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# From the Chairman

As we reflect on the past year, we can reflect on a year of changes. A change of government a change of taxation policy, a change of subsidy criteria. The one thing we can always be sure of is that the Charolais breed delivers the best returns for the commercial breeder. In every market throughout the UK Charolais stores and weanlings have produced the best prices, as finishers know they will get the best performance and the least days to slaughter when compared to other breeds. As we calculate our carbon footprint and methane emissions, the benefits of using fast growing Charolais cattle which meet the processors specifications, will become even more obvious.

Continued confidence in Charolais was clearly shown at the spring and autumn bull sales, as we enjoyed higher averages and better clearance rates than all other breeds. In February Stirling sale sold 104 bulls at an average of £8470, The later spring sales also produced strong average prices. Carlisle, Stirling, Welshpool and Swatragh all enjoying excellent averages and good clearance rates. In the autumn sales Swatragh excelled as bulls sold to 14800gns and the top price female selling for 10500gns. Welshpool and Stirling enjoyed a strong trade with again very good clearance rates.

The big summer shows were again well supported by our breeders; and my thanks to them for promoting Charolais and their own herds at these prestigious events. Equally, week after week we saw Charolais champions at district and local shows, which is a great shop window for Charolais and our breeders' own herds. It takes a lot of work to prepare animals for showing, but it can be very rewarding to exhibit your cattle in a showing.

One of the highlights of the year has to be the young breeder event which was held in Wales this year. It was hosted by Arwel Owen, Trefaldwyn, and young breeders from throughout the UK participated. The day started at the farm with a comprehensive stock judging event, and I would like to congratulate the winners. This was followed by an interesting talk by sponsors Harbro. Later in the day a there was a demonstration of clipping, dressing and preparing animals for showing. The day was enjoyed by all, again thanks to Arwel Owen who hosted the event. The 2025 Young Breeders finals will be held in Northern Ireland.

Over the year we have many sponsors, and volunteers and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to them all for their help, as they are the ones who make these events possible.

As the year progressed there has been significant changes in the office staff. I wish to thank those who have moved on, for their time with the society, and wish them well in the future. The office staff are essential to the smooth running of the office, and I would like to thank everyone them for their hard work throughout the year.

In October we advertised for a new role of breed secretary for the society, and following numerous applications, we are delighted to welcome James Hudson to the post. James formally worked with Genus ABS and joins us bringing extensive experience of the cattle industry. James' new role includes managing all office practices and breed development.

Finally, my thanks to the executive, and Council members for their continued support since my election to the Chair. A special thank you to my predecessor Andrew Sellick for his hard work and dedication, throughout his time in office.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

**Jeremy Paynter**  
**BCCS Chairman**



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# Introduction from James Hudson

Since joining the team, as Breed Secretary, I have been humbled and motivated by the warm welcome and obvious passion for the success of the breed, extended by all members that I have had the opportunity to meet and talk with. I am looking forward to continuing to learn from the huge depth of knowledge shared and work together in validating and promoting the Charolais as the leading terminal beef breed.

I believe that this is an extremely exciting time to be involved with Charolais cattle, with beef sale values reaching record levels, our terminal breed that delivers growth and weight like no other is sure to capitalise. We have an unparalleled opportunity to maximise returns from the sale of Charolais bulls for our members and I am motivated for us to support this as a Society to the greatest effect.

I would like to see the continued development of the Charolais Youth Programme and am committed to significant focus on this in the years ahead, delivering a fun and interactive platform to encourage and inspire future generations of young Charolais breeders.

I am eager to provide focus and commitment to our efforts in validating the Charolais Breed's sustainable credentials of being able to convert feed inputs efficiently into kilograms of beef. Exploring opportunities to collaborate in future projects as they arrive that will help support this effort.

The harnessing of available technologies will help us to move forward and continue to build on the incredible strengths of the breed and I am enthusiastic to see the positive impact they can have, the potential to simplify tasks, whilst improving accuracy and validation of data capture will be key to supporting the future progress and integrity of the breed.

As a team we are keen to hear your feedback as to how we can continue to provide our membership with the best possible service. Please feel free to reach out directly with any thoughts and suggestions that you have and please take the time to fill out one of the surveys that you receive.

I am really looking forward to meeting members and working together during this exciting chapter for the Charolais Breed.

**James Hudson**  
**Breed Secretary**



# THE CHAROLAIS BULL IS THE LINCHPIN

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## **Farm Facts:**

Family farm: James, Pamela, Hamish and Adam Anderson and  
Marion Anderson, Headshaw Farm, Oxton, Scottish Borders

Livestock: Three Charolais bulls, 135 continental  
suckler cows, 620 breeding ewes

Farm: 920 acres owned land consisting of 110 acres  
of lower ground and 810 acres of upland and hill.

Cropping: 35 acres of feed barley grown for home use,  
20 acres of hybrid kale with green globe turnips.

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**T**he Charolais bull is the linchpin of the suckler enterprise at Headshaw Farm, Oxtun, which has been home to the Anderson family, since 1933. The farm was rented initially and purchased later in the 1950's. James Anderson is in partnership with his wife Pamela, sons Hamish and Adam, and his mother Marion, who is retired. Each family member is wholly committed to the business and its fundamental objectives whilst having their own unique skill set, which by good fortune complements each other. Hamish is very much dedicated to the machinery side of the farm business but also carries out contracting work off farm. Adam's passion lies with the stock; he works full-time at home and shears and dresses sheep for friends and neighbours. Pamela bakes two days a week at a local coffee shop and spends the rest of her time running the farm office and working outdoors when required.

The family have used a Charolais bull since the 1970's when James' late father Ronnie, introduced the breed, after being lured by their renowned growth and conformation. Since then, the family has never looked back, James said, "we have always really liked the Charolais, they have power and size and are ideal for selling suckled calves at 11-12 months of age". He added, "the Charolais sired calves cannot be beaten when it comes to weight for age, which is an important factor for my customers in their finishing enterprises".

This statement is supported by AHDB's latest National Beef Evaluation breed rankings published in August 2024, where the Charolais ranks highest for average daily carcass gain, the best for carcass weight and shares the continental top spot for age to slaughter. James said, "weight for age is a key measurement for us in terms of



profitability," he continued, "it also demonstrates environmental consideration, which is important in terms of marketing our product to farmers, finishers, and consumers. Suckler cow numbers have dropped significantly in the country over recent years and more dramatically recently, James responded, "I firmly believe if you have the right product and get on with the job, and do it well, there should be money to be made!"

The farm steading sits 950ft above sea level on the south face of Soutra Brae, overlooking the Lauderdale valley and operates a clean grazing system. Situated in one land parcel at Headshaw Farm, 810 acres consists of upland and hill ground that reaches 1350ft and. A second land parcel of 110 acres is lower ground. This conventional mixed upland unit has been developed and improved over the years to provide grazing at its peak, where traditionally only heather had grown. A Bateman cattle handling system was installed in 2021 and a new shed for housing cattle, measuring 140ft x 40ft was built in 2022, allowing all cows to be housed in winter.



The farm also runs 620 breeding ewes, 120 Hill Cheviots run on the high ground, pure Texels total 35, while the remainder of the flock are Texel cross and Suffolk cross. Furthermore, 100 mule ewe lambs are bought in for gimmering. Homebred pedigree shearlings that make the grade, are sold at Kelso tup sales. In 2024, ten Headshaw pure Texel shearlings sold to £1,600 p/head and four cross-bred shearlings attained £1,225 apiece.

Thirty-five acres of feed barley is harvested for home use alongside twenty acres of hybrid kale with green globe turnips, a break crop for grassland renewal and to assist with re-seeding. Round bale silage is made using the family's own baler and wrapper, 100 acres are taken at first cut and a further 30 acres second cut. Spring barley, winter barley, oat and wheat straw are bought-in, in the swath, and baled and hauled by the Anderson family. To offset this additional cost, 700 tonnes of muck is sold, in a muck for straw arrangement.

Located in the heart of the Scottish Borders, an area famed for its native breed stronghold, Headshaw Farm boasts an alternative system, based entirely on a continental herd demonstrating that strengths, and more importantly success, can lie in differences. Two-thirds of the cows are Simmental cross and the remainder Limousin cross, James said, "I do believe there is nothing smarter or more eye-catching than a fully continental bred pen of store calves". James added, "in terms of replacements, I do artificially inseminate some heifers to a Limousin bull and two draws of cows mate to a Simmental bull however the vast majority of the cows are put to the Charolais bull". Having completed an AI course James is able to experiment with new Charolais bulls on selected cows.

The calves on the ground are predominantly sired by a bull purchased at Stirling Bull Sales in October-2017 for 10,000gns, the most the family has ever paid for a stock bull. Mornity Mushroom from Jack Nicoll Farms



Limited, Blairgowrie, Perthshire, is sired by the 14,000gns Westcarse Houdini and out of Mornity Icicle sired by the 12,000gns, Elrick Frenchman. He was born in May-2016 and has been a prolific breeder for the Anderson's, James explained,

“ten thousand guineas is a lot of money, but I class the purchase as an investment and this bull has represented good value for money”

James has been a member of the British Charolais Cattle Society for more than twenty-five years and in addition to the crossbred cows there are two pedigree Charolais cows purchased from Michael Durno, Auchorachan, Glenlivet, Ballindalloch. February-2014 born Glenlivet Juniper, a Beechtree Gladiator daughter, is the dam of homebred, November-2019 born Headshaw Princess



sired by Mornity Mushroom and the September-2017, Headshaw NickNack by Goldies Eddy. Glenlivet Nola by Deunawd Jeff, is the dam of August-2020 Headshaw Rocky by Lowerffrydd Benhurr and Headshaw Thunder by Corrie Alan, born in November-2022.

Bucking the trend once again in terms of selling, the Anderson's put all their eggs in one basket, choosing to sell all their stock live at local markets, James said, "it is important to support the local livestock markets and by doing so we have built our reputation of supplying quality calves, which in turn, attracts repeat customers". He continued, "supporting the live auction mart is probably quite traditional but there is a lot of work that goes into getting calves, shearlings, gimmers and other stock ready to sell and I like to use the mart as our 'shop window!'. The farm is a member of the SAC Premium Cattle Health Scheme, and is QMS quality farm assured, to ensure the herd is fit and healthy, as well as reassure customers.

All heifers are calved down between 27 – 28 months of age, they receive a forage diet topped up, if needed, with homegrown barley and distillers' dark grains. 55 cows calve inside bedded on straw from 1 May, their calves are weaned the following January and sold in March. In 2024, the tight spring calving pattern was completed in a seven-week period. Autumn calvers totalling 80 head calve from 1 September onwards; their calves are weaned in July and are sold in October. Spring calves receive creep fed ad-lib outside from the third week of August on a 19% blend and once inside with more creep space their ration is measured to around 3kg per day. Autumn born calves receive creep inside at a daily rate of 1.5kg per day, and both systems result in a daily live weight gain at point of sale of around 1.2kg to 1.3kg per day. Both rations are changed two months prior to sale to include homegrown barley.



In October 2023 aged 11-13 months, 18 bullocks weighed an average of 487kg and sold to £1474 p/h or £3.03 p/kg. Heifers achieved an average of £1357 p/head, £3.01 p/kg at 452kg. Feedback from the longstanding, repeat buyer confirmed that six to seven months later, all cattle graded out at a U grade, bullocks killed out at an average deadweight of 438kg while the heifers reached 418kg deadweight. The latest batch of calves were sold live in March 2024, heifers and bullocks aged 10 months old, averaged £1455 p/head, but the 'star' of the sale were the heifers which weighed 432 kg av., and sold to £1492 p/h or £3.46 p/kg av.

James said, "the autumn trade for bullocks was good but come the spring, heifers were in demand, I firmly believe that Charolais heifers at finishing, outweigh and outperform heifers of most other breeds!". Summing up the Charolais breed, James said, "our system relies on selling store calves live at the earliest opportunity and the Charolais terminal sire enables us to do that!".



# THE CHAROLAIS IS CONTINUOUSLY THE BEST SELLER

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## **Farm Facts:**

Family farm: Noel, Thomas and Richard  
McIlwaine, Plumbridge, Co. Tyrone

Livestock: Two Charolais bulls, 80 continental suckler cows, 200  
breeding ewes and 600 pigs on a bed and breakfast basis.

Farm: 200 acres owned land, consisting of permanent pasture.

Markets: Local livestock markets and the Northern Ireland  
Charolais Club's sponsored suckled calf sales.

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**N**oel McIlwaine, a fourth-generation suckler farmer and his wife Hilary, farm alongside two of their three sons, Thomas and Richard in Plumbridge, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland. Thomas also works on a local dairy farm but remains very much invested in the family enterprise, he is engaged to Chloe who works in a local veterinary practice and together they are currently building a new home on the farm.

Richard balances working at home alongside a second job at Brain Keys Tractors at Dromore, he and his wife Hannah have two children, Thea aged five-years-old and Louie who is three years old, both of whom have farming running through their veins, particularly Louie who adores the cattle.

The 200-acre farm is nestled at the west end of the Glenelly Valley, the name of which is taken from the Irish: Gleann Eallaigh, meaning the valley of the cattle, so it is fitting that cattle remain in the valley overlooking the banks of the Glenelly river.

The family run a farm quality assured, 80-strong herd of Simmental x Limousin cows which are put to two Charolais bulls. Cows are fed a forage only diet with a magnesium rich and high vitamin D inclusion dry cow mineral formulated to ensure adequate supplementation of the key minerals and vitamins to boost the well-being of their cows.



Cows are calved both in autumn and early spring, with approximately 40% being calved in autumn and the remaining 60% in the spring. Cows are calved down on straw bedding and then moved onto slats with rubber mats.

There is a dedicated area for the calves to lie back into, and on turn out, heifer calves and bull calves are split. Creep feed, a 16% protein, beef nut from L W Surphlis & Son, is only introduced two months prior to sale. All calves are sold as weanlings at local markets, and the Northern Ireland Charolais Club's sponsored suckled calf sales, at approximately 12 months of age. The average weight of calves at sale is between 380-400kgs, and in October-2023, the Mcllwaine's averaged £1575 / £3.97 p/kg for bull calves and £1378 / £3.16 p/kg for heifer calves.

To complement the land in terms of grassland management and grass utilisation and to provide a more consistent cash flow, the family also lamb two hundred Suffolk cross and Texel cross ewes in January, most of which are put to a Texel tup with a few going to a Suffolk for replacements. Fat lambs are sold live at Donemana market, Co. Tyrone at around 46kgs liveweight.

Noel described the Mcllwaine's farming system as, 'traditional', and although the traditional principals and time-honoured, high standards are evident, there have also been subtle changes over the years to ensure the business remains profitable and sustainable.

Forty years ago, the family would have had outwintered Hereford cattle scattered across the hills of the Glenelly Valley, but these were replaced by the continental cross cows with their sought after Charolais sired calves at foot, to maximise revenue without radically changing the system.



The farm is fortunate in that it has three separate steadings. At Orrs Hill steading, the family have ventured into a bed and breakfast pig operation for M.Keys Farms Ltd, Fivemiletown, Co. Tyrone, providing accommodation, food and water for 600 pigs at a time, for a twelve-week period. The pigs arrive aged three months old, weighing 35kgs each and leave three months later, weighing around 110kgs. In 2023, the Letterbratt steading hosted bed and breakfast dairy heifers for a local neighbour, and the Dergbrough steading houses most of the spring calving cows and calves. Back at Orrs Hill there was also evidence of a skeleton of a brand-new shed, an indication that the family are continuing to invest in the business, and whispers of the next potential diversification into dairy.

The one core value that remains important to all three partners is presenting top quality calves at the local market year on year, Noel said, "we strive to be in the top five at the market every time, not the bottom five!". The drive to supply consistently high-quality cattle means the family have invested heavily in their stock bulls, which equates to 'half the herd'. The first stock bull Killadeas Raymond,



who was reserve intermediate champion at Clogher Valley Livestock Mart in March-2022, was secured for the highest price of the day at 9200gns. This four-year-old Charolais bull from S and D Bothwell of Ballinamallard, Co. Fermanagh, is a son of the 11,000gns Battleford Laser, which is a former intermediate champion at Stirling in 2017, with the dam being Killadeas Lisa, a daughter of Gwenog Braveheart. In April 2024, the McIlwaine's also purchased the reserve intermediate champion at the NI Charolais club sale at Swatragh Livestock Market. A December-2022, Vagabond son, Mountain Tommy out of a Derrygiff Jester sired dam, Mountain Nell, was purchased from Mr L Johnston, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh for 6,400gns.

The McIlwaine's stated,

“ the Charolais is continuously the best seller, and the calves always weigh well for their age ”

All calves are sold at local saleyards where they have repeat customers returning year on year to purchase their quality stock. Both Noel and Richard agreed that the Charolais is the only breed that can produce growth rates to suit selling calves as weanlings and the 'orange coloured' Charolais calf with power and bone was always in demand. They also noted that the Charolais breed had a lovely temperament, and massive steps forward had been taken in recent years in terms of calving ease, Noel said, "calves are born with very few issues and the calves continue to grow and thrive all the way until they are sold!". He added, "the Charolais are an all-rounder, suiting any suckler beef system".



In-calf replacement heifers carrying a Limousin calf are bought in and calved down at 29 months and then put to the Charolais. Cows and calves are grazed and regularly moved between paddocks which ensures a fresh supply of grass is always ahead of the cows. The family grow 80-acres of first cut pit silage and a further 40-acres as second cut and they also provide a small amount of contract silage work for local neighbours. With the farm laid mainly in permanent pasture 80 Heston bales of straw are bought in each year to provide for the long-housed period over winter, cows are brought in mid-October and turn out is usually around the end of April.

Despite the shrewd changes in the McIlwaine's farming practices over the years, it is the investment and confidence in the Charolais breed that continues to underpin the family's whole farming operation. This investment has clearly paid dividends as the McIlwaine family have won the hotly contested NI Charolais club suckled herd competition an impressive three times with the first win in 2017 and the latest in 2023. These wins are testament to a family committed to a sustainable future who recognise the importance of efficient calving returns and the Charolais' unsurpassed weight for age ratios providing environmental advantage. This coupled with an instinctive eye for quality stock and repeat customers, continue to strengthen the foundations for the McIlwaine's next generation.



# LIMOUSIN HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY CHAROLAIS STOCK BULLS

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## Farm Facts:

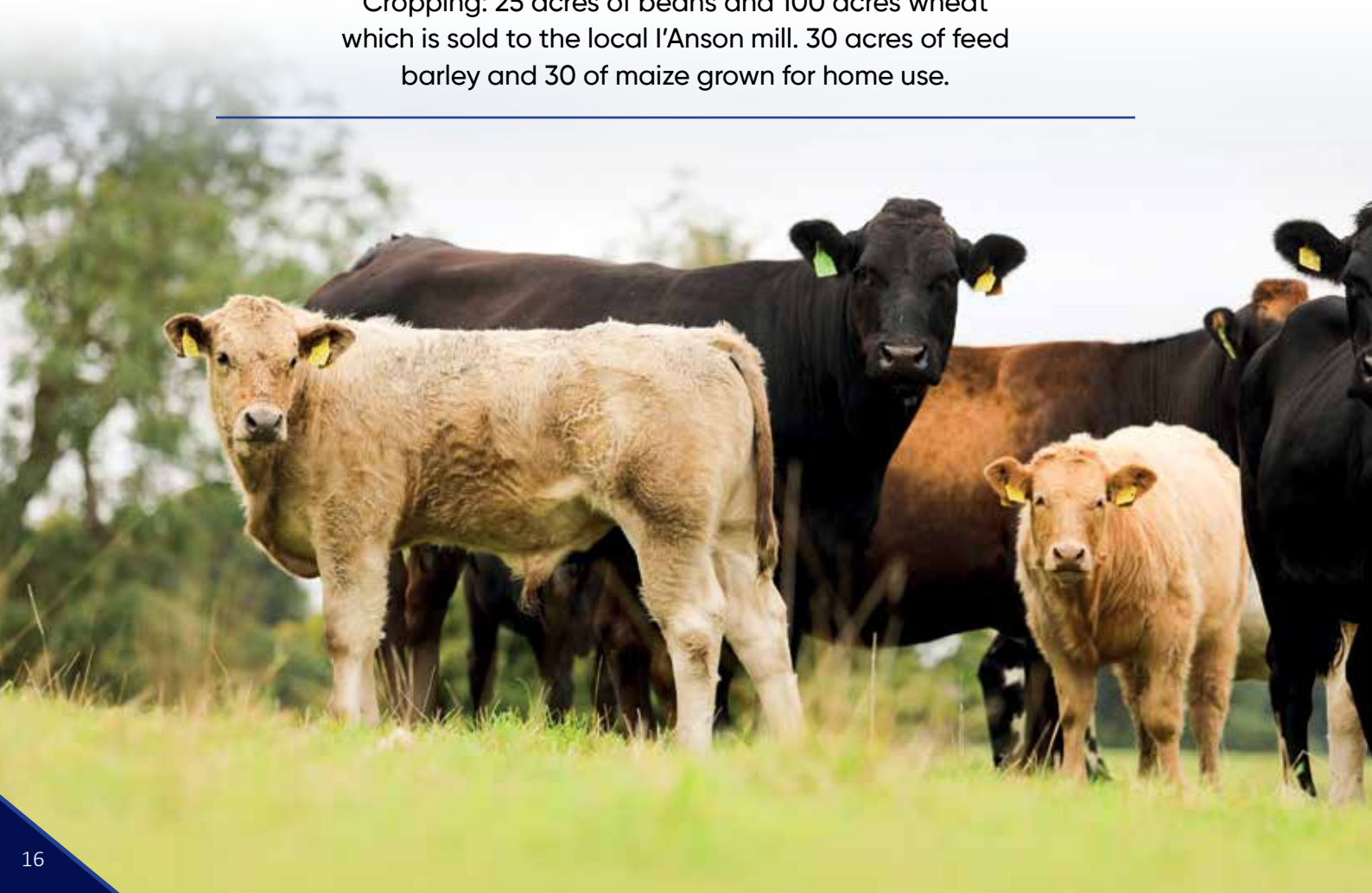
Family farm: Martin and Elaine Falshaw and Andrew, Jenna, Hayden and Kitson Falshaw, Shaws Farm, Ripon, North Yorkshire.

Livestock: Two Charolais bulls, 90 suckler cows, one British White bull, five British White cows, five Gloucester Old Spot breeding sows, and 100 pedigree Ryeland's under the herd prefix Coco & Vanilla.

Farm: 370 acres on a lifetime tenancy agreement and the remainder on FBT and grazing licences.

Cropping: 25 acres of beans and 100 acres wheat which is sold to the local l'Anson mill. 30 acres of feed barley and 30 of maize grown for home use.

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**A**mong the major decisions for a suckler farm is the purchase of a new stock bull. With this comes a huge range of factors that must be considered. These include the farming system, the breeding females in the herd and the end-product for the marketplace. Martin and Elaine Falshaw together with son Andrew and his wife Jenna, and sons Hayden and Kitson, are the third generation to farm at Shaws Farm, Ripon, North Yorkshire. Like many farming families, they have contemplated and debated this sire conundrum over the years, weighing up important traits such as calving ease, weight for age and temperament against the management system at home and the constitution of their suckler herd.

Over the last decade, the Falshaw family had previously used a Limousin bull but in 2022 fertility issues forced them to seek a new stock bull. Steven Potter, Topcliffe, North Yorkshire, gave them the option of a Limousin or a Charolais bull. This presented the family with the opportunity to experiment with a new terminal sire, the Charolais, a breed they had contemplated using for a long time. Andrew said, "we needed a stock bull, and we were offered the choice of a Limousin or Charolais bull. The Charolais compared to



the Limousin had more growth and superior conformation, in the end, it was an easy decision to make, and so we purchased the Charolais, which was out of a pedigree dam, Crookdake Maggie". Martin added, "this started our Charolais journey, we now have a second crop of calves from him on the ground, and we are delighted!". Corroborating the success of the family's new stock bull, a second Charolais stock bull was purchased from Ben Dawson, Driffild, in spring 2024, this time with full pedigree papers. Wansford Trojan, out of Blelack Jessi was sired by Culmvale Novello, and born in April-2022.





Shaws Farm is approximately 350ft above sea level and situated south-west of Masham, overlooking the Nidderdale National Landscape. It is farmed under a secure tenancy agreement from Swinton Estate. The agricultural unit is mixed which provides scope and security, Andrew explained, "a mixed farm is a diverse approach, it enables us to widen our options, maximise our resources and spread our risk. We have embarked on several new projects in recent years and in fact, we started 'dual cropping' before it became fashionable". The regenerative farming approach which includes cover crops, herbal leys and multiple cropping was introduced to increase efficiency, reduce costs, improve income and prevent soil erosion and it has set them on the sustainable farming path. The family have also started a small herd of native, dual-purpose, British White's which totals five cows, seven followers and one bull. In addition, they own five Gloucester Old Spot breeding sows;

offspring are sold as breeding replacements, and Jenna maintains a pedigree flock of Ryeland sheep. Jenna said, "we have put a foot in both camps, experimenting with several native breeds and species".

She added,

“ our key focus, however, remains the continental herd with its proven advantage of fast and effective finishing, which has a huge impact on the efficiency of our system and the profitability of the farm, which ultimately boosts our environmental credentials! ”

The 90-strong quality farm assured suckler herd all calve in spring, and comprise of predominantly Limousin cross cows, with a sprinkling of Hereford cross, British Blue cross, and Aberdeen-Angus cross cows. Many of the cows are crossed with dairy boosting the milking ability of the dam. The cows are all blood tested and pregnancy scanned in late November. Jenna said, "in November 2023, pregnancy scanning revealed that over 96% of the herd were in-calf". Martin added, "we blood test the cows at scanning because we do not provide ad-lib minerals throughout the year and haven't done so for the last four years, we are however in a low iodine area



and therefore we administer an iodine injection, once a year, in December". All cows receive a Total Mixed Ration (TMR) diet consisting of 40% maize, 40% silage and 20% homegrown cereals which ensures a wide distribution of nutrients in uniform feed. Cattle are vaccinated against Bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD) and Leptospirosis, calves are immunised against Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR) and are tagged tested for BVD.

The management and selection policy for females has varied over the years, the family have reared bought in calves, kept their own heifers and bought in cows and calves. Andrew said, "the best kind of cows have come from our homebred replacements, but that system can impact cash flow, so we continue to keep the very best homebred calves and buy in anything we think is as good or better than what we have at home". One strict policy however is that breeding females are visually assessed and pelvic scored, an inexpensive tool used prior to mating, which identifies heifers with narrow pelvic areas who would be most likely to experience difficult calvings. The pelvic score is measured by their local veterinary officer through rectal examination using a Rice Pelvimeter. Horizontal and vertical measurements are taken of the pelvic and then multiplied together to give the pelvic area. Heifers that don't make the grade are removed from the breeding herd.

Martin's father was a cattle dealer and so Martin is more than familiar with feeding and fattening cattle, on average he used to finish around 500 cattle per year but with Andrew, Jenna and the boys in the business, the focus has changed. Yorkshire is a huge 'live' market area, but in 2023 due to weather conditions and grass and feed availability, the Falshaw family did fatten around



25 bulls, but on a normal year most calves would be sold live as stores, at 12 months of age with the bull calves left entire. No creep feed is fed and therefore the average weight at point of sale is approximately 300kg. av. The calves are traded through local livestock markets at Pateley Bridge and Leyburn to local, regular buyers and generally the cattle are finished within a forty-mile radius of the home farm. In spring 2024, 45 bulls topped £1700 p/head and 45 heifers matched their male counterpart's top price of £1700 p/head. Andrew concluded, "that's the beauty of the Charolais, they have a lovely temperament that is passed on to the calves, they are good to look at with superb conformation, and the calves grow like mushrooms, validating the Charolais' reputation for conversion!". Martin added, "traditionally I thought the female progeny would let the Charolais down, but they didn't, the heifer calves are equally as fantastic as the bull calves!".



# EASY CALVING CHAROLAIS BULLS COMPLEMENT A LOW MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

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## Farm Facts:

Family farm: Llifon and Ffion Jones, Llwyn  
Mafon Isaf, Criccieth, Gwynedd.

Livestock: Two Charolais bulls, 130 continental suckler  
cows, 900 Texel cross Welsh Mountain breeding ewes

Farm: 580 acres of permanent pasture, 280 acres  
owned ground, and 300 acres rented.

Diversification: <https://www.llwynmafonisaf.co.uk/>

Farmhouse in Cefnwerthyd, Bontnewydd which is  
rented out to holiday makers and three glamping  
pods, Moel Hebog and Moel yr Ogof with hot tubs,  
and dog friendly glamping pod, Moel y Gest.

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Llwyn Mafon Isaf is more than just a farm, it is a full-scale family enterprise that includes hospitality, glamping, as well as the 580-acres suckler farm. It is home to fifth generation farmer, Llifon Jones, his entrepreneurial wife Ffion, and their three children, Guto Anwyl a stonewaller, Elliw Pennant a nurse and Efa Gwynedd who is currently working as a relief milker. The farm is split over four land parcels, Llwyn Mafon Isaf is owned, and is Llifon's family farm. It comprises of 180 acres of owned permanent pasture, it forms the centre of the hospitality business, and the 400-year-old farmhouse is home to all the family. A further 100 acres are owned at Bont Newydd, Caernarfon, that was Ffion's original family farm, and 100 acres of ground are rented at Tyddyn Felin, Pentrefelin, and 200 acres at Bron y Gader, Criccieth.

Tucked away in a quiet corner of Eryri (Snowdonia), near Criccieth which is known as the 'pearl of Wales', Llwyn Mafon Isaf at 550ft above sea level, overlooks Morfa Bychan, known locally as Black Rock Sands. The farm is perfectly located to enjoy all of Snowdonia, the Llyn Peninsula and Anglesey so it is no wonder the family have extended a warm welcome to guests for over fifty years. Two years ago, the family invested £130k in three glamping pods



to replace the bed and breakfast business, this investment is proving fruitful, with the family on track to meet their self-set three year pay back target.

Working in harmony alongside the hospitality business, is the farm. The two businesses present the family with the opportunity to maximise their income whilst utilising every possible resource including labour. Ffion is on hand to help on the farm if required but the work is flexible enough to allow her to meet guests and tend to the pods. Llifon meanwhile is fully employed on the farm but also works part-time as a stonewaller, so with such busy lives, it is imperative that the livestock operation is uncomplicated and low maintenance.



In addition to the main cattle operation, 900 Texel cross Welsh Mountain sheep are put to a Suffolk and a Texel. Approximately half of the replacement ewe lambs are bought in and the remaining 150 are home bred.

Further investment has also been made in the farm business, with the assistance of a 40% Government grant, the family have built a cattle-shed spanning 120ft x 80ft. The new accommodation allows the 130 continental suckler cows, predominantly Charolais and Limousin cross, to calve inside, in the spring.

The advantage of the spring-calving system is that the cows don't have calves suckling them during the winter months and are therefore cheaper to feed. Llifon said, "'suckled' calves born at this time of year are well-grown at weaning in October and are much cheaper to produce than autumn-born calves".

Cows are calved over an eight to ten-week period and weather permitting, are turned out as soon as the calf is two days old. Their normal diet consists of access to silage with spring barley for twelve hours a day and straw thereafter. However, a few weeks ahead of calving, the cows receive concentrate in the



form of dairy nuts, to support calving ease, fertility and the performance of the calf. Llifon commented, "feeding cows helps the calving process and ensures the cows are in 'tip top' condition for returning to the bull.". Hay and straw are bought in, while 140 acres of pit silage is made, and a further 30 acres of round bale silage is cut and baled. Cows are vaccinated for Bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD) and receive an ANIMAX Tracesure® Cattle bolus prior to bulling.

Around thirty heifers are kept as replacements each year, and the remainder are snapped up by Robert Nicolson, Rugby, who finishes 150 heifers each year. Bullocks are all sold at Mart Bryncir, in September, aged 16 to 18 months. Creep feed is introduced one month prior to sale, at 2.5kg per beast per day. On 16 September 2024, 32 bullocks aged 16 to 18 months old, hit a top price of £1865 for a pen of four, closely followed by a pair at £1820; the average for 32 sold was £1596. John Lloyd Williams, auctioneer at Bryncir said, "we took over the market at Bryncir 25 years ago and Llifon and the family have been regular vendors every year, they always have a tremendous run of Charolais sired cattle at the September sales".



The fundamental objectives at Llwyn Mafon Isaf are calving ease, temperament and growth, Llifon said, "I need calves that grow on quickly with very little supplementary feed, the Charolais calves thrive, and that is why I wouldn't use any other bull!"

The first Charolais stock bull was purchased at Mart Bryncir, from Geraint Roberts, Llystyn Canol, Garndolbenmaen. He is an unregistered Charolais bull, but Llifon had seen both the sire and the dam and knew he would be easy calving, so would suit his system at home. The second bull was a substantial investment, in April 2024, he purchased a half share in the reserve overall champion at the British Charolais Cattle Society's Welshpool sale, which was judged by Mr David Erskine, Monaghan Town, County Monaghan and by Mr Stuart Brown, Selby. Esgob Trebor, a December-2022 born bull sired by Solwayfirth Peterpan, bred from a Caylers Hustler daughter Esgob Rhianwen was knocked down at 9,000gns, the second highest price on the day. Llifon shares the bull with pedigree breeder Medwyn Williams of the Castellmawr herd, Pistyll. The breeder Mr G M Jones, Gwynedd, places a huge emphasis on breeding quality bulls that maximise the genetic potential and add value to the calf crop, in the herds the bulls enter. In fact, he won the Welsh title in the 2024 Harman Genetic Improvement Awards which recognises those herds with the greatest percentage improvement in the self-replacing index over the previous 12-month period.

The cattle enterprise at Llwyn Mafon Isaf has been successful for generations, it has been built-on experience, knowledge of the land, and the efficient



use of resources. The Jones family understand what the customer wants and how to achieve it. At the core of this system is simplicity, and pivotal to this is a bull that is easy calving, enabling cows to calve without intervention, Llifon said,

“ there has been a huge improvement in the Charolais breed in terms of calving ease ”

He continued, "I have noticed it myself and it makes a dramatic impact to me as a farmer, it means less labour, my cows are more ready to return to the bull and it saves me a huge amount of time and money!"

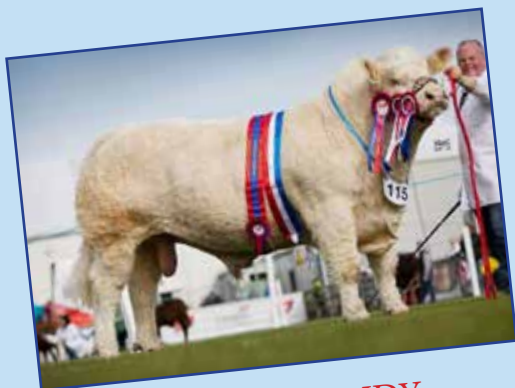


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# NO ROOM FOR PASSENGERS

## Jill Hunter, Harbro Beef & Sheep Nutritionist

It is well documented fertility is the number one driver of productivity and profitability in suckler herds and a pedigree herd should be the ideal place to strive for perfection in all aspects, including fertility as there is access to the very best genetics. Compare this to a commercial herd which may be based on dairy cross replacements, where dairy cows have been crossed out with a beef bull, to ensure dairy replacements are not kept out the poorer end of the herd. Top end genetics, coupled with industry leading stockmanship should give your herd the edge.

AHDB report over 60% of the cost and emissions derived from suckler produced beef comes from keeping the cow herself.

Of course it is easy to let a cow slip a few weeks or months because of her past progeny success and the hope she might produce the one you've been waiting for. However, when you adopt a purely commercial lens, this isn't possible and every cow must earn her place. In Scotland for example, a change in policy to link suckler calf payments to calving interval, means any cow which does not calve within 410 days will lose her payment from next spring. This might not influence a pedigree producers decision to keep or cull an empty cow, but it will influence the commercial producers and after all, they are the main buyers of bulls.

As we recognise fertility is one of the keys to sustainability and profitability, there are a few areas the Harbro team like to focus on when visiting customers, to help fine tune fertility from a nutrition and management perspective.

### 1. Heifers

Typically, bulling heifers are well managed and pregnancy rates are good. The challenge is usually when it comes to getting them back in calf for the second time. There are lots of factors which effect a heifer's ability to cycle again. Any cow which needs assistance at calving, has a bad calving or even just picks up a small infection needs extra time to rest and recover before she starts cycling again.

Pelvic measuring heifers and removing the smallest 10% is a sure way to continually improve the calving ease of your females. Then bull maiden heifers 21 days ahead of the main cow group to allow them slightly more time to recover and regain body condition once calved. Use an easy calving bull for the first and second year, keeping more extreme types for fully-grown cows, if they are to be used at all. Difficult calvings increase risk of injury and reduce the chance of getting in calf the following year. Keep calved heifers separate from the main herd throughout the summer and feed them well as they are being asked to rear a calf, repair themselves from



calving, prepare for bulling then maintain a pregnancy, all while still growing themselves. Offer this group the best grass leys available to provide a rising plane of nutrition which helps kick start oestrus.

### 2. Bulls

Half the job of getting heifers and cows in calf is down to the bull. Semen production takes around seven weeks, meaning close attention to detail is needed around stock bulls, whether serving the

cows naturally, through artificial insemination or embryo work. We should also look carefully at the mineral supplementation of stock bulls and consider the benefit of additional antioxidant support along with omega 3, which is proven to support semen quality. The Stockman's Choice range of pedigree cattle feeds was designed alongside Glasgow Vet School, with this in mind and there are plenty of success stories out there where semen is reported to be very good quality.

### 3. Cow body condition

It is incredibly important to be mindful of cow condition and our team have been trained to body condition score cows as we recognise the importance of monitoring the change in condition throughout the year. Cows which carry excess body condition year-round become lazy and less likely to cycle as they should. Keep cows fit, active and make them work for you. Cows calving in late summer or into autumn should be kept tight all summer to avoid excess body condition gain heading towards calving and the spring calvers should gain as much condition on summer grass as possible, to allow their body condition to drop a little through the first half of the winter. It is well understood in the dairy industry how the diet a cow is fed before calving has more impact on her milk production and fertility than the ration she is fed after calving, meaning it is crucial to plan the pre-calving ration alongside your nutritionist, if you want to maximise milk production and early calf growth.

### 4. Mineral supplementation

Minerals available from grazing and forage differ between geographic areas and even farm to farm. The technical team at Harbro regularly test grass and forage across the country to ensure our standard products meet the mineral requirements of high performing animals.

Investing in fertility by putting your herd on the Harbro suckler cow mineral programme to meet their requirements year-round will cost around £35 per cow. Super Suckler SEC is the

base of our suckler cow mineral programme and has been used by commercial and pedigree herds for over 12 years now. It is available as a lick bucket, as a powdered mineral or as cow rolls and focuses on:

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- Boosting fertility in a range of ways, including the right level of copper and from a source which has a positive impact on rumen health and is not affected by molybdenum (which can lock up copper on some farms, especially in Scotland and East England).

At Harbro, our focus is on maximising homegrown feeds, choosing quality products led by science and innovation, then backing it up with the best advice. Our team are on hand to help evaluate your current feeding regime, assess body condition and match a mineral programme to your herd, should you wish to fine tune and find the next marginal gain. After all, fertile, productive and profitable cattle are what the commercial buyers want to buy. Leave the passengers behind and fill your herd with stock which meet the mark when supported in the right way.

## SALES ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### Age Requirements

Any Charolais bull entered into a sale held under BCCS auspices must be at least 13 calendar months of age on the day of the sale.

For Stirling sales in February and October, this is increased to 14 calendar months.

### BVD Vaccination

All Charolais cattle over 12 months of age (at the time of sale) and sold through sales held under BCCS auspices must be vaccinated against BVD (Bovine Viral Diarrhoea). These vaccines can be single or double dose, and the final dose must be administered at least three weeks prior to the sale, as per the manufacturer's instructions.

Cattle under this age may not need to be vaccinated provided the mother was vaccinated as per the vaccines manufacturer's instructions. In most cases foetal protection can be expected if the primary immunisation has been finalised either 4 weeks before insemination for a double dose vaccine or 3 weeks before insemination for a single dose vaccine.

**IMPORTANT** – Ensure the final dose of your vaccine is administered no later than three weeks before the sale date to ensure immunity to BVD has built up sufficiently.

### BVD Antigen Test

If your herd is part of a CHaCS-approved health scheme and has been granted Accredited Free status for BVD, a BVD antigen test is not required. However, any sale animals must still meet the BVD vaccination rules.

If your herd is not part of a CHaCS-approved health scheme, or if your herd has not been granted Accredited Free status for BVD, all potential sale cattle must test negative on a BVD antigen test. BVD antigen testing certificates must accompany the cattle to the sale, or they will be rejected from the sale.

If cattle are vaccinated as per the BVD vaccination requirements, they must be given the first BVD vaccination on the same day as the blood sample is taken for the BVD antigen test. If the BVD antigen test is negative, the animals should then be given the second vaccination 3-4 weeks later (if using a double dose vaccine).

**CATTLE WHICH DO NOT MEET THE BVD VACCINATION OR BVD ANTIGEN TEST REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ENTRY TO THE AUCTION CENTRE.**

### Herd Health Declaration

All vendors must submit a fully completed herd health declaration form on entry of their cattle into a sale held under BCCS auspices. These can be submitted to the market or directly to the Society.

Health Declaration forms can be submitted or downloaded from the Charolais website  
<https://www.charolais.co.uk/sales/entering-society-sales/health-declaration-form/>

### DNA

All animals entered for sale must have their DNA testing complete or in progress at the lab at the time of entry. Please note that DNA samples submitted to the Society for storage (i.e. Pending samples) are not considered to be in progress; the Society must receive a request to process the sample before entry to sales can be permitted. Any entry that does not meet these criteria will not be allowed to be entered into the sale.

### Stirling February and October Sale

In addition to the preceding requirements:

All Charolais vendors taking part must be members of a CHaCS approved Health Scheme.

These sales are exclusive to ABRI BREEDPLAN recorded Charolais bulls which must (as a minimum requirement) be recorded for birth weight, 200 & 400 day weights, scrotal circumference and be independently ultrasound scanned on at least one occasion.

## New breed record set by commercial confidence in Charolais

Judge: Gareth Roberts,  
Montgomery  
Junior Judge: Erin Quigley



The strong demand and buoyant trade for Charolais and Charolais cross store cattle saw commercial farmers further invest in the breed which achieved an astonishing sale average and new breed record of £8470, a rise of £436 on the year for 107 bulls and a clearance rate of 80%. An incredible 29 Charolais bulls and five females achieved five-figure prices at Galbraith Stirling Bull Sales on Monday 19 February 2024.

The pre-sale show was judged by Mr Gareth Roberts of the Montgomery herd, founded by the late Tom Jones. Gareth joined the society in 1973 and comes from the old county of Montgomeryshire, Mid Wales. Acting as shadow judge to Gareth was Erin Quigley from Northern Ireland. Charolais cattle have been part of Erin's life from a very young age, her father established a pedigree herd under the prefix Mulinveigh Charolais in 2006 when she was just three years old and later changed the prefix to Ardmachree Charolais in 2013.

It was a memorable day for Neil and Stuart Barclay, Harestone, Stirling who led the bull trade at 22,000gns and heifers to 20,000gns. The sale leader was **Harestone Tyrone**, sired



Harestone Tyrone, Sale topper at 22,000gns

by Goldies Oasis, out of Harestone Lacey (ET). In the pre-sale show this October-2022 born bull stood first in his class and was purchased by pedigree breeder Mr Jeremy Price, Oakchurch, Hereford.

Richard McCornick realised 18,000gns for second prize intermediate bull, **Ricnick Tyson**, a Castellmawr Rocketman son out of Ricnick Peach. This July-2022 bull had earned the breed champion title and reserve interbreed title at LiveScot

in November-2023 and joins the Kersknowe herd owned by J Jeffrey, Kelso.

The reserve junior champion from J & S Middleton, **Hollywell T20** was snapped up for 16,000gns by W Millar, Tealing, Dundee. This August-2022 born Nuthampstead Judas son out of Hollywell Italy had stood senior male champion at the Stars of the Future show in November-2023.

Four bulls hit 15,000gns including



Ricnick Tyson at 18,000gns



Hollywell T20 at 16,000gns



Solwayfirth Tierney at 15,000gns



Carwood Trojan at 15,000gns

the senior and overall champion **Solwayfirth Tierney**, a Glenericht Majestic son out of Solwayfirth Malibu. Bred and owned by Ian & Dorothy Goldie the May-2022 bull had been placed second in his class at the RHS 2023, he sold to Messrs Dalrymple, Ballantrae, Girvan. Next was the intermediate champion from Mr & Mrs C J Wight, **Carwood Trojan** a May-2022 Maerdy Magestic son out of Elgin Emperor sired daughter Carwood Mandy, he headed home with N Wordie, Huntly, Aberdeenshire. **Glenericht Tavernier** an April-2022 son of Caylers Oxford who has produced progeny to 20,000gns, made 15,000gns for W K & P Drysdale. He sold to Messrs Bryce & Son, Kilry, Alyth. M Durno & Son, Glenlivet, Ballindalloch also paid £15,000gns for D K Timm's **Wensleydale Tomahawk**, out of Hillviewfarm Margaret, by Balthayock Nominee and born in June-2022.

A further five bulls made 13,000gns a piece, first up was R A & J Blyth's fourth prize bull, **Marwood Trigger**, born in May-2022 by Marwood Odin and out of Marwood Lucile, he found a new home in Wales with Messrs Richards, Maesteg, Mid-Glamorgan. The Drysdale family sold fifth prize winner **Glenericht Topper** born in June-2022, by Glenericht Limpet who has sired sons to 17,500gns, to Messrs Cooper & Son, Forfar, Angus. At the same money Greystokes Castle Farms, Penrith, Cumbria secured J Irvine & Son's

**Inverloch Thunder** born in July-2022, out of Ballindalloch Nova by Caylers Napoleon. Mr H Goldie secured a first prize and the reserve intermediate championship title with July-2022 born **Goldies Titan (ET)** by Gretnahouse Heman and out of Goldies Goldengirl, he headed to the Isle of South Uist with Messrs Morrison, Lochboisdale for 13,000gns. Also at 13,000gns was M. J. Massie's second prize September-2022, **Elrick Trident** by Westcarse Houdini was purchased by Ross Farms, Wester Middleton, Gorebridge.

J Wardlaw & Son's **Haughhead Tam** by Gretnahouse Pimp was born in April-2022 and sold to J Warnock, Dreva Farm, Biggar for 12,000gns whilst R & N Barclay's, a Goldies Oasis son, **Harestone Technip** born in November-2022 was purchased in a joint deal for 12,000gns by Messrs Clark & Messrs Provan, Carluke, Lanarkshire.

A further seven bulls went under the hammer for 11,000gns they included R & N Barclay's junior champion **Harestone Thedalg**, an October-2022, Harestone Rabelais son who found a new postcode in Derbyshire with Cox Brothers, Bakewell. Messrs Sutherland, Thurso, Caithness purchased October-2022 born, **Goldies Tiptop** by Caylers Rocky out of Goldies Lora and Messrs Fisher, Wigtown, Stranraer procured W K & P Drysdale's first prize winner, September-2022 **Glenericht Tomahawk** by Caylers Oxford. J. H.

C. Campbell & Sons, August-2022 born second prize bull, **Thrunton Titanium** also went for 11,000gns to Messrs Watson, Darnford, Durriss and **Goldies Titus** an Elrick Officer son born in July-2022 who won his class, headed home to Shanry Farms, Rait, Perthshire. April-2022, **Glenericht Tester** a red ticket holder for W K & P Drysdale and another Caylers Oxford son took a boat to Orkney with Messrs Stevenson, Backakelday, Holm and finally **Marwood Tinker**, a senior class winner sired by Balthayock Lineup and born in April-2022, headed north to the home of Messrs Smith of Dunecht, Aberdeenshire.

Mr T Coghill, Muce, Orkney secured second place **Stranagone Topdog**, a May-2022, Stranagone Jones son who was junior interbreed champion at Balmoral show in May-2023, for 10,500gns and at the same money AJR Farms sold a Newlogie Nobel son, **Newlogie Tomahawk** born in May-2022 to Messrs Hanson, Dilwyn, Hereford.

The remaining five-figure sum bulls sold for 10,000gns a piece, starting with Lucy Houston's, **Glenericht Superb** bred by W K & P Drysdale who opened the sale and was bought by Messrs Millar, Kingoldrum, Kirriemuir, followed by AJR Farms' **Newlogie Topprize**, an April-2022 Newlogie Nobel son bought by Hyslop Farms, Moffat, Dumfries. Next up at 10,000gns was first prize winner, **Goldies Target** from Mr H



Glenericht Tavernier 15,000gns



Wensleydale Tomahawk at 15,000gns



Marwood Trigger at 13,000gns



Glenericht Topper at 13,000gns



Inverloch Thunder at 13,000gns



Goldies Titan at 13,000gns

Goldie a Caylers Rocky son bought by Messrs Hair, Ardwell, Stranraer. W. P. Bruce, Ltd, Balmyle purchased the third prize winner **Ballinlare Tycoon (ET)** born in August 2022 from J. H. Wilson & Sons while Messrs Fisher, Stranraer, Wigtown matched the bid for Messrs Curry's August-2022 born **Burradon Tailor** by Burradon Parko. The Westcarse Houdini son from Mr M. J. Massie, **Elrick Torpedo** born in September-2022 also made 10,000gns to Maesquoy Farms, Harray, Orkney.

Standing first in his class and then stepping forward for the reserve senior title and reserve overall sash, completing the championship double for Ian & Dorothy Goldie was **Solwayfirth Topgun** born in April-2022, out of Solwayfirth Mae by Glenericht Majestic, sold for 9,000gns to Messrs Lawrence, Achnagatt, Ellon.

The draft of the entire crop of 2021 & 2022 born heifers from R. & N. Barclay, Harestone, Stirling topped at an exceptional 20,000gns for homozygous polled **Harestone Spice (P) (ET)** born in July-2021. French bred on both sides her full brother, **Harestone Sharpshooter** was exported to France last year for £20,000. Messrs Tuohy, Co. Galway backed the potential of this Niger PP daughter out of Harestone Helen (P).

In total, five lots made a five-figure sum, 32 females were sold with a 97% clearance and an average of £7593.

Boden & Davies Ltd purchased **Harestone Singsong (ET)** born in October-2021 by Goldies Oasis for 14,000gns. A full sister to 30,000gns **Harestone San Diego**, she was purchased in calf to Mister. **Harestone Sophia** born August-2021 by Major and in-calf to Harestone Hercules was sold for 11,000gns to Claire Ferris, Newtownards, County Down while at the same money D MacPherson, Baldersbury Hill, Berwick-Upon-Tweed



Elrick Trident at 13,000gns



Haughhead Tam at 12,000gns

purchased a Goldies Oasis daughter **Harestone Symphony** born in October 2021, served by Harestone Sportsman. **Harestone Sybil** sired by the 40,000gns Maerdy Newman out of Harestone Layla sold to J Barlow, Preston Lancashire for 10,000gns.

#### CLASS RESULTS

##### Senior bulls born on or between 23 February & 2 April 2022

- 1- **Firhills Toro** - Mr D Muirhead
- 2- **Haughhead Tam** - J Wardlaw & Son
- 3- **Haughhead Tate** - J Wardlaw & Son
- 4- **Rutherston Tabasco** - Miss A Anderson
- 5- **Haughhead Theo** - J Wardlaw & Son

##### Senior bulls born on or between 3 & 18 April 2022

- 1- **Marwood Tinker** - R A & J Blyth
- 2- **Kinclune Topsire** - J A Wilson & Son
- 3- **Kinclune Trueman** - J A Wilson & Sons
- 4- **Firhills Tommy** - Mr D Muirhead
- 5- **Thrunton Trademark** - J H C Campbell & Sons

##### Senior bulls born on or between 19 & 26 April 2022

- 1- **Solwayfirth Topgun** - I & D Goldie
- 2- **Glenericht Tavernier** - W K & P Drysdale
- 3- **Allanfauld Tamdhu** - A MacGregor (Allanfauld) Ltd
- 4- **Thrunton Turbo** - J H C Campbell & Sons
- 5- **Balthayock Thane** - Major D F W H & N R Walter

##### Senior Bulls born on or between 27 April & 4 May 2022

- 1- **Glenericht Tester** - W K & P Drysdale
- 2- **Marwood Tornado** - R A & J Blyth
- 3- **Thrunton Toyota** - J H C Campbell & Sons
- 4- **Maerdy Telly** - Mr D E Evans
- 5- **Glenericht Tudor** - W K & P Drysdale

##### Senior bulls born on or between 5 & 10 May 2022

- 1- **Solwayfirth Tierney** - I & D Goldie
- 2- **Balthayock Tartar** - Major D F W H & N R Walter
- 3- **Marwood Torpedo** - R A & J Blyth
- 4- **Marwood Trigger** - R A & J Blyth
- 5- **McCornick Taurus** - Mr M R McCornick

##### Intermediate bulls born on or between 11 & 15 May 2022

- 1- **Carwood Trojan** - Mr & Mrs C J Wight
- 2- **Stranagone Topdog** - Mr R McWilliams
- 3- **Elgin Tiree** - Mr R A Milne
- 4- **Marwood Travis** - Mr R A & J Blyth
- 5- **Inverden Topboy** - Mr S A Allan

##### Intermediate bulls born on or between 16 May & 2 June 2022

- 1- **Goldies Terrific (ET)** - Mr H Goldie
- 2- **Carwood Trident** - Mr & Mrs C J Wight
- 3- **Loganbar Torpedo** - Mr D M Lyle
- 4- **Newlogie Tomahawk** - A J R Farms
- 5- **Carwood Tinto** - Mr & Mrs C J Wight



Harestone Technip at 12,000gns



Harestone Thedalg at 11,000gns



Goldies Tiptop at 11,000gns



Glenericht Tomahawk at 11,000gns



Thrunton Titanium at 11,000gns



Goldies Titus at 11,000gns

**Intermediate Bulls born on or between 3 & 15 June 2022**

- 1- **Tweeddale Tomahawk**- J Watson & Co
- 2- **Lyles Topgun**- Mr A J Lyle
- 3- **Maerdy Total** - Mr D E Evans
- 4- **Kersknowe Thistle** - Mr J Jeffrey
- 5- **Glenericht Topper** - W K & P Drysdale

**Intermediate Bulls born on or between 16 & 30 June 2022**

- 1- **Goldies Target** - Mr H Goldie
- 2- **Goldies Toby**- Mr H Goldie
- 3- **Burraddon Transformer** - Messrs Curry
- 4- **Carwood Teddy**- Mr & Mrs C J Wight
- 5- **Hollywell Thor** - J & S Middleton

**Intermediate bulls born on or between 1 & 24 July 2022**

- 1- **Goldies Titan (ET)** - Mr H Goldie
- 2- **Ricnick Tyson** - Mr R F McCornick
- 3- **Tweeddale Timber**- J Watson & Co
- 4- **Inverloch Thunder**- J Irvine & Son
- 5- **Newhouse Torpedo**- R M Adam & Son

**Junior bulls born on or between 25 July & 9 August 2022**

- 1- **Goldies Titus** - Mr H Goldie
- 2- **Thrunton Titanium**- J H C Campbells & Sons
- 3- **Ballinlare Tycoon (ET)**- J H Wilson & Sons
- 4- **Thrunton Tiberius** - J H C Campbell & Sons
- 5- **Inverloch Tiree** - J Irvine & Sons

**Junior bulls born on or between 10 August & 9 September 2022**

- 1- **Hollywell T20** - J & S Middleton
- 2- **Maerdy Thomas** - Mr D E Evans
- 3- **Burraddon Tailor** - Messrs Curry
- 4- **Newhouse Talisman** - R M Adam & Son
- 5- **Goldies Talented**-Mr H Goldie

**Junior bulls born on or between 10 & 23 September 2022**

- 1- **Glenericht Tomahawk**- W K & P Drysdale
- 2- **Elrick Trident** - Mr M J Massie
- 3- **Goldies Topstar (ET)** - Mr H Goldie
- 4- **Glenericht Titus** - W K & P Drysdale
- 5- **Cardean Tiree**- Mr A Ivory

**Junior bulls born on or between 24 September & 15 October 2022**

- 1- **Harestone Thedalg** -R & N Barclay
- 2- **Elgin Tucker** - Mr R A Milne
- 3- **Elgin Titan**- Mr R A Milne
- 4- **Harestone Teuchter**- R & N Barclay
- 5- **Glenericht Trademark**- W K & P Drysdale

**Junior bulls born on or after 16 October 2022**

- 1- **Harestone Tyrone** - R & N Barclay
- 2- **Bombax Topgun** - C Smeaton & Sons
- 3- **Harestone Technip** - R & N Barclay
- 4- **Lourie Tempo** - Mr R Aitken
- 5- **Goldies Tiptop**- Mr H Goldie

**The Bleack Trophy - Overall Champion**

**Solwayfirth Tierney**- I & D Goldie

**The Gairdrew Trophy - Reserve Overall Champion**

**Solwayfirth Topgun**- I & D Goldie



Glenericht Tester at 11,000gns

**The Brampton Trophy - Senior Champion**

**Solwayfirth Tierney** - I & D Goldie

**Reserve Senior Champion**

**Solwayfirth Topgun** - I & D Goldie

**The Rushmore Trophy - Junior Champion**

**Harestone Thedalg**- R & N Barclay

**Reserve Junior Champion**

**Hollywell T20** - J & S Middleton

**The Ken Evans Memorial Trophy - Intermediate Champion**

**Carwood Trojan** - Mr & Mrs C J Wight

**Reserve Intermediate Champion**

**Goldies Titan (ET)**- Mr H Goldie

**The Garner Trophy – Best Group of three bulls**

**Solwayfirth**



Marwood Tinker at 11,000gns



Newlogie Tomahawk at 10,500gns



Newlogie Topprize at 10,000gns

Leading sires with a minimum of 3 bulls sold to qualify				
	<i>Sire</i>	<i>Number Sold</i>	<i>Range (gns)</i>	<i>Average (£)</i>
1	<b>Goldies Oasis</b>	3	8,500- 22,000	14875.00
2	<b>Maerdy Magestic</b>	3	6,500- 15,000	10150.00
3	<b>Caylers Oxford</b>	8	5,000- 15,000	9345.00
4	<b>Caylers Rocky</b>	5	7,500- 11,000	9240.00
5	<b>Glenericht Majestic</b>	4	4,500- 15,000	9056.25
6	<b>Baillieston Orcadian</b>	3	8,000- 9,000	8750.00
7	<b>Westcarse Houdini</b>	5	4,500- 13,000	8715.00
8	<b>Glenericht Mecca</b>	4	7,000- 9,000	8531.25
9	<b>Balthayock Impression</b>	3	5,000- 9,000	8050.00
10	<b>Thrunton Nevada</b>	5	4,800- 11,000	7623.00
11	<b>Balthayock Ferdinand (ET)</b>	3	4,500- 7,000	5600.00
12	<b>Fleurieu Napoleon</b>	3	3,500- 8,000	5250.00
13	<b>Clenagh Lyle (ET)</b>	3	4,000- 6,000	5075.00

Top Leading herds with a minimum of 3 bulls sold to qualify					
	<i>Vendor Name</i>	<i>Herd Name</i>	<i>Number Sold</i>	<i>Range (gns)</i>	<i>Average (£)</i>
1	<b>R &amp; N Barclay</b>	<b>Harestone</b>	4	8,500- 22,000	14043.75
2	<b>Mr M J Massie</b>	<b>Elrick</b>	3	8,000- 13,000	10850.00
3	<b>Mrs &amp; Mrs C J Wight</b>	<b>Midshield</b>	3	6,500- 15,000	10150.00
4	<b>WK &amp; P Drysdale</b>	<b>Glenericht</b>	9	5,000- 15,000	9590.00
5	<b>R A &amp; J Blyth</b>	<b>Marwood</b>	6	5,000- 13,000	9012.50
6	<b>Mr H Goldie</b>	<b>Goldies</b>	11	4,000- 13,000	8638.63
7	<b>Mr D Muirhead</b>	<b>Firhills</b>	3	7,000- 9,000	8575.00
8	<b>Mr R A Milne</b>	<b>Elgin</b>	4	6,000- 9,000	8268.75
9	<b>I &amp; D Goldie</b>	<b>Solwayfirth</b>	5	4,500- 15,000	8190.00
10	<b>J H C Campbell &amp; Sons</b>	<b>Thrunton</b>	10	4,800- 11,000	7801.50
11	<b>Mr J Jeffrey</b>	<b>Kersknowe</b>	3	5,000- 9,000	7700.00
12	<b>J Wardlaw &amp; Son</b>	<b>Haughhead</b>	4	4,500- 12,000	7481.25
13	<b>Major DFWH &amp; NR Walter</b>	<b>Balthayock</b>	8	4,000- 9,000	6457.50
14	<b>Messrs Curry</b>	<b>Burradon</b>	4	4,000- 10,000	6431.25
15	<b>J Watson &amp; Co</b>	<b>Tweeddale</b>	6	3,500- 9,500	5722.50
16	<b>Mr D E Evans</b>	<b>Maerdy</b>	3	3,800- 6,000	4830.00



Goldies Target at 10,000gns



Ballinlare Tycoon at 10,000gns



Elrick Torpedo at 10,000gns



Solwayfirth Topgun at 9,000gns



Senior Champion & Overall Champion, Solwayfirth Tierney  
& Reserve Senior Champion & Reserve Overall Champion  
Solwayfirth Topgun



Intermediate Champion, Carwood Trojan and Reserve  
Intermediate Champion Goldies Titan (ET)



Junior Champion, Harestone Thedalg and Reserve Junior  
Champion Hollywell T20



Group of three - Solwayfirth

# Brogher trumped the sale whilst Killadeas Trevor topped the show

Judge: Leanne Workman,  
Rorysglen  
Junior Judge: Jamie Workman



Yet again the commercial demand for Charolais cattle was evident, this time it was at the early annual spring sale at Swatragh on 23 February 2024. 19 bulls sold to a top price of 9,200gns with an 83% clearance to an average of £5620, a whopping £1370 up on 2023. The pre-sale show was skilfully judged by mother and son duo Leanne and Jamie Workman. Mr Trevor Phair trumped the sale with **Brogher Trump**, a Whitecliffe James son going back to Bleack Digger and out of the Mornity Nero sired Brogher Ripple. This October-2022 born son sold for the top price of 9,200gns to W. J. Fraser & Sons, Ballindalloch, Scotland.

The reserve intermediate champion **Drumacritten Toby (ET)** from Mr G. E. Nelson, was next at 9,000gns, selling to C McDonnell, Glenariff, Co. Antrim. Out of Drumacritten Jessie this bull was also sired by Whitecliffe James and carried two copies of F94L. The senior champion, male champion and overall champion was awarded to S. & D. Bothwell's, **Killadeas Trevor**, a Cloonglasna11 Padraig son out of Killadeas Octavia who also carried two copies of F94L. This August-2022 born



Brogher Trump, Top Price at 9,200gns

champion was snapped up by J & G Smith, Stromness, Orkney for 8,000gns. The intermediate champion **Glencoe Thanos** born in October-2022 from Mr P. & Mrs V. McDonald made 6,800gns and went to the home of M. Johnston, Toomebridge, Co. Antrim. This Liscorran Magic son is out of a Clyth Diplomat sired daughter, Beechdale Lupin.

Pedigree breeders J. & D. Watson & C. Curry, Northumberland, England put their money on the reserve junior champion **Stranagone Unrivaled** by

Ocean sired Strangagone Saphir born in January-2023. This bull heads across the water to join the Tweeddale and Burradon herds for 6,000gns. N. Blair, Limavady, Co. Londonderry paid, 5,800gns for T. Phair's Culmvalle Novello son, **Brogher Tyson**, out of Brogher Fancygirl, born in October-2022 whilst G. & J. Armstrong, Florence, Co. Fermanagh paid 5,600gns for a bull out of the same stable, **Brogher Trader**, this time a myostatin free November-2022 born bull sired by Goldies Icon and out of Brogher Pamala. At the same money



Drumacritten Toby, Reserve Intermediate Champion at 9,000gns



Killadeas Trevor, Overall, Senior and Male Champion at 8,000gns



Glencoe Thanos, Intermediate Champion at 6,800gns

5,600gns, P. Hackett sold second prize **Fury Turbo** born in September-2022, out of Fury Jewel and by Domino sired Fury Action to R. Watters, Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone.

The Sagesse Pierre sired son, **Damview Thor** from Miss C. Ferris made 5,500gns, this June-2022 bull out of Derryharney Naughtygirl went to the home of Mr. J Newell, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim. S. Bradley, Draperstown, Co. Londonderry backed his pick October-2022, **Stranagone Tucker** by Stranagone Jones, out of Coolnaslee Rainbow for 5,200gns and Mr. S McLean, Maghera, Co. Down also secured Mr. W. Short's second prize Woodpark Elgin son, **Woodpark Toronto (ET)** for 5,200gns.

The female trade was led by the female champion, January-2023 born **Ashview Upmarket (ET)** from Mr V. & Mr. S. Keys with their double Q204X Lisnagre Elite ET sired heifer out of Ashview Rebecca, she joins the herd of Mr. C. McVeigh, Tassagh, Co. Armagh for 3,500gns. Matching the top female

bid of 3,500gns was Mr. K. C. Veith's **Drumlone Sonia** by Fury Action, out of Drumlone Edwina she was sold in-calf to Drumlone Navigator to Mr. W McElmurray, Pomeroy, Co. Tyrone. Topping the trade of Mr. W. Short's draft at 3,400gns was July-2022 **Woodpark Tara**, by Deeside Gulliver and out of the prolific Woodpark Ermintrude who is still going strong at fourteen years of age. She went to E & C McCloskey, Colrairie, Co. Londonderry. **Drumlone Tina** from Mr. K. C. Veitch a Simpsons Gregg daughter out of Drumlone Nora found a new home with pedigree breeders W. D. Connelly, Ballynahinch, Co. Down for 3,300gns.

The Northern Ireland Charolais Club and the British Charolais Cattle Society would like to thank all the vendors for supporting the sale and all the staff at Swatragh market for their kind hospitality and hard work. A special thank you to Leanne and Jamie Workman for judging the classes and to all the stewards, committee, and helpers for such a successful show and sale.



Stranagone Unrivalled, Reserve Junior Champion at 6,000gns

#### **CLASS RESULTS**

**Senior bulls on or born between 6 March & 26 June 2022**

- 1- **Tamnamore Texas**- Mr Sean McMahon
- 2- **Damview Thor**- Miss Claire Ferris
- 3- **Moorlough Taylor**- Mr J McBride

#### **Senior bulls born on or between 7 July & 10 August 2022**

- 1- **Killadeas Trevor**- S&D Bothwell
- 2- **Woodpark Tinker**- Mr Will Short
- 3- **Killadeas Thunder**- S&D Bothwell

#### **Intermediate bulls on or between 22 August & 30 September 2022**

- 1- **Drumacritten Toby**- Mr George Nelson
- 2- **Fury Turbo**- Mr P Hackett
- 3- **Killadeas Troy**- S&D Bothwell

#### **Intermediate bulls born on or between 1 October & 23 October 2022**

- 1- **Glencoe Thanos** - Mr P&V McDonald
- 2- **Woodpark Toronto**- Mr Will Short
- 3- **Brogher Trump**- Mr Trevor Phair
- 4- **Brogher Tyson**- Mr Trevor Phair

#### **Junior bulls born on or between 31 October & 1 December 2022**

- 1- **Ashview Texas**- Mr V&S Keys
- 2- **Brogher Trader**- Mr Trevor Phair
- 3- **Stranagone Tucker**- Mr Robert McWilliams
- 4- **Tamnamore Travis**- Mr T McArdle

#### **Junior bulls born on or between 16 December 2022 & 2 February 2023**

- 1- **Mountain Tommy**- Mr L Johnston
- 2- **Stranagone Unrivalled**- Mr Robert McWilliams

#### **Heifers born on or between 27 May 2021 & 28 January 2023**

- 1- **Ashview Upmarket**- Mr V & S Keys
- 2- **Drumlone Tina**- Mr K Veitch
- 3- **Brownhill Tina**- Devine Brothers
- 4- **Drumlone Sonia**- Mr K Veitch
- 5- **Altnaderog Tory**- Mr G&G McShane

#### **Supreme Champion**

**Killadeas Trevor**- S&D Bothwell

#### **Reserve Supreme Champion**

**Glencoe Thanos**- Mr P & V McDonald

**Female Champion**  
**Ashview Upmarket**, - Mr V&S Keys

**Overall Male Champion**  
**Killadeas Trevor**- S&D Bothwell

**Reserve Overall Male Champion**  
**Glencoe Thanos**- Mr P&V McDonald

**Senior Male Champion**  
**Killadeas Trevor** - S&D Bothwell

**Reserve Senior Male Champion**  
**Woodpark Tinker**- Mr Will Short

**Intermediate Male Champion**  
**Glencoe Thanos**- Mr P&V McDonald

**Reserve. Intermediate Male Champion**  
**Drumacritten Toby** - Mr George Nelson

**Junior Male Champion**  
**Mountain Tommy**- Mr L Johnston

**Res. Junior Male Champion**  
**Stranagone Unrivald**- Mr Robert McWilliams



Woodpark Tinker, Reserve Senior Male Champion



Mountain Tommy, Junior Male Champion



Brogher Tyson at 5,800gns



Drumlone Tina at 3,300gns



Ashview Upmarket, Female Champion at 3,500gns

## Interbreed Champion Hollywell Taco proves tasty in the show, whilst Harestone Tiktok goes viral in the sale

Judge: Andrew Anderson,  
Morayfirth

The Charolais breed ruled the Royal Northern Spring Show at Thainstone on Wednesday 28 February 2024. Of all the five breeds the Charolais triumphed with the highest average price of £6542, a substantial increase of +£710 of the other breeds represented, as well as taking the highest price per head at 11,500gns or £12,075.

In charge of judging proceedings was Mr Andrew Anderson, Plewlands, Duffus who picked out his Charolais breed champion from J & S Middleton's Hollywell herd based at New Pitsligo, Fraserburgh. **Hollywell Taco** carried two copies of F94L, born in March-2022, he was sired by Whitecliffe James, out of home-bred Hollywell Priva, he went on to win the overall interbreed championship and sold semen tested to Cairness Ltd, Cairness, Fraserburgh for the second highest Charolais price of the day at 11,000gns.

Trending in the sale ring was **Harestone Tiktok** from R & N Barclay, a June-2022 Harestone Outlander son out of Harestone Luci. Keen to take home his pick of the day was D. M McCallum, Culbokie, Dingwall who paid 11,500gns. The reserve overall champion from A & A Wright, Glenlivet, Ballindalloch was May-2022 born **Lagavaich Topgun**, a myostatin free Elrick Jazzman son



Hollywell Taco, Breed Champion sold for 11,000gns

out of Elrick Oracle who went home to Thurso, Caithness with A & W Campbell, Thurso, Caithness.

First prize winner in the junior class from Major D. F. W.H. & N. R. Walter **made 7,500gns**. Balthayock Tenacious was born in June-2022, a son of Elrick Paragon and out of Balthayock Melody who is a daughter from the very successful herd sire Balthayock Impression who carries seven of the top EBV traits in the National herd, sold to J. W. Moir, Auchorties, Keith.

**Tonley Tarzan (ET)** born in May-2022 and sired by Balthayock Impression, who not only has impressive figures but has sired many five-figure priced bulls, swung home with W. L. R. Keir, Keir & Cawdor Estates, Stirling for 6,000gns. A twin bull calf **Lochend Tic**, owned by Mr C Stuart, Braes of Glenlivet, Ballindalloch and bred by current Society President Mr Iain Miller was purchased at foot at the Lochend dispersal, was next in the money at 5,800gns selling to A. M. C. Ewen, Cornhill Banff. This Swalesmoor Oscar son, out of Lochend Icecream was born in May-2022. A sporting bid of 5,500gns was put in from A. Sleight & Sons, Boghouse, Tarves to secure September-2021 born, Harestone Sportsman (ET) sired by Excellent and

out of Harestone Anisette.

### SHOW RESULTS

**Charolais overall champion & interbreed champion  
Hollywell Taco**

**Reserve overall champion  
Lagavaich Topgun Charolais class 1 -  
born on or between 4 March & 2 May  
2022**

- 1 - **Hollywell Taco** - J & S Middleton.
- 2 - **Glenlivet Thunderstruck** - Mr M S Durno
- 3 - **Elrick Thunder** - Mr M J Massie
- 4 - **Auchincrieve Titan** - Mr C M McCombie

**Charolais bulls born on & between 5  
May & 30 May 2022**

- 1 - **Lagavaich Topgun** - A & A Wright
- 2 - **Balthayock Truant** - Major DFWH & NR Walter
- 3 - **Tonley Tommy (ET)** - Messrs N A Wattie
- 4 - **Lettoch Taggart** - C & K Stuart

**Charolais bulls born after 15 June  
2022**

- 1 - **Balthayock Tenacious** - Major DFWH & NR Walter
- 2 - **Harestone Tiktok** - R & N Barclay
- 3 - **Harestone Timrussell** - R & N Barclay
- 4 - **Bonnykelly Tommy** - Mr R Leggat

# Maxworthy reached for the sky in show & sale, Topgun came from Penhargard

Judge: David Vickery, Tomco



The Overall Champion at the Southwest Charolais Club spring show and sale at Exeter kindly hosted by Kivells was D P Daniel's **Maxworthy Thomas**, a September-2022 born son by Rosebrough Napoleon out of Maxworthy Pink, this single F94L carrier was tapped out as overall champion by judge Mr David Vickery and sold for 4,300gns to Clarke and Parfitt Farming, Exeter, Devon.

Judge David Vickery farms 750 acres in the centre of Bodmin moor, Cornwall, with a herd of 145 suckler cows, which he runs with the pedigree Charolais under the prefix Tomco. He sells 60% of his suckler calves through the local market and finishes the rest at home, before taking them to the local abattoir.

David's female champion also came from the same stable, she was the myostatin free **Maxworthy Skyblue** born in November-2021 and AI'd to Balthayock Muskateer by the same sire as the Overall Champion, she went home with P A & L Webber, Crediton, Devon for the top female price of 2,900gns. The second highest price female came for the youngest female **Polgoda Ugene** a March-2023 born heifer by Dooley Rascal out of Polgoda Pip, she was purchased for 2,000gns by S P Gubbin & Son, Launceston, Cornwall and travels alongside February-2023 born **Polgoda Unicorn**



Maxworthy Thomas, Overall Champion sold for 4,300gns



for 1,500gns.

Female trade saw a 67% clearance, to a top price of 2,900gns and an average of £2152.50, up £630 on 2023. Bull trade was on par with 2023 with a 100% clearance for a larger entry of bulls, top price was 4,500gns.

In the first class of bulls **Trenestall Topman** took top spot and went on to secure the reserve overall championship. A May-2022 Balbithan Nairn sired son out of Penfound Happiness also commanded 4,300gns and went home as new stock bull for A R & P D Crane, Barnstaple, Devon. Second in this class was homozygous polled **Penhargard Trojan** (P) a July-2022 born bull out of homebred Penhargard Raspberry by the AI bull Pharmer AV Askome, he took the eye of K H May & Partners, Exeter, Devon.

Standing second in Class 2, behind the overall champion was **Moynton Torino** from Mr P C Old, the Thurnton Ideal son who realised 2,400gns paid by A & J M Hembrow, Lostwithiel, Cornwall.

The oldest bull in the sale commanded the top sale price at 4,500gns, homozygous **Penhargard Topgun** (P) by Simontorp Marabour AV and born in February-2022, out of Cockerington Mable (P) was purchased by C P & A Heard, Okehampton, Devon.

## SHOW RESULTS

**Overall Champion**  
Maxworthy Thomas

**Reserve Overall Champion**  
Trenestall Topman

**Female Champion**  
Maxworthy Skyblue

## Male born on or between 18 June 2022 and 11 July 2022

- 1- **Trenestall Topman** - W F Palmer & Son
- 2- **Penhargard Trojan** (P) - T J Stacey & Sons

## Male born on or between 7 August 2022 and 16 September 2022

- 1- **Maxworthy Trojan** - Mr D P Daniel
- 2- **Moynton Torino** - Mr P C Old

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## Intermediate Champion & Senior Tops Sale at Swatragh

Judges: Gary & Gareth Henderson

Father and son duo Gary and Gareth Henderson from the village of Bushmills, Co. Antrim who run a pedigree herd under the prefix of Sandelford selected the intermediate champion and overall champion from Trevor Phair, **Brogher Ultimate** a January 2023 born bull by Grinshill Roger ET out of Brogher Gabby carrying one copy of Q204 this bull went to the new home of C O'Reilly, Keady, Co. Armagh for the joint top price of 7,000gns at Swatragh on Friday 26 April 2024. At the same money was the senior male champion from Mr W Short, **Woodpark Tomboy**, a myostatin free homebred son by Woodpark Elgin born in October-2022 out of homebred Woodpark Judith was purchased by M Harrison, Portadown, Co. Armagh.

16 bulls sold to a top price of 7,000gns and an average of £4932, six females sold to a top of 3,000gns and an average of £2468.

Vagabond son from Mr L Johnston, **Mountain Tommy**, with a single copy of Q204 sold for 6,400gns to Mr N McIlwaine, Portadown, Co. Armagh, this December-2022 born son was reserve intermediate champion and was out of Mountain Nell.

Standing second in the class to the intermediate and overall champion was **Moorhill Ulysses** from Mr C Kelly, a January 2023, by Mozart went for 6,300gns to Mr R McNeill, Glenarm, Co. Antrim. Just behind him in the intermediate show class was January-2023 born **Rawbrooke Universe**, a Doonally New son out of Rawbrooke Lucy who went home with J Campbell, Maghera, Co. Londonderry for 6,100gns.



Intermediate & Overall Champion, Brogher Ultimate at 7,000gns

The reserve overall champion and junior male champion, **Brownhill Ultan** from the Devine Brothers carried two copies of F94L, out of Brownhill Louise by sire Kilvilcorris Royal and former reserve junior champion at the Northern Ireland calf show was purchased by E Robinson, Claudy, Co. Londonderry for 5,300gns.

**Derrygiff Terry**, from Mr M Surphlis, a September-2002 Skidoo96 Ondit son, sold for 4,750gns to P & J O'Kane,

Co. Antrim and **Kenaghan Uel** a February-2023 Clenagh Jasper 2 son commanded 4,700gns and found a new postcode with Mr P A McGuigan, Magherafelt, Co. Londonderry.

The female trade was led by the overall female champion **Altnaderog Tory**, a march-2022 born daughter by Westcarse Houdini who topped at 3,000gns and was purchased by Mr G McCann, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, whilst the youngest female in the sale



Senior Champion & Joint Top Price, Woodpark Tomboy ET at 7,000gns



Junior Champion & Reserve Overall Champion  
Brownhill Ultan at 5,300gns

April-2023 born **Royaldowns Upset** took the second highest female price at 2,800gns and sold to Mr A Reid, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone.

The Northern Ireland Charolais Club and the British Charolais Cattle Society would like to thank all the vendors for supporting the sale and all the staff at Swatragh market for their kind hospitality and hard work. A special thank you must go to Gary and Gareth Henderson for judging the classes and to all the stewards, committee, and helpers for such a successful show and sale.

## SHOW RESULTS

### Class 1

- 1- **Tanhill Thiago** – A Armstrong
- 2- **Killadeas Thunder** – S & D Bothwell

### Class 2

- 1- **Woodpark Tomboy** – Mr W Short
- 2- **Killadeas Teddy** – S & D Bothwell
- 3- **Drumilly Treasure** – Mr J R Paynter
- 4- **Moniendogue Tigger** – Mr J Maguire
- 5- **Derrygiff Terry** – Mr K S Brady

### Class 3

- 1- **Mountain Tommy** – Mr L Johnston
- 2- **Woodpark Unclesam** – Mr W Short
- 3- **Ardmachree Tierney** – A O & E Quigley
- 4- **Moorlough Ulysses** – Mr J Bride
- 5- **Ardmachree Tadhg** – A O & E Quigley
- 6- **Woodpark Universal** – Mr W Short

### Class 4

- 1- **Brogher Ultimate** – Mr T Phair
- 2- **Moorhill Ulysses** – Ciaran Kelly
- 3- **Rawbrooke Universe** – Mr C Hoey
- 4- **Rawbrooke Umpire** – Mr C Hoey
- 5- **McGuinness Unique** – Mr S McGuinness

### Class 5

- 1- **Kenaghan Uel** – Mr L Ruddy
  - 2- **Deerfin Upton** – Mr E McGarry
  - 3- **Deerfin Uncle** – Mr E McGarry
  - 4- **Glenramble**
- Upperclass** – Mr T O'Neill

### Class 6

- 1- **Brownhill Ultan** – Devine Brothers
- 2- **Brogher Unstoppable** – Mr T Phair

- 3- **Woodpark Usher** – Mr W Short
- 4- **Glenramble Ultron** – Mr T O'Neill
- 5- **Kenaghan Ugg** – Mr L Ruddy
- 6- **Killadeas Unlimited** – S & D Bothwell

### Class 7

- 1- **Altnaderog Tory** – MG & G McShane
- 2- **Tullyardmore Sarah** – Declan Reilly

### Class 8

- 1- **Royaldowns Tracey** – M McKeown Esq

### Female Champion

Altnaderog Tory

### Reserve Female Champion

Royaldowns Tracey

### Senior Male Champion

Woodpark Tomboy

### Reserve Senior Male

Tanhill Thiago

### Intermediate Male Champion

Brogher Ultimate

### Reserve Intermediate Male

Mountain Tommy

### Junior Male Champion

Brownhill Ultan

### Reserve Junior Male

Brogher Unstoppable

### Male Champion

Brogher Ultimate

### Reserve Male Champion

Brownhill Ultan

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Brogher Ultimate

### Reserve Overall Champion

Brownhill Ultan



Reserve Intermediate Champion,  
Mountain Tommy at 6,400gns



Moorhill Ulysses at 6,300gns



Rawbrooke Universe at 6,100gns



Kenaghan Uel at 4,700gns



Female Champion and top price  
female Altnaderog Tory at 3,000gns

## Esgob does Double at Welshpool

Judge: David Erskine  
Shadow Judge: Stuart Brown



It was a memorable day for G M Jones, at the Welshpool spring show and sale on Saturday 27 April 2024. His Esgob herd scooped the double taking the Overall Championship title with January-2023 born **Esgob Ugo**, a Solwayfirth Perterpan sired son who also took top price of 10,000gns in the sale ring, this easy calving bull was secured by D A Jones & Co., Llandidloes, Powys.

The judge Mr David Erskine, a fourth generation farmer from the outskirts of Monaghan Town in County Monaghan, ably assisted by shadow judge Mr Stuart Brown from the Ellerton herd, Selby, Yorkshire also selected Mr Jones' **Esgob Trebor** another Solwayfirth Peterpan son born in December-2022 as his reserve overall champion and he went on to make the second highest price of the day at 9,000gns paid by B A & O L L Jones, Llwyn Manon Isaf, Criccieth.

The continuing strength and demand for Charolais, and Charolais sired cattle which lead the store trade across the country underpinned the strong sale statistics with 44 bulls selling (80% clearance) to a top price of 10,000gns and an average of £5460, up £220 on 2023. In fact, the number of bulls sold, clearance rate, top price and the sale average all outperformed 2023.

Highfields Park Farm's second prize winner, **Chameran Transformer** born



Esgob Ugo, Overall Champion at 10,000gns

in October-2022 by Goldies Romeo out of Edenhurst Louise commanded 7,500gns, purchased by G W Miles, Trelewis, Merthyr Tydfil whilst a further four lots hit the 7,000gns mark starting with Mr D Thornley's first prize, **Dooley Tonto** a single Q204X carrier by the famous Rosanna Jupiter was purchased by T T Jones & Son, Glyn Farm, Llanidloes, Powys. H Salt,

Llangefni, Anglesey at the same money also backed a Rosanna Jupiter sired son from the same stable this time for fourth placed **Dooley Uber** born in January-2023. **Brynffanigl Uhtred** a February-2023 bull by Caylers Hustler from Mr R Roberts was purchased for 7,000gns by J Jones & Co, Llanuwchllyn, Bala and A & A Thomas, Talybont, Bangor, went to the same money



Esgob Trebor, Reserve Overall Champion at 9,000gns



Chameron Transformer at 7,500gns

for new stock bull November-2022 born **Trefaldwyn Thunder** by Oakchurch Maximus.

I Williams, Pwllheli, Gwynedd paid 6,800gns for Roberts and Jones' July-2022 born, first prize winner, **Montgomery Tully** while Mr R Roberts sold **Brynffanigl Tecwyn** born in February-2022 to A Jones, Glan-Y-Mor, Talsarnau, Gwynedd for 6,500gns. Two further bulls went at the same money, first of these was another first prize winner, **Caylers Urwin** by Glenericht Pogba out of Caylers Lucy, born in January-2023

and next was F & J Andrews' **Holstead Ultim** a Muskateer son born in February-2023. At 6,200gns Davies Brothers, Pontydewi, Swansea purchased 4<sup>th</sup> prize Bleack Digger son born in November-2022, **Montgomery Tomley** from Roberts & Jones.

Six lots hit the 6,000gns mark, fourth prize **Chameron Topgun** from Highfields Park Farm by Goldies Romeo, sold to A J & K L Bowen, Treharris, Swansea, **Trefaldwyn Texas** by Balthayock Muskateer was purchased J L C & G Williams, Portmadoc, Gwynedd and second

prize **Caylers Toronto** by Rosanna Regal was purchased by local buyers T T Jones & Co, Llanbrynmair, Powys. D M & R C Rees, Newtown, Powys also put 6,000gns down for **Trefaldwyn Taurus** from Mr R A Owen and G G Williams' bought three bulls on the day, the top priced at 6,000gns was second prize winner **Chunal Upbeat** from Mr M McGahan and finally the last and youngest lot on sale **Caylers Upbeat** from Caylers Charolais also hit 6,000gns, this Glenericht Pogba son found a new home with D H Jones, Llety Cynnes, Ceredigion.

## SHOW RESULTS

### Overall Champion

**Esgob Ugo** - Mr G M Jones

### Reserve Overall Champion

**Esgob Trebor** - Mr G M Jones

### Bulls born between 28 April 2022 and 18 August 2022

- 1 – **Montgomery Tully** - Roberts & Jones
- 2 – **Moelfre Trystan** – Mr K J Thomas
- 3 – **Trannon Trevor** – Mr J A Williams
- 4 – **Sportsman Trooper** – Boden & Davies Ltd

### Bulls born on or after 25 August 2022 to 7 October 2022

- 1 – **Maerdy Topnotch** – Mr D E Evans
- 2 – **Wissington Talbot** – Mrs J Rix
- 3 – **Brampton Trouble** – Mr G W Turner
- 4 – **Chameron Topgun** – Highfields Park Farm



Dooley Tonto at 7,000gns



Dooley Uber at 7,000gns



Brynffanigl Uhtred at 7,000gns



Trefaldwyn Thunder at 7,000gns



Montgomery Tully at 6,800gns



Brynffanigl Tecwyn at 6,500gns

**Bulls born between 12 October 2022 and 8 November 2022**

- 1 – **Brynffanigl Thor** – Mr R Roberts
- 2 – **Chameran Transformer** – Highfields Park Farm
- 3 – **Maerdy Tank** – Mr D E Evans
- 4 – **Hendy Trigger** – Mr JAW Rees

**Bulls born between 10 November 2022 to 2 December 2022**

- 1 – **Dooley Tonto** – Mr D Thornley
- 2 – **Caylers Toronto** – Caylers Charolais
- 3 – **Trefaldwyn Theo** – Mr R A Owen
- 4 – **Montgomery Tomley** – Roberts & Jones

**Bulls born between 3 December 2022 and 13 January 2023**

- 1 – **Esgob Ugo** – Mr G M Jones
- 2 – **Esgob Trebor** – Mr G M Jones
- 3 – **Teme Ultramarine** – Mrs S M Corbett & Daughters
- 4 – **Dooley Uber** – Mr D Thornley

**Bulls born between 19 January 2023 and 18 March 2023**

- 1 – **Caylers Urwin** – Caylers Charolais
- 2 – **Chunal Upbeat** – Mr M McGahan
- 3 – **Brynffanigl Uhtred** – Mr R Roberts
- 4 – **Moelfre Ucheldir** – Mr K J Thomas



Caylers Urwin at 6,500gns



Holtstead Ultimus at 6,500gns



Chameran Topgun at 6,000gns



Caylers Toronto at 6,000gns



Trefaldwyn Taurus at 6,000gns



Caylers Upbeat at 6,000gns



The Overall Champion, Esgob Ugo and the Reserve Overall Champion Esgob Trebor

# LOGANBAR CHAROLAIS

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# Loganbar Topgun and Goldies Timmy Shine at 12K

Judge: Neil Brown



Galbraith Stirling Bull Sales, May 2024 saw a healthy 86% clearance, for 31 Charolais bulls, topping at 12,000gns. Seventeen lots reached over 6,000gns, yielding a sale average increase of +£638 on May 2023 at £6,527. The sale statistics reflected the continuing appeal of the Charolais to produce an efficient end-product that returns a healthy margin and forms the foundation for a sustainable business.

The Charolais classes were judged by Mr Medwyn Williams of the Castellmawr herd of pedigree Charolais located on the Llyn Peninsula, North Wales. The Castellmawr herd of pedigree Charolais was established in 1980 by his father Alwyn Williams and together they have enjoyed great success in the show and sale ring with the pinnacle to date being Castellmawr Jacpot who was awarded Supreme Champion in Stirling Bull Sales, October 2015 and sold to the Carwood herd for 16,000gns.

Medwyn awarded the Morton Strachan Quaich for the May 2024 Galbraith Stirling bull sales overall champion to **Loganbar Topgun** from Mr D M Lyle, Dunblane, Perthshire. Earlier in the pre-sale show this December-2022 born bull by Thrunton Nike carrying a single copy of Q204X and out of Loganbar Nutmeg was awarded the junior championship title and he commanded the second highest price at the sale on Monday at 11,000gns



Loganbar Topgun, Overall Champion at 11,000gns

to S & L Robertson, Keith, Banffshire. Standing reserve junior champion and reserve overall champion was C Smeaton & Sons' Gleniericht Ryder sired October-2022, **Bombax Topper** out of Goldies Olwen, he was snapped up by J. MacGregor, Lybster, Caithness for 7,000gns. Leading the sale at 12,000gns was fourth prize winner, **Goldies Timmy** from Mr H Goldie, the Caylers

Rocky son with a single copy of F94L and impressive calving ease figures of +11.3 seemed a solid investment for J. Brown, Broughton, Biggar. **Loganbar Topdollar** from the same home as the overall champion took the senior championship rosette, a Maerdy Pore son born in September-2022 out of homebred Newdawn was purchased by Q. Limond, Maybole, Ayrshire for



Bombax Topper, Reserve Junior and Reserve Overall Champion at 7,000gns

8,500gns whilst the reserve senior champion from J Irvine & Sons, **Inverloch Tiree** born in August-2022 by Caylers Napoleon sold to Rhindhu Farm Ltd, Glenlivet Ballindalloch for 5,000gns.

Brailes Livestock's 4th prize January-2023, **Brailes Unique**, by Westcarse Houdini out of Bassett Orange sold to R W Walker, Kelso, Roxburghshire for 8,000gns. C Smeaton & Sons' **Bombax Topgun** born in October-2022 and sired by Glenericht Ryder went to the home of J & B Mitchell, Fordyce, Aberdeenshire for 7,800gns. Adrian Ivory's second prize, myostatin free, **Cardean Tiree** born in September-2022 by Elgin Flagship realised 7,500gns to Scottish Government Bull Stud, Knocknagael, Inverness. **Maerdy Telly** born in April 2022 was purchased by A R Paton, Avonbridge, Falkirk for 7,000gns. J H Campbell & Sons accepted 6,800gns from A & W Barrowman, Portpatrick, Stranraer, for second prize **Thrunton Tornado** by Baillieston Orcadian, while **Thrunton Tonto** sired by Thrunton Nevada born in July-2022 made 6,500gns to R Gatherer, Elderslie, Renfrewshire and from the same home **Thrunton Trinidad**, by homebred Thrunton Pierre born in July-2022, matched the 6,500gns bid from Otter Estate, Kilfinan, Argyll. Four further bulls peaked at 6,500gns the first came from Mr H Goldie with **Goldies Terence** an Elrick Officer son out of Goldies Joyce

born in August-2022 went to the new postcode of R & L Howat, Cupar, Fife, at 6,500gns **Nethercarse Taurus** from J H Christie and son, a September-2022 heifer's calf, sired by Westcarse Houdini was purchased by D Lamont, Glenelg, Ross-shire. Also at the 6,500gns mark W K & P Drysdale sold a Caylers Oxford son **Gleniericht Trigger** born in September-2022 out of Gleniericht Osprey to Grove Farms, Barncleugh, Dumfries and finally J Irvine & Sons sold a Caylers Napoleon son out of Ballindalloch Madonna, October-2022 born **Inverloch Tiktok** to the Firm of J D Jack, Leven Fife at 6,500gns.

At 6,000gns, D Macrae from Tighnabruich, Argyll, secured the most senior bull of the day from Mr D E Evans, **Maerdy Tramp** a Maerdy Neverdiere son out of Maerdy Internetgirl born in April-2022 and W S L Muir, Stromness, Orkney also paid 6,000gns for Mr H Goldie's second prize Tweeddale Matador son, **Goldies Trojan** born in October-2022.

## SHOW RESULTS

### Overall champion (Morton Strachan Quaiçh)

Loganbar Topgun

### Reserve Overall Champion

Bombax Topper

### Senior Champion

Loganbar Topdollar

### Reserve Senior Champion

Inverloch Tiree

### Junior Champion

Loganbar Topgun

### Reserve Junior Champion

Bombax Topper

### Bulls born between 7 May & 4 July 2022

- 1- **Maerdy Total** – Mr D E Evans
- 2- **Thrunton Tornado** – J H C Campbell & Sons
- 3- **Broomloan Tavernier** – Mr A Brown
- 4- **Thrunton Triumph** – J H C Campbell & Sons

### Bulls born between 5 July & 29 August 2022

- 1- **Inverloch Tiree** – J Irvine & Son
- 2- **Goldies Terence** – Mr H Goldie
- 3- **Goldies Theo** – Mr H Goldie
- 4- **Thrunton Trigger** – J H C Campbell & Sons
- 5- **Thrunton Toshiba** – J H C Campbell & Sons
- 6 – **Thrunton Tonto** – J H C Campbell & Sons

### Bulls born between 30 August & 23 September 2022

- 1- **Loganbar Topdollar** – Mr D M Lyle
- 2- **Cardean Tiree** – Mr A Ivory
- 3- **Nethercarse Taurus** – J H Christie & Son
- 4- **Goldies Timmy** – Mr H Goldie
- 5- **Gleniericht Trigger** – W K & P Drysdale
- 6- **Firhills Tibet** – Mr D Muirhead



Goldies Timmy at 12,000gns



Loganbar Topdollar at 8,500gns



Inverloch Tiree at 5,000gns



Brailes Unique at 8,000gns



Bombax Topgun at 7,800gns



Cardean Tiree at 7,500gns



Thrunton Trinidad at 6,500gns



Goldies Terence at 6,500gns



Nethercarse Taurus at 6,500gns

#### **Bulls Born between 24 September & 24 October 2022**

- 1- **Bombax Topper** – C Smeaton & Sons
- 2- **Goldies Trojan** \_ Mr H Goldie
- 3- **Harestone Travis** – R & N Barclay
- 4- **Inverloch Tiktok** – J Irvine & Son
- 5- **Thrunton Timelord** - J H C Campbell & Sons

#### **Bulls born between 25 October & 30 November 2022**

- 1- **Bombax Topgun** – C Smeaton & Sons
- 2- **Goldies Trooper** – Mr H Goldie
- 3- **Falleninch Tyson** – Mr A B Hornall
- 4- **Balthayock Triumph** – Major D F W H & N R Walter

#### **Bulls born on or after 1 December 2022**

- 1- **Loganbar Topgun** – Mr D M Lyle
- 2- **Falleninch Tommy** – Mr A B Hornall
- 3- **Newhouse Toejo** – R M Adam & Son
- 4- **Brailes Unique** – Brailes Livestock
- 5- **Linrossfarm Utah** – E & W Scott



Overall Champion, Logan Topgun and Reserve, Bombax Topper



Senior Champion, Loganbar Topgun and Reserve, Inverloch Tiktok

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# Elgin Teuchter Overall Champion, Thrunton Trouper leads at 10k

Judge: Neil Brown  
Shadow Judge: Edward Scott



The Charolais white gold and annual spring bull show commenced on Friday 10 May 2024 at H & H Borderway, Carlisle, with a parade of ten 'white gold' pedigree females and a parade of three bulls over two years of age. The sale took place on Saturday 11 May 2024 where 31 bulls sold to a top price of 10,000gns and an average of £6076 +£35 on 2023 and 14 females sold to a top price of 6,000gns with an average of £4822.50 +£641 on 2023.

The judge for the male show classes was Mr Neil Brown, originally of Hackleton, he runs a small herd of pedigree Charolais under the herd prefix Sams and is stockman at the Seawell herd of pedigree Charolais cattle owned by P M & S M Donger. Shadow judge was Mr Edward Scott from Angus, Scotland who works on his family's mixed livestock and arable farm. Edward puts Charolais and Aberdeen Angus bulls over his commercial operation at home as well as running pedigree herds of both Charolais and Aberdeen Angus.

Neil and Edward selected their overall champion from the senior classes, **Elgin Teuchter** from Mr R A Milne,



Elgin Teuchter, Overall Champion at 8,000gns

Elgin Morayshire ably brought out by Mathew Milne's son, Gregor who had been awarded the senior championship title earlier in the show. This stylish October-2022 born Glenericht Pegasus son out of home bred Elgin Ovette, had been shown successfully in 2023 securing breed champion at Nairn and Grantown show and in Carlisle picked up the Perpetual Challenge Trophy

for the supreme champion as well as forming part of the Elgin group of three bulls that won the Hallbankgate Perpetual Trophy kindly presented by the bell family for best group of three bulls aged under two years of age that are owned and bred by the exhibitor and sired by one sire. Elgin Teuchter was purchased at the sale the following day for 8,000gns by P Smith & Son,



Thrunton Trooper at 10,000gns



Solwayfirth Thor, Reserve Senior Champion at 6,500gns

Biggar, Lanarkshire.

On Eurovision Saturday the super trouper in the sale ring at 10,000gns was another senior bull, **Thrunton Trouper** this time from J H C Campbell & Sons, Alnwick, Northumberland. This November-2022 homebred bull on both sides, carried one copy of Q204X and was ranked fourth out of all the bulls in the market for calving ease direct at +15.6, he went home with J C Hobday & Son, Hawick, Roxburghshire.

The reserve senior champion from I & D Goldie, Annan, Dumfriesshire, October-2022, **Solwayfirth Thor** sired by Glenelicht Ralph who was purchased privately for £15,000 and out of

Solwayfirth Rihanna, he was snapped up by Dean Paul OB for 6,500gns.

In the junior classes it was R M Adam & Son, Forfar, Angus, who led the way in the show with junior champion and reserve overall champion **Newhouse Tzar** a Ballinlare Phantom son out of Newhouse Princess. G & H Jerman, Newtown, Powys paid 7,000gns for this semen tested, December-2022 born bull. The Adam family also commanded 8,500gns for another Ballinlare Phantom son, this time **Newhouse Toddy** again born in December-2022 this bull won first prize in his class and was picked out by Evans & Corfield, Ludlow, Shropshire.



Newhouse Tzar, Junior Champion and Reserve Overall Champion

British Charolais Cattle Society Ltd

Standing reserve junior champion was R A & J Blyth's November-2022, **Marwood Totalrecall** by the easy calving Marwood Odin, out of Marwood Lally. He later went on to win the special rosebowl presented to the best Charolais bred by and exhibited by a member of the Yorkshire and Lancashire region. A W & G S Panniers, Bishop Frome, Worcestershire snapped up another lot from the Blyth family this time it was January-2023 born, **Marwood Universe** by the French sire Ravissant out of the famous cow Delphine at 7,000gns.

Third prize November-2022 born, myostatin free, **Caylers Thunder** from Caylers Charolais, Nuthampstead, Hertfordshire, sired by Meloman out of Rosanna Jupiter sired Caylers Roxy was purchased by pedigree breeders W K & P Drysdale, Blairgowrie Perthshire, to go across heifers in their Glenelicht herd for 8,000gns.

M & J Hayhurst from Malton, North Yorkshire sold **Whitecliffe Teddy**, a son of Whitecliffe Priceless out of Whitecliffe Polly with two copies of F94L to A J Clark, Millom, Cumbria for 7,200gns.

Meanwhile the female trade was topped at 6,000gns by W P Bruce Ltd, Meigle, Perthshire with his May-2022 heifer, **Balmyle Tiara** a Maerdy Onedirection daughter who also sired Balmyle Sandy 28,000gns and **Balmyle Tremendous** 13,000gns whilst the dam Balmyle Horoscope had been judged best cow in the herd at the Balmyle open day. Tiara was purchased by F A & P J Pilkington & Son, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

E & R Brass & Son, Penrith, Cumbria went to 5,400gns for **Lawersbridge Teardrop** who had won three championship awards at local shows in 2022 and was reserve junior female champion at the Stars of the Future



Newhouse Toddy at 8,500gns



Marwood Universe at 7,000gns



Caylers Thunder at 8,000gns



Whitecliffe Teddy at 7,200gns

2022. This home bred heifer sired by Whitecliffe Muskateer from D Smith & Sons, Mauchline, Ayrshire was sold in-calf.

Richard McCulloch, Armadale, West Lothian sold his April-2022, Bleack Digger sired heifer **Overhill Toya**, carrying one copy of F94L for 4,500gn to Grove Farms, Alston, Cumbria while two further females made 4,000gns and were both purchased by Hales Farm, Little Carfield, Essex. The first came from J H C Campbell & Sons with **Thrunton Stella** a Baillieston Orcadian daughter born in July-2021 while the second 4,000 bid came for Mr R A Milne's **Elgin Tequila** a Thurso Paul sired heifer born in April-2022 served on 23 December 2023 to Westcarse Houdini / Gleniericht Mecca.

The last Society spring sale of 2024 was concluded with the sale of a draft of cattle purchased at the Gretnahouse dispersal on 18 November 2023 that had been prohibited from export with the closure of the Irish market due to BTV (Bluetongue), they were sold under original dispersal conditions with no warranties implied.

The trade peaked at 6,000gns for two lots, the first from Mr C Todd, Lisburn, County Down with Westcarse Jimmy sired **Gretnahouse Oasis** out of Gretnahouse Irene she was sold in-calf to Lochend Nighthawk to Barlow Brothers, Leyland, Lancashire, she will join **Harestone Sybil** as a foundation female for the newly formed pedigree Denizes herd.

Andrew Ewing, Annan, Dumfriesshire also paid 6,000gns for **Gretnahouse Obaywatch (ET)** a Bleack Fabulous heifer born in April-2018 with her bull calf at foot, **Gretnahouse Urchin** by Lochend Nighthawk. She was the last daughter of the influential Gretnahouse Baywatch (ET) who sold sons to 18,000gns whilst Bleack Fabulous



Balmyle Tiara at 6,000gns



Lawersbridge Teardrop at 5,400gns

has bred sons to 40,000gns. She was offered for sale by Miss C Ferris, Newtownards, County Down alongside April-2022 **Gretnahouse Togaradise** from the paradise family who produced the 25,000gns Ubeauty and carried the best calving ease direct figures of all the females in the market at +18.7, sired by Lochend Nighthawk she was purchased by pedigree breeders J & E Wight, Midshield, Biggar, Lanarkshire accompanied by 5,000gns March-2019, **Gretnahouse Peauty (ET)** by the 17,000gns Balthayock Gladiator, out of Gretnahouse Beauty (ET) the dam of 15,000gns Gretnahouse Heman, she sold with her September-2023, bull calf at foot **Gretnahouse Uproar**.

## SHOW RESULTS

### Class 1 Senior bull class born on or after 10 May 2022 to 4 July 2022

- 1- **Gilleard Trex** – Mr S Gilleard
- 2- **Solwayfirth Tornado** – I & D Goldie
- 3- **Thrunton Talisman** – J H C Campbell & Sons
- 4- **Whitecliffe Thumper** – M & J Hayhurst
- 5- **Stoneylane Tyson** – R & D Ashworth

### Class 2 Senior Bull class born between 26 September to 29 October 2022

- 1- **Elgin Teuchter** – Mr R A Milne
- 2- **Solwayfirth Thor** – I & D Goldie
- 3- **Thrunton Topcat** – JHC Campbell & Sons
- 4- **Goldies Trident** – Mr H Goldie

### 5- **Elgin Tyson** – Mr R A Milne

### Class 3 Senior bull class born between 1 November 2022 to 17 November 2022

- 1- **Thrunton Trouper** – J H C Campbell & Sons
- 2- **Tweeddale Titanic** – J Watson & Co
- 3- **Goldies Topper** – Mr H Goldie
- 4- **Elgin Taurus** – Mr R A Milne
- 5- **Utopia Triumph** – Miss W J Kingaby

### Class 4 Junior bull class born on 18 November 2022 to 11 December 2022

- 1- **Newhouse Tzar** R M Adam & Son
- 2- **Marwood Totalrecall** – R A & J Blyth
- 3- **Caylers Thunder** – Caylers Charolais
- 4- **Goldies Turbotech** – Mr H Goldie
- 5- **Marwood Texan** – R A & J Blyth

### Class 5 Junior bull born between 16 December 2022 to 3 January 2023

- 1- **Newhouse Toddy** – R M Adam & Son
- 2- **Caylers Titanium** – Caylers Charolais
- 3- **Goldies Union** – Mr H Goldie
- 4- **Marwood Universe** – R A & J Blyth
- 5- **Jessops Uproar** – C A P J Jessop & Sons

### Class 6 Junior bulls born between 6 January 2023 and 19 February 2023

- 1- **Rutherston Useful** – Miss A Anderson
- 2- **Strathisla Upturn** – Mr R Milne
- 3- **Tweeddale Uboat** – J Waston & Co
- 4- **Marwood Umpire** – R A & J Blyth
- 5- **Caylers Utah** - Caylers Charolais

### Senior Championship

#### Senior champion

Elgin Teuchter

### Reserve senior champion

Solwayfirth Thor

### Junior Championship

#### Junior champion

Newhouse Tzar

### Reserve junior champion

Marwood Totalrecall

### Overall Championship

#### Overall champion

Elgin Teuchter

### Reserve overall champion

Newhouse Tzar

### The Yorkshire & Lancashire Rosebowl

1- Marwood Charolais

2- Whitecliffe



Senior & Overall Champion, Elgin Teuchter and Junior & Reserve Overall Champion, Newhouse Tzar



Senior & Overall Champion, Elgin Teuchter & Reserve Senior Champion, Solwayfirth Thor



Junior & Reserve Overall Champion, Newhouse Tzar & Reserve Junior Champion, Marwood Totalrecall



The Yorkshire & Lancashire Special Rosebowl Winner - Marwood

### Goldies Unity makes top price at 16,000gns

Judge: Andrew Clark  
Shadow Judge: Millie McKenzie



Charolais bulls achieved the top average, with the most bulls sold and the highest clearance of all the breeds at the October round of Stirling Bull Sales. Overall, 15 bulls hit the five-figure mark and 65 sold to average £7977, a 77% clearance.

Society chairman, Jeremy Paynter, said: "With the highest average and highest clearance rate, it's clear to see the strong commercial demand for Charolais bulls. Charolais are reaping the rewards of achieving top suckled calf and store prices across the country, ensuring customer satisfaction for the commercial producer. Many thanks to our judge, Andrew Clark and shadow judge, Millie McKenzie."

Two bulls hit the day's top price of 16,000gns, with the first at that money being the reserve intermediate and reserve overall champion, **Goldies Unity**, from Hamish Goldie, South Bowerhouses, Ruthwell. He is sired by Caylers Rocky, a bull bought at Carlisle in 2021 for 14,000gns, which has previously sired sons to 11,000gns. Out of the Gretnahouse Heman daughter, Goldies Miranda, Unity sold to J Hodge, Dykes Farm, Auchinleck, for pedigree and commercial use.

Matching the 16,000gns top price was **Huttonend Ubelter**, another intermediate bull which had stood third in a strong class. Achieving a herd



Goldies Unity, Reserve Intermediate and Reserve Overall Champion at 16,000gns

best price for Sean Mitchell, who runs just five pedigree cows at Grassknop, Skelton, he's an AI son of the 70,000gns Barnsford Ferny. His dam, Allanfauld Ozzy, had been bought at Stirling in February, 2020, after securing the female championship. Reserve male champion at this year's Royal Welsh, he caught the eye of Bill Bruce, who bought him for his Balmyre herd at

Meikle, Perthshire.

Later in the sale, another third prize winner, **Marwood Ullapo**, from the Blyth family's Hartlepool-based herd, was the first of two bulls to make 14,000gns. He's sired by the home-bred Marwood Odin, a son of Balthayock Lineup, while the dam, Marwood Libby, is by Burradon Goldenballs. Carrying no



Huttonend Ubelter at 16,000gns



Marwood Ullapool at 14,000gns

myostatin genes, this one went to the Warnock family, for commercial and pedigree use at Dreva, Biggar.

The other at 14,000gns was the first prize-winner, **Hollywell Unclebob**, from John and Sandra Middleton's 26-cow herd in Fraserburgh. This one is a son of Nuthampstead Judas, a bull bought at the Westcarse dispersal, which has already sired a 16,000gns bull for the herd in February and a 10,000gns one last October. Out of the Clenagh Lyle daughter, Hollywell Rouge, he sold to Mike and Melanie Alford, Foxhill, Devon.

Next best, at 13,000gns, was the 18-month-old bull, **Elgin Usain**, from the Milne family, Kennieshillock, Elgin, which had stood third in a strong class that saw four of the eight entries make five-figure prices. Breed champion at the Black Isle show and reserve at Grantown, he is sired by Thurso Paul, which the Milnes bought a half share of privately. Out of the Woodpark Elgin daughter, Elgin Megan, this shapely bull

sold to James Nisbet, Sorn Mains, Sorn.

Also hitting the 13,000gns mark was **Balthayock Ushant**, a second prize winner from the Walters' Perth-based herd, brought out by Tracey and Davie Nicol. His sire is the 24,000gns Harestone Ronaldinho, bought at Stirling two years ago, while his dam is the Balthayock Imp daughter, Balthayock Petronella. Sporting Terminal Sire and Self Replacing Indexes of +90, this one sold to Andrew McNee, Woodend, Armadale.

Two bulls sold at 12,000gns apiece, including **Hollywell Utah**, another from John and Sandra Middleton, again by Nuthampstead Judas. Out of the Whitecliffe James-sired Hollywell Orla, he was knocked down to R and E Chapman, West Cockmuir, Strichen.

The intermediate and overall champion, **Balmyle Uranus**, also made 12,000gns. Securing a first overall championship for Bill Bruce's herd, based at Meigle, Perthshire, this son of Balmyle Jasper,



Hollywell Unclebob at 14,000gns

out of the Balmyle Eclipse daughter, Balmyle Madam, sold to commercial producers, Thomas Smith and sons, who run 240 cows at Netherton Farms, Whitehouse, Alford.

The Smeaton family – Tom and sons Grant and Mark, sold two five-figure bulls, including **Bombax Unit**, which went at 11,000gns to JM Fisher, Meikle Larbrax, Stranraer. Brought out by Kim Brown, this one is another by Harestone Ronaldinho, the bull they share with Balthayock. The dam, Bombax Matilda, is one of 30 cows in the Forfar-based herd, on the family's mixed arable and livestock farm.

Later in the sale, the first-prize winner, **Balthayock Ultimatum**, another Harestone Ronaldinho son from the Balthayock team, out of Balthayock Olala, sold at 11,000gns to pedigree and commercial producer Ross Farms, Wester Middleton, Gorebridge.

The senior champion, **Newlogie Unreserved**, from AJR Farms, Milton of Collieston, Ellon, was the first of five bulls to make 10,000gns. Sired by the 26,000gns Maerdy Amontillado, and out of Newlogie Ohdream, he had stood reserve junior male at the Royal Highland show in June. Buyer was GT Wordie, Mains of Cairnborrow, Huntly.

Matching that price, Joseph Speak and



Elgin Usain at 13,000gns



Balthayock Ushant at 13,000gns



Hollywell Utah at 12,000gns



Balmye Uranus, Intermediate and Overall Champion at 12,000gns

Jordan Tipping, sold their **Gretnahouse Uhtred** at 10,000gns to W Templeton, Glenlaugh, Auldgirth. He's sired by Lochend Nighthawk, the bull that made 28,000gns at the Gretnahouse dispersal, while his dam is Gretnahouse Masweety. His full brother, Gretnahouse Topper, made 16,000gns at Stirling last October.

**Bombax Uber**, another from the Smeaton family's consignment, by Harestone Ronaldinho, sold at 10,000gns to M Leslie, Keithmore, Dufftown. His dam is the privately bought Mornity Orla, a daughter of Balmye Magnate.

Also at 10,000gns was **Elgin Ullapool**,

another Thurso Paul son from the Milne family's Elgin-based herd. Breed champion at Nairn show and reserve at Keith, he is out of the Westcarse Houdini-sired Elgin Libby, one of 45 pedigree cows in the herd. That one sold to JM Sutherland, Sibmister and Stainland, Thurso.

The final five-figure price came at the end of the sale, with **Balthayock Ulex** selling at 10,000gns to J and R Stranger, South Seatter, Sandwick, Orkney. That one is sired by the home-bred Balthayock Regal, a Barbican Lancer son, while the dam is Balthayock Robyn, by Balthayock Ferdinand.

Another full of home-breeding was



Newlogie Unreserved, Senior Champion at 10,000gns

Peter and Allen Drysdale's first prize-winner, **Gleniericht Untouchable**, a Gleniericht Limpet son, out of Gleniericht Idyll, which made 9500gns to Burnton Farms, Laurencekirk.

Females sold to 11,000gns, for a cow and calf unit from Andrew Burnett, Upper Spittalton, Blairdrummond. That was **Spittalton Nikita**, a seven-year-old Whitecliffe Highlight daughter, and her March-born bull calf at foot, **Spittalton Vogue**, by Goldies Oasis. The pair sold to C and C Farming, Flotterton, Morpeth.

## CLASS RESULTS

### Heifer Class

- 1- **Utopia Unique**- WJ Kingaby,
- 2- **Thrunton Tamar**- JHC Campbell & Sons

### Bulls Born Between 21 October 2022 & 2 February 2023

- 1- **Newlogie Unreserved**- AJR Farms
- 2- **Marwood Universal** - R A & J Blyth
- 3- **Briarbank Union** - AJ Taylor
- 4- **Marwood Ultimate** - RA & J Blyth
- 5- **Falleninch Tommy**- AB Hornall

### Bulls Born Between 3 February & 18 March 2023

- 1- **Goldies Umpire**- H Goldie
- 2- **Inverloch Usher** - J Irvine & Son
- 3- **Bombax Ultimate**- J Irvine & Son
- 4- **Kersknowe Ultimate**- J Jeffrey
- 5- **Kersknowe Upgrade**- J Jeffery

### Bulls Born Between 18 & 27 March 2023

- 1- **Formakin Uist**- McMurrich Partnership
- 2- **Gleniericht Uber**- WK & P Drysdale
- 3- **Kersknowe Usain**- J Jeffrey
- 4- **Gilleard Upshot** - S Gilleard
- 5- **Newlogie Undercover**- AJR Farms

### Bulls Born Between 27 March & 4 April 2023

- 1- **Goldies Unity**- H Goldie
- 2- **Goldies Ulex**- H Goldie
- 3- **Elgin Usain**- RA Milne



Bombax Unit at 11,000gns



Balthayock Ultimatum at 11,000gns



Gretnahouse Uhtred at 10,000gns



Bombax Uber at 10,000gns

- 4- **Hollywell Utah**- J & S Middleton  
5- **Glenernan Uranus**- W & N Milne

#### **Bull Born Between 5 & 11 April 2023**

- 1- **Balmyle Uranus**- WP Bruce Ltd  
2- **Glenerecht Unstuck**- WK & P Drysdale  
3- **Marwood Usk**- RA & J Blyth  
4- **Roscoe Unstoppable**- Ross Farm Co Ltd  
5- **Thrunton Urquart**- JHC Campbell & Sons

#### **Bulls Born Between 12 & 26 April 2023**

- 1- **Glenerecht Untouchable**- WK & P Drysdale,  
2- **Maerdy Underdog**- DE Evans  
3- **Huttonend Ubelter**- S Mitchell  
4- **Balthayock Upbeat**- DFWH & NR Walter  
5- **Marwood Usher**- RA & J Blyth

#### **Bulls Born Between 27 April & 6 May 2023**

- 1- **Balmyle Utmost**- WP Bruce Ltd  
2- **Sportsmans Uefa**- Boden & Davies Ltd  
3- **Glenerecht Usher**- WK & P Drysdale  
4- **Balthayock Unison**- DFWH & NR Walter  
5- **Elgin Ullapool**- RA Milne

#### **Bulls Born Between 7 & 16 May 2023**

- 1- **Inverloch United**- J Irvine & Son  
2- **Harestone Upshot**- R & N Barclay  
3- **Falleninch Ulysses**- A B Hornall

- 4- **Elrick Unique**- MJ Massie  
5- **Thrunton Ulric**- JHC Campbell & Sons

#### **Bulls Born Between 17 & 31 May 2023**

- 1- **Balthayock Ultimatum**- DFWH & NR Walter  
2- **Balthayock Ushant**- DFWH & NR Walter  
3- **Marwood Ullapo**- RA & J Blyth  
4- **Elrick Ugie**- MJ Massie  
5- **Harestone Universe**- R & N Barclay

#### **Bulls Born After 1st June 2023**

- 1- **Hollywell Unclebob**- J & S Middleton  
2- **Burraddon Upper crust**- Messrs Curry  
3- **Balthayock Ulex**- DFWH & NR Walter  
4- **Sportsmans Usher**- Boden & Davies Ltd  
5- **Burraddon Umph**- Messrs Curry

#### **Senior Championship Champion**

Newlogie Unreserved  
**Reserve**  
Marwood Universal

#### **Intermediate Championship Champion**

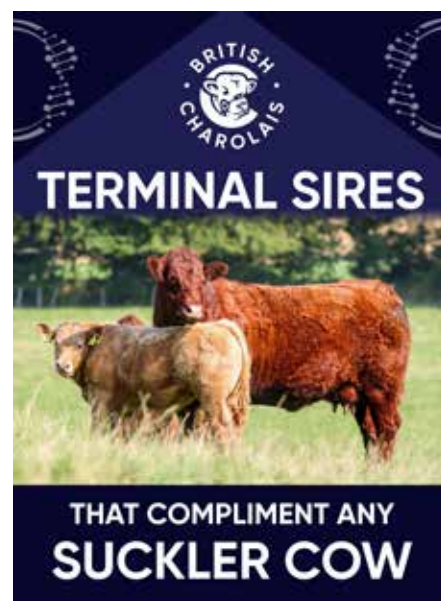
Balmyle Uranus  
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Goldies Unity

#### **Junior Championship Champion**

Inverloch United  
**Reserve**  
Harestone Upshot

#### **Overall Championship Champion**

Balmyle Uranus  
**Reserve**  
Goldies Unity



Elgin Ullapool at 10,000gns



Balthayock Ulex at 10,000gns



Glenerecht Untouchable at 9,500gns



The Overall Champion, Balmyle Uranus and the Reserve, Goldies Unity



The Senior Champion, Newlogie Unreserved and the Reserve, Marwood Universal



The Intermediate Champion, Balmyle Uranus and the Reserve, Goldies Unity



The Junior Champion, Inverlochy United and the Reserve, Harestone Upshot



The Female Champion, Utopia Unique and Reserve, Thrunton Tamar



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## Coolnaslee Ulex is top price at 14,800gns

Judge: Medwyn Williams

Charolais bulls met an 85% clearance at the NI Elite Export Show and Sale at Swatragh Mart, on Friday, 1 November, where 40 bulls sold to average £5423 and trade peaked at 14,800gns.

Making that top price was the senior champion, **Coolnaslee Ulex**, an 18-month-old from William Whyte, Innisrush, Co Antrim. Sired by Elrick Oxygen, he is out of the Newhouse Bigal daughter, Coolnaslee Peach, which was purchased along with Ulex as a calf at foot, at the Coolnaslee dispersal last year. He was knocked down to S and O Quigg for the Gortmore herd in Coleraine.

The overall and intermediate champion – judged by Medwyn Williams of the Castellmawr herd in north Wales – made the day's second top price of 10,000gns. That was **Rossavalley Uptownlad**, a Corrie Alan son from Martin Baxter, Bellanaleck, Enniskillen. Out of the Allanfauld Vagabond daughter, Rossavalley Mini, this bull sold to Mary, Michael and Seamus McManus, Upperlands, Maghera.

Next best price, at 9200gns, was **Drumacritten Ugo**, the reserve intermediate champion from George Nelson, Co Fermanagh. Selling to Norman Johnston, Bellanaleck, Co Fermanagh, this bull is sired by Whitecliffe James and out of the Pirate daughter, Drumacritten Jessie.

Two bulls hit the 7800gns mark, including the junior and reserve overall champion, **Springlane Universe**, from N & S Cochrane, Spring Lane, Portadown. Sired by Woodpark Elgin and out of the Deeside Gulliver daughter, Woodpark Judith, Universe sold to Cormac Clarke, Dungannon.



Coolnaslee Ulex, Senior Champion and top price at 14,800gns

The other at 7800gns was the reserve junior champion, **Drumconnis Ulysses**, a Thrunton Russel son from John McGrath, Fintona, Co Tyrone. His dam is Drumconnis Royalty, by Sportsmans Monarch, and he was knocked down to Vivien Black, Cookstown.

The second prize winner, **Killadeas Ultra**, from David Bothwell's Co Fermanagh-based herd, sold at

6800gns to Sean McGarvey, Cookstown. This 16-month-old is sired by Cloonglasna11 Padraig, while the dam is Killadeas Octavia, by Battleford Laser.

**Rossavalley Uptownboy**, another from Martin Baxter, was the first of two bulls to hit the 6600gns mark. This one is an ET brother to the champion, a Corrie Alan son, out of the Allanfauld Vagabond daughter, Rossavalley Mini.



Rossavalley Uptownlad, Overall and Intermediate Champion at 10,000gns



Drumacritten Ugo, Reserve Intermediate Champion at 9,200gns

He stood second in the class to his brother, and went onto sell to TC Windrum, Ballygowan.

The other at 6600gns was the second prize winner, **Coolnaslee Umbra**, a 17-month-old which was another consigned by William Whyte, Innisrush. Sired by Coolnaslee Pingpong, he was bought as a young calf, along with his dam, Coolnaslee Maid, sired by Maerdy Fiend. Buyer of that bull was M Fleming, Magherafelt.

At 6200gns, **Stranagone Unit**, from Robert McWilliams, Maghera, sold to Glenamoyle Farms, Dungiven. Full of home-breeding, this May-born bull is by Stranagone Jones, out of the Dingle Hofmeister daughter, Stranagone Nora.

He had stood fourth in his class.

Also making 6200gns was another from David Bothwell, **Killadeas Unclejack** – a Killadeas Norman son, out of the Battleford Laser daughter, Killadeas Rhoda. A first prize winner in his class, he sold to Donal Kane, Cushendall.

The reserve senior champion, **Stranagone Uppermost**, also from Robert McWilliams, sold at 6100gns to Owen Bradley, Castledawson. He is sired by Hatennon, while the dam is Stranagone Pippy, by Coolnaslee Mickyjoe.

**Damview Usk**, a second prize winner from Claire Ferris, Millisle, Newtownards, sold at 6100gns to Thomas Kirkwood, Derryboy, Crossgar.



Springlane Universe, Reserve Overall and Junior Champion at 7,800gns

He's a son of Kilduff Rockstar, out of Damview Naughty, a Bleack Digger daughter.

Reaching the 6000gns mark was **Brigadoon Ultimate**, a Goldies Icon son from WD and JA Connolly, Ballynahinch. Out of the Newhouse Maxamus daughter, Brigadoon Prosecco, this 19-month-old sold to T and T Fitzpatrick, Kilkeel, Co Down.

#### CLASS RESULTS:

##### Senior Bulls

- 1 - **Stranagone Uppermost**- Robert McWilliams
- 2- **Bessiebell Ubank**- Jack Smyth
- 3- **Bessiebell Uman**- Jack Smyth
- 4- **Ovill Ulysses**- O'Kane Bros
- 5- **Gallion Unite**- E Johnston & Sons

##### Senior Bulls

- 1- **Ballyvaddy Undeniable**- W McVey
- 2- **Moorlough Uganda**- J McBride
- 3- **Grillagh Usher**- P Bradley
- 4- **Stranagone Uber**- Robert McWilliams
- 5- **Brigadoon Ultimate**- WD & JA Connolly

##### Senior Bulls

- 1- **Coolnaslee Ulex**- William Whyte
- 2- **Brigadoon Unique**- WD & JA Connolly
- 3- **Tullygarley Usher**- JK & RK Currie
- 4- **Stranagone Unit**- Robert McWilliams

##### Intermediate Bulls

- 1- **Rossavalley Uptownlad**- M Baxter
- 2- **Rossavalley Uptownboy**- M Baxter
- 3- **Cullaghmore Umpire**- W Knox
- 4- **Drumlone Uriah**- K Veitch
- 5- **Glenramble Uriel**- T O'Neill
- 6- **Gorteade Ultimate**- J McKeagney

##### Intermediate Bull

- 1- **Killadeas Unclejack**- S & D Bothwell
- 2- **Killadeas Understudy**- S & D Bothwell
- 3- **Damview Ultrasonic**- Claire Ferris
- 4- **Damview Urban**- Claire Ferris
- 5- **Damview Usain**- Claire Ferris

##### Intermediate Bull

- 1- **Drumacritten Ugo**- George Nelson
- 2- **Fury Universe**- P Hackett
- 3- **Killadeas Ulick**- S & D Bothwell
- 4- **Fury Urban**- P Hackett

##### Junior Bull

- 1- **Springlane Universe**- N & S Cochrane
- 2- **Coolnaslee Umbra**- William Whyte
- 3- **Slieve UFO**- Shane McGeehan
- 4- **Glenramble Utopia**- T O'Neill
- 5- **Woodpark Uno**- Will Short



Drumconnis Ulysses, Reserve Junior Champion at 7,800gns

#### Junior Bull

- 1- **Drumconnis Ulysses**- J McGrath
- 2- **Killadeas Ultra**- S & D Bothwell
- 3- **Coolnaslee Upshot**- AO & E Quigley
- 4- **Sydenville Untouchable**- George Hadnett

#### Junior Bull

- 1- **Glenramble United**- T O'Neill
- 2- **Damview Usk** - Claire Ferris
- 3- **Killadeas Uber**- S & D Bothwell
- 4- **Dernaseer Usmasher** - D Arthurs
- 5- **Killadeas Underline**- S & D Bothwell
- 6- **Carnview Utopia**- JJ McGuigan
- 7- **Glenbridge Uwen**- David Farrell

#### Senior Championship

##### Senior champion

Coolnaslee Ulex

##### Reserve senior champion

Stranagone Uppermost

#### Intermediate championship

##### Intermediate champion

Rossavalley Uptownlad

##### Reserve intermediate champion

Drumacritten Ugo



Stranagone Uppermost, Reserve Senior Champion at 6,100gns

#### Junior championship

##### Junior champion

Springlane Universe

##### Reserve junior champion

Drumconnis Ulysses

#### Overall championship

##### Overall champion

Rossavalley Uptownlad

##### Reserve overall champion

Springlane Universe



Killadeas Ultra at 6,800gns



Rossavalley Uptownboy at 6,600gns



Stranagone Unit at 6,200gns



Brigadoon Ultimate at 6,000gns

# Northern Ireland Charolais Club Elite Export female show and sale

Heifers from Andrew Armstrong's Tanhill herd at Dromore, Co Tyrone, proved the star attraction at the Northern Ireland Charolais Club's Elite Export female show and sale at Swatragh, achieving the top two prices of 10,400gns and 8600gns.

Leading the trade was **Tanhill Tiktok**, a February, 2022-born double F94L carrier, sired by the home-bred Bleack Fabulous son, Tanhill Ohio. Out of the Major daughter Tanhill Narissa, she sold to Co Down-based vet, Claire Ferris, for her Damview herd in Newtownards.

Miss Ferris also took home the evening's second top priced heifer, **Tanhill Urisa**, an 18-month-old full sister to the sale topper. That one was knocked down at 8600gns.

Making 5300gns was the show champion, **Brownhill Utopia**, a 16-month-old daughter of Kilvilcorris Royal, from the Devine Brothers, Artigarvan, Strabane. Her dam, Brownhill Mo, by Maerdy Fiend, was breed champion at Balmoral in 2018. Buyer was C McVeigh, Tassagh, Co Armagh.

Best for Trevor Phair's consignment from Enniskillen, was 5000gns, paid for **Brogher Ubeauty**, a 15-month-old daughter of the 8000gns Stirling purchase, Grinshill Roger. Out of Brogher Polly, a Bleack Immaculate daughter, she sold to Des Joyce, Williamstown, Co Galway.

Also at 5000gns was Andrew Armstrong's **Tanhill Unreal**, another by Tanhill Ohio, this time out of the Doonally New daughter, Tanhill Naomi. That 16-month-old sold to Eamon McCloskey, Kilrea, Coleraine.

Next up, **Tanhill Thrunton** sold at 4600gns to A Mould. At two-years-old, she's by Tanhill Ohio and out of the Newhouse Bigal daughter, Thrunton Maid.

Making the same money was Trevor Phair's **Brogher Unice**, a Grinshill Roger daughter out of the Corrie Alan-sired



Brownhill Utopia, Champion at 5,300gns

dam, Brogher Heather. This February 2023-born heifer sold to Colin Maxwell, Clough, Downpatrick.

Leading the Bothwells' Killadeas production sale was **Killadeas Susan**, a three-year-old first calver, in-calf again with her second, which sold at 4300gns, to Richard Lamont, Ballymoney. Her sire is the 11,000gns Battleford Laser, while the dam, Killadeas Martha, is by Blackford Dynamite.

Another from the same home, **Killadeas Trinity**, sold for 4200gns to Charles Magill, Larne. A two-year-old daughter of Dunlon Ulick, out of Kiladeas Lily, she sold in-calf to Lapon.

The reserve champion, Drumlone Tell Tale, from Kenny Veitch, Lisbellaw, Co Fermanagh, made 4000gns, selling to Stephen Fleming, Ballymoney. She's a two-year-old daughter of Major, out of the Carrick-on-Shannon champion, Gallaway Heidi.

Overall, 28 females sold to average £4968.

## CLASS RESULTS:

### Class 1

- 1 – **Drumlone Telltale ET** - K Veitch
- 2 - **Erinwell Topsy** – John Edgar

### Class 2

- 1 – **Brownhill Utopia** - Devine Bros
- 2 - **Cullagjmore Ubeauty** - W Knox

## Female Champion

Brownhill Utopia

## Reserve Champion

Drumlone Telltale



Drumlone Telltale, Reserve Champion

## Esgob United makes top price at 10,500gns

Judge: Richard McCornick



A steady trade saw 30 bulls average out at £5620 – an increase of £533 on the year, for five more sold – with a top call of 10,500gns, at the Welshpool show and sale, which was ably judged by Richard McCornick of the Ricnick herd in Dumfries.

Taking the top price was **Esgob United**, a 19-month-old bull which had stood second in its class to the champion, from Gareth Jones' herd in Bala, Gwynedd. Sired by the 14,000gns Solwayfirth Peterpan, he is out of the Anside Excalibur daughter, Esgob Hifi. Final bidder at 10,500gns, was R Roberts, Bryn-ffanigl Uchaf, Abergele.

Also hitting the five-figure mark, was the reserve overall champion, **Castellmawr UFO**, an April-born bull from Alwyn and Medwyn Williams, which sold at 10,000gns to AL Jones, Defaidty, Bala. His sire is Caylers Olympus, while the dam, Castellmawr Lea, is a full sister to the 16,000gns Stirling champion, Castellmawr Jacpot.

Next best price, at 9000gns, was the overall champion, **Gretnahouse Ulric**, consigned by Mike and Melanie Alford, Foxhill, Collumpton, Devon. This Lochend Nighthawk son is out of the Balthayock Gladiator daughter, Gretnahouse Perfect. He sold to LL Morgan, Garth Farm, Abertridwr.

Gerwyn Jones, Graig Goch, Conwy, received 8500gns for his first prize winner, **Graiggoch Usefull**, a



Esgob United, Top Price at 10,500gns

Brampton Nacodar son, out of the Clyth Diplomat-sired Graggoch Mistique. That 18-month-old sold to Messrs Evans, Bugeilus Fawr, Gwynedd.

Reaching 8000gns, was **Moelfre Usain**, from Kevin Thomas' herd at Llechwedd, Capel Iwan, Carmarthenshire. A third prize winner in his class, this one's a son of the 13,000gns Thrunton Nugget, out of Moelfre Mali, by Balmyle Impression.

He went to WG Woosnam, Upper Gwestydd, Cefn Mawr.

From the same home and also a third prize winner, Mr Thomas sold **Moelfre Untro** for 7500gns to R Davies, Brohedydd, Llangyfeer. Again by Thrunton Nugget, he is out of the Gabon daughter, Moelfre Pompom.

Making the same money was another



Castellmawr Ufo, Reserve Overall Champion at 10,000gns



Gretnahouse Ulric, Overall Champion at 9,000gns

Thurton Nugget son from Moelfre, this time **Moelfre Ustus**, which sold at 7500gns to A Jones and F Williams, Chwilog Fawr, Gwynedd. His dam is the Balmyle Impression daughter, Moelfre Noella.

The other to make 7500gns was **Hendy Umari**, a 17-month-old which stood second in its class, from the Rees family, Nantyrhendy, Llangurig. Sired by Whitecliffe Rocket and out of the Lisnagre Nero-sired Hendy Siwan, this bull sold to JL Davies, Pant, Mythyr Cynog, Brecon.

From the same stable, **Hendy Unbeatabull**, a fourth prize winner by Whitecliffe Rocket, out of Hendy Roxy, sold at 7000gns to James Herdman,

Edingham, Newtown, Alnwick.

Yet another from Kevin Thomas – **Moelfre Utah**, sold at 7000gns, to IH Roberts, Pennant, Ysbyty Ifan, Conwy. Sired by Balthayock Rambo and out of Moelfre Natalie, he had stood fourth in the show.

Making 6000gns was Gerwyn Jones' **Graiggoch Unicorn**, a Brampton Nacodar son, out of Graiggoch Princess, which was fourth in his class and went on to sell to Edward Bros, Glashirfryn, Cymdu, Llanrhaeadr.

Also hitting the 6000gns mark was **Maerdy Union**, a junior bull from Esmor Evans, Monfa, Mold. This first prize winner is by Maerdy Pope, out

of Maerdy Oast, and sold to RL Davies, Nant Gau, Cwmtirmynach, Bala.

A total of eight females sold to a top of 4600gns, for Gerwyn Jones' **Graiggoch Twirl**, a two-year-old heifer by Maerdy Naser, out of the Balmyle Dickler daughter, Graiggoch Immaculate. She was knocked down to B Walters, Allt Y Gaer, Dryslwyn.



Moelfre Usain at 8,000gns



Moelfre Ustus at 7,500gns



Graiggoch Usefull at 8,500gns



Hendy Umari at 7,500gns

## CLASS RESULTS:

### Class 1

- 1- **Esgob Umbro**- Mr GM Jones
- 2- **Starlight Uppercut** - Mr W Glover
- 3- **Brampton Unbeatable**- MR GW Turner
- 4- **Livingwater Unit**- Mr DK Timm

### Class 2

- 1- **Gretnahouse Ulric**- Mr & Mrs M Alford
- 2- **Polgoda Ulysses** - Mr DR & Mrs B Stacey
- 3- **Waldencourt Union**- Waldencourt Charolais
- 4- **Trefaldwyn Usk**- Mr RA Owen

### Class 3

- 1- **Castellmawr UFO**- A & M Williams
- 2- **Esgob United**- Mr GM Jones
- 3- **Moelfre Untro**- Mr KJ Thomas
- 4- **Hendy Unbeatabull**- Mr JAW Rees

### Class 4

- 1- **Graiggoch Useful** - Mr G Jones
- 2- **Esgob Unique** - Mr GM Jones
- 3- **Moelfre Usain**- Mr KJ Thomas
- 4- **Graiggoch Unicorn**- Mr G Jones

### Class 5

- 1- **Maerdy Union**- Mr DE Evans
- 2- **Hendy Umari**- Mr JAW Rees
- 3- **Hendy Uptonogood** - Mr JAW Rees
- 4- **Moelfre Utah**- Mr KJ Thomas

### Overall Champion

Gretnahouse Ulric

### Reserve Overall Champion

Castellmawr UFO



Hendy Unbeatabull at 7,000gns



Moelfre Utah at 7,000gns



Maerdy Union at 6,000gns



The Champion Gretnahouse Ulric and the Reserve Champion, Castellmawr UFO

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# Charolais Sale Highlights 2024

## Spring Bull Sales

### Stirling – February

107 bulls sold to an average of £8470 with an 80% clearance rate. **Harestone Tyrone** reached the top price of 22,000gns.

### Aberdeen – February

16 bulls sold for an average price of £6542. The highest price was 11,000gns, and was secured by **Hollywell Taco**.

### Swatragh – February

19 bulls sold for an average price of £5620, with a clearance rate of 83%. **Brogher Trump**, sold for the highest price of the day, at 9,200gns.

### Exeter – April

Top price of £4,300 was secured by the day's Champion, **Maxworthy Thomas**.

### Welshpool – April

44 bulls were sold, with an average price of £5460 with a 80% clearance. The top-priced bull was **Esgob Ugo**, who secured a final price of 8,200gns.

### Swatragh – April

19 bulls sold for an average price of £5620, with a clearance rate of 83%. **Brogher Trump**, sold for the highest price of the day, at 9,200gns.

### Stirling – May

31 bulls were sold, reaching an average price of £6527 and an 88% clearance. **Loganbar Topgun** was the top price of 11,000gns.

### Carlisle – May

31 bulls sold with an average price of £6076. The highest priced bull was **Elgin Teuchter** who sold for 8,000gns.

## Autumn Bull Sales

### Stirling – October

65 bulls were sold, with an 77% clearance and an average price of £7977. The top price was secured by **Goldies Unity**, for 16,000gns.

### Swatragh – November

40 bulls sold to an average price of £5423, with an 85% clearance. The highest bull price, at 14,800gns, was secured by the Senior Champion **Coolnaslee ulex**.

### Welshpool – November

30 bulls sold with an average price of £5620, **Esgob United** at 10,500gns.



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# Harman Awards - 2024 Genetic Improvement Awards

The prestigious Harman Genetic Improvement Awards were presented by award founder Mr Ben Harman at Geticalbraith Stirling Bull Sales on Monday 19th February 2024.

## Congratulations to all the regional winners:

**Wales** – Mr G M Jones, Esgob

**Scotland** – Mr W R Baillie, Baillieston

**England** – Mr P M Donger, Seawell

**Northern Ireland** – Mr H Heron, Loughriscouse

The Self Replacing Index (SRI) is one of the key measures of genetic progress in British Charolais Cattle, and the Harman Genetic Improvement awards recognise those herds with the greatest % age improvement in SRI over the previous 12-month period.



Peter Donger to the left with Mr G M Jones, Mr H Heron and Ben Harman



Mr W R Baillie and his sons

## Charolais Presentations - David Benson and Graham Robinson



**David Benson** was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the President Steve Nesbitt and the Chairman Jeremy Paynter at the Great Yorkshire show.



**Graham Robinson** was presented with a Charolais Framed Print as a thank you for his 10 years as Treasurer to the British Charolais Cattle Society at the Great Yorkshire Show.

# Harestone Charolais bull makes £18,000 in private deal

The bull is the second son to be sold off Harestone Rabelais.

A 16-month-old Charolais bull from Neil and Stuart Barclay's Harestone herd at Inch has sold privately for £18,000 to Ayrshire breeder Wallace Brown.

The bull, **Harestone TY**, is the second son to be sold off Harestone Rabelais, which is a full brother to the past Paris Show champion, Neptune.

Rabelais' first son, Harestone Thedalg, was junior champion at Stirling in February and made 11,500gns to the Bleaklow pedigree herd.

TY is out of Westcarse Julie, a Mortimers Echo daughter purchased privately from John Christie.

On the dam's side, Julie's pedigree goes back to the multiple show-winning cow, Lakeland Sagesse.

Impressed by his length, correctness and character, the bull joins Mr Brown's Barrance herd at Caprickhill, near Kilmarnock.



Harestone TY has been sold for £18,000 to Wallace Brown, Ayrshire.

## Another Thurso Paul son sells privately

**Thurso Underwriter**, a Charolais bull bred by David MacKenzie has been sold privately for £15,000, to Colin and Fiona Wight of the Carwood Herd from Biggar.

Mr MacKenzie, who is better known as beef and sheep director at Harbro Feeds and recently won the Scottish and Northern Charolais Club Medium Herds competition, received this money for a July 2023-born bull.

Underwriter is another by Mr MacKenzie's own Thurso Paul-Maerdy Gouvernor son of which a half share was sold privately for £10,000 to the Elgin Herd, while the dam, Maerdy Olwen, a Goldies Linford sired female was bought privately as a heifer from Esmor Evans.

This young bull is the third Thurso Paul son Mr MacKenzie and his family from South Mains of Tillymorgan, have sold privately for £15,000 to pedigree herds.



David MacKenzie's Charolais bull, Thurso Underwriter has been sold privately for £15,000 to Colin and Fiona Wight, Carwood, Biggar

## Balmoral 2024 belongs to Brownhill

Judge: Kevin Thomas, Moelfre

The Charolais classes at Balmoral Show 2024 were judged by Mr Kevin Thomas of the Moelfre Herd, Wales. Kevin was born and brought up on a west Wales dairy farm, he first ventured into beef cattle breeding at the age of 22 when he bought two pedigree Charolais heifers to establish his own herd. Originally developed as a hobby alongside his career as a carpenter and later a property developer, over the past thirty years the Moelfre Herd has developed into one of the leading Welsh Charolais herds, with up to a hundred head of cattle.



Show day can only be described as near perfect, there was a quality line-up cattle, a packed, enthusiastic, ringside, and overhead there was an occasional grey cloud, but these were frequently interspersed with sunny spells that were cheery and pleasant but not too hot, for both man and beast!

Kevin's judging style can be compared to many of his own Country's great rugby teams over the years, he was proactive and decisive when needed, but when faced with a more challenging class he was considered, tactical and methodical before advancing over the gain line to find his overall champion in the Devine Brothers' March-2022, **Brownhill Tara** by Newhouse Bigal out of home bred Brownhill Mo. Tara earlier in the show had won her class, then went on to take the John Currie Perpetual Cup for heifers aged between 1 January 2022 and 7 July 2023. She then went on to secure the female championship



Brownhill Tara , Overall Champion and Female Champion

before landing the coveted overall championship title.

Standing as reserve overall champion was H & H Heron's **Falleninch Sancerre** born in May-2021 by Barnsford Ferny, out of Falleninch Nigella he was purchased from breeder Mr A B Hornall, Stirling, in Stirling Bull Sales February-2023 for 10,000gns. Sancerre had won his class and had also been presented with the male championship sash earlier in the day.

Reserve male champion went to Mr V J B Chesnutt & Mr R Beattie's **Crossane4 Unique ET** a January-2023 imported bull bred by Eoin McGovern, Fivemilebourne, County Leitrim. Unique is a son of Goldstar Echo and was bred by a Thrunton Bonjovi dam going back to Texan Gie and Donally New (CF52). He also won the male junior championship and overall junior champion rosette.



Falleninch Sancerre, Reserve Overall Champion, Male Champion



Crossane4 Unique ET , Reserve Male Champion, Junior Male Champion and Overall Junior Champion

Reserve junior male champion was Mr Patrick Gallagher's imported **Magheramore Ultan** a Clenagh Lyle son out of Magheramore Olympia ET born in February-2023 and bred by Mr Michael Grant, Umrican, County Donegal.

Standing near perfect in the female line was W D & J A Connolly's reserve female champion, **Brigadoon Utopia**, born in April-2023 by Newhouse Maxamus. She was also junior female champion and reserve overall junior champion.

The reserve junior female champion was H & H Heron's, **Loughriscouse Urania** a February-2023 Goldies Icon daughter who as a calf had stood alongside her dam Loughriscouse Rosalva to take the Reserve Overall Champion title in Balmoral May-2023.

Winning the Orage Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Cow or Best Cow Heifer presented by Mrs G Orage in memory of her late husband W. Norman Orage was **Loughriscouse Opium** from H & H Heron, a July-2018 Whitecliffe James daughter out of Hollywell Latin. Standing reserve was W D & J A Connolly's **Brigadoon Paradise** born in July-2019 by Newhouse Maxamus out of Brigadoon Lolly. The Connolly family also won the Charolais group of three animals that are the bona fide property of one exhibitor and standing reserve was H & H Heron of Loughriscouse.

On Friday 17 May Stewart Stronach (Islavale) travelled from Scotland

to judge the interbreed classes at Balmoral. In the Beef Interbreed Groups he tapped out the Charolais as Reserve Interbreed Team of Three consisting of **Falleninch Sancerre** from H & H Heron bred by A B Hornall, **Brownhill Tara** from the Devine Brothers and **Crossane4 Tayto** from Mr Eoin McGovern. Stewart also pulled out a Charolais Cross called Gingernut from the commercial classes from the Cochrane family in third place in the Overall Beef Champion of Champions and this heifer also starred in the Young Handlers competition where Matthew Cochrane took the title as Best Overall Young Handler. Finally, to crown the 2024 Balmoral Show from a



Brigadoon Utopia, Reserve Female Champion, Junior Female Champion & Reserve Overall Junior Champion

Charolais perspective, Mr Harry Heron, Loughriscouse, won the Best Beef Presentation stall.

The British Charolais Cattle Society would like to extend thanks to Kevin Thomas and his wife Sioned for venturing from West Wales to judge the classes, the various show stewards Alex Woods, Gary Hanna, Willie McIlroy, Randall Hayes, Barry Barr and everyone involved at Balmoral Show. A special thank you goes to the Northern Ireland Club and their representatives for organising the stand and running the show proceedings and in particular Robert McWilliams who built the Society show stand. We are also extremely grateful to Robert Smith and MacGregor photography for capturing this magnificent event and last, but by no means least, we would like to thank each exhibitor for such a fantastic showcase of Charolais cattle.

#### Cow born before January 2021 in calf or in milk having had at least one calf.

- 1- **Loughriscouse Opium** - H & H Heron
- 2- **Brigadoon Paradise** - WD & J Connolly

#### Cow or heifer in milk or in calf born in 2021

- 1- **Loughriscouse Savanna** - H & H Heron
- 2- **Dreamteam Showqueen ET**
- 3- **Brigadoon Sunrise** - WD & J Connolly
- 4- **Brigadoon Serenity** - WD & J Connolly



Group of three animals from W D & J A Connolly

**Heifer born on or after 1 January 2022 and before 30 June 2022**

- 1- **Brownhill Tara** - Devine Bros
- 2- **Crossane4 Tayto** - Eoin McGovern
- 3- **Coolnaslee Tiffany** - Trevor Shields
- 4- **Brigadoon Texas** - WD & JA Connolly
- 5- **Loughriscouse Tamara** - H & H Heron
- 6- **Drumlegagh Taliah** - J, I & R Elliott

**Heifer born on or after 1 July 2022 and on or before 31 December 2022**

- 1- **Loughriscouse Tannisha** - H & H Heron
- 2- **Loughriscouse Tashara** - H & H Heron
- 3- **Breaghwyhill Tia ET**
- 4- **Sydenville Tallulah** - George Hadnett
- 5- **Limkiln Tanya** - Mr A McCammond
- 6- **Sydenville Truffle** - George Hadnett
- 7- **Hillview Tara** - Mr B Quinn

**Heifer born on or after 1 January 2023**

- 1 & Junior Female Champion- **Brigadoon Utopia** - WD & JA Connolly
- 2 & Res. Jun. Female Champion- **Loughriscouse Urania** - H & H Heron
- 3- **Brownhill Una** - Devine Bros
- 4- **Gallaran Unique** - Mr P Gallagher

**Bull born before 1 January 2023**

- 1- **Falleninch Sancerre** - H & H Heron

**Bull born on or after 1 January and before 31 March 2023**

- 1- **Crossane4 Unique ET** - Mr VJB Chesnutt and Richard Beattie
- 2- **Maheramore Ultan** - Mr P Gallagher
- 3- **Stranagone Uppermost** - Mr R McWilliams
- 4- **Brigadoon Ulsterman** - WD & JA Connolly

**Bull born on or after 1 April 2023**

- 1- **Brigadoon Ultimate** - WD & JA Connolly
- 2- **Stranagone Unit** - Mr R McWilliams

- 3- **Stranagone Uber** - Mr R McWilliams
- 4- **Coolnaslee Upshot** - AO & E Quigley
- 5- **Sydenville Unmatchable** - George Hadnett
- 6- **Ardmachree Ultan** - AO & E Quigley

**Overall Breed Champion**

Brownhill Tara

**Reserve Overall Champion**

Falleninch Sancerre

**Overall Junior Champion**

Crossane4 Unique ET-

**Reserve Overall Junior Champion**

Brigadoon Utopia

**Male Champion**

Falleninch Sancerre

**Reserve Male Champion**

Crossane4 Unique ET

**Junior male champion**

Crossane4 Unique ET



Reserve Overall Champions – Interbreed Team of Three ????

**Reserve Junior Male Champion**

Magheramore Ultan

**Best Charolais Heifer**

Brownhill Tara

**Reserve Heifer Champion**

Brigadoon Utopia

**Best Cow or Best Cow Heifer**

Loughriscouse Opium

**Reserve**

Brigadoon Paradise

**Female Champion**

Brownhill Tara

**Reserve Female Champion**

Brigadoon Utopia

**Charolais Heifer Champion**

Brownhill Tara

**Reserve Heifer Champion**

Brigadoon Utopia

**Group of Three**

- 1- W D & J A Connolly
- 2- H & H Heron
- 3- H & H Heron
- 4- W D & J A Connolly
- 5- Mr R McWilliams
- 6- Sydenville Charolais

**Reserve Interbreed Group of Three**

Falleninch Sancerre  
Brownhill Tara  
Crossane4 Tayto

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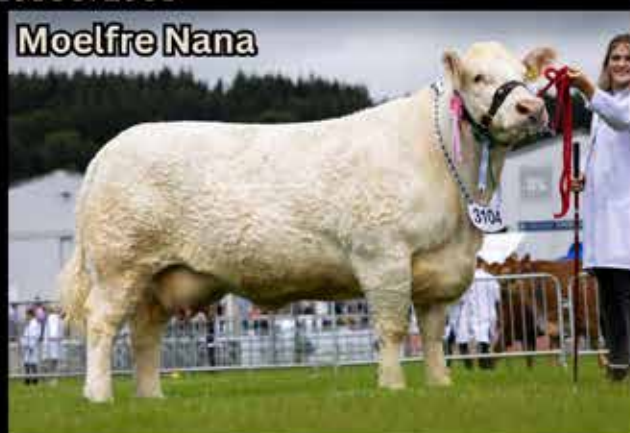
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## Tallulah takes top spot

Judge: Neil Barclay, Harestone

Perfect conditions greeted the crowds at Ingliston yesterday for the Charolais judging at the Royal Highland Show. Our judge, Mr Neil Barclay of the Harestone herd, Inch, Aberdeenshire had a tough job, with 70 cattle entered in the catalogue.



The long trip north from Derbyshire proved fruitful for the Wyllie Coppinger Partnership, taking top spot as Female Champion and then being crowned Overall Champion with their 2 year old heifer **Grinshill Tallulah (ET)**. Tallulah was born in June 2022 sired by the 70,000gns Barnsford Ferny and out of Maerdy Bardy.

It was a day for the females, with the Reserve Female Champion **Lochend Rolo** following Tallulah all the way to become Reserve Overall Champion. Rolo was exhibited by Craig and Katreen Malone and purchased at the first part of the dispersal of Iain Millar's well regarded Lochend herd in October 2021. This October 2020 heifer by Gretnahouse Ming, and out of Lochend Navajo, a Mortimers Echo daughter, was shown with her first calf, **Lakelady Udancer** at foot.

The Male Champion went to **Newlogie Perejacquemin (ET)** bred and exhibited by AJR Farms Ltd, Ellon, Aberdeenshire. This impressive 2019 born bull was sired by the French bred bull Newlogie Nobel, out of Newlogie Naya. Following him as Reserve Male Champion, Junior Male Champion, and taking Overall Junior Champion was **Inverloch United**. Bred and exhibited by J Irvine & Son, Ballindalloch, Aberdeenshire, United is a son of the 12,000gns Caylers Napoleon, out of Inverloch Indus.



Grinshill Tallulah, Female Champion and Overall Champion

Taking the Reserve Junior Male Champion was **Newlogie Unreserved (ET)**. This January 2023 born bull exhibited and bred by AJR Farms Ltd, Ellon, Aberdeenshire, is by the 26,000gns Maerdy Amontillado, and out of Newlogie Ohdream.

Winner of the Junior Female Champion was **Falleninch Tiziana**, an August 2022 born daughter of Falleninch Memo, out of Falleninch Lottie. She was bred

and exhibited by A Hornall, Stirling, and her pedigree is full of winners, with her mother winning Senior Female Champion at Stars of the Future 2016. Tiziana herself collected the Senior Female Champion and Reserve Interbreed Champion rosettes at last November's Stars of the Future.

Following on behind Tiziana into the Reserve Junior Female spot was **Newlogie Totaleclipse**. This September



Lochend Rolo, Reserve Overall and Reserve Female Champion



Newlogie Perejaquemin, Male champion



Newlogie Unreserved (ET), Reserve Junior Male Champion



Inverloch United, Reserve Male Champion, Junior Male Champion and Overall Junior Champion



Falleninich Tiziana, Junior Female Champion

2022 heifer is no stranger to the show ring, being shown as a calf at the foot of last year's Female champion and Reserve Overall Champion, her mother, Newlogie Royaleclipse.

#### All results:

##### Heifer 1 April to 31 July 2023

- 1- **Elgin Unicorn** - R A Milne
- 2- **Airthmains Una** - Dexter Russell
- 3- **Gretnahouse Utelle** - Mr S Mitchell
- 4- **Solwayfirth Una** - I & D Goldie

##### Female, born on or between 1 January and 31 March 2023

- 1- **Falleninich Unita** - Mr A B Hornall
- 2- **Rutherston Ugenie** - Miss A Anderson
- 3- **Lourie Upbeat** - Mr R Aitken
- 4- **Drumshane Urbangirl** - Darren Knox
- 5- **Solwayfirth Toyah** - I & D Goldie
- 6- **Huttonend Utopia** - Mr S Mitchell

##### Female born on or between 24 June and 31 December 2022

- 1- **Falleninich Tiziana** - Mr A B Hornall
- 2- **Newlogie Totaleclipse** - AJR Farms Ltd
- 3- **Falleninich Tenetia** - Mr A B Hornall
- 4- **Tophill Tiffany** - Mr A J Stott
- 5- **Solwayfirth Toyah** - I & D Goldie

##### Female born on or between 2 January and 2 June 2022

- 1- **Grinshill Tallulah (ET)** - Wyllie Coppinger Partnership
- 2- **Retties Tiffany** - R & C Rettie
- 3- **Panmure Tilly** - J M Cant & Partners
- 4- **Gilleard Thistle** - S Gilleard
- 5- **Elgin Tern** - Mr R A Milne
- 6- **Solwayfirth Tilly** - I & D Goldie

##### Female born on or between 1 January and 31 December 2021

- 1- **Goldstar Saoirse (ET)** - Mr T Atkinson
- 2- **Skysea Serenade** - Mr R McNeill

##### 3- **Formakin Style** - McMurrich Partnership

##### Female, in milk or in calf, born on or before 31 December 2020

- 1- **Lochend Rolo** - Mr & Mrs C Malone
- 2- **Newlogie Royaleclipse** - AJR Farms

##### Bull born on or between 1 April and 30 June 2023

- 1- **Inverloch United** - J Irvine & Son
- 2- **Mornity Uther** - Jack Nicoll Farms Ltd
- 3- **Huttonend Ubelter** - Mr S Mitchell
- 4- **Balthayock Uhtrecht** - Major DFWH & NR Walter
- 5- **Falleninich Ulysses** - A B Hornall
- 6- **Grinshill Usyk** - Coppinger Wyllie Partnership

**Bull born on or between 1 January and 31 March 2023**

- 1 - **Newlogie Unreserved (ET)** - AJR Farms
- 2 - **Mornity Usher** - Jack Nicholl Farms Ltd-
- 3 - **Inverlochty Usher** - J Irvine & Son
- 4 - **Gretnahouse Ulric** - Mr & Mrs M Aford
- 5 - **Marwood Uranium** - R A & J Blyth

**Bull born on or before 31 December 2021**

- 1 - **Newlogie Perejacquemin (ET)** - AJR Farms Ltd

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**Newlogie Perejacquemin (ET) and**  
**Newlogie Royaleclipse (ET)** - AJR Farms

**Junior Female Champion**  
Falleninich Tiziana

**Reserve Junior Female Champion:**  
Newlogie Totaleclipse

**Junior Male Champion**  
Inverlochty United

**Reserve Junior Champion**  
Newlogie Unreserved (ET)

**Overall Junior Champion**  
Inverlochty United

**Overall Reserve Junior Champion**  
Falleninich Tiziana

**Female Champion**  
Grinshill Tallulah (ET)

**Reserve Female Champion**  
Lochend Rolo

**Male Champion**  
Newlogie Perejacquemin (ET)

**Reserve Male Champion**  
Inverlochty United

**Overall Charolais Champion**  
Grinshill Tallulah (ET)

**Reserve Overall Charolais Champion**  
Lochend Rolo



Newlogie Totaleclipse, Reserve Junior Female Champion



Reserve Overall Charolais and Reserve Female Champion Lochend Rolo and her calf Lakelady Udancer



Grinshill Tallulah and Lochend Rolo and her calf Lakelady Udancer

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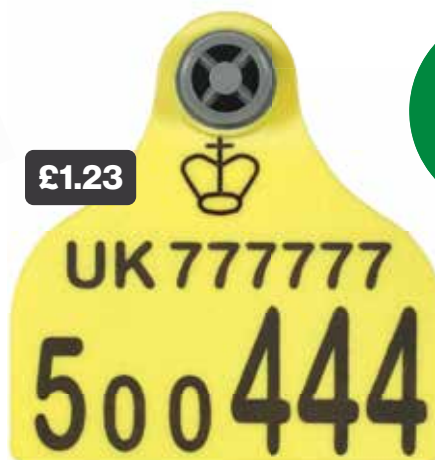


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## Teme Poshtotty takes top spot

Judge: Jeremy Price, Oakchurch

The rain subsided from the previous day's torrent, to ensure an enjoyable day's judging in the Charolais ring at the Great Yorkshire Show, where Jeremy Price of the Oakchurch herd in Herefordshire, had the task of selecting the winners from a top-quality turn-out.



It was the females that came to the fore in the overall championship, with Vince Corbett's **Teme Poshtotty** being awarded the top breed title and later going onto stand reserve overall in the inter-breed contest. Securing a first breed championship at the Great Yorkshire for the Corbetts, this four-year-old cow is an AI daughter of the 70,000gns Barnsford Ferny, while her dam is the Bleack Digger-sired Teme Ivory, one of 30 cows in the family's herd at Felindre, Powys. In 2022, Poshtotty, along with her first calf at foot, stood reserve breed champion at the Royal Welsh, and this time, she was shown with her third calf at foot, a November-born heifer, **Teme Uptowngirl**, a daughter of Lochend Shell.

Judge, Jeremy Price, said: "She was an outstanding winner in a strong line-up of females; a big, powerful and correct cow."

For reserve overall, he selected the heifer that stood breed champion at the Royal Highland Show last month, **Grinshill Tallulah**, owned by Drew Coppinger and Nairn Wyllie, who run just seven cows in their herd, based at Buxton, Derbyshire. This two-year-old in-calf heifer was born as an ET calf and is another by Barnsford Ferny, while the dam is the privately-bought Maerdy Bardy, a daughter of Ballybrown Toby.



Teme Poshtotty, Overall Champion and Reserve in the Inter-Breed Competition

Male champion, junior male and reserve overall junior went to **Brampton Unbeatable**, an 18-month-old bull from the Turners' herd at Brampton Hall, Ripon. He is sired by Burradon Goldenballs, while the dam is the Anside Nightrider daughter, Brampton Petticoat.

Taking the reserve male title was **Newlogie Perejacquemin ET**, from AJR Farms, Ellon, Aberdeenshire. This five-

year-old son of Newlogie Nobel, out of Newlogie Naya, was male champion at the Royal Highland Show a few weeks ago.

The overall junior prize went to the junior female, **Drumshane Urbangirl**, a 17-month-old heifer from Mr D Knox, Wissington Grove, Colchester. That one is a daughter of the 15,000gns Elgin Oliver, out of Balbithan Nancy.



Grinshill Tallulah, Reserve Overall Champion and Reserve Overall Champion



Brampton Unbeatable, Male, Junior Male and Reserve Overall Junior Champion



Newlogie Perejacquemin, Reserve Male Champion



Drumshane Urbangirl, Overall Junior Champion



Gretnahouse Utelle, Reserve Junior Female



Huttonend Ubelter, Reserve Junior Male Champion

Reserve junior female was **Gretnahouse Utelle**, a 15-month-old heifer from Mr S Mitchell, Grassknop, Skelton. Bought last November at the Gretnahouse dispersal, this Lochend Nighthawk daughter is out of Gretnahouse Paris, by Westcarse Houdini.

Topping off a successful day, Mr Mitchell also secured the reserve junior male title, with the home-bred 15-month-old bull, **Huttonend Ubelter**. Yet another by Barnsford Ferny, this one is out of Allanfauld Ozzy, an Allanfauld Lachie daughter.

#### Results:

##### Heifer born on or after 1 April 2023:

- 1 – **Gretnahouse Utelle** - Mr S Mitchell
- 2 – **Dooley Ursula** - Mr DJ Thornley
- 3 – **Jessops Ugogirl** – CA PJ Jessop & Sons
- 4 – **Stoneylane Ulala** - R & D Ashworth

##### Heifer born on or after 1 January 2023 and before 31 March 2023:

- 1 – **Drumshane Urbangirl** - Mr D H Knox

- 2 – **Hautbois Udderly**- Mr P D Germany
- 3 – **Huttonend Utopia**- Mr S Mitchell
- 4 – **Coolnaslee Ursula**- Brailes Livestock

##### Heifer born on or after 1 July 2022 and before 31 December 2022:

- 1 – **Goscombe Treasure**- Mrs S Jackson
- 2 – **Gretnahouse Thanel**- McMillan & McInnes

##### Heifer born on or after 1 January 2022 and before 30 June 2022:

- 1 – **Grinshill Tallulah ET**- Coppinger Wyllie Partnership
- 2 – **Crookdake Treasure**- D A & S M Miller
- 3 – **Wissington Topwoman**- Mrs J Rix
- 4 – **Wissington Trixie**- R Tremayne & Nichola Osgood

##### Cow in-calf or in milk, born on or before 31 December 2021:

- 1 – **Teme Poshtotty**- Mrs S M Corbett & Daughters
- 2 – **Goldstar Saoirse**- Mr T Atkinson
- 3 – **Newlogie Royaleclipse**- AJR Farms
- 4 – **Woodline Pollyanna**- Mr H R Wood

##### Bull born on or after 1 April 2023: ~

- 1 – **Huttonend Ubelter**- Mr S Mitchell
- 2 – **Ellerton Ukelele**- Mr A Brown

- 3 – **Grinshill Usyk**- Coppinger Wyllie Partnership

##### Bull born on or after 1 July 2022 and before 31 March 2023:

- 1 – **Brampton Unbeatable**- Mr G W Turner
- 2 – **Marwood Universal**- R A & J Blyth
- 3 – **Dooley Umpire**- Mr D Thornley
- 4 – **Brampton Trouble** – Mr G W Turner

##### Bull born on or before 30 June 2022:

- 1 – **Newlogie Perejacquemin**- AJR Farms
- 2 – **Gilleard Trex**- Mr S Gilleard

##### Group of Three:

- 1 – Mr S Mitchell
- 2 – Mr P D Germany

##### Pair of Animals:

- 1 – Mr D J Thornley
- 2 – Mr S Mitchell
- 3 – D A & S M Miller
- 4 – Mr P D Germany

##### Junior Male Champion

Brampton Unbeatable

##### Reserve Junior Male Champion

Huttonend Ubelter

**Junior Female Champion**

Drumshane Urbangirl

**Reserve Junior Female Champion**

Gretnahouse Utelle

**Overall Junior Champion**

Drumshane Urbangirl

**Reserve Overall Junior Champion**

Brampton Unbeatable

**Overall Male Champion**

Brampton Unbeatable-

**Reserve Overall Male Champion**

Newlogie Perejacquemin ET

**Overall Female Champion**

Teme Poshtotty ET

**Reserve Overall Female Champion**

Grinshill Tallulah ET

**Overall Breed Champion**

Teme Poshtotty

**Reserve Overall Breed Champion**

Grinshill Tallulah ET



The Overall Champion, Teme Poshtotty and Reserve Overall Champion, Grinshill Tallulah



Group of Three 1 – Mr S Mitchell, 2 – Mr P D Germany



Pair of Animals 1 – Mr D J Thornley, 2 – Mr S Mitchell



The Interbreed Champions

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# Teme Poshtotty makes Overall Breed Champion

Judge: David Connolly, Brigadoon

Repeating her success at the Great Yorkshire, the Corbett family's four-year-old cow, **Teme Poshtotty**, was awarded the



overall breed championship at the Royal Welsh Show by judge David Connolly, of the Brigadoon herd in Ballynahinch, Co Down, before finishing reserve overall in the cattle inter-breed contest.

Going one better than the reserve breed title she achieved at the Royal Welsh in 2022, Poshtotty was shown with her heifer calf at foot, Teme Uptowngirl. A daughter of the 70,000gns Barnsford Ferny, out of the Blelack Digger-sired Teme Ivory, she's one of 30 cows in the Corbetts' herd at Felindre, Powys.

Taking the reserve overall ticket was the male champion and best junior male, **Moelfre Union**, from Kevin and Sioned Thomas, Llechwedd, Capel Iwan. Sired by the 16,000gns Balthayock Rambo, this 15-month-old bull is out of Moelfre Ralarwdins, a Thrunton Nugget daughter.

The Thomas family had more to celebrate when they secured the reserve overall female title with **Moelfre Nana**, a seven-year-old cow by Balmyle Impression and out of the Thrunton Camelot-sired Gretnahouse Fannabel. She was shown with her June-born bull calf at foot.

Reserve male was the reserve junior bull, **Huttonend Ubelter**, a 15-month-old from Sean Mitchell, Skelton. This Barnsford Ferny son, out of Allanfauld Ozzy, was reserve junior male at the



Teme Poshtotty, Overall Breed champion and Reserve Overall Champion in the Cattle Interbreed competition

Great Yorkshire the previous week.

Best junior female was **Caylers Umbrella**, owned by William Glover, of the Starlight herd in Yeovil, Somerset. This 16-month-old heifer is by Glenerecht Pogba, while the dam is the Thrunton Goldeneye daughter, Caylers Lara.

Reserve junior female was **Caerddaniel Ultimate**, from RO Williams and Son,

Barmouth, Gwynedd. A 17-month-old daughter of Dingle Hofmeister, her dam is Tillside Isabel, by Blelack Blackberet.

### Results:

#### Bull born in 2022

1 – **Gilleard Trex** - Mr S Gilleard

#### Bull born on or between 1 Jan 2023 and 31st March 2023



Moelfre Union, Reserve Overall champion and Best Junior Male champion



Moelfre Nana, Reserve Overall Female champion



Huttonend Ubelter, Reserve Junior Bull champion

1- **Waldencourt Union** – Waldencourt Charolais

**Bull born on or between 1st April 2023 and 31st July 2023**

- 1- **Moelfre Union** – Mr K J Thomas
- 2- **Huttonend Ubelter** – Mr S Mitchell
- 3- **Castellmawr UFO** – A & M Williams
- 4- **Breos Ultrasonic** – Messrs SI & LJ Evans
- 5- **Waldencourt Uniroyal** – Waldencourt Charolais
- 6- **Wernisaf Ultimate** – P Edwards & Co

**Cow in milk or in calf born on or before 31st December 2020**

- 1- **Teme Poshtotty** – Mrs SM Corbett & Daughters
- 2- **Moelfre Nana** – Mr K J Thomas
- 3- **Crystal Prosecco** – Mr S James & Miss G Davies

**Cow or heifer in calf/milk born in 2021**

- 1- **Goldstar Saoirse** – Mr T Atkinson

**Heifer born on or between 1st January 2022 and 31st March 2022**

- 1- **Teme Totty** - Mrs SM Corbett & Daughters
- 2- **Gilleard Thistle**- Mr S Gilleard
- 3- **Tomate** – Mr Daniel Jerman

**Heifer born on or before 1st April 2022 and 31st December 2022**

- 1- **Grinshill Tallulah ET**- Coppinger Wyllie Partnership
- 2- **Teme Tilly**- Mrs SM Corbett & Daughters
- 3- **Skysea Tickle** – Mr W Glover
- 4- **Breos Tiara** – Messrs SI & LJ Evans
- 5- **Moulais Topsy** – Anthony J Mould
- 6- **Wernisaf Tulip** - P Edwards & Co

**Heifer born on or between 1st Jan 2023 and 31st March 2023**

- 1- **Caylers Umbrella** – Mr W Glover
- 2- **Caerddaniel Ultimate ET** – Messrs R O Williams & Son
- 3- **Teme Umbrella** - Mrs SM Corbett & Daughters
- 4- **Huttonend Utopia** – Mr S Mitchell
- 5- **Moulais Ulrika** – Anothony J Mould

**Heifer born on or between 1st April 2023 and 31st July 2023**

- 1- **Teme Unice**- Mrs SM Corbett & Daughters
- 2- **Gretnahouse Unnabel** - GG & HE Sevenoaks
- 3- **Gretnahouse Utelle** – Mr S Mitchell
- 4- **Breos Ubeauty** – Messrs SI & LJ Evans
- 5- **Gretnahouse Ursinia** – P Edwards & Co
- 6- **Gwarcwm Uflower** – Mr D H Jones

**Overall Championship**

**Overall champion**

Teme Poshtotty

**Reserve overall**

**and best opposite**

**sex to champion-**

Moelfre Union

**Male**

**Championship**

**Male Champion**

Moelfre Union

**Reserve Male**

**Champion**

Huttonend Ubelter

**Female**

**Championship**

**Female Champion**

Teme Poshtotty

**Reserve Female**

**Champion**

Moelfre Nana

**Best Junior Bull**

**Junior Champion**

Moelfre Union

**Reserve Junior**

Huttonend Ubelter

**Best Junior Bull born in Wales**

**Champion**

Moelfre Union

**Best Junior Female**

**Female Junior Champion**

Caylers

**Reserve Junior Female**

Caerddaniel

Ultimate ET

**Best Pair Owned and Bred by Exhibitor**

Mrs SM Corbett & Daughters with

**Teme Tilly & Teme Totty**



Caylers Umbrella, Best Junior Female champion



The Overall champion, Teme Poshtotty and Reserve, Moelfre Union



The Male champion, Moelfre Union and Reserve, Huttonend Ubelter



The Female champion, Teme Poshtotty and Reserve, Moelfre Nana



The Junior Male Champion, Moelfre Union and Reserve, Huttonend Ubelter



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the Great Yorkshire Show



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# Shows 2024



# Charolais Youth stockjudging finals 2024

The Charolais Youth Stock Judging Final 2024 was kindly hosted by Arwel Owen, Trefaldwyn Charolais and judged by Robert McWilliams, Stranagone Charolais..

## Juniors

- 1- Matilda Blyth
- 2- Connor Phair
- 3- Jamie Dodd

## Intermediate

- 1- Meena Jones
- 2- Molly Cochrane
- 3- Rhys Pinder

## Seniors

- 1- George Hadnett
- 2- Sean Mitchell
- 3- Joe Mallen

## Pairs

- 1- Sean Mitchell and Joe Mallen
- 2- Rhys Pinder and Menna Jones
- 3- Erin Nelson and Matilda Blyth



The Pairs winners Sean Mitchell and Joe Mallen

Thanks to Jill Hunter, Harbro for her talk, Maddie Clark for helping the competitors with their reasons and Gerwyn Jones for his clipping Demo.

A big thank you to all our helpers on the day Avril Aitken, Tracey Nicoll, Will & Teresa Owen, Lindsey Atkinson, Kelly Stott, Annabell Howell, Kelly Stott, Annabelle Howell and Medwyn Williams

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# Charolais





# Youth 2024



# AUSTRALIA - THROUGH A YORKSHIRE LASSES EYES

## Charlotte Hitchen

A few of you may know me as 'Lindsey's lass, that one behind the bar at Yorkshire show' or maybe Mr Atkinsons tag along to the Charolais shows and events. Well, my name is Charlotte Hitchen, daughter to the wonderful Lindsey Hitchen and granddaughter to the man himself, Michael Atkinson.

To keep it short and sweet- I've been about – and not just outside Yorkshire, but out the country too. 'But why on earth would you want to leave god's own country', I hear you ask... Well that's exactly what I'm going to tell you about.

Back in November 2022 I was lucky enough to be taken on a trip to New Zealand with my Gran. We travelled through North and South Island at a leisurely pace. As to not startle the group, to paint the picture, the average age was about 65. Let's just say I got the bug for travelling, but next time I was going to need a little more adventure than 8 o'clock bedtimes.



Skip forward a few months, I've finished my degree and I'm dead set on getting out the house. Well after a few conversations- and a few more drinks, I wrote an email to the Australian Charolais society seeing if anyone could take me under their wing for a few months. Not long after, I had my first interaction with Colin Rex, who some of you may know from his many, many years of service with the Charolais Society. After a few emails back and forth, I got in contact with the Pisaturos at Inga Downs, Aleisha, James and their two children Olivia and George. The Pisaturo's live 3 hours out of Rockhampton and 9.5 hours North of Brisbane. Simply put- the fare end of a fart.

Inga Downs, was home for the two studs Almafai droughtmasters (Aleisha's breeding) and Veejay Downs Charolais (Jame's breeding) and then all the crossbreds in between. Inga is 18,000ac running approximately 1200 breeders plus followers. To put that in to perspective that's 686 football pitches.

My first 48 hours in Australia was a little hectic. (Not like the travelling next to screaming kids and smelly old men was stressful enough.) When I landed and finally got to meet Aleisha and the kids and start our long journey home. To the left side, bright red flames, and to the right black smoke. Aleisha assures me that is completely normal and I shouldn't be concerned that we can't see the road... I wasn't in the wet rural Britain anymore.

A few hours later, I got home, drop the bags and finally get ready for a real bed. Pyjamas are on, teeth are brushed just need the loo now. I make my way to the bathroom in a bit of rush, completely oblivious to the eery croaking. Lift the lid and I'm greeted by several slimy creatures looking up at me. Although, similar looking to my sisters, they were not

in the slightest bit comforting to see. This became a regular experience during my time. Hoards of frogs in the pipes, in the grass, in the troughs and on one fateful night, even falling from the ceiling onto my forehead while I'm fast asleep. On the bright side I'd take frogs over snakes any day.



**Now the question you all want answering- what are the cattle like?**

I'm sure you have all heard these funny words like 'brahman' and 'brangus' been used before, maybe even seen what these funny creatures look like. Loose skin, easy doing, softness all round. The complete opposite to the UK's specs to put it bluntly. BUT they have a purpose.

A quick lesson for you all, Cows belong to the family Bovidae (all hollow-horned ruminants), subfamily Bovinae (which includes buffaloes and antelope), then tribe Bovini (which includes cattle, bison, and yak). Finally spilt again into genus 'Bos'. The Latin word for cow.

Brahmans are what you would call a Bos indicus. Characterised by its distinctive hump and dewlap, as well as its extraordinary adaptations for tropical climates. After originally being brought over as a zoo exhibit, Australian farmers soon clocked on to the capabilities of this foreign breed. The survivability was unmatched and soon began to take over the beef industry in Australia and expand into areas that the original settlements could not.



You or I would be more familiar with the Bos taurus breeds like the Charolais, Angus and Shorthorns. Fantastic feed converters, natural flesh cover and muscle development. However, I can't



see a blue surviving in most parts of Australia let alone thriving. You can imagine the difficult conversations I had about hard muscled cattle over there.

That's where the involvement of Droughtmasters, Brangus, Simbras etc comes in. The cross between a *Bos indicus* and a *Bos taurus*. The best of both worlds. There are many breeds that fit into this category each with different traits and slight variations. The Droughtmaster, like with the Pisaturos, originated from the best quarter-bred progeny out of Shorthorns and Shorthorn-Devon cross females back to red half-bred Braham bulls. Then- you may have guessed it Brangus, brahman- Angus, Simbras, Simmental- Brahms, Charbray, Charolais- Brahms. You get the picture.



Now looking at the Australian Charolais again, do you understand what has driven the breed to look so different to the British kind. Survivability being just one factor driving change. Another being meat sales and grading.

Fortunately, I was lucky enough to attend the ICMJ conference in Middlemount to learn about Meat Standards Australia (MSA) and the focus they have on eating quality. MSA grading takes a lot more into consideration than our typical EUROPE grading scale. Similar to the European scale, carcasses are split down the spine on the slaughter floor, but everything there after is a little different. Sides are placed in the chiller overnight and grading is generally carried out the next morning prior to commencement of the boning process. Carcasses are then measured for things like tropical breed content, classification, rib fat, marbling, Ph and colour of the meat and fat, to name a few. You can imagine the struggle I had when it came to the carcass judging! Not to mention all the funny cuts of meat the Australians have made up to sell more to the Asians.



Then the knock-on effect from that is what the show animals look like. Again, a very different sort to what we are used to looking at but they fit into what MSA grading requires. Below are a few different Charolais from various breeders and shows. You can see, like with us, each breeder is aiming for something a little different. However, when you consider where they are based and what markets they are aiming for you can see how the beast fits in.



When it comes to presenting an animal in a show ring it's all about reflecting that softness and easy doing carcass, they need to fit into MSA grading. So instead of brushing up and soaping to highlight our cattle's muscle patterns and lean bodies. They



Bauhinia Park Charolais



Mongool Charolais



ANC Charolais



## Venturan Livestock

create a soft air-brushed look. Like the Canadian/American style but simplified by the lack of hair the Australian Charolais have in comparison. During my stay we attended a cattle camp. Its like a pony camp but all about showing cattle; and one fateful afternoon I had the pleasure of doing a demonstration. James and I both had a show animal we had to prepare for the ring in our own ways. I think Anne Tompson was pleased to finally get rid of some old show soap she had previously bought in an excursion to France years prior. Rock hard soap and comb in hand I made my start, and you can imagine the mountain of questions that came with it. First and last time I teach children anyway!

As for the shows themselves you can see the similarities. In drinking and partying anyway! I hear the rum is the drink of choice. Everything there after-



different again. At some of the bigger show's bulls get weighed in the day before and figures posted on their data cards. Like we would at a bull sale, Handlers wear a bib with their number, like us, but cows/heifers have data on them that lets the judge know if they are in calf. It's also common practice to use a judge from a different breed society to judge a section. To avoid bias, however you can imagine this does cause some frustration. Then when you start looking at other breeds that we might be used to seeing it's hard to recognise them. This limousin I don't think would stand up in British classes anyway. To add to the strangeness, you then have all these miniature breeds like Square Metres, Mini-Herefords and Lowlines.

One show that stood out has to be beef Australia 2024 in Rockhampton. This show only happens once every 3 years and is solely based on the beef industry. Not only a beef breed show it has everything the industry is about from succession planning to tech, from working dogs to cooking classes. Anything



you can think of, to do with beef cattle, and it was there- and its free entry for foreigners like you or I. You might just have to pay for the plane ticket over there though. It was fantastic to be in one place surrounded by like-minded people. The best part was because it's all about the cattle there are very few 'general public' standing in the way and causing havoc. Win- win all around. If you ever get the chance its worth making the trip. Even if it different to the way we do it.

Luckily, I had the pleasure of staying with and visiting a wide range of breeders in Australia. I can really appreciate what Charolais, as a breed, can offer. Not just in the show ring but as a great all- rounder that finishes up even better on a plate. Finally, a big thank you Aleisha, James and family for adopting me for many months and putting up with my rubbish!

As well as, all the breeders ANC Charolais Andrew, Nora, Oscar and archie, Venturon livestock Anne, Andrew and Harris, Bauhinia park, Ryan, Bettafield Charolais and Charbray, Steve, and everyone at Moongool for taking me round and talking to me about your studs. A special thanks to John, Donna, Lauren and Tamara for making me feel welcome and treating me as part of the family your kindness will never be forgotten. I'd also like to thank the British Charolais society who so kindly sponsored myself and Ed Scott to visit Australia again in the August of last year. But that's a whole other story for another time. Thank you for taking the time to read my article and if you have and questions or are thinking of doing something similar yourself. Please feel free to reach out.



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# NBA BEEF EXPO YOUNG FARMER FOCUS - CHAROLAIS

## Sean Mitchell

Sean Mitchell from Grassknop Farm near Skelton in Cumbria is a progressive young Charolais breeder and a member of the British Charolais Cattle Society. Aged 23, he works at home on the farm alongside his father Alistair, and also operates his own cattle clipping preparation service for show sales and showing.

After leaving school, Sean completed his agricultural apprenticeship at Newton Rigg college alongside working for Jonathan Watson at Bowsden Moor, near Berwick-Upon-Tweed, gaining invaluable experiences of the livestock sector and helping with the noted Tweeddale pedigree Charolais.

Sean is keen on breeding pedigree livestock and has established as part of his livestock enterprise, which also includes some Limousin cattle, 25 sheep and his herd of pedigree Charolais, seven cows and followers under the Huttonend prefix.

For breeding Sean uses AI, "I cannot justify my own bull at the moment, and having a dairy herd here at home using AI just fits in with our system. When choosing genetic traits, first and foremost it has to be a bull I like the look of, one which I think will breed good cows and bulls, so I also look at its progeny. For many breeders EBV's are important and although I take note of this information what forms my overall decision it its appearance, its style, presence, power and shape. I just want to breed a quality calf that will both grow well and sell well.

He tells us why he has a particular preference for Charolais: "I have always been interested in the Charolais breed, it is their presence and style when they walk in a ring, they really are flashier than anything else. For me, it takes a lot to beat a Charolais."

Huttonend was established in 2014 when Sean and his mum bought their first in-calf heifer, Edenhurst Indigo, for 4,000gns at Peter Vasey's dispersal sale in 2015. Today the herd's seven cows will have an average weight of 1000 kilos, "and this is my idea of what a Charolais cow is meant to be, as it will then support easy calving, something which is very important." Says Sean.

Sean keeps his heifers, as he is aiming for a herd of 10 select cows, and in selling bulls he is already seeing success and speaking of his biggest achievements to date he explains "Winning the Overall Champion and Female Champion at the Royal Welsh Championships in 2023, with Harestone Rapunzel was a fantastic achievement. This three year old heifer was purchased as an in-calf two year old heifer, from R & N Barclay's Harsetone herd in Aberdeenshire."



Sean's first bull was sold at Stirling in 2018; the bull won its class and made £4500, in 2020 he sold another at Stirling for £6500, and the following year (2021) one at £8500. "For a young person starting out I was delighted to do so well, and everyone I have sold to have kept in touch with me, they are happy with their purchases and the bulls are doing well."

"The biggest challenge as a young farmer and breeder is just trying to get into farming, we are the next generation for the farming industry and as young farmers we need to be supported and incentivised at all levels both financially and mentally, to get our feet on to the first rungs of the farming ladder."

"The most important lesson I have learnt is that not everything comes at once, to be successful it takes time, dedication, and effort, I can see this through all of my business. Every day is a learning day."

"I have been supported by many during my livestock career journey to date; one of the men who started me out with my clipping was Mark Phillips from Castle Douglas and I would like to thank Jonathan Watson, because without spending time at Bowsden and working with the Tweeddale herds I could not have progressed as I have, and of course my parents for their support."

Sean will be at the NBA Beef Expo 2024, and although not in the show ring, he will be helping to clip and prepare as part of the business services he offers.

# NBA APPOINTS BRILLIANT YOUNG AMBASSADOR TO CHAMPION THE FUTURE OF THE UK BEEF INDUSTRY

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## Annabelle Howell



The National Beef Association is delighted to confirm the appointment of Annabelle Howell as the first Young Ambassador for the only organisation representing the interests of British beef farmers.

Born and brought up in a livestock farming family and passionately committed to the industry from a very early age, 22-year-old Annabelle joins the NBA both as an inspiration to the next generation of beef farmers, and as an important part of the Association's Management Team for the future. One of her first roles will be to support the NBA at the UK's only dedicated event to the British Beef Industry, NBA Beef Expo, being held at North West Auctions, J36, on Saturday 27 April 2024.

Always deeply involved in her family's 700-head cattle finishing business in Norfolk, Annabelle started her own Charolais pedigree herd at the age of just 15, planning her own breeding strategy and winning multiple young handler championships including Young Stockperson of the Year in 2018. She qualified for the National Charolais Stock judging final in 2016, 2017, and 2019, and was invited to become an officially appointed Charolais Judge at the age of just 22.

Alongside working with her father in cattle production, Annabelle's career has always revolved around livestock, with early work experience being with United Auctions, Genus, and the British Charolais Cattle Society. Later she worked on a progressive dairy enterprise including calf-rearing and milking 350 cows. Before taking up her new appointment with the NBA, she served as Wagyu Coordinator at ABP York, and currently in livestock procurement for Pickstock Telford.

The appointment of a Young Ambassador is a new milestone and initiative for the NBA, and CEO Neil Shand believes they

could not have chosen a better representative for the future of the industry. "Annabelle's credentials are unique and her professional and personal qualifications are tailor-made for this role. She has livestock in her DNA and an astonishing breadth and depth of knowledge and experience covering every aspect from the day-to-day practicalities of farming to the sophisticated science of genetics and breeding, and the economic realities of marketing.

"Most importantly, she brings a deep and genuine passion for livestock and the people who are taking this traditional and essential part of our farming heritage into the future. We all face steep challenges in safeguarding a sustainable future for our industry, and I am absolutely confident that no-one will carry the flag forward more effectively than Annabelle."

The new post at the NBA will give Annabelle Howell a national platform to champion the industry she loves.

"I am incredibly excited to be joining the NBA and supporting the breeders and farmers who are taking our industry forward in these changing and challenging times. We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a positive future for the beef industry, with a growing focus on sustainable farming and breeding better animals to achieve a quality product whilst being more efficient and making a major contribution to cutting carbon and regenerating our environment.

"The NBA is helping to ensure that the UK beef industry continues to play a key part in the future of the country's food supply and its commitment to a Carbon Net Zero economy, and I am looking forward very much indeed to being part of this fascinating journey."

# Stars of the Future 2024

Once again, a top quality display of Charolais youngstock made their way to Stirling, for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Stars of the Future event, which was this year judged by David Connolly of the Brigadoon herd in Northern Ireland.



In the senior section, it was the 13-month-old heifer, **Newlogie Uroyaleclipse**, from AJR Farms, Milton of Collieston, Ellon, that came to the fore to take the overall senior title. She's a daughter of the Royal Highland Show Champion, Maerdy Morwr, while her dam, Newlogie Royaleclipse, is by Newlogie Nobel.

Reserve senior went to Kevin Watret's **Annaview Ugem**, a yearling heifer by Allanfauld Neptune. She is out of the Maerdy Newman daughter, Harestone Royalgem, which was female champion at Stirling in October 2022, and purchased for 5,500gns.

Leading the senior males was the 14-month-old bull, **Douneside Umbro**, from Robbie McNeil, Doune. He's sired



Newlogie Uroyaleclipse, Overall Senior Champion and Senior Female Champion

by Neptune JC and out of Ravensworth Lunar, a daughter of Thrunton Florida.

Reserve senior male was **Cretlevane Uzo** from Allan McArthur, Cretlevane, Balfon. Sired by Harestone Rockafella, this 11-month-old is by Harestone Rockafella and out of the Nuthampstead Judas daughter, Lochend Ribena.

Best of the juniors was **Huttonend Veda**, a 10-month-old heifer on its first show outing from Sean Mitchell's herd at Grassknop, Skelton. She was the first calf to be registered in the UK off the Irish bull, Clenagh Jasper 2, while the dam Huttonend Rose, was successfully shown herself. Veda went on to be placed overall continental junior champion in the inter-breed contest, judged by Jason Wareham.

Reserve junior Charolais was **Foxhillfarm Victorious**, a seven-month-old heifer calf from Michael and Melanie Alford, Cullompton, Devon. This daughter of Lochend Nighthawk is out of Gretnahouse Masweety, by Wesley Equinox.

Top junior male was **Falleninch Valderrama** from Andrew Hornall, Falleninch, Stirling. Full of home-breeding, this eight-month-old son of Falleninch Soptif, is out of the Falleninch Memo daughter, Falleninch Sophia.

**Endrick Vulcan** a January-born bull calf from Louise McArthur and Donald McLean, Cretlevane, Balfon, was picked out as reserve junior male. He is sired by Harestone Rockafella and out of Mortimers Pachamama, a cow bought at Stirling for 3000gns.



Annaview Ugem, Reserve Senior Champion

In the group of three competition, held for the first time this year, the Charolais team finished reserve overall. They were Andrew Hornall's **Falleninch Valderrama**, Sean Mitchell's **Huttonend Veda** and the Alford's **Foxhillfarm Victorious**.

#### CLASS RESULTS:

##### Senior Males

- 1- **Douneside Umbro**- Robbie McNeill
- 2- **Falleninch Utopia**- Andrew Hornall

##### Senior Males

- 1- **Cretlevane Uzo**- Allan McArthur
- 2- **Gleneran Ursus**- W & N Milne
- 3- **Lourie Upstage**- Robert Aitken
- 4- **Gleneran Ucham**- W & N Milne
- 5- **Bombay Union Jack**- Charles Smeaton & Sons

##### Senior Females

- 1- **Newlogie Uroyaleclipse**- AJR Farrms
- 2- **Silvermere Ultra**- M Hanson & D Irvine
- 3- **Endrick Utopia** - Louise McArthur & Donald McLean
- 4- **Lagavaich Urika**- A & A Wright
- 5- **Brailes Unity**- Brailes Livestock

##### Senior Females

- 1- **Annanview Ugem**- Kevin Watret
- 2- **Elgin Ultra**- RA Milne & Sons
- 3- **Lagavaich Urmone**- A&A Wright
- 4- **Bombax Ustar**- Charles Smeaton & Sons

##### Junior Males

- 1- **Endrick Vulcan**- Louise McArthur & Donald McLean
- 2- **Rutherford Viceroy**- Abbie Anderson
- 3- **Loganbar Victor**- Murray Lyle



Cretlevane Uzo, Reserve Senior Male Champion

##### Junior Males

- 1- **Falleninch Valderrama**- Andrew Hornall
- 2- **Silvermere Vortex** - M Hanson & D Irvine
- 3- **Huttonend Vodka** - Sean Mitchell
- 4- **Lagavaich Vinnie** - A&A Wright

##### Junior Females

- 1- **Huttonend Veda** - Sean Mitchell
- 2- **Falleninch Vera** - Andrew Hornall
- 3- **Newlogie Veryfirst** - AJR Farms
- 4- **Silvermere Vanilla** - M Hanson & D Irvine
- 5- **Loganbar Vanessa** - Murray Lyle

##### Junior Females

- 1- **Foxhillfarm Victorious**- Michael & Melanie Alford
- 2- **Barkhill Vavavoom**- Alan Shiels
- 3- **Allanfauld Vanga**- Gordon Reynolds
- 4- **Huttonend Valentina**- Sean Mitchell

#### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

##### Senior Male

Douneside Umbro

##### Reserve Senior Male

Cretlevane Uzo

##### Senior Female

Newlogie Uroyaleclipse

##### Reserve Senior Female

Annanview Ugem

##### Overall Senior

Newlogie Uroyaleclipse

##### Reserve Senior

Douneside Umbro

#### JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

##### Junior Male

Falleninch Valderrama

##### Reserve Junior Male

Endrick Vulcan

##### Junior Female

Huttonend Veda

##### Reserve Junior Female

Foxhillfarm Victorious

##### Overall Junior

Huttonend Veda

##### Reserve Junior

Falleninch Valderrama



Huttonend Veda, Junior Female Champion



Foxhillfarm Victorious  
Reserve Junior Female Champion



Falleninch Valderama  
Junior Male Champion



Endrick Vulcan  
Reserve Junior Male Champion



Newlogie Uroyaleclipse, Overall Senior Champion and  
Douneside Umbro, Reserve Overall Senior Champion



Huttonend Veda, Overall Junior Champion and  
Falleninch Valderrama, Reserve Junior Champion



Falleninch Valderrama, Junior Male Champion  
Endrick Vulcan, Reserve Junior Male Champion



Newlogie Uroyaleclipse, Senior Female Champion and  
Annanview Ugem, Reserve Senior Female Champion



Huttonend Veda, Junior Female Champion  
and Foxhillfarm Victorious,  
Reserve Junior Female Champion



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# NI Future Stars Calf Show

A quality display of youngstock was judged by Darren McManus, at the Northern Ireland Charolais Club's Future Stars Calf Show, held at Swatragh Livestock Mart.



In the senior section, the males were won by the 15-month-old bull, **Glassdrummond Uber**, from PJ Vallely, Derrynoose, Co Armagh. Sired by the home-bred Inverlochy Ferdie son, Glassdrummond Rudolph, this one is out of Glassdrummond Pippa, a Westcarse Houdini daughter.

Reserve senior male was **Killadeas Utree**, a 14-month-old bull from the Bothwell family's Co Fermanagh-based herd. His sire is Dunlon Ulick, while the dam is the Blackford Dynamite daughter, Killadeas Lily.

Leading the senior females, was the 16-month-old heifer, **Brownhill Una**, a Kilvilcorris Royal daughter, from the Devine Brothers, Strabane. Out of Corrick Renata, this heifer was shown successfully during the summer, standing reserve intermediate champion at the NI Charolais



Glassdrummond Uber, Senior Male Champion

championships at Clogher.

Second best in the senior females was **Palace Ursula**, an 11-month-old heifer from Malachy Connolly, Clogher, Co Tyrone. She's a daughter of Fymore Glory, while her dam is the Grifondor-sired Palace Sirenia.

Taking the top spot in the junior male category, was **Brigadoon Vulcan**, a five-

month-old Balmyle Sandy son, from the Connolly family's herd at Ballynahinch, Co Down. His dam is the Goldies Icon daughter, Brigadoon Olivia.

Reserve junior male went to Aaron Quigley, Macken, Co Fermanagh, with **Ardmachree Vangogh**, a seven-month-old bull calf by Grinshill Rodger, out of the Invictus-sired Ardmachree Olivia.

Champion junior female was **Loughriscouse Vatsala**, a March-born heifer calf from H and H Heron, Newtownards, Co Down. This one is a daughter of Falleninch Sancerre, the male and reserve overall champion at this year's Balmoral Show. The dam, Loughriscouse Nightingale, is by Ballymather Jackpot.

Standing reserve in the junior female championship was another from the Herons, **Goldstar Vera**, a January-born heifer calf by Goldstar Othello. Bred by Martin Ryan, she is out of Goldstar Nightengale, a Tombapik daughter.

The Northern Ireland Charolais Club thanks all the sponsors and also Swatragh Livestock Mart, for their hospitality and help to make the night a success, and for providing support to the Club throughout the year. A charity



Killadeas Utree, Reserve Senior Male Champion

auction and bucket collection was held, with proceeds going to their chosen charity, Carntogher Community First Responders, in memory of Paul Coyle who was a big part of the Swatragh Mart and also contributed massively to the club sales over the years. The charity auction was a huge success, raising £6210.

#### **Class results:**

##### **Male Calf Born Between 1 July 2023 and 30 September 2023**

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- 1- **Glassdrummond Uber** – PJ Vallely
- 2- **Killadeas Utree** – S & D Bothwell
- 3- **Carnview Ulysse** – JJ McGuigan

##### **Female Calf Born Between 1 July 2023 and 30 September 2023**

*Sponsored by Eamon McCloskey Contracts Ltd*

- 1- **Brownhill Una** – Devine Bros

##### **Male Calf Born Between 1 October 2023 and 31 December 2023**

*Sponsored by J Grennan & Sons Feeds*

- 1- **Brogher Unit** – T Phair
- 2- **Stranagone Umpire** – Robert McWilliams
- 3- **Stranagone Ustar** – Robert McWilliams

##### **Female Calf Born Between 1 October 2023 and 31 December 2023**

*Sponsored by Garvagh Veterinary Clinic*

- 1- **Palace Ursula** – Malachy Connolly
- 2- **Ardnamara Una** – Ryan Clarke

##### **Male Calf Born Between 1 January**



Brownhill Una, Senior Female Champion

##### **2024 and 31 March 2024**

*Sponsored by J Grennan & Sons Feeds*

- 1- **Palace Vincent** – Malachy Connolly
- 2- **Stranagone Virtuous** – Robert McWilliams

##### **Female Calf Born Between 1 January 2024 and 31 March 2024**

*Sponsored by McGuigans Garage Swatragh*

- 1- **Loughriscouse Vatsala** – H & H Heron
- 2- **Goldstar Vera** – H & H Heron
- 3- **Stranagone Venna** – Robert McWilliams

##### **Male Calf Born Between 1 April and 31 July 2024**

*Sponsored by J Grennan & Sons Feeds*

- 1- **Brigadoon Vulcan** – WD & JA Connolly
- 2- **Ardmacree Vangogh** – Aaron Quigley
- 3- **Brigadoon Vanguard** – WD & JA Connolly

##### **Female Calf Born Between 1 April and 31 July 2024**

*Sponsored by McGuigan Brothers, Utilities, Civil Engineering & Building Contractors*

- 1- **Brigadoon Virginia** – WD & JA Connolly
- 2- **Killadeas Violet** – S & D Bothwell
- 3- **Brownhill Valhalla** – Devine Bros

##### **Male Calf born on or after 1st August 2024**

*Sponsored by J Grennan & Sons Feeds*

- 1- **Brigadoon Voldemort** – WD & JA Connolly

##### **Special Class 10 - Swatragh Livestock Market Cup for Best Group of 3 bred by exhibitor**

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- 1- WD & JA Connolly
- 2- H & H Heron
- 3- H & H Heron

##### **Senior Male Championship Champion**

Glassdrummond Uber

##### **Reserve**

Killadeas Utree



Palace Ursula, Reserve Senior Female Champion



Brigadoon Vulcan,  
Junior Male  
Champion

### Junior Male Championship Champion

Brigadoon Vulcan

### Reserve

Ardmachree Vangogh

### Senior Female Championship Champion

Brownhill Una

### Reserve

Palace Ursula

### Junior Female Championship Champion

Loughriscouse Vatsala

### Reserve

Goldstar Vera ET



Ardmachree Vangoch,  
Reserve Junior Male  
Champion



Loughriscouse  
Vatsala, Junior  
Female Champion



Goldstar Vera,  
Reserve Junior  
Female Champion

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# CANADIAN CHAROLAIS ASSOCIATION WORLD CONGRESS

## Chris Curry



The Canadian Charolais Association promised an exceptional World Congress and boy, did they deliver. Delegates from twelve countries joined Canadian breeders at events and farm visits as the Congress travelled from Toronto, Ontario across the vast prairies of Manitoba and Saskatchewan to Calgary, Alberta.

From start to finish the tour just kept delivering exceptional cattle, vistas and events to generate memories and friendships for the ages. In Toronto we were welcomed by tour directors, Candace and Helge By (Charolais Banner), Craig Scott, Canadian Charolais General Manager and Board member Darwin Rosso.

Delegates had the option to travel the full distance or join or depart at scheduled towns to suit their time frames. A welcome reception was held in Toronto where old friendships were celebrated and many new ones formed. Toronto was our base for the first four nights of the Congress. Countries represented included Australia, Sweden, United Kingdom, Mexico, Ireland, Hungary, Czech Republic, New Zealand and the United States along with local Canadians.

Saturday June 22 the two buses departed for the St Jacobs Markets in the Waterloo district of Ontario. St. Jacobs Farmers' Market is the largest year-round indoor/outdoor farmers' market in Canada. Established in 1975 and one of the Region of Waterloo's most popular attractions, the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market welcomes more than one million visitors each year. Several large buildings hosted stalls along with many more outdoor sites. The fruit and vegetable stalls were laden with a



St Jacobs Market



vast range of the highest quality produce. Many of the stalls were run by the members of the Mennonite order and on the roads around the markets were signs advising of horse and buggies ahead. On the way to the markets we were treated to a gift "kupica" (small cup) from the Hungarian delegation and naturally some palinka was partaken.

After lunch we headed for the Rollin' Acres Charolais herd where hosts Chester, Karla, Griffin and Bennett Tupling welcomed the tour. Chester outlined their program including their use of Full French genetics in both their registered herd and commercial herd. Their property supports a cow calf unit to two acres during summer. Also displaying cattle were fellow vendors from the "Uppin The Ante" sale group. After a very heavy downpour all the visitors headed to the marquee for a delicious supper and then entertainment by a band.

Day two in Ontario saw the tour heading out towards Cedardale Charolais at Nestleton. On route to the farm we passed through significant wetlands with an abundance of birdlife. Cedardale Farms consists of approximately 607 hectares of cropping and 160 registered Charolais cows.

We called into the farm for lunch before heading to a local feedlot run by the Swain family, feeding around 500 heifers.

The Swains also toured the group through their new handling facility which was impressive and functional. The farm grows most

of their own feed requirements. The pens here featured significant numbers of Charolais cross heifers exhibiting excellent muscle types.



The Swain Family feedlot

We then returned to Cedardale inspecting several pastures of cows and calves on the way. The buses pulled up on the road and the cattle came to a call, for inspection. This herd was exceptionally consistent in type and style with great maternal qualities on display. In one paddock the 2023 sale topper Cedardale Legacy 100L (P) was running with females before heading off to his new home. Once back at the home property a pen of heifers available in the "Genetics for the World" sale attracted a great deal of attention. The entire Nesbitt family pitched in to make for a really enjoyable visit. Other breeders on display here were M&L Cattle Co, Southview Farms and Burgomaster Agri Marketing. During dinner Emily, a talented violinist provided entertainment. Interesting fact..... it takes 40 litres of Maple sap to make a litre of Maple Syrup.



Cedardale Charolais

A highlight of the Congress for many was heading to Niagara Falls on Day three. With an informative commentary from our excellent bus driver, a local in the area, we visited the Niagara Floral Clock. Measuring 12 metres in diameter as many as 16,000 plants are used to maintain the beautiful design. One of the snippets our bus driver shared was the rate of erosion at the falls was once a metre a year, but due to water control it had been reduced to less than 30cm a year. Niagara Falls has moved back seven miles in 12,500 years. More than 168,000 cubic metres (6 million cubic ft.) of water go over the crestline



Chris and Helen Curry at Niagara Falls

of the falls every minute. The Canadian Horseshoe Falls drops an average of 57 metres into the Lower Niagara River.

A tour of the Niagara Parks Power Station (est 1905) was very informative with our guide imparting a concise commentary on the 100 year operation of the power station. Harnessing the powerful energy of the Horseshoe Falls, this pioneer of hydropower highlights both the remarkable history and unique architectural features of this 115-year-old engineering marvel. At the conclusion of the tour we headed 55 metres down in a glass panelled elevator where original working infrastructure was visible on the descent. A 670 metre long tunnel then led to a spectacular viewing platform at the base of the Horseshoe falls. The views of the waterfalls were incredible and uninterrupted.

From here we headed to the Queen Victoria Place Restaurant for a fantastic lunch enjoying even more spectacular views of the falls. It was a shame we had to board the bus to leave.



Lunch with a view

Next visit was Miller

Land and Livestock where George, Dianne, Dwayne, Ashley and family greeted us in picture book gardens with an array of snacks and fluids. Running 70 purebred females and 90 commercial females the family sell about 20-25 bulls a year. Around 850 head of cattle are also finished, supplying local abattoirs and butcher shops. Cropping over 1,800 hectares with corn, soybeans, winter wheat and lucerne hay, the family had an impressive display. Cattle were penned close by for inspection before we toured on the buses past the feedlot pens and some of the breeding herd in pastures.

A short drive and we had dinner at the Erie Beach Hotel at Port Dover, in sight of Lake Erie. The gardens of this hotel were spectacular and we enjoyed a local specialty, perch with many different salads. With the extended daylight hours of the Canadian summer the drives back to the hotel each night allowed a lot of sightseeing along the way.

Day 4 had an early start as we made the short drive to Toronto Pearson International Airport to fly to Winnipeg, Manitoba for the next leg of the journey. There may have been some anticipation of doom with several bag drop sections not operating and a rapidly approaching boarding time! Crisis averted and everybody made the flight with their bags and we met two new bus drivers for the rest of the trip. We had lunch at The Forks, a public place where the Assiniboine River flows into the Red River. This area has a 6,000-year history with native tribes meeting in the area before becoming a trading point for the fur trade in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Numerous food outlets and shopping opportunities greeted the delegates with many taking the stroll down to the river confluence.

After lunch we 'mounted up' and headed to Stepler Farms, one of the larger herds in Canada. Hosting both a bull and female sale the sale barn here was very impressive. Andre, Katie, Brynn, Brayden and Declan displayed some Charolais as well as some Char cross Angus steers and some Angus cows from their breeding program. Sunshine Oak Charolais, LEJ Charolais, C2 Charolais and Hidden Lake Stock Farms also displayed a selection of cattle, giving delegates plenty to discuss and view. Dinner entertainment was a bucking bull with many trying, few succeeding but providing many laughs for the rest of the visitors. A couple of the Brits gave a decent account of themselves.



Heifers at Stepler Farms

Whilst in Winnipeg we had the opportunity to visit the Assiniboine Park Zoo where the highlight was the spectacular polar bear display including a glass observation tunnel under their pool where the bears could be observed swimming overhead and playing around. There were also many other species in an environment seemingly very close to their natural surroundings. Lunch was a taco in a bag on the journey to HTA Charolais owned by the Airey family.



Shawn Airey, the current CCA president along with Tanya and their children Chase and Blake had cattle penned and also provided tours of two huge lots of cows by tractors and trailers. The Aireys (HTA herd) have been breeding Charolais for over 50 years and the cows on display were very impressive with an immaculate temperament. A strong focus on functional

females is maintained here. At the front gate was a monument marking over 100 years (1901 to 2001) of farm ownership by the Airey family. R & G McDonald Livestock and Pleasant Dawn Charolais had pens of cattle on display as well. One feature of the congress was meals in community halls where the facilities were excellent. Catering on the congress was first class from day 1 to the final events. Gradually moving westward, tonight we stayed in Brandon, Manitoba.

The 19th century marked the dawn of homesteading in Canada, to encourage population growth in Western Canada the government had a program of offering free land, initiated by acts like the Dominion Lands Act of 1872. This legislation aimed to populate the vast and untamed landscapes of the west by offering 160 acres (quarter of a section) of land to settlers willing to cultivate it. Pioneers, drawn by the promise of land ownership and a new beginning, embarked on the arduous journey to establish their homesteads. They faced the daunting challenges of clearing dense forests, building from scratch with limited tools, and cultivating land that had never been farmed. Many settlers from European countries took advantage of this offer and their influence can still be seen today.

Our last day in Manitoba started with a visit to the Inglis Grain Elevators National Historic site. In the past there were elevators situated every 11 kilometre's for farmers to cart their grain to. As transportation became more mobile and farms increased in size many of the grain elevators fell by the wayside. The Inglis elevators have been preserved and are open to the public to preserve this important part of western Canada's history. We toured the inside of these uniquely shaped wooden elevators which also included certificates of merit and other historical information. High Bluff Charolais are situated practically next door to these elevators and they penned up some cattle for display including a homebred herd sire and a selection of breeding females. This part of Canada had received excellent rains and everything was looking very green and lush. On the bus today, our hosts provided cinnamon buns and other Canadian foodstuffs for the delegates to sample and savour.



Lunch was at the Roblin Community Centre where we meet the Hunter Family of Hunter Charolais. Michael Hunter gave a brief overview of their operation before we headed to the farm to inspect the cattle. The herd now consists of over 300 cows and is a true family operation.

This herd has been built by using extensive AI. The Hunter family includes two qualified vets. The family penned a great cross section of their herd, including sires, donor females and sire progeny groups.



## Hunter Charolais

Sunblade Charolais penned their cattle complementing the beautiful setting in the middle of a pasture. Whilst at Hunter Charolais we took the opportunity to grab a photograph of the eight, under 30 delegates on the tour. What a future our breed has if these are representative of the young people coming through from so many countries.

We crossed the border into Saskatchewan tonight to stay at Yorkton. Saskatchewan is vast prairie land, views for mile after mile and huge skies. They say if your dog runs away in Saskatchewan, you can watch it for three days! We passed one famous land mark, known as 'the curve', the curve is literally a slight bend in the road!

Our first morning in Saskatchewan was a wet one, the local area received considerable rainfall overnight. Heading south to Regina one of the tasks today was to pick up another 19 delegates for the rest of the tour. A visit to the Royal Saskatchewan Museum gave a great insight into the history of the area. Featuring life size diorama and considered displays this museum was an extremely interesting visit. The museum also features Scotty, the largest T-Rex skeleton ever discovered. Lunch was in central Regina at the Bar Willow where unfortunately the weather obscured the view of the manmade lake featuring in the centre of the city. The food was excellent though.

Cattle viewing for today was at White Cap Charolais outside of Moose Jaw. Rosso Charolais, Elder Charolais, Howe Coulee Charolais, Wilgenbusch Charolais used the pens on site to great advantage, showing of a selection of their breeding. We availed ourselves of plastic boots here due to recent heavy rains. Rosso Charolais had their Champion Virtual Show Purebred bull, C2 Heroshima 42H on display and were presented with their banners from the event. The hosts provided a great steak dinner and the dessert featured Saskatoon berries on the cheesecake, another Canadian flavour to discover. Kristine Bergman from Sweden celebrated a birthday and Lee and Connie Eaton were surprised with a cake to commemorate their 55th wedding anniversary. The Temple Gardens Mineral Spa in Moose Jaw became home for the next two nights. Hosting geothermal water pools, a spa and a casino, it would have been rude not to make full use of them!

The next two mornings in Moose Jaw were free time to pursue activities of interest to each delegate. Moose Jaw is home to a network of tunnels that Al Capone used during prohibition and these are available for tours. Some delegates took the opportunity to visit Rosso Charolais located just out of Moose Jaw. On the afternoon of Day 8 we visited the brand-new facility operated by Bovigen. This facility operated by Tyson Buyer DVM B.Sc. and family offers semen and embryo collection. The facility is state of the art and only commenced construction in June 2023. We had the opportunity to inspect a large pen of Charolais donors being flushed. Bovigen also offer a full IVF service here.

After lunch at Bovigen we travelled just down the road to inspect farm machinery at Norheim Ranching. Norheim Ranching were Silver sponsors of the Congress and owners Lee and Chelsea Norheim have a Charolais background. Lee reported they operate from three locations and offer a wide range of livestock and farming equipment. They're main agents for Arrow Cattle Handling equipment, manufactured in Canada and very popular on a lot of the farms we visited. They had an impressive range of equipment on display and Lee and his staff provided answers for the many questions from the delegates. One interesting product was a solar powered water trough system to take water from a dam and provide in a trough improving the water quality for the livestock.

A little more time on the bus took us to Cederlea Farms operated by Garner and Lori Deobald and family, the facilities here were very impressive. Valley's End Charolais provided



The Delegates on a trailer trip



Sparrow Farms

cattle for display and presented every delegate with a personalized goodie bag, which was greatly appreciated. The delegates loaded onto trailers with seating for a tour of incalf heifers and then 175 Charolais cows and their calves in one pasture, a very impressive sight. The consistency of the cattle on display was impressive and highlighted the depth of breeding in the herd. Cedarlea provided a great dinner with a variety of entertainment. Delegates could shoot hockey pucks, learn to lasso a calf or enjoy the live band playing. The opportunity was available to inspect the ranches quarter horse program as well. This was a super visit and a lot of fun.

Departing Moose Jaw we headed north to CK Sparrows Farms where once again heavy rain changed plans. Cam and Josie Sparrow organized a convoy of vehicles to take tours of a herd of representative females.

The Sparrows herd has produced many herd sires across the globe and it was interesting to see their breeding program. W2 Farms also displayed cattle with some impressive heifer calves. Tonight's meal was a pitchfork fondue where a bunch of steaks are strung on a pitchfork and lowered in boiling oil for four minutes. Watching the cooking of the large steaks in this manner was really interesting to the delegates.

On July 1st we wished our hosts, Happy Canada Day and departed for the Highway 21 Group at Hanna AB operated by the Miller Family. Ed and Linda Miller started Highway 21 Feeders over 50 years ago and now incorporates three generations of the family. The rain got to us here and we toured through their facility in the bus with the team giving us

commentary. They aim to make finishing cattle more profitable in their 20,000 head feedlot at Acme. Their breeding operation consists of nearly 1000 cows including Charolais and Simmental/Angus. They quoted 85% of their cost of production was feed costs. This was an interesting visit with information provided on feed conversion and the effect on profit in their feedlot.

During lunch at the Delia Hall the Highway 21 team presented data on their program and the benefits of feed efficiency and conversion. One slide showing the cost of feed and different conversion rates highlighted low converters producing a loss to highly

efficient animals achieving a profit of over \$500 per head, quite sobering data.

The afternoon was spent at the Stettler Fairgrounds where Alberta Charolais breeders made a tremendous effort to display cattle from breeders around the province. Cattle were displayed indoors in large pens and delegates could meander round and speak with the breeders. A large dinner was held that night with superb catering and entertainment by the extremely talented two-time Canadian Grand Master Fiddle Champion, Ethan Harty.

In Red Deer the opportunity to undertake retail therapy at Jones Boys Saddlery and Western Wear store was visit one on Day eleven. Considerable packages were added to the storage compartments on the bus. I left bearing an uncanny resemblance to Clint Eastwood (in a certain light). A quick drive and we arrived at the Discovery Wildlife Park in Innisfail. This wildlife park features many animals, with a strong bear exhibit. We took in the Bear Experience and after the opportunity was available to take a photograph with a live bear. This was a great experience with just a hot wire between the bear and us. The staff here gave a highly informative talk on bears and how to deal with them in the wild. Two baby bear cubs being bottle fed was admittedly a cute experience.



A drive through the Highway 21 feedlot at Acme was



Cedarlea Farms

informative and some pens included some exceptional Charolais feeder steers. After lunch we headed to the last hotel for the tour in Calgary. A quick check in and the Charolais Charbray International Annual General Meeting was held. During the meeting Antonio Delgado from Mexico was elected President with Mexico to host the Technical Conference in 2025. Vice Presidents elected were Colin Rex, Australia and Hugo Retailleau, France, Secretary Candace By, Canada and Treasurer Cecile Lane, France. Sven-Olaf Hagg, Sweden was elected Chair of the Breed Development Committee.

Day 12 started with a visit to John Scott Productions at Longview, Alberta with the Rocky Mountains as a grand backdrop. This working ranch provides sets, livestock and staff for movie and television productions. The man himself is a humble character that not many would know. He's been involved in the industry for over 40 years, worked on 7 academy award winning movies, many television shows and other industry events.



Chris and Helen at John Scott Ranch

A selection of actors that have filmed on his ranch were Brad Pitt, Jackie Chan, Anthony Hopkins, Tom Selleck and films such as Legends of the Fall, Lord of the Rings, Billy the kid and many more were filmed here. Different sets were spread over the ranch and you sort of expected a cowboy to ride over the hill at any time guns blazing. John mentioned on one film he had forty farriers working full time to keep the horses involved shod. This was an amazing experience and very interesting and informative.

After lunch we headed to McLeod Livestock at Cochrane where the CML herd and Triple M herds had assembled a great display. Delegates braved the winds to inspect a large display including the \$245,000 sire SCX Jehu 233E (P). The highly successful "Genetics for the World" sale was conducted here giving international visitors an insight in Canadian auctioneering (makes some of our auctioneers look decidedly lethargic ☹️). The sale topped at \$85,000 for the pick of the Elders Charolais herd.



Banff and a free day to explore was the activity for Day 13. This absolutely stunning part of Canada is majestic and delegates had



a wide range of activities to partake in. Some took the gondola to the top of the mountain, others hiked to see the beautiful scenery, some took a helicopter ride to fully appreciate the vista and others shopped down the picturesque main street. On the way home, a wild grizzly bear popped out onto the road side, giving delegates a viewing highlight.

Tonight, the Final Banquet was held with another stunning meal. Delegates from all countries made presentations to the hosts for a super memorable tour where friendships were rekindled or made with a backdrop of superb scenery. The Charolais Charbray Herdbook de Mexico President, Antonio Delgado made a presentation to Candace and Helge By and Craig Scott for their efforts in delivering the World Congress. He also made a presentation to Australian General Manager Colin Rex for his work in chairing the International Breed Development committee for the last five years. As part of their presentation, the Australian delegates warmly invited everyone to Australia for the World Congress in 2026. The Robert Gosse band then played into the night for delegates to dance and party.

Friday July 5th, the last day on tour started with breakfast at the Canadian Charolais Association office with Dustin Farr providing live music. After a pancake with maple syrup breakfast the offices of the Association were open to tour. It was very interesting to see the history on the walls of the office including all the past president photos.

The delegates then continued on to the Calgary Stampede for an afternoon of rodeo, chuck wagons and entertainment. All the attendees were impressed with this internationally renowned event, the level of horsemanship on show had to be seen to be believed. The evening performance was absolutely incredible with the best pyrotechnic display and drone show most of us have ever seen.

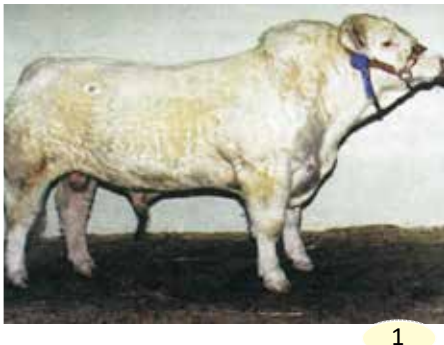


So, after a fortnight of amazement, scenery, fellowship and great cattle, Saturday July 6th marked the day we dispersed either home or to onwards travel. Congratulations to all involved from the Canadian Charolais Association, your efforts made a memorable tour for all. To Candace, Helge, Robbie, Craig, Candice and Darwin our daily hosts, words don't express the appreciation for all your efforts. The World Congress is a combination of culture, scenery and cattle, Canada, you got it right. The Canadian World Congress 2024 will be remembered, relived and remarked up on for many years to come. Look out for details on the next international event, the 2025 Technical Conference to be held in Mexico, April 2025.

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1. Aberdeen February – Top price of the sale and a new market record at 7,000gns **Kinclune Ormand**.

2. Aberdeen February – The Princess Royal congratulates Jimmy McConachie on his Interbreed Championship success.

3. Perth February 2000 – The 7,000gns **Allanfauld Olympus** was Senior Champion and sold to J.K Goldie.

4. Perth February 2000 – The Intermediate Champion **Ravenworth Oswald** sold for 7,800gns to W. Lindsay, Kirriemuir.

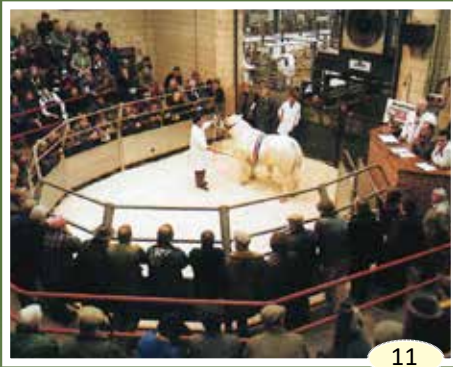
5. Perth February 2000 – Society President, George Stoddart presents Michael Stenton, exhibitor of **Billingley Pablo**, the Junior and Overall Male Champion, with the Bleack and Rushmore Trophies.

6. Perth February 2000 – **Mortimers Ocean, Mortimers Obsession and Mortimers Olita** all consigned by Mortimers Farm included the Female and Reserve Female Champion.

7. Carlisle March – The first prize winning **Killadeas Outran** topped the sale at 6,200gns to Messrs R.D.A Morrow, Coleraine, N Ireland.

8. Portadown March – The Supreme Champion **Killadeas Obelus**, owned by David Bothwell, Ballinamallard, (left), pictured with Caldwell McAskie, Omagh, judge of the event, centre, and Dessie Rainey, (right) Agricultural Banking Manager, Northern Bank, sponsors.

9. Welshpool April – Arwel Owen's (left), Champion Bull **Trefaldwyn Onyx** sold for the top price of 3,100gns and, pictured with Julie Wick's Reserve Champion, the 2,500gns **Moathall**



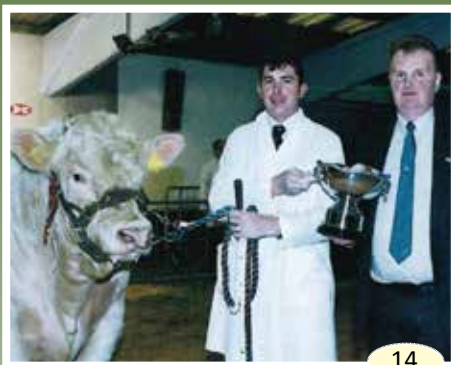
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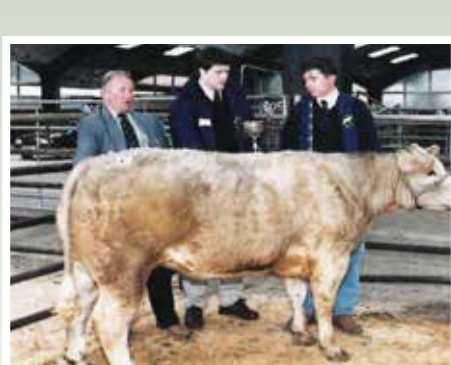
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**Orient** is Richard McInnes.

10. The Holsworthy Champion **Penhole Peterpan** from Messrs W.B Gubbin & Sons.

11. Ross on Wye May – A crowded ringside at Ross-on-Wye saw the champion bull **Farleycopse Poseidon** come under auctioneer Dai Lewis's hammer and being sold for 2,750gns.

12. Ross on Wye May – Mrs Ann Orr-Ewing's **Foxacre Orcadian** was the Ross-on-Wye sale leader at 3,000gns.

13. Carlisle May – The Supreme Champion **Bassett Parable** from Jean Atkinson sold for 8,000gns.

14. Carlisle May – The judge, John Campbell, congratulates championship winner, Jack Wight.

15. Carlisle May – The Senior and Reserve Supreme Champion **Thrunton Outlook** sold for 4,000gns.

16. Carlisle May – From Cornwall to win the Intermediate Championship and selling for 5,500gns was W.B Gubbin & Sons **Penhole Principal**.

17. Richard and Rachael Wyllie of Brailes Livestock with **Seawell Offshore**.

18. Jack Wight (*right*) Midlock, is presented with the trophy for the best Charolais at the club show and sale at Kildan by Gareth Flockhart, Harbro and Society Chairman John Wight (*left*)

19. Fintona Show – The Isuzu Class at Fintona was won by **Coolnaslee Principal** owned by Gilbert Crawford. Handler, William Ferguson was congratulated by the N.I Charolais Club's Vice-Chairman Brian McAllister.

20. Fintona Show – The Millenium National Charolais Show Class was sponsored by a group of County Fermanagh breeders was won by **Drumacritten Roy**, owned by William and Margaret Nelson, Rosslea. Sharon Nelson was congratulated by Edwin Bothwell, one of the sponsors. The Glenleary Janitor son also scooped the Junior Championship award.

21. Fintona Show – The Senior and Supreme Overall Male Champion,



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**Glenleary Panama**, exhibited by Cyril Millar.

22. Fintona Show – The Female Champion at Fintona was **Coolnaslee Ophelia** owned by Gilbert Crawford.

23. Fintona Show – **Hillviewfarm Perfect**, owned by Adrian Richardson, and shown by Harold Stubbs, was the winner of the Automart Class and was adjudged Reserve Intermediate Champion, adding his congratulations is N.I Charolais Club chairman and Society President, John Currie.

24. The Border Club crop of young judges headed to the Royal Show Young Judges Competition. The 'A' Team, Neil and Marjorie, had swept the decks winning everything before them. Marjorie was 3<sup>rd</sup> girl overall and, not to be outdone, Richard Peile was 2<sup>nd</sup> boy overall. This was a hat trick for Neil.

25. On the Scottish Trip, no wonder these ladies were merry, with 3 bottles of wine each!!

26. Royal Ulster Show – Martin Millar exhibits the Senior Cow in Milk and Female Champion, **Glentarra Lady**. Also included are Cyril Millar with the Society President, George Stoddart (*centre*).

27. Royal Ulster Show – **Drummeer Major**, Champion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Interbreed Champion, is pictured with Walter Shortt, George Stoddart, Martin and Cyril Millar.

28. Royal Highland Show – **Foxacre Maximus** and **Seawell Nanette** completed a memorable double for the Seawell herd manager, Jimmy McMillan, in his retirement year. Eric Fuseau presented Peter Donger with a memento from the French Herd Book.

29. Royal Highland Show – The Junior Champion Charolais, **Inverlochey Passport**, went on to win the Junior Interbreed Championship. This was the youngest bull to win this prestigious award.

30. Royal Highland Show – The Junior Female Champion, **Lochend Polly** from Iain Millar carried on where she left off at the 1999 Scottish Winter Fair.

31. The Royal – Arthur Finnan gets under way inspecting a Charolais heifer

class before making his final decision.

32. The Royal – Steve Nesbitt's **Alwent Peregrin** won the Junior Maiden Heifer Class and went on to win the inaugural Royston Trophy for the Junior Champion Charolais.

33. The Royal – Completing a successful show for Ulster breeders in the bull section, came the Supreme Champion Charolais **Drummeer Major** exhibited by George Henderson and Cyril Millar.

34. The Royal - Albert Merlot presented the Millar Family (*l to r Cyril, Martin and Sharon*) with a special memento for the Supreme Champion Charolais presented by the French Herd Book.

35. The Royal – The Junior Male Champion was won by the baby bull class winner, **Shamleys Prime** for Max Robinson.

36. The Royal – John Currie was delighted to present Jimmy McMillan with the Society sash for the Female Championship won by **Seawell Maryland** who was following in the footsteps of her illustrious grandmother, Kilkenny Celia.

37. The Royal – Eugene Reavey congratulates the out-going Present, George Stoddart, on a job well done. The presidential reins look in good shape for Chris Currie, with Edwin Bothwell to support him.

38. Young Breeders Stockjudging Competition – Steve Nesbitt with Neil Young, Marjorie Millar, Robert Bailey, Steve Hansley (National Westminster Bank) and Maxine Wood.

39. Murray Lyle (*left*) hand over a cheque for £200 to Neil Caul to set up the funds for the North and Central regional Charolais Club.

40. Royal Welsh – Junior Charolais Champion bull, **Moelfre Pompell** from Kevin Thomas.

41. Royal Welsh – Oliver Turney came up trump with the Junior Heifer Champion **Olivers Pooh**.

42. Royal Welsh – The Charolais team which were runners-up in the NatWest Interbreed Group of Five Competition.



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43. Royal Welsh – Joe Gilfannan (*right*) extols the virtues of Charolais to HRH The Princes of Wales, in the hope of converting him from Welsh Blacks, as was his ring steward, Tom Jones (*left*).

44. Royal Welsh – *Left* The Agr-Lloyd sponsors, along with Joe Gilfannan and Nuala Hourihane of the Irish Charolais Society, congratulate the **Foxacre Maximus** connections on winning the Charolais Championship.

45. Perth October 2000 – The Intermediate Champion was the 12,000gns **Midlock Parker** from the Society Chairman, Mr John Wight's Midlock herd.

46. Perth October 2000 – Adrian Richardson's **Hillviewfarm Perfect** sold for the joint top price of 12,000gns to J.R Hamilton, Fivemiletown.

47. Perth October 2000 – Una and Stuart Ogle celebrate winning the Perth Championship with **Jenywoodston Porrini**. He went on to sell for 5,200gns to Max Smyth, Coleraine.

48. Perth October 2000 – **Coolnaslee Propect** from Gilbert Crawford sold for 10,000gns in a joint sale to J.B Milne & Sons, Elgin and W.R Simmers & Sons, Keith.

49. Perth October 2000 – The Champion and Top Priced Female at 9,000gns was **Mortimers Oasis** from Mortimers Farm selling to Miss J Hudson, Newark, Nottingham.

50. Reddivallen dispersal – David Benson of the British Charolais Cattle Society bids John Blewett farewell and good luck on his emigration to Australia.

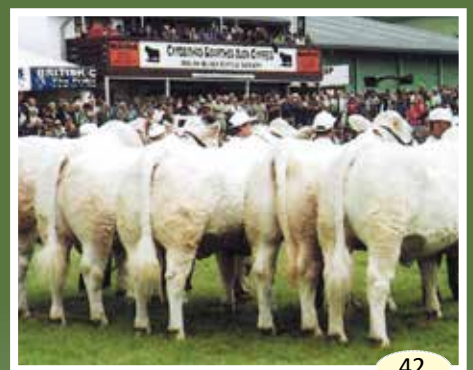
51. Welshpool November – The Champion **Esgob Piccolo** from Gareth Jones, sold for 2,400gns to M. Jones, Sennybridge, Brecon.

52. Welshpool November – Ben Baggott showed **Coley Peter** at the Welshpool Sale. He won the Reserve Championship and sold for 4,000gns.

53. Carlisle November – The Supreme Champion and Sale Topper was the 9,000gns **Sarkley Pollard**. He sold to joint buyers, Clark Farms, Muirhouse, Lesmahagow and A Minto & Sons,



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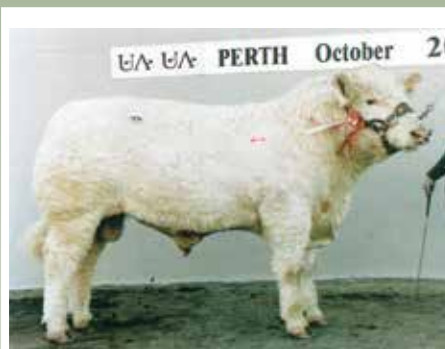
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54. Carlisle November – Steve Nesbitt's 'Cracker' champion, **Alwent Orchid**, realised 5,800gns to Peter Donger, Seawell, Towcester, Northants.

55. The South West Herd Competition Winners – The judge was Ernie Dodd. First prize in the large herd class went to the Moynton herd for Mr Peter Old. The second prize was awarded to the Penhole herd for Messrs W.B Gubbin and Sons, who won the competition two years before.

56. Perth Show – Secretary Alison Gray and Vice-Chairman Robert Aitken taking it easy after a hard morning's work at the Perth Show. Chariman Neil Caul was absent from the picture but he is laying behind the kist after too many Bacardi's!!

57. South Wales Charolais Club Third Annual Calf Show – Supreme Champion was an April born bull calf **Moelfre Raleigh** (sire Dingle Hofmeister) owned by Kevin and Sioned Thomas, Llechwedd, Capel Iwan. Reserve Supreme and Female Champion went to Richard and Alison Tucker, The Beeches, Gower, with June born **Gower Romance** (sire Major).

58. The 31<sup>st</sup> World Charolais Convention, jointly hosted by the Irish and French Charolais Herd Books – Patsy McCabe (right) put on a great show of his Blakestown herd for the International visitors. David Lewis and John Currie appreciated the set up.

59. Emily Binions (R.A.S.E. Livestock Executive) presented Steve Nesbitt with the Tom Neilson Trophy for the Junior Champion Heifer. Royal Show.

60. St. Luis Aguiar from the British Embassy in Brazil took time out from his official duties to present Rachel Wyllie with a first prize ticket.

# Obituary - Alexander (Sandy) Beaton

**Sandy Beaton** was one of the leading cattlemen in the heady early years when Charolais were imported into the UK.

He was born at Bielby in Lincolnshire on the twelfth of February 1936, the son of Scottish parents who were working with Angus cattle. In his formative years he would take his holidays helping top cattleman Albert Rettie, where he met Albert's son Alastair, who became Sandy's great friend. Their escapades in later years at the various bars on the livestock circuit became legendary.

On leaving school Sandy worked in Norfolk with a herd of Herefords owned by Commander Collard, before moving to Claverdon in Warwickshire, where he worked with an Angus herd owned by Claude Paine. It was whilst at Claverdon that Sandy met Judy, his wife to be.

Then in 1972 Sandy entered the exciting relatively new world of Charolais breeding when he was employed as farm manager at Fairthwaite Park, Kirby Lonsdale owned by Colonel and Mrs Ogden. The two Charolais herds of Fairthwaite and Lunesdale were managed as one and became one of the top outfits at that time. In those relatively early days of Charolais breeding Sandy had the opportunity on several occasions to visit France and select cattle for the Ogden's herds. Sandy had a remarkable memory and in later years at the Royal Show or the Perth bull sales it was interesting to listen to him recalling some of his experiences in France and some of the pleasure he enjoyed mixed with the business!

Sandy was a very able cattleman and the Ogden's cattle enjoyed considerable success over the years. Early notable achievements were winning the Kings Cup at the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court in London in successive years for the best steer bred by exhibitor and also taking the reserve championship on two occasions, with Charolais sired steers.

There were also many successes in the Charolais pedigree world including Fairthwaite Nandi winning the supreme championship at the World Charolais Convention held at Harrogate in 1977. The herd sire Fleets Vibrant was a dual Burke Trophy winning bull at the Royal Show in the late 1980s. The first Burke Trophy win was again at a Charolais Convention and it was quite remarkable as there were four Charolais cattle in this the top interbreed pairs competition as Vibrant was paired with Escott Rula and her twin calves. The following year Vibrant was victorious with Fleets Serenade, a cow which had an identical pedigree to Vibrant but was bred from Vibrant's dams' full sister. Diana, the Princess of Wales presented the trophy to Sandy's

son Alastair on this occasion.

Bulls bred from the Ogdens herds were influential in several pedigree herds and also through AI. Of particular note were Lunesdale Harvest, Fairthwaite Magic and Fairthwaite Ploughman, who was a Milk Marketing Board bull. He was very easy calving and sired several thousand calves from the dairy herd as well as from beef cows.

Sandy was a well respected judge of Charolais cattle and judged most of the major shows and sales. He had his own small Charolais herd with the Beatnik prefix and was elected onto the BCCS council of management to represent the Lancashire and Isle of Man region. At Charolais council meetings he proved to be a sensible and down to earth man with common sense and reasoning.

Following the death of Colonel Ogden, the Fairthwaite herd was reluctantly offered for sale and was purchased in its entirety by David Fattorini and Sandy along with his children Stuart and Helen moved across the Pennines to Yorkshire. It was from here that Sandy decided to retire in 1995.

Outwith of cattle breeding Sandy was an accomplished sheepdog handler and qualified dogs for international trialling. In his early days he enjoyed various sports and had trials for Aston Villa football club as well as being an amateur boxer and he even sparred with Randolph Turpin from Warwick who went on to win the world middle weight championship.

Sandy was definitely one of life's characters and when it came to preparing cattle for a particular event he had no equal.



1988 Royal Show Sandy Beaton pictured on the left with Cyril Millar

# Obituary - Major David Walter

**Major David Finlayson Wylie Hill Walter**, leading Charolais Cattle Breeder, Army Officer and Stockbroker.

A capacity crowd including Charolais breeders from all over the United Kingdom attended Major David Walter's funeral and thanksgiving service at Perth Cathedral.

Commonly known as "The Major", David died just after his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday having fought a courageous battle against cancer.

His first career was as an officer in the Scots Guards where he saw service in The Suez Canal zone and Kenya. After the army he took to "the city" where he eventually became a partner in Fielding and Newson, a well-known stock broking company.

He took over the running of the 1700 acre Balthayock Estate in the mid 1960's, his family having owned it since 1897.

David entered his new farming career with his usual gusto and energy and continued to run the operation until his death.

He introduced Charolais cattle to Balthayock in 1969 with the purchase of Henham Lodge Empereur for the sum of 5700 gns. This was followed by the importation of 12 pure heifers from leading French herds.

David and the Balthayock team worked hard at developing the herd into one of the most successful in the country regularly achieving high averages at the Society sales at Perth and Stirling. The herd presently stands at over 100 pure cows.

The focus of the Balthayock herd were the production of easy calving, high performance bulls for top commercial and pedigree breeders.

David Walter was a pioneer of Breedplans EBV system. His Balthayock cattle were consistently amongst the highest indexed cattle of the breed.

The Major enjoyed many successful bull sales. One definite highlight was achieving the top price of 50,000 gns at the Stirling Bull sales in 2015 for Balthayock Justice which was Junior and Reserve Overall Champion on the day.

Stirling Bull sales 2018 was another "red letter" day for the herd when Balthayock Minstrel was Overall Champion and sold for 46,000 gns. That day Balthayock bulls averaged a staggering £15,633 for 9 bulls which is still an all breed record.

The herd supported many national and local shows with great success. 2015 saw Balthayock Imp winning the breed championship at the Royal Highland Show.

Balthayock Nessie gave David one of his greatest show successes when she was made Breed Champion and Overall Champion at the Royal Highland Show in 2019.

In 2019 the herd celebrated 50 years of Charolais at Balthayock. This was a very special event with over 500 visitors being treated to a spectacular show of cattle and given a magnificent

lunch. The herd also hosted the Charolais World conference in 2012.

David's contribution to the cattle breeding industry was recognised when he was awarded the prestigious Sir William Young award by the RHASS.

David served as both Chairman and President of the British



Charolais Cattle Society. Although best known for his pure cattle, he was equally keen on his commercial suckler herd and his high performing sheep flock.

The Major was very proud of his farm and estate staff. The Campbell family have been at Balthayock since 1897 and have given terrific service to David and his family. Hector and Alan Campbell continue the family connection and are both engaged on the farm. When John and Joan Campbell retired 15 years ago, Tracey and Davie Nicoll took over the management. David was highly respected as an employer by his team.

Outwith the farm, David had many interests. He was a true countryman and did much to encourage wildlife on the farm especially his beloved Red Squirrels which he had a real passion for.

He was a renowned Polo player, a very keen and compelling sailor, an excellent shot. He was also a formidable boxer and played cricket in his younger day.

He had a strong sense of social responsibility and supported many charitable organisations. He was one of the pillars of the local church which he attended every Sunday.

The Major will be hugely missed, he was a larger than life character who inspired so many people by the example he set.

Our condolences go to Lady Sarah, David's wife of over 53 years, to his sons Nick and James their partners and grandsons Sam and Ben and to all at Balthayock.

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# Obituary - John Wight

John Wight of Midlock farm, Crawford, passed away on April 27, 2024 just before his 86th birthday.

Loved by his family and many friends, he will be sorely missed not only by the local community to which he gave so much support, but also the livestock industry throughout the length and breadth of the UK where his knowledge of the sector was extremely valued.

John was born at Midlock, on May 3, 1938. The news of his arrival was carried up the glen by the postie on pushbike. However, by the time the postie came down the glen his twin brother, Allan had appeared. Little did the postie know that the births led to one of the most successful partnerships in the history of livestock farming.

The brothers had two sisters Jessie and the late, Helen.

John didn't have the easiest childhood as he suffered badly from TB as a youth and spent a long time in hospital. He also loathed school and having attended Crawford Primary and Biggar High, he couldn't get away quick enough to join Abington Young Farmers' club which he became chair in the late 1950s. When the club ceased, John moved to Biggar YFC.

A keen shearer, he was renowned for his hand-shearing both at home and in competitions, and he won the Ben Wilson Trophy out right.

It was through that well known dating agency, the YFC that John met his wife, Netta. They were married in 1962, and had their three children, Colin, Fiona and Jack. He was very proud of their children, their partners, their eight grand-children and more recently their first great grand child.

In the early days Midlock was predominately a sheep unit with few buildings. John, Allan, and the family worked hard to build up the business. They were a brilliant team and made the farm a household name in the Scottish Livestock industry.

The enterprise is now spread over five units and extends to 7600 acres, with the focus being on the production of top-quality pedigree and commercial sheep and cattle. Their cattle business started modestly with the rearing of beef calves on dairy cows.

John then ventured into raising dairy heifers which he sold at the point of calving. A successful herd of Hereford cattle was



established. He then founded one of the top suckler cow herds in the country based on Irish-bred Blue-grey cows which were crossed with the Charolais, to produce quality suckled calves.

In 1979 an in calf Charolais cow was purchased which led to the Midlock pedigree herd being established. The herd quickly developed a reputation to produce top-quality bulls at the Perth and Stirling sales.

Such was his passion for the breed, that John was a member of the council of the British Charolais Cattle Society for 22 years. He was highly thought of by the membership and was elected treasurer, chairman and president of the society. He worked tirelessly to

promote Charolais cattle at events all over the world.

One of their most enjoyable trips was to the World Charolais Conference in Australia in 1992 where their long term friendship with David and Med Benson was developed.

John also judged various breeds in Australia and in Brazil and had the distinction of selecting the winners at the four Royal shows as well as the Royal Smithfield and the Winter Fair.

An excellent PR man; John loved the banter and excitement of the shows and sales and was in his element meeting potential customers for Midlock stock.

Whether Blackface or Bluefaced Leicester tups, Mule ewe lambs, suckled calves or Charolais bulls he was justly proud of what he, Allan and the family have produced over the years.

Off farm, John was elected a director of the RHASS in 1981 and served for a 26-year period. He loved being part of this organisation and made countless friends along the way. He took his duties very seriously, always on time and always very smartly turned out. He was chief cattle steward for many years, a role which he relished.

He served as a director of the United Auctions Group for many years. He was a very supportive and hard-working director, whose wise counsel was always valued.

It was John and Allan's love of livestock and their stockmanship abilities that took the business to the fore, with the duo appearing in The Scottish Farmer's Living Legend series in 2000.

Their undeniable contribution to superior livestock breeding also saw the twins win the prestigious Sir William Young Award

in 2004.

John also served as a council member of the NFUS as well as being an NFUM assessor. He was also a director of RHET Clyde as well as many other organisations.

Out with farming, one of his great interests was Biggar Rugby Club, where Robert Reid and the late Bill Warnock were the gate attenders for many years at home matches. Latterly, when he was less able, he loved watching them play from his car.

Golfing at home and abroad with friends, was another of John's passions. He and Netta had a time share in Maderia for 25 years, in which they enjoyed taking the time to relax and take in the scenery.

He also loved curling and enjoyed the sport, the chat, and the company of his fellow competitors. He was a past president of Coulter Curling Club, and he skipped the winning league in 1989.

An inspiration to all and who helped to build a family farming empire John also worked tirelessly for others while having a lot of fun along the way.

His legacy lives on in the huge number of friends he made and in the family of his wife, Netta, and their children, Colin, Fiona and Jack; father in law to Fiona, Cameron and Elma. He was also a devoted grandpa to Susan, Alison, Lyndsay, Laura, Julie, John, Iain and Eilidh and great-grandpa to Gregor.

## DAM DNA TESTING

Please check that all your dams are DNA tested before registering any progeny. We have quite a large number of dams that are still not DNA tested at the time of calf registration. This slows down the registration process and sending out of the relevant Pedigree Certificates.

We are holding samples for some Dams in the office, if you know you have a sample pending and a calf to register please give the office a call in order to get the dam DNA tested before the registration of a calf.

If your dam is not DNA tested and we are not holding a hair sample please ring the office and request a hair sample bag.

## DNA TEST YOUR DAMS IN ADVANCE OF CALF REGISTRATION

## CHECKLIST FOR IMPORTING ANIMALS

A Zootechnical Export certificate for trade in purebred breeding animals of the bovine species from the herdbook of origin or alternatively the Society it was last transferred to (if it is on the third country register). E.g. tag number prefix IE (Southern Ireland) FR (France) SWE (Sweden)

If this does not cover 5 generations for all potential sires and dams, then an additional document is required to cover the generations which are not covered.

The Parents and Grandparents of the dams and all potential sires must be in the main register of the herd book of origin or alternatively the Society it was last transferred to (but only if it is on the third country register). This will be reviewed by the society on receipt of the Zootechnical Certificate.

At least a 50K SNP DNA profile which meets the Weatherbys testing requirements of a minimum of 554 ICAR markers or at least 200 ISAG markers or alternatively a semen straw (if applicable), wet tissue-tag sample or tail hair sample.

The animal must be at least Sire Verified, Myostatin tested for F94L and Q204X genes and be tested for the Progressive Ataxia gene.

If the official export certificate does not show your name as the owner (e.g. France), you must include the intra-trade certificate showing the movement of the cattle from the previous owner to the new owner.

**The animal will not be fully imported until it has met all the requirements.**

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# Northern Ireland Charolais Club AGM

The Northern Ireland Charolais Club held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 16 April at Dungannon Rugby Club.

Chairman, Aaron Quigley, welcomed members which were present on the evening. He noted how the club sales had shown the demand for commercial and pedigree cattle had soared to unprecedented heights with a notable increase in exports to the mainland. He thanked all the sponsors who have supported the club over the past year. Thanks was also given to the speakers on the night, Mr John Moore from Sustainable Ruminant Genetics, Mr Victor Chestnutt, chair of SRG and Aaron Kealy from Grennan's Animal Feeds. Mr Quigley also offered congratulations to Mr Jeremy Paynter, the NICC former club chairman, as he takes on the role of society chairman in June for the British Charolais Cattle Society.

The treasurer's report, compiled by Martin Donaghy outlined the past financial year showing that sponsorship was up, and sales were well up due to the demand of the Charolais breed. A number of new members have joined the club, and this was to be welcomed.

Rachel Mulligan (Secretary) gave a report outlining the club's busy itinerary throughout the past year. This included three society sales, 2 in Swatragh Mart and 1 in Clogher Mart. Special mention was given to the club sale sponsors including, Moore Concrete, Danske Bank and Natural Nutrition.

The NICC annual Suckler Herds Competition continues to grow from strength-to-strength. Rachel gave a special thanks to all who entered and to the sponsors- F.S. Heron, Nugent Engineering, Topstock, Bank of Ireland, Northern Counties Co-Op and SAFE. Congratulations was offered to the winning herd, Noel, Richard & Thomas McIlwainne from Co Tyrone. A special thanks was given to Brian McAllister for judging the herds competition.

The new members elected to the committee were as follows: Mr Thomas Devine, Mr William Whyte, and Mr Will Short.

Mr John Moore and Mr Victor Chestnutt informed those present about Sustainable Ruminant Genetics (SRG), a strategic partnership between the Ulster Farmers' Union (UFU), Dairy Council for Northern Ireland (DCNI), Livestock and Meat Commission (LMC) and Northern Ireland Meat Exporters Association (NIMEA). SRG will work in collaboration with DAERA to develop the Ruminant Genetics Programme and create high engagement from the dairy and red meat sectors. Mr Chestnutt said "The Ruminant Genetics Programme will provide farmers with the required tools and data, supporting them to make better, more informed breeding decisions. This will create breeding practices that are more productive resulting in carbon efficient animals." Mr John Moore also added that SRG "will be a core project in helping farmers to achieve their climate change targets."

Aaron Kealy from Grennan's Animal Feeds then gave a presentation on the history of the company and the different feeds they have available for both the commercial and pedigree farmer. Special thanks was given to Grennan's Animal Feeds for their kind sponsorship over the past year in particular the NICC Future Star Calf Show where Grennan's were the primary sponsor.

The NICC was delighted to welcome Alison Patterson from the NI Chest Heart and Stroke (NICHs) Charity

along to the AGM. The NICHs were our chosen charity for 2023. A charity auction and raffle were held at our calf show in November 2023 where we managed to raise £4500. We were delighted to be able to present the cheque to Alison on the night.

Prizes were distributed and Arron closed the AGM by thanking the sponsors and asked that the club members give them their support. He thanked outgoing committee members for their hard work and dedication. He thanked the judges, stewards, breeders and exhibitors without whom this year would not be a success. Thanks was given to the Dungannon Rugby Club for their hospitality for the year and for accommodating the AGM.



Mr Jeremy Paynter, Mr John Moore, Mr Victor Chestnutt and Mr Aaron Quigley NICC Chairman.



New committee members, Thomas Devine and William Whyte, pictured with Rachel Mulligan NICC Secretary and Aaron Quigley NICC Chairman



Prize winner Robert McWilliams pictured with Rachel Mulligan NICC Secretary and Aaron Quigley NICC Chairman



Prize winners David Bothwell and his son, pictured with Rachel Mulligan NICC Secretary and Aaron Quigley NICC Chairman.



Prize winners Paddy McDonald with his son, pictured with Rachel Mulligan NICC Secretary and Aaron Quigley NICC Chairman.



Junior stock judging prize winner, Conor Phair, pictured with Rachel Mulligan NICC Secretary and Aaron Quigley NICC Chairman.



Prize winner Thomas Devine pictured with Aaron Quigley NICC Chairman.



Prize winner Ciaran Kelly, pictured with Aaron Quigley, NICC Chairman



Prize winners Geroge and Naomi Hadnett pictured with Rachel Mulligan NICC Secretary.



Prize winner Harry Heron, pictured with Rachel Mulligan NICC Secretary and Aaron Quigley NICC Chairman.



Prize winners Albert and David Connolly, pictured with Rachel Mulligan NICC Secretary and Aaron Quigley NICC Chairman.



Alison Patterson from the NI Chest Heart and Stroke pictured with Rachel Mulligan NICC Secretary and Aaron Quigley NICC Chairman.

# Charolais to the Fore on Co Tyrone Farm

Among the major decisions for a suckler farm is the purchase of a new stock bull. With this comes a huge range of factors that must be considered. These include the farming system, breeding females in the herd and the end product for the marketplace. The Charolais breed is the first choice for top breeders, given their prolific growth rate, exceptional carcass quality and returns that top the marketplace week on week.

The winners of the 2023 NI Charolais Suckler Herd Competition were Co Tyrone farmers Noel, Richard & Thomas McIlwaine. The McIlwaine's run an 80-cow herd of Simmental cross Limousin cows which are calved indoors on straw bedding. Cows are calved both in Autumn and early Spring, approximately 40% calving in Autumn and 60% in Spring. Cows are calved down on straw bedding and then the cows and calves are moved onto slats with rubber mats. There is a calf creep area for the calves to lie back into. Replacement heifers are bought in and calved down at 29 months. Cows and calves are grazed and regularly moved between paddocks which ensures a fresh supply of grass is always ahead of the cows. Calves are creep fed two months prior to being sold. Judge, Brian McAllister, commented on how the McIlwaine's had consistent Charolais calves along with a good type of cow which results in a top-quality weanling. The NI Charolais Club would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian McAllister for judging our 2023 Suckler Herds Competition.

All calves on the farm are sold as weanlings. Weanlings are sold at approximately 8-10 months of age. The average weight of calves at sale is between 380-420kgs. The McIlwaine's averaged £1420 for bull calves and £1310 for heifer calves in 2023. The McIlwaine's commented on how the Charolais is continually the best seller and always weighs well for their age. Calves are sold at local saleyards where they have repeat customers returning year on year to purchase their quality weanlings. The McIlwaine's



NICC Chairman, Aaron Quigley, visiting Noel & Richard McIlwaine's farm in Plumbridge, Co Tyrone.

commented on how 'the Charolais breed will always perform well.'

The McIlwaine's bull is a Killadeas bred bull and was purchased at the NI Charolais Club Spring Show and Sale in March 2022. Reserve Intermediate Champion Killadeas Raymond came from the well-established herd of S & D Bothwell of Ballinamallard, Co. Fermanagh. Raymond's sire is the 11,000gns Battleford Laser, former

Intermediate Champion at Stirling in 2017. His dam is Killadeas Lisa, a daughter of Gwenog Braveheart. The McIlwaine's remarked on how calves are born with little issue and the calves continue to grow and thrive all the way until they are sold. They also commented that the Charolais is the only breed that can produce growth rates to suit selling calves as weanlings, with weight for age. Furthermore, they



The McIlwaine's calves are bred to be sold for the weanling market.

are an all-rounder, suiting any suckler to weanling or suckler to beef system. The NI Charolais Club would once again like to congratulate Noel, Richard and Thomas McIlwaine on their success in the suckler herd competition and for allowing us to visit and showcase their farm. A special thanks must also go to Bo Davidson for taking photos at the McIlwaine's farm.



Top quality weanlings are sold for an average of £1420 for bull calves and £1310 for heifers.



NICC Chairman, Aaron Quigley, congratulates the McIlwaine's on winning the NICC Suckler Herds Competition of 2023.



Charolais calves on the McIlwaine's farm are bred from Killadeas Raymond who was purchased at a NICC Club Sale



On the McIlwaine's farm, 80 cows are calved on straw bedding in Autumn and Spring



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# Northern Ireland Charolais National Championships

A fantastic display of cattle turned out for the 2024 Northern Ireland Charolais National Championships, held at the picturesque Clogher Valley Show and judged by Andrew Clark of the Teiglum herd in Lanarkshire.



From a strong line-up of females, it was the Devine Brothers' two-year-old heifer that came to the fore to take the overall championship. Continuing a successful run, she had already taken the breed title at Balmoral Show, in May. Sired by Newhouse Bigal, she is out of Brownhill Mo, a Maerdy Fiend daughter from the family's herd in Strabane, Co Tyrone. Praising **Brownhill Tara** as an 'outstanding heifer', judge, Andrew Clark said: "She has tremendous power, style and character, while remaining feminine. She stood out, in a great show of cattle."

Reserve overall was **Brigadoon Paradise**, a five-year-old cow from the Connolly family, Ballynahinch, Co Down. Sired by Newhouse Maxamus and out of Brigadoon Lolly, Paradise was shown with her 12-week-old calf at foot. She had won the beef inter-breed at Castlewellan, earlier in the month.



Brownhill Tara, Supreme Overall and Senior Female Champion

A heifer from the same home secured the intermediate female title. That was **Brigadoon Utopia**, another daughter of Newhouse Maxamus, this time out of Brigadoon Orchid. Utopia was successfully shown at Balmoral, winning the reserve female champion ticket and reserve overall junior.

Reserve intermediate female was the Devine Brothers' **Brownhill Una**, a yearling heifer by Kilvilcorris Royal, out of Corrick Renata.

The junior females were led by **Palace Ursula**, a seven-month-old heifer calf



Brigadoon Paradise, Reserve Overall and Reserve Senior Female Champion pictured with her calf Valdor

by Fymore Glory, from local exhibitor Malachy Connolly. Her dam is the Grifondor daughter Palace Sirenia.

Reserve to that one in the junior female championship was **Crummer Unity**, a 10-month-old heifer from Andrew Dunne, Keelpark, Enniskillen. She is sired by Balthayock Muskateer, while the dam is Brogher Rita.



Brogher Unit, Junior Male Champion



Brogher Vinny, Reserve Junior Male Champion



Palace Ursula, Junior Female Champion

An impressive show of young bulls saw the Connolly family take the champion and reserve titles in the intermediate male category. Champion was **Brigadoon Ultimate**, a 15-month-old Goldies Icon son, out of the Newhouse Maxamus daughter, Brigadoon Prosecco. Standing reserve was **Brigadoon Unique**, a 14-month-old by Blelack Tycoon, out of another Maxamus daughter, Brigadoon Royal.

Trevor Phair, Enniskillen, achieved a double win in the junior male championship, with his nine-month-old **Brogher Unit**, taking the champion ticket. He's by Grinshill Roger and out of the Blelack Digger daughter, Brogher Jebella. In reserve, was **Brogher Vinny**, a five-month-old calf by Lyonsdemesne Tzar and out of the Balbithan Vespian daughter, Brogher Nutmeg.



Crummer Unity, Reserve Junior Female Champion

#### CLASS RESULTS:

##### Female born in 2024

- 1- **Loughriscouse Vanika** - Harry John Heron
- 2- **Brigadoon Verona** - WD & JA Connolly
- 3- **Cornascricbe Vegas** - Watson Family
- 4- **Brigadoon Venus** - WD & JA Connolly



Brigadoon Ultimate, Intermediate Male Champion

##### Female born on or between 1 Sep & 31 Dec 2023

- 1 **Palace Ursula** - Malachy Connolly
- 2- **Crumner Unity**- Andrew Dunne

##### Female born on or between 1 May & 31 Aug 2023

- 1- **Brownhill Una** - Thomas Devine

##### Female born on or between 1 Jan & 30 Apr 2023

- 1- **Brigadoon Utopia**- WD & JA Connolly
- 2- **Loughriscouse Urania** Harry John Heron
- 3- **Coolnaslee Ulla** - David Rea
- 4- **Moorhill Ursula** - Ciaran Kelly
- 5- **Sagesse Uragh** - Percy Lindsay

##### Female born on or between 1 Jul & 31 Dec 2022

- 1- **Loughriscouse Tashara** Harry John Heron
- 2- **Loughriscouse Tannisha** - Harry John Heron
- 3- **Sydenville Tallulah** - G & N Hadnett
- 4- **Sydenville Truffle** - G & N Hadnett

##### Female born on or between 1 Jan & 30 June 2022

- 1- **Brownhill Tara** - Thomas Devine
- 2- **Brigadoon Texas** - D & JA Connolly
- 3- **Coolnaslee Tina**- David Rea
- 4- **Drumlegagh Taliah** - JI & R Elliot

##### Female born on or before 31 Dec 2021

- 1- **Brigadoon Paradise** - WD & JA Connolly
- 2- **Brigadoon Sunrise** - WD & JA Connolly
- 3- **Loughriscouse Savanna** - Harry John Heron
- 4- **Loughriscouse Opium** - Harry John Heron
- 5- **Thrunton Nefertiti** - Harry John Heron

##### Bull born in 2024

- 1- **Brogher Vinny**- Trevor Phair
- 2- **Brogher Vantastic** - Trevor Phair
- 3- **Brogher Vagabond** - Trevor Phair
- 4- **Ardmachree Vangogh** - A, O & E Quigley



Brigadoon Unique, Reserve Intermediate Male Champion



Brigadoon Utopia, Intermediate Female Champion

5- **Cornascribe Volcanic** - Watson Family

**Bull born on or between 1 Oct & 31 Dec 2023**

- 1- **Brogher Unit** - Trevor Phair
- 2- **Ardmachree Ultan** - AO & E Quigley
- 3- **Brogher Upstart** - Trevor Phair

**Bull born on or between 1 May & 14 July 2023**

- 1- **Brigadoon Unique** - WD & JA Connolly
- 2- **Drumacritten Ugo** - George Nelson
- **Royaldowns Untouchable** - Mervyn McKeown
- 4- **Drumlone Uriah** - Alan Veitch

**Bull born on or between 1 Jan & 30 April 2023**

- 1- **Brigadoon Ultimate** - WD & JA Connolly



Brownhill Una, Reserve Intermediate Female Champion

#### Pairs

- 1- **Brigadoon Sunrise & Brigadoon Paradise** - WD & JA Connolly
- 2- **Brigadoon Ultimate & Brigadoon Utopia** - WD & JA Connolly
- 3- **Loughriscouse Tashara & Loughriscouse Tannisha** - Harry John Heron

- 4- **Coolnaslee Tina & Coolnaslee Ulla** - David Rea
- 5- **Thrunton Nefertiti & Loughriscouse Savanna** - Harry John Heron

#### Junior female championship Champion

Palace Ursula

#### Reserve

Crummer Unity

#### Intermediate female championship Champion

Brigadoon Utopia

#### Reserve

Brownhill Una

#### Senior female championship Champion

Brownhill Tara

#### Reserve

Brigadoon Paradise

#### Junior male championship Champion

Brogher Unit

#### Reserve

Brogher Vinny

#### Intermediate male championship Champion

Brigadoon Ultimate

#### Reserve

Brigadoon Unique

#### Supreme championship Champion

Brownhill Tara

#### Reserve

Brigadoon Paradise

## CHECKLIST FOR USING IMPORTED SEMEN

**Before using Imported Semen on your pedigree animals please ensure the Sire is registered in the herd book. The following is required in order to register a sire in the herd book for semen use.**

1. A five-generation Zootechnical certificate, in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1012, for trade in semen of purebred breeding animals from the herd book of origin or alternatively the Society it was last transferred to (if it is on the third country register). E.g. tag number, prefix IE (Southern Ireland) FR (France) SWE (Sweden) If this does not cover 5 generations, then an additional document is required to cover the generations which are not covered.

The Parents and Grandparents of the dams and all potential sires must be in the main register of the herd book of origin or alternatively the Society it was last transferred to (but only if it is on the third country register). This will be reviewed by the society on receipt of the Zootechnical Certificate.

2. At least a 50K SNP DNA profile which meets the Weatherbys testing requirements of a minimum of 554 ICAR markers or at least 200 ISAG markers. or alternatively a semen straw, wet tissue-tag sample, or tail hair sample from the bull.

3. The Bull must be at least Sire Verified, Myostatin tested for F94L and Q204X genes and be tested for the Progressive Ataxia gene. **ONLY USE THE SEMEN ONCE THE ANIMAL IS APPROVED BY THE SOCIETY.**

# Loughriscouse Charolais Reach Heights of £7100

Popular County Down Charolais breeder Harry Heron is toasting success after staging his first ever online sale in conjunction with H&H auction house, Carlisle.

Harry had selected a number of females and one bull for this which was held using the online platform marteye. Pre-sale interest was strong with a large number of new and established breeders attending the open viewing at the home of Loughriscouse in Newtownards.

Prices soared to a whopping £7100 paid for **Loughriscouse Tannisha** who was Senior Female Champion at Charolais Future Stars 2023 in addition to collecting a red ticket at this year's Balmoral Show. She was purchased by Matthew Ham, Somerset.

Changing hands at £6700 was a super outfit selling to AR & J McKeown, Ballymena. **Loughriscouse Sahara** and her heifer calf are the full package, and were sold running with the multi award winning stock bull Falleninch Sancerre.

Lot number one was high on the wish list, realising £6000. **Loughriscouse Tafara**. This beauty won her class at the NI Charolais Club Future Stars Show in 2023, and was eyed up by local breeder Liam Clarke, Portaferry.

The beauty of online sales for a select offering like this is that besides the fact that it is cost effective for the vendor, the ability to reach far across the country is phenomenal. Tie that together with a strong marketing campaign and the success story is there to tell.

James Little from H&H revealed that there were 8930 views over the sale weekend with a total of 216 bids, and a 100% clearance recorded! 42% of the lots in the sale were purchased for export to the mainland.

Harry would like to wish all of his buyers well with their Loughriscouse purchases, and also to thank all those who assisted in any way to ensure the sale was a success

Auctioneers H&H, Carlisle

## **Sale averages;**

7 heifers @ £4757.14, 3 cows & calves @ £5250 1 bull @ £4000



Loughriscouse Tannisha topped the online sale at £7100 and was purchased by Matthew Ham, Somerset



Realising £6700 was Loughriscouse Sahara and her calf selling to A R & J McKeown, Ballymena



Loughriscouse Tamara was picked out by Portaferry breeder Liam Clarke who parted with £6000 to secure her

# Heron Family on top of the world!

Newtownards based Charolais breeders Harry & Heather Heron are toasting success after their homebred “Loughriscouse Rosalva” was crowned Winner of Miss World Charolais at the Farmfair International Show held in Alberta, Canada.

Harry got the nod that his award winning Charolais had been shortlisted in this prestigious competition which features finalists from right across the globe, and quickly made the decision to make the trip to Canada for the awards ceremony.

The Heron family were treated as guests at this, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the renown Farmfair International event. The icing on the cake was when they were announced as overall winners with their four year old daughter of Harestone Hercules. Rosalva is no stranger to show ring success having notched up Reserve Supreme Champion, Overall Female Champion, Group-of-Three Champion, Interbreed Pairs Champion at Balmoral Show in 2023, and was awarded the National Championship at Clogher Show the same year.

While the family enjoyed their trip the days were extremely busy visiting 4 ranches, the Canadian National Finals of the Professional Bull Riding and the experience of viewing 1,300 cattle at the Farmfair International Show plus much more packed into their 12 days in Canada.



Harry Heron and family pictured receiving their Miss World award at Farmfair International from Arlindo Gomes (Vice President of Business Development & Venues Explore Edmonton), Leah Jones (Director of Farmfair), P.J. Butler (Farmfair International Ambassador).

Speaking about their experience Harry told us “We were blown away by the sheer scale and professionalism at Farmfair International, and we were honoured to see so many outstanding cattle across many breeds. For our very own Rosalva to be awarded the Miss World Charolais title is a memory we will treasure. We are very thankful to all at the event who looked after us so well and made us feel right at home.”

## Newsflash!

The Loughriscouse stock bull “Falleninch Sancerre” has just been shortlisted to compete in the forthcoming 2024 Champion of the World Competition, representing Northern Ireland.

Keep an eye on this prospect, and his progeny who are already notching up show ring victories locally.

## MEMBER EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please check we have your up to date email address in order to receive all the up to date news from the Charolais Cattle Society

I hope you have all had a good 2024. Its been a difficult year with the bluetongue restrictions affecting the autumn sales and the winter faires. At least the summer shows were largely unaffected with plenty of decent cattle on show.

## AGM Wednesday 3 April 2024

The Agm was held at the Royal Oak Much Marcle Herefordshire.

Steve Hookway was re elected as Chairman

PJ Maher Vice chairman

Nicky Roberts Treasurer

Sharon Hookway Secretary

Steve Hookway press officer

## Three Counties Show

The South Midlands Region hosted the Three Counties Show once again at Malvern. Our thanks to all the exhibitors that attended, some of which were at the show for the first time, which was great to see. Thank you to our Judge Jeremy Price who did a great job. Once again thankyou to Paul Burgess and Nicky Roberts who took care of the catering and did a great job.

**Champion** Skysea Tickle exhibited by Will Glover

## Junior Champion

Gower Umbrella exhibited by Will Glover

## Male Champion

Waldencourt Union

## Pairs winner

Will Glover

## Shamleys Trophy

for the highest placed animal bred by a South Midlands exhibitor - Waldencourt Charolais



Waldencourt Union

**The Cyril Chandler Trophy** is presented each year for the highest priced animal sold through the Society sales. This year Won by Steve and Sharon Hookway for Waldencourt Trojan.

## ROYAL WELSH

**Waldencourt Union** won the January bull class for Steve and Sharon Hookway

## Welshpool November

**Waldencourt Uniroyal** sold for 5,800 gns



Waldencourt Uniroyal



Will Glover received the Charolais Plaque for the Champion, Skysea Tickle



Will Glover winning the Junior Champion Trophy for Caylers Umbrella



Sharon Hookway picking up the Shamleys Trophy for the highest placed animal bred by a South Midlands exhibitor

# Regional / Scotland- Carly Mackay

## S&N 52<sup>nd</sup> AGM – Sunday 20 October 2024

The 52<sup>nd</sup> AGM of the Scottish & Northern Charolais Club was held at UA Stirling on Sunday 20 October 2024. Chairman, Matthew Milne gave a summary of the past year's events including the Stirling Bull Sales top prices and averages and congratulated all the Scottish & Northern members who had had a successful year in the show & sale rings throughout the club's area. He also discussed the success of the events throughout the year that our club members had attended including a weekend trip away to visit the QMS Monitor Farm and fellow Charolais breeder Richard McCornick and his Ricnick Herd and then onto the Davidson Family at Poldean Farm. This was Matthew's last AGM as club chairman and he was presented with a gift from the club by new chairman Gary Wright, Lagavaich. The vice-chairman position was taken up by Mike Massie, Mains of Elrick and Carly Mackay stays on as secretary & treasurer.

On behalf of us all we would like to say a very big thank you for all his help & support over the past two years to our outgoing chairman Matthew Milne.



## Young Farmers Overwintering 2024 – Highest Placed Charolais Winners

Each year the club sponsor the Highest Placed Charolais Calves at any of the Young Farmer Overwintering Competitions across Scotland. So please be sure and spread the word about this and encourage the next Young Farmer to purchase a Charolais sired calf.



Above pictures are some of this year's winners.

- 1 **Sophie Gunn** – Bower YFC
- 2 **Archie Milne** – Lower Speyside YFC
- 3 **Harvey Stuart** – Keith YFC
- 4 **Fergus Forbes** – Nairn YFC
- 5 **Robert Coney** – Borders YFC
- 6 **Murray Steel** – SSS YFC

## February & October Galbraith Stirling Bull Sales 2024

### February Show & Sale

Neil and Stuart Barclay, Harestone led the bull trade of the day with Harestone Tyrone selling for 22,000gns. Winning first in his class at the pre-sale show, he was purchased by Jeremy Price of Oakchurch, Hereford.

Richard McCornick achieved 18,000gns

for Ricnick Tyson and he sold to the Kersknowe herd, owned by J. Jeffrey, Kelso.

Four bulls sold for 15,000gns, including the senior and overall champion Solwayfirth Tierney from Ian & Dorothy Goldie. Other bulls at the same price tag included Carwood Trojan from Mr. & Mrs. C J Wight and Gleniericht Tavernier from W K & P Drysdale.

The Barclay family also had a strong sale with their draft of 2021 & 2022-born heifers, which topped at 20,000gns for Harestone Spice (P) (ET). This French-bred heifer was purchased by Messrs Tuohy from Co. Galway. 32 heifers were sold with a 97% clearance rate, averaging £7,593.

*See pages 28 onwards for full report.*



Solwayfirth Tierney

### **October Show & Sale**

At the October round of the Stirling Bull Sales, the Charolais breed achieved the top average, sold the most bulls, and had the highest clearance rate among all other breeds. A total of 15 Charolais bulls reached the five-figure price range, with 65 bulls sold in total, averaging £7,977 and achieving a 77% clearance rate.

Two bulls achieved the top price of 16,000gns. The first to reach this price was Goldies Unity, the reserve intermediate and reserve overall champion, bred by Hamish Goldie of South Bowerhouses, Ruthwell. Matching the 16,000gns top price was Huttonend Ubelter, for Sean Mitchell, Grassknop, Skelton. Ubelter caught the eye of Bill Bruce, who bought him for his Balmyle herd, Meigle.

The intermediate and overall champion, Balmyle Uranus, sold for 12,000gns, securing a first overall championship for Bill Bruce's Balmyle herd, based in Meigle, Perthshire. He goes home with commercial producers Thomas Smith and Sons, Netherton Farms, Whitehouse, Alford.

*See pages 54 onwards for full report.*



Balmyle Uranus, Intermediate and Overall Champion

### **Royal Northern Spring Show & Sale**

The Charolais breed dominated the Royal Northern Spring Show at Thainstone on Wednesday, 28 February

2024. It achieved the highest average price of £6,542, a significant £710 more than the other breeds, and set the highest price per head at 11,500gns (or £12,075).

Overall Champion went to Hollywell Taco from the J & S Middleton's Hollywell herd based at New Pitsligo, Fraserburgh. Hollywell Taco, born in March 2022, is a son of Whitecliffe James and out of the home-bred Hollywell Priva. Taco went on to win the overall interbreed championship and sold for the second highest Charolais price of the day, 11,000gns, to Cairness Ltd of Fraserburgh.

Also turning heads in the sale ring was Harestone Tiktok from Neil & Stuart Barclay, a June 2022-born son of Harestone Outlander out of Harestone Luci. He was purchased by D. M. McCallum from Culbokie, Dingwall for 11,500gns.

### **May Sale – United Auctions, Stirling**

At the May Galbraith Stirling Bull Sales, Loganbar Topgun won the overall championship for owner D M Lyle, Dunblane, Perthshire. Topgun Junior champion in the pre-sale show secured the second highest price of the sale, selling for 11,000gns to S & L Robertson, Roebank Keith. The top price of the sale at 12,000gns was achieved by Goldies Timmy, from Mr. H Goldie. This Caylers Rocky son, carrying a single copy of F94L and impressive calving ease figures of +11.3, was purchased by J. Brown from Broughton, Biggar.

*See pages 46 onwards for full report.*



Overall Champion Loganbar Topgun

### **May Sale - Harrison & Hetherington, Carlisle**

The Charolais White Gold and Annual Spring Bull Show overall champion was Elgin Teuchter, this stylish October 2022-born bull, sired by Glenericht

Pegasus and out of home-bred Elgin Ovette, sold for 8,000gns to P Smith & Son from Biggar, Lanarkshire. Top price of the sale was Thrunton Trouper, from J H C Campbell & Sons. This November 2022-born bull was purchased for 10,000gns by J C Hobday & Son from Hawick, Roxburghshire.

*See page 50 onwards for full report,*



Overall Champion Elgin Teuchter

### **Royal Highland Show**

The sun shone brightly on the show this year, which began in style with a well-attended buffet reception at the society stand on the evening before the event. This marked the third year of hosting the reception on show eve, and it continues to be a great success. The gathering provides a chance for everyone to unwind and reconnect before the busy judging rings start in the morning. Many prizes were awarded to members this year, and a summary of the main prize winners is provided below.

The Reserve Female Champion was Lochend Rolo exhibited by Craig and Katreen Malone. Rolo was purchased at the dispersal of the Lochend herd in October 2021. This October 2020-born heifer is by Gretnahouse Ming and out of Lochend Navajo. Rolo was shown with her first calf, Lakelady Udancer at foot.

The Male Champion was Newlogie Perejacquemin, bred and exhibited by AJR Farms Ltd from Ellon, Aberdeenshire. Reserve Male Champion, Junior Male Champion, and Overall Junior Champion was Inverlochty United, exhibited by J Irvine & Son from Ballindalloch, Aberdeenshire.

Junior Female Champion was Falleninch Tiziana, exhibited by A Hornall, Falleninch, Stirling. Following on behind Tiziana into the Reserve Junior Female spot was Newlogie Totaleclipse from AJR Farms Ltd, Ellon.

A very well done to all our exhibitors who dedicate their time year after year to showcase the best of our breed. We truly appreciate your efforts and look forward to seeing what 2025 has in store for you all.



The Reserve Female Champion  
Lochend Rolo

### **Club September Weekend Trip Away**

#### **Report By Matthew Milne – Elgin Herd**

On the 7th of September the club enjoyed a fantastic couple of days in Dumfriesshire visiting the farming enterprises of Richard McCornick and his partner Hayley at Barnbackle plus Alister and Emma Davidson at Poldean.

The bus left Aberlour in the early hours of Saturday morning fully loaded with people, alcohol, and great banter. The journey seemed to fly by, expertly piloted by our very own Carly Mackay. After a couple of stops we arrived at Barnbackle where we met up with the rest of the Scottish and Northern Club contingent and also the Borders Club who joined with us for the afternoon. The weather was kind as we all jumped on feed trailers for a tour around the farm. The stock were looking great in the sunshine as we saw Richard's herd of commercial cows and finished with his pedigree herd, which for those of you who don't know is run under the Ricnick prefix. Richard shows great passion for his stock and is not scared to try new and different ways of farming to improve efficiency. When we arrived back at the farm, we saw a tremendous pen of young bulls which I am sure will go on to do very well at the spring sales. Richard, Hayley and family then provided us with very tasty homebakes and refreshments which was greatly appreciated. They are a busy pair having just welcomed baby Mitch in July to join his two brothers, so the club were greatly appreciative of their hospitality.

Onwards we went to Dumfries where we spent the evening

in the Cairndale Hotel. We enjoyed a lovely meal followed by the drams flowing till the wee small hours, amusing tales and even a bit of dodgy singing! It's great to spend some time away that's not attached to a bull sale when everyone can truly relax and just have a good time!

Day 2 began with a few sore heads, but a hearty breakfast soon brought us back to life and off we headed to the Davidsons at Poldean. I had heard of this farming enterprise in the past and it certainly lived up to its reputation. We saw an exceptional herd of saler and red angus cross cows predominately crossed with the Charolais bull. A memory that I will never forget is standing on the trailer traveling up the steep hill behind the farm and heading into a field of red cows with outstanding golden Charolais cross calves, it is no surprise these calves top the local sale at Castle Douglas. Alister showed us round his farm and explained to the group how he was converting to organic farming and using alternative forms of nitrogen application. He explained that he assists very few cows at calving as staffing is simply not on the farm anymore. His stockman Jamie Clark showed great enthusiasm for what the team were doing, it was great to see a young man take pride in his work. The club would like to thank Alister and Emma for giving up their time, especially as they were needing to get on with wholecrop that day as the weather was dry for a change!!

We then headed back north and visited Allanfauld courtesy of the MacGregor family to view their sale cattle prior to the part dispersal the following weekend. It was a pleasure to see the stock in such good form and it was no surprise the sale went well with a few coming north which were spotted that afternoon! Carly had a bit of a mission getting the bus reloaded as the usual MacGregor hospitality could have

continued for hours!

Thanks again to all our host farms and to all those who attended it was a thoroughly enjoyable weekend, and a special thanks to Carly who says if we get enough people on the next one she will upgrade to a double decker with her at the wheel!!!

### **Reduction Sale Allanfauld Herd**

Archie and John MacGregor's Allanfauld major reduction sale, met a roaring trade at United Auctions' Stirling centre, selling to a top of 9500gns with another 10 lots selling at 5000gns and above. Top of the trade that day was Allanfauld Malibu and her heifer calf Uhlala topping the sale at 9500gns.



Allanfauld Malibu

### **Scottish & Northern Herd Competition – Kindly Sponsored by FVF Ltd**

The club held its Herd Competition prizegiving at United Auctions on Sunday, October 20th, sponsored by FVF Ltd, Thirsk, Stirling. The competition was judged by Iain Millar of Lochend, who travelled 1,400 miles to view herds across the Northeast and as far south as Dumfries. With over 20 herds participating, it was a significant task for Iain, but he was welcomed with excellent hospitality at each location. Throughout his tour, he observed a superb standard of stock across all the herds. A massive well done to all the prize winners and a big thank you to our judge Iain and our sponsors FVF Ltd.



### **Large Herd**

Elgin - RA Milne & Sons

### **Runner Up Large Herd**





Elgin - R A Milne & Sons



Elrick - M & L Massie



Thurso - David G MacKenzie

Elrick- M & L Massie

### **Medium Herd**

Thurso- David G Mackenzie

### **Runner Up Medium Herd**

Bombax- C Smeaton & Sons

### **Small Herd**

Falleninch- A Hornall

### **Runner Up Small Herd**

Ricnick- Richard McCornick

### **Best Group of Bulling Heifers Small Herd**

Falleninch- A Hornall

**Runner Up:-** Ricnick- Richard McCornick

### **Best Group of Bulling Heifers Medium Herd**

Thurso- David G Mackenzie

**Runner Up:-** Bombax - C Smeaton & Sons

### **Best Group of Bulling Heifers Large Herd**

Kersknowe - Mr J Jeffrey

**Runner Up:-** Balmyle - W P Bruce Ltd

### **Best Stock Bull**

Ballinlare Phantom- Elrick & Newhouse

**Runner Up Stock Bull :-** Thurso Paul- Elgin & Thurso

### **Best Cow With Heifer Calf At Foot**

Thurso- Thurso Nesta & Twin Heifer Calves at Foot- Thurso Violet & Thurso Viola

**Runner Up -** Glenelrick - Glenelrick Nester and calf Glenelrick Vesper

### **Best Cow With Bull Calf At Foot**

Thurso- Maerdy One of The Best and calf Thurso Ultimate

### **Runner Up**

Solwayfirth- Solwayfirth Libby and calf Solwayfirth Victory



Solwayfirth - I & D Goldie



Glenelrick - W K & P Drysdale



### **Borderway Agri-Expo**

Class 9 – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Continental Steer

Class 11 – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Special Charolais Steer Sponsored by British Charolais Society

Jennifer Hyslop with Char X Steer – “Shakem Up Arry”

## Stars of the Future Calf Show - 9 November, 2024

The 14<sup>th</sup> Stars of the Future show saw a top-quality display of Charolais cattle in Stirling, judged by David Connolly of the Brigadoon Herd. Many prizes were awarded to members, with a summary of the main prize winners below:-

- Senior Champion: **Newlogie Uroyaleclipse** from AJR Farms, Milton of Collieston, Ellon
- Reserve Senior Champion: **Annaview Ugem**, from Kevin Watret,
- Senior Male Champion: **Douneside Umbro** from Robbie McNeil, Doune
- Reserve Senior Male: **Cretlevane Uzo**, an 11-month-old bull from Allan McArthur, Cretlevane, Balfron
- Top Junior Male: **Falleninch Valderrama**, an eight-month-old bull from Andrew Hornall, Stirling
- Reserve Junior Male: **Endrick Vulcan**, a January-born bull calf from Louise McArthur and Donald McLean, Cretlevane, Balfron
- Group of Three Competition: In the first-ever group of three competition at the event, the Charolais team finished reserve overall, consisting of **Falleninch Valderrama** (Andrew Hornall), **Huttonend Veda** (Sean Mitchell), and **Foxhillfarm Victorious** (the Alfords).



## Livescot – 22 & 23 November, 2024

The overall championship was won by Foxhillfarm Victorious, a seven month-old heifer owned by Michael

and Melanie Alford from Foxhill, Devon. This heifer, a daughter of Lochend Nighthawk, is out of Gretnahouse Masweety, sired by Wesley Equinox.

The reserve champion was Kevin Watret's Annanview Ugem, a yearling heifer sired by Allanfauld Neptune. She had previously been awarded reserve senior champion at the Stars of the Future Show. Annanview Ugem is out of Harestone Royalgem, a Maerdy Newman daughter, who was purchased at the Stirling sale in October 2022 for 5,500gns.

### **Class results:**

#### **Bull born between 1 July 2023 and 31 December 2023**

1- **Ricnick Uhtred** - Richard McCornick

#### **Bull born after 1 January 2024**

1- **Gower Vimto** - Brailes Livestock

#### **Heifer born between 1 July 2023 and 31 December 2023**

1- **Annaview Ugem**- Kevin Watret

2- **Brailes Unity**- Brailes Livestock

#### **Heifer born after 1 January, 2024**

1- Foxhillfarm Victorious- Mr & Mrs M Alford



## Scottish & Northern Club Committee Christmas Catch Up – 30 November 2024

The annual Christmas gathering of old and new friends was in Aberlour this year. 22 friendly festive members



descended on Carly's house for pre and post drinks. The drinks flowed, the stories were told, and the laughs could be heard long into the early hours. A night making memories and the bonus was none of the neighbours complained!! A fantastic night was had by all who came along and a big thank you must go to the Aberlour Hotel for a such a lovely meal and fantastic service.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Louise McArthur & Donald Mclean on their recent engagement.



## Gary & Zoe Wright – 12 July, 2024

Huge Congratulations to our new Club Chairman Gary Wright & his beautiful bride Zoe on their recent summer wedding celebrations.



### **Betty & Jimmy Wilson**

Congratulations on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary.



### **Gill & Billy Wright – Lagavaich Herd**

Congratulations to you both from all of us on your Ruby Wedding Anniversary.



### **Birthday Announcements**

John Macgregor

A very happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday to you from us all here at the Scottish & Northern Club



### **Obituary**

#### **Major Walter – Balthayock Herd**

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Major Walter on February 27th, after a short illness that he faced with immense courage and dignity. He will be deeply missed by his team & colleagues at Balthayock and all his friends in the Scottish & Northern Charolais Club. Major Walter had such a deep passion for Charolais cattle, and he had hoped for a future where the breed continues to go from strength to strength. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends.



#### **John Wight - Midlock Herd**

John Wight passed away on April 27, 2024, just before his 86th birthday. He dedicated his life to farming, gaining recognition for breeding pedigree Charolais and suckler cattle. A former director of the Royal Highland Show, John was well-known and deeply respected by many. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends.



*2025 Forthcoming Sales*

### **Aberdeen**

**26 February**

Tel: 01467 623700

### **Carlisle**

**9/10 May**

Tel: 01228 406230

### **Exeter**

**25 April (Club Sale)**

Tel: 01392 252261

### **Stirling**

**17 February, 5 May,  
19/20 October**

Tel: 01786 473055

### **Swatragh**

**28 February, 25 April,  
7 November,  
14 November Calf Sale  
(Club sale)**

Tel: 028 7940 1335

### **Welshpool**

**26 April, 6 November**

Tel: 01938 553438

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**Utopia Unique:** Female Champion and Winner of The Glassel Trophy at United Auctions Stirling In October 2024 D. O. B 12/01/23 . She was 800kg at 21 months out of homebred Cow, Utopia Jacqueline and sired by Stranagone Reagan.



# Regional / Border- Betty Graham and Helpers

It is now the beginning of December and we have had the first snow of the season, thanks to Storm Bert. Fortunately it was short lived as the temperature rose 10 degrees during the day and it quickly turned to rain. Our thoughts are with other areas who were affected by the Storm particularly Wales who suffered large scale flooding.

## Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held in February and Richard McCornick took the reins as Chairman and Vice Chairman elected was Ian Bell. Judith Hunter expressed a wish to stand down as Treasurer, so Kelly Stott will shadow Judith for the year and then take over in 2025.

Anita Jackson will continue to with Facebook posts and help Betty Graham as Secretary.

After the formal business was complete we held a general meeting to plan events for the coming year.

Unfortunately the weather was not favourable for making crop in the summer months so a planned herd visit will be held over until 2025.

## STOCKJUDGING FINALS

We sent teams to represent us at the

Stockjudging Finals which were held by kind permission of Arwel Owen.

Sean Mitchell (Huttonend) and team mate Joe Mallen kept the flag flying for the Border Club coming 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Senior Section then winning the Fairway Trophy for the Best Pair, congratulations to all.

## CLUB VISIT

On Saturday 7 September on a sunny afternoon we had a herd visit to Barnbackle Farm, near Dumfries to visit Club Chairman Richard and his

Ricnick herd, along with members of the Scottish Club. Barnacle is a 500 acre farm rising to 700 ft and is a SRUC monitor farm for the last two years, with another two to run.

We were welcomed on arrival with tea and lovely cakes (compliments go to the two excellent bakers namely Hayley and her mum) before boarding the trailers to go around this farm and view the excellent stock and the stunning scenery.

The farm comprises 150 suckler cows predominantly Simmental with a switch



of Angus and Saler genetics through them made up of 120 Spring calving, 30 Summer calving and 20 Pedigree cows in addition to 800 lowland breeding ewes, 200 ewe lambs are retained for replacements for breeding.

The commercial suckler cows with calves at foot and again running with Charolais Bulls were a treat to see. The quality calves are sold through Castle Douglas mart right off their mothers, and although having some weather related setbacks during the summer they were in fine condition and it's clear why the Charolais is so well suited to this system with their superior growth rates. After weaning the cows are then laid in for a few weeks to allow them time to dry off and scanning to take place. Their winter regime is back outside to strip graze kale until the beginning of February when they are housed ready for calving again in March.

The pedigree herd with their young calves were exceptional, the herd goes from strength to strength both in the showing and in the salering under Richards keen eye and dedication. He looks to produce a medium sized cow with the capability to wean superior weights through natural growth and fleshing, having added carefully selected bloodlines over the last year. This herd also focused on improving gestation length and birth weight with sires used, Castellmawr Rocketman leaving some fantastic stock not only on paper but with a physical presence also. One particular cow was a prolific

breeder of twin calves, those two bull calves were fantastic and a highlight of the visit.

Back to the sheds to see the outstanding young bulls and some cows with young calves which were all bedded on woodchip which prompted discussion. There was a nice display of photos of success at shows to study while more tea and cakes were enjoyed !

Our thanks to the McCornick family for their time and kind hospitality, it was great to share the visit with the Scottish breeders also.

### AGRI EXPO

Agri Expo was held at Borderway Mart, Carlisle on Friday 1 November. The stand was another joint venture between the Society and the Border Club.

Andrew Stott had sourced cattle locally comprising commercial suckler cows with Charolais cross calves at foot, store cattle and two Ricnick pure bred bulls to show the breed is viable at all stages of life. The ladies of the Border Club supplied and served refreshments to the many visitors on the day. Our thanks go to everyone for their help from supplying cattle, setting up and taking down the stand, the refreshments and manning the stand. We were pleased to meet Tina from the office who came to help and see for herself the efforts made to stage the display.



Helpers at Agri Expo  
Angela Cleasby, Tina Price, Kelly Stott,  
Mike Cleasby, Richard McCornick, Anita  
Jackson, Barbara and Andrew Stott  
Front - Junior Helpers Emily, Rebecca  
and Abbie



Our popular Guess The Weight Competition was held and won by Roger Brown of Muncaster Head, West Cumbria with an exact guess of the actual weight of 2126 kgs.

The efforts were rewarded when the results of the Best Society Breed Stand were announced- we were the winners for the second year in succession.

### QUIZ NIGHT

Our quiz night was held at Greenhill Hotel, near Wigton on Tuesday 12 November with a good turn out of 48 members and friends. Question Master was Ian Bell (Hallbankgate) and asked seven rounds on various subjects ranging from general knowledge, sport and music in a pub style quiz with all answers written down. Steak pie and peas were enjoyed by all and a raffle was held. Thanks to everyone who made up questions, an enjoyable night was had by everyone.

### CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to Club Chairman Richard and Hayley on the birth of their third son.

Mitch was born on 6 July weighing 8lbs 9ozs. Pictured below.



Congratulations also to Harry Stobart and Chloe on the birth of Roman Henry Stobart on 18 Sept weighing 8lbs. Pictured below.



# Regional / Yorkshire & North East - Tara & Emma Patchett

## Interbreed Quiz

We started this year in February when we hosted the interbreed quiz. This was a delightful evening at Whixley. This year's quiz master's was Lindsey Atkinson from the Mowbraypark Herd with assistance from Vicky Brown from Ellerton Charolais. Unfortunately, the Charolais team were unable to retain the trophy.

## Annual Club Dinner

This year our Annual Club Dinner was held at The Bridge Inn Walshford in early April. This was attended by many of our members who gathered together for a meal and a social evening. This year's Auctioneer was Libby Bell of Pately Bridge Auction. After the dinner we had our guest speaker Libby Bell who shared excellent stories over the night.

We would like to thank everyone for the kind donations they have raised through the auction and raffle. This year our chosen charity was Cancer Research UK where we raised an impressive £1000 with thanks to Libby who sold kindly donated goods on the night.

## Young Breeder Stock Judging

At the start of May, the club held our Young Breeder Stock Judging by the kind permission of Sarah Turner this was held at Brampton Charolais. On the day there were members of all ages taking part in judging the three classes. Our master judge on the day was Mr Stuart Beaton who gave excellent reasons for his placements. After the judging, the young members gave reasons for how they placed the cattle and winners were announced over some fantastic food and drink. We would like to thank Sarah and her team for an amazing day and their kind hospitality, without their hard work preparing the cattle this event wouldn't have been possible.

## National Finals Stock Judging

On Sunday 4th August our team of young breeders headed to Mr R A



Matilda Blyth from Marwood winner in the Junior Section

Owens in Welshpool to take part in the national finals. Matilda Blyth from Marwood Charolais claimed the top spot in the junior section.

## Charlotte's Trip to Australia

Our very own Charlotte Hitchen from the Mowbraypark Herd along with Edward Scott from the Linross Herd who were selected by the society to represent them down under in Australia. Whilst on their tour, they visited the well-established Moongool Charolais, where they learnt the Australian ways of Charolais breeders.



## Achievements

The Yorkshire and Lancashire Rosebowl was presented to Neil Blyth at Carlisle Bulls Sales in May of 2024 for the best Charolais bred by and exhibited by a member of the Yorkshire and Lancashire region. We would also like to congratulate Neil Blyth of Marwood Charolais on coming third in Britain's Fittest Farmer which was hosted by the Farmers Weekly who are championing fitness and mental well-being in agriculture.



Neil Blyth on the right pictured with Neil Brown



Congratulations to Jane Hayhurst of Whitecliffe Charolais who won the Cattle Farmer of the Year at the Yorkshire Post 2024 Rural Awards Ceremony.



We would also like to congratulate Tara Patchett of the Holtby Charolais herd on winning Agricultural Apprentice of the Year in 2024 by the Yorkshire Post.

## Obituary



### Freddie Andrews

28/03/1943-14/10/2024

Freddie was a proud Yorkshire farmer and pedigree Charolais cattle breeder of the renowned Holtstead Herd which was established in 1979 alongside his pedigree Simmentals and later Pedigree Aberdeen Angus. Freddie was full of fun and compassion he was a hard-working gentleman and conscientious. Freddie was one of the first members of the breed to carry out embryo transfers. Freddie throughout his life bred many a champion both on the showground and in the sale ring. Freddie would advocate the breed to anyone who would listen. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and the Charolais family.

### National Shows

This year like many others our main event was The Great Yorkshire Show, which had an entry of 60 Charolais Cattle. Taking on the judging duty this year was Mr Jerney Price from the Oakchurch Herd in Herefordshire. This like every year was a successful show with cattle shown and presented to a very high standard being a credit to all

exhibitors. Lindsey Atkinson and her fantastic team provided four days filled with excellent hospitality and like every year did an incredible job. We would like to thank Lindsey and her team for making the Charolais bar possible. Several of our club members exhibited at the show with Miss Sarah Turner taking Overall Male Champion and Junior Male Champion with her Bull, Brampton Unbeatable an 18-month-old bull sired by Burradon Goldenballs. Sarah's other bull Brampton Trouble also came fourth in the same class. Mr Andrew Brown from Selby came second in his class with his tremendous bull Ellerton Ukulele which was sired by Corrie Alan. Coming second in his class was R A & J Blyth with their impressive bull Marwood Universal who was sired by Ravissant. Mr S Gilleard secured second place in their class with their stunning bull Gilleard Trex who was sired by Clenagh Lyle. Coming fourth in his class was Mr Harvey Wood with his exceptional cow Woodline Pollyanna.

### Local Shows

Sarah Turner took interbreed champion with her Charolais bull, in late July at The Aldborough and Boroughbridge Agricultural Show, which took place at Newby Hall. Andrew Brown and his family had a fantastic day at Driffield Show when their bull Ellerton Ukulele won first in his class and went on to win Reserve Breed Champion.

### Charolais X into Profit

Charolais youngsters steal the spotlight at CCM Auction Skipton at the rearing

calf show in May. Both the champion and reserve were Charolais X Bulls. The champion from Calderdale's Jon Midgley & Family who use Charolais Bulls to sire their commercial dairy herd went on to sell for £580. The reserve from another well-known dairy farming family the Sowray Brothers from Bishop Thorton sold for £590. That wasn't the only success around the calf ring. At Leyburn Auction Mart in May, David Smith from Keighley sells his quality Charolais rearing calves which reached £545 for a bull and £500 for his heifer. During the late summer, The Sowray Brothers sold Charolais X Bull calf for £615 at Leyburn Auction Mart.

The high demand for the Charolais breed doesn't stop at the calf ring. In October a Charolais X Store heifer from A & R Bentley had the top price of the day making £1850 at Thirsk Farmer Auction Mart. Barnard Castle Auction Mart Christmas prize show and sale of store cattle in November did not disappoint with Charolais in high demand making £1855, £1658 (X2). Charolais steers also made £1735 and £1685 all from B&S Teasdale & Son.

Trade around the prime stock ring this year did not disappoint. At Thirsk Auction Mart's Christmas Show & Sale of Young Bulls. A purebred Charolais from Sarah Turner the Brampton Herd came second in its class weighing 598Kg selling at 328ppk. Along with the best grossing cow being a Charolais, selling for £2225.30 from Ian Woodhead from Felixkirk. At Hexham Charolais X Heifers from Mr F T Walton, Flotterton sold to £1918.35 in November.

### Thirsk Calf Show

Unfortunately, this year, due to bluetongue restrictions, the first-ever Charolais class to be held at Thirsk had to be cancelled in November. We would like to thank everyone for their support of this up-and-coming event. We hope to see you in 2025.



The Champion and Reserve rearing calves at CCM Auction, Skipton May 2024

# Regional / South West- Amy Stevens

Yet another busy year for our teams on the show circuits, all starting with our annual bull sale.

## Exeter Bull Sale

The Overall Champion at the Southwest Charolais Club spring show and sale at Exeter kindly hosted by Kivells was Paul Daniel's **Maxworthy Thomas**, who was tapped out as overall champion by judge Mr David Vickery and sold for 4,300gns to Clarke and Parfitt Farming, Exeter. Thank you David, for your time taken to judge the show this year.

Thank you also to Mark Davis and his team at Exeter Livestock Centre for accommodating our club show and sale this year.



The Female Champion Skysea Tickle at the Devon County Show

## Devon County Show 16 -18 May

We saw a fabulous turnout of Charolais cattle in the shed at Devon County this year, well done to all exhibitors. The weather was on side too, lovely sunshine throughout our time showing ring, which was heavily supported by other members at the ring side. Many thanks to Ben Harman who took the time to judge our classes this year.

The results of a strong born in 2023 bull class, which was a difficult decision for our judge, being all bulls born within a month of each other. 1

- was **Gretnahouse Ulric** shown by the Alford family, a bull purchased from the dispersal sale at the end of last year. 2 - place was Will Glover with **Starlight Unstoppable**, 3- **Polgoda Ulysses**, from David and Bernie Stacey, 4- was **Gretnahouse Utopia**, shown by Roger Hopper and team, which was a bull also purchased from the Gretnahouse dispersal sale. Well done to all exhibitors, this was a strong class of young bulls.

**Polgoda Ultimate**, was in the class on her own for calf born after 1 May 2023.

We moved onto our 2022 born heifer class, where Will Glover and **Skysea Tickle** were placed first, followed by Thor Atkinson, 2- **Goldstar Tiara**, Mary Cormack 3 - with **Sopwell Tulip**- three lovely heifers, another strong class.

## Results

**Male Champion** – Gretnahouse Ulric

**Female Champion** – Skysea Tickle

**Breed Champion** – Skysea Tickle



A line up at Devon County Show



Devon County Show

**Champion pair** – Will Glover  
**Best group of three** – Will Glover

Will Glover, had a great day, with **Tickle** taking Champion Charolais on the day, followed by another heifer of Will's **Caylers Umbrella** winning Reserve Champion. What a day – well done!

Well done to all exhibitors what a great start to 2024 showing season!

**Bath and West Show – 30 May – 1 June**

We saw another excellent line up of Charolais cattle in the stalls at the Bath and West show this year, well done to all exhibitors. Our judge this year was Richard Tucker who travelled down to us from Gower, Swansea – thank you Richard and Alison for taking the time out to judge us.

Heifer born in 2022, was a strong two year old heifer class was very eye catching in the ring. After a second judge was asked into the ring, David Barker chose his winning heifer, **Skysea Tickle**, as Richard Tucker was unable to judge the class. Followed by 2- **Lewyd Tilly**, 3- **Moynton Tasha**, 4 **Sopwell Tulip**, 5- **Goscombe Treasure**.

Heifer born in 2023, we saw just two young heifers, 1- was **Caylers Umbrella**, 2- **Moynton Ulala**.

The pairs class was won by Will, Starlight Charolais followed by Amy and Hannah Wylde with Lewyd Charolais. Will also won the group of three.

**Breed Champion** – Skysea Tickle  
**Reserve Champion** – Caylers Umbrella  
**Exhibitor Bred Champion** – Lewyd Tilly  
**Champion Pair** – Will Glover  
**Champion group of three** – Will Glover

**Royal Cornwall Show –**

Yet again another great turnout for our cattle lines at The Royal Cornwall Show this year. Well done to Roger Hopper and team for winning Charolais Champion with **Lochend Nighthawk**.

**Breed Champion**- Lochend Nighthawk

**Reserve Champion** – Caylers Umbrella

More recently we have seen success at The Cornish Winter Fair, where David and Bernie won the Champion Pedigree beef class.

**Other News written by Brian Nancekivell**

It was sad to hear of the death of Sue Northmore wife of Richard Northmore long time founder member of South West Charolais Club , Sue was diagnosed with cancer which she bravely bore always with a smile to the very end, but unfortunately she passed away at the end of July and the funeral was At Buckland Monochrome Church on 7th July. where a large gathering of sympathizer payed their last respect. Sue was active on the farm and loved her flowers and supported Richard in all his activities on the farm, and his involvement with the S W Charolais club, Richard being a past member of the Executive committee representing the South West Region. Sue was a keen helper on the Hospitality stands at Major Shows, Devon County and Royal Cornwall she was always willing, offering cups of tea or whatever, she will be greatly missed.

Our sympathy goes to Richard and family for their sad loss from the South West Charolais members, she will be missed .by all.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy 2025.

## Regional / Wales- Will Tucker & Linda Evans

Happy New Year to all. 2024 saw a challenging year for us as farmers; being as resilient as we are, we made it through once again.

First of all, we would like to congratulate Kevin & Sioned Thomas and family for a successful Royal Welsh Show and going on to sell their male champion, **Moelfre Union**, for £25,000 in a private deal to the Barrance Herd, Ayrshire.



Moelfre Union



Teme Poshtotty

The Teme Herd of the Corbett family also had a fantastic show season seeing their cow **Teme Poshtotty** first of all making a long journey to the Great Yorkshire Show and winning supreme National Charolais champion and reserve interbreed champion and repeating this at the Royal Welsh Show. She was also awarded the silver medal in the Champion of the World competition.

A big thank you must go to Mr Arwel Owen for hosting the Charolais Youth day in August. There was a great turnout and the young members saw some great presentations by experienced professionals within the farming industry.



Autumn suckled calf sales saw an excellent trade on Charolais sired calves, with prices getting higher with every sale. Sennybridge Market achieved incredible prices of 514ppk (£1440) for some 280kg steers, and £1600 for a pen of 10, with heifers topping at £1360 from H Havard & Co. Monmouthshire Market, not to be outdone, had a top price of £1610 for steers and £1360 for heifer from RT



Watkins, leading with 533ppk for a 6 month steer also from RT Watkins.

The Charolais stand at the Welsh Winter Fair welcomed a great number of visitors, both new and existing, and was successful in raising money for both local and national charities. Moelfre Herd kindly supplied 2 excellent bulls and attracted a lot of interest to the stand. In the show ring, the quality of the entries did not disappoint. The Charolais heifer sired class was won by T & I Ponsonby, and the Charolais steer sired class by A & N Roberts. Congratulations to all exhibitors.

The Welsh Calf Show at Carmarthen concluded the show year in December with pedigree Charolais classes judged by Mr Arwel Owen. He was awarded Overall Champion and Female, to **Moelfre Vogue**, from K & S Thomas.

Following her as Reserve Overall, and Reserve Female was **Shamleys Vicky** from Mrs P Johnson-Hill. Male Champion went to **Moelfre Upton** from K & S Thomas. Well done to all exhibitors who supported the show despite everything the weather decided to throw at it.



We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Alun Jacob in September. Alun was a true gentleman and a great ambassador to the Charolais breed, producing top quality commercial Charolais cross calves on his hill farm in Swansea. Not only have we all lost a great friend, but the farming community has lost a knowledgeable member.

We wish all of our members the best for the upcoming year and we look forward to seeing you around the shows and sales.



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FOR 2025 IS

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## Regional / Anglia & South East- Annabelle Howell

2024 has brought some changes to the Anglia & South East Clubs, as both regions have joined forces following an official merger in February. We are looking forward to 2025 and are hoping to move the club forward with some new activities.

Show/sales season has been limited this year due to the unfortunate restrictions for our region with regards to blue tongue. However, club members have still managed to support various shows this summer, to include the South East of England Show, New Forest & Hampshire Show, Suffolk Show, Norfolk Show, Great Yorkshire show with some wonderful results and we would like to congratulate all of our members that have supported shows & sales this year.

Strength this show season stemmed from females within the region, particular mentions to John & Jenny Rix with their interbreed success with **Wissington Topwoman** at the South East of England; Darren & Donna Knox with **Drumshane Urbangirl**, claiming multiple titles to include Junior Champion at the Great Yorkshire Show; Sarah Jackson with her success with **Goscombe Treasure**, including first prize in her class at the Great Yorkshire, and pairs success



on the second day at New Forest & Hampshire Show with **Goscombe Treasure & Tequila**; the Jones Family for winning the interbreed pairs on the third day at New Forest Show & Hampshire Show with **Waterman Tenacious & Waterman Thoughtful**.

Nicola Osgood & Rob Tremayne won breed champion to note at Edenbridge and Oxted Show with **Wissington Trixie** and Clare & Paul Germany had a good season



to include **Hautbois Udderly** who stood second to Darren & Donna's heifer **Drumshane Urbangirl** at the Great Yorkshire Show.

Unfortunately due to Bluetongue restrictions our region has missed out on the Autumn Society sales and the regional calf show and we very much hope the situation will change for the spring 2025 sales.

Spring 2024 saw the ASECC region supporting the Welshpool Society Sale, which outperformed the sale on the previous year for clearance, top price & overall average which sold nationwide, showing the real demand for Charolais sired bulls throughout the country as buyers reap the rewards of breeding Charolais

sired cattle.

The Chameron Herd enjoyed a top of 7,500gns for second prize Chameron Transformer, David & Louise Barker saw their run of bulls top at 6,500gns for first prize winner Caylers Urwin, and saw multiple bulls above 6000gns. If you are looking for quality Charolais bulls please do consider looking in the ASECC region to take your herd to the next level for quality!

The ASECC Club support pedigree and commercial herds running charolais bulls, and are keen for new members to join, so please if you are interested in keeping up to date with all things Charolais in the Anglia & South East please contact Naomi Jones or Annabelle Howell.

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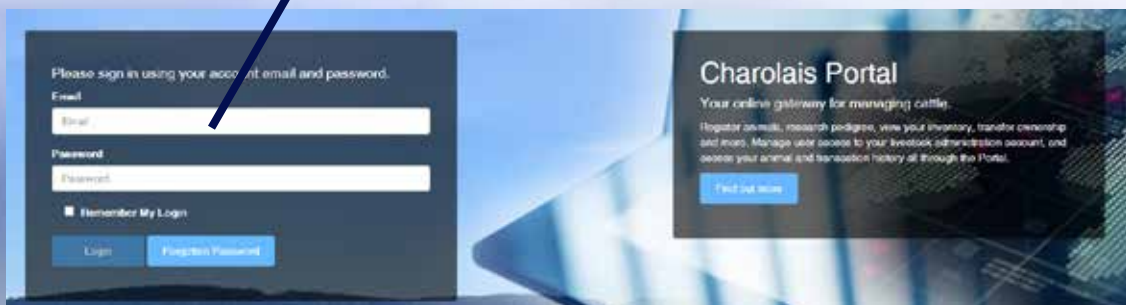
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Semen Royalty Admin	£3.00	£0.60	£3.60
Bulls on the Approved Semen Royalty List are charged at individual prices – see full list on the society website or in the Charolais Newsletter.			
<b>Dispersal Sales</b>			
For cattle, semen & embryos held under the society auspices 3% commission plus vat.			
<b>Standalone Reduction/Production Sales</b>			
For cattle, semen & embryos held under the society auspices 3% commission plus vat.			
<b>Reduction/Production Sales held with scheduled society sale.</b>			
For cattle, semen & embryos held under the society auspices. Same as normal commission rate of the scheduled sale.			

<b>Withdrawal Options</b>	<b>Price (Plus VAT)</b>
Bull and Heifer Calves	£15.00 credit
Embryo/FOT Calves	£90.00 credit
Calves must be withdrawn before 12 months of age and the original pedigree certificate returned to be eligible for a refund.	

DNA Test Type	Pending Sample Price	Full Price
SNP Parentage & Myostatin	£27.00 (£32.40 incl. vat)	£32.00 (£38.40 incl. vat)
SNP Parentage, Myostatin & Polled	£29.00 (£34.80 incl. vat)	£34.00 (£40.80 incl. vat)
Additional Sires & Dams	£4.00 (£4.80 incl. vat)	
Sire Search	£9.00 (£10.80 incl. vat)	
Profile Certificate	£3.50 (£4.20 incl. vat)	
Imported Animal Profile	£3.50 (£4.20 incl. vat)	
All homebred herd sires and first-time calving heifers will be tested upon the registration of their first calf from the 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2018. (Information only calves do not count)		
Myostatin variants tested are Q204X & F94L. The results will be published on the certificate, the Charolais website and sale catalogues. Polled DNA results will also be published in the same way.		
We encourage all members to submit pending samples for all calves they register. Further details regarding DNA testing can be found in the Charolais DNA testing Booklet.		
All DNA prices quoted are excluding VAT and are subject to VAT at 20%		

# Hair sampling for genomic and routine parentage testing



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

Pull at least 60 hairs from the tail switch- we no longer accept samples of coat hair.

**DO NOT CUT THE HAIR** - if the sample is missing the follicle (root), it will not contain DNA. If you don't have enough hairs, there will not be enough DNA for the genotyping.

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

Pull the hair slowly and firmly away from the tail, making sure to get the roots.

Do not collect shed hair for sampling, as follicles will carry degraded DNA.

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

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

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

Only take hair samples from live animals.





**Example of poor hair samples which have failed to produce a result - insufficient hair and coat hair**

**Quality samples are the key to getting good DNA from your cattle - plenty of tail hair with strong follicles**

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

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

#### **Semen Sample Instructions**

If you wish to send a semen sample for testing, please contact the Society for a semen testing pack. Samples sent directly to the office will no longer be accepted.

#### **Tag Sample Instructions**

- 1.** Check that the vial is properly sealed, do not break the seal, if the liquid leaks out in transport the tissue contained inside will not be suitable for testing;
- 2.** While you are still in possession of the samples prior to sending them to the Society, please make sure that you keep them cool, store them at room temperature or in a refrigerator (below 24C, but do not freeze them);
- 3.** Send samples to us at the Society ASAP for testing to the laboratory using the padded addressed envelope that has been provided by your tag sample provider;
- 4.** They must be received by the Society within seven days of the sample being taken, overdue samples cannot be tested.

Keep all samples out of direct sunlight and send your samples to the Charolais office.

<b>British Charolais Society DNA Test Fees</b>		
<b>Test Type</b>	<b>Pending Sample Cost</b>	<b>Full Price</b>
SNP Parentage & Myostatin	£27.00 + VAT	£32.00 + VAT
SNP Parentage, Myostatin & Polled	£29.00 + VAT	£34.00 + VAT
<b>Additional Test Type</b>	<b>Cost</b>	
Additional Sires & Dams	£4.00 + VAT	
Sire Search	£9.00 + VAT	
Profile Certificate	£3.50 + VAT	
Imported Animal Profile	£3.50 + VAT	

# Registration Checks

- 1 Check that the year letter, tag number and names are correct YEAR LETTER FOR 2025 IS A;
- 2 Different names are used;
- 3 The birth registration forms are signed;
- 4 A I dates, and service letters are included if a registered bull owned by another member has been used;
- 5 Check that the service sire has been DNA-genotyped;
- 6 Check all boxes are completed accurately and the correct fees accompany the forms;
- 7 N.B Tattooing of Charolais calves is no longer compulsory but optional for breeders;

## DNA PARENTAGE CHECKING

All animals sold privately to pedigree herds must be tested and at least sire verified before they are transferred. This will be at the vendors cost unless, at the discretion of the society, the animal has been purchased from a non member, a membership which has ceased or prior to this rule being implemented on 01/03/2020, in which case the cost will default to the purchaser.

All animals entered into a Society sale must be at least sire verified.

All animals' samples must be either already being processed by the lab or have their DNA profile already completed at the time that they are entered into a Society sale.

Furthermore, if the DNA profile, parentage verification and myostatin tests are not complete prior to the sale catalogue going to print (usually approximately three weeks before the sale) then the animal will not be permitted to attend

Having a pending sample stored at the Society office, will not count as the sample being processed at the lab, therefore it is the responsibility of the member to check that the animal's sample has been sent to the lab prior to entering the animal into a Society sale.

All animals will have its parentage verification status displayed in the sale catalogue as either PV, SV or DV. In addition the parentage verification status will also be displayed on pen cards.

**Please note there is a saving of £5.00 + VAT on DNA testing for submitting pending hair samples for animals under 10 months of age.**

## F.O.T Rules and Regulations for Fertilised Ovum Transplant Operations

### Main Book F.O.T Females

1. The donor female must be registered with the Society and be DNA – Genotyped.
2. The sire must be registered with the Society and be DNA – Genotyped.
3. All calves must be registered within 27 days of birth.
4. All embryo calves (including imported or transferred embryos) will be parentage verified, at the cost of the member.
5. The Society reserves the right to make on farm inspections.
6. Members have the facility to withdraw any birth registered fertilised ovum transplant animal before 12 months of age (only if still in the ownership of the breeder registering the calf) for a 90% registration refund. Fee credits will only be made when the Pedigree Certificate is returned to the Society Office.

### D.I.Y Embryo Transplant

For any calves born as a result of 'do-it-yourself embryo transplant, the flushing details should be forwarded to the Society office within 30 days of flushing or implanting a cow and when the relevant calves are born they are to be registered within seven days of birth. Inspections of the relevant calves may or may not be carried out. If, however, registrations are received after the seven-day period, then an inspection will be carried out at the breeder's expense.

### General

- a) Embryos may be transferred to members along with the necessary documentation, which is available on request from the Society office.
- b) Fertilised embryos can be exported providing the statutory requirements of the exporting and importing country and Herd Book are met.
- c) Export certificates are available at a price of £10 per embryo.

Charolais is the leading terminal beef sire noted for its fast growth and excellent conformation. Charolais cattle are creamy white through to wheaten in colour. Bulls are noted for muscling, with excellent loins, good hindquarters and deep second thigh, while females are less heavily muscled and have well developed udders. Charolais stand on four strong feet and legs and should be alert.

## Charolais Males

- The Charolais bull should be a well-muscled animal on good strong feet and legs to carry the heavy weights associated with the breed.
- The head should have a wide muzzle with a strong jaw placement.
- The eyes should be set reasonably wide apart.
- The ears should be big.
- The head should be sat proud on a strong muscular neck.
- The back should be long and level without dips, particularly behind the shoulder.
- There should be a good heart room and a minimum amount of brisket in the forequarter.
- The tail-setting should be set comfortably into good wide plates over the hindquarters of the bull.
- The hindquarters should also have a good depth of second thigh and should be well rounded.
- There can be two extreme types of Charolais which should be discouraged. One type would be the tall, flat sided bull which has a slack back and a poor hindquarter. This type has no place in modern day beef production (and indeed never has). The second would be the double-muscled heavy shouldered bull which invariably has associated fertility and calving problems.

## Charolais Females

- The females should have a feminine appearance and should not be heavily muscled and masculine in appearance as this sort tends to be either poor or irregular breeders.
- The head should be wide muzzled with a longer rather than boxy type appearance. Like the bulls, the head should be alert.
- The back should be long and level with a good spring of rib and a minimum of brisket in the forequarter.
- The tail setting should not be dropped and preferably should be slightly raised as this is alleged to be associated with easier calving.
- The legs should be of strong flat bone on good sound feet.
- In the case of cows, the udder should be of good capacity with four well-formed teats for suckled calf production.
- The colour of Charolais cattle is generally creamy white through to a light tan colour. Broken coloured cattle are not to be encouraged



# CHeCS Approved Cattle Health Schemes

## AFBI Cattle Health Scheme

Agri-Food Biosciences Division  
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Belfast, BT4 3SD  
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## HI Health Herdcare

Biobest Laboratories Limited  
6 Charles Dawrin House  
The Edinburgh Technopole  
Milton Bridge  
Nr Penicuik, EH26 0PY  
Tel: + 44 (0) 131 440 2628  
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Email: [herdcare@biobest.co.uk](mailto:herdcare@biobest.co.uk)  
[www.biobest.co.uk](http://www.biobest.co.uk)

## Premium Cattle Health Scheme

SAC Veterinary Services  
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Email: [pchs1@btconnect.com](mailto:pchs1@btconnect.com)  
[www.cattlehealth.co.uk](http://www.cattlehealth.co.uk)

## VLA Herdsure Cattle Health Improvement Service

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## BVD VACCINATIONS

BVD VACCINATIONS- ALL Charolais cattle forward at BCCS auspices sales are to be vaccinated against BVD (Bovine Viral Diarrhoea) as per the manufacturers instructions.

For herds which are in a CHeCS approved health scheme and are BVD accredited they do not have to be BVD blood antigen tested, but must be fully BVD vaccinated.

For the herds which are not BVD accredited, then potential sale cattle should be BVD antigen tested negative, and given the first BVD vaccination on the same day as the blood sample is taken. If the BVD antigen test is negative, the animals should then be given the second vaccination 3-4 weeks later (if using a double jab vaccine). BVD antigen testing certificates must accompany the cattle to the sale or they will be rejected from the sale.

IMPORTANT- Do not vaccinate cattle just prior to the sales as immunity to BVD will not have built up sufficiently.

**CATTLE NOT FULLY VACCINATED FOR BVD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ENTRY TO THE AUCTION CENTRE**

# Official Society Sales 2025

<b>ABERDEEN</b>	<b>Bulls/Females</b>	<b>26 February</b>
Aberdeen & Northern Marts, Thainstone Centre, Inverurie AB5 9XZ t: 01467 623700 e: sandra.mcintosh@anmgroup.co.uk		
<b>CARLISLE</b>	<b>Bulls/Females</b>	<b>9-10 May (includes the White Gold Sale)</b>
Harrison & Hetherington Ltd, Borderway Mart, Carlisle CA1 2RS t: 01228 406230 e: louiseg@borderway.com		
<b>EXETER (CLUB SALE)</b>	<b>Bulls/Females</b>	<b>25 April</b>
Exeter Livestock Market, The Matford Centre, Matford Park Road, Exeter, Devon EX2 8FD t: 01392 252261 e: jane.pratt@kivells.com		
<b>STIRLING</b>	<b>Bulls/Females</b>	<b>17 February / 5 May / 19-20 October</b>
Stirling Agricultural Centre, Stirling FK9 4RN t: 01786 473055 e: mowens-smith@uagroup.co.uk		
<b>SWATRAGH (CLUB SALE)</b>	<b>Bulls/Females</b>	<b>28 February / 26 April / 1 / 14 calf sale November</b>
29 Garvagh Road, Swatragh, Maghera, Northern Ireland BT46 5QE t: 028 7940 1335 e: lauramccann@ncce.org.uk		
<b>WELSHPOOL</b>	<b>Bulls/Females</b>	<b>26 April / 6 November</b>
Welshpool Livestock Sales , Buttington Cross, Buttington, Welshpool SY21 8SR t: 01938 553438 e: molly@welshpoolsmithfield.co.uk		



# Pre-Sale Checks

**To avoid the disappointment of having cattle rejected at the pre-sale inspections, members should carry out the following checks before consigning Charolais cattle to the Sales.**

	Days	Kgs	Days	Kgs
1. All Charolais animals sold through BCCS auspices sales must be DNA tested, sire verified and myostatin tested prior to sale. DNA bags are available from the Society office, and all cattle are to be BVD vaccinated.	365	530	585	798
	370	537	590	803
	375	544	595	809
	380	551	600	814
2. Check the I.D and documentation is correct.	385	558	605	819
	390	565	610	824
3. Check the dentition is correct and the incisor teeth are biting on the upper pad.	395	572	615	829
	400	579	620	834
	405	586	625	839
4. In the case of bulls, check testicles are firm and even sized and comply with the following minimum scrotal circumferences:-	410	592	630	844
	415	599	635	849
	420	605	640	854
	425	612	645	859
13-18 months Minimum 34cm	430	618	650	864
18-24 months Minimum 36cm	435	625	655	869
>24 months Minimum 38cm	440	631	660	874
5. Check the animals are free from warts (pay particular attention to the sheath and scrotal area) ringworm, mange and other infectious or contagious diseases.	445	638	665	879
	450	644	670	884
	455	650	675	889
6. Check the animal's feet and legs are sound and the general locomotion is satisfactory.	460	656	680	894
	465	662	685	899
	470	668	690	904
7. *All bulls must be nose rung and halter-led and be 13 months or over on the day of the sale.	475	674	695	909
	480	680	700	913
8. Check the animals are of good conformation and in good condition and meet the minimum weight for age standard as per the charts.	485	686	705	918
	490	692	710	923
	495	698	715	928
9. all animals born on or after 1 March 2024 must be birth notified as a minimum requirement within that 27-day timeframe and failure to do so, will exclude that animal from being eligible to enter Society sales.	500	704	720	933
	505	710	725	938
	510	715	730	943
	515	721	735	948
*NB. Stirling Sales- October and February The minimum selling age is 14 months on the day of the sale.	520	726	740	953
	525	732	745	958
	530	737	750	963
	535	743	755	968
<b>Health Schemes Stirling</b> All Charolais vendors must be members of the CHCS approved Health Scheme to enter the Stirling Sales.	540	748	760	973
	545	754	765	978
	550	759	770	983
Please note the Stirling February and October sales are exclusive to ABRI Breedplan recorded Charolais bulls which must (as a minimum requirement) be recorded for birth weight, 200 day wt, 400 day wt and be independently ultra sound scanned and have had a scrotal circumference measurement.	555	765	775	988
	560	770	780	993
	565	776	785	998
	570	781	790	1003
	575	787	795	1008
	580	792	800	1013



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE STIRLING FEBRUARY AND OCTOBER SALES ARE EXCLUSIVE FOR ABRI BREEDPLAN RECORDED BULLS WHICH MUST (AS A MINIMUM REQUIREMENT) BE RECORDED FOR BIRTH WEIGHT, 200 DAY WT, 400 DAY WT AND BE INDEPENDENTLY ULTRA SOUND SCANNED AND HAVE HAD A SCROTAL CIRCUMFERENCE MEASUREMENT

# Emeriti Judges List

The following, who have given many years of service to the Society and the breed as judges, have been placed on this separate list of judges by the Council of Management as a mark of esteem and gratitude.  
(Established in September 1991)

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M ATKINSON, PARKFIELD, KIRKBY MALZEARD, RIPON HG4 3RX	09 16
W R BAILLIE, BIGGINGS, TOAB, DEERNESS, ORKNEY KW17 2QG	09 09
D BARKER, MANOR BARN, HEATHFIELD, TAUNTON, SOMERSET TA4 1DL	09 12
B E BILLINGTON, 1 DUCKWORTH DRIVE, CATTERALL, PRESTON, LANCS, PR3 1YF	09 99
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# Semen Royalty List

The following is a list of Semen Royalty Bulls with the relevant fees **(including VAT)** which are due when registering a calf. Semen Royalty payments are made direct to the BCCS along with the calf registration documents.

For members who are now conducting their Charolais business by DIRECT DEBIT the payments are deducted automatically by direct debit and the owner of the Semen Royalty bull has his account credited with the Semen Royalty Fee.

Allanfauld Superscot	MBM0002476	£48.00	Gretnahouse Archangel (ET)	MBM0022057	£30.00
Alwent Goldbar ET	MBM0054034	£42.00	Grinshill Roger (ET)	MBM0083921	£48.00
Alwent Hercules	MBM0053931	£42.00	Gwenog Banjo	MBM0024892	£42.00
Angelus (semen only)	MBMI0000712	£48.00	Inverlochty Ferdie	MBM0047992	£54.00
Anside Foreman	MBM0046841	£48.00	Inverlochty Gurkha	MBM0052219	£36.00
Arney Executive	MF0036350	£36.00	Inverlochty Resolve	MBM0097262	£48.00
Baggrave Minstrel	MF0073797	£60.00	Inverlochty Topsire	MBM0005586	£30.00
Balmyle Bollinger	MBM0026262	£36.00	Kersknowe Obe	MBM0076533	£48.00
Balmyle Vagabond	MBM0015270	£30.00	Kilbline1 Cupidon ET	MBMI0000513	£36.00
Balmyle Vendetta	MBM0016120	£42.00	Killadeas Jack	MF0062072	£60.00
Balthayock Gladiator	MBM0050079	£48.00	Limkiln Bosco	MBMI0000481	£36.00
Balthayock Hamish	MBM0053960	£78.00	Liscally ETI ET (semen only)	MBMI0000667	£24.00
Balthayock Matthew	MF0072049	£42.00	Lisnagre Elite ET (semen only)	MBMI0000644	£36.00
Balthayock Muskateer	MBM0069647	£36.00	Lochend Nighthawk	MBM0074638	£48.00
Balthazar 85	MBMI0000462	£36.00	Loganbar Herdsman	MF0053477	£30.00
Battleford Panama	MBM0082388	£36.00	Lowerffrydd Benhurr (ET)	MBM0024501	£36.00
Blakestown Trustee	MBMI0000243	£48.00	Maerdy Dublin	MBM0036035	£60.00
Bleack Colonel	MBM0032340	£48.00	Melvin Piper	MBM0080984	£36.00
Bleack Digger	MBM0038543	£36.00	Moelfre Ambassador (ET)	MBM0022743	£30.00
Bleack Ladysman	MF0068633	£42.00	Moorlough Palo	MF0091370	£48.00
Bostonia Ringo ET	MBMI0001076	£36.00	Mornity Nero	MBM0072643	£48.00
Bova Sylvain (semen only)	MBMI0000219	£36.00	Newhouse Maxamus	MBM0070889	£36.00
Brampton Petition	MF0007675	£60.00	Noble Prince	MBMI0001017	£48.00
Brigadoon Himself	MBM0052800	£30.00	Northhouse Mcchoist	MBM0070239	£30.00
Bromham Bullion	MBM0023906	£24.00	Oldstone Egbert	MF0036719	£36.00
Burradon Talisman	MBM0004745	£36.00	Pentervin Universe	MBM0010732	£24.00
Caylers Oxford	MBM0076708	£48.00	Piperhaywood Brutus	MBM0025937	£24.00
Celtic Vichy	MBMI0000362	£36.00	Roundhill Rikki	MBM0086322	£72.00
Charbron Heredity	MBM0053944	£48.00	Rumsden Udimore	MBM0012871	£36.00
Chunal Dougie	MBM0036979	£60.00	Sackville Felix	MBM0045676	£42.00
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<b>Steven Ley &amp; Hannah Payne</b>	Lanseaton Farm, Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 5AB	t: 07904 031274
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**MINUTES OF THE 62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE BRITISH CHAROLAIS CATTLE SOCIETY LIMITED  
(Limited by guarantee)**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 20 JUNE 2024 AT 8AM  
IN THE CHAROLAIS MARQUEE, ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOWGROUND,  
EDINBURGH EH28 8NB**

**Chairman: Mr A E Sellick**

The Chairman welcomed members to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the British Charolais Cattle Society Ltd.

**1. To read the Notice convening the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Society**

The Chairman called upon the acting company secretary, Mr Graham Robinson, to read the notice convening the Meeting. Mr Graham Robinson read the notice to everyone present.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and recorded as follows:

Ralph Needham, Ben Williams, Chris Parker, Gretna Barker, David Barker, Colin Wight, Neil Blyth and Gareth Roberts.

**3. To approve the Minutes of the 2023 61<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Society**

The minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 22 June 2023 were included in the January 2023 issue of the Charolais Journal and circulated to the membership.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions.

There were no matters arising and Mr Allen Drysdale proposed acceptance of the minutes as a true record. Seconded by Mr Matthew Milne.

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

The Chairman read out his chairman's report from the AGM booklet (which was sent to all members prior to the AGM and is available to those who require a copy).

The Chairman then asked for any questions. There were no questions. Adoption of the report was proposed by Mr Will Owen and seconded by Mr Mike Atkinson.

**5. To receive and consider, and if approved, adopt the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the 2023 year and the Auditor's Report thereon, presented by the Honorary Treasurer**

The Chairman invited the Treasurer to present the 2023 accounts.

The Treasurer then read the rest of the report from the AGM booklet (which was sent to all members prior to the AGM and is available to those who require a copy).

Adoption of the report was proposed by Mr David Connolly and seconded by Mr Ben Harman

**6. Election of members to the Council of Management**

The acting company secretary Graham Robinson reported:

As **Messrs A E Sellick (Southern England), A P Drysdale (National) and B L Williams (Wales)** had served two terms of three years on Council, they were **not** eligible for re-election.

Nominations for these vacancies were received from **Messrs D Knox (Southern England), C Wight (National) and W Tucker (Wales)** which were unopposed.

**Messrs D Bothwell (Northern Ireland) and A J Clark (Scotland)** were re-elected unopposed to serve for a further term of 3 years.

The Chairman then welcomed the new Council members **Messrs D Knox, C Wight and W Tucker** and said they will be a great asset to council and thanked them for agreeing to come on.

The Chairman went on to thank Messrs A P Drysdale (National) and B L Williams (Wales) for their hard work and contributions throughout their time on council, thank you.

The Chairman thanked Mr B Harman for his hard work in his honorary position for the last 12 months

## **7. Election of President**

The Chairman thanked Iain Millar for being the President for the last year.

Iain Millar responded thanking the Chairman, the Executive Committee and the Society etc for giving him the honour of such a prestigious post as President of the Society. He had stated that the time had flown past and in which he had had a very memorable and privileged time.

The Chairman asked Iain Millar if he would like to go on to propose the next President.

Iain Millar said I would like to propose Mr Steve Nesbitt as the next President.

Allen Drysdale seconded the proposal.

There were no further nominations for president.

The Chairman congratulated Steve on becoming the new President. Steve was asked if he would like to say a few words.

Steve spoke and thanked the Chairman, Exec Committee and Society and its members for this honour and that he looked forward to the year ahead as President of the Charolais Society

The Chairman thanked Mr G C Robinson for his 10 years of service as Honorary Treasurer, Executive Committee and Council. Graham was asked if he would like to say a few words.

Graham spoke about his time as treasurer

The Chairman asked Graham if he would like to go on to propose the next Treasurer.

Graham Robinson said I would like to propose Mr Murray Lyle as the next Treasurer.

## **8. To appoint Auditors**

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

Mr Murray Lyle said he would like to propose again Harrison Beale & Owen Ltd to continue as auditors., this was seconded by Mr G Robinson

## **9. To transact any other business**

The Chairman to ask if there is any other business of an Annual General Meeting, the answer was no.

Meeting closed 8.35am.

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February 2025

Spring Show & Sale | Friday  
25th April 2025

RUAS Balmoral Show | 14th -  
17th May 2025

NICC National Show at  
Clogher Valley Show |  
Wednesday 30th July

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Friday 7th November 2025

NICC Future Stars Calf Show |  
Friday 14th November @  
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Female Show

## OTHER KEY DATES

**British Charolais Society Youth Stock Judging Finals Weekend** | Friday 26th & Saturday 27th July...  
on Friday; evening stock judging and farm tour @ Stranagone Herd  
on Saturday; attend Antrim Show, based in the majestic grounds of Shane's Castle

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