

BRITISH WHITE CATTLE SOCIETY

JUNE 2022

NEWS

A white calf with black ears and nose is the central focus, standing in a lush green field. The calf is looking directly at the camera. The background is a soft-focus landscape with trees and a clear sky.

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Melton Mowbray Market



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**NEXT UP AT
MELTON :
AUTUMN
SHOW & SALE
FRI 9TH - SAT
10TH SEPT**

SATURDAY 23RD APRIL

High demand for British White breeding cattle at the Society Sale held by Melton Mowbray Market on 23rd April paved the way for both the highest male and female prices ever achieved for British Whites sold at auction, as well as a record-breaking average. It was the two-year-old homebred bull Tollesbury Balthasar from the St Joseph family, Essex, which sold for the top price of 3500gns (£3675). Sired by former BWCS Bull of the Year Tollesbury Sir Lionel, the sale leader attracted a number of bidders before finally being knocked down to Dr Sue Bevan to join her Bulby herd in Lincolnshire. The trade for females was equally as fiery, with hot competition for every animal forward and realising a record average of 3045gns (£3197). The record top female price of 3300gns (£3465) was reached twice for a pair of 2021-

born maiden heifers from K & RP Harding, Leicestershire. The first was Templar Larch 195, followed by stable mate Templar Leafy 197, both knocked down to Mr D Sketchley, Staffordshire. Following closely behind in the prices were Highvale Coconut from Mr M Elliott, Norfolk at 3200gns (£3360) also selling to Mr Sketchley, as well as Templar Karrot 181, again from K & RP Harding, selling for 3100gns (£3255). All heading to the Emily Estate at 3000gns (£3150) per head were four more bulling heifers; Templar Kazakh Maid 180 from K & RP Harding, Alcroft Geronimo and Alcroft Peony from Miss S Cook, Cambridgeshire, and Highvale Malibu from Mr M Elliott. Mr Elliott's final lot Highvale Champagne also sold to the Emily Estate for 2500gns (£2625).

SALE AVERAGES

Bulls (1 sold): 3500gns (£3675)

Females (9 sold): 3045gns (£3197)

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SUNDAY 8TH MAY

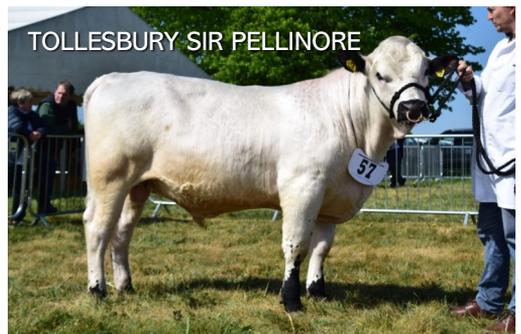
Kicking off the British White breed classes for the first proper show season since 2019, South Suffolk Show was held in glorious weather on Sunday 8th May and attracted an absolutely enormous audience of show-goers flocking to the showground.

Society members were also certainly glad to be back at the event with the opportunity to show their animals to the public and to catch up with fellow cattle breeders. The task of judging the British White section was undertaken by Paul Pennington, owner of the Oldington herd in Shropshire, who commented that the exhibitors had put forward an excellent group of cattle and made his job very difficult indeed!

Breed Champion was the 2020-born bull class winner Alcroft Gunslinger from Miss S Cook, Cambridgeshire, awarded the Parkers Bros. Challenge Trophy for the Male Championship and the Clark & Butcher Challenge Cup for Breed Champion. The Reserve Male Championship went to Tollesbury Sir Pellinore from Dr V St Joseph, Essex, winner of the junior bull class.



ALCROFT GUNSLINGER



TOLLESBURY SIR PELLINORE



BREED JUDGE PAUL PENNINGTON

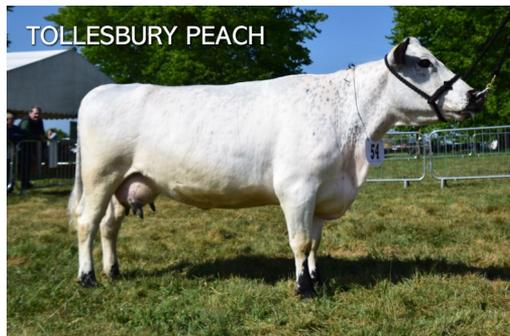
The Reserve Breed Champion on the day came from the female classes; senior heifer Alcroft Glory, also from Miss S Cook, was the winner of the Beachern Trophy for Best Heifer as well as the Cresswell Challenge Shield for Female Champion. Awarded the Reserve Female Championship was the superb 5-year-old cow Tollesbury Peach from Dr V St Joseph, Essex, shown with her bull calf at foot.

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RESULTS

Date Saturday 8th May 2022

Judge Mr P Pennington, Shropshire



Breed Champion, Male Champion Alcroft Gunslinger, Miss S Cook

Reserve Breed Champion, Female Champion, Best Heifer Alcroft Glory, Miss S Cook

Reserve Male Champion Tollesbury Sir Pellinore, Dr V St Joseph

Reserve Female Champion Tollesbury Peach, Dr V St Joseph

Junior Heifer, born on or after 1st January 2021 1st Tollesbury Pistachio, Dr V St Joseph; 2nd Fromus Farthing, Suffolk Flora Preservation Trust

Senior Heifer, born in 2020 1st Alcroft Glory, Miss S Cook; 2nd Albany Octavia, Mr L Cook

Beachern Trophy for Best Heifer Alcroft Glory, Miss S Cook

Cow, born on or before 31st December 2019 1st Tollesbury Peach, Dr V St Joseph

Cresswell Challenge Shield for Female Champion Alcroft Glory, Miss S Cook

Junior Bull, born on or after 1st January 2021 1st Tollesbury Sir Pellinore, Dr V St Joseph

Senior Bull, born in 2020 1st Alcroft Gunslinger, Miss S Cook; 2nd Fromus Reuben (R), Suffolk Flora Preservation Trust

Parker Bros. Challenge Trophy for Male Champion Alcroft Gunslinger, Miss S Cook

Clark & Butcher Cup for Breed Champion Alcroft Gunslinger, Miss S Cook



FIRST BWCS TYPE CLASSIFICATIONS COMPLETED

NBDC Beef Classifiers Meurig James, Mike Deakins and David Clarke convened at the farm of Paul Pennington, near Bridgnorth, to complete the first British White classifications on Paul's Oldington Herd in March 2022.

Now that the scheme is underway and members are invited to book under the £200 Society contribution for 2022 (which will cover the entire cost of the visit for many herds), Paul says that he would encourage all members to consider having their cattle assessed: "Having offered up my herd for classification I would recommend the service to any breeder, whether your herd is large or small and regardless of management style, as the process is easy and accessible to everyone. The classifiers are incredibly knowledgeable

and looked over my cattle with no judgement, offering a completely unbiased assessment of the structure of each animal and its suitability to the job of being a suckler cow within the parameters of our breed. They assessed the cattle in the field as we walked amongst the herd, and input the trait scores for each animal to their handheld device. Afterwards, they provided us with a printout of all of the scores, and the whole process was very quick and painless! I encourage anyone breeding pedigree British White cattle to apply for classification as it has provided us with an interesting look at our own cows, as well as data which we can now use to compare, publicise and improve them."

Members wishing to book classification visits for 2022 should contact BWCS



HERD COMPETITION 2022

This year's competition will be judged by 2021 winners Brian and Marilyn Palmer, Somerset, who are very much looking forward to visiting members on-farm to place entrants in these categories:

SMALL HERD | MEDIUM HERD | LARGE HERD

BEST STOCK BULL | ENTERPRISE TROPHY | BEST NEW HERD

RANDOLPH TURPIN TROPHY FOR BEST HERD OVERALL

To enter, please contact the Breed Secretary. Entries will be allocated within the small, medium or large herd categories based on the number of females being run with the bull in 2022, and all herds (no matter how big or small!) are welcome to join in, with the results to be announced at the BWCS Annual General Meeting.

ENTRY FEE £20 PER HERD

ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY 31ST MAY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2022

To be held at Manor Farm, Catthorpe, Leicestershire LE17 6DB

Kindly hosted by the Grindal family & Manor Farm Shop team!

Join us for the BWCS Annual General Meeting, to include Society trophy presentations and a tour of the Catthorpe herd.

Full details and meeting documents will be circulated with the Society's September newsletter (end of August).

CALENDAR COMPETITION

ENTRIES CLOSE 1ST SEPTEMBER

Send in your photos for a chance for your herd to be featured in the Official BWCS Calendar for 2023!

This competition is free to enter and you can send in as many photos as you like (must be taken during 2022). Entries will be collated to feature as many herds as possible, with the calendar available for purchase from the beginning of October.

Email your entries to: admin@britishwhitecattle.co.uk

SOCIETY SALES - AUTUMN 2022

With two Society-supported sale dates confirmed for this autumn, the BWCS will be canvassing members over the coming months to ensure sufficient entries to run both events successfully.

As the demand for British White cattle is on the increase, members are encouraged to direct any suitable animals that they are thinking of offering for sale towards one of the dates below to get the benefit of having several prospective buyers in one place, and so that those buyers may have plenty of choice when it comes to purchasing their new stock. Society-supported sales also provide an excellent platform for promotion, and are advertised by the BWCS to all current members and recent enquirers, on our website and social media, as well as via the markets' own regular publicity channels.

Want to enter this year but don't know where to start?

If you've not exhibited cattle at a Society sale before, but would like to know what's required, just contact the Breed Secretary. She will answer any questions you may have, and can provide guidance on how to prepare

your cattle to achieve the best price on the day. One of the barriers which commonly holds breeders back from contributing to a Society sale is that they think the cattle need to be halter trained - they don't! All BWCS sales provide sections for unhaltered animals, and any registered animal which meets the breed standard is eligible, provided that they are in good body condition and presentable (i.e. free from mud/muck, tidy feet, etc.).

Cattle washing facilities are provided at each venue, and the market staff are always helpful. Society representatives will also be available to provide assistance and answer questions on the day. If you're on the fence about selling via a Society-supported sale, why not get in touch to see how we could help you to get started.

**MELTON MOWBRAY
SHOW & SALE
9TH - 10TH SEPT 2022**

**WELSHPOOL SALE
8TH OCT 2022**

— CATTLE FOR SALE —

BULL FOR SALE

Tollesbury Moonstone (EX92) is a quiet, haltered trained, dark skinned, beefy bull. Very smart calves on the ground but he is too closely related to many of our cows for us to keep. Recent independent assessment rated him "Excellent 92" High health herd, BVD free and Johnes level 1, vaccinated for IBR, TB4 area.



Contact Dr Vivien St Joseph, Essex

Tel: 07747 847431 vivienstjoseph@gmail.com

BULL WANTED FOR HIRE

Mrs Frances Oliver is looking for a bull to hire for small herd near Blandford Forum, Dorset.

Contact Mrs Frances Oliver, Dorset

01258 880675 oliver.miltonmills@btinternet.com

BULLS FOR SALE

Selection of young bulls for sale from the Castleton herd, breeding for good beef conformation and breed type. Bulls will be Society inspected and ready for work.

Contact Mick Wright, Powys Tel: 01874 730990

Email: michael155wright@btinternet.com

FEMALES FOR SALE

Choice of cows, some in-calf and some with calves at foot, as well as a selection of heifers for sale from the Oldington herd. Viewing welcome, please contact us for more details.



Contact Paul Pennington, Shropshire

Tel: 07980 857967 E: pdp67@uwclub.net

— CATTLE FOR SALE —

HEIFERS FOR SALE

Three bulling heifers from the Tismans herd, two sired by Cadarn Excavator and one by East Woods Henry, all ready to run with the bull.



Contact Stephie Trafford, West Sussex
Tel: 07770 476858 E: stephietraff@gmail.com

FINISHING CATTLE WANTED

Pure or crossbred British White steers/heifers wanted for restaurant and butchery, all finished and store cattle considered.

Contact Andy Finch, Somerset
Tel: 07854 893956 Email: afinch@tiscali.co.uk

BULL FOR SALE

Cadarn Crusader, born March 2020, halter broken and easy to handle. Well marked, well grown and ready to work.



Contact Mark Kennett, Ceredigion
07399 883937 Email: cadarn.cows@gmail.com

Advertising cattle for sale/wanted in our newsletter is FREE for all Society members!

Email adverts to:
admin@britishwhitecattle.co.uk

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01954 232796 / 07771 333303

CARDS AND FRAMED PRINTS FROM ANTROBUS FARMS



Art Cards £3.99
Tote Bags £12.50
Unframed Print £56
Framed Print £110

Commissioned by Antrobus Farms to feature one of their British White cows and calves and painted in oils by Heather Griffin, this piece is named 'Unconditional' and is available printed on art cards and tote bags, and as a luxury framed or unframed print.

To purchase, please contact Jane Antrobus

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