



BRITISH WHITE CATTLE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

Dear Member,

Welcome to the December newsletter. I am sorry that my enthusiastic start to the September newsletter was so short lived. With the return of Foot and Mouth and then the arrival of Blue Tongue Disease in the country at the end of September it has been a pretty dismal time. The moving and marketing of stock has been made very difficult and many events have been cancelled. There is now some hope that there will be normal movements for at least a short time in the new year, let's keep our fingers crossed that common sense may prevail and that we can all look forward to a happy and successful 2008!

Angela

BULLS FOR SEMEN COLLECTION FOR EXPORT

Genetics Company, UK Sire Services, have put together a package to offer smaller, traditional breeds in the hope that more bulls may be offered for semen collection. This consists of the owner of the bull paying for the initial licence at a current cost of £150 and any further health tests which were not covered within the licence. The owner would then be liable for the cost of the transport of the bull to the A.I. centre in Devon. UK Sire Services would then stand the costs of two months quarantine, any further health checks which took place and the collection of a batch of semen at the end of the quarantine period. If this semen proved to be unfit for marketing then the bull would return home at the owner's expense and both the owner and UK Sire Services would lose all costs incurred on the bull. If the semen was fit for marketing then the sales would be split 50/50 between UK Sire Services and the owner. Bulls accepted for this scheme would need to be inspected and approved by the Society, in this way UK Sire Services would ensure they had a bull that would be acceptable both on conformation and blood lines for overseas markets. This would be carried out by two society inspectors and the bulls would also need to be DNA tested. There is some urgency with this as movements will probably only be opened for January, February and March before closing again. If you think you have a bull that would be suitable and would like to discuss this further then please give Angela a ring at the office. (01603) 722288

SOCIETY FEES

Fees for 2008 will again remain unchanged:

Full membership	£25.00
Associate membership	£12.50
Overseas membership	£30.00

Female Registrations

0 - 3 months	£10.00
3 - 6 months	£20.00
6 - 12 months	£30.00

Male Registrations

0 - 3 months	£10.00
3 - 6 months	£20.00
6 - 12 months	£30.00
12 - 18 months	£100.00

Transfers £10.00

Bull calves to be birth notified by 3 months of age prior to registration after 3 months of age

BREED JOURNAL 2008

It will soon be time again when the turkey and Christmas decorations are all packed away and the dark January evenings go on for ever, to settle down and do your bit for the 2008 Breed Journal. Marion will be delighted to receive your advertisements, photographs and articles as soon as possible in the new year. We will, once again, leave you 'on the map' from 2007 unless you contact myself or Marion to say otherwise. Marion Scotcher, 1 Bridge Cottages, Greatham, Pulborough, West Sussex. RH20 2ES
Tel : (01798) 875588
and lastly - bridgehomestead@aol.com

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee at 2 pm on Tuesday 12th February 2008 at The Farmers Club, 3 Whitehall, London, when members are invited to 'sit in'.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Andrew Duckworth, Whins House, Sabden, Clitheroe, Lancashire. BB7 9HP (01282) 680732
Herd Prefix: Whins

Mr. Clive and Mrs. Julie Parsons, 177 Hellesdon Road, Hellesdon, Norwich, Norfolk. NR6 5EJ (01603) 427377

Herd Prefix: Nursery

Mr. Peter Richardson, Park House Farm, Saltway, Astwood Bank, Redditch, Worcestershire B96 6NF (01527) 892146

Herd Prefix: Beltane

Mr. David and Miss Dawn Scott, 2 Ballynagarve Road, Ballyronan, Magherafelt, County Londonderry, Northern Ireland. BT45 6HY (028) 7941 8752

Herd prefix: Ballyronan

Mrs. Nadine Verboon, 425 Lynnes Road, Wonthaggi, Victoria, Australia 3995
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FROM THE SHOW SECRETARY

Following an initiative by Mrs. Angie Hamilton (Wales), we have approached the Carmarthen Show to see if we could arrange British White classes at the Carmarthen Show. This show will be held as a one day event from next year, the date being Saturday 21st June 2008. Their response has been that entry in the first instance will be in the Any Other British Beef Breed classes. The prizes and prize money will be, as usual, 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class, but our Society will be able to award rosettes for the British White entries as they are placed e.g. British White heifers placed 2nd 4th and 6th would receive the Carmarthen Show rosettes for these placings but would receive British White Cattle Society rosettes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings but without equivalent prize money.

It is hoped that British White breeders in this area will support this initiative as good numbers and support could ensure breed classes for the future. For further details nearer the time please contact Mrs Hamilton (Wales) (01267) 253697 or myself, Andrew Oldroyd (01759) 368111 Also we have tried again to get classes at the Great Yorkshire Show in July for our Northern breeders. We have not been successful due to the growing success of this show, the livestock officer informed me that they were massively

over subscribed again this last year, with over forty left on the waiting list. I was invited to keep trying in future years, as the situation for whatever reason, may change. It was, however, suggested that entries in to the Countryside Live Show at Harrogate, would be a stepping stone into the Great Yorkshire. Countryside Live is a fat stock show held at the Great Yorkshire showground in late October. The two classes of interest are: Steer, pure or cross bred, sired by bulls of British Native origin
Heifer, pure or cross bred, sired by bulls of British Native origin.

Please feel free to contact me if you require further information.

Thankyou
Andrew Oldroyd
Hon. Show Secretary

SOUTH WEST DAIRY SHOW

The South West Dairy Show was postponed from 3rd October 2007 due to Foot and Mouth and Blue Tongue restrictions, and will now take place at Shepton Mallet, Somerset on Wednesday 30th January 2008. The Society will once again be present at this event with the tradestand. Do come and visit us if you are able to.

Gates open at 8.30 am.

Tickets £8 per adult.

TRANSPORT OF LIVESTOCK -

Under new Welfare in Transport regulations anyone transporting cattle, sheep, pigs, goats horses or poultry by road over distances of 40 miles in connection with their economic activity, will need to be assessed in their competency by 5th January 2008. Due to disruption caused by FMD and Blue Tongue the enforcement authorities have agreed that no sanctions will be taken against transporters not in possession of competence certificates until the end of April 2008. All transporters and handlers will be tested on technical rules such as animal's fitness to travel, loading, unloading, means of transport etc. Assessment for competency is carried out by independent bodies agreed by defra, which include Agricultural Colleges and slaughter houses. For more information please contact the Welfare in Transport helpline 0845 603 8395

BULL CALF REGISTRATIONS

The following bull calves have been fully registered up to 30/11/07

The Bowland Herd, Mr. J. Curwen

Bowland Billy JRC106-03217 27/10/06

Sire: Meadowlands Classic

Dam: Moorside Foxy Lady

The De Beauvoir Herd, Ms. A. Dunn

De Beauvoir Vimto DEB107-03219 17/08/07

Sire: De Beauvoir Moorcroft

Dam: De Beauvoir Vesta

The Duchy Herd, Duchy Home Farm

Duchy Norseman DHF107-03215 17/03/07

Sire: Dadley Remus Dam: Lagan Helios

The Smarden Herd, New Biddenden Green Fm

Smarden Tacitus BGF107-03209 19/07/07

Sire: Smarden Isokrates

Dam: Dallyashes Tussy Mussy Too

Smarden Hercules BGF107-03201 07/04/07

Sire: Tollesbury Nelson Dam: Smarden Hyacinth

Smarden Sailor BGF107-03203 27/05/07

Sire: Albany Plato Dam: Dadley Sea Lop 6

Smarden Not Bob BGF107-03213 17/08/07

Sire: Smarden Isokrates Dam: Dadley Poppet

Smarden Titan BGF107-03205 02/06/07

Sire: Albany Plato Dam: Smarden Tussilago Fara

Smarden Bob BGF107-03211 17/08/07

Sire: Smarden Isokrates Dam: Dadley Poppet

Smarden Silver Sea BGF107-03207

Sire: Albany Plato Dam: Smarden Silverweed

BULL CALF NOTIFICATIONS

The following bull calves have been birth notified up to 30/11/07

Miss D. Birkbeck, The Hevingham Herd

UK221618 11/05/07 Sire: Hevingham Sheikh

Dam: Hevingham Minuet

UK221618 15/05/07 Sire: De Beauvoir Harlequin

Dam: Hevingham Starlight

UK221618 09/06/07 Sire: Hevingham Sheikh

Dam: Hevingham Snowcat.

Mr. S. Cook, The Mills Avens Herd

UK100232/700165 19/03/07 Sire: Woodbastwick

Balor Dam: Tyldesley Why Bother

UK100232/300168 30/03/07 Sire: Woodbastwick

Balor Dam: Endeavour Albatross

Croxton Park Partnership, The Croxton Park Herd

UK220259/100400 22/09/07 Sire: Dallyashes

Heart of Oak Dam: Albany Tobago

Mr. J. Curwen, The Bowland Herd

UK182346/300323 25/05/07

Sire: Dadley Tyrannosaurus Dam: Meadowlands

Polyanna

Mr. S. Partington, The Savin Hill Herd

UK103366/200058 16/07/07 Sire: Moorside

Orlando Dam: Savin Hill Isobel

UK103366/400060 24/09/07 Sire: Moorside

Orlando Dam: Moorside Pretty Lady

UK103366/700063 18/10/07 De Beauvoir

Marmaduke Dam: Savin Hill Goldie

INDUSTRY NEWS**Older Cattle Disposal Scheme**

Pre August 1996 born cattle will be compensated at the rate of 324 euros per head until 31/12/07 and then there will be a 10% reduction to 292 euros per head (on the current exchange rate this will be £203) for 2008. The OCDS **ends** on 31st December 2008. From January 2009 onwards there will be no OCDS and no compensation.

Disposal of older cattle after that date will probably incur costs to the producer.

Bookings should be made through an abattoir or market and for any queries regarding this please ring the OCDS helpline 0118 968 7333

Latest slaughter figures suggest the backlog of prime cattle resulting from the FMD restrictions have been cleared more rapidly than originally thought. Autumn slaughterings were down by some 4% on the same period last year. Processors report a good balance of supply and demand continuing through November and this is reflected in the stability of prime cattle prices with R4L steer prices climbing steadily since late August.

Domestic consumption continues to grow and appears to have been unaffected by Autumn disease worries. BCMS information indicates a continued annual decline in beef calf registrations, down by 2% on 2006. At the same time the reduction in the average age of slaughter reported by BCMS could further reduce beef supplies through lower than normal carcass weights. Despite this the sheer scale of winter's feed price rises means margins are almost certain to be badly squeezed for many unless prices strengthen appreciably in the coming few months.

Spare a thought for our members with sheep as the lamb market continues to suffer, FMD and Blue Tongue movement restrictions hit at the worst possible time for lamb marketing.

STOCK FOR SALE

BULLS FOR SALE

Dr. C. Barran, West Sussex (01428) 741387

Wispers Peppermint Lump BAR106-03151 30/07/06

Sire: Wispers Winsome

Dam: Wispers Pretty Maid

Miss D. Birkbeck, Norfolk (01603) 279202

Hevingham Sovereign 04/05/06

Sire: De Beauvoir Harlequin Dam: Hevingham Solo

Hevingham Flavius 17/05/06

Sire: De Beauvoir Harlequin Dam: Hevingham Flax

Mr. J. Curwen, Lancashire (01524) 791460

Bowland Billy 27/10/06 Sire: Meadowlands

Classic Dam: Moorside Foxy Lady

Ms. A. Dunn, Essex (01268) 710112

Choice of young stock bulls - details on request

3 steers and 3 bulls for fattening

Mrs. J. Fuller, Essex (01787) 460329

De Beauvoir Hudson 27/04/01 Sire: De Beauvoir

Virgil Dam: De Beauvoir Harlow. Has left excellent stock, both pure and cross bred.

Mrs. N. Hosford, Dorset (01258) 880258

Brooklands Magnum 02/11/03

Sire: Woodbastwick Randolph Turpin

Dam: Brooklands Snowdrop

Kelmarsh Hall Estate, Northampton

(01604) 686543 or Des (07764) 366561

5 weaned 2007 born steers by De Beauvoir Jura

Dr. M. Lloyd, East Sussex (01424) 882279

Quern Charioteer 28/08/06 Sire: Quern Wizard

Dam: Quern Charisma 2nd

Mr. S. Partington, Cumbria (01539) 568410 or (07775) 682564

Woodbastwick Balor 07/12/01 Sire: Woodbastwick

Randolph Turpin Dam: Woodbastwick Belinda

Moorside Orlando 09/03/00 Sire: Hevingham

Falstaff Dam: Moorside Quick Silver

FEMALES FOR SALE

Dr. C. Barran, West Sussex (01428) 741387

Wispers Ptarmigan BAR107-22000 30/04/07

Sire: Amery Dragon Dam: Wispers Puritan

Miss D. Birkbeck, Norfolk (01603) 279202

4 in calf heifers and selection of bulling and yearling heifers, all by De Beauvoir Harlequin or

Hevingham Domingo

Mr. J. Curwen, Lancashire (01524) 791260

Selection of cows, in calf heifers, bulling heifers and maiden heifers. Details on request.

Deen City Farm, Merton Abbey (0208) 5435300

Bunces Meadow Daisy 15/05/07 Sire: Tollesbury

Nelson Dam: Lagan Isobel

Ms. A. Dunn, Essex (01268) 710112

3 cows i/c to De Beauvoir Moorcroft

1 heifer - served on 05/11/07 and all still currently running with De Beauvoir Moorcroft

Mr. A. Fisher, Yorkshire (01423) 711776 or (07753) 933336

Selection of heifers for sale, details on request

Kelmarsh Hall Estate, Northampton

(01604) 686543 or Des (07764) 366561

1 cow with bull calf at foot by De Beauvoir Jura and in calf again to the same bull

Selection of 2007 weaned heifer calves by De Beauvoir Jura

Mr. G. Lethbridge, Devon (01548) 821809

Selection of females with calves at foot or in calf to a Limousin bull

Mr. M. Mannerling, Kent (01233) 770648

Selection of females, details on request

Mrs. J. Woods, Suffolk (01502) 717652

Cherry Tree Salvia 17/01/07 Sire: Neen Sollars

Houdini Dam: Little Park Snowdrop

Cherry Tree Crocus 17/01/07 Sire: Neen Sollars

Houdini Dam: Essex Chive

SEMEN FOR SALE

De Beauvoir Huckleberry Finn

DEBX-016

17/08/98

Sire: Hevingham Polaris

Dam: Castleton Hilary 2nd

Winner of the Bull of the Year Trophy 2003

Further details from Angie Dunn (01268) 710112

WANTED

Shaun Partington, Cumbria (01539) 568410

Good price paid for pure bred finished British White cattle.

J. Martin and Sons, Grange Farm, Haddon, Peterborough (01733) 240060 or (07801) 449285

Looking for steers or heifers from 12 months upwards for finishing, within 2 hours (100 miles) from Peterborough please.

Lorraine and Mark Stanton (01793) 852115 Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire

Looking for steers or heifers to fatten, from yearling upwards. Can also use the occasional finished beast.

e.mail: info@vowleyfarm.co.uk