



BRITISH WHITE CATTLE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the June newsletter. It is a little later than intended but, as seems to happen so often in recent years, I have been waiting to hear how current disease restriction zones are affecting movements, and, therefore, the summer activities of the Society and its members. The latest news this morning from the Royal Show is that there is still no DEFRA announcement on the extension of the Blue Tongue protection zone which would take in the Royal Show-ground, thus allowing the great majority of entrants to attend this show. Maybe by the time you receive this newsletter things will have changed! There has been a distinct divide this year between the shows definitely in the Protection Zone seeing strong British White entries such as South of England and East of England and those where the zones have changed such as Royal Bath and West and Cheshire, suffering as a result of uncertainty. Let's hope 2009 is more straightforward and we can rebuild the support for these shows.

For those of you intending to take cattle out to shows, or who are intending to purchase or sell cattle, the only advice at present is to watch the DEFRA website and try to keep up to date with the changing situation. I would urge you all to vaccinate for Blue Tongue when the vaccine becomes available to you.

Please send in anything for the September newsletter by 31/08/08. Thankyou

Angela

B.W. CATTLE SOCIETY WEBSITE

"The BWCS Website Pedigree Database page has recently been updated and now contains records up until 2007. If you are researching cattle pedigrees, or just want to check a particular animal, it provides a quick and easy way of doing this without having piles of herdbooks cluttering up your desk or kitchen table." Derek Robinson, Yorkshire
I would like to thank Derek for the huge amount of time he dedicates to keeping the website up to date. This requires a constant source of new material, please let Derek have anything you think may be suitable to keep the site refreshed. Angela

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2008 Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 4th October 2008 by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs. Colin Cooke, Valley View Farm, Stemborough Lane, Leire, Leicestershire. This will celebrate the centenary of the Faygate Herd established in 1908 by Sir Claud Alexander in Sussex and sold to Mr. and Mrs. Cooke in 1989. All members and breeders of British White cattle are very welcome to attend. The day will be as follows:

10am Executive Meeting at Valley View Farm

11am Annual General Meeting.

1pm Lunch

After lunch there will be a tour of the Faygate Herd. There will be a nominal charge of £5 towards the cost of lunch.

The suggested place to stay is the Travel Lodge, Rugby Road, Lutterworth. LE17 4BP

(0871) 984 6182 (off Junction 20 of the M1)

Also the Elms Restaurant is nearby.

I will begin to gather numbers now for this visit, although there will be one further reminder in the September's newsletter.

Angela (01603) 722288

NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Society rules, four places on the Executive Committee become due for election at the Annual General Meeting this year. The Committee members who have served their three year term but are entitled to re stand for another three years are Mr. Colin Cooke, Miss Nell Matheson, Mr. Derek Robinson and Mr. Mick Wright. A nomination form is enclosed with this newsletter for any member wishing to stand for election. Being a Committee member usually entails two or three meetings per year, usually at Stoneleigh, London and the A.G.M venue.

NATIONAL SHOW AND SALE FOR TRADITIONAL NATIVE BREEDS

The Melton Mowbray Show and Sale of Traditional Native Breeds will take place for the sixth year running on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th September. This has been a very successful event overall and for the breed and I hope it will, once again, be as well supported in 2008.

The show will take place on Friday 12th September and the sale on Saturday 13th September.

The event has the full backing of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust.

Once again B grade cattle can be sold in this sale, but not shown.

Entry forms are available from:

Melton Mowbray Auctioneers,
Melton Mowbray Market,
Scalford Road,
Melton Mowbray,
Leicestershire.

LE13 1JY

(01664) 562971

info@meltonmowbraymarket.co.uk

All entries will be subject to inspection

Paper entries close 12th July 2008

On line entries close 20th July 2007

FURTHER RARE, MINORITY AND TRADITIONAL BREED SALES

Chelford—21st Annual Show and Sale of Pedigree Rare and Traditional Breeds

Saturday 20th September 2008

Closing date for entries 11th August 2008

Details from Marshalls, Chelford Agricultural Centre, Chelford, Cheshire. (01625) 861122

York—22nd Autumn Show and Sale of Rare and Minority Breeds at York Auction Centre, Murton, York.

Show Friday 3rd October 2008

Sale Saturday 4th October 2008

Entries close Friday 5th September

Details from York Auction Centre, Murton, York.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mr. J. Atreidees, Cefn y Garn, Llangeitho, Tregarn, Ceredigion, SY25 6TF

(01974) 821559

Mr. John Alford, Springfield Grange Road, Wareham, Dorset. BH20 5AL (01929) 552177

Herd prefix: Springfield

Mr. Wallace Baxter, 269 Gunters Bridge, Petworth West Sussex GU28 9JJ (01798) 342561

Mr. John Best, 3 Harphill, Barnhill Road,

Wareham, Dorset BH20 5BD (01929) 551433

Ms. Rachel Muir, 2 Dundas Crescent, Kirkwall, Orkney Isles, Scotland. (01856) 874805

ROYAL SHOW 2008

The Royal Show has changed from its format of recent years and will now run from Thursday 3rd July to Sunday 6th July with British White cattle being judged on Friday morning at 9 am.

Despite the continuing uncertainty with Blue Tongue zones and a general reduction in cattle entered, the British Whites have a good entry.

The Society will once again be represented with the tradestand in the cattle lines so do come along and say hello if you are able to.

RBST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust will be held on Sunday 20th July at the Weald and Downland Museum, Sussex. The day will begin at 10.30 followed by the AGM at 11am and lunch at 1 pm. All members welcome

NATIVE BREEDS FESTIVAL

The first Festival of Native and Traditional Breeds is being held at Brinkworth House on 30th August 2008. The festival has full support of the RBST and will include presentations from butchers and chefs on the many and varied use of native and traditional breeds, and will be covered by the Countryfile television program.

For further details please contact Ken Cooper on (07715) 496789.

BULL CALF REGISTRATIONS

The following bull calves have been fully registered up to 31st May 2008:

The Cadarn Herd - Mr. M. Kennett

Cadarn Earthmover MCK108-03277 25/03/08

Sire: Castleton Samoan

Dam: Dallyashes Pull The Wool

The Dadley Herd - Trees Farm Partnership

Dadley Marquis MAT108-03241 01/02/08

Sire: Wispers Basileus Dam: Dadley Moonstone

Dadley Tetrarch MAT108-03243 06/02/08

Sire: Wispers Basileus Dam: Dadley Tanera

Dadley Rhodium MAT108-03245 09/02/08

Sire: Dadley Silvahjus Dam: Dadley Raasay

Dadley Emir MAT108-03247 19/02/08

Sire: Wispers Basileus Dam: Dadley Easter Egg

Dadley Beryllium MAT108-03249 21/02/08

Sire: Dadley Silvanus Dam: Dadley Bullace

Dadley Lord MAT108-03251 27/03/08

Sire: Wispers Basileus Dam: Dadley Caesar's Lop

Dadley Chromium MAT108-0101E 18/02/08

Sire: Dadley Silvanus Dam: Dadley Carloway

(Subject to passing inspection)

The Faygate Herd - Mr. C. Cooke

Faygate Haydn AY108-03289 27/05/08

Sire: Faygate George Dam: Faygate Nellie

The Firtree Herd - Mr. D. Robinson

Firtree Sweyn FIR108-03281 05/03/08

Sire: De Beauvoir Merkin Dam: Firtree Igrain

Firtree Offa FIR108-03283 01/05/08

Sire: De Beauvoir Merkin Dam: Firtree Hazel

The Hartsdesire Herd - Miss Eve Hart

Hartsdesire Bacchus ECH108-03259 23/03/08

Sire: Smarden Isokrates Dam: Woodbastwick

Brown Sugar

The Hillcroft Herd - Dr Rue Ekins

Hillcroft Laurence JRE108-03273 02/03/08

Sire: Hillcroft Red Squirrel Dam: Hillcroft Laurel

The Ladbarrow Herd - Mr. S. Willes

Ladbarrow Morganite LAD108-03279 18/03/08

Sire: Woodbastwick Randolph Turpin

Dam: Dadley Mandolin

Ladbarrow Brora LAD108-03287 17/05/08

Sire: Woodbastwick Randolph Turpin

Dam: Dadley Rannoch

The Lagan Herd - Lagan Farms Dorset Ltd

Lagan Oakapple LAG108-03285 01/04/08

Sire: Rockley Caesar Dam: Lagan June Daisy

The Pennfield Herd - Mr. Basil Lawson

Pennfield Simon RJB108-03237 0/03/08

Sire: Albany Odin Dam: Albany Smithereen

BULL CALF REGISTRATIONS (Cont)**The Savin Hill Herd - Mr. S. Partington**

Savin Hill Curly PSH108-03265 27/02/08

Sire: Moorside Orlando Dam: Tyldesley Country Connection

The Smarden Herd - New Biddenden Green Farm

Smarden Seaman BGF108-03257 05/04/08

Sire: Smarden Isokrates Dam: Dadley Sea Lop 6

Smarden Injun Joe BGF108-03253 15/02/08

Sire: De Beauvoir Huckleberry Finn

Dam: Smarden Indigo

Smarden Tom Sawyer BGF108-03255 20/02/08

Sire: De Beauvoir Huckleberry Finn

Dam: Smarden Saffron

The Tollesbury Herd - Dr. V. St Joseph

Tollesbury Pegasus TOL108-0103E 25/02/08

Sire: Tollesbury Nelson Dam: Albany Orbit

(subject to inspection)

Tollesbury Perseus TOL108-03267 02/03/08

Sire: Tollesbury Nelson Dam: Albany Opera

BULL CALF NOTIFICATIONS

The following bull calves have been birth notified up until 31st May 2008

The QuernHerd - Dr. M. Lloyd

UK262745/ 30/01/08

Sire: Wispers Brutus Dam: Quern Heffa

The Meadowlands Herd - Mrs. V. Ridout

UK160638/200019 27/03/08

Sire: Tollesbury Nelson

Dam: Meadowlands Prim

SEMEN FOR SALE

De Beauvoir Huckleberry Finn DEBX-016

Sire: Hevingham Polaris 17/08/98

Dam: Castleton Hilary

Details from Angie Dunn (01268) 710112

Firtree Barti FIR105-02881

Sire: Hevingham Falstaff 19/03/05

Dam: Firtree Hazel

Details from Derek Robinson (01609) 772032

Tollesbury Nelson

07/03/03

Sire: Woodbastwick Jack Dempsey

Dam: Tollesbury Lady Victorious

Details from Vivien St Joseph (01621) 868531

INDUSTRY NEWS

The decline in the number of dairy cows in England between December 2006 and 2007 was much greater than the contraction in the beef herd. The fall in dairy cow numbers continues the long term reduction in the dairy herd where numbers have fallen by around 40% since 1990. Finished cattle prices have remained firm through the spring and into early summer with prices around 20% higher than in the same weeks last year.

Finished cattle slaughterings for January and February 2008 stood at 92,400 head, 2% lower than in the same period last year.

In the four weeks to end February 2008 spending on fresh and frozen beef totalled £114.1 million, up 8% on the same period last year. During January 2008 the UK exported 7,000 tonnes more fresh and frozen beef than in the same period last year with exports to the Netherlands more than doubling.

Imports during the first part of the year were 16% lower than in the same period last year with most of the UK's requirement met by Irish beef. Imports from Brazil accounted for only 13% of the UK's entire beef imports as a result of the EU's suspension of trade since 31/01/08

WANTED**Sean 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.

Dallyashes lorry and caravan

1991 7.5 tonne Mercedes 814 with Tristar aluminium cattle body, 2 cattle, 3 horse partitions

Good runner, easy drive, reliable.

Approx 290,000 kms. MOT to end June 2009,

Tacho to May 2010, £6,000 + VAT

1994 Fleetwood Garland caravan

5 berth, hot/cold water, shower, loo, handbasin.

Cooker, grill, hob, sink, fridge, heater

Regularly serviced, clean, tidy, sound.

Full length awning. £2,250

Angie (01267) 253697

CATTLE FOR SALE**FOR SALE - BULLS****Miss 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. C. Cooke, Leicestershire (01455) 209369

Faygate George May 2005

Sire: Faygate Rodney Dam: Faygate Francesca

Proven sire, fully vaccinated for Blue Tongue

Ms. A. Dunn, Essex (01268) 710112

Choice of 3 bulls, details on request

Mr. P. Siegert, Worcestershire (01299) 877836

Hevingham Dante 20/05/03 Sire: Dallyashes

Tigers Eye Dam: Hevingham Daphne

FEMALES**Miss Birkbeck, Norfolk. (01603) 279202**

In calf heifers and selection of bulling and yearling heifers all by De Beauvoir Harlequin or Hevingham Domingo.

Mr. C. Cooke, Leicestershire (01455) 209369

Selection of heifers, some bulling age and some yearlings. Fully vaccinated for Blue Tongue

Ms. A. Dunn, Essex (01268) 710112

3 cows with calves at foot

1 x 21 month old heifer

Details on request

Mr. J. Hair, Lincolnshire (07973) 449115

Selection of yearling and bulling heifers, details on request.

Keith and Ro Harding, Leicestershire.

(01530) 260248

Choice of heifers by Faygate Bernard, all having run with Dallyashes Tommy Tucker. Two P.D'd to calve in August and two now running with the bull.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Leishman, Bedfordshire

(01234) 708891

Selection of females for sale, full details on request.

Mr. H. Mitchell, Gloucestershire (01242) 820932

Selection of maiden heifers, bulling heifers and cows, details on request. Just had clear TB test.

Mr. R. Turner, Powys (01938) 590031 or (07740) 474754

Small selection of bulling and yearling heifers by Canalside Mr. Spock

WANTED

Woodbastwick Marble semen

Please contact Eve Hart (07887) 715522