 – Matchett Family – **Limkiln Nicole** – s. Panama
 2 – B McAllister & Son – **Burnside Nigella** -s. Bleack Blackberet

Class 165 – Female born on or between 1 January & 30 June 2017

1 – Matchett Family – **Summerville Niki** – s. Cavelands Fenian
 2 – WD & JA Connolly – **Brigadoon Nova** – s. Goldies Icon
 3 – WD & JA Connolly – **Brigadoon Nigella** – s. Goldies Icon

Class 166 – Female born on or after 31 December 2016

1 – Matchett Family – **Tawny Jasmine** – s. Doonally New
 2 – Jackie Conn & Owen Kerrigan – **Newroddige Jody** – s. Balmyle Bollinger
 3 – Harry Heron – **Hollywell Latin** – s. Thrunton Fairfax

Class 167 – Bull born in 2019

1 – Malachy Connolly – **Palace Prince** – s. Inverlochy Ferdie
 2 – William McCrory – **Glencairn Patriarch** – s. Lochend Apache

Class 168 – Bull born on or between 1 September & 31 December 2018

1 – K & A Veitch – **Drumlone Orlando** – s. Ashleigh Admiral

Class 169 – Bull born on or between 1 May & 30 August 2018

1 – S & D Bothwell – **Killadeas Orlando** – s. Battleford Laser
 2 – George Nelson – **Drumacritten Oliver** – s. Pirate
 3 – J.I & R Elliott – **Drumlegagh Odin** – s. Tweeddale Lookout

Class 170 – Bull born on or between 1 January & 30 April 2018

1 – Will Short – **Woodpark Oak** – s. Deeside Gulliver
 2 – WD & JA Connolly – **Brigadoon Oskar** – s. Wesley Equinox
 3 – Thomas O'Neill – **Glenramble Orson** – s. Dooley Lewis



Altnaderog Orla reserve junior female champion for Gerard McShane

Class 172 – Bull born on or before 31 December 2016

1 – John McGrath – **Sportsmans Monarch** – s. Bansford Ferny

Class 173 – Pairs

1 – Matchett Family
 2 – WD & JA Connolly
 3 – WD & JA Connolly

Supreme Champion & Senior Female Champion

Summerville Niki, bred by Matchett Family, Portadown, Co Armagh, Sire: Cavelands Fenian, Dam: Kildalogue Heather

Reserve Supreme Champion & Junior Male Champion

Killadeas Orlando, bred by S & D Bothwell, Ballinamallard, Co Fermanagh, Sire: Battleford Laser, Dam: Killadeas Faithful.

Reserve Senior Female Champion

Limkiln Nicole, bred by Matchett Family, Portadown, Co Armagh, Sire: Panama, Dam: Limkiln Frances

Junior Female Champion

Drumilly Overjoyed bred by Jeremy Paynter, Co Armagh, Sire: Invictus, Dam: Drumilly favourite

Reserve Junior Female Champion

Altnaderog Orla, bred by Gerard McShane, Strabane, Co Tyrone, Sire: Tonaghmore Augusto, Dam: Altnaderog Orla.

Senior Male Champion

Sportsman Monarch bred by John McGrath, Dromore, Co Tyrone, Sire: Bansford Ferny, Dam: Sportsman Honeydew.

Reserve Junior Male Champion

Drumacritten Oliver bred by George Nelson, Roslea, Co Fermanagh, Sire: Pirate, Dam: Drumacritten Linda.

Pairs Champion -

Matchett Family

Reserve Pairs Champion -
 WD & JA Connolly



The pairs champions for the Matchett family



The reserve pairs for WD & JA Connolly

Anglia - Donna Knox

Apologies to everyone for missing the last news letter.

Congratulations to the Barker family who secured Top price at Carisle in the May bull sales with Caylers Napoleon, they sold four bulls in total to average £ 6,892.50.

The show season has now been and gone with members from our region enjoying success:

Wissington Olaf has had an outstanding show season, securing Charolais Male Champion at The Royal Highland, Royal Norfolk, Great Yorkshire and Royal Welsh shows and going onto secure the title of Junior Bull interbred Champion at the Royal Welsh.

Norfolk Show

Wissington Olaf was Charolais champion and Junior Interbred Champion. (Pictured above)

Balbithan Nancy reserve Champion Charolais & reserve Interbred Champion. Numbers of entries where up on previous years.

Many thanks to Mrs Colman and family for their kind Hospitality at the Charolais Stand.

Suffolk Show

Balbithan Nancy was Charolais Champion and reserve champion was Hautbois One.

Charolais Youth

We had six competitor's from Anglia region travel to Clogher Show in Northern Ireland, Meg Atkins, Annabelle Howell, Ellie, Hannah & Charlie Knox and William Heath. Our youth had a fantastic day and seen a wonderful show of Charolais animals. Many thanks to the Northern Ireland Region for their great hospitality.

Forthcoming events

Winter stock festival – Pedigree Calf Show
Saturday 30th November



Caylers Napoleon top price 12,000gns at Carlisle



Wissington Olaf



Balbithan Nancy

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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.

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**Closing date for regional reports in
the September newsletter is
1 January 2020**

Scottish & Northern - Carlene Mackay

Charolais Youth Development Finals

A very well done to Louise McCarthur, Cretlevane Farm, Balfron & Celeste McKeague, Grahamston Cottage, Port of Monteith who made the trip to the National Stockjudging Competition in Northern Ireland on the 31 July, 2019 at Clogher Valley Show.

The girls did a great job of representing the Scottish Region but were just pipped at the post for a prize!! Well done girls from all of us.

The Scottish and Northern Club would like to thank the sponsors below for their continued support. They enabled us to once again assist our stock-judging ladies who travelled to The National Finals.

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Royal Highland Show 2019

The Highland Show kicked off in fabulous style on the Wednesday evening with a most enjoyable and very well attended BBQ. The steaks were provided by ABP Perth and were delicious as always so a thanks must go to Frank Ross and his staff at ABP Perth. A huge thank you to all my helpers who helped out on the night and also to our new catering provider Andy from Table 13. His salads were delicious with a varied choice which means we are very much looking forward to next year's BBQ already.

Our judge Mr Charlie Boden carried out his duties efficiently under lovely sunny conditions with a terrific line up of top notch charolais cattle presented to him for judging. Congratulations to all exhibitors who really did the breed extremely proud and well done to all prize winners and Championship winners.

Our overall champion this year was Balthayock Nessie from Major DFWH & NR Walter and successfully shown by Davie & Tracey Nicoll. The reserve overall Harestone Mammamia was from R & N Barclay and was shown by stockman Robert Marshall.

Not only did Balthayock Nessie win the Charolais Championship she went straight to the top under Judge



Balthayock Nessie the Charolais champion at the Highland Show from Major DFWH & NR Walter



Harestone Mammamia reserve champion at the Highland Show from R & N Barclay

Stewart Wood, Garson, Orkney and scooped the Overall Cattle Interbreed Champion on the Saturday of the show. So a very huge well done to Major Walter and his B Team!! Ensuring that yet again the breed have made their mark at the pinnacle show of 2019.

Once again the financial assistance given by the Society towards showing costs is very much appreciated by all the exhibitors

Summer Shows 2019

We have some very mixed showing days these past few months in Scotland and it's been a shame to see that some of the local shows have been cancelled due to this. So it goes without saying that a huge appreciation must go to our breeders and stockmen & woman who took the time and effort to support the local shows and look out the waterproofs most weekends!! Well done to you all.

A few pictures below capture the younger generation of our members who have been showing and attending shows throughout our region during the summer. We must continue to encourage this and keep them keen as mustard as they are our future.



Jessica Hornall who finished a successful summer in style winning Perth Show Young Handlers



Abbie Gunn at the Royal Highland Show



Maisie Turley with Firhills Orient at the Royal Highland Show



The Milne Troops from Kennieshillock at Nairn Show

AGM 2019 DETAILS

Notice is hereby given that the Forty Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Scottish and Northern Charolais Club will be held in The Lomond Suite, UA at 4.00 pm sharp. All our members are very welcome and any points to be raised at the AGM & Committee Meeting then please let me know beforehand. We are always looking for new committee members so please get in touch if you would like to join the Committee.

FUNDRAISING SUCCESS FOR PANS PANDAS UK

The chosen charity this year for our club was PANS PANDAS UK.

PANS and PANDAS are a set of conditions which result in inflammation of the brain, causing a variety of neuro-psychiatric conditions such as OCD, tics and eating disorders. PANS PANDAS UK is a Charity which was established by a dedicated and determined group of parents with children who are affected by PANS or PANDAS. It is the mission of PANS PANDAS UK to ensure that these conditions are known about in every GP Surgery, every school and every hospital, so every child can receive an early diagnosis and effective treatment.

During the duration of the show we managed to raise £1600 by having a Silent Auction with a limited edition print of Carolyn Milne's artwork called "Charolais by the Sea" after some fierce silent bidding the final bid went to Philip Simmers,

Backmuir Livestock.

Anne Macpherson also kindly donated a handmade leather halter which we also put up for silent auction and this was knocked down to David Watson, Darnford Farm, Durris.

For a bit of fun, we had a wee competition called "Drat where's the splat" the winner of this and the ABP 21 Day Matured

Rib Roast was Melissa Irvine, Anside, Drummuir.

The generosity of our members is always very heart-warming and it was with great pleasure that Carolyn Milne and myself were able to present the money to the Scottish trustee for PANS PANDAS UK Russell Ritchie & his wife Elizabeth on Saturday 17th August in Aberdeen.

The money we raised is to go towards a conference to be held in Glasgow next month to raise the awareness of PANS PANDAS within the medical profession.

On behalf of our family, I would like to say a huge thank you to Carly and the Scottish and Northern Charolais Club for helping raise awareness of this paediatric condition and to all those who have generously donated towards the charity. PANS PANDAS UK have provided a crucial help and support network for us following our sons illness and I would encourage you to have a look at their website and learn a bit about it. The website is PANSPANDASUK.ORG

Many thanks, Carolyn x

A VERY BIG THANK YOU & A SMALL GOODBYE

After much deliberation I have decided to stand down as Scottish & Northern Secretary after what I can only say has been a real pleasure for the past few years. Not been an easy decision to make but I have other commitments which I need to put first and I also must try & earn a pound or two to keep the gin industry in business. A huge thank you must go to my Chairman, Allen Drysdale who has done everything I told him to do... apologies I mean everything I subtly suggested and asked him to do for the club!!

Allen has been a very pro-active & extremely helpful Chairman and put's up with my bossy demands like a professional, also a huge big thank you to our Treasurer Yvonne Grant who has been a great help to me making sure I keep things right on the money side of the club. I will truly miss our organising the world emails. And lastly to the committee & too our members – you are all fantastic at what you do & without your talents the club wouldn't have such a happy family environment. The future is Charolais indeed. Keep doing what you do best and lastly, "mine's a gin and tonic, slice & ice" Carly xx



Carolyn and Carly Mackay with Elizabeth & Russell Ritchie PANS PANDAS UK

A Legendary Charolais Day out in Scotland

Sunday 28 July, saw a momentous day for the Charolais breed with herd visits to two of the most renowned and well-respected herds of the breed. The day saw over 500 visitors travelling up to Perthshire, to look over some fantastic cattle and experience the hospitality of the two herds.

The day started in Meigle at the Scottish & Northern Herd of the Year 2018 winners - Balmyle. The herd belonging to Bill Bruce was founded 44 years ago in 1975 with the best French breeding that could be found at that time. Top prices were paid at various disposals for top females, notably from the Showering herd owned by the "Babycham" tycoon Keith Showering, who had imported the best of bloodlines from France with no expense spared.

Early success was achieved when Balmyle Bruce was the first and one of the very few bulls to be sold back to France in 1987. This was followed by Balmyle Champion sold in 1988 for the then record price of 33,000gns. The herd has topped the main breed sales on a number of occasions since then and in 2007 Balmyle Bollinger sold for 30,000gns; his progeny has left their mark on a number of herds.

More recent successes include six bulls sold in 2018 from their 'N' crop for over 10,000gns each including Balmyle Navarone to the Kersknowe her of Jimmy Jeffrey and the first of our 'O' crop, Balmyle O'Leary sired by Balmyle Jasper was sold to Balthayock for 10,000gns at Carlisle in May this year.



The Balmyle tour



*Bill Bruce, Society Chairman
Ben Harman, Scottish and Northern Club
Chairman Alan and Dane Ivison.*

One of the most influential sires in the breed and certainly the most influential in the Balmyle herd has been Dingle Hofmeister, a trait leader for calving ease daughters, eye muscle and retail beef yield (all over 90% accuracy). To maintain his huge influence, the herd are now using his son Balmyle Magnate, through AI, a trait leader for calving ease at +23.7, and his grandson Balthayock Diplomat. Their current stock bulls are Orville Lennon (grandson), Balthayock Minstrel (g. grandson) and Balmyle Jasper (Grandson of Balthayock Diplomat).

The health status of the herd is high on their list of priorities and they are members of the SAC Premium Health Scheme since 2003, having never had a TB reactor and currently Johnes disease Level one and BVD & IBR accredited.

Stockman Dane Ivison is now in charge of the Balmyle Herd. He has a deep knowledge of the history of the herd, the pedigrees and back breeding of every cow. Dane has an infectious enthusiasm for all things Charolais.

After registering we were treated to a nice warm drink with some lovely homemade shortbread and a look around the cattle. A packet of the farm's latest innovative product "Podberry" which are snacking peas were also on offer and very tasty too.

There were two fields of Charolais on show as well as heifers in the barn and this year's bull crop were



Checking in Team picture caption: Open Day Registration Team - Back Row – Anna Scarlett, Alice Ivison, Sue Stenner, Fiona Mackie & Fiona Lawson. Front Row – Lois Scott, Scottish Club Secretary - Carlene Mackay & Alison Gray





on display in the shed where Dane was ready with more information on their pedigrees, in case anyone wanted to make a bid before October!!

Finally, Bill Bruce addressed us all before we headed on down the road to Balthayock.

Upon arrival at the Balthayock herd of Major Walter & his son Nick we were met with more tea/coffee and some tremendous home baking. The wonderful display of photography stemmed back to years of memories of all the Balthayock animals from over the year's. An area which proved popular with everyone who came to visit that day.

Trailers then pulled up to take us around the cattle which saw us travel over a beautiful landscape showing us the Charolais cattle and also allowing us to view some of the farms commercial herd.



The crowd enjoying their Balthayock Charolais Beef and Balmyle Strawberries and Raspberries

After the tour, a wonderful spread was laid on with Balthayock's home bred roast beef and roast lamb for the main and Balmyle strawberries and raspberries for dessert. A very impressive sight to see and an absolute delight to eat.

Then the Major addressed the visitors before we watched the Balthayock heifers go up for sale.

The first of the three December 2016-born heifers on offer who found new homes throughout the country was Balthayock Moira, who was purchased by Richard McCulloch on behalf of Dem-Master Demolition for 7,000gns. The proceeds of the sale of this heifer were donated by Balthayock to the Scots Guard Colonels Fund which supports Guardsman who have been wounded in action or have fallen on hard times. Sired by the Royal Highland show junior interbreed and breed supreme champion Balthayock Imp, Moira is out of Balthayock Hazel who goes back to the Stirling reserve junior champion Ugie Echo.



Major Walter Addresses the Gathering



Balthayock Moira, Mirium & Mercedes came under the hammer for charity

Next and making for 6,200 when Mark Wattie, Tonley, Aberdeenshire, fought off the competition to secure her was Balthayock Mirium. Out of the 11,000gns Balthayock Adonis daughter Balthayock Ester, who has previously bred two 5,000gns sons and a heifer exported to Eire, Mirium is sired by the Perth show males and junior interbreed champion Balthayock Impression.

The final heifer under the hammer was the Balthayock Impired Balthayock Mercedes, whose Dam Balthayock Hermione is another Balthayock Adonis daughter. Our Society Chairman Ben Harman took her home to Chesham, Buckinghamshire, for a fee of 4,500gns.

History of Balthayock Charolais

Since Balthayock was purchased by the Major's Grandfather in 1894, pedigree cattle have always been an important part of the farming enterprise. He started with Aberdeen Angus but after the end of the First World War, he changed to Shorthorns and they were still at Balthayock when he died in 1938. The Major's grandfather gave him his first cow and when the herd was dispersed during the war it was exported to Argentina but on the way the ship was torpedoed by an Italian submarine, probably the only ship they ever sunk throughout the war! In compensation for the loss of his cow, he was given a Shetland pony which bucked him off into beds of nettles whenever he climbed onto its back. Despite this unpromising beginning he has loved horses all of his life and was sad to give up polo when he was sixty-five when he finally decided that the



ground was getting too hard to fall on.

In the early sixties Balthayock became the Major's responsibility, and at the time he was a partner in a London firm of stockbrokers and the day to day running of the farm was put into the very capable hands of Hector Campbell whose father and father in law worked at Balthayock before him. Hector came from Mull originally and did not suffer fools gladly. In 1966 mindful of the new weigh bridge and the need to breed heavier cattle if they were ever going to make any money from a suckler herd, and aware that there was now Charolais semen available from the Scottish Milk Marketing Board, the Major plucked up the courage to suggest to Hector that it might be a good idea if they inseminated twenty cows to see if they could benefit from this new French breed. Hector's response was immediate and predictable. 'The day a Charolais bull walks on to Balthayock will be the day I walk off.' Not a very promising start but when matters had cooled down a bit, he tried again and this time with a little more success. They bought some semen and inseminated twenty cows and nine months later they all calved. Eighteen had Aberdeen Angus calves but two had Charolais. The Major later discovered immediately that when the inseminator drove away, all the cows were put in a court to run with the Angus bull!

The following spring, they sold all of their suckler calves in the market and obtained the top price with their champion Aberdeen Angus but the next two best prices were for their only Charolais calves! Clearly, they were on to something.

At the Royal Show Ground in 1969, the first public sale of Charolais cattle in this country, took place. Hector with his friend Jimmy Tait, without whom he would not travel, went down to London for the sale. As he had never been out of Scotland before, this was quite an adventure for them both especially the trip up to Stoneleigh in the Major's Aston Martin! They bought the bull of his choice which was still a calf and still suckling its mother. His name was Henham Lodge Emperour and he cost 5,700 guineas. They kept him for the next ten years. It does not sound much money now, but at the time the bull cost more than the Aston Martin!

Later that year Jim Smith, who sold them Emperour, bought four heifers for them in France. They were followed by nine more over the next three years



which was all they were allowed to buy as the numbers licensed to come into the country were severely limited.

The Major said "The popularity of the Charolais breed took some time to establish and involved lots of hard work in refining the French Charolais into one more suited to the farms extensive system". Just as Charolais were becoming the number one terminal sire we did our best to spoil it all by starting to judge the value of a bull by the size of its backside and the wide shoulders which inevitably went with it. For fifteen year's big bums seemed to be the only game in town and it was of no surprise to him that the popularity of the breed suffered because calving difficulties using this shape of bull was and still is a nightmare. When 47% of the value of a carcass is in the loin, rump and rib eye and only 23% in the topside, silverside and chuck, what did we think we were doing for all those wasted years? We handed over our number one position as the preferred terminal sire to the Limousin and Angus breeds and it was no one's fault except our own".

The Balthayock Herd which at the May stock take numbered 272 head is now among the national leaders both for terminal and replacement EBVs and this has happened only because of their dedication in following Signet and then Breed plan to improve the characteristics of their cattle which they feel are most important. The farms feel's it is an ongoing process and there is still much room for improvement, but the Major says that "the cattle they have now are not there for their show potential but are there because they calve easily and regularly, have masses of milk to rear their calves, have good temperaments and are breeding the sort of bulls that our discerning buyers are looking for".

Balthayock is very much a family stock farm with a complimentary sheep enterprise of about 700 ewes. It is split between a pedigree and a commercial flock. They use Lleyntups on their pedigree flock to breed flock replacements and Texel tups on the commercial ewes to breed prime lambs which they sell through a marketing cooperative.

They run 150 home bred suckler cows. As a preferred choice for easy calving they use a Charolais bull on the heifers but also run a Simmental and Shorthorn bull with some of the cows to breed herd replacements and sell the calves as stores through United Auctions every April.

The Major admits that success of the herd would not have been possible without the help and support of everyone who works at Balthayock. "The pedigree herd was built up under the care of John and Joan Campbell who set the foundations for any success they now enjoy. On John's retirement Tracey and Davie Nicoll came to join us and their enthusiasm and



stockmanship has contributed greatly to where we are today and is maybe best illustrated by the quality of the cattle seen on the farm tour. Alan Campbell, the fifth generation of his family to work at Balthayock, looks after all the arable, and Hector, his uncle who has recently retired from running the sheep flock has returned on more flexible hours to help Tracey and Davie with the bulls. Barrie Douglas has taken Hectors place in charge of the sheep and Bill Hamilton keeps all the gardens and grounds in immaculate good order. It is a great team and I am very lucky to have their unflinching support. There is one other Balthayock hero I must mention. My very good friend George Barton from the SAC, and now a Trustee of the Balthayock Trust has held my hand ever since I took over the farm all those years ago and I have relied on his invaluable advice and encouragement and he has taught me everything I know about farming”.

“I have hugely enjoyed the last 50 years breeding Charolais cattle. I have met some wonderful people, had lots of good laughs and shed a few tears, and have made some very good friends. I truly believe we have the best breed in the world which is extraordinarily



adaptable to almost all conditions. Most are a joy to work with and those that are not have a ready market on the hook. The memory of championships won soon fades but the remarks from satisfied buyers of Balthayock bulls will stay with me for ever”.

What an amazing day the Scottish visit's turned out to be. The Society and I'm sure everyone who attended on the day would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the two hosts Bill Bruce and his team at Balmyle and Major Walter and his team at Balthayock as well as everyone else who was involved in organising the event and ensuring the smooth running of the day. The work that had gone into setting everything up was evident and the hospitality of both herds was outstanding.

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.

Yorkshire & North East - Emma Andrews

I write this in the blazing sunshine, at such a beautiful time of the year. The garden is still providing a feast to the senses and a place of tranquillity whilst the fields surrounding us are buzzing with activity as the harvest continues. It's been a busy summer for the Charolais breed across our region not least with the National Charolais show being held once again at our very own Great Yorkshire showground. There were three breeds holding their Nationals this time so it certainly was a spectacle for breeders and visitors alike.



Bassett Nadia

The Yorkshire herds of Brampton, Holtstead, Mowbraypark and Woodline were all in the tickets but it was a heifer also bred in Yorkshire that stole the show. Bassett Nadia, brought out by Richard Rettie and his team was purchased by Brailes Livestock and has had a great show season. She was bred by Jean Atkinson of Thorpe Bassett, Malton, North Yorkshire. The April 2017 born heifer is by Harestone Domino and out of Bassett Ursula. Congratulations to all involved, she looked a picture.

Once again for the Charolais Youth Regional Qualifiers, the Turner family kindly hosted the event for the Yorkshire & North East region. Brampton is one of the longest established Charolais herds in the country starting in 1972 and they farm



The Brampton team

in a beautiful area of the Yorkshire County near Ripon. So, it was a good day and the ideal setting to judge the groups of Charolais presented to the competitors with master judge Robert Strickland. The highest scorer of the day was the Senior winner Michael Dunbreck who had 144 points and runner up in the senior section was Tom Brown. Both of these have been regulars at Charolais Youth stock judging competitions and represented the Society at last years Young Show Stars competition where they were rewarded for their efforts by a trip to Canada. The Intermediate section was headed up by Charlie Hitchen with 141 points and runner up Michael Walsh scored 120. The junior winner was Eden Summer with 138 and just behind on 136 was Tom Hitchen. Well done to all those who gave it a go and to those who qualified for the finals. A huge well done to Rebecca Hitchen who was third in the Junior section at the finals in Northern Ireland at the end of July.

I wish all the best to those travelling with their 'finished products' to the forthcoming Autumn bull sales. I hope the prices are good and the weather kind!

Finally, I am so incredibly sad to be reporting the passing of Kirsty Blyth. The beautiful, intelligent, kind, funny and incredible wife of Neil and mummy to Matilda. Kirsty had battled cancer for some time and was so brave in the face of this cruel disease. We are all thinking of you Neil and Matilda and of course the whole family at this very sad time.

1994 - 25 Years ago in the Charolais world

Picture 1 - Messrs Bothwell and Farrell's champion male and reserve supreme champion Charolais Glenross Graham.

Picture 2 - Dingle Hofmeister sold for 30,000gns to equal the Huntingtower record price.

Picture 3 - Neil Massie, Chairman presenting John Craven with a cheque for £10,000 raised in aid of Children in need, the proceeds of the auctions (by Midland Marts) of Shamleys Gaby together with donations from Charolais member.

Picture 4 - The junior and reserve overall champion Lundforrest International from Richard Rettie sold for 5,500gn at Carlisle.

Picture 5 - Corcreevy Henry, the intermediate and overall champion from Desmond Orr made 6,000gns at Carlisle.

Picture 6 - John Currie congratulates Esmor Evans on his Royal Welsh champions success with Maerdy Empress. Greater things followed when Empress won the National Westminster Bank sponsored individual interbreed champion.

Picture 7 - Simbrook Ianto, the reserve intermediate champion, which topped the Carlisle May sale at 8,500gns from Lynne Davies, and was sold jointly to J Warnock & Son, Dreva and Alan Harvey of Overburns.

Picture 8 - Tom Jones makes a careful appraisal of a heifer during his Royal Show judging stint.

South West - Vickie Sellick

As we sit here in the late August sunshine, we go back to the start of May and our first big show of the season. The Devon County Show was held as ever at Westpoint, Exeter and there was a good turnout of cattle for the judge Mr DJ Murray, Forfar.

The yearling heifer class was won by Mr and Mrs D and B Stacey's Polgoda Orange, a March born daughter of Davally Impeccable. The Stacey's also took the honours in the Cow or Heifer in-calf or with calf at foot with Polgoda Lexi, a 2015 Blab than Eria daughter with her bull calf at foot. The calf class was won by Mr R Darch, Chard, Somerset, with his young bull calf Chard Octavia sired by Solo Lenin. His daughter Laura, under the NewDirection Charolais banner, came in 2nd place with her calf NewDirection OliverTwist, with the Stacey's calf Polgoda Paul, a January 2019 son of Goldies Lawson, in 3rd place. Mr Darch also won the junior bull class with his bull Chard Oaklands, also sired by Solo Lenin and went on to take the Reserve Male Champion.

It was a day for Clare Clapp, Tiverton, to remember. Her senior bull Cove Lordlinhay, sired by Wesley Furnish and out of a Chunal Dougie cow had another successful year after being tapped out as breed champion last year, this year he took the Senior Bull class, and Male Champion. Her Balbithan bred 2year old heifer, Neopolitan, a March 2017 born daughter of Davally Illusion took the 1st place in her class in front of her stable mate, Cove Nigella. Clare and her team then went on to take the Female Champion with Neopolitan, Group of Three, Champion Pair, Best Exhibitor Bred animal Bred in Devon with Cove Lordlinhay and Neopolitan took the overall Breed Champion, with Cove Lordlinhay in Reserve and best animal of



opposite sex to the champion.

Clare also had success in the interbreed classes, with Cove Nigella, sired by Davally Illusion, taking the Reserve Champion Beef Animal Bed by a Devon exhibitor. Nigella, Neopolitan and Lordlinhay teamed up for the Interbreed Group of 3, and won the Interbreed Championship, Neopolitan went on to take the Reserve Champion Continental Interbreed and overall reserve Champion Interbreed.

At the end of May, the Royal Bath and West saw a smaller number of entries than some years, however some good quality cattle on display. The Junior Bull class was a switch round from the Devon County, won by Laura and Guy French with Newdirection OliverTwist, a May 2018 born son of Solo Lenin with dad Roger Darch in second with Chard Octavia. OliverTwist took the Male Champion, with Octavia in reserve.

Again, Clare Clapp had a great show, with Cove Nigella taking top spot over Balbithan Neopolitan in the 2-year-old heifer class, with 3rd and 4th going to Mr S James and Miss G Davies, with Llwyngwathen Nina and Bonerbo Nadia respectively. Cove Nigella went on to be Champion Female, Overall Champion and Exhibitor Bred Champion. She also took the best animal bred and exhibited by members of the SW Charolais Association, with Laura French taking the reserve in this class with NewDirection OliverTwist. The pairs also went to Clare Clapp with Neopolitan and Nigella. Nigella then took the Exhibitor Bred Continental and Supreme Interbreed Champion.

At the Royal Cornwall at the beginning of June Clare Clapp again came out on top. Cove Lordlinhay took the Senior Bull. It was an all Cornish affair for the Junior Bull Class with Mr R Hopper from Bude taking 1st place with Penfound Overdrive, an April 18 born son of Kerling Lander. The Palmer Family from Truro took 2nd with Trenestrall Odette, an April 18 son of Fairway Jazz and J Stacey from Looe took 3rd with Penhargard Officer, a January 2018 polled bull by Cockerington Gothic. The Cow and Calf class was won by the Stacey family from St Austell with Polgoda Lexi, whilst Rob Tremayne took first with his 1st calved Heifer Marne Mirage, a daughter of Marne Gucci, with her bull calf Marne Perth sired by Barnsford Ferny at foot.



The 2-year-old heifer class was won by Balbithan Neopolitan, brought out by Clare Clapp and team, with Cove Nigella in 2nd. Trenestrall Night sired by Trenestrall Isobar from the Palmer family was placed third. In the yearling heifer class the 1st prize went to Polgoda Orange from the Stacey family, with the Palmers in second with Trenestrall Offline, a Fairway Jazz daughter. The calf class was won by the Palmers with Trenestrall Omber, another Fairway Jazz daughter, with Polgoda Paul in second place. Lordlinhay took the Male Champion, with Mr Hopper's Penfound Overdrive in reserve.

Balbithan Neopolitan took the Female and Overall Breed Champion with Cove Nigella following her with the Reserve Champion spots. Nigella also took the exhibitor bred Champion, with Lordlinhay taking the reserve exhibitor bred spot. The Champion's for Exhibitor bred by a Cornwall resident went to Rob Tremayne's Marne Mirage, with Penfound Overdrive in reserve.

In the Interbreed classes the pair of Marne Mirage and Cove Lordlinhay took the Reserve Overall Pair. Mirage then went on to take the Reserve Interbreed Best Cow bred by the owner/exhibitor and Reserve Interbreed Best Cow with Natural born Calf at foot. Balbithan Neopolitan then crowned a very successful show season for Clare Clapp by taking Reserve Continental Interbreed Champion and the Reserve Supreme Interbreed champion. Congratulations to Clare and all her team who turned out at all of our 3 major shows in the South West and took Interbreed Titles at all of them!

Michelle Hanson took Silvermere Narnia on the long journey up to the Royal Highland and came 3rd in her heifer class for heifers born between 1st Jan and 23rd June 2017. Narnia is January 2017 born by Blelack Digger, out of a Rumsden Fawkes cow.

The trip from Cornwall was worthwhile for Rob Tremayne who took Marne Mirage up to the National Show at the Great Yorkshire Show and took home a first prize rosette for Female born on or before 31st December 2016.

At Okehampton show at the beginning of August there were 3 entries in the Junior Bull class, with Brian Nancekivell and Sons taking first place with Lovistone Omar, a March 2018 born son of Woodpark Fearless.



The Palmer family from Truro took second place with Trenestrall Odette, an April 2018 born son of Fairway Jazz, whilst third went to another Fearless son, Lovistone Orlando. The yearling heifer class was won by Trenestrall Offline, an

April 18 daughter of Fairway Jazz. The Champion went to Lovistone Omar, with the Reserve Champion going to the Palmers Trenestrall Offline.

The 10th August saw the reduction sale of Mr PC Old's Moynton Herd at GTH's Sedgemoor Market. The herd, based in Dorchester, is well known in the area, and has been managed for many years by Mike and Liz Yeandle. The reduction comprised 6 bulls, 9 cows with calve at foot



and 2 yearling heifers. There was a good turnout of SW breeders to see them go under the hammer and the top price was for their young bull Moynton Nougat, a March 2017 born son of Marne Gucci who sold for £2800. On the

23rd August there was a full dispersal of the Kentisbury herd of Mr AJ Cottle, Barnstaple at Exeter Livestock Centre. There were 110 lots on offer, with the top price going to their Irish imported stock bull, Dereskit Lancelot, who sold for 2700gns.

We would like to wish Mr Cottle all the best for his retirement.



That's it for me for now, as ever, if you have any news you would like me to include please get in touch. Next up for the SW is the biannual Herd Competition and Annual Dinner- hopefully I'll see you all there!



Wales - Eva Corbett

Shwmae! I hope this article finds you all well and recovering from a long summer of shows and silaging!

We start this summer edition all the way back in April at the Welshpool bull sale, which just missed the deadline for the last article. The night before the sale the market hosted the Welsh stock judging qualifiers, where a good turn out not only took part in the judging but also were treated to a talk on herd health by local vet Oli Hodgkinson and even a pub quiz! Proceeds from the quiz were donated to air ambulance and we hope to keep this going in future years. Senior and overall stock judging winner went to Gwion Hughes from Ceridigion who scored the maximum 100 points, under master judge David Barker of the Caylers herd. Intermediate winner on the day was local girl Emma Page, while the junior prize went to Gruffydd Llwyd Dafydd from Ceridigion. Congratulations to everyone that took part and thanks as always to the judge and exhibitors who provided the cattle for judging.

The following day saw the only society Spring bull sale at Welshpool this year. Topping the bids at 7,000gns was the first prize Trefaldwyn Ore, a Blelack Digger son from local breeder R



Welshpool top price - Trefaldwyn Ore, 7000gns



Welsh regional stock judging at Welshpool Market

A Owen. Other top prices from the region include 6,100gns for Esgob Osian from Gareth Jones of Cwmtirmynach, Gwynedd and 5,800gns for Montgomery Neville from another local breeder Messers Roberts and Jones of Welshpool. Welsh breeders Bob Roberts, Brynffanigl and Esmor Evans, Maerdy also had a good day at the office, selling bulls in excess of 5,000gns. In total 45 bulls sold, 13 more than last year, to average £4004.

Next to the Royal Welsh Show - my favourite week of the year and what a scorcher it was this time around for the 100th show! It was really encouraging to see such a strong entry of quality Charolais cattle, with many Welsh breeders as well as those from further afield. Judge for the the day was society president Mr Atkinson, who stepped in last minute after an accident meant scheduled judge Mr Michael Massie was unable to attend. We wish Mr Massie a speedy recovery and our thanks to our president for filling in at such short notice. In a re-run of the National Show at the Great Yorkshire, Bassett Nadia from Brailes Livestock pipped Teme Nude from the Corbett Family to supreme champion, the Welsh bred heifer following her all the way from her class to reserve breed champion. Fellow Welsh breeder Kevin Thomas stood reserve male champion with his new stock bull Thrunton Nugget, while Barmouth based R A Williams and son took the pairs champion rosette with homebred heifers Caerdaniel Nanette, a first prize winner, and Caerdaniel Neis. These five combined to make one of the strongest teams of five the Charolais have seen for several years and were narrowly beaten into reserve interbred by the British Blues. Welsh exhibitors were again in the top prizes with junior female champion going to Teme Olive from the Corbett family, who beat fellow red card winner and stablemate Teme Octavia, and best Welsh exhibitor bred male won by Trefaldwyn Orlando from R A Owen of Welshpool. Also representing the region were Roberts and Jones, Mr V Griffiths, S James and G Davies, Huw Jones, Medwyn Williams and Llewelyn Powell. We welcomed some new faces too in the Caswis herd from Haverfordwest, with youngster Henry representing the breed in the young handlers



RWAS Interbreed young handlers Grace Corbett and Nathan Jones



Reserve Interbreed Team of Five RWAS 2019

competition on the Thursday. Further successes came in the Interbreed Young Handler Pairs competition where Grace Corbett and Nathan Jones from Mid Wales were tapped out as interbreed champions so huge congratulations to them!

As always we had our awards presentation on the Monday evening in the Charolais building where the Welsh Chairman Ben Williams handed out the prizes and entertained us all with a great speech, followed by plenty of socialising in the cattle lines of an evening! In all a fantastic show, thank you as ever to everyone who helped make it happen and especially to the exhibitors for turning out such a wonderful show of cattle!

Congratulations also go to those who have been representing the breed at local shows up and down the country this summer. Special mention must go to those who took prestigious interbreed championships, including Caerdaniel Nanette from Aled Shenton who was overall champion at Eglwysbach and reserve overall at Anglesey, Teme Nude who took interbreed at Oswestry and Teme Olive at Minsterley, both from the Corbett family. As always, great to see the Charolais breed represented throughout the summer so keep up the good work as we head in to the autumn.

Until next time, hwyl am y tro!

CHANGE IN THE WAY INVOICES ARE RAISED

The Council of Management have decided that from 1st October 2019, The Charolais Society will be invoicing for registrations when they are first added onto our system.

Therefore you will notice that animals which are still pending queries or DNA will also appear straight away on your invoices.

Promotional Goods

GIFT ITEMS

Insulated Travel Mug	£6.00
Rucksack	£10.00
Notebook with Pen	£3.50
Calf Measuring Tape	£5.00
Umbrella	£17.00
Lorry Sticker	£6.00
Mug	£5.00
Key Ring	£10.00

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The Charolais Adventure by AS Harman	£10.00
A Calf Called Valentine by Berlie Doherty	£5.00
Valentine's Day by Berlie Doherty	£5.00
Charolais Leading the British Beef Revolution Hard Back	£5.00
Charolais Leading the British Beef Revolution Paper Back	£5.00

ACCESSORIES

Spotted Ties	Burgundy, Navy or Pink	£10.00
Baseball Caps (Suede Peaked)	Silver	£8.00
Woollen Hat with Logo,	Charolais or Bull	£6.00

CLOTHING

Carlton Quilted Jacket (Dark Green)	£55.00
Selkirk Softshell Jacket	£35.00
Show Coat (small)	£15.00
Boiler Suit (size 36", 40", 42")	£15.00
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North Midlands - Rhian and Aimee Varga

Hello from the North Midlands, I hope this report finds you well!

As show season draws to an end, it is always enjoyable to look back upon the results of our club members throughout the season, and seeing how far and wide they have travelled to represent us.

Esmoor Evans took the trip across to Stafford to judge the Charolais classes. Stafford Show always falls early in the season, in May. Local breeder, Anthony Mould had a well worthwhile trip out, showing his pair of homebred heifers, Moulais Olive and Moulais Orla. Both of these ET heifers are out of Goldies Issadora, and sired by Whitecliffe James. Moulais Orla took both the female, and overall Charolais titles. Her stablemate Moulais Olive stood Reserve Female, and



Reserve Charolais Champion.

The other class results are as follows:

Bull class:

- 1st: A D & H A Taylor - Brinsley Nigel

Heifer in Calf/Calf at Foot:

- 1st: C Wardle - Allostock Mandy

2017 Heifer:

- 1st: C Wardle - Carrigbeg Nancy
- 2nd: I Hollinshead - Foxacre Nephele
- 3rd: A D & H A Taylor - Brinsley NiceLady

2018 Heifer:

- 1st: A J Mould - Moulais Orla
- 2nd: A J Mould - Moulais Olive
- 3rd: I Hollinshead - Newplatt Opal

Pairs:

- 1st: A J Mould
- 2nd: C Wardle
- 3rd: I Hollinshead

The next show for our club members was the Royal Cheshire Show. We got lucky with the weather for the day, just in time for Vince Corbett to arrive from Wales to judge the Charolais. Local exhibitor, Miss Charlotte Boden had a great show; Bostockgreen Opal won her class, Junior Champion and

Reserve Breed Champion, coming second only to Bostockgreen Moonlightstar, who took Breed Champion after winning her class, and Female Champion.



Results are as follows:

Best Beef Calf:

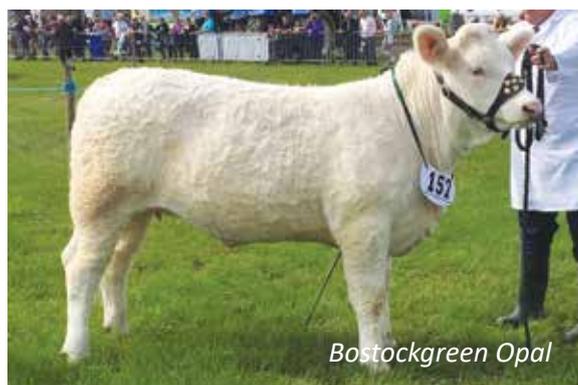
- 1st: C Wardle - Sandbach Orchid

2017 Heifer:

- 1st: I Hollinshead - Trefaldwyn Natalie
- 2nd: C Wardle - Carrigbeg Nancy
- 3rd: I Hollinshead - Foxacre Nephele

2018 Heifer:

- 1st: C Boden - Bostockgreen Opal
- 2nd: I Hollinshead - New Platt Opal
- 3rd: C Wardle - Sandbach Orchid
- 4th: I Hollinshead - Allostock Octavia





Bull:

- 1st: C Wardle - Sandbach Oakland
- 2nd: C Wardle - Sandbach Ozzie

Reserve Junior Champion: I Holinshead - Newplatt Opal

Heifer with Calf at Foot:

- 1st: C Boden - Bostockgreen Moonlightstar
- 2nd: C Wardle - Allostock Mandy
- 3rd: C Wardle - Carrigbeg Myfanwy
- 4th: C Wardle - Caerddaniel Madison

Cow with Calf at Foot:

- 1st: C Wardle - Carrigbeg Ladyjane
- 2nd: C Wardle - Carrigbeg Minty

Pairs:

- 1st: I Hollinshead - Foxacre Nephale/Trefaldwyn Natalie
- 2nd: C Wardle - Carrigbeg Nancy/Allostock Mandy
- 3rd: Caerddaniel Nancy/Carrigbeg Myfanwy

Aimee Varga also places second in the 16-30 year old, best beef handler class.

Charlotte Boden also took a trip over to the Royal Welsh, where the standard and turnout of the Charolais was fantastic. Shraden Highlight came 3rd in her class, a great achievement having only calved three weeks earlier! Bostockgreen Opal also had a trip out to Wales, taking third place in her class. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the owners of the Charolais Champion, Bassett Nadia on their title, and the Corbett family, for their Reserve Champion, Teme Nude.



As we approach the bull sales season, I would like to wish our members the best of luck for the coming months. I hope to see you all soon.

Autumn Sale Dates

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

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*

Border - Betty Graham

It is now early August and the year is marching on. Since our last report we have had a good mixture of weather and grass growth has been phenomenal – the quantities of silage made compared to last year are unbelievable. Many first cuts have yielded more than two cuts did last year.

Our thoughts are with everyone in North Yorkshire in particular the Reeth and Swaledale areas who were devastated with the recent flooding and lost crop, livestock and their belongings – perhaps some of our extra crop can help out in these areas. Thinking also of the residents around the Whaley Bridge Dam in Derbyshire, who at the time of writing are still out of their homes and unsure of what the outcome will be.

Summer Shows

Our summer shows are happening now. Members Andrew Stott and Sean Mitchell took entries to the Royal Highland Show and had good results. Andrew won a bull class with Tophill Olly and Sean showed Huttonend Oli who won the Reserve Junior Bull and the Reserve Male Champion award. At the Cumberland Show the Championship went to Tophill Olly from Andrew Stott. Second in the bull class was Ricnick Officer from Ricnick Charolais and third to Huttonend Oli from Sean Mitchell. Best female award went to Swalesmoor Nepal from the Heifer born in 1917 class from Messrs Slack and Brown.

Stock judging Finals



The Border club representatives for the Charolais Youth finals l to r: Archie MacGregor, George Shaw, Jonathan Hird, Stuart Hird, Sean Mitchell, Robert Stitt, Mike Atkinson and Tonya Farrell



Jonathan and Stuart Hird winners of the Fairway trophy pictured with George Shaw, Mike Atkinson and Tonya Farrell and Archie MacGregor

We sent two teams to the Clogher Show in Ireland for the Finals of the Young Judges Competition. As Carlisle Airport had just opened for flights in the beginning of July, we thought that travel for them would be simple. However, no flights to Belfast on either a Tuesday or Wednesday at this stage from Carlisle so they travelled to Glasgow Airport.

Our two teams were as follows – Jonathan and Stuart Hird made one team for the Senior section, while Robert Stott and Sean Mitchell competed in the Intermediate age group.

What an enjoyable time they had in Ireland and what fantastic results – Stuart and Jonathan took first place in the Team Award and won the Fairway Trophy.

Sean won 2nd place as an Individual in the Intermediate Section and when paired with Robert they won second as a team. Well done to everyone, we are super proud of you. A very memorable first trip to Ireland! Thanks to all the competitors, sponsors, judges and stewards, stock suppliers, office staff and anyone who helped make with this Competition possible.

Day Outing

Our day outing this year took us to the Open Day held at the Balmyle and Balthayock Herds on 28 July. What a fantastic day we had with bright sunshine and lovely views on our journey North. Forty members and friends (of all ages) joined our coach to the Perth area and we arrived at 10.30 am to have coffee and biscuits at Balmyle. After registration we looked around the groups of cattle in the nearby fields and in the buildings and then boarded the trailers to be shown around cattle further afield.

The Balmyle Herd was founded in 1975 when females were purchased with the best French breeding that could be found. Early success was achieved when the bull Balmyle Bruce was one of the first bulls to be sold back to France in 1987. In 1988 Balmyle Champion was sold for the then record price of 33,000 gns. Further bulls were sold at high figures over the years and in 2007 Balmyle Bollinger was sold for 30,000 gns and has left his mark on many herds. One of the most influential sires used is Dingle Hofmeister and now his son Balmyle Magnate is used through AI and his grandson Balthayock Diplomat alongside other stock bulls.

The farm also grows potatoes and peas. We were pleased to sample the Podberry Pea Snacks which are made from real whole peas grown on the Bruce family farm. They are dried and then seasoned with either Sweet Chilli or Sea Salt and Balsamic Vinegar. A very healthy snack which is low in calories and fat, as they are dried peas, not fried, and very tasty!!

Soon it was time to get back onto the coach and travel to Balthayock for 1.00 pm where again we received a warm welcome. It was a celebration of 50 years of breeding Charolais cattle for the Major and his team.

The herd was established when the first public sale of Charolais cattle in this country took place at the Royal Show ground in 1969 when Henham Lodge Emperour was purchased as a calf for 5,700 gns. Later that year the herd was increased when Jim Smith (the breeder of Emperour) purchased four heifers in France, then over the next three years another nine

heifers were added, as numbers allowed to come into this country were limited. The herd has had an exciting adventure over the years as the breed took time to establish and involved lots of hard work in refining the French Charolais to suit our systems. Now we have Breed Plan to provide the figures for EBV's and establish the Charolais as the leading terminal sire.

The Balthayock Charolais Herd consists of 272 cattle, together with a sheep flock of about 700 breeding ewes, split between a pedigree and a commercial flock. Lleyn rams are used to breed replacements and Primera and Texel Rams go to the commercial ewes to breed prime lambs. They also have a 150 head herd of commercial suckler cows bred from Simmental and Shorthorn bulls which are put to the Charolais bull. 60 ha of winter and spring barley is grown, and 70 ha is cut for silage.

We looked round the buildings and the cattle which are housed before we boarded the trailers for the tour round. The land is quite hilly but this gave us spectacular views over the countryside, but we were all warned about the terrain before we set off!



Tracey and Davie Nicoll have extensive knowledge of the breeding of the cattle and joined us on the trailers to give the commentary on all the groups of cattle we saw on the tour. This was fantastic and the calves had been all colour coded so we could identify which bulls were their sires. They currently have nine stock bulls in use which include Balthayock Imp, who was the Supreme Champion at Royal Highland Show in 2015.



They saved the best to the last – this was the 2019 show team. Included here was Balthayock Nessie who was the 2019 Royal Highland Show Interbreed Beef Champion, Best Female and Best Animal bred by Exhibitor.



After the tour we made our way down to the marquee where fantastic food and drinks were laid on for the 500 plus visitors to enjoy – either Roast Beef or Roast Lamb with all the

trimmings, followed by superb Strawberries, Raspberries and Cream.

Back up to the farm next for the auction of three In Calf Heifers which took place at 4.30 pm. The heifers namely Balthayock Moira, Mirium and Mercedes made 7000 gns, 6200 gns and 4500 gns respectively. The proceeds of Moira were to be donated to the charity - The Scots Guards Colonels Fund. The Major served in the Scots Guards for over 12 years and the charity is very close to his heart.

I then had a struggle to round up the passengers and get them back onto the coach for the journey home as they were having such a good look round and a catch up with old and new friends.

Our thanks go to the two herds for their superb hospitality and allowing us to visit.

Snippets

Unfortunately, we have had three very sad happenings recently -

Our sympathy goes to the family of Nora Jefferson who passed away in May. Nora was a real Cumbrian character and our Club Secretary for many years, a friend to everyone and a well-respected member of the farming community. (See the separate words in this newsletter)

Our sympathy also to Sheila Thomlinson and the staff at Harrison and Hetherington, Carlisle following the sudden death of David. He was a well-known and well-liked auctioneer and will be missed by all.

Our sympathy also to Neil and the family of Kirsty Blyth (Marwood) who has recently passed away. Kirsty was a lovely lady and always met you with a smile and had time for a chat when at the shows and sales. She will be a great miss to everyone.

On a brighter and happier note –

Congratulations to Mike and Angela Cleasby (Cleaden Herd) who celebrated their Golden Wedding in July.

Congratulations to Edwin and Sharon Holliday (Cleamire) on the birth of their baby daughter named Sadie Ann. Sadie was born on 2nd June and weighed 7lbs 14 ozs.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER – Beef Agri Expo at Borderway Mart, Carlisle. Please come and visit our stand, have a cuppa and a look at the cattle on display

THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER – Dinner in the Upstairs Room of the Auctioneer at 7.30 pm. This is night before the November sale. Please book your seat with Betty before the night. Please telephone 016973 71622 or email - bettygraham33@outlook.com

If you would like to join our Mailing List of events, please send your email address to Betty or follow us on our Facebook page. Our events are for anyone, not just Club members.

NORA JEFFERSON

Everyone was very sad to hear that Nora Jefferson has passed away. She had a spell in hospital in March and after a short illness she died on 20 May 2019.

Nora was born in Cumbria on 11 October 1932 and lived in the county all her life. She was the eldest of the four Lightfoot children and was brought up in a village near Wigton. Her parents had a rule that their family could not get married until they were 20 years old. Nora respected this and she married Alfred Jefferson in 1952 when she was 20 years and one week old!

They farmed at Abbey Cowper Farm, Abbeystown and had one son named John. They had a dairy herd and Nora was the calf feeder and rearer. Most of their dairy herd were crossed with the Simmental bull and one of Nora's jobs was taking the calves to the auction mart to sell. This was a job she loved and as there were calves to sell most weeks, this was a great opportunity for her to meet and socialise with farmers and have a good chat whilst at the mart.

When Continental beef cattle came into this country the Jefferson's went into the Simmental breed and were most successful with them at the summer shows and at sales. They also had smaller herds of Charolais and Limousin cattle.

Nora loved to show the animals and was always to be found in the cattle lines where she enjoyed admiring the other entries and the talking to all the exhibitors. Her other hobbies were badminton which she enjoyed playing for years, and she taught children to play netball. She also enjoyed other sports in particular tennis and watching Wimbledon, she loved Royal Ascot and the FA Cup Finals. She was well respected in



the local community and she was a school governor.

Nora enjoyed everyone's company and she had many friends. She loved attending the Bull Sales at Carlisle and Perth and catching up on all the news. She was the Secretary of the Border Charolais Club for about 20 years and her enthusiasm was envied by many Clubs throughout the country. At sales she was always there to see the vendors and the trade and never

missed speaking to anyone and encouraged them to attend the Border Club events. She organised outings, stock judgings, quiz nights, dinners and kept everyone entertained with her reports in the Newsletter.

Nora was a family person through and through, and her family always came first. She had two grandchildren and was also Great Grandma to Thomas aged 2 whom she adored. Her funeral was held at Holme Cultram Abbey in Abbeystown and was attended by hundreds, many having travelled long distances to be there.

There will never be another Nora, she will be missed by all. Thank you, Nora, for all you did, both for breed promotion and for the Border Club. Betty Graham



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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.

South East

The young stock judging finals at the end of July gave a good opportunity for William to visit Northern Ireland and go on a plane for the first time. He was apprehensive about flying initially but ended up really enjoying it and keen to go on a plane again. It was a shame there were no other young judges from South East Area, but it was good to link up with the East Anglia team again following a combined regional qualifier.

The Northern Ireland Charolais Group put on a decent show with a turnout of 80 animals of very good quality with many of the bulls likely to end up at the Stirling sales in October. The day consisted of two groups of bulls and one group of heifers to judge. William struggled with the heifers but did ok with the groups of bulls. Archie MacGregor was master judge for the competition, scoring a pair of heifers and explaining his reasons for the young judges to then score and comment on the other pair. William did well with this, scoring 44/50.

A big thank you must go to the hosts for the hospitality they provided from bacon rolls for breakfast to a good buffet lunch and a supply of drinks throughout. We then had the opportunity to watch the main Charolais judging by Alan Drysdale with most of the classes being well contested. There was a really good young bull from David Bothwell sired by Battleford Laser which finished reserve overall; one to watch for the future.

Hence, a big thank you to the Northern Irish Charolais group for all the work they put in to making it a very enjoyable trip.

New Forest Show

The New Forest Show started with downpours on the Tuesday for the dairy showing but thankfully changed to a much brighter picture for the beef day on Wednesday. An enjoyable time was had on the Tuesday night socialising between various breeds with a shared buffet in the cattle lines before the competition started in the morning. It was great to see an increase in the number of herds represented to four different breeders from the area including the Tiptoe herd making its showing return. Congratulations to Mortimers Farm Ltd on winning the Charolais Championship with Mortimers Natalya shown by Charlie Maclean and taking reserve with Mortimers Overjoy shown by Donald Maclean, also on winning interbreed pairs with Natalya and Nononsense.

A large number of the general public stopped to comment on the size and style of the Charolais cattle wondering how they were kept so clean and not quite believing that some could be as young as they were because of the size. Each herd displayed information on their animals and the breed and spoke to a vast amount of public, educating them on the breed and the importance of it within beef production along with the wider farming industry. Everyone stayed for showing on Thursday also, competing within the Continental beef classes with Mortimers Farm Ltd winning the overall Championship with Mortimers Overjoy. I hope to see all the breeders back again next year; and more if possible continuing to raise the profile of the Charolais breed!

Wednesday results were as followed:

Charolais heifer born on or after 1 January 2018 was won by Mortimers Overjoy

Charolais heifer born in 2017 was won by Mortimers Natalya

Charolais cow on in-calf heifer born before 2017 was won by Goscombe Maud

Charolais bull born on or after 1 January 2018 was won by Mortimers Odessa

Charolais bull born before 2018 was won by Waterman Noble

Yorkshire Show

Mortimers made the 500-mile round trip to attend the Charolais National at The Great Yorkshire Show, taking 4 heifers and achieving a 2nd, 2 x 3rds & a 4th in strong classes. Mortimers Natalya & Novelty won the Pairs and there was a great atmosphere the whole week.

The BCCS generously support the exhibitors attending this well organised show and the excellent hospitality provided is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to Richard & Rachel on their lovely champion and all exhibitors for turning out some real good quality stock. Also well done to our Club member & BCCS Chairman Ben Harman who I'm sure had an enjoyable day judging the classes.



Mortimers Overjoy



Mortimers Natalya and Novelty

South East Charolais Calf Show

Tuesday 19 November 2019

at

South of England Showground
Ardingly, RH17 6TH

Classes for Charolais Bull & Heifer
Calves born from 1 September 2018

Generous Prize Fund



South Midlands - Steve Hookway

Its been a great summer to be involved with the Charolais breed. The shows have seen some fantastic cattle really well turned out and then a fantastic weekend up in Scotland visiting the Balmyle and Balthayock herds. I think you can learn so much from visiting these top breeders and can always take something home to improve the way you breed your own cattle.

THREE COUNTIES SHOW

The south midlands enjoyed a great few days at the Malvern showground for this years Three Counties Show. Our usual local breeders supported us as normal. It was nice to welcome the Corbett family from the Welsh region who were showing at Malvern for the first time.

Our thanks go to our Judge Graham Robinson who did a great job placing the cattle. We had our usual Breedstand in the cattle lines . A big thankyou to Paul Burgess and Nicky Roberts for once again putting in the effort to keep us supplied with sandwiches and refreshments throughout the show.

The Supreme Champion was awarded to FOXACRE NINETTE a two year old from Ann Orr Ewing.

The Reserve Supreme Champion was awarded to TEME NUDE from the Corbett family also a two year old heifer

The male Championship was won by WALDENCOURT OTAGO an April born bull From Waldencourt Charolais.



Foxacre Ninette from Ann Orr-Ewing Supreme champion



Male champion Waldencourt Otago and female champion Foxacre Ninette



Matt Impey receives the champions plaque on behalf of Ann Orr-Ewing from chairman Roger Bayliss and judge Graham Robinson



Ken Gourlay presents the Cyril Chandler Trophy to Matt Impey on behalf of Ann Orr-Ewing



South Midlands breedstand

The Reserve male championship was won by the March born bull TEME OREGO from the Corbetts.

The Junior Male Champion was Waldencourt Otago.

The Junior Female Champion was Carrigbeg our Florence from Ricky and Christine Butler.

The Overall Junior Champion was awarded to Waldencourt Otago.

The Continental group of three competition was represented for the Charolais breed by 2 year old heifers Foxacre Ninette , Foxacre Nacre and 14 month old bull Waldencourt Otago. This young team was awarded Reserve Continental Group of Three.

The Cyril Chandler Cup is presented at the show each year to award the animal sold to the highest value at the society sales. This year it goes to Ann Orr Ewing for Her Heifer sold at the Welshpool Autumn sale.

ROYAL WELSH SHOW

A fantastic line up of cattle were on show at this years show numbers were up on previous years and the quality as good as ever. Steve and Sharon Hookway had two bulls in the April class. WALDENCOURT OTAGO was placed 1st in the class and WALDENCOURT OREGON was placed 4th.



Waldencourt Otago class winner



Waldencourt Charolais receiving a red rosette

BALTHAYOCK AND BALMYLE HERD VISITS

This really was a fantastic weekend and a rare chance to view two of the UK's top Charolais herds. A small group of five made the trip to Perthshire from the South Midlands, Steve and Sharon Hookway, PJ and Ann Maher and Roger Bayliss. We flew up from Birmingham and stayed in a nice Edinburgh hotel. The first visit was to the Balmyle herd. A warm welcome on arrival and a detailed catalogue of all the cattle on show greeted us. The cows were of great quality and were incredibly consistent throughout. These cows were working hard with impressive calves at foot. The stock bulls on show were impressive and it was clear that breeding figures played a big part in the breeding decisions. We have used several Balmyle bulls at home through AI and many other herds country wide will have benefitted from these great genetics. A nice spread of refreshments ended the visit.



Balmyle cows and South Midlands members. The bull pictured behind is the 46,000gns Balthayock Minstrel

The Balthayock herd was a 20 minute drive through some lovely countryside. This visit really was amazing. The herd is celebrating 50 years breeding Charolais cattle and had pictures of bulls sold through sales going back over the years displayed to browse as we drank coffee and eat cake.



Secretary and chairman at Balthayock

We boarded the trailers and drove through endless fields viewing some tremendous cattle. Attention to detail is incredible with breeding strategies carefully planned. The stock bulls were of great quality as was bull accommodation. We were made to feel very welcome and it really was a family atmosphere. A huge marquee was placed in a great walled garden that was a lovely setting for a first class roast lunch.

An amazing weekend that really did leave you enthused and something to strive for when breeding your own cattle going forward.

**MINUTES OF THE 57th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
BRITISH CHAROLAIS CATTLE SOCIETY LIMITED (Limited by guarantee)
HELD ON THURSDAY , 20 JUNE 2019 AT 8.15 A.M. IN THE CHAROLAIS MARQUEE
ROYAL HIGHLAND CENTRE, INGLISTON, EDINBURGH EH28 8NB**

CHAIRMAN: MR R C CURRY

The Chairman welcomed members to the 57th Annual General Meeting of the British Charolais Cattle Society Ltd.

1. To read the Notice convening the 57th Annual General Meeting of the Society

The Chairman called upon the Chief Executive, Mr Peter Phythian, to read the notice convening the Meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and recorded as follows:

Jeremy Price
Andrew Hornall
David Barker
Ralph Needham
David Thornley
Sean McGovern
Mervin and Chris Parker
John and Netta Wight
Greta Barker

3. To approve the Minutes of the 2018 56th Annual General Meeting of the Society

The minutes of the 56th Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 21 June 2018 were included in the September 2018 issue of the Charolais News and circulated to the membership.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions.

There were no matters arising and Mr Ben Harman proposed acceptance of the minutes as a true record. Seconded by Mr David Connolly.

4. To receive and consider, and if approved, adopt the Report of the Council of Management presented by the Chairman of Council.

The Chairman re-iterated that it was a great honour and privilege to chair the Society over the last two years and that he'd really enjoyed it and met a lot of great people. We're very fortunate to have a membership that stands behind us and we have a fantastic council currently with great staff at Stoneleigh who are focussed and driven, and he thanked everyone.

When the report was written we were meant to be leaving the European union and we are now in an even more uncertainty than we were then. There is no doubt we're in a challenging time for the industry not only politically, but we are being bombarded by extremists, legalism, environmentalists and all sorts. The future certainly is going to be different than it has been in the past, but as long as we can all pull together and keep producing cattle that people are after then we have a great future ahead of us. The sales over the last 12 months have been really encouraging, people are recognising that Charolais cattle in the all the markets store sales, fat sales right through the whole process are giving the biggest return, a lot of people are returning to Charolais bulls after a number of years away. The sad fact is we are all selling bulls into a diminishing market. As there are a lot less cows in the country, there are a lot less bulls needed, all we can do is strive to maintain and increase our market share if at all possible.

Figures over the five years period 2013-2018: membership and registration numbers have fallen roughly by 20%, auction commission fallen by 30%. If you speak to any breed society, they tell you something similar. It's the market that we are

operating in unfortunately, and has a financial impact. Graham and Peter have been working hard to address that, we have looked at cutting costs and generating income. Both of which we have managed to a degree and will continue to do, we are living in a different time and we have to be realistic. We have re-developed the building at Stoneleigh and we now have seven tenants in offices that are sub-let. We also have successfully tendered to do the registration and DNA work for the Beef Shorthorn, we're always looking for ways to generate fresh income and reduce costs.

One of the big developments during my chair has been the DNA testing, switched from microsatellite to SNP testing and testing breeding females coming into the herd. So far the exclusion rate on females is about 5% which justifies our decision. To do this was not an easy decision as it was an additional cost to the breeder. Over the course of the next few years every female in our herd book will be DNA typed and we can guarantee the animal people buy will be as its supposed to be, thank you for supporting it.

I would encourage breeders to send in samples as soon as possible, if they're pending it's a cost saving to yourself and we can process the samples that much quicker as it's a race against time to get testing completed for sales and otherwise.

Delighted to say we have successfully bid for the 2022 congress and it will be 10 years since the previous one. We have an organising committee in place and beginning to put a programme together, it will be centred around the national show and will be a 10-day congress. We will keep everyone informed as things are set into place.

The Chairman concluded by thanking everyone.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions on the report.

There were no questions on the Chairman's report.

Adoption of the report was proposed by Mr Murray Lyle and seconded by Mr Colin Wight.

5. To receive and consider, and if approved, adopt the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the 2018 year and the Auditor's Report thereon, presented by the Honorary Treasurer

The Chairman invited the Treasurer to present the 2018 accounts.

The Treasurer started by saying that this year in particular he should reinforce the points made in regards to the future. Throughout 2018 there was global, political, social and economic uncertainty with instability in the investment markets, the overall results is that the BCCS investments fell by little over £305,000 to £2.585 million, interesting the high point for the investment in 2017 was at the end of the year and in 2018 the exact opposite was the case with the low point at the year end.

The Treasurer highlighted the main points in his report:

- Income up by 2%
- Drop in registrations which is a trend that is well established falling from £177,000 to £164,000
- Pleasingly membership was a little over £71,000
- Expenditure increased from £596,000 to £628,000
- Over the last year two large important pieces of work have been started, firstly with microsatellite testing becoming obsolete we have switched to SNP testing, the benefit to members will be substantial but the retesting of old DNA samples has cost the society almost £26,000 in the year.
- The second major project has been to convert the remaining space at Stoneleigh into new offices. £15,000 was spent in 2018 with a further £28,000 spent in early 2019, with all the new offices now let.
- Budget for 2018 showed a loss of £41,000, the audited accounts show a loss of £40,000
- Second part of report, looking to the future over the last two years a great deal of time and effort has been put in to look at the issues that BCCS is facing, these are big problems and problems that virtually all pedigree cattle and sheep breeds face. Primarily centred around reduced registrations and long term decline in memberships and changes in the way animals are sold.

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- Charolais cattle breeders have a bright future albeit in a much smaller market, in very simple terms we cannot continue to operate at a loss, we are now making the best use of our assets in terms of rental income and investment income yet they fail to cover the shortfall, in the coming months council will have to make decision about the budget for 2020. My clear view is we have to make significant savings, while at the same time look at ways of generating extra income. We have already secured the contract for the registration work for the beef shorthorns which will generate in the region of £30,000.

The Treasurer asked Peter Phythian to say a few words, Peter went on to thank Chris and said that Chris is a very hard working honest, level-headed chairman. "Always there when there is an issue, he's great to bounce ideas off and during my career I have worked with several Chairmen, and I'd like to say you would be at the top, and if I ever wanted to choose a chairman you would be there. Thank you very much for all your hard work not just from me but from the whole society and the staff at Stoneleigh". Graham added he had thoroughly enjoyed working with Chris as well,

The Treasurer then went on to thank all the staff, over the last two years we have done a lot of work in modernising the systems and bringing them up to date, one of the main reasons we have won the beef shorthorn work is the systems and the staff.

There were no questions on the Treasurer's report.

Adoption of the report was proposed by Mr Ben Harman and seconded by Mr Allen Drysdale.

6. Election of members to the Council of Management

The Chief Executive reported:

As **Messrs R J Kimber (Southern England), S F McGovern (Northern Ireland), R A Milne (Scotland) and W G Roberts (Wales)** have served two terms of three years on council, they were **not** eligible for re-election.

Nominations for these vacancies were received from **Mr J Price (Southern England), Mr W Short (Northern Ireland), Mrs T Nicoll (Scotland) and Mr W Owen (Wales)**, which were unopposed.

Mr B Harman (National) and Mr N Blyth (Northern England) were re-elected unopposed to serve for a further term of 3 years.

Mr G C Robinson has been asked to become Honorary Treasurer for the next 12 months.

Due to the passing of Jane Trim, Arwel Owen was co-opted on to the council for the vacant national position.

The Chairman welcomed the new council members and thanked the outgoing council members for their contributions over the years.

7. Election of President

The Chairman started by thanking Mr Archie Macgregor for acting as president for the society for the last year. Archie was well known and highly regarded throughout the UK and the world, premier stockman and cattle breeder. He has represented the society fantastically.

Archie began by thanking the society for presenting him with the great honour of being President for the past year. He went on to say he enjoyed meeting many old friends and meeting many new ones. It was worth going to the council meetings and he hoped he managed to make his contribution to them. Archie went on to thank Peter and all the office staff for all their help and guidance and for the executive team and council to welcoming him. He then went on to wish the new President and Council success.

The Chairman went on to propose Mike Atkinson as the new president of the society. Mike started the Mowbraypark herd in the 80's with almost immediate success, Orlando and Torpedo sold for 25,000gns and 24,000gns respectively. But it was Gigi selling for 16,000gns that I always remember, arguably the best cow and she went on to have a great show career. As a meat buyer Mike brings a strong commercial knowledge to the council and has represented his region for the past six years as President, Archie proposed Mr Michael Atkinson as the new President.

This was seconded by Mr David Stobart.

The Chairman then welcomed Michael as the new President and asked for a few words.

Michael thanked Chairman and Archie for their kind words. Thanked Archie for being a great ambassador and credit him for being there for the young breeders and advising them what to look for and everything else and that's where to start work with the young breeders. "I find it a great honour to be asked to be president. I hope to get around all the shows and give you bit of my inside information of what the beef trades like, I know the beef trade is not doing well at the moment, there will be a turning point, and it won't be long before it happens".

The Chairman then went on to thank Mr Robinson for the hard work he does as Treasurer of the society and said he would like to invite him to continue as Honorary Treasurer for the next 12 months.

8. To appoint Auditors

The Chairman invited the Honorary Treasurer, Mr Robinson to propose the Society auditors for the forthcoming year.

Mr Robinson proposed Harrison Beale & Owen Ltd to continue as auditors. Seconded by Ben Harman.

9. To transact any other business

There was no other business.

Meeting closed 8.40am

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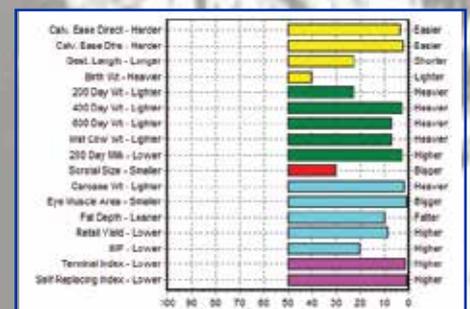
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