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## David Deakin steps up to breed secretary

The Hereford Cattle Society appointed David Deakin as breed secretary in May 2018.

Robin Irvine, chairman of the Society's ruling council, commented: "Since joining the Society in 2005, David has been a major driver behind the remarkable growth in popularity the breed has enjoyed in recent years. His work in promoting the breed and the Hereford beef brand through modern media and in building relationships along the supply chain have been key to this success. We are

pleased David has taken up the challenge of leading the Breed in the coming years".

David will have the full support of council in bringing innovation and new technologies to the Society while further developing the role of the Hereford in profitable beef production, and as a premium food brand.

On his appointment, David commented: "It's such an honour to be only the ninth Hereford breed secretary in the past 140 years of such an iconic beef breed."



Vice-chairman Philip Allman congratulated David Deakin (right) on his appointment

## Marketing manager appointed by Society

The Hereford Cattle Society have appointed Laura Bowyer as marketing manager and has joined the team at Hereford House.

After working as a livestock reporter for Farmers Guardian for three years, Laura has proven skills in communication and will strive to utilise these to promote the breed and its merits, both to producers and consumers.

She said: "I have had a busy first few months with the Society and have had the opportunity to attend Agri Expo, the National Calf Show, the Designer Genes sale, Royal Welsh Winter Fair and a number of herd visits.

"These events have proven advantageous in getting to know members and friends of the Society. I look forward to meeting more breeders in 2019."

While at Farmers Guardian, Laura spent her time producing farm features and news stories, editing special supplements and reporting from shows and sales.

Laura lives on her family's lowland beef and sheep farm in Monmouthshire, just across the border from Hereford into South Wales, and in her spare time is a keen and active member of Usk Young Farmers Club, being the current vice-chairman.



Laura met Finnish visitor Johanna Jahkola at Agri Expo

# Secretary's report

After many years of stability the Society has gone through a period of transition over the past 12 months with yours truly taking over as breed secretary in May and Laura Bowyer commencing as marketing manager towards the end of 2018. The Society's council have also seen some significant changes, with Robin Irvine, Co Armagh, taking over as chairman following the departure of Richard Mann after six years and five new council members taking office in 2018 for the ensuing three years.

We are now just two months away from leaving the EU and still much is to be agreed between the British Government and the 27 EU member states, which leaves a great deal of uncertainty especially around future trade deals. Farmers across the UK are left wondering what future government support will be provided and in what format?

Although there are still many questions unanswered, we do know that whatever deal is thrashed out by both sides, some important principles will remain. We will still need to offer food to the consumer, and especially beef which is superb in quality, produced sustainably, is safe to eat, affordable and produced to excellent welfare standards. The millennials, who will be increasingly important consumers in the future, are concerned about the food we eat and demand evidence that our beef is produced with integrity and is fully traceable. In the UK, we produce world class beef to the highest standards throughout the supply chain. We should be proud of this fact and engage with consumers through social media, open days and promotional literature and shout about all that is good within British agriculture.

With increasing pressure from the general public, as to what impact livestock farming has on the environment, using pastures unsuitable for arable farming for future beef production will become ever more important. Native breeds utilising these permanent pastures with their low cost base, sequestering soil carbon and building soil health and resilience will become an integral part of farming. The Hereford will be perfectly placed for this shift in emphasis. These pasture-based beef production systems will provide beef to multiple retailers with a unique selling point which discerning consumers will request and appreciate.

There has never been a better time to champion farming systems that produce high quality food, protect our most vital environmental resources, contribute to rural society and are economically viable, or a breed better placed than the Hereford to deliver this vision.

In July, the Hereford Cattle Society moved from microsatellite DNA testing to SNP (single nucleotide polymorphism) testing. Although this has required a substantial investment by the Society, it is believed this modern and robust testing programme will result in a number of breeder benefits. These will include sire discovery (without the requirement of the dam), future genomic evaluations (early decisions on replacements/animals for sale), breed composition (market quality assurance) and traceability (improving food integrity).

The Hereford beef website continues to evolve with new beef businesses and exciting recipes being regularly added. Hereford beef has grown in popularity among consumers and purveyors alike, with the throughput of branded



Breed secretary David Deakin

Hereford beef carcasses more than trebling in the past 10 years. It was pleasing to see the British Government had confidence to offer Hereford beef fillet as the main course on a quintessentially British menu when Prime Minister Theresa May hosted US President Donald Trump at Blenheim Palace during his inaugural visit to the UK.

The NBA held a beef event in Northern Ireland for the first time in many years. At the event, the Northern Ireland Hereford Breeders' Association did the Society and breed proud by taking the runner-up spot in the best beef breed stand. This was followed up in May with a successful NBA Beef Expo event, held at Shrewsbury Market. The Society once again collected the trophy for best beef breed stand - our fifth win during the past eight years. Our thanks go to the Hereford Cattle Breeders' Association for sourcing the cattle that helped make the display stand out from the rest. The year ended with more success when the South West Hereford Association was presented with a silver award for best breed stand at Agrifest South West.

Records have certainly soared over the past year with the highest price ever recorded at a public auction for a poll bull at the third annual Designer Genes sale held at Shrewsbury Auction Mart at £13,650. In total, 16 heifer lots were sold to average £5,873, topping three times at £8,400 which made it the highest averaging Hereford sale in UK history. On the evening prior to the live sale, an inaugural DGS Goes Global event was held and yet more records were broken. This time 125 straws of semen sold to average £92 per straw, with a top of £460, while 44 embryos sold to average £570 per embryo and topped at £2,000.

Success also came at the two Society sales held at Hereford Livestock Market, with a record average of £4,321 for bulls at the spring sale and a female centre record of £7,900 at the autumn sale. We have undertaken a detailed analysis of bull sale prices over the past six Society shows and sales (2016 to 2018) and can draw several important conclusions. The most significant price differential of £776 per head has been recorded where bulls with a terminal sire index (TSI) above breed average are compared to those breed average or below. Bulls in the top 10 per cent for TSI provided a further increase, at an average of £1,032 per head over

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those breed average or below. Surely this is the evidence breeders require to further convince them that Breedplan performance recording is an important management tool.

The UK Hereford Youth (UKHY) movement continues to grow at a pace under the co-ordination of Emma Smith. A new UK Hereford Youth working group has been set up to provide Emma with the support she needs to further grow events and fulfill her increasing remit. During 2019, an extended number of events will be held, culminating in the selection of a team of four youngsters to compete at the 2020 World Hereford Conference in New Zealand. The fruits of Emma's labour are certainly coming to the fore with

interbreed successes for UKHY members at last year's Royal Welsh and Royal Three Counties shows. For more details on UKHY please turn to P139-141.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Society's staff for working through some difficult changes over the past 12 months - their hard work and dedication is much appreciated. I also look forward to working with council over the next two years to develop ideas and opportunities for the Hereford breed in a new post-Brexit era and to meet as many members as possible at summer shows, events or at the open day held on the 11 June at David and Maggie Kelly's farm in Cumbria.

# Reflecting on a year as president

by Jonathan Moorhouse

It has been a challenging year for the Hereford Cattle Society and for my term in office. When I took over as president at the beginning of 2018 it coincided with Richard Mann stepping down as chairman of the Society, and so for a period of time I was trying to keep things afloat. Thankfully, in February, Robin Irvine was elected as chairman, which took a great deal of weight off my shoulders. However, soon afterwards the Society's CEO resigned, so it was another relief, when David Deakin stepped up and accepted the position of breed secretary in mid-May.

The staff at Hereford House did a tremendous job during this transitional year and I would like to thank David, Beverley, Tracey and Sylvia for all of their hard work. We are lucky to have a great deal of experience among the staff and they were able to just keep the job going.

I am also pleased to have worked with a new, young, enthusiastic council which is full of ideas on how to take the breed forward.

Rosemary and I have had a truly fantastic year. The Christmas Calf Show was the first event we attended, shortly followed by the North of England AGM where we had a lovely time with fantastic hospitality. In fact, everywhere we have visited the hospitality has been second to none.

Through the summer we visited the Royal Ulster Show, Devon County, Royal Highland, Royal Welsh, Royal Bath and West and I judged the Northern Ireland National Show in Omagh in July where we were again looked after so well, even receiving a tour of Belfast.

We attended the National Show at Tetbury Wells where we knew we were going to see some very good cattle, and we did. The senior bull class with a line-up of 10 animals was a magnificent sight to see and the most enduring memory from my term as president. So rarely do you see such big bulls altogether.

Another highlight of course was our trip to Hungary for the European Conference. The Hungarians are tremendous people and we were treated like kings - everywhere we went, they wanted to feed us.

Seeing the Hungarian cattle in a commercial environment was fantastic. Most of them were poll and very similar to what you may see here. They were in big groups doing what Herefords should do - producing good, strong calves and putting the highest quality of meat in front of the consumer.



Breed president Jonathan Moorhouse

One group of cattle we saw were 800-strong and even after having only two inches of rain in two months, they were looking so well in conditions I think only the Hereford could thrive on. These 800 cattle were being held in front of two coach loads of people by just four men - again, a credit to the breed. There is not another breed in the world which compares, in my opinion.

Moving into the future, I would urge all breeders to be true to the character of the breed. We need to protect its distinctive characteristics and make no concessions to its character or appearance.

There are a lot of challenges ahead for those who are the custodians of the breed, in terms of the legislation involved in leaving Europe as well as in advances such as gene editing. People need to know what is involved and need to understand what is at risk, because once it has gone, we will never get it back again.

Being president of the society of the best breed in the world for the past 12 months has been a great honour. I would like to thank the Society for having me as president, my 'carer' Rosemary for her support, and I wish Des Kelly the best of luck for the forthcoming year.

# Des Kelly appointed president of Hereford Cattle Society

**Des Kelly from Ballygawley, Co Tyrone has been elected president of the Hereford Cattle Society for 2019 as outgoing Jonathan Moorhouse retires from a busy year.**

From a well-known farming family, Des is also recognised for founding CavanaghKelly which is now one of the largest independent accountancy and business consultancy groups in the province.

Des' passion for farming and livestock led to the establishment of the Mullin herd of pedigree Herefords in 2003. The early purchases of females from the Graceland herd were followed by consignments from Lowesmoor, Bosa and Ford Abbey. A horned herd, Lurgacullion, was also established, introducing American line one bloodlines through bulls and females purchased from John Douglas' Ervie herd, Castle Douglas.

Des said: "It is a privilege and an honour to represent the members as president of the Hereford Cattle Society for 2019. My wife Colette and I are looking forward to visiting and meeting the membership throughout the year."

Des is particularly focussed on the commercial attributes of the Hereford and on the potential to develop the breed through supply chain engagement. He regularly hosts open farm events and visits from the red meat processors Dunbia and has been successful in building relationships and promoting the Hereford brand.

He said: "My outlook has always been commercial, and the importance of ensuring the breed can hold its place in an ever crowded market. I endeavour to sell breeding stock off-farm, and what doesn't make it for breeding goes to the Co-op's retail Hereford scheme through Dunbia. This particular scheme has proven very successful, but I have no doubt that more is required so that all of our new breeders share in this type of scheme - something which I know the Hereford council is aware of."

An established judge within the breed, Des has sorted line-ups at the National Hereford Show, Tenbury Wells, the Irish National Championship, Tullamore and Somet De L'Élevage show, Clermont Ferrand, France.

Des continued: "The breed has come on leaps and bounds since I first became a member, we have many more new members, registered pedigree calves and an increasing presence within the branded retail beef schemes. Hereford beef can now be found on many menus in some of the top restaurants throughout the UK.

"I am looking forward to getting out and about around the country and meeting as many members as is possible. In advance of my travels a word of thanks to Colette and family



Des Kelly is handed the president's badge by outgoing president Jonathan Moorhouse

for supporting me throughout, and indeed to the wider team at base which keep all the plates spinning.

"I must give a special word of thanks to Jonathan Moorhouse for his efforts in his year as president, being a steady hand in a year of significant change at Hereford House," he said.

Mark Roberts of the Bromley herd, based at Hoarwithy, Herefordshire was elected as vice-president for 2019.



Des judging at the National Show, Tenbury Wells in 2017

# Top Herefords 2018



**Coley 1 Pilot**



**Dendor 1 Ruby 29th**

## Bull of the year

- 1st Coley 1 Pilot  
H Whittaker
- 2nd Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine  
DE, ED and AL Jones
- 3rd Romany 1 Prime Time BL P62  
JRB Wilson and sons

## Female of the year

- 1st Dendor 1 Ruby 29th  
DE, ED and AL Jones
- 2nd Coley 1 Pippa 356  
T and D Harrison
- =3rd Shraden 1 Alice P809  
MJ and HM Timmis
- =3rd Spartan 1 Plum  
SC Hartwright

## Poll bull of the year

- 1st Coley 1 Pilot  
H Whittaker
- 2nd Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine  
DE, ED and AL Jones
- 3rd Romany 1 Prime Time  
JRB Wilson and sons

## Poll female of the year

- 1st Dendor 1 Ruby 29th  
DE, ED and AL Jones
- 2nd Coley 1 Pippa 356  
T and D Harrison
- 3rd Shraden 1 Alice P809  
MJ and HM Timmis

## Show herd of the year

- 1st JRB Wilson and sons  
Romany
- 2nd J and W McMordie  
Solpoll
- =3rd T and D Harrison  
Moralee
- =3rd Spartan 1 Plum  
SC Hartwright

## Sire of the year

- 1st Barwise 1 Lancer  
JRB Wilson and sons and  
CS Fletcher
- 2nd Panmure 1 Henry  
J and W McMordie
- 3rd SMH King Size  
T and D Harrison

## Horned bull of the year

- 1st Haven Possum  
EL Lewis and Son
- 2nd Moyclare Malcolm  
TA Spooner
- =3rd Free Town Nevada  
R.A Bradstock and ptrns
- =3rd Mara President  
RN and MA Borwick

## Horned female of the year

- 1st Bethanfield Lissette  
B Hutchinson
- =2nd Sparkwood Dowager 6th  
L Jackson
- =2nd Clipston Pansy V6  
TA Spooner

## Horned herd of the year

- 1st S Cowle  
Highhedges
- 2nd RN and MA Borwick  
Mara
- 3rd RA Bradstock and ptrns  
Free Town



Annual Society

Awards Dinner



# Herefords of the year announced at annual dinner

As per tradition, the Herefords of the year were announced at the Society's annual dinner, held the night before the autumn show and sale at the Three Counties Hotel, Hereford.

## **Coley 1 Pilot - Bull and poll bull of the year**

A name known to most, Coley 1 Pilot from Heather Whittaker, Halifax took both the UK Hereford bull of the year and poll bull of the year before also being triumphant in being named Hereford champion of Europe. Now owned by G and MC Shepherd of Moorside Herefords, the hammer went down at 13,000gns at the 2018 Designer Genes Sale, to make Pilot the highest priced Poll Hereford bull to be sold at a UK public auction.

A Coley 1 Maverick son and out of Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11, Pilot took the showrings by storm in the summer of 2018 and holds interbreed titles at Halifax, Scottish National, Bucks County, Great Yorkshire and Royal Highland shows. It was also breed champion at the Royal Highland, Great Yorkshire, Scottish National and Bucks County. It was reserve breed champion at Northumberland, grand male at

Shropshire County and intermediate male at the National Poll Show.

## **Dendor 1 Ruby 29th - Female and poll female of the year**

The award for both female and poll female of the year was presented to DE, ED and AL Jones, Caersws for Dendor 1 Ruby 29th.

Out of Dendor 1 Ruby 17th, it's by Solpoll 1 Gilbert which has sired the UK Hereford female of the year for the last five years and was thrice named sire of the year. This female won the interbreed at Shropshire County, breed and reserve native interbreed at the Royal Three Counties, reserve female at the Royal Welsh and Bucks County, female champion at Burwarton, breed at Kington show and reserve intermediate female champion at the National Poll Show.



Coley 1 Pilot from H Whittaker



Dendor 1 Ruby 29th from DE, ED and AL Jones



Heather Whittaker received the bull of the year trophy from Jonathan and Rosemary Moorhouse



Jen and Aled Jones received the female of the year trophy



Bethanfield Lisette from Bethan Hutchinson



Ben Lewis received the horned bull of the year trophy from Jonathan and Rosemary Moorhouse



Bethan Hutchinson received the horned female of the year trophy

**Bethanfield Lisette - Horned female of the year**

Newly established breeder Bethan Hutchinson, Billingham went home with the award for horned female of the year after Bethanfield Lisette took reserve supreme, grand female and intermediate champion at the National Show. This February the 2017-born female also stood first in its class at the Great Yorkshire, second at the Royal Highland and third at Northumberland County shows. This female is by Auckvale Monument 1436M and out of Fourstones Lisette 285.

**Haven Possum - Horned bull of the year**

Haven Possum from EL Lewis and son, Dilwyn took the horned bull of the year title. With great stretch and power, this bull was undefeated in every class in 2018, gaining red rosettes at the Royal Three Counties, Royal Welsh,

National Show, Shropshire County and Kington shows. Born in September 2016, Possum is by Australian sire Mawarra After Shock and out of Haven Splendour 25th.

**Highhedges - Horned herd of the year**

Sarah Cowle, Aylesbury was awarded the horned herd of the year title. Sarah had a great deal of success in the showing in 2018 particularly at the National Hereford Show where Highhedges Rich Reward was first in its class, reserve grand and junior male champion. At the same show, Highhedges Blossom 6-13 won reserve senior female and second in its class. Highhedges Ripsnorter won a first place ticket and Highhedges Diadem came second in its class, while Highhedges Blossom received a third place prize card.



Sarah Cowle was presented the horned herd of the year trophy



Haven Possum with Ben Lewis of EL Lewis and son

**Barwise 1 Lancer - UK sire of the year**

The title of sire of the year 2018 has been awarded to the four-and-a-half-year-old Barwise 1 Lancer, bred by Carolyn Fletcher of Barwise Herefords, Cumbria and owned by JRB Wilson and sons's Romany herd, Kelso.

Bought privately at 14 months in 2015 by Robert Wilson, this bull's pedigree couldn't be further away from Cumbria or the Borders. Its sire Barwise 1 Wellington was also a sire of the year and was the result of an embryo Carolyn imported from Argentina while on a trip to view and buy other breeds of cattle in 2002. Wellington has been a prolific sire and semen from this bull has been exported around the world. Wellington also had a successful show career with success coming at the Royal, Royal Highland, Scottish National and National Poll shows.



Barwise 1 Lancer, bred by Carolyn Fletcher, owned by JRB Wilson and sons



Owner Robert Wilson, and breeder Carolyn Fletcher, received the sire of the year trophy from Jonathan and Rosemary Moorhouse

Lancer's dam is also an imported embryo and one of five full-sisters born into in the Barwise herd. Originating in Canada, these embryos were bought in 2007 after viewing the quality of similar matings whilst there.

Purchased for the quality of its dam, structure, correctness, pedigree, health and performance, this sire is making a big impact in the Romany herd, which is evident from the success they have had in landing the show herd of the year award.

### Romany takes show herd title once again

It will be no surprise to many who follow the breed that the Romany herd of the Wilson family, Kelso has been awarded the coveted show herd of the year trophy for 2018.

This award, presented at the Hereford Society's annual dinner in October, recognises how successful a herd has been at a selection of shows around the UK and the Society's official breed sales - all of which must conform to a minimum entry and number of exhibitors forward. Only the single best result from each individual animal shown is able to count towards the final tally, no matter how often they are shown.

It was at these official sales where the Wilsons' started their successful year. With an entry of two high performance bulls at the spring show and sale, the herd was awarded reserve overall male champion with Romany 1 Prince BL P41. This animal has the highest recorded muscle area index for a Hereford under two years old. Reserve senior male champion at the same sale was awarded to Romany 1 Poseidon BL P5 which later made the day's equal top price.

Noted show success came at Northumberland County Show, the Royal Highland Show, Great Yorkshire Show and the Scottish National Show held in 2018 at Dumfries Show.

April 2017-born Romany 1 Mink BL P60 was a stand-out performer for the herd being awarded female champion



Royal Highland grand female champion Romany 1 Mink BL P60

at the Royal Highland Show and reserve female champion at Northumberland County Show. Often shown by Lottie Wilson, 10, this heifer is due to calf in spring 2019. A similar aged heifer, Romany 1 Lucy BL P61, had a successful Royal Highland Show where it was awarded reserve junior female champion. This heifer is also currently the breed's highest recorded female for eye muscle area under two-years-old.

Success at the show didn't end there, with the 13 month old Romany 1 Prime Time BL P62 being awarded reserve male and junior champion. This young bull has excellent performance recorded figures across the board, including; 200 and 400 day weight, eye muscle area and retail beef yield all in the top 1 per cent of the breed, as well as self-replacing and terminal sire indices.

At the Great Yorkshire Show, Prime Time featured again being reserve male champion once more. Romany 1 Plum BL P2 was another first prize winner here. The two-year-old is out Romany 1 Plum A84 E37, a previous Royal Highland, Great Yorkshire and Scottish National champion. There was more success for Romany Herefords when they were awarded the best pair of animals by the same sire with Primetime BL P62 and Plum BL P2. This duo also took best group of three animals along with Romany 1 Lucy BL P61.

With the Scottish National Hereford Show being held locally at Dumfries Agricultural Show, the Wilsons added a few more to the team of four which had been exhibited so far that year. This proved a very successful day for the herd securing five first prizes and four second prizes, reserve supreme champion, grand and junior female champion and senior female champion. In the male section, the herd was awarded junior and reserve overall male and reserve junior male.

At Dumfries, nine month old Romany 1 Lucy BL R38 on its first major show outing was awarded supreme female and reserve overall champion. It is out of Romany 1 Lucy A84 J57, a previous winner at the Royal Highland Show. This young, high-performance heifer currently boasts the top eye muscle area for an animal less than one-year-old and second highest female for an animal born in 2017. Her dam also shown on the day, Lucy A84 J57, was first and senior female champion.

Romany 1 Primetime BL P62 again featured and was awarded reserve male champion and overall junior male. Reserve junior male was Romany 1 Romeo BL R7 which was also first in its class. They were also awarded the best pair of animals again with Romany 1 Plum BL P2 and Romany 1 Primetime BL P62.

Commenting on the success, Robert Wilson said: "We're delighted to have been awarded this accolade. We only ever show animals we feel would fit into a commercial environment, as well as a pedigree one, and to have them recognised by so many judges is rewarding. It takes dedication, skill and time to prepare cattle and also a big team effort both at home and these events. We have been fortunate this year to have had a placement student from Harper Adams, Tom Bradley Farmer, and also once again assistance from Jim Borland, especially when Tom returned to complete his studies. It was also rewarding to have the next generation involved at a few shows and at home this year too."



Romany 1 Poseidon BL P5 from JRB Wilson and sons sold for joint top price of 8,200gns at the Society spring show and sale



The herd picked up a number of prizes at 2018 spring show and sale, Hereford



Lottie Wilson

## National Hereford herd of the year winners

### First - Scottish Hereford Breeders

#### JRB Wilson and sons, Romany herd

Cowbog, Kelso,  
Roxburghshire, TD5 8EH.  
Tel: 01573 440273 Mob: 07980 253496

### Second - Northern Ireland

#### John Conlon, Drumatee herd

27 Gosford Road, Markethill,  
Co Armagh, Northern Ireland, BT60 1QD.  
Tel: 02837 551488 Mob: 07753 471873

### Third - Wales

#### DE, ED and AL Jones, Dendor herd

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Llanwnnog, Caersws, Powys., SY17 5NZ  
Tel: 01686 688266 Mob: 07974 416527

### Midlands and East Anglia

#### Philip and Laura Vincent, Pulham herd

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### North of England

#### David and Maggie Kelly, Netherhall herd

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### South of England

#### Michael Clark, Lowesmoor herd

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### South West

#### Jonathan Moorhouse, Cato herd

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### West Midlands

#### Michael and Hazel Timmis, Shraden herd

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## Council meetings 2019

Tuesday 5 February

Wednesday 8 May

Tuesday 17 September

Tuesday 19 November (preceded by the AGM)



# Council members

The Society's council meets four times every year at Hereford House.

We catch-up with the area representatives.

chairman



Name: Robin Irvine  
Area: Northern Ireland  
Prefix: Graceland

**How long have you been on council for?:** 15 years in total.

**Brief description of herd:** Currently running 15 to 16 cows on a low input system with breeding policy focussed on producing crossing bulls for the local commercial market.

**Proudest moment within the breed:** I judged the Hereford classes in my year as breed president at the Royal Show in Stoneleigh in 2007. At the same show, our Hereford group won reserve in the Burke Trophy.

**Tell us something we might not know about you!:** My ambition is to judge at every Royal Show in the British Isles – only one more to go.

**Highlight of 2018:** Ireland rugby – simply the best!

**Thoughts for the future:** I have been privileged to be involved in the resurgence of the Hereford breed over the last 20 years and with the establishment of one of the most respected brands in the red meat sector. This last year has seen a major restructure of our Society in a number of areas and we are in a great position to direct the further development of this great breed.



Name: David Smyth  
Area: Northern Ireland  
Prefix: Magheraknock

**How long have you been on council for?:** 2019 will be my eighth year.

**Brief description of the herd:** I run a horned herd of approximately 40 cows and followers, aiming to produce the type of breeding stock which meets the needs of the commercial beef producer.

**Proudest moment within the breed:** Hosting the AGM and herd visit last year for the National Hereford Club (horned breeders).

**Tell us something we might not know about you!:** I am a financial advisor and have been for 35 years.

**Thoughts for the future:** I would like to see more focus on the end user, to work with the beef processors to develop a brand which will make its way to top end supermarkets and restaurants, in turn creating a demand for Hereford breeding stock.



Name: Tim Livesey  
Area: Midlands and East Anglia  
Prefix: Normanton

**How long have you been on council for?:** 10 years.

**Brief description of herd:** We run approximately 50 breeding females which are predominately poll.

**Proudest moment within the breed:** Somebody saying to me recently: "You know what Tim? Sometimes you do speak some sense!!"

**Tell us something we might not know about you!:** My teachers found me annoying too.

**Highlight of 2018:** It has been great to see UK Hereford Youth take its first early steps.

**Thoughts for the future:** My aspirations are for an endless supply of fine Claret accompanied by a cheese board so vast that there may even be some room on it for an over rated French one too.



**Name:** Philip Vincent  
**Area:** Midlands and East Anglia  
**Prefix:** Pulham

**How long have you been on council for:** 2018 was my first year.

**Brief description of herd:** I run the Pulham herd with my wife Laura which we started in 2007. We were looking for a breed that would suit our farming practices and the Hereford ticked all the boxes. We now have just over 100 head of cattle grazing mainly around our free-range layer sheds. We breed both horned and poll cattle and only sell cattle we would use in our own herd as these cattle have our prefix attached to them, which we are proud of.

**Proudest moment within the breed:** Selling Pulham Dowager 4th for 8,000gns at the 2018 Designer Genes sale.

**Tell us something we might not know about you!:** I used to play golf at county level for Suffolk and played off a handicap of two.

**Highlight of 2018:** Winning the Midlands and East Anglia Hereford Breeders' Association herd competition for a second time.

**Thoughts for the future:** I can see social media becoming an even more important medium for communicating with other businesses and customers. It's something we need to all embrace.



**Name:** Tom Harrison  
**Area:** North of England  
**Prefix:** Moralee

**How long have you been on council for?:** This will be my second year.

**Brief description of herd:** My wife Diane and I founded the Moralee herd in 2011 and have selectively built up numbers to presently 30 breeding females plus followers. Our 93 hectare (230 acre) farm at Mickley in the Northumberland Tyne Valley proves ideal for the Hereford cattle and we are fortunate that ground conditions allow us to winter outside. We both work full-time so the docility of the cattle is key to our ability to manage both farm and work. Over the last seven years we have strived to win acclaim in the showing, reaching the pinnacle in 2016 to 2017 with notable success at the National Calf Show, Royal Highland Show, Great Yorkshire Show and the National Poll Show.

**Proudest moment within the breed:** Winning the Royal Highland Show 2017 and the Ted Hewitson Trophy at the National Poll Show two years running.

**Tell us something we might not know about you!:** I work full time as a land agent for Northumbrian Water. I have been known to enjoy a drink or two at a show, but most people will know this!

**Highlight of 2018:** I am extremely proud and humbled to have been voted onto council so that has to be top, but close behind was a fantastic Poll Show for us.

**Thoughts for the future:** We must continue to push for more branded Hereford beef schemes.



**Name:** Audrey Anderson  
**Area:** Scotland  
**Prefix:** Panmure

**How long have you been on council for:** I have been a council member for Scotland for the past seven years, as much as I enjoy this it can be rather daunting facing the seven hour train journey to get there.

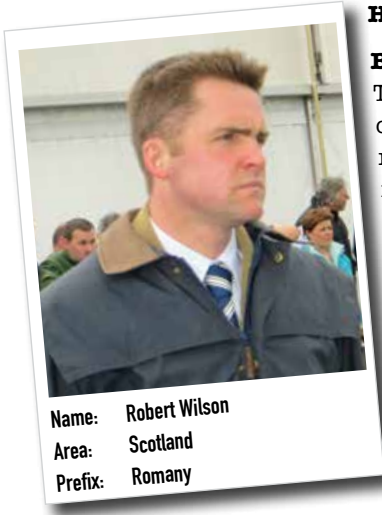
**Brief description of herd:** The herd consists of poll Herefords and was established in 1969 by my parents Alex and Jessie Cant. Currently, we have 12 Hereford cows and 11 Charolais cows which keeps me too busy and plays havoc with my social life. We will be celebrating 50 years of breeding Herefords in 2019 and we have made many great friends and enjoyed quite a bit of success along the way.

**Proudest moment within the breed:** I think the most memorable year was probably 2006 when we were champion at the Royal Highland Show, the Scottish National Show and to top it off won national herd of the year.

**Tell us something we might not know about you!:** Although I have been involved with Panmure Herefords since the beginning, I also worked for 12 years in the catering industry, firstly at St Andrews University, then Crawfords Bakers and lastly

as catering manager in Debenhams, Aberdeen before returning home to the family farm to become a partner in the business.

**Highlight of 2018:** This year we didn't do much showing but I was asked to judge Herefords at the Royal Welsh Show which was a great honour, something which I wish Dad could have seen as he always wanted me to judge but up until this year I had always refused.



Name: Robert Wilson  
Area: Scotland  
Prefix: Romany

**How long have you been on council for?:** 20 years.

**Brief description of herd:** Poll herd of approximately 65 cows with 35 recipients. They are high health cattle with maternal traits and high eye muscle area. We focus on our commercial market with most bulls heading into suckler herds to breed replacements and easy-finishing steers which we feel will be paramount moving forward. We enjoy showing breeding cattle, rather than just breeding show cattle.

**Tell us something we might not know about you!:** I'm allergic to cattle!

**Highlight of 2018:** Bull of the year and reserve bull of the year being out of Romany females.

**Thoughts for the future:** I feel the future is bright for the breed and we are ideally placed to be a major part of the future beef industry. We must stay true to the core attributes Herefords are famous for; docility, calving ease and converters of forage to beef. With 80 per cent of beef headlined to come from the dairy industry in the future, we must try to develop strategic links to make Hereford bulls the number one choice for natural service and beef inseminations.

**Proudest moment in the breed:** At the Royal Highland 1999, under judge Nigel Metson, I won my first prize ticket with an animal I'd brought out for show purely myself, having only left Harper Adams the year before. The animal - Romany 1 Jane L46 R1 - went on to only have six calves with us but the female line has been very successful for others and can be linked back to this same animal, which is so important for us with all our female lines.



Name: Michael Clark  
Area: South of England  
Prefix: Lowesmoor

**How long have you been on council for?:** Four years.

**Brief description of herd:** We run 55 Pedigree Hereford cows and usually have bulls and heifers for sale every year. It is a longstanding, prize-winning herd of cattle.

**Proudest moment within the breed:** Unexpectedly becoming president for the breed in 2016. My wife Roma and I loved travelling the country in the summer catching up with fellow breeders.

**Highlight of 2018:** Breeding Lowesmoor 1 Maverick which we showed successfully in 2017 to become bull of the year.

**Thoughts for the future:** The Hereford breed has seen tremendous growth in the last 10 years. There is no doubt the supermarkets have greatly helped to drive the sales of Hereford beef. For this trend to continue we need to further strive to improve the quality of cattle coming to the market whether in the sale ring or on the supermarket shelf.



Name: Martin Jenkins  
Area: South of England  
Prefix: Appleridge Herefords

**How long have you been on council for?:** First term on council.

**Brief description of your herd:** We have 50 spring calving females on 49 hectares (120 acres). The herd is run on a commercial basis supplying bulls to suckler and dairy herds.

**Proudest moment within the breed:** Being asked to represent the south of England on council.

**Highlight of 2018:** The highlight of the year for our herd was the export of 15 in-calf heifers and two maidens to Belgium which have all now calved and are doing well.

**Thoughts for the future:** With such a turbulent start to the year it is great to see all members pulling together at council to promote the Hereford breed and get retailers to stock Hereford beef on their shelves - we have a lot of ground to catch up. Also UK Hereford Youth are making good progress and an exciting year lies ahead.



Name: Mike Harris  
Area: South West  
Prefix: Hilfield

**How long have you been on council for?:** Since February 2018.

**Brief description of herd:** My wife Kate and I farm on the south coast in Dorset. Our herd consists of 35 breeding cows, plus followers. The cattle are run on a low cost, grass-based system, with a plan to introduce herbal leys into the grazing system in 2019. Calves are not creep fed, and therefore the dams' ability to milk well, is fundamental to our system. Bulls are sold at 15 to 18 months old, mostly to South West dairy and beef farmers.

**Proudest moment within the breed:** Representing the South West on Council.

**Tell us something we might not know about you!:** I used to be part of a hot air balloon crew.

**Highlight of 2018:** Winning the South West Hereford Association medium herd competition, for the fourth consecutive year.

**Thoughts for the future:** As a Hereford Society council member, along with the other members, and the team at Hereford House, I hope to be able to help navigate the Hereford breed through the challenging times ahead. The breed is in an extremely strong position at the present time, and every pedigree and commercial breeder should be proud of that, but with the uncertainties of Brexit, and other issues such as the imminent change to farm subsidies, championing the Hereford breed will need even greater impetus.



Name: Jonathan Moorhouse  
Area: South West  
Prefix: Cato

**How long have you been on council for?:** Since 2012.

**Brief description of your herd:** Founded in 1995, our females have been completely self-contained since our original purchase.

**Proudest moment in the breed:** Being chosen as the 2018 breed president.

**Tell us something we might not know about you!:** Both our son and our son-in-law were decorated for service in Afghanistan. Our daughter also received an award.

**Highlight of 2018.** Winning the South West herd of the year.

**Thoughts for the future:** We are all shareholders in the greatest breed of cattle in the world, we are all charged with protecting its distinctive character.



Name: Non Thorne  
Area: Wales  
Prefix: Studdolph Poll/Glenvale Poll/Ashdale British Polled

**How long have you been on council for?:** My first council meeting was in February 2018.

**Brief description of herd:** The original Studdolph herd was established in 1946, but only one line of the original British Polled cattle still remain here everything else was sold at a dispersal sale in 1979. During the next 10 years there were only a few pedigree cattle at Studdolph, more Hereford crosses but in the early nineties, we introduced new pedigree poll bloodlines into the herd, buying cattle from various sources.

In 2005 I was given two heifers for Christmas, this was a wonderful opportunity to use and establish the Studdolph prefix once again which was used years ago for the horned cattle.

**Proudest moment within the breed:** Winning UK herd of the year and reserve grand male at the National Poll Show in 2017.

**Tell us something we might not know about you!:** During my Pembrokeshire YFC chairman year, I organised an endurance challenge of cycling 250 miles to the National Young Farmers Animal Convention in May 2018. Through all sorts of weather conditions and terrain, 27 of us cycled 250 miles in four days and I was absolutely overwhelmed to hand over £27,000 to three worthy charities in September 2018. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all breeders that sponsored the 'Pembs YFC Big Adventure 2018'. By the way, I do have a bike for sale if anyone is interested!

**Highlight of 2018:** Being able to attend local and national shows is always a highlight as it's a great opportunity to really show off your own breeding, meet new friends and of course socialise with the old ones!

**Thoughts for the future:** I'm a strong believer in modern methods but we must remember our traditional roots and values.



Name: Glenn Pritchard  
Area: Wales  
Prefix: Berthllwyd

**How long have you been on council for?:** 2018 was my first year on council.

**Brief description of herd:** 20 breeding females run on commercial bases at 1,200ft in the Brecon Beacons.

**Proudest moment within the breed:** Winning the Royal Welsh Winter Fair Hereford section on two occasions.

**Tell us something we might not know about you!:** I was Welsh junior 200 metre sprint champion (a long time ago).

**Highlight of 2018:** As always the Royal Welsh Winter Fair.

**Thoughts for the future:** Keep pushing the Hereford breed because the meat quality, docility, easy management and economy will come to the fore in the uncertain time ahead.



Name: Mark Roberts  
Area: West Midlands  
Prefix: Bromley

**How long have you been on council for?:** I have been on council for four rather eventful years.

**Brief description of herd:** Our Bromley Herd has been developed since 2004 and is a result of my desire to return to Herefords, after a gap of about 15 years. We now have about 30 cows.

**Proudest moment within the breed:** While not being a top herd, we have had several truly proud moments; sale topping prices, a few show champions and being awarded the best medium herd title for 2018 in our area, judged by the UK Hereford Youth.

**Tell us something we might not know about you!:** My first name is actually Christopher but I've always been known as a Mark. I am also an unrepentant optimist.

**Thoughts for the future:** I hope our herd will be known for producing genuinely good cattle, that the breed will be recognised as efficient producers of high quality, sought-after beef and finally I hope the country will move on from Brexit divisions.



Name: Phil Allman  
Area: West Midlands  
Prefix: Greenyards

**How long have you been on council for?:** Six years.

**Brief description of herd:** Currently we have 40 cows, with 120 total head of cattle. We are drifting more towards spring calving, to try and make management easier to fit in with the rest of the farm.

**Proudest moment within the breed:** Representing the Hereford Cattle Breeders' Association on council. We also won the Royal, the Royal Highland, Yorkshire Show and Royal Welsh with Greenyards Archie in 2006 and took the Royal with Archie again in 2008.

**Tell us something we might not know about you!:** I don't know what you know!

**Highlight of 2018:** Getting Dave Deakin to take the job of breed secretary.

**Thoughts for the future:** I would like to see Herefords recognised as commercially relevant, so much so they don't require special schemes to be popular. I would like the breed to get to a stage where it is run by commercial farmers, running commercial operations, with less emphasis on showing.

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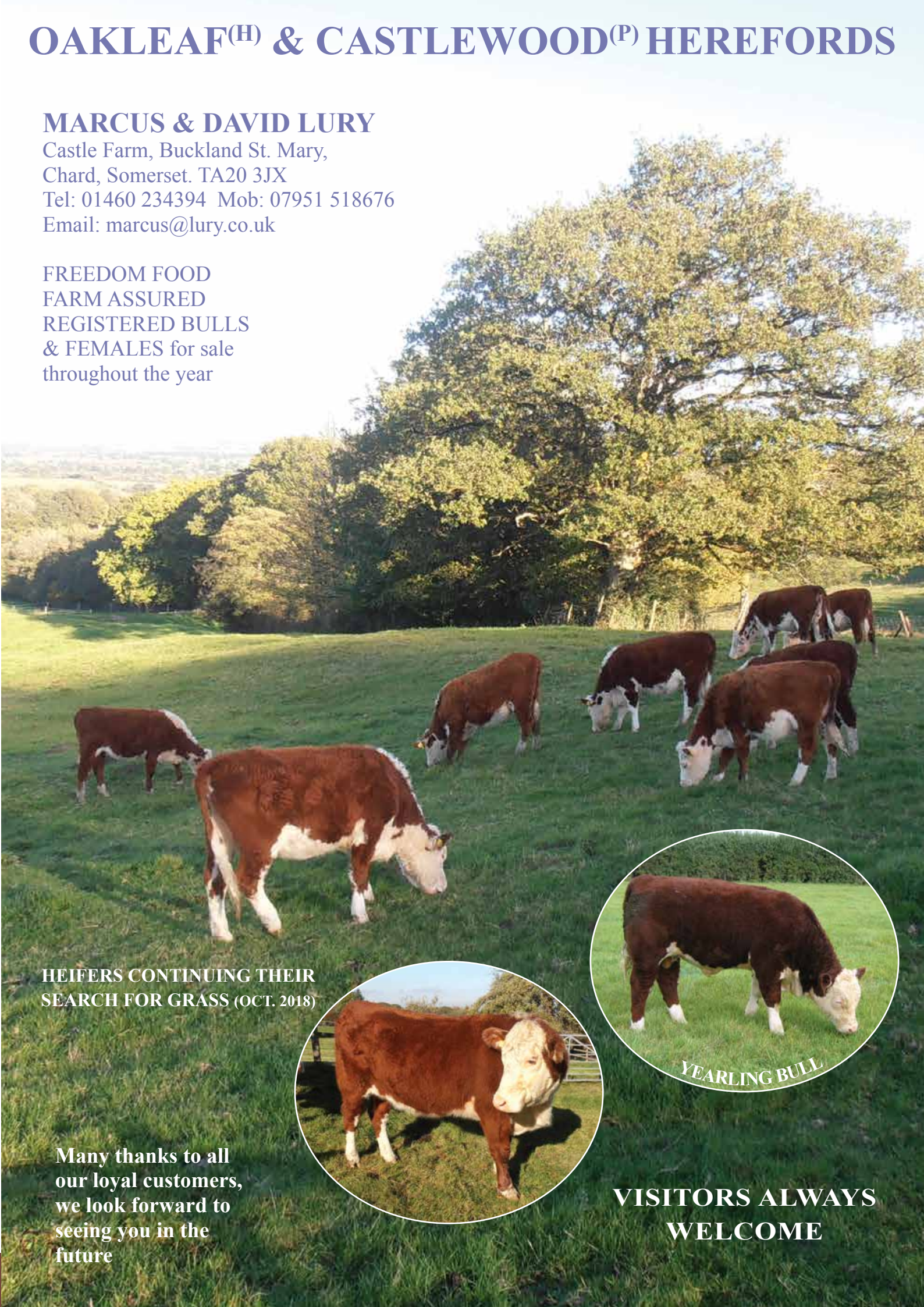
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# Society president wins another South West herd accolade

Now winning the South West herd title for the fourth time, we catch up with Society president Jonathan Moorhouse at home in Somerset.

Sandwiched between the Quantock Hills and the Exmoor National Park sits the charming village of Stogumber, home to the society's president Jonathan Moorhouse, wife Rosemary and their Cato herd - this year's South West herd of the year.

By no means a newcomer to success in this competition, the herd now boasts four South West herd titles since its establishment in the mid-nineties, having received silverware in the years 2002, 2010, 2016 and now 2018.

Jonathan began his farming career milking cows but ceased in 1995 and after considering what to do next, and having always used a Hereford bull in his dairy herd, the Cato poll herd was born.

Jonathan explains his thinking when deciding on establishing his own herd. He says: "I believed agricultural support mechanisms would at some point disappear and we would need a beef industry based on the best converters of what we grow most easily in this country, which is grass. I thought the Hereford, with its easy temperament, hardiness, ability to convert grass into meat and its distinctive markings would always shine through."

The herd began with 12 foundation heifers which were predominantly purchased from



## Farm facts

- ◆ 60 hectares (150 acres)
- ◆ Total pedigree cattle 110
- ◆ CHeCs high health status herd – John's status level 1 and BVD free
- ◆ The whole farm is down to grass with 550 to 600 bales of fodder made each year in one cut



Jonathan and Rosemary Moorhouse at home in Stogumber

the Kiwi herd owned by Anne Humbert, Hampshire. Two families within the herd also descended from the Butcombe herd of Tony Venner, Bridgwater.

The herd and farm has experienced a great deal of success over the years but seeking a better work-life balance Jonathan and Rosemary downsized in 2015 when the opportunity to relocate to Cheddarmarsh Farm arose, moving from their farm on the other side of the village.

A considerable amount of work was carried out in the yards including building, re-roofing and laying a good deal of concrete. Northern Irish stockman John Richmond joined the team in November 2017 and Jonathan says it is thanks to him that he and Rosemary could put the required time into his year as president.

These days 43 cows are run at Cheddarmarsh Farm with 30 heifers following. Cato is a self-contained herd and Jonathan says he has not bought any females onto the farm in years. Heifers are calved at two years old as space is at a premium.

Calving twice a year, most of the herd calves from February to March, although a number will calve down between October and Christmas. Cows calve inside under the watchful eye of cameras to ensure minimal problems. Calves are then weaned at seven months old.

Jonathan adds: "It is rewarding to win a herd competition. Our success in this year's South West herd competition owes a lot to John (Richmond) and

**"We ought to show more really and I fully respect people who do very well in the show-ring. I take my hat off to those who do such a good job in being ambassadors for the breed."**

in the past year of being with us, we haven't lost a calf; this is down to his attention to detail."

He explains when selecting females to retain for breeding he is looking for longevity. He says: "I am after a cow which is wide across the pins, deep in the rib, walks like an athlete and has plenty of good quality milk with an udder to last. They need to be a brood cow."

Autumn calving cows sometimes undergo AI being easier to carry out while animals are housed. This

also brings a good opportunity to experiment with new blood in the herd. Jonathan explains how his Maisie family have been the most successful, being exactly what he is looking for.

He continues: "When I select a bull I look for something that will knit with my cows. They must have good production figures with calving ease being particularly important to us here and good legs and feet are also essential when climbing our hills. I have always used a poll bull but have no problem with using one with horned blood."

"You never stop looking at your herd", says Jonathan. "You don't look at the good ones; you look at the bad ones and consider what you can do to improve. I breed animals that I like looking at. I am not wedded to anything other than that."

Selling 10 to 12 bulls annually, Jonathan says he would only sell a bull that he would be happy with himself.

Being a high health herd, livestock markets are never used by Jonathan, as he does not wish to bring stock back to the farm, thereby safeguarding



### Three bulls are working at Cato:

- ◆ Dendor 1 Napoleon – overall male champion at the Society autumn show and sale in 2016 and purchased for 5,000 guineas from Aled and Jen Jones, Caersws.
- ◆ Shraden 1 Nicosia purchased privately from the Timmis family, Baschurch, and now has some good calves on the ground. He is full brother to Shraden 1 Alice P809, which took the Hereford female championship at 2018 Royal Welsh Show and set a new centre record for a female Hereford at this year's Society autumn show and sale.
- ◆ Cato 1 Nicodemus – a home-bred sire which Jonathan describes as a 'big, beefy bull'.



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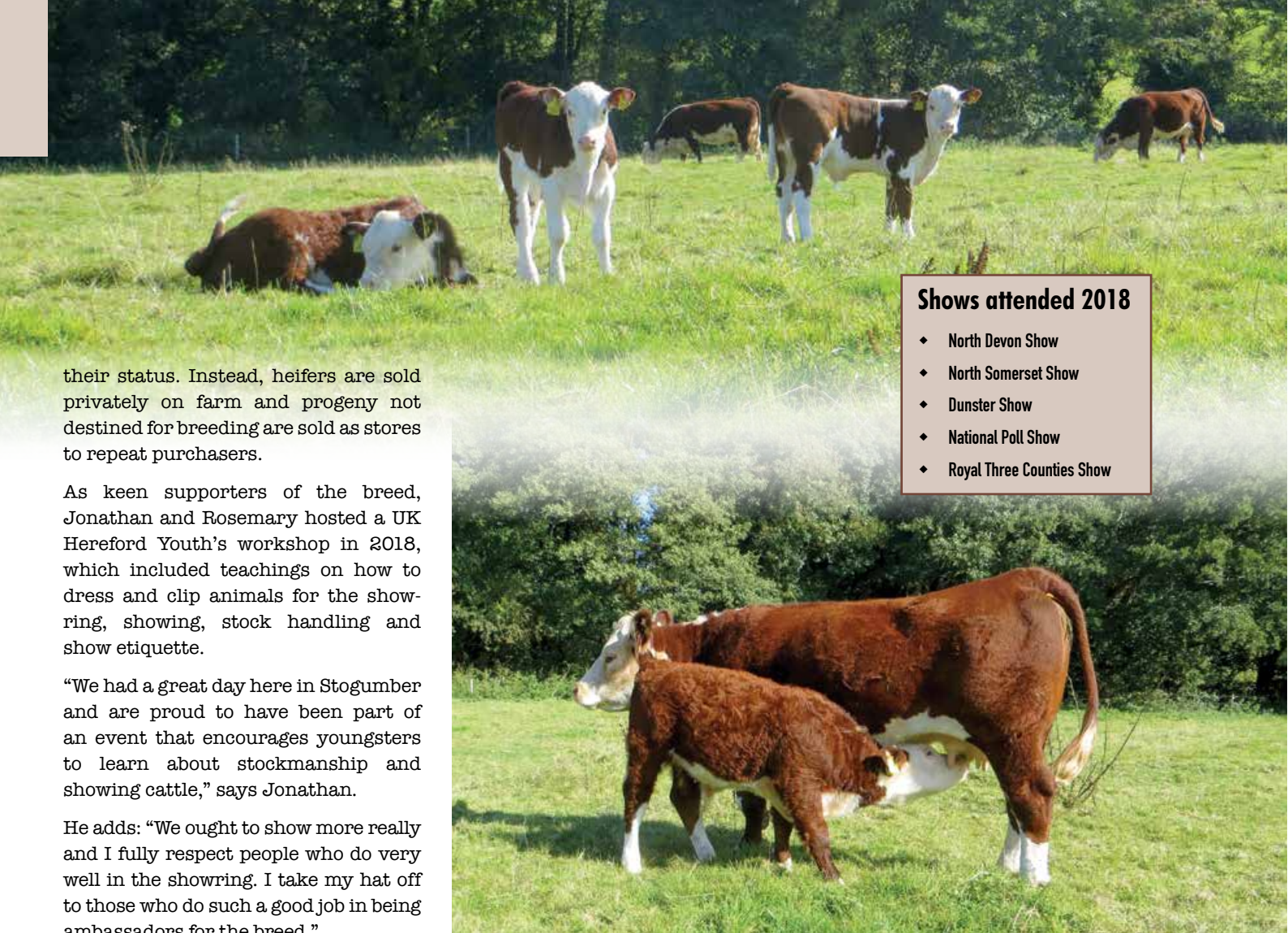
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their status. Instead, heifers are sold privately on farm and progeny not destined for breeding are sold as stores to repeat purchasers.

As keen supporters of the breed, Jonathan and Rosemary hosted a UK Hereford Youth's workshop in 2018, which included teachings on how to dress and clip animals for the showing, showing, stock handling and show etiquette.

"We had a great day here in Stogumber and are proud to have been part of an event that encourages youngsters to learn about stockmanship and showing cattle," says Jonathan.

He adds: "We ought to show more really and I fully respect people who do very well in the showing. I take my hat off to those who do such a good job in being ambassadors for the breed."

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# Buckenhill 1 Pirlo champion at Royal Bath and West

**Buckenhill 1 Pirlo from Matt Gray and Louise Crowther, Buckenhill was tapped out as supreme champion at the Royal Bath and West Show, held at Shepton Mallet.**

At the 2018 Royal Bath and West Show, Buckenhill 1 Pirlo was tapped out as supreme champion by Lancashire-based judge Allen Massey. Named grand male a short while before, this March 2017-born champion is by Alderville 1 Preston and out of home-bred female Buckenhill 1 Anxiety 3rd. It also took the title of best exhibitor-bred Hereford.

Reserve supreme and champion female was February 2017-born Spartan 1 Plum owned by SC Hartwright, Abingdon and is by Cathedral 1 Donatello and out of Panmure 1 Plum K19.



Buckenhill 1 Pirlo from M Gray and L Crowther stood champion

Anthony Mosley

Reserve male was the April 2017-born Bowendu 1 Del Boy from the previous year's victors L and L Bowen, Nelson. By Danish-bred SMH Euro 30E, its dam is Dendor 1 Holly 7th.

The Bowen family also took the reserve female championship with Sky High 1 Danish Dream, bred by Graham Brindley and Boomer Birch, Weston and born in August 2016. By Dendor 1 Murdock, its dam is the Danish female Aland Irma. Danish Dream was purchased at the 2017 Designer Genes sale for 10,200gns.

The best animal bred and exhibited by a member of the South Western Hereford Association and resident in the club area was won by Baybridge 1 Flower 2nd from Les Gould, Shaftesbury. By Cato 1 Darcy which was purchased by Jonathan Moorhouse, Stogumber this cow was out of home-bred Baybridge 1 Dawn.

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# Centre record set for Hereford females

**The female trade flew at the Hereford Cattle Society's autumn show and sale, held at Hereford Market.**

A new market record set for a Hereford female at the Society's autumn show and sale as Shraden 1 Alice P809 from MJ and HM Timmis, Baschurch reached 7,500gns, selling to JD Hodge, Berwick-Upon-Tweed.

By Dendor 1 Knuckleduster and out of Shraden 1 Alice C198, this fine heifer also took the female championship in the pre-sale show. With the 2018 Royal Welsh Show female champion title also to its name, this March 2017 heifer sits in the top 5 per cent for retail beef yield and top 10 per cent for milk in the breed.

Across the board, cattle forward cleared at a rate of 73 per cent, while show heifers cleared at 89 per cent, with an average price of £3,425.63.

Selling at 3,100gns was Spartan 1 Amy from SC Hartwright, Abingdon, going home with Uel Shaw, Dungannon. This April 2017-born heifer is by Bosa 1 Hereward and out of Eldersfield 1 Amy K916 and after running with Bromley 1 Mystery, is due to calve at the end of 2018.



Shraden 1 Alice P809 from the Timmis family sold for 7,500gns

Not far behind at 3,000gns was Romany 1 Lucy K956 R16 from the Hereford Cattle Society's national herd of the year – JRB Wilson and sons' Kelso-based Romany herd. Its sire Fardre 1 Hi Hidalgo K956 was reserve senior champion at the 2017 Royal Highland Show.

Two heifers from J and W McMordie's well-known Solpoll herd, Co Down made 2,600gns and another from RJ Windsor, Nantwich was knocked down at the same price.

Females not entered in the pre-sale show also saw strong demand with 94 per cent forward selling at an average price of £1,324.62.

Moorside 1 Jacky 2nd, an April 2012-born cow from G and MC Shepherd led this section, realising 1,800gns and changing hands to W Milner, Much Wenlock.

IC Markham, Castlethorpe also had a good run in this section, with females hitting 1,550gns, 1,350gns and 1,250gns on two occasions.





Solpoll 1 Stardust P16 from J and W McMordie sold at 2,600gns



Best bull price of the day was 5,000gns for Vexour 1 Phantom from J Boomaars



Barwise 1 Nabucco from CS Fletcher sold for 4,300gns



Panmure 1 Pudding from JM Cant and Partners sold to 4,000gns

Bulls met a more difficult trade, with breed secretary, David Deakin, saying this mirrored recent trends in pedigree cattle sales nationally.

Prices peaked at 5,000gns for the day's junior champion, Vexour 1 Phantom from Surrey-based J Boomaars, selling to RA Mitchell, Dorchester. This March 2017-born male is by Solpoll 1 Landmark and out of Romany 1 Mink A84 J22.

Making 4,300gns was Barwise 1 Nabucco from CS Fletcher, Appleby-in-Westmorland with a call from Hawkins

Farming, Bosbury. Qualifying as a superior carcass sire, this 30 month bull has growth rates in the top 5 per cent of the breed, and retail beef yield and fertility in the top ten per cent.

Rempstone 1 Eric V463 from M Ludgate, Thame secured 4,000gns and joins Michael Clark's Lowesmoor herd near Tetbury. This February 2017-born male is by Hawkesbury 1 Vespa and out of a home-bred dam and stood reserve breed champion at this summer's Royal Welsh Show.



Rempstone 1 Eric V463 from M Ludgate sold to 4,000gns



Senior male champion Trenchwood 1 Birch from AB and FM Bomford

Another at 4,000gns was Panmure 1 Pudding from JM Cant and partners, Angus, purchased by TD and WT Livesey, Normanton-Le-Heath. This bull is by Dendor 1 Leota and out of Panmure 1 Plum F15.

Selling at 3,100gns was Cleland 1 Nelson from AE Nesbitt Farms, Hungerford, a 19 month bull by the Danish-bred, Moeskaer Keno 1222. Weighing in at 1,055kg, it was bought by P Cobley, Stoney Stanton.

Bulls cleared at 57 per cent, securing an average of £2,933.44

**Averages**

8 show heifers, £3,425.63; 16 bulls, £2,933.44; 13 for sale only females, £1,324.62

**Pre-sale show results**

**Supreme**, Trenchwood 1 Birch, AB and FM Bomford; Solpoll 1 Partner, J and W McMordie

**Grand female**, Shraden 1 Alice P809, MJ and HM Timmist; reserve, Solpoll 1 Stardust P16

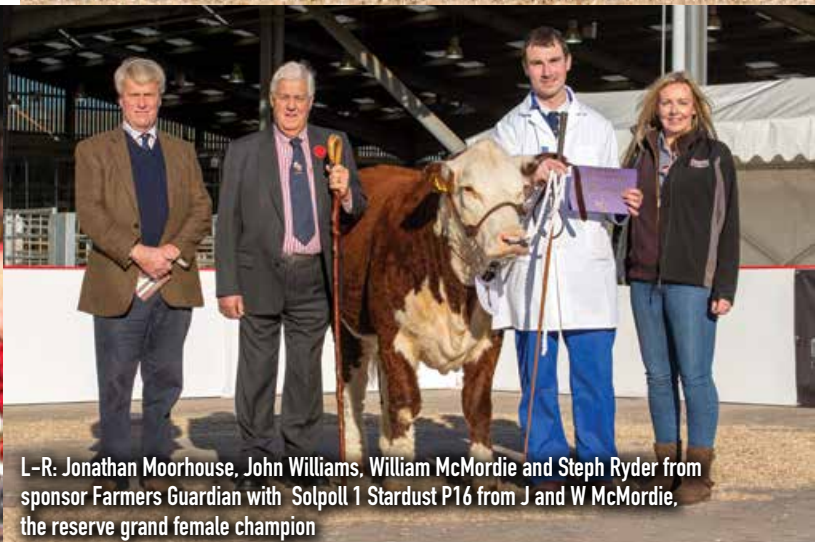
**Junior male**, Vexour 1 Phantom, J Boomaars; reserve, Panmure 1 Pudding, JM Cant and partners

**Senior male**, Trenchwood 1 Birch, AB and FM Bomford; reserve, Solpoll 1 Partner, J and W McMordie

**Auctioneers:** Brightwells



Solpoll 1 Partner from J and W McMordie stood reserve male champion



L-R: Jonathan Moorhouse, John Williams, William McMordie and Steph Ryder from sponsor Farmers Guardian with Solpoll 1 Stardust P16 from J and W McMordie, the reserve grand female champion



Champion pair of bulls from G and R Watkins - Hollybush 1 Rolo and Hollybush 1 Rolex

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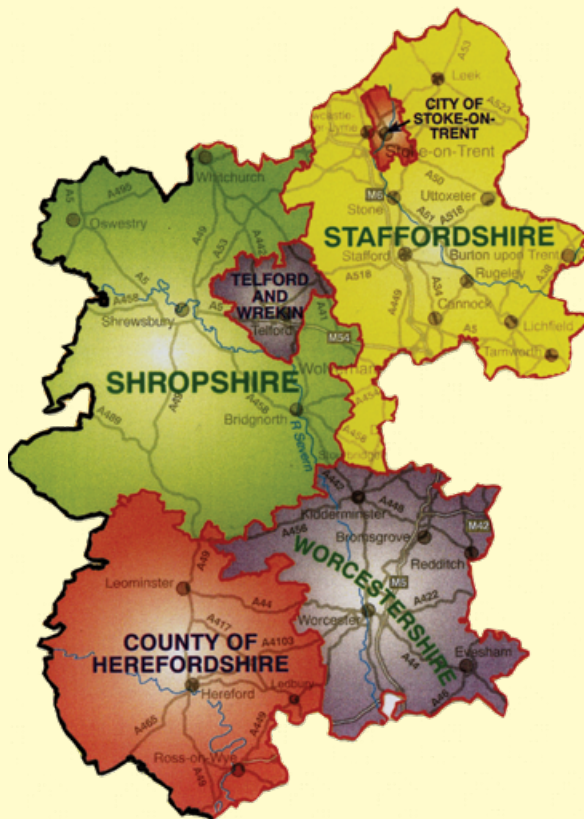
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# Busy year for the Hereford Cattle Breeders' Association

**The Hereford Cattle Breeders' Association (HCBA) area is 'the home of the breed' and covers not only the county of Herefordshire but also Worcestershire, Shropshire and Staffordshire. All the counties are well represented by members who continually support events to keep the Association thriving.**

HCBA always start the year with the AGM and ends with the Christmas Calf Show. The AGM was held at the Roebuck Inn, Brimfield, Ludlow on 15 February 2018. Mark Roberts

of Bromley Herefords stepped up from vice-chairman to chairman and thanked the outgoing chairman Dave Makin of Adzor Herefords for all his work through his two year term in office.

A decision was made not to go ahead with the annual HCBA May sale of Hereford cattle at Shrewsbury Auction Centre. However the new auctioneer at Halls, Jonny Dymond, was keen to keep it going. Due to the lateness of the decision to proceed with some form of sale and Halls hosting Beef Expo 2018 at the end of May, a sale was arranged for 12 June 2018. To achieve a large entry of cattle it was renamed as a native breed sale, held in conjunction with HCBA. There were 60 head of cattle forward, mainly Herefords, but also Angus, South Devon and Dexter entries. With this not being a premier sale, not all entries were prepared to a suitable sale standard which is something Halls and HCBA would like to see improve at the 2019 sale on Tuesday 14 May.

As mentioned above, Halls hosted the Beef Expo event on 25 May. It was a busy week for the Timmis family of Shraden Herefords, Baschurch who were not only involved with Shropshire County Show the next day but also hosted a farm visit and catered at another farm visit. The two bulls on the stand were Bromley 1 Tendulkar loaned by Mark Roberts and HighHouse Paddy from John and Richard Whitlow. Richard Mann's Spinney herd from Warwickshire supplied the commercial cattle. Dave Deakin and his team once again won the best breed stand award. A wet and windy day on the Friday followed by a better day on Saturday for Shropshire County Show our first area points show - well done to Hazel, Melissa and Elaine and the rest of the family for putting on an excellent refreshment tent.

## Committee

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Some of the wonderful Shraden Hereford herd viewed by visitors during Beef Expo week



Hazel Timmis addressing Northern Irish farmers during the farm tour prior to Beef Expo 2018

Once again HCBA took on the other area associations in the national stockjudging competition held on the Saturday of the Royal Three Counties Show. Being the local area association, there were a lot of HCBA teams entered all hoping to match the master judge's selection of cows, heifers and bulls. Two of our teams were placed in the top three, with Matt Gray, Melissa Roberts and Hazel Timmis in second and Tony Bradstock, Ben Lewis and Andrew Whitlow in third.

This year saw the national Hereford herd competition. It is always a hard task to find a judge to give up valuable time to visit 30 herds from across the four counties in a week. Emma Smith, UK Hereford Youth co-ordinator was approached to see if any young members were willing to take this on. The names of James Ludgate, Tom Pritchard, Flora Amery and Isla Soutter were submitted for this task who all accepted and went on to organise their own herd visits with the owners. The presentation evening was hosted at The Haven, Dilwyn by kind offer of Edward, Carol and Ben Lewis. Each judge gave their reasons for their results and announced the winners. Congratulations to the Timmis family who went forward to represent the area in the national competition. Thank you to Emma, James, Tom, Flora and Isla for organising the judging and to the owners and stockmen for hosting these youngsters on their farms.

Before long December was upon us and this year HCBA were not only hosting the Christmas Calf Show but the National Hereford Calf Show as well. There was a slight hiccup in the date as it clashed with a Halls machinery sale on the Friday when exhibitors were due in, but this was sorted out with help from the auctioneers.

The first ever HCBA Christmas Calf Show was held ten years ago on 11 December 2008 at Shrewsbury Market. The judge was Danny Wyllie and from the 150 entries he chose Dorepoll 1 Emperor from D and E College, Hawkesbury Herefords as champion. It was shown by no other than the 2018 calf show judge Steve Edwards. Steve's son Richard, and partner Emma Smith, judged the young handlers' competition.

As always, thanks must go to members for their support

throughout the year and congratulations to all who have participated in Hereford cattle events.

Finally, congratulations to Mark, club chairman, who has been elected as vice-president of the Hereford Cattle Society 2019.

### Herd competition results

**Small herd**, 1st FG Arrowsmith, Oaklea; 2nd R and E Lywood, Heath House; 3rd C McCreath, Levedale

**Medium herd**, 1st M and M Roberts, Bromley; 2nd JR and HM Whitlow, Highhouse; 3rd C Powell, Roughmoor

**Large herd**, 1st MJ and HM Timmis, Shraden; 2nd EL Lewis and son, Haven; 3rd, RA Bradstock and partners, Free Town

**Overall**, MJ and HM Timmis, Shraden

**Stock bull and progeny**, 1st Rempstone 1 Trendsetter, MJ and HM Timmis

**Bull calf**, Havenfield 1 Rufus, EL Lewis and son

**Heifer calf**, Haven Louisa 79th, EL Lewis and son



The Christmas Calf Show just keeps going from strength to strength



HighHouse Paddy owned by John Whitlow on the winning stand at Beef Expo 2018



L-R: Hazel Timmis, young Chester Roberts, Matt Gray, Melissa Roberts and breed president Jonathan Moorhouse - second place team at the national stockjudging competition

# Shraden shines in West Midlands area herd competition

**The Timmis family say it was a great honour to win the West Midlands area herd competition and the best sire award within the Association. It is an accolade they have strived to win for a long time and was part of one of their most successful and enjoyable showing years.**

After many years of building up their female family numbers, the Timmis family were in a position which allowed them to offer some of their top heifers for sale at Hereford, in both April and October 2018. They were delighted with the results, gaining record female price of 7,500gns with Shraden 1 Alice P809 in October and winning the female championship in the showing section, something never previously achieved by the herd.

Having reached capacity for winter stocking in the shed, they are now culling more of the older cows to move in younger heifers, resulting in a younger herd overall. They have decided to change their calving split from a 50/50 autumn and spring, to 25 per cent autumn and 75 per cent spring. This means only the numbers needed for their farm shop in the autumn are produced as the spring calves are always strongest and this meets more customers' needs at this time. In order to do this, they are now going to calve the spring born heifers at two years, something they have not done for a while but they feel the heifers are now of a



Shraden 1 Alice P809 sold for 7,500gns at the Society autumn show and sale at Hereford

size and mentality to return to doing so. Autumn heifers will calve at 30 months.

The mature weight of cows at Shraden now averages 750kg and it is felt this is optimum for the system to produce a good size calf easily, while not taking up more winter barrier space or incurring maintenance feed costs than is economically viable.

The Timmis family continue to strive for the best health status possible and feel this has not only been a major benefit in most of their cattle sales, but also improves the profitability of their commercial cattle.

After two years of very extreme summer weather, with little to no summer rain and even less grass, it is testament to the hardiness, adaptability and sustainability of the Hereford breed that with meagre amounts of feed, cows go into the winter having raised calves to weaning, while keeping enough condition to carry them through until spring turnout on a forage only diet.

Stockbull Dendor 1 Knuckleduster's progeny continue to move through the shop at 60 to 62 per cent killing out and reaching 600 to 650kg at 12 to 14 months giving a carcass weight of 360 to 440kg. The family feel this is the maximum carcass weight needed for both their own market, Jack, their young butcher, and the supermarkets.

Rempstone 1 Trendsetter's calves are strong, true and very easy-calving. Trendsetter has also managed 100 per cent conception rate which is an added bonus. The first calves by Bromley 1 Kallis are now being seen which are a classy outlook with an exciting future.

Hazel Timmis says: "With tight margins and an uncertain political future around the corner, getting out on the show circuit and to Hereford member gatherings has become even more important to us, as it has instilled the need for friendship and camaraderie in order to stay sane and strong in an unforgiving environment. Winning only seems like an achievement if you have others to celebrate it with and problems are easier dealt with when shared.

"Moving forward towards our centenary year we have to be ready to continually change to address the market that exists at any given time. While we are always thinking of ways to do this, we never doubt the breed we are doing it with. For us, Herefords are not just our heritage, they are also our future."





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# A Dendor day at Shropshire County

It was a great day for both the breed and the Jones family, Caersws at Shropshire County Show as Dendor 1 Ruby 29th stood breed and interbreed champion.

Heifer Dendor 1 Ruby 29th is by thrice UK sire of the year Solpoll 1 Gilbert and out of Dendor 1 Ruby 17th, and sits in the top 10 per cent of the breed for 200 day milk and the top 20 per cent for 200, 400 and 600 day weights.



Breed and grand female champion Dendor 1 Ruby 29th from DE, ED and AL Jones

With Richard Edwards, Wiltshire judging, it was the Jones family again who took reserve breed champion with Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 25th. By the Danish-bred SMH Euro 30E, it is out of Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 10th. This April 2017-born heifer has a set of EBVs to boast, sitting in the top 10 per cent of the breed for calving ease (daughters), 200, 400 and 600 day



Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 10th from DE, ED and AL Jones stood reserve champion and reserve female champion



Coley 1 Pilot from H Whittaker took the grand male championship

weights, 200 day milk, intramuscular fat and terminal and self-replacing indices.

Standing champion out of the males was Coley 1 Pilot from Heather Whittaker, Halifax. This 16 month bull is a Coley 1 Maverick son and out of the Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11, bred by JRB Wilson and sons.

Pilot was the only animal not from the Jones family in the top four as Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine owned by the family was named reserve male champion. Moonshine was bought from Matthew and Rita Goulding in Ireland at six months old. Out of Romany 1 Lucy A84 F26 and by Gouldingpoll 1 Captain he is completely new blood for the Dendor herd.



Reserve grand male champion, Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine, from DE, ED and AL Jones

This bull also has a strong set of figures, with 200, 400 and 600 day weights all in the top 10 per cent of the breed, along with eye muscle area and intramuscular fat.

Locals MJ and HM Timmis, Baschurch were triumphant in the pairs and group of three classes, winning both.



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# Be cautious when buying-in stock

Although keeping a closed herd is the best way to keep disease off-farm, but it isn't always possible, says John Schofield from SAC.

Buying replacements can be a risky business, explains John Schofield, with a healthy looking animal potentially carrying disease.

John says: "Don't be afraid to ask direct questions about an animal's health status. One wrong assumption could lead to a crippling disease outbreak and devastate profits on your farm."

John recommends if purchasing stock of unknown health status, test animals on their original holding before bringing them home.

**"Don't be afraid to ask direct questions about an animal's health status. One wrong assumption can lead to a crippling disease outbreak and devastate profits on your farm."**

He says: "If stock are brought home they should be isolated for at least 28 days from the rest of the herd. Any animals testing positive should be removed from the quarantine group and the group re-tested 28 days later. If the group tests negative they can be introduced to the home herd."

It must be decided if all stock require accreditation on the holding or if newly acquired stock are to be separated, says John. If two separate herds are kept, biosecurity guidelines

must be followed, otherwise the accredited herd will lose its status.

John advises: "Keep hold of your certification and contact the Premium Cattle Health Scheme team at St Boswell's who will be able to guide you and your vet on next steps to registering your herd."

Plan ahead purchases for the year, suggests John. He says: "Consider what type of animals will be bought and what time of year, allowing you to plan affective quarantine and control measures.

"Buy from as few herds as possible. The more herds you buy from the greater the risk of introducing disease. Buying 50 cattle from one herd is potentially a lot lower risk than buying 20 cattle from a number of different herds. If possible, try to buy from the same herds year after year, allowing you to build a relationship with the owner and get to know their health status and management practices."

## Top tips when buying-in replacements:

- Buy replacements (including bulls) from CHeCS accredited herds
- Check herd status of PCHS members on our online members database
- If you are given a certificate of CHeCS accredited status by the vendor, check the herd is within the testing date to see if the status is still valid
- Isolate purchased stock on arrival for at least one month. Purchasing animals through markets and transportation poses a potential disease risk so quarantine and test animals before they join the herd
- If you are buying in pregnant animals quarantine them on arrival and tissue tag the calf for BVD as soon as it is born before mixing with the rest of the herd
- Try to buy accredited high health status bulls - otherwise quarantine and test before introducing to the herd
- Screen your herd for disease - it is a waste of money buying high health status animals if your herd is infected. High health status purchased stock won't perform if exposed to a heavy disease burden in their new home
- Follow the correct biosecurity procedures for transporting cattle, it is not worth buying a healthy animal only for it to pick up a disease on the journey home



# Double delight for Dendor at Royal Three Counties Show

Junior heifer Dendor 1 Ruby 29th from DE, ED and AL Jones, Caersws, swept all before it, and was awarded the junior, grand female and breed championships.



Breed and grand female champion Dendor 1 Ruby 29th from DE, ED and AL Jones

This stylish heifer caught the eye of experienced judge John Kemp, Auckvale Herefords, Bishop Auckland. Ruby 29th is just the latest in a long line of successful Ruby females for the Jones family. Sired by 2017's UK sire of the year Solpoll 1 Gilbert, the 20 month heifer' is out of Dendor 1 Ruby 17th.

Taking the reserve breed championship was another Dendor animal, 16 month old Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine which was imported at the end of 2017 from the Republic of Ireland. Out of Scottish-bred Romany 1 Lucy A84 F26 and by Gouldingpoll 1 Captain, this powerfully built young bull first took the junior and grand male championships before being pipped for the breed championship by its stablemate. This young male has a great set of EBVs with 200, 400 and 600 day weights, eye muscle area and intramuscular fat performance figures all in the top 10 per cent of the breed.

Later in the show, the pair combined to take the reserve native interbreed pairs championship, with interbreed judge Bill Quick commenting 'the pair were a credit to the Hereford breed'. There was more success to follow when Dendor 1 Ruby 29th was tapped out as his reserve native interbreed champion.





Judge John Kemp provides Secretary of State Michael Gove a tip on how to pick a winner



Grand male and reserve breed champion Goulingpoll 1 Moonshine from DE, ED and AL Jones



Dendor Herefords took both the supreme and reserve breed championships



Anthony Spooner with Moyclare Malcolm, reserve grand and senior male champion, with breed president Jonathan Moorhouse (left) and judge John Kemp

Standing reserve in the grand female championship was senior female champion Church Preen Lindy Loo N064 bred and exhibited by AR Owen, Church Stretton. The current joint horned female of the year shown was shown with calf at foot and itself is out of Church Preen Lindy Loo JO33 and by Haven Koala. The reserve senior female championship went to 30 month old Bounds 1 Newry from H Weston and sons ltd. This female is all Ford Abbey breeding; out of Ford Abbey 1 Marina 11th and by former poll bull of the year Ford Abbey 1 Albert.

To complete the female classes, the reserve junior female championship went to Shraden 1 Alice P809, bred by MJ and HM Timmis, Baschurch. This 15 month old heifer is

another top female from the Alice bloodline, this time out of the Shraden 1 Alice 198 and by Dendor 1 Knuckleduster.

Standing reserve in the male championship was another Irish-bred bull, Moyclare Malcolm, from Messrs Spooner, Leek which was also named senior male champion. Five years old, this bull is out of Moyclare Ursula 4th and by Brocca Saviour. The reserve senior male championship went to the eye-catching 25 month old Bromley 1 Tendulkar, bred and exhibited by local breeders M and M Roberts, Hoarwithy which was part of the award winning breed stand at Beef Expo 2018. It is by Greenyards 1 Legend and out of the prize winning show cow Bromley 1 Tamarisk 602.



Mara Herefords winners of the best group of three



Judge John Kemp gives Haven Possom a last examination before giving it the red ticket

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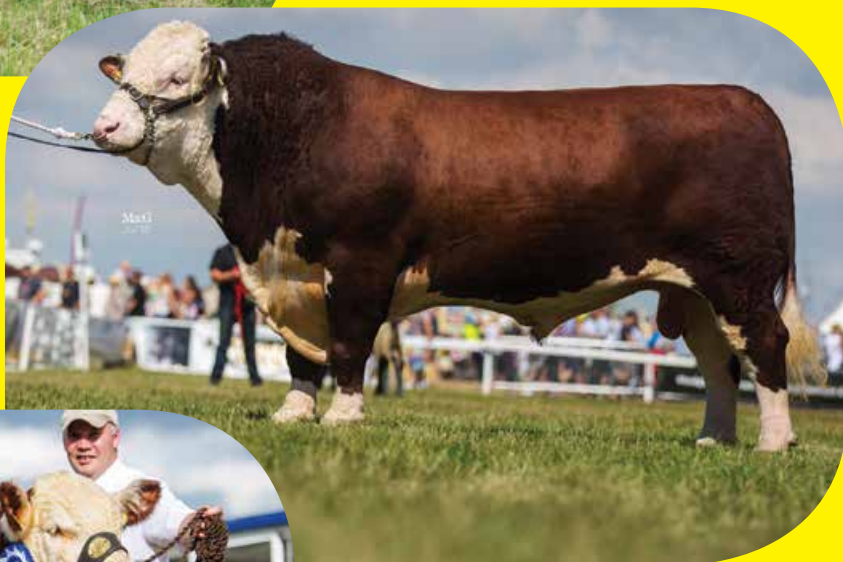
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The reserve junior championship went to Rempstone 1 Eric V463, which stood second to the breed champion. Bred and exhibited by M Ludgate, Thame, this 16 month bull is out Rempstone 1 Model and by Hawkesbury 1 Vespa.

RN and MA Borwick, Preston Deanery came out on top in the pairs class with two well matched animals. Standing reserve was I Jennings, Ilminster.

Judging of the group of three was interrupted with the arrival of Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Michael Gove. This is the second successive year Gove has visited the Hereford ring, following his appointment in June 2017. He chatted with judge John Kemp as to 'what he was looking for in an award winning animal', before presenting prize cards to Mara Herefords for their group of three.



Reserve native interbreed champion Dendor 1 Ruby from DE, ED and AL Jones with judge Bill Quick (left), Twm Jones and Andrew Hughes  
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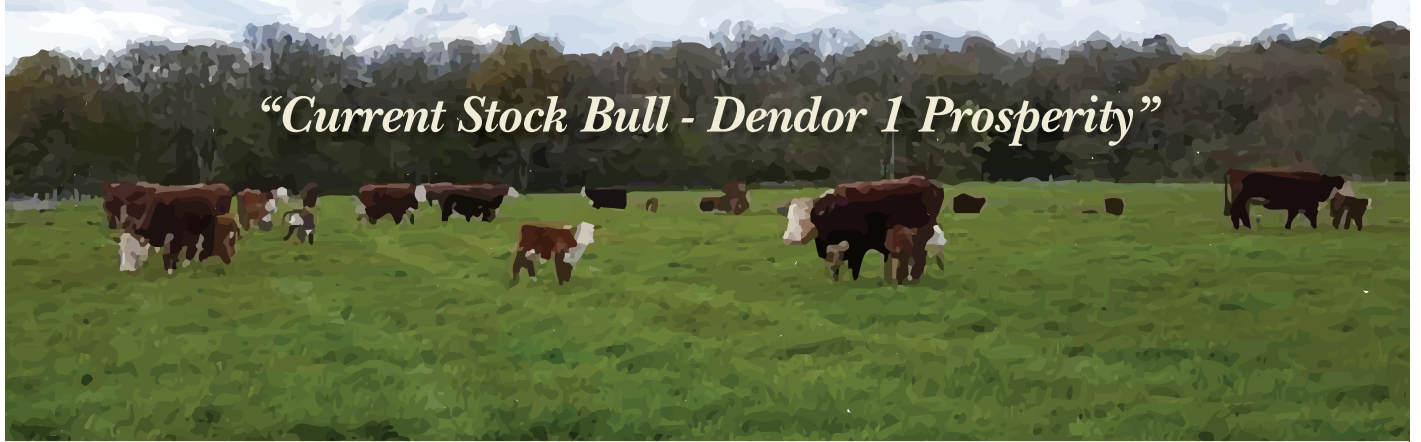
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# Society best breed stand at Beef Expo

**Held at Halls' Shrewsbury Livestock Auction Market in May 2018, the Hereford Cattle Society once again won best breed stand at Beef Expo.**

This key industry event celebrates the British beef industry and all who work within it and once again displayed the very best of British pedigree and commercial cattle under one roof. Over 20 breed society displays showcased the pedigree sector's advances in genetics and the National Commercial Cattle Show, as always, kicked off the showing as exhibitors competed for their share of over £6,000 of prize money.

Following with the event theme 'beef up our future', the show hosted the entirety of the beef industry and its ancillary industries with over 120 indoor and outdoor trade stands and demonstrations, covering nutrition, genetics, machinery and technologies, highlighting the strength and progression of the industry.

An array of technical seminars and debates were put on in-line with the theme investigating how the industry can work together to make farms and supply chains more economically viable, integrated and transparent as the UK prepares to leave the EU.

Thanks must also go to members of the Hereford Cattle Society who loaned animals making the Society's stand look so good on the day.

Animals loaned included junior sire HighHouse Paddy, sired by HighHouse Merlin and from the Whitlow family, Abbots Morton. It had won the March-born class at the 2017 Shrewsbury Christmas Calf Show. Mark Roberts loaned stock sire Bromley 1 Tendulkar which is by Greenyards 1 Legend.

There were also cross-bred cattle on the stand - one sired by Whitehill 1 Larry and the other by Brushes 1 Kirk.



The Hereford stand was busy with visitors

These cattle had been on a winter housing ration of 20kg grass silage, 5kg Pro-flow syrup, 0.5kg straw and 0.7kg mins and lime flour and had been moved on to a finishing ration of 5kg grass silage, 18kg maize, 8kg Trafford Gold and 0.5kg mins and lime flour.

The event included a farm tour of the Timmis' family's Shraden herd at Moor Farm, Baschurch, which was a great opportunity to promote the breed.



The Hereford Cattle Society won best breed stand



Carsten Schmidt, secretary of the German Hereford Cattle Society, also visited the Expo



Jonathan Moorhouse with Robin Manning Agricultural Trade and Policy Specialist with DEFRA at Beef Expo 2018

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# Reflecting on the life of Colin Davies

by Clive Davies

Colin Davies life was dedicated to his family, his animals and his sense of fun until he sadly passed away in August 2018 at the age of 82 years.

For most of his adult days, he worked with pedigree Hereford cattle but was equally at home with sheep, his dogs and horses.

In fact, in his late teens and into his twenties he was a very accomplished jockey, taking many wins at point-to-points and in trotting races.

This activity was curtailed at 22 years old following an accident where a piece of fence brush wood penetrated his leg.

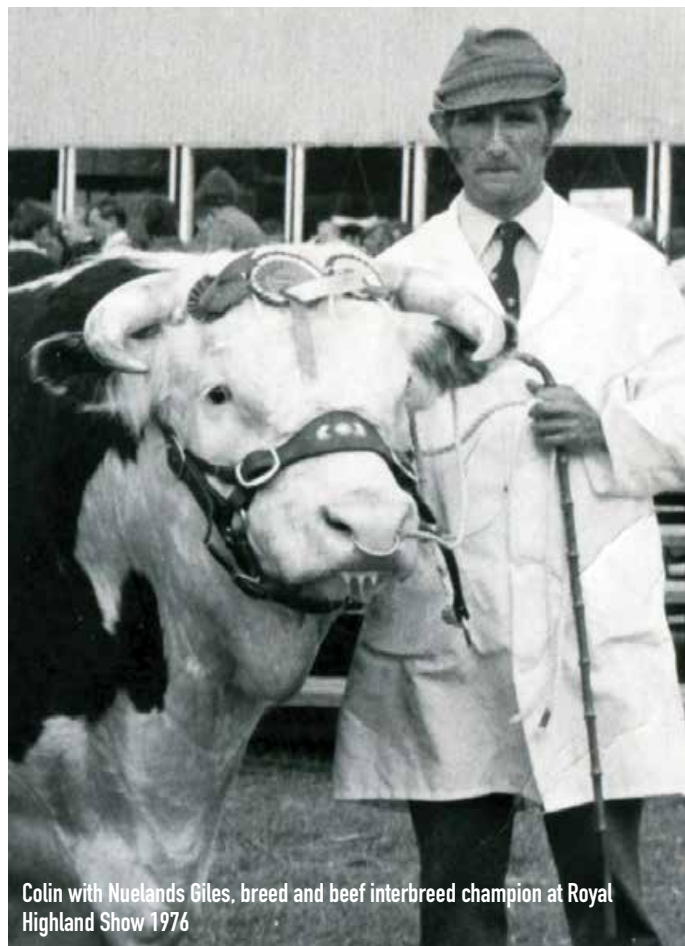
This led to surgery and the fitting of an artificial knee joint.

It was to be replaced after five years but actually lasted for the rest of his life.

David John Colin was born to parents Idris and Eva Davies in March 1936 and was one of nine children - eight boys and one girl.

They were raised at Llanafen Fawr near Newbridge-On-Wye.

When leaving school, Colin started to work on sheep farms but soon moved into cattle duties and then entered the world of pedigree Hereford cattle.



Colin with Nuelands Giles, breed and beef interbreed champion at Royal Highland Show 1976

He was a familiar personality first at the Lower Hill herd, then Little Tarrington, Leighton Court, Votex, Lower Hope and finally Pencombe.

At all of these homes of the breed, Colin ensured the application of the same meticulous dedication and produced many championship winning and well-priced cattle.

Towards the latter stages of this period, Colin and Caroline, his wife since October 1991, also ran their own nucleus herd called CD Herefords.

As part of his workload in later years, Colin was a familiar character helping out at weekly sales at Hereford Livestock Market.

Colin much enjoyed the rural life values of the Welsh border area and a sound social life was also on Colin's agenda.

As well as his work, he was a keen gardener, loved days shooting, following local hunts and trips out and about in this great part of our world.

He made many contacts around and about through both his work and leisure time.

He was a founder member of the Hereford Stockman's Club founded in 1976 and was at the heart of its activities.

Colin was also proud of his family's successes, his children, Liz, Linda and Keith, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Colin and Caroline taking first prize at the Royal Three Counties Show

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# National Hereford Club enjoys AGM in Northern Ireland

**This year's National Hereford Club annual general meeting took place in Northern Ireland, featuring visits to the Magheraknock herd of David Smyth, the Corraback herd of Mervyn and Henry Richmond and Des Kelly's Lurgacullion herd.**

On arrival at David Smyth's, during the National Hereford Club's trip to Northern Ireland, members were put to work stockjudging young bulls, followed by a tour of the herd.

Laura Vincent attended the trip and says: "We saw some great cows and calves working hard on the Irish hills, but the stand-out field for me had to be the maiden heifers running with stock bull Free Town Mentor. We were treated to a barbecue with Hereford steak provided by Dunbia which was truly delicious.

"At Corraback we saw a great group of young bulls and some fabulous cows and calves running with stock bull Kye Rodge 553. We received another fantastic barbecue followed by ice cream served by Henry Richmond, although we were slightly concerned that he needed to be getting to the hospital for the birth of his daughter Felicity.

"Some of the group then had to depart to the airport, but the majority were able to fit in a visit to the Lurgacullion herd. It was very interesting to see how Des Kelly is mixing horned and poll genetics with fantastic results. The young bull Ervie Advance 162151 bought from John Douglas's spring 2018 bull sale looked great and the tremendous Line-One cow Lurgacullion Lisette 1762 kept catching many of

our eyes. We all had a lovely time in Northern Ireland, socialising with fellow breeders and viewing some great cattle."

During the AGM it was agreed Mike Hammon would once again take on the role of president for the ensuing year. Standing down after 15 years as chairman was Richard Mann and taking up the role would be Philip Vincent, another breeder passionate about horned genetics and keen to continue Richard's good work in promoting the breed, along with continuing vice-chairman Tony Bradstock.

Sarah Cowle will continue to process the National Hereford Show entries and Club treasury, while handing over the role of honorary secretary, administering promotional duties and club memberships, to Sarah Cook. Mike Church and Edward Lewis will organise the National Hereford Show at Tenbury, which is the Club's flagship event and continues to showcase the very best in UK horned genetics.

## Club chairman retires

Show organiser Mike Church says: "Richard Mann has decided to stand down after 15 years as chairman of our Club, past vice-chairman, and a long-standing member. During this long period, he has maintained his enthusiasm for horned Herefords supporting all events which he has taken an active part in organising.

## Committee

President: Mike Hammon

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Secretary: Sarah Cook

Vice-chairman: Tony Bradstock

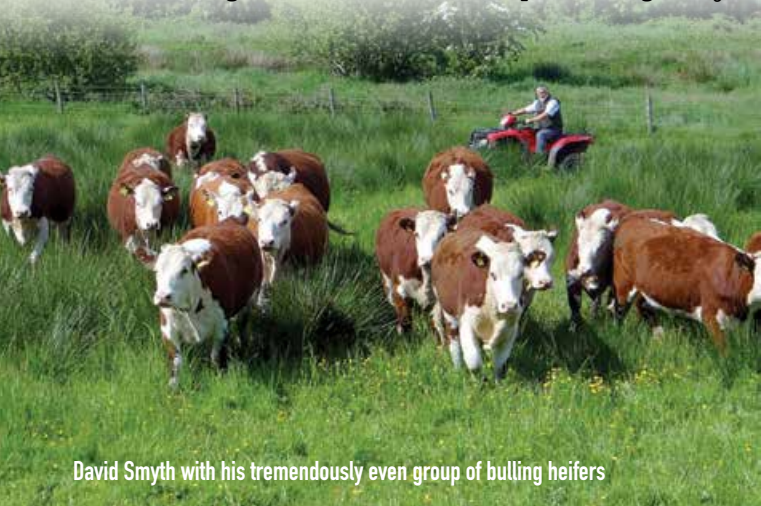
Show organisers: Edward Lewis and Mike Church



Young bull from the Corraback herd



Line One cow Lurgacullion Lisette 1762



David Smyth with his tremendously even group of bulling heifers

“Richard started helping Ted Hewitson prepare the Tenbury Showground before John Wright became secretary, collecting Ted from his home and – complete with a lawnmower in the trailer – making the trip to Tenbury to cut the grass and doing all the other tasks which make the showground look like it does when we all arrive on Friday. For many years, he supplied the straw from his farm in Warwickshire and hired a lorry to transport it to the show at Tenbury and in later years purchasing it locally. Richard has been a great supporter to me during my years as show organiser, always in the background but willing to help when needed, ably supported by his wife Jo.”

At this year’s National Hereford Show Richard was presented with a beautifully carved shepherd’s crook by the president of the National Hereford Club, Cllr Michael Hammon, in recognition of his long service as club chairman. Following the show, Richard relayed his gratitude.

He said: “Many thanks for the wonderful presentation of my shepherd’s crook – I was nearly overwhelmed – Jo also thanks every one for the lovely bouquet of flowers. I did enjoy the show and thought what a wonderful job the exhibitors did in turning all the cattle out to a very high standard.”

### **National Hereford Show**

Congratulations to all the exhibitors at this year’s National Hereford Show which took place on Saturday 4 August at Tenbury Wells. The hard work and dedication in breeding and turning out such consistently good cattle across the board certainly shone through and was admired by a large number of spectators throughout the day.

Success came for both the longstanding and fledgling exhibitors alike this year, with the supreme championship being won by longstanding members Bob and Margaret Borwick and the reserve supreme championship by new breeder and first time Tenbury exhibitor, Bethan Hutchinson.

**The National Hereford Club is made up of breeders of horned Hereford cattle.**



The banner features the National Hereford Club logo on the left, which includes a red bull silhouette and the text 'NATIONAL HEREFORD CLUB'. To the right of the logo, the text 'MEMBERSHIP PLUS ADVERTISING' is displayed in a large, bold, white font. A white starburst graphic on the right side of the banner contains the text '£50 A YEAR' in red. Below the main text, a white line of text reads 'Join the National Hereford Club and promote your herd using our new Sale Room feature with the added benefit of regular advertisement in the Farmers Guardian, all for just £50 a year!'. At the bottom of the banner, the website address 'WWW.NATIONALHEREFORDCLUB.CO.UK' is written in white.

The Borwick’s young bull Mara President stood atop the male section and ultimately pipped Bethan’s 2017-born heifer Bethanfield Lisette who had triumphed among the females under judge Pat Stanley. Having had a somewhat intrepid journey to the show, Bethan was delighted with her win and stood as an excellent example to all new breeders out there, demonstrating you don’t always have to have been showing for a long time to make your mark.

Special thanks go to all of our sponsors, whose support of the show is always so greatly appreciated. The 2018 championships were sponsored by AGCO, Patrick Clayphan Wealth Management, ACT, Brightwells, ForFarmers, Dunbia and Mole Valley Farmers and this year’s show also featured the donation of a fabulous Moocall Heat package sold by silent auction. Putting on an event of this calibre is no mean feat and the Club are thankful to all those who give up their time to make the show what it is, from the team on the day who keep things running so smoothly to everyone who organises, sets up and promotes the event – it would not work without their help and enthusiasm and the Club are enormously grateful. The next National Hereford Show will be held at Tenbury Wells on Saturday 3 August 2019. If you would like to get involved in organising and/or exhibiting, please do get in touch with club secretary Sarah Cook.



Another good line-up on a beautiful summers day at the National Show, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire.

# Mara President trumps the lot at National Show

**Breed stalwarts Bob and Margaret Borwick, Preston Deanery took the supreme championship with the grand and intermediate champion bull, Mara President.**

It was the first time Bob and Margaret had picked up the supreme title at the National Show championship since 1986 when they took the title with Prestone Boxer in 2018.

Out of Mara Blossom 43rd and by Clipston Top Drawer T4, 15 month old President was one of a number of bulls purchased at the show and joined the well-known Haven herd of EL Lewis and son, Dilwyn. Other prize winning animals were snapped up, some by Irish Hereford breeders from both north and south of the emerald isle.

Standing reserve to President was grand and intermediate female champion Bethanfield Lisette from first time exhibitor Bethan Hutchinson, Billingham. Out of Fourstones Lisette 285, this Auckvale Monument 1436M daughter is 18 months old.

Judge Pat Stanley, a renowned Longhorn breeder from Leicestershire, stated: "I would love to take home the grand male and female champions. They are so correct, well-balanced and a credit to the Hereford breed."

The day commenced with the Breedplan performance recorded class judged by Mervyn Thomas, brother of longtime ring steward and former Hereford breed president, Robert Thomas. Taking the performance class and with it the Westaway Cup was two year old Haven Possum from EL Lewis and son. The two year old bull is by Australian sire Mawarra After Shock and out of Haven Splendour 25th.

Pulham Providence from PRJ and LR Vincent, Diss stood reserve. The Vincents also picked up the Geoff Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best pair of calves, with Sarah Cowle, Aylesbury in reserve.



Supreme and grand male champion Mara President from RN and MA Borwick



Reserve supreme and grand female Bethanfield Lysette from B Hutchinson

In the best group of three animals bred by an exhibitor, Bob and Margaret Borwick came to the fore with local breeder RA Bradstock and partners, Tarrington in second place.

The female section commenced with the senior cow class and for the third successive year, W and R Kemp and sons took home the Sid Wright Memorial Trophy with joint 2017 horned female of the year, Auckvale Lively 1058H, and calf at foot. This seven year old is out of Auckvale Lively Lucinda and by Auckvale Broadside.

Sarah Cowle stood reserve with HighHedges Blossom 6-13, also seven years old and is all Mara breeding, out of Mara Blossom 38th and by Mara Epic.

Standing reserve to Bethanfield Lisette in the intermediate section was 16 month Sparkwood Blossom 19th from L Jackson, Tring. Out of Sparkwood Blossom 12th, it's another animal by the excellent Clipston Top Drawer T4.

Completing the female awards, in the junior category it was PRJ and LR Vincent who came out on top with 10 month old Pulham Pansy 15th, out of Clipston Pansy R2 and by





John and Tom Kemp took the senior female championship for the third successive year with Auckvale Lively 1058H with calf at foot



Philip Vincent with Pulham Pansy 15th, alongside judge Pat Stanley and sponsor Sara Hamer from Brightwells



Reserve grand and junior female champion Pulham Pansy 15th from PRJ and LR Vincent

Moyclare Malcolm. Later in the show, judge Pat Stanley made this attractive young female her reserve grand female champion. Standing reserve was 11 month old HighHedges Diadem 5-17 from Sarah Cowle which is a Free Town Martyr daughter, out of HighHedges Diadem 3-15.

Free Town Nevada from RA Bradstock and partners took the first piece of silverware in the bull classes, being awarded the Charles Mackaness Perpetual Cup in the senior bull class. Out of Free Town Peace 5th and by the prolific Mara Humorous, this bull is 27 months. In reserve was five year old Moyclare Malcolm from Messrs Spooner, Leek. Bred by M Molloy, it is out of Moyclare Ursula 4th and by Brocca Saviour.

In the intermediate category and standing reserve to Mara President, was Sparkwood Tinkerman from L Jackson. Out of Sparkwood Blossom 10th, the 18 month old is another by a Mara sire, this time, Mara Kilamanjaro.

What a marvellous day it was for Bob and Margaret Borwick, not only in taking the overall championship but also in seeing so many award winning animals with Mara bloodlines in them.

To complete the day's judging, Pat made HighHedges Rich Reward, from Sarah Cowle, both her junior male and reserve grand male champion. Out of Lowergrove Blossom and by Free Town Martyr, this latest accolade helped the exhibitor to collect not only the Betty Lane Trophy for the most successful exhibitor in the heifer and bull calf classes but also to pick-up the George Davies Trophy for the herd gaining the most points on the day.

Finishing in reserve was 11 month old Church Preen Rasqual from AR Owen, Church Stretton which is out of Church Preen Lindy Loo JO33 and by Haven Koala.



Harriet Froud receives the red ticket from club chairman Richard Mann for winning the senior young handler class



Reserve grand and junior male champion Highhedges Rich Reward from S Cowle



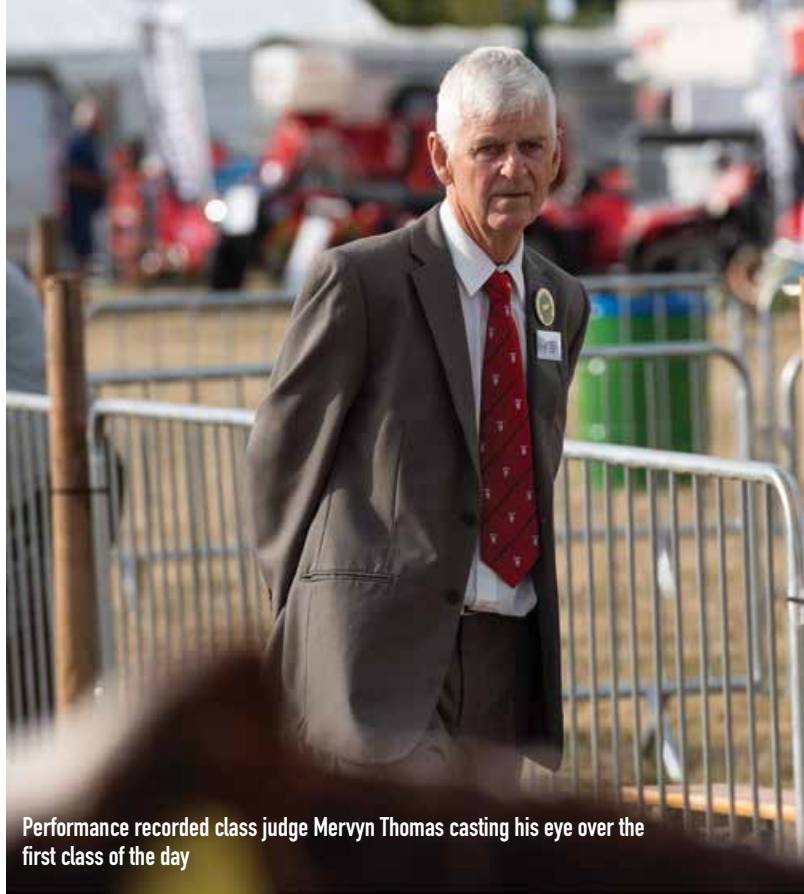
Oscar Chandler picks up the junior and overall young handler awards

The day's event finished with a young handler competition split into three age groups; senior, intermediate and junior, for guest judge Steve Edwards to preside over. In the senior class it was Matt Taylor who picked up the red rosette and Bethan Hutchinson came in second place. In the intermediate section there was more success for serial winner Harriet Froud, much to the delight of long serving show organiser Michael Church, with Hannah Murrell in reserve. Judged in top spot in the junior class and taking the overall award was Oscar Chandler, who was presented with the Thornhill Plate and the Dendor Showstick by retiring National Hereford Club (NHC) chairman, Richard Mann. Oscar has a good pedigree with both his grandfather Mike and father Mark exhibiting many champions at the National Show over the past 20 years.

Later Richard was presented with a beautifully carved shepherd's crook by the president of the NHC, Cllr Michael Hammon, in recognition of his fifteen years as Club chairman.

The NHC would also like to thank the numerous sponsors including Dunbia, Brightwells Auctioneers and main sponsor Massey Ferguson. Without doubt their continued support makes the show the spectacle it is today.

The NHC also thanks Mocall for making the generous donation of a MocallHEAT package which in turn was offered in a silent auction with all proceeds going to the Club.



Performance recorded class judge Mervyn Thomas casting his eye over the first class of the day



Sarah Cowle receives junior male and reserve grand male champion cards from Rosemary Moorhouse



The day's champion Mara President with Bob Borwick is presented with silverware by Pat Stanley and Kenny Linton from sponsors Dunbia



Bethan Hutchinson receives the reserve supreme championship prize card from breed president Jonathan Moorhouse and judge Pat Stanley



Michael Hammon (left) and Janet Moore presented a shepherds crook to long serving National Hereford Club chairman Richard Mann

## Commenting on the National Show

by Pat Stanley

It was a great honour to be asked to judge at the 34th National Hereford Show at Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire. The day was full of excitement at the thought of handling animals that were 100 per cent unknown to me. It just does not get any better, and Tenbury would not disappoint.

We were blessed with excellent weather, and our trip down to Worcestershire went very smoothly.

My classes started at 8.30am and I was ably assisted by ring steward Robert Thomas, who kept competitors moving and classes flowing. All I had to think about was what was put in front of me.

The groups of three started the ball rolling and the winners were to set the tenor for the day. It gave me much pleasure to be met with class after class of such quality, and when you are enjoying what you are seeing, time flies.

The cow class was won by an eight year old at the top of its game, which just filled the eye, having a thumping, well-fleshed body with great lines and good locomotion.

Tremendous heifer classes followed, producing my eventual intermediate female and reserve breed champion. It was a well-balanced, stylish animal, full of female character. It had good length and depth and even fleshing and ran smooth all the way through with good locomotion and will hopefully transmit these qualities to future off-spring.

It was a pleasure to see six tremendous senior bulls out in the ring which showed great strength of character, but I found my eventual overall breed champion from the intermediate



Pat Stanley

bull class. It took my eye as soon as it entered the ring with its style and quality. It was clean, balanced and showed good locomotion - an essential in any bull. It exuded masculinity and arrogance and with just the right bone. It was deep, wide, and level with a strong top-line, good length and neat tail set. It will be a lucky herd that has the bull's use.

It was a delightful task, to be asked to judge the National Show and to pick out a breed champion and reserve that I would have been exceptionally proud to have loaded-up and taken home.

My thanks must go to all of the exhibitors who put such effort into the day, what a credit they and their cattle are to this magnificent breed. And last but not least, thanks to the organising committee who looked after me and made John and I so welcome, especially, Michael Church, Robert Thomas, Clive Davies (for keeping husband John busy), Sarah Cowle (for her many emails organising the event), Richard Mann and Michael Hammon.

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# Records tumble at Designer Genes

At the third annual Designer Genes held at Shrewsbury to coincide with the HCBA Christmas Calf Show, new records were made for the breed.

The 2018 Designer Genes sale saw six UK Hereford breed records smashed at the weekend's sales, including:

- highest priced poll Hereford bull to ever sell in the UK at public auction at 13,000gns
- highest priced 50 per cent share in a Hereford female to ever sell at public auction in UK at 7,500gns
- highest averaging Hereford sale in UK history
- highest female average of any Hereford sale in UK history
- highest priced straws of semen in European Hereford sale history at £460 per straw
- highest priced embryos in European Hereford sale history at £2,000 per embryo.

The Friday night DGS Goes Global sale grossed a whopping £48,350 as 125 straws of semen sold to average £91.60 per straw and top at £460 per straw.

With a clearance of 100 per cent, 44 embryos sold to average £570.45 and topped at £2,000 per embryo. Four flushes sold to average £2,950 and topped at £5,000.

20 straws of the Hereford champion of the world, Moeskaer Compass 1487, were consigned by Moeskaer Herefords, Denmark, before selling at £460 per straw to Monte Lowderman of Lowderman Cattle Company, USA.

Five straws of the \$95,000 Australian record priced bull Minlacowie Jubilant J123 were put forward by Ghyll Beck Hereford Stud, as a donation lot towards UK Hereford Youth. They sold for £150/straw to Normanton Herefords, Leicestershire. In total, 125 straws of semen were sold to average £91.60.



Coley 1 Pilot bred by Heather Whittaker



The embryo section saw more records broken, topping at £6,000 for a package of three embryos from the Gouldingpoll herd in Ireland. The Remittal Super Duty 42S cross Dorepoll 1 R51 Duchess 525 embryos were sold to Willie Ryan, Ireland for £2,000/embryo.

Four flushes from Harvie Ranching and RSK Farms, Canada; Las Anitas, Uruguay; Otapawa, New Zealand and Moralee, England were also sold in the Friday night sale.

A pick of the cow herd flush from Cabana Las Anitas in Uruguay sold for £5,000 to MJT Herefords, Alberta, Canada. A flush of Hereford Miss World, RVP 51X Ablaze 7A, was consigned by Harvie Ranching and RSK Farms, selling for £3,000 to DRA Fabb, England and Moeskaer poll Herefords, Denmark. The four flushes sold to average £2,950.

Overall, the Friday sale of frozen genetics grossed a total £48,350 across 16 lots with a 100 per cent clearance.

The Designer Genes sale held on Saturday grossed £101,745 over just 16 lots and was the first time the sale had broken the six figure barrier.

Smashing the UK record for a poll Hereford bull was 23 month old Coley 1 Pilot from Heather Whittaker, Halifax. The bull has won numerous breed and interbreed titles throughout the summer, before being crowned 2018 UK Hereford bull of the year and also Hereford champion of Europe and will compete in the 2018 Hereford champion of the world in January. It was knocked down to G and MC Shepherd of Moorside poll Herefords at 13,000gns.

Also on offer from the Coley herd was 50 per cent interest in 14 month old heifer Coley 1 Clara 418, a daughter of renowned female Clara 286 and one of the first daughters of Solpoll 1 Kentucky Kid to sell at auction. The half share was knocked down for 7,500gns to Rebecca Robinson of Whittle Herefords, Bury. This is believed to be a record for a half share in a Hereford female in the UK, valuing the animal at 15,000gns.

Three heifers topped the female section of the sale at 8,000gns. Tom and Di Harrison of Moralee Herefords, Northumberland offered a pick of their two best autumn 2018 heifer calves - Kylie KS R1 and Kimberly KS R7. The heifers have remained unbeaten in pairs competitions all year, including the National Hereford Calf Show earlier that day. The lot was sold to L and L Bowen, Bowendu Herefords, Treharris for 8,000gns and 15 month old Kylie KS R1 was selected as their pick of the heifers.

Next up was the only horned entry in the Designer Genes sale, Pulham Dowager 4th from PRJ and LR Vincent, Pulham Herefords, Diss. The Pulham herd was named winner of



Pulham Dowager 4th sold for 8,000gns to Norman Farming Partnership

the MEAHBA herd competition 2018. This 15 month old daughter of Haven Hotspur sold to the Norman Farming Partnership to join the Hickling herd for 8,000gns.

The final of the three females to hit 8,000gns was the Agri Expo supreme champion Sky High 1 Luscious Lucy from B Birch and G Brindley, Sky High Herefords, Stafford. A maternal sister to the record breaking female Lâncome Lucy and sired by Kingsize, it was knocked down to Nick Griffiths, Grifford Herefords, Penkridge. Following the sale, Sky High Herefords bought back a half share in the female.

Another heifer from the Sky High herd, Sky High 1 Gabriella Chanel, was sold to L and L Powell, Hengoed for 2,000gns. It was the first daughter of JC Fast Time to ever sell at auction in Europe, and was out of a Dynamite cow.

The Dendor herd offered 26 month in-calf heifer Dendor 1 Molly 46th. Molly is maternal sister to Molly 41st, the UK Hereford female of the year 2014 and the last SMH Euro daughter to ever sell from the Dendor herd. It sold to Philip Martindale, Bolton, for 7,800gns.

The same buyer took two further Coley heifers at Designer Genes; 16 month old Coley 1 Model 415, the first daughter of Romany 1 Mecca to sell at public auction, at 5,200gns



Sky High 1 Luscious Lucy bred by B Birch and G Brindley



Dendor 1 Molly 46th bred by DE, ED and AL Jones

and 10 month old Coley 1 Ikena 429, with a Danish-bred pedigree, sold for 4,000gns.

The Auckvale herd of W and R Kemp and sons offered 11 month old Auckvale 1 Curly 1725R at the sale. Curly 1725R was the first poll female and first daughter of Dendor 1 Mutley to sell from the Auckvale herd. It was knocked down to L and L Bowen, for 7,300gns.

A 'pick of the heifer calves' lot was put forward by the renowned Solpoll herd. The pick sold for 6,000gns to L and L Bowen.

The Romany herd of JRB Wilson and sons, Kelso consigned three daughters of Barwise 1 Lancer to the sale. Lily BL R23 went for 3,800gns to L and L Bowen and Lily BL R40 sold at 4,000gns to James Ludgate, Rempstone Herefords, Thame.

The final Romany heifer in the offering was Romany 1 Lucy BL R47, the only chance to purchase a Romany Lucy that day and was knocked down to George Morgan, Fardre Herefords, Abergele at 4,800gns.

The Moorside herd of G and MC Shepherd, Preston offered the oldest female in the sale, March 2016-born female Moorside 1 Jane 8th which was sold in-calf to the \$95,000 Australian bull Minlacowie Jubilant J123. With a pedigree going back to Jane A51 E66 and sired by Lawbreaker, Jane 8th sold to Ewan Burgess for 4,000gns.

The inaugural DGS consignment from the Pepperstock herd of Jimmy Speirs, Luton was 11 month old Pepperstock 1 Jade R454. The first daughter of Barwise 1 Mach One to sell at public auction and out of a former Norfolk Show female champion, it sold for 3,500gns to S Taylor, Chorley.

Total gross of the two sales combined was £150,095.

### Averages

125 straws of semen, £91.60; 44 embryos, £570.45; 4 flushes, £2950; 1 bull, £13,650; 15 heifers at £5,873; 16 live lots, £6,359.06

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**The members of the North of England  
Hereford Breeders' Association  
(NEHBA) are always willing to muck  
in and get on with what's expected,  
according to secretary Jackie Cooper.**

At this year's AGM, the club were joined by breed president Jonathan Moorhouse and wife Rosemary, who enjoyed an evening with members, the night before the meeting. The meeting had a great turnout of almost 50 members, who all had something to input to the meeting. New council member Tom Harrison was welcomed, who with the existing councillor Allen Massey, gave a run-down of the most recent updates from the council meetings.

The Association also saw the end of a chapter for their longest standing councillor Bernard Rimmer, who ended his reign in November 2017. Bernard had served the Association on the council for 27 years - a massive commitment. Throughout his time, Bernard missed only three meetings. All members were grateful and presented Bernard with a bull figure to

commemorate his many years' work.

Chairman Jack Henry nominated Eleanor Mills of Jowkin Poll Herefords and Bernard Rimmer of Barbern Poll Herefords as life members for their commitment to the North of England and the breed as a whole. The Association thanks them both for their hard work and dedication to Herefords.

Despite the challenging conditions of 2018, there is one thing that is consistent and that is the quality of cattle that come from this diverse growing area. The show circuit both local and national has seen many of NEHBA breeders in attendance including Auckvale, Barbern, Barwise, Coley, Cornriggs, Eveter, Hollyvale, Pinmoor, Moorside, Moralee and Tunneltop Herefords, with many more breeders, new and established.

Congratulations must go to Coley Herefords for the production of the bull of the year 2018, Coley 1 Pilot, and the breeders of the reserve female of the year, Coley 1 Pippa, which is currently owned and exhibited by Moralee Herefords. At local level, the Massey team swept the board with the female and male titles, with Hollyvale 1 Powerhouse, Hollyvale 1 June 2nd and Hollyvale 1 Sapphire 2nd. The results of the local shows can be seen at the end of this report for all the winners.

NEHBA took part in the national herd competition which was very kindly judged by Robert Shaw and Sue Totty. Robert travelled over 2,000 miles visiting 15 herds along the way.

## Committee

President: Robert Shaw

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The triumphant Hereford team interbreed winners in the theme celebrating 70 years of the NHS - their names will remain anonymous!



Moorside 1 Jane 8th from Graham Shepherd at the Scottish National

Robert very much enjoyed his trips around the counties and gave the Association a comprehensive rendition of his viewings of stock he judged, at their presentation day, which was held at the Shaws' farm, where members enjoyed viewing the Hallwood Herefords. Robert and Sue judged, with breeders David and Maggie Kelly very proud to receive the accolade and went on to represent the North of England in the national competition with their Netherhall herd. Netherhall Farm is hosting a Hereford Cattle Society open day on 11 June 2019, which should be a fabulous day of cattle viewing.

### Show and herd competition results 2018

**Best herd**, David and Maggie Kelly, Netherhall

**Small herd**, 1st G and J Hall, Pinmoor; 2nd Bethan Hutchinson, Bethanfield

**Medium herd**, 1st Tom and Di Harrison, Moralee; 2nd Hoghton View



Eva Jackson having five minutes

**Large herd**, 1st David and Maggie Kelly, Netherhall; 2nd W and R Kemp and sons, Auckvale

**Stock bull**, 1st Auckvale 1 Kalgoorlie, W and R Kemp and sons; 2nd Barbern 1 Gargantuan, Bernard and Barbara Rimmer

**Heifer**, 1st Auckvale 1 Curly, W and R Kemp and sons; 2nd Netherhall 1 Snowdrop, David and Maggie Kelly

**Bull calf**, 1st Barbern 1 Rockafella, Bernard and Barbara Rimmer; 2nd Hoghton View 1 El Dorado, Steven and Lizzie Walker

**Bull of the year**, Hollyvale 1 Powerhouse, Massey family; reserve, Romany 1 Prince, Gary and Jo Hall

**Exhibitor bred bull of the year**, Hollyvale 1 Powerhouse, Massey family; reserve, Coley 1 Prince, Heather Whittaker

**Female of the year**, Hollyvale 1 June, Massey family; reserve, Hollyvale 1 Sapphire, Massey family

**Exhibitor-bred female of the year**, Hollyvale 1 June, Massey family; reserve, Hollyvale 1 Sapphire, Massey family

The young handlers' competition runs within the young handlers section of local shows

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# Coley herd produces best bull to date

**Being in the breed for 14 years, Heather Whittaker's Coley herd has now taken the Hereford bull of the year title on two occasions, this year with Coley 1 Pilot. We visit the Yorkshire - based herd to see the system behind the success.**

Coley 1 Pilot is the most successful sire to come out of Heather Whittaker's Yorkshire-based herd to date. Having been a real show stopper this year, wrapping up the season with a raft of championships and the silverware to show for it, Pilot was named UK Hereford bull of the year, Hereford champion of Europe and sold for 13,000gns at the 2018 Designer Genes sale.

In the top 10 per cent of the breed, it is by home-bred bull Coley 1 Maverick which has since been sold to a local commercial suckler man. It is out of Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11, bred by Robert Wilson, Kelso which stood female champion at the 2016 Christmas Calf Show in Shrewsbury.

Heather runs 40.5 hectares (105 acres), with the help of husband Jeff Price and farm manager Andrew Hughes at Coley Walks Farm, near Halifax being home to 40 pedigree Hereford cows and 20 heifers following through.

Despite the success enjoyed this year with Pilot, the real aim at Coley is to produce and sell quality females. Herd size is down compared to previous years as Coley females have been selling well, but the plan is to get numbers back up.

Andrew explains: "We have sold a lot of our females so we are currently trying to increase our cow numbers. We are aiming for 60 breeding females which would take us to capacity."

At the same time, eight to 10 bulls are also sold every year off-farm, although Andrew and Heather explain there are not many dairy farms in the area and many of the local suckler herds are continental based, creating a limited local market.

Andrew says: "We are hard when selecting bulls and castrate a lot of our male calves after weaning, which we have a buyer for once they reach eight months."

Most heifers are kept, unless they are not suitable and Heather describes selection in this way as preserving the breed.

Heather started the herd in 2004 with no farming experience, but instead a background in ecology. It was only at this time that the ground which surrounds the house, where they have now lived for 25 years, went on the market.

Heather says: "I wanted to work with a British native breed. I chose the Hereford because of its good temperament, easy-calving, quality of beef and suitability to our type of farm."

The first 10 foundation females came from the Bosa herd of Gerald Blandford and these were quickly joined by 10 from the Costhorpe herd of Harry Coates with the Nova, Bubbles, Emerald, Model and





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### Farm facts

- ◆ 28 hectares (70 acres) owned
- ◆ 14 hectares (35 acres) rented
- ◆ All ground is grassland
- ◆ Two stock bulls are currently run: Kelso-bred Romany 1 Prime Time BL P62 and Danish Rosenkaer Nobleman
- ◆ 80 acres are cut for silage on two cuts
- ◆ High health herd, accredited for BVD, leptospirosis, IBR and Johne's at level 1, while vaccinating for BVD

Coley 1 Pilot

## In-vitro embryo production

In-vitro embryo production (IVP) combines donor oocyte (eggs) collection, maturation and fertilisation, followed by a culture period and then either transfer or freezing of subsequent embryos.

AB Europe vet, Gavin Tait says the IVP process is currently averaging approximately 10 oocytes (unfertilized eggs) per donor. The process averages two to three embryos per donor each collection depending on cow, management and season.

Collections can be done every week, compared to conventional multiple ovulation embryos transfer (MOET) flushing where a collection occurs once a month. Collections can be done four weeks post calving and with pregnant donors up to 12 weeks of gestation.

There is no line-up programme or need for drug or hormone use in the donors which tend to get back in calf very easily.

Heather is among a growing number of Hereford breeders who are successfully using IVP to exploit some of the best genetics.

"We had several attempts at using MOET to help expand our herd," she explains. "However, we had read about IVP and its success in New Zealand and after more research we discovered it was available in the UK. In fact, we found ourselves to be among the forerunners to introduce IVP back in 2016. Since then, we've achieved five successful collections with an average seven embryos per collection.

"Compared with MOET, we've found IVP to be less intrusive, it provides flexibility in that we've been able to take a collection from maiden heifers as well as in-calf heifers and cows, and we can use a variety of different semen. No line-up of drugs is required for both donor and recipients, consequently there is less stress incurred for all involved."



Heifers on solely grass and silage once weaned

Eva families still dominant at Coley. Cattle were also purchased from Alan and Kris Stevenson's Alvian herd and from the Barbern herd of Bernard and Barbara Rimmer - responsible for the Clara family.

One of Heather's first bulls was Blakelaw 1 Calzaghe, the 2012 UK bull of the year and National Poll Show champion, purchased from JB Henry, Brighthouse. Heather describes how she saw Calzaghe, or Joe as she refers to him, as a six month old calf and persuaded Jack Henry to sell him with the promise she would show him.

Heather began working with the cattle by herself but says Joe was a big bull and she was too small to handle him, so she enlisted the help of Andrew and after working for her on a freelance basis he became full-time and Coley

Walks Farm has now been his home for the past three years.

More recently, cattle have been purchased from Denmark with 16 imported in August - a combination of cows, calves, yearling heifers and a bull. Taking a first and two third tickets at the recent Borderway Agri Expo, three of the calves entered were of Danish blood and Andrew says there is no similar breeding in the country.

It is not all about EBVs for Andrew when buying stock, but if the figures are over 70 per cent accurate he will take them into account, and says when buying bulls he looks at weight gain, calving and milk figures.

Most heifers at Coley calve at two-and-half-years old with some calving at two years old if they are of the right weight

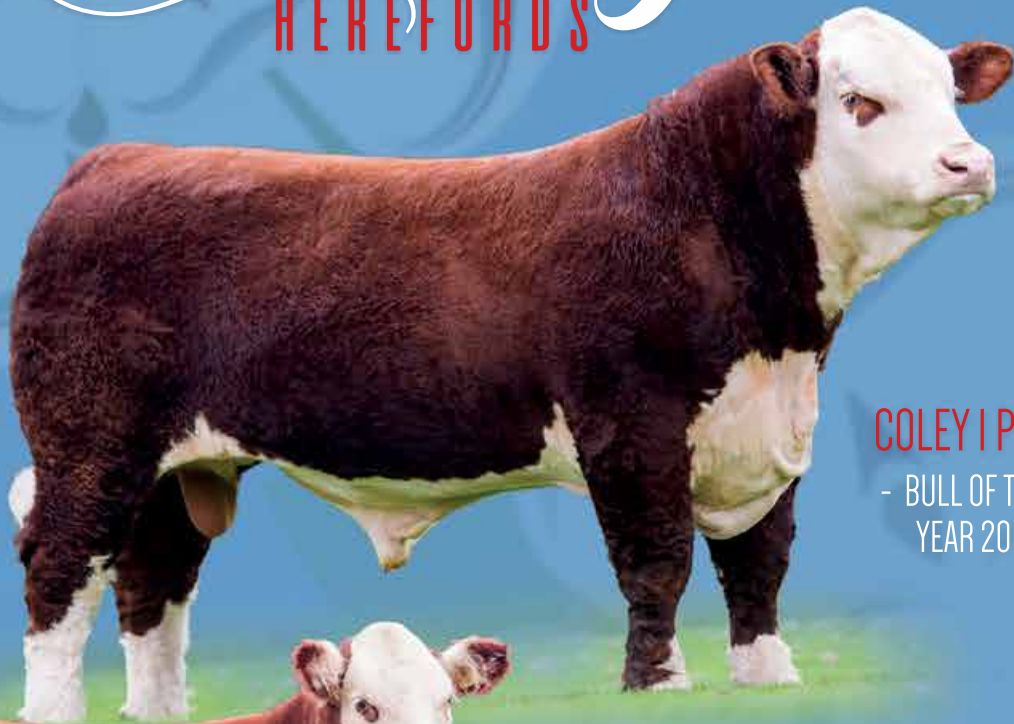


Heather Whittaker and Andrew Hughes

# Coley

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## Feeding

- ◆ Calves receive creep and show cattle are also fed concentrates. Bulls are fed through the winter and heifers are on purely grass and silage once they are weaned.
- ◆ A paddock grazing system is made use of and Andrew remarks on the breed's hardiness, saying during the hot spell of summer 2018, the cattle looked better than ever.

and size, with pelvic measurements also taken into account. For Heather and Andrew, udders, feet and legs are all very important to them when selecting which females to breed from.

Andrew says: "You have got to keep enough size in your females. Size is easy to let go, but really hard to get back again."

Calving in spring and autumn, the herd makes use of natural service, AI and embryo transfer. Some embryos are sold privately. More recently they have been using their own in-vitro production embryos, which Andrew says is less stress on the cow's body and more cost effective. Pedigree Hereford recipients are used for both methods as if the embryo is not

successful, the stock bull can be used to produce a pedigree calf.

He adds: "We will always have a valuable pedigree animal this way."

Heather has also achieved her own share of success in the sale ring, with Coley's biggest sale price being 13,000gns for Coley 1 Pilot at the Designer Genes Sale 2018. There was also 8,000gns realised at the 2016 Designer Genes sale for Coley 1 Bubbles, twice winner of the Royal Three Counties female championship and native interbreed champion at Westmorland Show.

Each year, 10 shows are exhibited at, but being in a four yearly TB testing area, moving cattle between events can be difficult and as such, two show teams are required.

Heather says the herd's biggest success was taking the 2018 Royal Highland breed championship with Pilot, after also breeding the breed champion the year before with heifer Coley 1 Pippa 356, shown by Tom and Di Harrison, Stocksfield.

Success was also had at one of their closest shows to home, the Great Yorkshire, with Pilot taking the

breed championship at Harrogate along with the junior interbreed this year, standing its ground among the continentals.

Adding to the herd's successes at the Royal Three Counties in 2015, bull Sky High 1 Korker and female Coley 1 Eva took the male and female championships. In fact, they took home the female championship three years in a row at the Royal Three Counties.

Heather says: "Showing is so important to our business. If we didn't promote ourselves at shows, there would be no Coley. We need to compete."

## Pilot's show achievements

- ◆ Grand male champion at Agri Expo 2017
- ◆ Breed champion at the Scottish National Show and reserve interbreed
- ◆ Interbreed champion at Buckinghamshire County Show
- ◆ Intermediate male champion at National Poll Show
- ◆ Interbreed champion and show supreme at Halifax Show
- ◆ Breed champion at the Great Yorkshire and junior interbreed
- ◆ Male champion at Shropshire County Show
- ◆ Breed champion at the Royal Highland



Coley 1 Sasha with dam

# Carlisle spring show and sale spikes at 3,000gns twice

Two bulls sold for the top price of 3,000gns at the annual Hereford spring show and sale held at Borderway Mart, Carlisle in May.

The overall champion Moorside 1 Party Animal from G and MC Shepherd's Preston-based herd was one of these 3,000gns lots. Sired by Moorside 1 Montgomery, this bull was purchased by Messrs Hall, County Durham.

Also selling at 3,000gns was Messrs Hewson's Amberside 1 No Limit. Sired by Kinglee 1 Hero and out of Amberfield 1 Brunette 47th, this bull won second prize in his class at the pre-sale show and went on to be purchased by CB Farms, Bedale.

The reserve overall champion, Barwise 1 Nelson from Carolyn Fletcher sold for the next best price of 2,900gns. Sired by the famous Barwise 1 Wellington and out of Barwise 1 Grace the successful bidder on this occasion was locally based Messrs Wetherell, Carlisle.

The best of the females was the first into the ring, Mr and Mrs H Elliot's Cornriggs 1 Valerie 2nd which sold for 2,500gns. All home breeding, it is sired by Cornriggs 1 Super Guy and out of Cornriggs 1 Valerie and was purchased by Messrs Burgess from Dumfries.

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# Coley Herefords fly high at Great Yorkshire Show

Coley 1 Pilot, bred and exhibited by Heather Whittaker, Halifax took the breed championship at the Great Yorkshire Show under the watchful eye of experienced judge, John McMordie, Solpoll Herefords, County Down.

Born in January 2017, Pilot is out of Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11 and by home-bred bull Coley 1 Maverick and is a powerfully built bull with a good set of estimated breeding values.

The bull swept all before it at the Great Yorkshire Show, taking the junior male, junior champion, grand male and breed championships. Later in the show Coley 1 Pilot took the coveted overall interbreed junior championship in what was a very competitive class at a show situated in a strong beef region, with four beef breeds holding their national shows.

After picking out his champions, John commented that both his 'breed and reserve breed champions were cattle that he would very much like to take home.'

Standing reserve to Pilot in the male classes was 14 month Romany 1 Prime Time BL P62 from JRB Wilson and sons, Kelso, another excellent animal from the Ishbel family



Coley 1 Pilot, from H Whittaker, took the junior interbreed championship at the Great Yorkshire Show, judged by Donald Biggar

bloodline, this time out of Romany 1 Ishbel A84 G53 and by Barwise 1 Lancer. This young bull has excellent performance recorded figures across the board, including 200 and 400 day weight, an eye muscle area and retail beef yield all in the top 1 per cent of the breed as well as self-replacing and terminal sire indices.



Grand female and reserve supreme champion Hollyvale 1 Sapphire 2nd from A and P Massey





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Another good female class for judge John McMordie to get his teeth into



Lisa and Mark Ormondroyd striding out at their local show



The winning team of three from Romany Herefords

There was more success for Romany Herefords when they were awarded the best pair of animals by the same sire and best group of three animals.

However, it was the female classes that were the most competitive with two classes being split, due to the large number of heifers entered. Coming out on top was another junior animal, 15 month old Hollyvale 1 Sapphire 2nd from A and P Massey, Bury. The heifer is out of Mersey

Valley 1 Sapphire and by Dendor 1 Leroy and caught the judge's attention as soon as it came into the ring, with John McMordie stating 'she will make a superb breeding animal in the future, she has great femininity, balance, good spring of rib and good locomotion'.

Hollyvale 1 Sapphire took the junior and grand female championships before being tapped out as his reserve breed champion.



Reserve grand male champion Romany 1 Prime Time BL P62 from JRB Wilson and sons



Keeping with the junior animals, John made Pinmoor 1 Pennie from G Hall, Prescott his reserve junior and reserve grand female champion. Also 15 months old, the heifer out of home-bred female Pinmoor 1 Hope and by successful Danish bull SMH King Size 87K.

In the senior cow class there was another red ticket for the 2017 reserve female of the year, Coley 1 Pippa 356 with her calf at foot, from T and D Harrison, Stocksfield. This stylish cow is out of former female of the year, Frenchstone P. 1 Boo and by Australian sire Days Calibre G74.

Other first prize winners in the female classes were Messrs Spooner, Leek, with 28 month old Clipston Pansy V6, out of Clipston Pansy K11 and by Irish-bred Moyclare Malcolm.

JRB Wilson and sons followed up success in the bull classes with a first place, this time with Romany 1 Plum BL P2. Two year old Plum BL P2, which is out Romany 1 Plum A84 E37 and is another by successful herd sire Barwise 1 Lancer.

In the class of heifers born on or between 1 January and 31 March 2017, it was young Bethan Hutchinson, Cleveland, who came to the fore with Bethanfield Lisette. Out of Fourstones Lisette 285, the heifer is by Auckvale Monument 1436N.

In the youngest heifer class, breed stalwarts R and RI Shaw, South Wirral came out on top and with it a £100 first prize ticket, which according to a delighted Ian Shaw was the 'first one they had ever won'. Their 13 month old heifer, Hallwood 1 Careless 7th is out of Hallwood 1 Careless and by show bull Hallwood 1 Knight.

Emmerdale's Eric Pollard, aka Chris Chittell, passed on his congratulations to breeder Heather Whittaker and showman Andrew Hughes with Coley 1 Pilot.



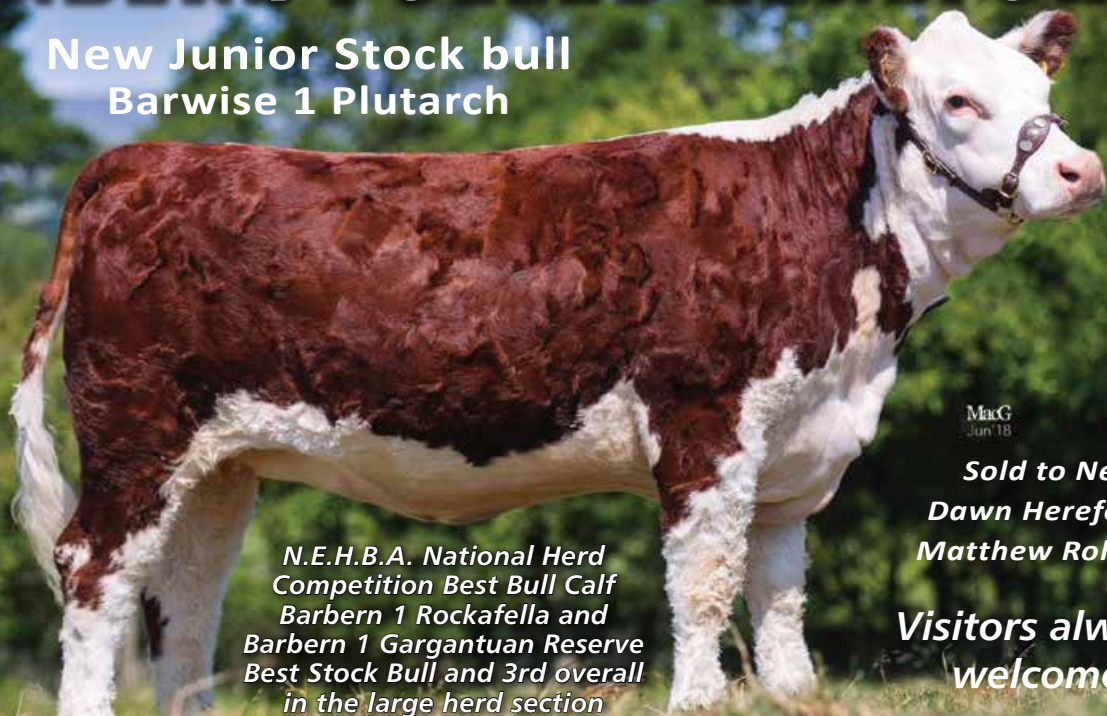
Ian and Stephanie Shaw with their prize winning heifer Hallwood 1 Careless 7th



Judge John McMordie, Solpoll Herefords presented Anthony Spooner and Moyclare Malcolm a first prize ticket

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# Young breeder takes horned female title

Having only been a member of the Hereford Cattle Society since 2016, Bethan Hutchinson is making her mark in the showring, having taken the horned female of the year title in 2018. Wendy

## Short reports.

Hartlepool-based Bethan Hutchinson is a relative newcomer to cattle breeding, but she has already carried off a prestigious Society showing award – horned female of the year. Fuelled by her success, she is planning to expand her 30 cow pedigree herd, which was established in 2015.

No-one was more surprised than Bethan Hutchinson, when Bethanfield Lisette took the grand and intermediate female championship at the National Show in 2018. It was Bethan's first experience at a national event, but it will certainly not be her last. She has been well and truly 'bitten by the pedigree bug', she says.

Key to the rapid progress of the newly-formed herd at Field House Farm has been Auckvale Monument 1436M, which was bought privately from renowned breeders, the Kemps of Bishop Auckland in County Durham. Monument, the only senior stock bull in the Hutchinson's herd, sired Lisette. The heifer was born in 2015 and is out of Fourstones Lisette 285, a cow which was purchased privately from Robert Armstrong, Hexham.

"I was a bit reluctant to attend the National Show, but John and Tom Kemp gave me a lot of encouragement and in the end I decide to take some cattle with me; mainly in order to further my knowledge," Bethan says. "It was very exciting and the journey to Worcestershire was well worthwhile, so I will certainly be entering in future years; as long as I have something suitable."

Bethan's first showing experience was gained at the Northumberland Show in 2016. She took Romany Lucy, a heifer which was purchased from national herd of the year, Romany Herefords, Kelso. The 2015-born female was placed fifth, which Bethan found encouraging, and this spurred her on to take Lucy to Agri Expo in the same year, where it gained a red ribbon in its class.

The following year, Bethan entered the Royal Highland with Lucy, along with a second heifer, Auckvale Peach 1443M, which achieved a fourth placing. Another of her entries was a cow and calf combination, which made fifth place. The entry was made up of Swaledale Julia, purchased from Barker Farms at Richmond in North Yorkshire, with her Monument-sired bull calf.

It was inevitable that Bethan would look forward to the 2018 show season and, aside from her national win, she was also delighted to pick up a red rosette in the heifer class at the Great Yorkshire.

For this latest season, she had a new member of the show team, Coley 1 Petrus. The bull came from one of her favourite herds, Coley Herefords, owned by Heather Whittaker, Halifax.



### Farm facts

- ◆ 105 hectare (260 acre) farm, mostly grass with 16 ha (40 ac) of wheat
- ◆ 30 pedigree 'Bethanfield' Hereford cows, plus 25 commercial dairy-bred cows
- ◆ Established in 2015 with an Auckvale bull and four Ervie cows
- ◆ Winner of the grand and intermediate female championship at the National Show in 2018 with Bethanfield Lisette



Bethanfield Lisette, horned female of the year



Bethan Hutchinson started the Bethanfield herd in 2015

This bull had caught Bethan's eye when it was just a young calf and her first encounter with it came quite by accident, she explains.

"Heather's showman was unable to be at the Royal Highland Show, and he asked me if I could help out on the day in his place. I agreed and I immediately fell in love with Petrus. He had been entered with his dam, Coley 1 Clara 286, which was sired by Blakelaw 1 Calzaghe. The cow ended up taking the reserve supreme, and the grand and senior female championship, so I was even more impressed by the time the judging had finished.

"Petrus was only eight months old when I first saw him, but I never forgot him and I was fortunate enough to

have the opportunity to buy him later on. He won a second place in his class at the Royal Highland for me, and started working this season."

The 2018 Wolsingham Show saw Bethanfield Lisette crowned champion Hereford, while Coley 1 Petrus justified her confidence in its conformation, taking reserve position and going on to

**"My family has found breeders who show Herefords are exceptionally friendly and welcoming to novices like ourselves and we have made a whole new set of friends."**

be awarded the title of best beef bull.

Field House is a 105 hectare (260 acre) tenanted holding supporting the entire Hutchinson family, which includes Bethan's parents, Geoff and Janice, her two sisters, Beverley and Jade and her brother, Ryan. There is a large horse livery enterprise and a small

acreage of cereals is grown, largely to supply the farm with straw. Income is also generated through an alternative education programme, which involves the hosting of four or five school-age young people who are keen to make a career in equestrian pursuits or in agriculture. The business also plays host to pupils who are taking a break from the standard curriculum.

Bethan herself has always wanted to farm and completed a level three course in agriculture at Askham Bryan College near York, when she left school. Her first solo venture at home was a black and white calf rearing enterprise, but it was given up as Bethan became increasingly drawn to the suckler herd, which has been a feature of the farm for many years.

Traditionally, the farm has run cross-bred cattle from the dairy herd, with a variety of commercial bulls from a range of breeds used throughout the years. In 2015, however, the family purchased a pedigree Hereford bull and this was the catalyst which sparked the Bethanfield herd.

"We wanted an easy-calving sire to use across our heifers and the Hereford has all of the traits we were looking for," she states. "I thought it was a waste of resources to have a bull with a good pedigree and not use him to produce pure-bred cattle.

"Dad agreed with me, and we went out and bought our first pedigree females, which came from the Ervie herd, belonging to John Douglas of Stranraer in Scotland. These were older cows which were already in calf.

"Auckvale Monument is still with us, and we have kept all of his heifer calves to date. Luckily, we have had many more female calves than male over the past couple of years. Only four pedigree bull calves were born in 2018 which has been a great help with the expansion of the pedigree side.

"At the Hereford autumn sale 2018, we bought an Irish heifer, Solpoll 1 Starlet P15, by Moeskaer Upgrade and out of Solpoll 1 Starlet M12. She had been running with Solpoll 1 Promoter and will bring in some interesting new bloodlines. Starlet was bred by John and William McMordie of Newtownards in County Down."

EBVs are not used when selecting new stock, but Geoff is always on



Although relatively new to the breeds, Bethan has made her mark on the show circuit

hand to advise Bethan. The father and daughter team look for a 'straight leg, a flat back and plenty of length, as well as a deep mid-section.'

"One thing I have learned is a young animal can change quite a lot between entering it in a show and the show itself. A calf which I have picked out as a favourite will go down the list, while one which looked plain as a youngster can improve as it ages.

"As a family, we are divided about whether to go down the poll or horned route; we currently have cattle of both types. Personally, I like horned cattle, but Dad prefers poll and the other members of the family also think it is a good idea, mainly for safety reasons. No decision has been taken yet, and we are keeping our minds open.

"We may make use of AI at some point, but for the moment, we are happy with our stock bulls. The aim is to calve in spring, but we usually have a couple of calves born later on in the season."

Commercial calves and Hereford males not required for breeding are left entire and sold as stores at 12 to 14 months old at the nearby marts in Northallerton or Darlington. They are run alongside the pedigree herd, on a very simple system with only a mineral lick to supplement summer grazing. Over winter, all of the cattle are straw-bedded and the youngstock receive a ration of hay and a 16 per cent protein concentrate. Meanwhile, the cows are simply given silage.

Bethan is keen to credit a number of other Society members, whom she says have helped her immensely as

she has been learning the craft of cattle showing.

"I must mention Robert Wilson of Fluffy Moos, who has given me some really useful tips, and Coley herd stockman, Andrew Hughes. Tom Harrison of the Moralee herd also deserves a mention, but I can't name everybody, as it would take up the whole article," she adds.

"My family has found breeders who show Herefords are exceptionally friendly and welcoming to novices like ourselves and we have made a whole new set of friends. Admittedly, we may be prejudiced, but we all agree that Hereford breeders are an exceptionally nice bunch of people."

The priority for the Bethanfield herd is to increase the number of pedigree

females, by gradually replacing the 25 dairy-cross commercials. Bethan is aiming for a target of 50 to 60 Hereford cows and to this end, a new shed is being put up. The sale of pedigree breeding bulls is a longer term aspiration, but two have already been sold at a commercial sale at Darlington Farmers Auction Mart, where they made just over £1,000 apiece at 12 months old.

Bethan says: "I have always liked the Hereford, it is a nice looking animal that is easy to look after. The cows calve down without intervention and produce calves which find a ready market. Herefords must be in my blood, because I have found out that my grandfather kept pure-breds in the early 1970s. There is no other breed for me."



Bethan opts for animals with plenty of length and a deep mid-section



# Chatsworth Estate is home to Herefords

Introducing Hereford cattle to the Chatsworth Estate in Derbyshire helped farm manager David Howlett combine the Estate's conservation efforts with rearing a profitable beef herd. **Caroline Stocks reports.**

Managing a 2,023 hectare (5,000 acre) farm is rarely simple, but balancing conservation, tourism and a profitable business across a diverse landscape means David Howlett has had to think creatively when it comes to managing the Chatsworth Estate's farm in Derbyshire.

With land varying between commercial pasture and rough heather moorland, and an altitude ranging from 400 to 1,100 feet, David realised when he arrived at the farm he couldn't take a 'one size fits all' approach to get the best from the ground.

Today, two years into a five year project to expand the Estate's livestock enterprises, he oversees a livestock operation which includes 3,500 breeding ewes, 200 pedigree Limousin cattle and a small Luig herd of 50 cows purchased this spring.

On top of those, he manages 34 pedigree Hereford cattle and more than 30 Limousin crosses out of Hereford dams and while their numbers might be relatively small, they play a key role in what David and his team are trying to achieve.

"The first Herefords arrived in 2014, two days after I joined as farm manager," he says. "One of my first tasks was to go to Rodeny and Carol Kirby's Tydesmoor herd of Herefords about ten miles north of Chatsworth to view their.

"We liked their system and ethos behind the Herefords and thought they would do well at Chatsworth, so we bought 12 cows and eight heifers"

As a low-input, hardy breed, the Hereford cattle were selected to suit the rough pastureland which covers about 809ha (2,000ac) of the Chatsworth Estate - in contrast to the Limousin which suits the quality grazing land, and the Luings which can stay outdoors all-year-round on the moorland.

Much of the Estate's grazing land is in entry level and higher level stewardship, so with little option to reseed or

## Farm facts

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- ◆ 809ha (2,000ac) rough grazing
- ◆ 34 pedigree Hereford cows
- ◆ 30 Limousin cross Herefords
- ◆ 3,500 breeding ewes
- ◆ 200 pedigree Limousin cattle
- ◆ 50 Luig cows purchased this spring



Trainee farm manager Jack Charleton (left) and farm manager David Howlett

fertilise pasture, David needed a breed which could retain good condition on land which other commercial breeds might struggle on.

“We had a few Herefords on the last farm I managed, so I knew what to expect with the breed,” he says.

“I have always had an interest in conservation grazing, and I knew they could do well on relatively poor-quality ground and hold their condition, so I knew it would work for us here.”

As well as being able to cope on poorer grounds, the animals are docile, which is important for an estate which welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors through its gates every year.

They can also cope with little management - another positive given the farm’s relatively small team of just David, trainee farm manager Jack Charleton, two stockmen and two

shepherds, and their ambitions for the business.

“Jack joined the Estate in June, and we’re working now towards reaching 400 cows and 4,000 sheep with the same number of staff,” says David.

“Because of the extensive nature of our business we prefer to benchmark and focus on labour efficiencies and economies of scale compared to output per hectare. For this we need easy-to-keep cows that rear a calf with minimal intervention throughout.

**“I have always had an interest in conservation grazing, and I knew they could do well on relatively poor-quality ground and hold their condition, so I knew it would work for us here.”**

“We’re trying to make different people responsible for different areas of the farm, so each person is a steward for their own part of the business, including taking ownership of the budget.

“The Hereford’s ease of management is key to that structure. We rarely have any problems with them. They calve incredibly easily and we can just generally leave them to get on with things.”

While the first Herefords were purchased in-calf, David soon bought a bull from Hedges Herefords, St Albans. A second bull came to the Estate from Moralee Herefords in the spring of 2017.

“Estimated breeding values are a useful tool when selecting bulls and I follow them closely so the bulls purchased met our objectives,” David says.

“We’re all spring calving. We have them running for nine weeks with a bull with a view to calving in March and April, and then turn them out onto rough grass for the summer before being brought back inside in November.

“We’ve got one or two sensitive conservation sites where we can only stock at 0.44 livestock units per ha so the heifers are handy to have there.”

When the second bull arrived on the Estate, the Hereford herd was

already running with a bull, so David decided to try it out with the Limousin heifers - a move which has made him think about the herd’s structure once again.

“We’ve never had a problem with the Limousin calves, but the Hereford steers out of Limousin cows were good cattle,” he says. “Most of the processors we talk to offer premiums for native breeds such as Angus and Hereford so that is worth having.

“Hereford cross steers were easily born at 38kg, and at 14 to 16 months they were all making U4L grades and averaging 333.6kg deadweight.

“They do not take much finishing - three weeks on a 14 per cent blend is enough having let grass do the rest. It’s early days yet, but one option is to calve all of the Limousin heifers to a Hereford bull in future.”

As with the pedigree herd, the best of the cattle are retained for the Chatsworth Estate farm shop and cafe, while the surplus is sold to Dunbia, with most of the carcasses going to Sainsbury’s and the Co-op.

David represents the processor on the Sainsbury’s beef development group,



Easy-to-keep cows which rear a calf with little intervention are required

which meets once a quarter to discuss beef herd improvements in terms of health and welfare, consumer trends and market outlooks

“It’s important we produce what consumers are looking for, whether that’s through the retailers or through the Estate farm shop and cafe,” he says. “We start from the end product, especially with what we sell here.

“We’re very commercial,” he adds. “We don’t just keep animals because we like to look at them. We record and measure and we only do things if they will pay for themselves.



Hereford beef is sold in the Estate's farm shop



“It’s for that reason the Herefords work so well, our biggest costs are straw, labour and fertiliser. The cattle graze marginal land, a lot of which we can’t fertilise anyway, and the labour is low because generally they just get on with things.”

Initially grazed on conventional moorland, last year David gave the pedigree Herefords a new challenge

by moving them to a 141.6ha (350ac) organic farm which the Estate had recently brought back under its management.

“The farm up there is a combination of good pasture and moorland, and the Herefords have done really well on it,” he says.

“Last winter they lived out all winter

on relatively poor forage and they still looked fit, whereas the commercial cows were losing condition and needed supplementary feeding.”

Despite being an organic herd, David sells the Herefords on the conventional market - another step in his efforts to simplify the operation.

“The quality of our stock in the Estate farm shop means it is already sold at a premium, so if we add an additional organic line then we would have to be producing enough organic beef to keep the line going, which makes things complicated.

“Farming them organically fits in with the conservation agriculture approach we have adopted across the farm, it seems to be working so it’s something we will probably continue with,” he adds.

“Above all, the Herefords do exactly what they say on the tin; they are low-cost and generally have no problems. When you’re spread out over 10 to 16 miles you want a cow you know will generally look after itself, and for those marginal areas the Herefords work well for us.”



David says he needs a cow which will look after itself

# Variation in carcass and meat eating quality traits among Hereford sires

by Josh Dowbiggin

The Hereford breed is one of the world's oldest and most widespread beef breeds. The breed's reputation for producing high quality and consistent beef products has gained Hereford beef a premium position within the beef ranges of numerous food retailers in the UK. At the same time as the demand for Hereford beef grows, UK beef consumption continues to stagnate while consumption of white protein increases (AHDB, 2017). Product inconsistency has been highlighted as a cause for this stagnated consumption, much of which can be attributed to variation within cattle population (Wulf et al., 1997). With the reputation of the Hereford breed at stake, the objective of this research was to outline the levels of within-breed variation for carcass and meat eating quality traits, allowing for knowledge based recommendations regarding future breeding decisions.

In this trial, 344 Hereford-sired steers and heifers across six sire groups (sires A-F) were slaughtered and processed at Dunbia (Sawley) between 1 January and 6 April 2018. Only steers and heifers born to Holstein-Friesian dams and between 12 and 36 months of age qualified for the study. All carcasses were analysed for hot carcass weight (kg), conformation (EUROP) and fat cover (EUROP). Age at kill and sex were also recorded to quantify their effect. Thirty six of the carcasses from 3 sire groups (sires D-F) involved in the carcass trial were then labelled, chilled and dry-aged before having sirloin steak samples removed for analysis. Carcass ultimate pH was also recorded 48 hours post mortem. Steaks were then analysed for marbling (intramuscular fat), meat colour and fat colour. Following this analysis, steaks were vacuum packed, frozen and transported to Harper Adams University. Once steaks arrived at Harper Adams, they were cooked in water baths at 75°C for five minutes, blast-chilled at 3°C for 90 minutes. Once chilled, steaks were cut into 1cm<sup>2</sup> slices and analysed for tenderness using shear force analysis. An unbalanced analysis of variance was then used to assess whether significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) differences occurred between sire groups for recorded traits.



## Results

Significant differences between sire groups were found for hot carcass weight (kg) ( $p < 0.001$ ) and fat cover (EUROP) ( $p < 0.05$ ) within the carcass quality trial. Sire had no significant ( $p > 0.05$ ) effect on conformation (EUROP). In addition, age at kill (days) had a significant ( $p < 0.001$ ) effect on hot carcass weight (kg). Sex (steer or heifer) had a significant effect on hot carcass weight (kg) ( $p < 0.001$ ), fat cover (EUROP) ( $p < 0.001$ ) and conformation (EUROP) ( $p < 0.05$ ). In the meat eating quality trial, sire was found to have a significant effect ( $p < 0.05$ ) on marbling (MSA), however, was not significant ( $p > 0.05$ ) for all other meat eating quality traits analysed. Table 1 shows the traits for which significant differences were found.

Table 1 Effect of sire group, age at kill and sex on the carcass and meat eating quality traits of Hereford-sired animals

	Sire A	Sire B	Sire C	Sire D	Sire E	Sire F
Hot carcass weight (kg)	351.7	353.1	329.5	295	298.9	323.5
Fat cover (EUROP)	10.51	10.38	11.03	10.11	10.80	10.55
Marbling				352.9	530.9	453.5

The results of this study prove that some variation between Hereford sired progeny groups exists for some carcass and meat eating quality traits. Further research is now needed to help quantify the wider levels of variation and how this impacts on the supply chain and the consumer.





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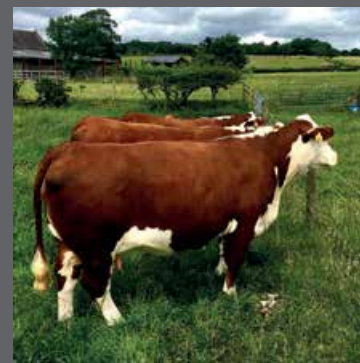
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<b>EBV</b>	<b>+0.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>+5.4</b>	<b>+42</b>	<b>+76</b>	<b>+101</b>	<b>+80</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>+3.5</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>+75</b>	<b>+7.8</b>	<b>+1.3</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+1.2</b>	<b>+1.4</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>+0.03</b>
<b>Acc</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>33%</b>

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# A Netherhall success in North of England competition



Cows calve at the end of March

**Having previously been well-known in Limousin circles, the Kelly family is now firmly established in the Hereford world, winning the 2018 North of England Hereford herd of the year.**

David, Maggie and daughter Harriet Kelly, founded the Netherhall Hereford herd in 2013, with the help of stockman Patrick Booth at Nether Hall Farm, a 343 ha (850 acre) all grass unit, near Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria.

The previous year David and Maggie had visited New Zealand, where they saw why the Hereford is one of the most popular beef breeds, meeting the Kiwi demands for low input, high output, easy-calving and managed cattle, which yield quality carcasses - basically, ideal cattle intended to help post-Brexit commercial British beef producers make a profit.

Convinced Herefords have a great future in Britain, they purchased foundation stock from John Douglas's Ervie herd near Stranraer.

They then visited the Wirruna herd in Australia and Holden

Herefords in Montana where both herds' breeding policy matched their own thoughts on productive, easily managed cattle. Genetics were imported as embryos and semen.

In 2018, the majority of the total breeding herd of 270 spring-calvers, were pedigree Herefords. Calving kicked off at the end of March, with 90 per cent of the Netherhall pedigrees calving in the first six weeks, with just two backward calves needing assistance.

Each calf is weighed at birth. With easy-calving in mind, bull calves above average weight are promptly castrated.

Calves are weaned and housed at seven months, with a grower nut introduced shortly before weaning, to reduce weaning check. For a further two months post-weaning, they continue to receive 2kg of nuts daily, along with good quality clamp silage.

Thanks to the Kellys' determination to sell bulls which will work reliably and efficiently throughout a long life, young bulls are not 'pushed', maintaining growth on silage.

Pure Hereford steers are finished and sold off grass at 20 to 24 months of age. Young bulls and heifers which do not meet Kelly breeding stock standards are also finished. Finished steers and heifers are sold into Dunbia's branded Hereford beef scheme, and are retailed by the Co-op.

In 2016, their first year of trading home-bred Hereford bulls, the Kellys sold 10, and tripled this number the following year. In 2018, 40 young Hereford bulls enjoyed a brisk demand, selling at home to local and distant dairy and beef herds.





The Society's open day will be held at Nether Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria on 11 June 2019

Health is a priority at Nether Hall. The breeding herd is BVD accredited, with ongoing protection by vaccination. It has been Johne's risk level 1 since 2012, plus cattle are vaccinated against leptospirosis. The farm is on a four year TB testing interval.

Harriet is developing a calf rearing enterprise on a separate unit, purchasing Hereford cross dairy calves, sired by Netherhall bulls. The calves will be monitored for growth and performance through to slaughter, then their carcasses evaluated to provide meaningful information on how individual breeding lines perform commercially.

For more information on Netherhall pedigree Herefords, visit [www.netherhall-herefords.co.uk](http://www.netherhall-herefords.co.uk) or visit the Hereford Cattle Society's open day at Netherhall on 11 June 2019.



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# Sky High 1 Luscious Lucy stands champion at Agri Expo

**Sky High 1 Luscious Lucy from Boomer Birch and Graham Brindley, Stafford was tapped out as champion at the Scottish Hereford Breeders' Association autumn calf show, hosted at Borderway Agri Expo.**

By Danish-bred Cogent bull SMH King Size 87K, 13 month Luscious Lucy's dam is Romany 1 Lucy RE L21 which was privately purchased from the Wilson family, Kelso in 2014 as a 10 month calf and was one of the Sky High herd's foundation females.

Winning its class at Burwarton Show and receiving a third placing at last year's National Poll Show, Luscious Lucy is maternal sister to the record priced female and the 2017 National Calf Show champion Sky High 1 Lancôme Lucy - the dam's only other progeny.

Judge Mark Ormondroyd described the heifer as being 'correct in every way', with 'great style', saying it 'will do brilliantly in the future'.



The day's champion, Sky High 1 Luscious Lucy from Boomer Birch and Graham Brindley

Eight month old bull - Pulham 1 Remittal from Philip and Laura Vincent, Diss, stood reserve, on its first time away from home. Also featuring Romany blood, its sire is Romany 1 Machine D1 M13 which was responsible for all three of the Vincents' 2017 Poll Show entries. It is out of Solpoll 1 Starlet K15.

Reserve male champion was Baldinnie 1 Chawa from John Cameron, Fife, having been placed earlier that morning in the October 2017 born bull class. By the popular Cogent sire Romany 1 Lawbreaker RE L23 which carries growth EBVs in the top 5 per cent, its dam is home-bred Baldinnie 1 Cathy 49th.

Normanton 1 Blue Leg 9th R287 from Tim and Will Livesey, Normanton-le-Heath took the reserve female title. Out of Llancillo Hall Bertha 7th, it is by the home-bred Normanton 1 Laertes which took the interbreed showrings by storm in the summer of 2016.

Tom and Di Harrison took first place in the best pair by the same sire with two SMH Kingsize daughters - September 2017 born Moralee 1 Kylie KS R1 and 12 month Moralee 1 Kimberly KS R7. The latter also stood first place in its heifer class and they are both out of home-bred dams.



There was a strong entry of cattle at Agri Expo



Pulham 1 Remital from Phil and Laura Vincent was grand male and reserve breed champion



Normanton 1 Blue Leg 9th R287 from T and W Livesey took reserve female



Judge Mark Ormondroyd presented Boomer Birch with the champion prize card for Sky High Luscious 1 Lucy



Reserve native in the baby beef championship, Fluffy Moo from JRB Wilsons and sons

In the commercial calf class, Fluffy Moo from JRB Wilson and sons, shown by 10 year old Lottie Wilson took the red ticket. This striking five month steer calf is by Romany 1 Nahum JN74, with a Shorthorn cross Highland dam and went on to be placed reserve in the baby beef native interbreed championship.

In the junior young handlers' classes, 12 year old James Anderson, representing Moralee Herefords came out on top, while Iona Smith, was placed first in the seniors.



Baldinnie 1 Chawa from John Cameron was reserve male champion



Moralee 1 Kylie KS R1 and Moralee Kimberly KS R7 from Tom and Di Harrison

# Consider your herd objective when choosing a bull

**Ben Barber, vet at Synergy Farm Health, part of the XL Vets group believes when selecting new bulls for the suckler herd, maternal traits often get overlooked in favour of terminal traits.**



Ben Barber, XL Vets

There's more to estimated breeding values (EBVs) than looking at calving ease and growth rates, according to Ben Barber of XL Vets, and adds maternal traits like age at first calving, calving interval, longevity and milk production are also important elements in suckler herds.

He comments: "After all, a suckler herd's performance is mainly dictated by its female members having the ability to consistently wean a live healthy calf, every 12 months, from around two years of age.

"So active decision making is needed. Ask yourself, is the bull going to be used for breeding heifer replacements? Or will it be used as a terminal sire? Or, if there is a need for both, selective use of AI could be a good addition to the herd's breeding strategy."

## **Bull selection factors**

When looking at a new bull Ben advises the visible features are considered such as conformation, general health, scrotal size, body condition, feet and legs. Then there are invisible features such as its

health status, history, and fertility with multiple studies consistently showing around one in four bulls are infertile or sub-fertile.

He says: "Another invisible feature is its genetics, half of which will be passed onto its offspring to affect their performance. EBVs act as a guide to how an animal's offspring will perform compared to similar animals in a similar environment, in effect displaying what traits an animal is genetically superior in.

"Yet EBVs are still very under-utilised in the beef industry, despite there being vast amounts of evidence supporting them. If farmers want to move their herds forward genetically, EBVs are an essential tool which need incorporating into their decision-making."

## **Terminal versus maternal traits**

Ben explains there are many specific traits which can be selected for using EBVs, which will vary between different breeds. Some of these EBVs

will be desirable to have in cattle which will be reared solely for meat, e.g. 200 and 400 day weights, and carcass traits. These are the terminal traits.

He says: "Then there are the maternal traits to consider which are important when breeding females to act as replacements within the herd. These focus on fertility and the ability to produce and rear a calf. They include 200 day milk, calving interval, age at first calving, longevity and the ease with which they themselves will calve down.

"A 2015 EBLEX review showed the beef industry had made significant financial gains with improvements in genetics over the years, but these gains were mainly down to improvements in terminal traits. Unfortunately, selecting solely for these traits can have a negative knock-on effect for maternal traits."

So the short term decision to select a bull to produce a good carcass at the abattoir can mean, in the long term, maternal aspects of performance are left behind, he comments.



Ben suggests considering both the visible and invisible features of a bull before purchasing

“Historically, a similar process happened in the dairy industry with heavy selection on production traits at the expense of health and fitness traits, such as fertility. Now though, all aspects are considered, creating dairy cows which are productive all-round and inevitably more profitable in our systems.

“So when looking for a bull to sire heifer replacements, some consideration of maternal traits is needed,” he says.

“There are reasons which may explain why maternal traits have been considered less in the past. One reason is they tend to have lower reliabilities than those of terminal traits. This is because maternal traits are often poorly heritable, and consequently environmental factors have a larger impact on the variation of that trait. It can also take a lot longer to get the relevant data back for maternal traits, and also these will only come from the female proportion, limiting the data further. For instance, a bull is likely to be six years of age before there is feedback on the age at first calving of its daughters,” he says.

Some people ignore maternal traits as they look unreliable, compared to the terminal traits, he says, but highlighted a study carried out by SAC Consulting in 2010 which showed even at 50 per cent reliability, maternal trait EBVs were predictive of performance and good enough to aid decision making.

Ben continues: “The study went on to demonstrate even bulls with maternal EBVs of less reliability than 50 per cent, remained at a similar level of ranking among other bulls in later years. Young bulls considered to have comparatively good maternal traits were often still considered to be comparatively good later on when more reliable.

“Another reason for less consideration being given to maternal traits has been the lack of availability. Fortunately this has improved over time. More maternal traits are now being measured and available to commercial producers to aid decision making.”

### **AIing instead of buying?**

“Choosing proven bulls with good maternal traits may require a switch to purchasing semen straws and AIing some of the herd,” says Ben.

“AI can give affordable access to bulls of higher genetic merit, and also without the risk of bringing in infectious or venereal diseases.”

**“EBVs are still very under-utilised in the beef industry, despite there being vast amounts of evidence supporting them. If farmers want to move their herds forward genetically, EBVs are an essential tool which need incorporating into their decision-making.”**

He went on to say AI provides the flexibility of choosing different straws for different desired outcomes, a cost-effective way to act on breeding decisions rather than invest in multiple bulls. AI, using a bull selected for its maternal traits, could just be used for heifer replacements and would extend the longevity of the terminal bulls in the herd.

AI can also be used in conjunction with synchronisation which not only gives greater control on the timing of inseminations enabling calving blocks to be tightened, but also makes it easier to plan the visits by external AI services.

### **Future developments**

More and more dairy farmers are utilising the breeding technology of genomics as a tool to increase their genetic progress. This has been through increased uptake in using genomic bulls for AI, as well as genomic testing of heifers in the herd to help with breeding decisions early on in life, says Ben.

He explains: “Genomics has been a massive breakthrough as it cuts out time – a hair or tissue sample from a new-born calf is enough to yield reliable information about the future performance of that animal.

“For the beef industry, genomics means traits which are difficult to measure can be made much more widely available at an improved reliability. This will include maternal traits along with other more recently discussed traits such as feed efficiency and information on primal cuts. While behind at the moment, the beef sector is developing in this area with genomic EBVs now commercially available for some bulls.”

### **‘Horses for courses’**

Ben says when selecting a bull to put to a group of cows or heifers, farmers need to consider whether the offspring will be taken to finishing, or stay in the herd as replacements.

He says it needs to be considered whether the bull needs to be an all-rounder or if the herd size and management allow the selection of some bulls just as terminal sires, and others for breeding the next generations.

Ben adds: “Either way, EBVs should be used to aid decision making, along with all the other information at your disposal.”



Maternal traits focus on fertility and producing and rearing a calf

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Stirling – 3rd to 5th February

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Scottish National Hereford Show – TBC

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# Scottish Association promotes the breed

**The Scottish Hereford Breeders' Association (SHBA) members have done a fantastic job promoting the breed at all the local shows as well as the major agricultural events throughout the year.**

The first big show in Scotland was the Royal Highland Show in June where there was a fantastic entry of cattle forward for judge William McMordie of Solpoll Herefords. On the Thursday evening, several breeders and enthusiasts from the Herefordshire Agricultural Club were welcomed to the Association's annual dinner. Over 70 people were in attendance and guests were treated to a fabulous roast beef dinner once again cooked by fellow member Steven Reaper and his father John. Many thanks to them both.

Next on the calendar for the Association was the judging of the Scottish herd competition at the end of July. Kris Stevenson from Alvian poll Herefords was invited to judge and members were delighted that he agreed to take on this task. Aably assisted by his wife Caroline and daughter Freya, they travelled over 1,500 miles covering most of Scotland, starting in the south before heading up the east of the country to the north and finally heading down the west side

of Scotland finishing up in Dumfries on the eve of the Scottish National Show.

A lovely pre-show meal was enjoyed on the Friday at which Kris gave the results of the competition.

The Scottish Association extend their sincere thanks to Kris and his family for judging the Scottish herds. Unfortunately, the Association has never had trophies for best stock bull or large herd winners but thanks to Kris and his family who kindly presented the Association with the Alvian Cup for best stock bull. Graham Shepherd of Moorside Herefords and Shepherd Agri also very kindly offered a trophy for the large herd. The Association is most grateful to both for their generosity and kindness.

## Results

**Overall winner**, JRB Wilson and sons, Romany

**Small herd**, 1st P Eccles, Rockness; 2nd J M Cant and partners, Panmure; 3rd D and S Smith, Milovaig

**Large herd**, 1st JRB Wilson and sons, Romany; 2nd JA Cameron and son, Baldinnie; 3rd AJ and IM Dunbar, Greenford

## Committee

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Judging underway at the Royal Highland



William McMordie sorting through cattle at the Royal Highland



Will Livesey judged the Scottish National Show

**Bull calf**, 1st Romany 1 Redemption, JRB Wilson and sons; 2nd Rockness 1 Monster, P Eccles; 3rd Baldinnie 1 Chawa, JA Cameron and son

**Heifer calf**, 1st Harveybros 1 Crocus R5, G and S Harvey; 2nd Romany 1 Lily, JRB Wilson and sons; 3rd Rockness 1 Eilidh, P Eccles

**Stock bull**, 1st Milovaig 1 Jaguar, P Eccles; 2nd Barwise 1 Lancer, JRB Wilson and sons; 3rd Bennachie 1 Masterman, I Skea

### Autumn calf show

Moving on to the SHBA autumn calf show which was held in November at Borderway Mart in conjunction with Agri Expo, a record entry of cattle was seen with over 70 individual entries, the most ever had. Judge on the day was Mark Ormondroyd of Tunneltop Herefords who, after the Association was left without a judge due to circumstances out of its control, very kindly stepped up to judge. Pauline Wason, secretary of SHBA, says she would personally like to thank Mark for doing a fantastic job and saving the day.

2019 will no doubt be another busy one, with sales at Stirling in February and October and Carlisle in February, May and October and plenty of summer shows to promote the fantastic Hereford breed. There will be Association meetings in February, May and November to which all members are invited and new members are most welcome.

In June, the Association looks forward to welcoming Melissa Roberts to judge the Royal Highland Show on Thursday 20 June. The date of the Scottish National Show is yet to be confirmed.

The Scottish Association and the North of England Association will jointly host the National Calf Show in conjunction with Agri Expo to be held on Friday 1 November at Borderway Mart, Carlisle.

Pauline says: "I look forward to seeing you all at the many shows up and down the country next year and would like to take this opportunity to thank all members, breeders, sponsors and friends of the Association for their support they have given myself and the Association over the past year, it is greatly appreciated. I wish you all a successful 2019."

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# Coley 1 Pilot lands Royal Highland championship

**Coley 1 Pilot from Heather Whittaker, Halifax took the plaudits as it won the supreme championship at a well-attended Royal Highland Show.**

Out of Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11, 18 month old Coley 1 Pilot is by home-bred sire Coley 1 Maverick. This young bull has a good set of Breedplan performance recorded figures with 200, 400 and 600 day weights in the top 15 per cent and scrotal size in the top 10 per cent of the breed. The bull is no stranger to success either, having taken the grand male championship at Agri Expo 2017 and at Northumberland County Show earlier in the year.

Earlier in the day, judge William McMordie, Solpoll Herefords, Ballygown, made Coley 1 Pilot his junior male, overall junior and grand male champion.

Standing reserve in both the junior and grand male championships was Romany 1 Prime Time BL P62 from loyal show supporters, JRB Wilson and sons, Kelso. Another from the Ishbel bloodline, 14 month old Prime Time is out of Romany 1 Ishbel A84 G53 and by Barwise 1 Lancer. This bull has a spectacular set of EBVs with scrotal size in the top five per cent, 200 and 400 day weights, eye muscle area, retail beef yield, self-replacing and terminal sire indices in the top one per cent of the breed.

To complete the male section, William made Milovaig 1 Jaguar exhibited by Peter Eccles, East Lothian senior



Supreme champion Coley 1 Pilot from H Whittaker



Senior male champion Milovaig 1 Jaguar from Peter Eccles

male champion. This five year old bull is out of Irish-bred Corlismore Elisia and by former Royal Highland Show champion Baldinnie 1 Cranmore.

It was a day for junior animals when the judge made junior female champion Romany 1 Mink BL P60, from JRB Wilson and sons his grand female and reserve supreme champion.



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Lottie Wilson with grand female champion Romany 1 Mink BL P60

This promising 16 month heifer is also by Barwise 1 Lancer and out of Romany 1 Mink A41 D3. Not content with taking the grand female championship, JRB Wilson also took the reserve junior female championship with Romany 1 Lucy BL P61, another 16 month old heifer by Lancer and out of Romany 1 Lucy RE L18.

Later in the day the Romany heifers teamed up to collect first prize in the best pair of animals bred by an exhibitor.

Taking the reserve female championship was Rockness 1 Matilda KH1 with calf at foot from Peter Eccles. Firstly, it won a strong cow class before being tapped out as senior female champion and then reserve female championship. This striking rising four year old cow is out of Romany 1 Dawn A84 H38 and by AI sire Kinglee 1 Hero.

Completing the female class winners, there was more success for Heather Whittaker when she won the best female born on or between 1 September 2016 and 29 February 2017 with another Romany female, 18 month old Romany 1 Julia BL P43. Out of Romany 1 Julia A84 F51, it is another by prolific stock sire Barwise 1 Lancer.

In the following class it was W, P and K Wason, Lochgelly who came out on top with the 30 month Saltire 1 Cathy.



L-R: Romany 1 Julia BL P43, Romany 1 Plum BL P2 and Coley 1 Pilot – the reserve native interbreed team of three

All Baldinnie breeding, it is out of Baldinnie 1 Cathy 40th and by Baldinnie 1 Viscount.

Later in the show, Saltire 1 Cathy teamed up with Romany 1 Mink BL P60, Coley 1 Pippa 356 and Milovaig 1 Jaguar to take reserve native interbreed team of four.

There was more interbreed success when the Hereford team of three, comprising of Romany 1 Julia BL P43 and Romany 1 Plum BL P2 from JRB Wilson and sons and Coley 1 Pilot, took the reserve native breed championship.



Sophie Harvey with Harveybros 1 Crocus J1 – keeping an eye on the judge



Judge William McMordie, Solpoll Herefords in action

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# Romany reigns as herd of the year while show herd streak continues

Romany Herefords are famed throughout the UK and beyond both for their showring success but also their commercial capabilities, and 2018 saw their first win of the national herd of the year competition. Ewan Pate reports

Winning the Hereford Cattle Society's herd of the year, sire of the year and show herd of the year awards in one season might be seen by some as justification for basking in the full glory of it all but not for the Wilson family at Cowbog, Kelso.

Instead they are continuing to develop their 61 cow Romany herd of poll Herefords and throwing themselves into a new diversification project.

## Romany herd

The JRB Wilson and sons' Hereford herd, now run by Ron Wilson, his wife Joan, son Robert and daughter-in-law Lucy, is not only one of the most successful in Scotland but also one of the oldest. Ron's father, Jock Wilson moved to Cowbog, which was and still is on the Roxburgh Estate, in 1938. Like many farms in the Scottish Borders, the beef enterprise was based on breeding from black Irish-bred heifers. In the early 1950s legendary auctioneer Cliff Bosomworth suggested to Jock he should try a Hereford bull on his purchased heifers and so the connection with the breed began.

In 1955 the story took a decisive leap forward quite by chance. At short notice Jock was asked to replace a judge who had called off from the spring Hereford sale at Gorgie in Edinburgh. Unusually Jock placed a cow with calf at foot as his champion rather than a bull and then finished the day by buying them for 110 gns. Thus was the Bowmont herd founded. It was then expanded on with purchases from the Haven and Chadshunt herds.

The growth of the herd coincided with a real increase in demand for Herefords in Scotland with the Gorgie sales attracting up to 600 entries. Demand from dairy farmers then was high for crossing onto British Friesians to produce the highly popular Hereford-Friesian-cross which had become the backbone of the national suckler herd.

During this period, Jock sold a bull at Gorgie for 5,000 gns which was never to be beaten as a centre record for a horned bull. By 1985 however the Gorgie sales were no more with the mart sold and closed. The export trade was also important in this era peaking in 1974 at 2,000gns to Argentinian buyer Carlos Duggan for 'Generation'.

There was major change to come however in 1970 when the Wilsons decided to create a new poll herd. The Romany prefix was chosen as a nod to the gypsy folklore which surrounds the nearby Yetholm area.

Ron explains: "We introduced poll genetics quite quickly although we did run then alongside the horned herd for a few years. There are still a few horned genetics in the herd."





L-R: Ron, Joan, Henry, Robert, Lottie and Lucy Wilson

The original cow families (Plums, Lily, Dawn, Minks and Ishbels) are still to the fore but the introduction of the Lucy line, named after Robert's wife, in 2004 has proved influential. This female line originated from embryos from Canada with the first 12 calves all female and many of them subsequently introduced into the herd.

The top price for this female line was realised by Sky High Herefords when a daughter of Romany 1 Lucy RE L21 sold for 1,100gns at Shrewsbury's Designer Genes last December. The same day the Wilsons sold a pick of heifer calves for 6,000gns to buyers in the Republic of Ireland.

In recent times, the top prices at auction have kept on coming including 8,200gns at the 2018 spring sale at Hereford for Romany 1 Poseidon and 6,600gns for Romany 1 Prince. Both are by Barwise 1 Lancer, the 2018 UK Hereford sire of the year.

Ron says: "Over the years it has been big thrill to see top prices but we get as much pleasure from seeing our breeding coming through for others. For example, this year's champion bull at the Society autumn show and sale and this year's UK Hereford bull of the year and reserve were from Romany females."

There has been success abroad too with the recently exported Romany 1 Popcorn being the current French national Hereford champion.

The vast majority of the Romany sales however are made privately. In recent years only around 17 per cent of the bull crop has been sold by auction. The



Barwise 1 Lancer – UK Hereford sire of the year

private sales include a good number of bulls for crossing with Angus, Simmental or other continental type cross cows to produce a moderate framed, docile female replacement.

There have been also been good sales for export to the Czech Republic and Denmark. Romany 1 Cosmonaut was the first Hereford bull exported to Poland for 40 years. A remarkable 57 animals including cows, heifers and a young bull were consigned in one day to a German buyer a few years ago.

**"We introduced poll genetics quite quickly although we did run them alongside the horned herd for a few years. There are still a few horned genetics in the herd."**

Normally the herd numbers around 80 dams and followers but after a large sale of females in 2017 it now numbers 61. They would struggle to keep up with demand but there are also 35 Shorthorn cross Highland recipients for a well thought through embryo programme.

"We have introduced a lot of genetics from Canada, New Zealand and Australia and this has allowed us to focus heavily on the maternal side. Herefords are still one of the most numerous breeds in the country and it is encouraging to see BCMS figures showing an annual increase in Hereford sired calves. Last year 47,000 calves went through the various Hereford beef schemes, which is encouraging," says Robert.

The Romany herd has won the Hereford show herd of the year a remarkable nine times in the last 12 years including this year. Shows regularly attended include the Royal Highland, the Great Yorkshire, Border Union, Northumberland County, Scottish Hereford National and the National Poll Show at Moreton-in-Marsh. In the winter the Wilsons are regular attenders and winners at Stars of the Future show, Agri Expo and the Society Christmas Calf Show at Shrewsbury.



Yearling bulls for sale

The coveted title of Hereford herd of the year is however a first time win for the Wilsons. To cap it all they also collected this year's award for Hereford sire of the year with stock bull Barwise 1 Lancer. Bred by Caroline Fletcher, this four year old was produced from an embryo imported from Argentina.

The wider picture has always appealed to the Wilson family. Since 1962 three generations of the family, Jock, Ron and Robert, have served on the breed council without a break.

Ron has recently retired after a 20-year stint as full-time secretary and treasurer of the Border Union Agricultural Society. Apart from the Border Union Show at Kelso in July he has been responsible for delivering the Kelso ram sales every September and developing the Springwood Park Showground into a multi-use facility. Ron was been recognised in this year's Queen's birthday honours list for his contribution to agriculture and the community with the award of an MBE. He, Joan and the whole family recently attended the investiture in Buckingham Palace.

## Fluffy Moos

Not surprisingly the new Fluffy Moos project, run by Robert Wilson and his wife Lucy draws heavily on the family's love of the Hereford breed and their location in the tranquil borders countryside.

Crucially it also utilises skills which they already have. Fluffy Moos has two strings to its bow. Firstly, it is a training centre for those keen to find out how to prepare pedigree livestock for the showring and secondly it is a venue for corporate groups on team building and experience days.

Key to both strands is the restoration a 120 year old stable block next to the farmhouse. After decades of use as a store for anything and everything it has been brought back its former glory by a sympathetic restoration which has retained all the old stable

fittings. At the same time, toilets have been installed and a meeting and function room created. Robert and Lucy successfully applied for LEADER funding which met around half of the £80,000 cost of the venture.

Lucy, whose background is in human resources is in charge of the hospitality side of the venture. She has already catered for a number of groups most recently 14 members of a local dental practice on an 'away day' and a meeting of the Scottish Government's Women in Agriculture group Borders Branch.

"So far all our reviews on Facebook have had five-star ratings and it is the same for the cattle fitting days," says Robert. "Social media plays an important part in promoting the venue and the courses."

Thinking of ways to entertain diverse groups while also bringing in a competitive element took some time but Robert and Lucy were determined to make it a an educational experience too with the emphasis on farming skills.

"We do all sorts of things including a pig slalom where groups of people have to guide some very agile pigs through an indoor slalom course. It includes a mud bath so there is plenty of potential for fun. The pigs seem to really enjoy it. We also have sheep handling and herding using human 'dogs' which tests teamwork. We don't neglect the educational side either and show where the different cuts of meat come from for example.

"Beirhope Alpacas, just up the valley can also bring down some of their animals for an agility and handing session.

"There is a prize giving at the end of the day and everyone seems to enjoy the whole experience," says Robert.

The other side of Fluffy Moos is however purely agricultural and one in which the Romany Herefords play



a starring role. Over the years Robert has built up his skills as cattle dresser or 'fitter' to use the American term. Winning the Hereford Cattle Society's show herd of the year nine times in the last 12 years is ample testimony of his ability. For some time he has felt these skills could be taught and that there was a willing clientele of cattle breeders, many of them new to the pedigree world.

So now he has invested in four American fitting stalls set up in a well-lit building where groups of up to a total of 16, can watch, learn and then hone their skills on a live animal. Robert has been several times to the US to see fitting teams in action competitively and to research the equipment and techniques in use.

The vital art of ring craft is also taught so novices can learn exactly how to show an animal to perfection and any other useful information is always volunteered if requested.

The weekend courses are non-residential but the hope is participants from further afield will use local bed and breakfasts giving the area a boost. Lucy is also very particular about sourcing local ingredients for the lunches which she supplies on the training days.

Robert says: "At the moment it is predominantly cattle but we may offer sheep courses in the future. This is the first training centre of its kind in the UK and I hope it will be of benefit to the industry as a whole."



Yearling heifers

# Pilot soars high to take Scottish National Championship

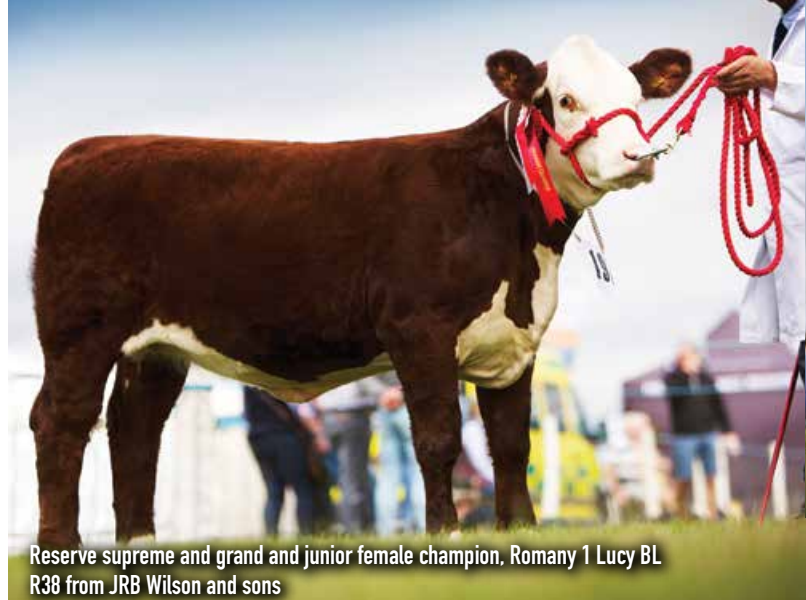
**Coley 1 Pilot bred and exhibited by Heather Whittaker, Halifax took the breed championship at the Scottish National Show held at Dumfries Show.**

Coley 1 Pilot, brought out and shown by farm manager Andrew Hughes had earlier been awarded the grand and senior male championships by judge William Livesey, Normanton Herefords, Leicestershire.

The reserve supreme award went to grand and junior female champion, nine month old Romany 1 Lucy BL R38, bred by JRB Wilson and sons, Kelso which is sired by Barwise 1 Lancer and out of Romany 1 Lucy A84 J57.

It was a very successful day for Romany Herefords securing five first prizes and four second prizes as well as junior and reserve overall male with Romany 1 Primetime BL P62, reserve junior male with Romany 1 Romeo BL R7 and senior female with Romany 1 Lucy A84 J57. They were also awarded first place the best pair of animals.

Other Scottish breeders who made the journey down to Dumfries also enjoyed a successful show, with Harvey Brothers, Balfour taking first prize with the heifer Harveybros 1 Crocus P5 and JA Cameron and son, Leven also picking up a red rosette with their heifer Baldinnie 1 Dom Lass 21st. Gavin Dunbar, Strathaven had a second



Reserve supreme and grand and junior female champion, Romany 1 Lucy BL R38 from JRB Wilson and sons

prize for his home-bred bull Drumboy 1 Paolo 881. Finally, Saltire 1 Predator from W, P and K Wason, Lochgelly took second place. This home-bred bull also picked up the reserve senior male award.

There was very good support from the North of England Hereford breeders too and they were rewarded with several wins. Tom and Di Harrison, Moralee Herefords, Stocksfield enjoyed first place success with their group of three and the group of three bred by the same sire, SMH Kingsize. Their home-bred nine month old heifer Moralee 1 Kimberley KS



Reserve grand and junior male champion Romany 1 Primetime BL P62 from JRB Wilson and sons



Supreme champion Coley 1 Pilot from H Whittaker



Reserve grand and reserve junior female champion Moralee 1 Kimberley from T and D Harrison



Winners of the group of three were T and D Harrison



Young handler winners – senior Beth Harvey (left) and junior Lottie Wilson

R7 was awarded the reserve junior female and reserve overall female titles.

There was also a first prize for Cornriggs 1 Julia 4th from Mr and Mrs H Elliott, Weardale, and a second prize rosette for Moorside 1 Jane 8th from G and MC Shepherd, Preston.

The young handlers' classes were kindly sponsored once again by David Gillon. The junior young handler competition was won by Lottie Wilson, Romany Herefords with Katie Wason of Saltire Herefords in second place.

The senior handlers was won by Beth Harvey, Harveybros Herefords with Drew Ritchie in second and Iona Smith in third.



Judge William Livesey giving each class entry the once over

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# Johne's disease: A pressing issue

The Hereford Cattle Society's new official vet Nick Gibbon, director at Belmont Farm and Equine Vets, warns pressure on the beef sector to reduce Johne's incidence is only going to increase moving forward.



Johne's, or John's disease, is a bacterial infection of the intestines caused by *Mycobacterium avium* paratuberculosis, explains Nick Gibbon, the Society's official vet, causing chronic weight loss, scour and poor performance in cattle, sheep and some other mammals.

He says: "The pressure on the industry to reduce Johne's incidence is only going to increase in coming years, particularly as there may be a link between the bacteria causing Johne's and Crohn's disease in humans. This link is not fully explained yet and the evidence is not entirely supportive of it, but researchers are trying their best to implicate the bacteria in the disease."

## The disease

The epidemiology of the disease is complex. Most infections are picked up by a calf in its first weeks of life, directly from its mother or from the calving environment, explains Nick.

He says: "The organism is found in cattle faeces so a disease-free cow need only lie in the muck of an infected cow

for her calf to pick it up off her teats, so calving environment hygiene is of utmost importance.

"The bacterium is also found in colostrum so positive cows are likely to pass the infection to their calves. The calf remains susceptible up until around six months of age and infection could occur if a calf is exposed to an infected cow's faeces even up until this point."

**"Because of the proposed human health involvement some milk buyers are looking hard at milk from Johne's positive herds entering the food chain ahead of this link being made."**

After six months of age, transmission of infection becomes less likely and Johne's experts are convinced in some heavily infected herds adult animals are capable of picking up infection through sheer environmental contamination even though this is the least risky time for transmission, says Nick.

"Management of the disease centres around routine 12 monthly blood testing of all animals over two years of age. The disease is very slow to develop and cattle don't usually start to show clinical signs until four years of age or more.

"As the disease progresses and cattle shed bacteria into the environment, the chances of them becoming positive to the blood test increases," explains Nick.

Positives are re-tested through a faeces test which looks for the bacteria's DNA. Any animals positive on both tests must be culled from the herd and no off-spring are permitted to be sold as breeding stock under the rules of the Cattle Health Certification Standards (CHECS) accredited schemes.

It is advised blood positive, faeces negative animals are calved in a separate environment from the rest of the herd and considered positive and culled when feasible.

Nick adds: "There is some interference with the TB skin test and the blood test and historically, leeway was given to herds which TB test frequently. There is a growing body of evidence that a lot of these positive animals put down to the TB test will eventually become actual clinical cases.

"Because of the proposed human health involvement some milk buyers are looking hard at milk from Johne's positive herds entering the food chain ahead of this link being made.

"And why does this matter to us as Hereford cattle breeders?" asks Nick.

He says: "If dairy farms go to the large cost of getting rid of the disease through testing, culling and management, the last thing they will want to do is buy it back in again with a bull. Their awareness of health status is growing, especially regarding Johne's and Hereford breeders supplying bulls to the dairy herd will come under pressure from their buyers."

Vets and Johne's advisors will be advising their clients to buy cattle from certified low risk herds (R1), which is exactly the same advice Hereford breeders would be given.

Nick says: "In clinical practice, we rarely see cases of Johne's in the Hereford herds we deal with but this doesn't lead to complacency. Monitoring and managing for Johne's even in low incidence or free herds is very important to secure breed health, herd health and markets going forward."

## Herd status definitions

- ◆ R1 - The herd is of the lowest risk category and has had three consecutive clear blood tests
- ◆ R2- The herd has had one or two clear blood tests and R1 status is pending
- ◆ R3 - There are fewer than 3 per cent blood test positive animals in the herd and management is in place
- ◆ R4 - There are more than 3 per cent blood test positive animals in the herd and management is in place
- ◆ R5 - The herd may be testing but management practices are not in line with the mandatory requirements of the programme

# Harveybros head-up Stars of the Future

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A small but quality show of Herefords saw a yearling bull from the Harvey family, Glasgow scoop the senior championship, while a heifer from the Romany herd won the juniors.

Going all the way to top in the seniors was Harveybros 1 Rupert, a November 2017-born AI son of Normanton 1 Laertes from George Harvey and daughters, Sophie and Beth. He was second in his class at the Borderway Agri Expo Calf Show.

First time exhibitor, Janice Laird of the 20-cow St Clements Well herd at Cauldcoats Farm, Dalkeith, stood reserve to the Harveys with St Clements Wells Dawn 5. Brought out by stockman, Martin Gribbon, this yearling heifer is an AI daughter of Kinglee 1 Hero. It is out of the bought-in foundation female, Romany 1 Dawn and was on its first outing.

Romany 1 Lucy, a February 2018-born heifer from the Wilson's herd at Cowbog, Kelso, ruled supreme in the seniors. Second at Agri Expo, it is by Barwise 1 Lancer—this year's Hereford sire of the year which the Wilsons bought in 2014 and out of a previous Romany 1 Lucy.



Harveybros 1 Rupert from G and S Harvey Glasgow

Photograph: The Scottish Farmer

New breeder, Gavin Dunbar who runs his Drumboy herd at Springholm, Strathaven, was also exhibiting for the first time and took the reserve championship in the juniors with Drumboy 1 Rosie. It is an ET-bred heifer by Romany 1 Distiller out of Baldinnie 1 Cathy.

## Results

(Judge: Albert Taylor, Kirriemuir)

**Bulls born 10 Oct to 10 Nov 2017**, 1st, senior male and overall senior, Harveybros 1 Rupert, G and S Harvey; 2nd Harvey Bros 1 Richard, G and S Harvey; 3rd Baldinnie 1 Finnigan, JA Cameron and son

**Heifers born 5 Sept to 19 Nov 2017**, 1st, senior female and reserve overall senior, St Clements Wells Dawn 5, J Laird; 2nd and reserve senior female, Romany 1 Lucy, JRB Wilson; 3rd Baldinnie 1 Cathy 59, JA Cameron and son

**Heifers born 2 Jan to 20 Mar 2018**, 1st junior female and overall junior, Romany 1 Lucy, JRB Wilson; 2nd, reserve female and reserve overall junior, Drumboy 1 Rosie, G Dunbar; 3rd Harveybros 1 Crocus Rose, G and S Harvey

## Price record of £8,200 set for Ervie sale

The annual on-farm sale of Hereford bulls from John Douglas and family at Mains of Airies, Stranraer on Thursday 15 February 2018 saw a new sale record set for Ervie Advance 162146 at £8,200. Sired by Ervie L1 Achiever 91151H, it is out of a Lisette cow with good beef value figures. It headed north east to an undisclosed first time buyer to join a suckler cow herd.

The sale attracted new and regular buyers to select from 40 rising two year old bulls which found new homes nationwide with those choosing well-bred, outwintered, un-pampered bulls.

Catching the eye of regular purchaser and soon to be Hereford Cattle Society president Des Kelly, Co Tyrone was Ervie Advance 162151, which was knocked down at £7,000, the third highest price in the history of the sale. Also sired by the outstanding Achiever 91151H, it is out of a Lisette cow.

Messrs Walker travelled from Worcester to purchase Ervie Advance 162084 at £3,000 which is another sired by Achiever 91151H with its dam being a Libby cow.

Commenting on the day's sale, John Douglas said: "Considering the weather and fodder shortages affecting many livestock farmers, I was very pleased and relieved with

the sale, and indeed we achieved our best ever price with Ervie Advance 162146. The sale average was a rewarding £2,470 and prices ranged upwards from £1,800."

## Average

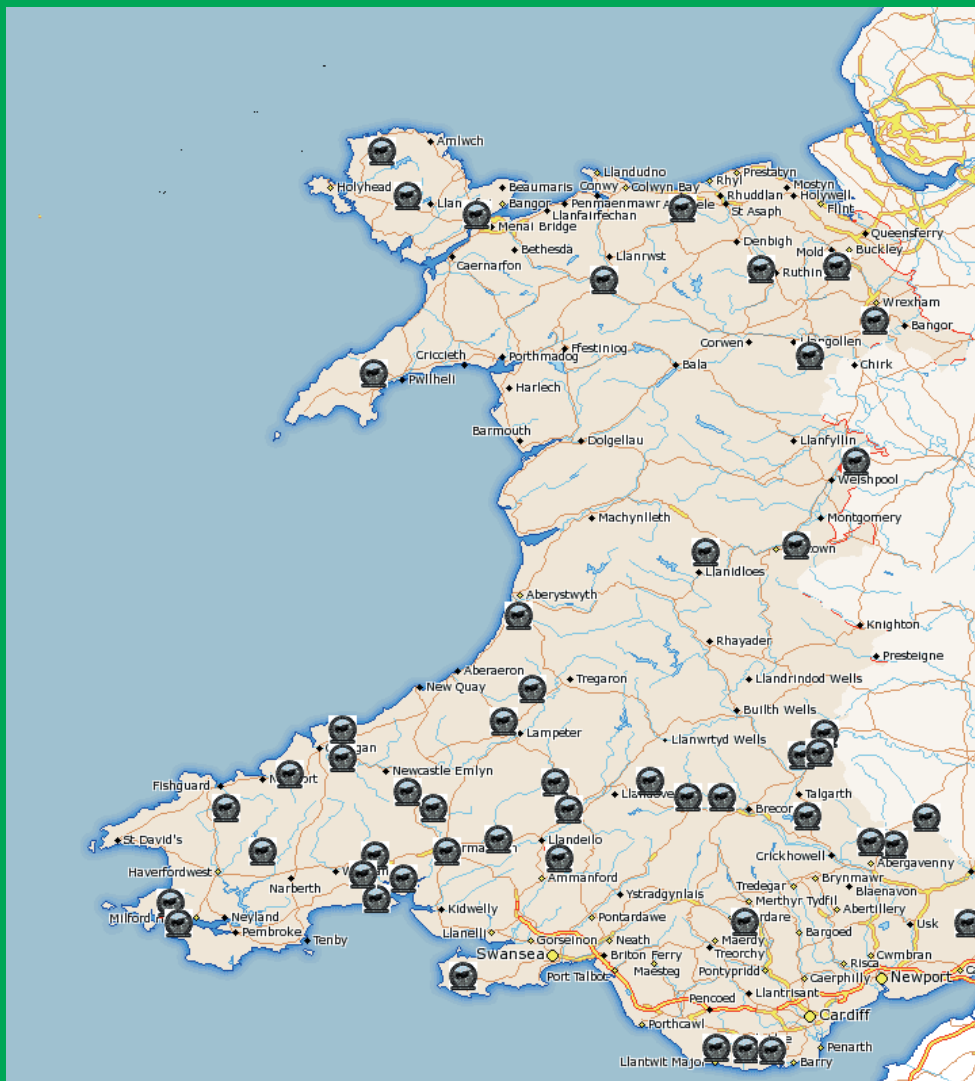
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# Membership up for Dyfed club

**It has been another exciting year for the Dyfed club with an increase in membership.**

The Dyfed Club has been encouraged to see the new members bringing their animals out and supporting local and county shows and even venturing to the National Poll Show, Royal Welsh and also the Royal Welsh Winter Fair.

Members extend their best wishes to Stephen and Elin John, Will and Ellen Griffiths and Luke and Laura Powell who were recently married.

Congratulations must also go to the Club's council member Non Thorne who led a group of Young Farmers 250 miles on their bikes from Haverfordwest to Blackpool raising £27,000 for Prostate Cymru and Wales Air Ambulance.

At the Royal Three Counties Show in Malvern, the Dyfed Club team came fourth in the national stockjudging competition with Emily Jones who went along as stocklady for Non Thorne winning the junior section, gaining full marks.

The club AGM this year was held in the Gower in September due to a few club members out of action during the summer. Although it was a very wet day, it was well-attended and most enjoyable with a welcoming cup of tea and cakes at Tom and Liz Rodericks'. The AGM was also held at the Rodericks' café with everyone happy with the new officials and re-election of secretary and treasurer. There was opportunity to see some of the Brangwyn herd and the new stock bull.

Next it was off to the local pub for lunch and to draw the raffle and then down the road to the home of the Radcliffes' Kilvrough herd. Here again members had a wonderful welcome and saw some more lovely cattle which included the 2018 Hereford female of the year Dendor 1 Ruby 29th. The hospitality was first class with plenty of refreshments

## Committee

Presidents: Mr and Mrs Glenville Goodall

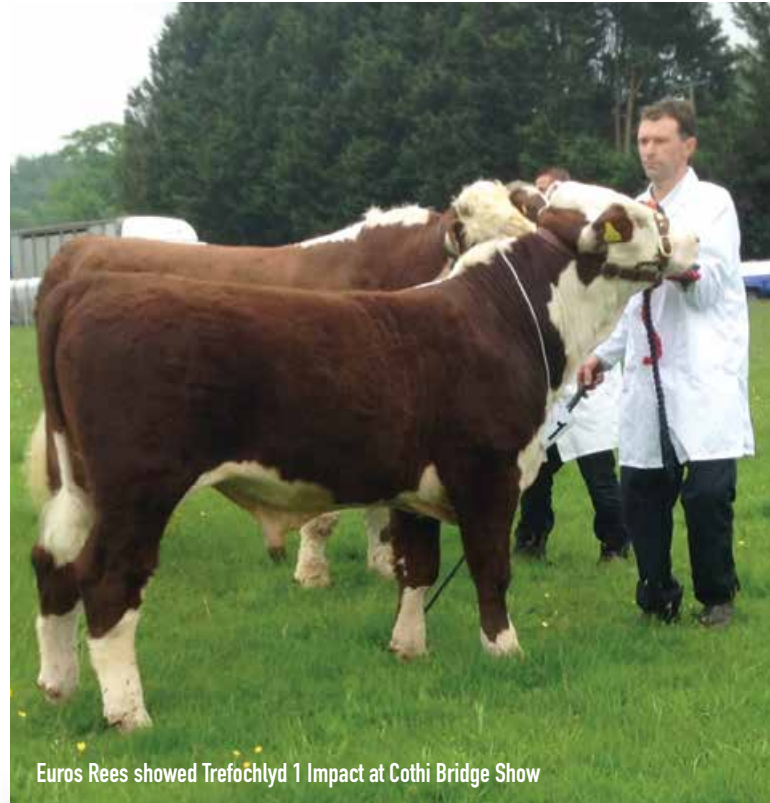
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Euros Rees showed Trefochlyd 1 Impact at Cothi Bridge Show



Dyfed Club members visited Liz and Stuart Radcliffe's Kilvrough herd and admired new purchase and female of the year 2018 Dendor 1 Ruby 29th

for everyone and grateful thanks must go to the hosts Liz and Stuart Radcliffe and stockman Russell Howells and to club secretary Liz Roderick for arranging such an interesting day which was very much appreciated by all the members.

The Club's grateful thanks must go to the outgoing committee Charles Smith, George Thorne and Anthony John for all their hard work and support over the last two years.

### 2018 show results

**St Clears**, Male, Penrhiwgoch Binks Progress 178, Paul Griffiths; reserve male, Lax Tornado, A John; female, Penrhiwgoch Binks Rachella, Paul Griffiths

**Cothi Bridge**, Supreme, Lax Tornado, A John; reserve, Lax Regina 22nd, A John

**Fishguard**, Supreme, Trefochlyd 1 Impact, E Rees; reserve, Ashly Moor Dainty, Susan James

**Gower**, Supreme, Dendor 1 Jennefer 19th, L and L Bowen; reserve, Brangwyn 1 Kandy, TDJ Roderick

**Pembroke County**, Supreme and female, Glenvale 1 Polly 617, TG, EI and EN Thorne; reserve and reserve female, Dendor 1 Holly 7th, L and L Bowen; male, Panmure 1 Nugget, V Weller; reserve male, Penrhiwgoch Binks Progress, Paul Griffiths

**Martletwy**, Supreme, Sancler Oyster, RL Morgan; reserve, Sancler Diadem, RL Morgan

**Llandyfaelog**, Supreme, Sky High Danish Dream, L and L Bowen; reserve, Sancler Beauty, RL Morgan

### Show points results

**Show herd**, Anthony John and family, Lax Herefords

**Show bull**, Paul Griffiths and family, Penrhiwgoch Progress 178

**Show female**, RL Morgan, Sancler Oyster

### Herd competition results

At the beginning of October, Mr Dyfan James, a Limousin breeder from Carmarthen, judged the herd competition and travelled many miles to see all the herds. Thanks must go to him for taking on the challenge. Trophies were presented at the annual dinner, which was held in November at the Forge Restaurant, St Clears.

**Herd of the year**, Laxfield, DC Smith and son

### Herd under 20 cows

**Small herd of the year**, 1st Kilvrough, E. Radcliffe; 2nd Bowendu, L and L Bowen

**Stock bull**, 1st Solpoll 1 Gilbert, E. Rees; 2nd Freetown Phantom, MR Jones

**Cow and calf**, 1st Solpoll 1 Starlet M8, Kilvrough Renowned, E. Radcliffe; 2nd Annhay Beauty 448, Sancler Beauty, RL Morgan

**Heifer calf**, 1st Sancler Beauty, RL Morgan; 2nd Kilvrough 1 Murtle, E. Radcliffe

**Bull calf**, 1st Rosehill 1 Niagra, S. Lewis; 2nd Llangynin Scorpion, MR Jones

### Herd over 20 cows

**Large herd of the year**, 1st Laxfield, DC Smith and son; 2nd Glenvale, TG, EI and EN Thorne



Non Thorne (left) was presented with the cup for the Hereford champion at Pembrokeshire County Show 2018 by the show's president

**Stock bull**, 1st Laxfield Jubilee, DC Smith and sons; 2nd Loosemore 1 Nassa, TG, EI and EN Thorne

**Cow and calf**, 1st Glenvale 1 Anglia, Glenvale 1 Anglia 680, TG, EI and EN Thorne; 2nd Glenvale 1 Plover, Hean 1 Rebel 905, Hean Castle Estate

**Heifer calf**, 1st Laxfield Silver, DC Smith and son; 2nd Laxfield Regina 48, DC Smith and son

**Bull calf**, 1st Hean 1 Rebel 905, Castle Estate; 2nd Laxfield Louis, DC Smith and son



Emily Jones won joint first place in the national stockjudging competition



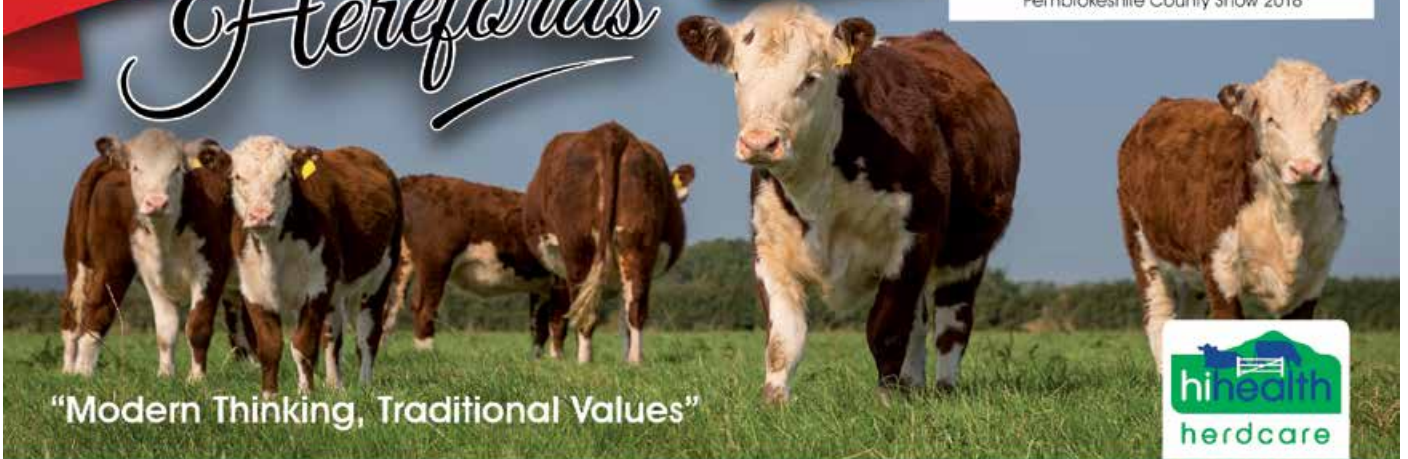
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# Dendor Herefords turn Moonshine into champagne at Royal Welsh

Dendor Herefords, Caersws took the Royal Welsh Show by storm both in the Hereford section and in a number of interbreed competitions.

DE, ED and AL Jones took the supreme championship with Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine which caught the eye of Scottish judge Audrey Anderson, Panmure Herefords from the moment it walked into the ring. Although bred in Ireland, this 17 month old male has a lot of Scottish blood running through its veins with dam, Romany 1 Lucy A84 F26 and



L-R: President Jonathan Moorhouse, sponsor DC Smith Financial, Twm Jones with champion Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine and judge Audrey Anderson

grand-sire, Romany 1 Captain R22 on its paternal side both bred by JRB Wilson and sons, Kelso. On top of its style and substance, this well-constructed Gouldingpoll 1 Captain son, has a good set of performance recorded figures too, with its 200, 400 and 600 day weights and eye muscle area all in the top 10 per cent of the breed.

Earlier in the day Moonshine took the junior male championship, and appropriately the Dendor Trophy presented by Sian Jones, and later the grand male championship. Standing reserve in the junior, grand male and breed championships was Rempstone 1 Eric V463 from M Ludgate, Thame. Also 17 months old, Eric V463, is out of Rempstone Model and by former National Poll Show champion Hawkesbury 1 Vespa.

In the first class of the day it was the 26 month Bromley 1 Tendulkar, bred and exhibited by M and M Roberts, Hoarwithy which took the red ticket, which is out of Bromley 1 Tamarisk 602 and by Greenyards 1 Legend. Other successes in the bull classes went to another Herefordshire breeder EL Lewis and Son, Dilwyn with Haven Possum, out of Haven Splendour 25th and by Australian-bred bull Mawarra After Shock. In the youngest bull class, first prize went to Newtoncroft Farms Ltd, Newton Harcourt with Newtoncroft 1 Pondlife, out of Newtoncroft 1 Mary 25th and by Solpoll 1 Hollywood.

In the female category, Shraden 1 Alice P809 bred and exhibited by MJ and HM Timmis, Baschurch came out on top, taking the grand female championship.



Supreme and grand male champion Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine from DE, ED and AL Jones



Reserve supreme, grand and junior male champion was Rempstone 1 Eric V463 from M Ludgate



Grand female champion Shraden 1 Alice P809 from MJ and HM Timmis



Reserve grand female champion Dendor 1 Ruby 29th from DE, ED and AL Jones



Breed secretary David Deakin updating Welsh Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs Lesley Griffiths on the Hereford breed

Things boded well for the Timmis family when the 16 month old female first won arguably the strongest class of the day - heifers born on or between 1 January and 31 March 2017. Out of Shraden 1 Alice C198 and by Dendor 1 Knuckleduster, it's another animal with a good set of EBVs with 200 day weights in the top 10 per cent and eye muscle area and retail beef yield in the top 5 per cent of the breed. There was more success for the Timmis family when they collected the red rosette in the youngest heifer class of the day with 13 month Shraden 1 Alice P828, which is out of Shraden 1 Alice E283 and by Baldinnie 1 Victory.

Standing reserve was 21 month old heifer Dendor 1 Ruby 29th from DE, ED and AL Jones. This was another top female bred from the Ruby bloodline, this time out of Dendor 1 Ruby 17th and is by 2017 Hereford sire of the year, Solpoll 1 Gilbert.

In the other female classes M Ludgate was awarded first place in the heifer in-calf or with calf at foot class with 30 month Rempstone 1 Dowager V424. Out of Studmorepoll 1 Dowager 3rd, it's by Hawkesbury 1 Vespa.

There was a further accolade for the much-admired Coley 1 Pippa 356, owned and exhibited by first time exhibitors at the Royal Welsh, Tom and Di Harrison, Stocksfield. Out of former female of the year Frenchstone P. 1 Boo, it is by Days Calibre G74.



Tom and Di Harrison took the best group of three

There was more success for Tom and Di justifying the long trip down from Northumberland, when they were awarded the best group of three, pipping Dendor Herefords into reserve.



## Interbreed successes for Herefords at Royal Welsh Show

Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine took the native and then overall junior interbreed beef championships at a highly competitive Royal Welsh Show.

Proceedings were interrupted when Prime Minister Theresa May made a surprise visit into the cattle judging rings. After asking interbreed judge David Jones what he was looking for in a good beef animal and stating it must be a very difficult job to compare different breeds of high quality, David tapped out his champion.



Overall junior interbreed beef champion Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine

Moonshine is out of Romany 1 Lucy A84 F26 and by Gouldingpoll 1 Captain and has a good set of performance recorded figures - with his 200, 400 and 600 day weights and eye muscle area all in the top 10 per cent for the breed.

The Hereford grand female champion, 16 month old Shraden 1 Alice P809 from MJ and HM Timmis, Baschurch took the reserve native interbreed championship under the watchful eye of judge Gareth James.

Out of Shraden 1 Alice C198 and by Dendor 1 Knuckleduster, it's another animal with a good set of EBVs with its 200 day weight in the top 10 per cent and eye muscle area and retail beef yield in the top 5 per cent of the breed.

Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine and stablemate Dendor 1 Ruby 29th paired up to compete in the prestigious Fitzhugh



Junior interbreed judge David Jones with PM Theresa May just before he tapped out his champion Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine

Anthony Mosley

championship and took the overall championship in front of thousands of onlookers around the ring. Ruby 29th is another top female from the Ruby bloodline this time out of Dendor 1 Ruby 17th and is by current Hereford sire of the year, Solpoll 1 Gilbert. Interbreed judge David Jones stated: "As a former Hereford breeder, I was reluctant to give to the Hereford because of my connection with the breed, but I had no choice, they were such a well matched pair, correct in every way and a great credit to the breed."

Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine and Dendor 1 Ruby 29th then teamed up with 21 month- old Glenvale 1 Polly 617 from TG, EI and EN Thorne, Milford Haven to take the reserve native interbreed group of three. Polly 617 is out of Glenvale 1 Polly 387 and by Dendor 1 Ledley.

The native group of three is one the breed's favourite competitions having had many successes over recent years. Judge Richard Rettie commented afterwards that the



The Hereford team who were judged reserve native interbreed group of three

Anthony Mosley



Shraden 1 Alice P809 took the reserve native interbreed junior heifer championship



Fitzhugh championship winners - Dendor 1 Ruby 29th and Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine

Anthony Mosley

animals were 'a credit to the breed and only just missed out on the top spot'.

Iona Smith originally from Scotland but now based in Northumberland was judged best overall young handler after first winning the senior section 16 to 19 years of age. Iona, a protégé of UK Hereford Youth and competing for the first time at the Royal Welsh, caught the eye of judge Carol Rettie from the moment she stepped into the ring. Carol was impressed with her 'calm control, attention to detail and knowledge of the animal'. Iona commented afterwards that she was delighted to have won such a prestigious competition, given the calibre of her fellow competitors and the history of the show.



Iona Smith winner of the M&S young cattle handlers competition

### Interbreed beef herd display

Tom and Diane Harrison, Moralee Herefords, Stocksfield were awarded third place in the cattle lines breed display competition while exhibiting at the Royal Welsh Show for the first time. The judge commented the new Moralee branding was strong, clean, crisp and unmistakable. He was also impressed that the Moralee brand ran throughout, from clothing to show box and from banners to leaflets. Well done Tom and Di.



Tom and Di Harrison received third place in the cattle lines display

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# Powys Club enjoy a social 12 months

**As usual the Club's activities started in May with a well-attended AGM, with all officers re-elected en-bloc.**

Once the business side of the Club had been dealt with, at the AGM, Clive Davies gave a very entertaining and interesting speech about the world-renowned Westwood herd. The Club would like to thank Clive for attending and making it a very enjoyable evening.

Later in May, members took the promotional stand to the RWAS Spring Festival in Builth Wells where a few new members were gained and once again a big thank you must go to those members who helped out that weekend.

June took the Club to Hay-on-Wye for the annual barbecue courtesy of Phil and Anne Watkins with lovely weather and spectacular views and a fabulous day was had by all. The Club thank Phill and Anne for hosting them again.

The bi-annual pedigree herd of the year competition was once again held in 2018 and judge Tracey Jones had the very difficult task of picking a winner out of the 13 herds entered. After many hours and miles travelling throughout Wales, she chose the Dendor herd of the Jones family as the overall winners and the Studdolph herd of the Thorne family as runners-up. The Club would like to say a massive thank you to Tracey for taking on such a difficult task.

September took members to the Bwlchlllyn herd of the Evans family where they were shown some lovely Herefords in idyllic surroundings and also shown where the family rear thousands of partridge as another part of the farm enterprise, as well as Suffolk sheep. Many thanks to Andrew, Jan, Richard and family for making this event so enjoyable.

The ever-popular Club Sunday lunch took place in October at Rhosgoch Golf Club, Painscastle, and with presentations to David Prothero special guest and former breed secretary. David was presented with various gifts on behalf of Powys Hereford Breeders' Club and given much thanks and praise for his many years of dedicated service to the Hereford Cattle Society.

The Royal Welsh Winter Fair entries were slightly up on the previous year

which only goes to show the Hereford breed has seen a major resurgence over the last few years.

Finally, all the officers would like to thank all the members for their continued support which has seen the Club grow considerably over the past decade. The Club looks forward to celebrating its 40th Anniversary next year.

## Committee

President: Deri Jones

Vice-president: John Hodges

Chairman: Tommy Williams

Honorary secretary / treasurer:  
Glenn Pritchard



Glenn Pritchard in the Hereford ring at Usk Show



Good entries were had at Usk Show



The Powys Club

# Dendor placed third in national herd competition

**Dendor Herefords were named Wales' herd of the year in 2018, and also came third in the national competition.**

A lot has been written about the establishment of the Dendor poll Hereford herd and the initial foundation female lines and bulls used nearly 60 years ago now.

It is time to move forward and the Jones family (DE, ED and AL Jones) wishes to reflect on their achievements over the last couple of years.

The highlight of 2018 for the family was at the Royal Welsh Show in July when Dendor 1 Ruby 29th and Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine won the Fitzhugh pairs. The Jones family is told this is the first time the accolade has been won by Herefords and only the second time the pairs have been owned by the same exhibitors.

These two animals also took the reserve native interbreed pair at the Royal Three Counties and had a wonderful few shows this year.

Moonshine took reserve male at Shropshire County, male and reserve supreme at the Royal Three Counties, supreme and junior interbreed at the Royal Welsh, supreme at Burwarton, reserve male at Bucks County and male and reserve supreme at Kington.



DE, ED and AL Jones won the Fitzhugh pairs at the Royal Welsh Show 2018

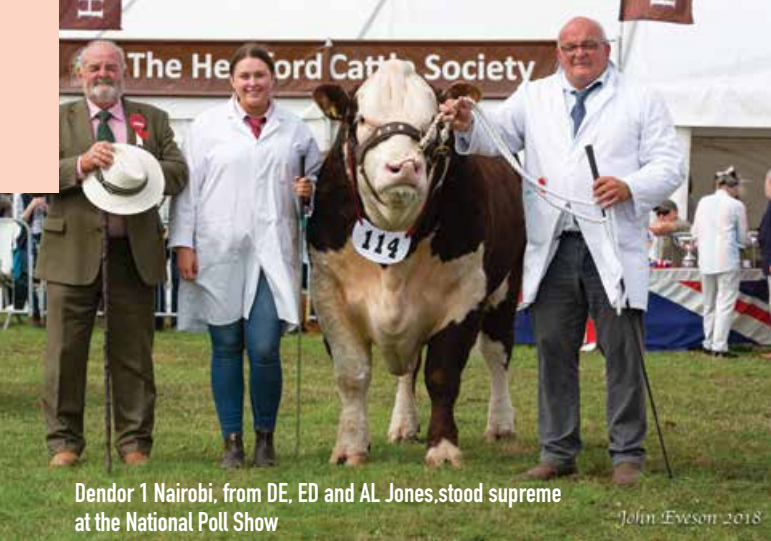
Dendor Ruby 29th took the interbreed at Shropshire, supreme and reserve native interbreed at the Royal Three Counties, reserve female at Bucks and Royal Welsh, female at Burwarton and supreme at Kington. Ruby 29th was also awarded the female of the year 2018. The Jones family says it is pleasing a Dendor-bred female has won this for the last five years.



Dendor 1 Ruby 29th stood reserve grand female at 2018's Royal Welsh Show and went on to be female of the year



Calves enjoying the sunshine at Gwastadgoed, Caersws, home of Dendor Herefords



Dendor 1 Nairobi, from DE, ED and AL Jones, stood supreme at the National Poll Show



Bakgard 1 Keno from DE, ED and AL Jones

Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 25th was the reserve supreme champion at Shropshire and joined Moonshine and Ruby 29th to take the group of three owned by the same exhibitor at the National Poll Show – for the sixth time in the last seven years.

Last member of the show team to enter the ring this year was Dendor 1 Nairobi. At the National Poll Show, its one and only show of the year, it took the supreme champion – what a delight.

Nairobi first entered the showing in 2016 with dam Dendor 1 Molly 41st, and at this same show won the junior male championship at six months of age. It also won junior male champion at Kington the same year.

The family did not exhibit at many shows in 2017 as changes were being made at Gwastadgoed. Bakgard 1 Keno did them proud taking supreme champion at the Royal Welsh Show 2017 and Dendor also won show herd of the year 2017.

The family says it is great to see Dendor stock succeeding for other exhibitors, including:

- Colin and Mary Jones, Maxstoke – Dendor 1 Jugganaught sired junior male champion at the National Poll Show 2018.
- Timmis Family, Shraden – Dendor 1 Knuckleduster sired female champion Royal Welsh and top priced female at the Society autumn show and sale 2018.
- Massey Family, Hollyvale – Dendor 1 Leroy sired female champion at the Great Yorkshire 2018, and male champion at the Society autumn show and sale 2017.
- Bowen Family, Bowendu – Dendor 1 Ruby 23rd was champion at the Royal Bath and West and Devon 2017.
- Thorne Family, Studdolph – Dendor 1 Ledley sired female champion at Pembrokeshire Show 2018.
- Boomer Birch and Graham Brindley, Sky High – Dendor 1 Jennefer 15th has had many successes and Dendor 1 Murdock sired the Designer Genes' record price female at auction 2017, Sky High 1 Lâncome Lucy.

In Ireland:

- Ray Hunt and Veronica Brennen, Herberry – Dendor 1 Kohinoor sired the female champion at the calf show 2017 and the same heifer was female champion at Tullamore 2018.
- Willie and Kevin Ryan, Woodpark – Dendor 1 Kohinoor sired the first place heifer at Tullamore Show 2018.

There are many other people who have Dendor bloodlines in their stock and do very well at showing, some just starting

out in poll Herefords and some longer established herds. There are too many to name but the Jones family wishes to congratulate and thank them all.

Showing is the family's shop window and an advert for the Dendor herd. They are also days out for catching up with people, hearing stories, studying good stock and are hard and tiresome days, but fun.

The Jones family also say they have had wonderful visitors to their herd this year, both national and international, and it is their pleasure to show people around and hear their comments.

The family's main work happens at the farm, being a beef and sheep enterprise and with this year's unseasonal weather it has been a challenge.

Jen Jones says: "Our cattle have shown us again that they survive trudging through torrential wet weather and, then to the opposite extreme, the stock have coped without supplementary feeding this summer – good old poll Herefords.

Gwastadgoed is a fairly hard farm with high ground and generally high rainfall but it suits the breed of cattle. The family says they are always looking at the next step and it is so important for them to still be able to breed functional cattle which are fit for purpose in the commercial environment.

It is their belief the strength in their herd is the female lines; maintaining the breed character, being structurally correct, maternal, hardy, healthy, easy feeding and milky. Milk is so important and has been from the beginning and thankfully previous stock bulls have left it like this. The family is pleased to have continued to produce animals which not only work at home but go on to produce profitable stock in both commercial and pedigree herds.

Jen says: "Our commercial and suckler clients are the backbone of our business with many returning customers coming back to us for their next animal – some as longstanding as 30 years. Again, we congratulate and thank these friends.

"When sourcing our stock bulls we are always looking for the piece of the jigsaw. Our stock bulls are bought in to improve on what we already have. Keno has left us with some terrific calves, with more due into next spring. We eagerly await the arrival of our Nairobi and Moonshine calves this autumn and next spring.

"The interest and demand for Hereford Cattle is appreciated by us as we face these exciting and uncertain times."

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# Best Royal Welsh Winter Fair yet for Griffiths family

This year saw the Ferryside-based Griffiths family's best result yet at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair, going home with both champion and reserve in the pedigree Hereford championship, judged by Arwyn Morgan, Builth Wells and Chris Stubbs, Northwich.

For the third consecutive year, Griffiths-bred steers have stood in the top three at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair, but 2010 was the most successful trip to Builth yet for the family.

Taking the top spot was Penrhiwgoch BM Progress 277, a May 2017-born steer. It is from Border Mortlake M8's first calf crop and was purchased from Stan Quan's Herefordshire-based herd in a private sale. The steer is out of Penrhiwgoch Eloquent Spark which owner Paul Griffiths described as 'one of those cows which just works hard'.

The champion steer attracted bids to £1,489.20 (£2.19/kg) at the following afternoon's sale, and sold to D Davies, Aberystwyth.

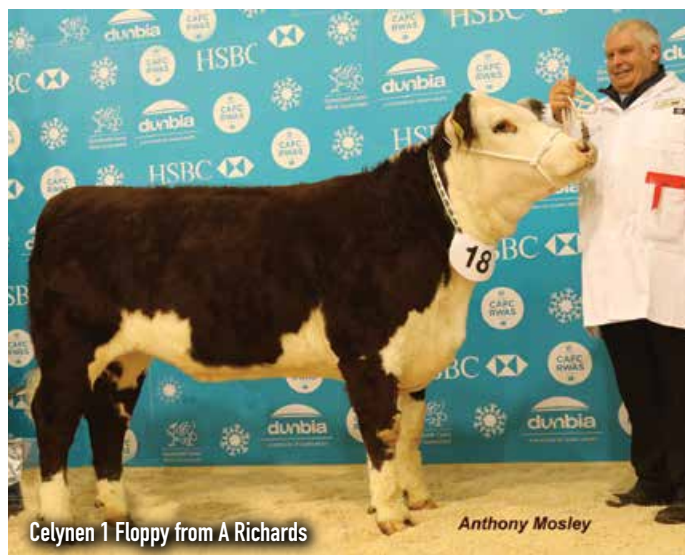
The reserve, an April 2017-born steer from the same home and also by Border Mortlake M8, was out of Penrhiwgoch 1 Acheiver Orange 121, a line 1 American female with Bosa breeding. This animal sold for £1,347.84 (£2.08/kg) to RGB Webster and sons, Rhyl.

William and Elen Griffiths showed the two Penrhiwgoch animals and were presented with their prize cards by the



The Countess of Wessex presented Elen Griffiths with the prize card for Penrhiwgoch BM Progress 277

Anthony Mosley



Countess of Wessex, along with other exhibitors in Monday afternoon's steer class.

On his first time in a cattle showring, Alun Richards, Pumpsaint took first place in the pedigree Hereford heifer class with Celynen 1 Floppy, an October 2016-born home-bred female. Sired by Thorneysure 1 Kasper and purchased privately from Mike Shaw, it is out of Blackwell 1 Floppy which was bought as an in-calf heifer. The heifer realised the highest price in the Hereford section, selling at £2,100 (£3.70/kg) to P. Parffit, Neath.

Alun also took second place heifer with Celynen 1 Jill, again by Thorneysure 1 Kasper, which sold at £1,301.90 (£2.35/kg) to L. Williams, Macynlleth. Alun has enjoyed previous successes at Builth Wells, taking the sheep interbreed title at the 2017 summer show with a Beulah Speckled Face ewe.

Sophie Harvey made the journey from Glasgow worthwhile as she shone in the interbreed young handlers' section, judged by Tonyrefail-based commercial cattle and British Blue breeder Rhys Millichap.

In the exhibition hall, the breed stand welcomed many visitors. David Deakin, breed secretary said: "The Hereford breed stand was busy throughout the course of the show and the Society was very pleased to meet up with Dunbia's Kenny Linton and two representatives from the Co-op - Oliva Nicholson and Sioned Davies. The stand was well-received by visitors and our thanks must go to the Jones family of Dendor Herefords for supplying two tremendous young bulls for display."

The bulls displayed were Dendor 1 Roscoe P. Coltrane, sired by Bakgard 1 Keno and supreme Hereford champion at last year's Royal Welsh, and Dendor 1 Rising Sun. This bull is by Romany 1 Distiller and out of Dendor 1 Molly 41st which holds a raft of show titles to its name including female of the year 2014.

## Results

**Champion**, Messrs Griffiths, Penrhiwgoch BM Progress 277; reserve pedigree, Messrs Griffiths, Penrhiwgoch BM Progress 238

**Heifer**, 1st Celynen 1 Floppy, AD Richards; 2nd Celynen 1 Jill, AD Richards; 3rd Daisy, Glenn Pritchard

**Steer**, Penrhiwgoch BM Progress 277, 1st Messrs Griffiths; 2nd Penrhiwgoch 1 BM Progress 238, Messrs Griffiths; 3rd Harveybros 1 Paolo, G and S Harvey

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## Research update

# Evaluation of suckler-bred progeny sired by Hereford bulls with either top 35% or top 60% terminal indices

by Simon Marsh and Matthew Rollason, Harper Adams University

Previous studies at Harper Adams University with progeny from Limousin, Angus and Simmental bulls with different beef values/terminal indices have shown significant improvements in performance with calves sired by the higher index bulls. To expand the database to confirm that EBVs 'work', a further study with Hereford sires was carried out on a commercial suckled-calf unit. The objective of this eighth study using Hereford bulls was to compare the performance of progeny from top 35 per cent and top 60 per cent terminal index sires with calves finished on a 19 to 22 month semi-intensive system.

### Animals and timing

Calf performance was collated from Mark Spendlove's commercial spring-calving suckler herd at Hill Farm in Northamptonshire. The performance of progeny from two Hereford bulls mated to British Blue cross Holstein-Friesian cows with calves born in the spring of 2014 and 2015 was statistically analysed with calves finished at 19 to 22 months of age in 2016 and 2017.

### Comparison

The following Hereford bulls were chosen for evaluation:

Bull A (terminal sire index +27 – top 35 per cent)

Bull B (terminal sire index +23 – top 60 per cent)

Bull A has excellent 200, 400 and 600 day weight EBVs, falling within the top 10 per cent of the breed. Its carcase traits are equally impressive, with both eye muscle area and intramuscular fat ranking in the top 5 per cent, scoring +3.7 and +0.4 respectively. However, its calving figures are predominantly negative with calving ease in the bottom 10 per cent of the breed with a value of -5.0, while birth weight measured +3.8 (bottom 15 per cent). Bull A was purchased based on EBVs alone with no visual assessment prior to purchase.



Blue cross Holstein suckler cows with Hereford calves at Mark Spendlove's Hill Farm in Northamptonshire

The authors would like to extend their sincere thanks to Mark Spendlove for his help and assistance with this study which was used by Harper Adams BSc (hons) agriculture with animal science student Matthew Rollason as the basis for his honours research project.



Matthew Rollason (left) and Mark Spendlove (right).

In contrast, Bull B has notably poorer EBVs, for growth and carcase traits in particular. Its 200 day weight is below the breed average at +24kg, falling within the bottom 35 per cent of the Hereford breed. Rib fat, retail yield and intramuscular fat are again all within the bottom 30 per cent, while only eye muscle area shows a marginally positive value of +2.0 (top 50 per cent). Despite this, its calving values are positive, with calving ease measuring +1.8 (top 30 per cent) and birth weight at +1.2 (top 20 per cent). Bull B was purchased predominantly on phenotypic appraisal, having been a successful show winner throughout the 2012 season.

Full details of the bulls EBVs are in the trial report available on the NBA website (go to resources>technical information>beef breeding).



Mark Spendlove's 15 month old Hereford cross Blue/Holstein steers

## Herd management

The suckler herd at Hill Farm comprises of 125 British Blue cross Holstein-Friesian suckler cows, producing 120 finished cattle annually on a semi-intensive system. Approximately 20 British Blue cross Holstein-Friesian heifer calves are purchased each autumn and bucket reared for 12 weeks. These are bred to Hereford bulls at 15 months, aiming to calve at 24 months old. Calving takes place indoors over 12 weeks from March to May to coincide with increasing spring grass growth at turnout. Cows and calves are grazed on permanent pasture during the summer months, with calves offered an 18 per cent crude protein (CP) creep feed ad-lib from early September until housing (80kg/calf). Calves are weaned and housed in late October, receiving no health treatments. Winter nutrition for the cows is based on grass silage and straw while calves are fed a growing ration based on grass silage, rape meal and brewers' grains. The following summer, calves are set-stocked on pasture before being housed in September. Calves are split by sex and fed a 16 per cent CP (in dry matter) finishing diet based on grass clover silage, barley straw, sweet starch, rapeseed and minerals. During the finishing period, the feed ration costs £1.72/day for steers and £1.61/day for heifers. Full details of the grower and finisher diets are shown in the trial report on the NBA website. Cattle are finished at 19 to 22 months of age and slaughtered at Dovecote Park to supply the Waitrose Hereford beef scheme.

## Results

Table 1. Slaughter performance and carcass grades

	Bull A (top 35%)		Bull B (top 60%)	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Sex				
Age at slaughter (days)	640 (21.0 mo)	592 (19.4 mo)	677 (22.2 mo)	617 (20.2 mo)
Carcass weight (kg)	380	305	373	297
Daily carcass gain from birth (kg)	0.59	0.52	0.55	0.48
Conformation classification (1-15)	7.33 (R-/R=)	6.49 (O+/R-)	7.53 (R-/R=)	6.50 (O+/R-)
Fat classification (1-15)	10.50 (4-/4=)	10.82 (4=)	10.93 (4=)	10.25 (4-)
Carcass price (£/kg) – March 2018	3.82	3.82	3.78	3.84
Carcass value (£)	1451.45	1166.35	1405.39	1139.31

EUROP carcass classification: Conformation P- = 1 and E+ = 15, Fat: 1- = 1 and 5+ = 15.  
Carcass price standardised to a base price of £3.90/kg. Includes penalties for under and over weights.

Table 2. Effect of sire terminal sire index on progeny performance and carcass characteristics (steers and heifers)

	Sire A (top 35%)	Sire B (top 60%)	s.e.d	Sig
Age at slaughter (days)	616 (20.2 mo)	647 (21.2 mo)	42.76	*
Carcass weight (kg)	342.5	335.0	29.18	NS
Daily carcass gain from birth (kg)	0.56	0.52	0.48	**
Conformation classification (1-15)	6.91 (R-)	7.02 (R-)	0.89	NS
Fat classification (1-15)	10.65 (4-/4=)	10.59 (4-/4=)	0.80	NS
Carcass price (£/kg) – March 2018	3.82	3.82	0.12	NS
Carcass value (£)	1,308.35	1,279.70	167.4	NS

NS = not significant, \* = P<0.05, \*\* = P<0.01

## Discussion and conclusions

Overall performance of the Hereford-bred calves was excellent, exceeding the recognised targets for semi-intensive finishing suckled calves at 22 months old. The target for a continental-bred steer is a 390kg carcass. This carcass weight was virtually achieved with the top 35 per cent index native-bred steers at only 21 months of age without potentially greater calving issues inherent with a continental breed versus a native. In addition, it is recognised that subsequent cow fertility is also improved with easier calving bulls.



15 month old Hereford cross Blue/Holstein heifers

Calving ease and percentage of calves reared was similar for both bulls. Many factors influence calving ease, particularly cow body condition score. The Hereford, of course, is noted as being an easy-calving breed.

The calves sired by the top 35 per cent index bull recorded significantly higher daily carcass gains which mirrored the growth EBVs for the bulls.

More significantly, calves by the top 35 per cent index sire finished 31 days earlier. The steers finished 37 days earlier, which based on a finishing cost of £1.72/day, was worth £63.64/calf. Heifers finished 25 days earlier which, with a finishing cost of £1.61/day, was worth £40.25/calf. Mean average of steers and heifers was £51.95/calf.

The calves sired by the top 35 per cent index bull recorded higher carcass weights (+7.5kg) which were worth some £28.65 more per calf.

Reduced feed costs and increased carcass weights were worth £80.60 per calf from the top 35 per cent sire which is significantly higher than the predicted £2 per calf from the terminal sire index.

The top 60 per cent bull was purchased predominantly on phenotypic appraisal, having been a successful show winner throughout the 2012 season. The top 35 per cent bull was purchased predominantly on his index and illustrates in this study 'show winners' do not necessarily produce more profitable calves.

As expected, the performance of steers was significantly better with carcasses some 75kg heavier, worth approximately £266 to £285 more. Heifers were however finished 48 to 60 days earlier which would reduce feed costs by £80 to £100 per head on this system, even before considering further variable and fixed cost reductions.

This is now the eighth study carried out by Harper Adams to compare the performance of progeny from bulls with different terminal indices. All eight studies have shown high index bulls, with reasonably high levels of EBV accuracy, produce calves with significantly superior physical and economic performance to those by low index bulls.



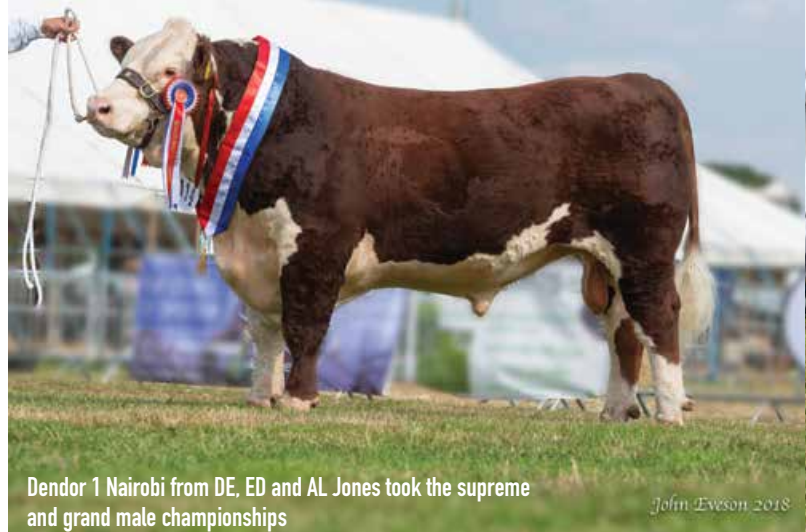
Matthew Rollason with Kate Sutton at Dovecote Park's Skellingthorpe site assessing the Hereford carcasses

# Dendor 1 Nairobi triumphant at National Poll Show

**Dendor 1 Nairobi bred and exhibited by DE, ED and AL Jones, Caersws took the honours at another well-attended and supported National Poll Show, held in conjunction with Moreton-in-Marsh Show, Gloucestershire.**

No stranger to success at this popular event, Dendor 1 Nairobi also took the junior male championship at the 2016 show. Out of Dendor 1 Molly 41st and by Lanscombe 1 Orkney, this 30 month old bull has a good spread of EBVs, with eye muscle area and intramuscular fat figures in the top five per cent of the breed.

Earlier in the day, judge Jeff Thomas of Bollowal Devons, Cornwall made Dendor 1 Nairobi his senior and grand male champion. Jeff gave constructive comments and reasons after each class throughout a marathon stint of six and half hours of judging. He was impressed with the quality of the cattle before him and complimented the breeders on how much the breed had improved over recent years – stating ‘we Devon breeders had better watch out!’



Dendor 1 Nairobi from DE, ED and AL Jones took the supreme and grand male championships

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In the junior male section it was 12 month old Maxstoke 1 Rambler from DP Jones Agricultural Contracting, Coleshill which came to the fore. This promising young bull is out of Maxstoke 1 Heather and by Dendor 1 Juggernaut. In reserve was 11 month Sky High 1 Rock-the-Boat from B Birch and G Brindley, Weston. Much to the delight of the Danish onlookers, Rock-the-Boat is full of Danish breeding, out of Aland Irma and by SMH King Size 87K.



Maxstoke 1 Rambler took the junior male championship much to the delight of breeder Colin Jones

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L-R. Breed president Jonathan Moorhouse, judge Jeff Thomas, Aled Jones with grand male champion Dendor 1 Nairobi and sponsor Stan Ayrton (Dunbia)

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Grand and intermediate female champion Kinglee 1 Polly 554 from P Cobley

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Reserve grand and senior male champion Blakesley 1 Major from P Cobley



Tom and Di Harrison were presented with the senior female trophy by breed stalwart Raymond Morris and daughter Jo Williams

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The intermediate section was won by the much-vaulted 21 month old Coley 1 Pilot bred by Heather Whittaker, Halifax. No stranger to success, Pilot expertly shown by Pernille Winther Sorensen, came hot foot from winning the overall interbreed championship at Bucks County Show just a few days earlier. This bull with a great set of figures, is out of Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11 and by Coley 1 Maverick. Standing reserve was 18 month old Kinglee 1 Panzer from P Cobley, Stoney Stanton. Another bull with a good set of EBVs, it has 200, 400 and 600 day weights and scrotal circumference all in the top five per cent of the breed.

In the senior section and standing reserve to Dendor 1 Nairobi was another bull owned and exhibited by P Cobley. Two year old Blakesley 1 Major was the grand male champion at the 2017 National Calf Show and is out of show champion Blakesley 1 Icicle and by the prolific Solpoll 1 Dynamite. It also stood reserve grand male championship.

Moving on to the females, there was more success for P Cobley and his team, when his beautifully balanced, feminine heifer Kinglee 1 Polly 554 took the intermediate and grand female championships. 23 month old Polly 554, which is out of Kinglee 1 Polly 285 and by Panmure 1 Karl

went on to be judged reserve supreme champion. Standing reserve in the intermediate section was Dendor 1 Ruby 29th from DE, ED and AL Jones. This smart heifer is enjoying a marvellous show season with a string of red rosettes and breed championships. It is out Dendor 1 Ruby 17th and by thrice sire of the year Solpoll 1 Gilbert.

Taking the junior female championship was yet another Pete Cobley animal, this time 12 month old Kinglee 1 Ebony 577. Another promising heifer by Panmure 1 Karl, it is out of Kinglee 1 Ebony 298. The heifer then went on to pip junior male champion, Maxstoke 1 Rambler, for the overall junior championship and with it the Hallwood Trophy.

The reserve junior female championship went to Tom and Di Harrison, Stocksfield with 12 month old Moralee 1 Kylie KS R1. Out of Moralee 1 Kylie, it is by Danish bull SMH King Size 87K, bred by proud onlooker Jens Michael Jensen.

There were more red rosettes for team Moralee when Tom and Di took the senior female championship with the much-admired three year old cow Coley 1 Pippa 356 with its strong bull calf at foot. Pippa 356 is by Australian-bred bull Days Calibre G74 and out of former female of the year Frenchstone P. 1 Boo. Show stopper Coley 1 Pippa 356 then



Judge Jeff Thomas casting his eye over another great line-up



went on to take the reserve grand female championship behind Kinglee 1 Polly 554.

Earlier in the day Tom and Di were awarded the Blythbarn Trophy for the best group of three by the same sire. To complete an excellent day for the Harrison's they were presented with the Ted Hewitson Trophy for the most successful herd on the day.

Standing reserve in the senior female championship was Pebworth 1 Paloma from N and L Holdsworth, Stratford Upon Avon. This attractive, well put together two year old is out of Blakesley 1 Glamour and by Kinglee 1 Galaxy.

Finishing with a wonderful haul of trophies DE, ED and AL Jones were awarded the Diamond Jubilee Trophy for the best group of three animals to include both sexes owned by the exhibitor.

In the third class of the show and taking the Nitram Trophy for the best pair of animals were show veterans R and RI Shaw, Hallwood Herefords, South Wirral.

A delighted Ian Shaw stated: "We've been coming to this show for many years and have won lots of trophies - but we've never won the Nitram Trophy before."

In the young handlers' competition, Grace Denning and Rob Dickin were placed in joint first place within the seven

Moralee Herefords were awarded the best group of three by the same sire



Breed president Jonathan Moorhouse presents the Nitram Trophy for the best pair of animals to Ian and Stephanie Shaw

to 12 years of age category, with Catherine Shaw placed second and Finlay Soutter third.

In the 13 to 17 years of age category, Isla Soutter took the top spot, followed by Oliver Smith and then Ryan Shaw.

Sophie Harvey won the 18 to 23 years of age category, with Iona Smith in second.



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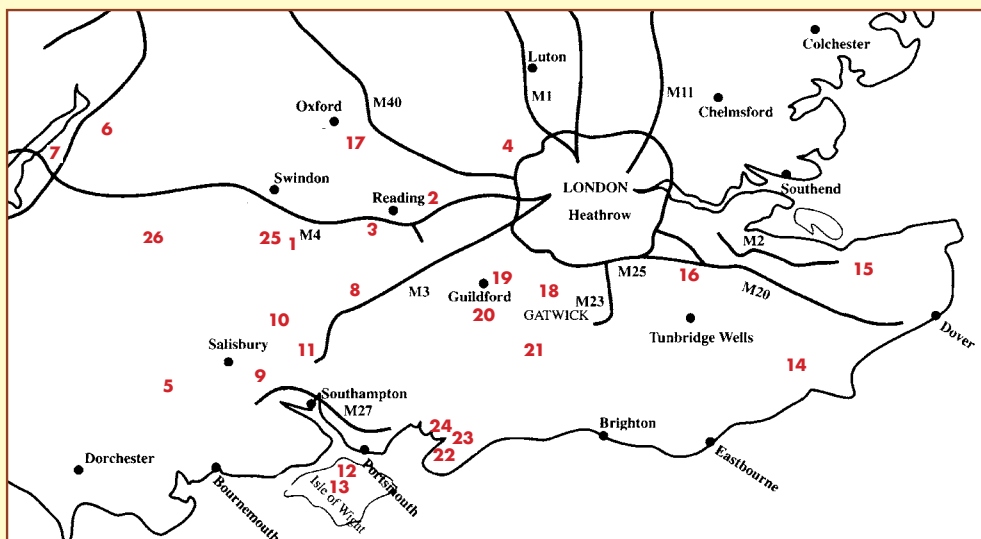
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# South of England enjoy their AGM at Vexour herd

**The South of England Hereford  
Breeders' Association's (SEHBA)  
year kicked off with their AGM hosted  
at Jan Boomaars' farm to view the  
Vexour herd alongside the Aberdeen  
Angus and Charolais herds which also  
run there.**

Jan's herdsmen Ray joined visitors for lunch to give a tour around Vexour farm. Not that anyone admitted to at time, but Nick Wren says there was some shed envy in the air with five huge loose housing barns up with a sixth in the process of being built. When questioned as to his preferred breed on the farm, Ray admitted it had to be the Hereford due to their docility, ease of calving and daily live weight gain.

In 2017 the South of England hosted the National Calf Show at Cirencester Cattle Market. With a year of planning and getting

sponsorship, the Association wanted to deliver a great event that would set a benchmark for future shows. From the feedback received from exhibitors and sponsors, it is believed the team that organised the show did exactly that.

David Sapsed, a renowned Simmental breeder, was welcomed to judge the females and Jeff Thomas, a Ruby Red Devon breeder, to judge the male classes with them both choosing the overall and reserve champion. There were some very strong classes and it is thought both David and Jeff were glad to alternate between female and male classes so they could take a breather. After a full-on morning of judging and stewarding cattle, the championship was taken by Skyhigh 1 Lancome Lucy exhibited by Boomer Birch and Graham Brindley, Cheshire and reserve was taken by Normanton 1 Jurana 14th P612 exhibited by Tim and Will Livesey, Normanton le Heath.

Nick Wren would like to take opportunity to thank not only the exhibitors who made the effort to attend and turnout some outstanding cattle, but also to the team that made the event happen.

## Committee

Chairman: Nick Wren

Honorary secretary: Nick Williams

Treasurer: Cindy Hewlett



Cups ready for the presentation evening



David Sapsed at the 2017 National Calf Show



Herefords looking well during the hot summer

The next event was the presentation evening which saw a change of venue as the usual location was closed for refurbishment. Unfortunately, at the new venue, the food was not up to scratch, but the evening was very enjoyable and everyone had a good opportunity to catch up and discuss the year's events and shows before the prize giving for the stockmen and herd competition.

Congratulations must go to the Spartan herd to the huge number of shows they exhibited at this year and the success they had taking home numerous champions and interbreeds. Along with seasoned breeders showing their cattle it was great to see newcomers exhibiting their cattle for the first time in particular Tony Yaldren, who had a fabulous first year taking several championships at local shows.

One of the main points of the Hereford is its hardiness and the ability to thrive when the going gets tough. With one of the harshest winters in 40 years, followed by the hottest summer in 40 years when grass availability was at an all time low, the breed proved they are excellent foragers.

Mark Roberts judged the South of England Hereford Breeders' herd competition this year and said: "Thanks for the welcome and offered hospitality on my great trek around the south of England and congratulations on the presentation of cattle in this most trying of seasons. I am glad for all of you who have since had rain on your fields and hope the autumn will be long and open to shorten the winter that follows.

"In the large herd section, I selected Lowesmoor in first place followed by a very close tussle with Englefield in second and Appleridge in third.

"In the medium herd section there were several strong herds. First was the Fisher herd, second the Cathedral herd and in third Spartan Herefords. The yearling bulls and heifers were outstanding at Fisher but all the first three had lovely cows rearing calves in drought conditions.

"In the small herd section there were both new herds getting started and previously larger herds fitting in to the small herd section for the first time. It appears there was a slight edge for those who had reduced in numbers but raised the quality in so doing. In first place I put the Cleland herd, in second with the Weybrook herd and in third place the new Redwood herd.

"I found it very hard to select my overall winner but have on reflection just tipped towards the Lowesmoor herd for high quality cows, a great crop of calves by Bosa 1 Hereward, and young calved heifers looking maternal and growing too. Added to this was a great group of yearlings running together and Lowesmoor 1 Maverick looking well at pasture."

The South of England has struggled this year with attracting new and younger members onto the committee and as a result the same amount of work has fallen onto fewer committee members. Nick Wren comments he does not think the Association is unique in having this problem and it is something he has come across on a regular basis with other clubs.

He says: "People become more time poor and are unwilling to commit to voluntary roles and as a result we then see Societies, Clubs and Associations fold. This is not something I want to happen to the SEHBA and if there are any members reading this then I urge you to become involved in your local association and support it."



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# Lowesmoor takes South of England silverware



Mike Clarke keeps 55 pedigree breeding cows

**Mike Clark describes winning the South East Hereford Breeders Association area herd competition as a surprise and says in doing so, it was an honour to go forward to the national herd of the year competition, representing the South East.**

The Lowesmoor herd came joint runner-up in the national competition with five other worthy herds and offers many congratulations to the winners.

Mike Clarke currently runs 55 pedigree breeding cows and still looks to breed well-structured, easy-fleshing cattle with good udders and plenty of milk. He has been using Bosa 1 Hereward, purchased as a senior stock bull, and its calves have shown some extra length and muscle definition, leaving the herd with two crops of very pleasing heifers. The easy-calving figures have provided progeny well-suited to today's commercial demands.

This summer has been a testing time with the fields drying up to look like the Gobi Desert, leaving the cattle with very little to eat. Mike says the last time he can remember this situation was in 1976 when they ended up grazing the cattle on the sides of the road at 5am in the morning. He comments he is not sure how well this would go down in 2018 on their local roads, especially with the increased volume of traffic.

At home at Cherington, Gloucestershire, the arable side of the business, run by Mike's brother Adrian, involves

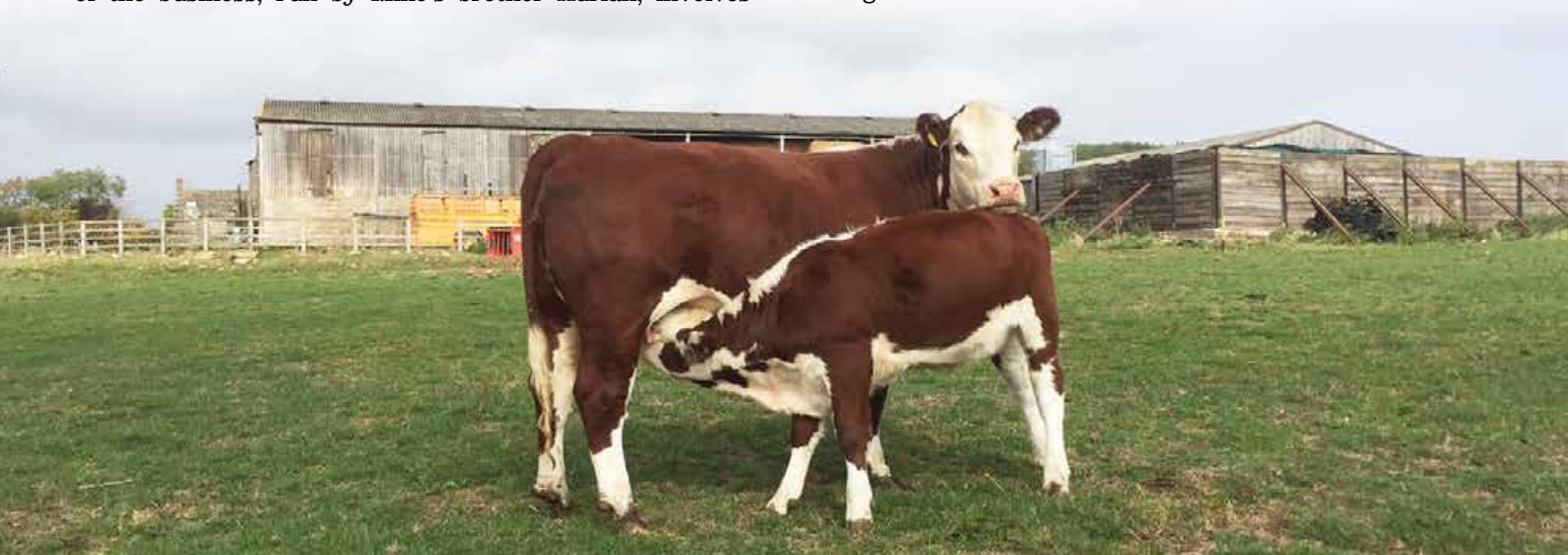
465 hectares (1,150 acres) of combinable crops including milling and biscuit wheat, oil seed rape, oats, peas and malting barley. The harvest gave mixed yields in 2018, with difficult weather conditions affecting most parts of the country. Fortunately, they have extensive storage facilities, otherwise this venture would not be possible.

Over the last several years Mike has been able to make baled silage in the autumn. Large grass runways on the airfield next to the farm provide a good acreage and usually a generous supply of bales in stock, but needless to say it has all been used this year. The decision to finish 20 Hereford-cross steers at grass this year seemed like a good idea at the time, says Mike. They have all been fed on silage and grain to get them finished which was not part of the original plan.

The farm is also home to a beef fattening unit, buying in Hereford steers at three months old, and taking them through to slaughter on grass, silage and grain. They all go to Dovecote Park and then into Waitrose supermarkets. Mike also runs a small boxed beef scheme direct to consumers and supplies prime cut beef to a few local pubs and restaurants, both of which provide a small niche outlet to sell Lowesmoor Hereford beef.

The herd has had its own share of show success this year. Lowesmoor 1 Beauty 117 achieved a third in its class at the Royal Three Counties followed by first in its class at both Bucks County and the National Show at Moreton in September.

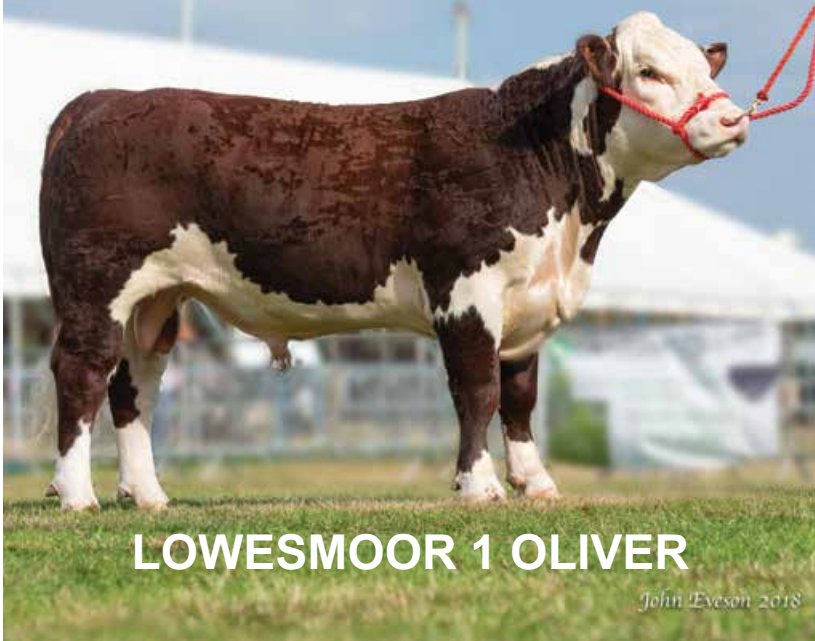
As anticipated, Mike says, the breed has thrived in this challenging environment, with what has been a record-breaking year for temperatures. The animals have looked tremendous this summer albeit carrying a little less flesh for the time of year. It could easily be argued that the breed is well placed for the future, whatever environmental challenges are around the corner.



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# Bright future for beef sector

Speaking at a National Beef Association (NBA) Midlands meeting, Dr Jonathan Birnie, Birnie Consultancy, and previously of Dunbia and Sainsbury's, reassured the audience of a bright future for the beef sector, particularly native



Dr Jonathan Birnie

## breeds.

In recent times, it has felt like the beef sector is receiving a continual bashing by the national press. Pressures on red meat production are growing daily, with vegan, carbon issues and alleged health effects, but speaking at a NBA Midlands meeting, Jonathan was positive nonetheless.

He said: "I believe we will continue to see a rise in the consumption of native breeds such as the Hereford, as they have a better eating quality and there will be a move towards grass-fed. Although these animals will mainly be out of the dairy herd."

Matt Nightingale, CEO of Meadow Quality, also present at the meeting, suggested over time we will have grass-fed and non-grass-fed beef and the two will be sold at different premiums.

The key to beef producers' success, explained Jonathan, is understanding the market and end customer.

He said: "Red meat producers tend to produce something and expect someone to buy it. But if you take attention off your business and the marketplace, it will fail. If you do not focus on what the consumer wants, you are competing with both other countries and other species."

Jonathan explained the customers' thought process when in a supermarket. The first thing the consumer looks at when in the supermarket is the unit price, not the price per kilogramme, he said.

Commenting on the importance of understanding the consumer, he

said: "It takes just nine seconds for a consumer to decide to buy something in a shop. The customer's decision has already been made before they even get to the shelf. Fundamentally, the consumer leads everything, not the supermarket, as if the customer does not buy a product, the supermarket will not continue to buy the product."

"Quality interacts hugely with price. It takes the average consumer four months to re-purchase a product after a bad experience."

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In a European eating quality study, which included samples from the UK, 40 per cent of topsides were deemed unacceptably tough along with 50 per cent of silversides.

"The consumer will always pay more for something that is consistently fantastic," he said.

There is a huge variation across the UK in slaughter age in the beef sector, he said, with the average kill age being 27 to 28 months, but it should be 17 to 18 months, he noted.

"The longer an animal spends on a farm, the more space it ties up. It becomes more expensive to produce but also the eating quality worsens along with the environmental implications, which the consumer also considers", he said.

"Fat requires four times as much energy as lean to produce, and then it is just cut off, so animals carrying a lot of fat are wasteful," he added.

These days, 63 per cent of a beef carcass is turned into mince, and as such, the rear end is becoming the least valuable part of the animal. Therefore, a commercially good animal is one with loin and length and change will come on this in terms of payments,

believed Jonathan.

Meat is a vital part of a balanced diet in the future, he reassured the audience.

"We need to think about the nutritional factors - for example fat content," he said, "There is an exciting time ahead. Poultry meat consumption keeps going up because it is flexible and easy to prepare. Pork also continues to increase because it is cheap and convenient. But, despite the negative press recently, beef consumption is also gradually trending up."

Moving forward, we need to create a 'critical mass', which in his eyes involves farmers

working together to create a supply chain selling meat with nutritional benefits and additional selling points.

Jonathan added: "Broadly speaking, the welfare on UK farms is the best in the world, but we need to prove it and currently we are not. If consumers think a producer does not look after the environment - they will stop buying it."

Looking to the future, Jonathan believed the future will see welfare assessments and audits increase, while data uplift and flow will also be very important moving forward.

He said: "We will be supplying the consumer with more data, likely to be easily accessed from their phone."

Also, Jonathan indicated skill levels on farms will need to increase.

He commented: "On average, farmers who carry out continuous professional development or training have a 12 per cent higher profit than those who do not - an increase in profit potentially due to just a change in attitude."

Looking to the future, Jonathan said: "A lot of people will become more profitable by harnessing the power of technology and using it to make better decisions on-farm."

### Consumer's purchasing thought process:

- 1 Food Safety
- 2 Welfare
- 3 Environment
- 4 Worker welfare

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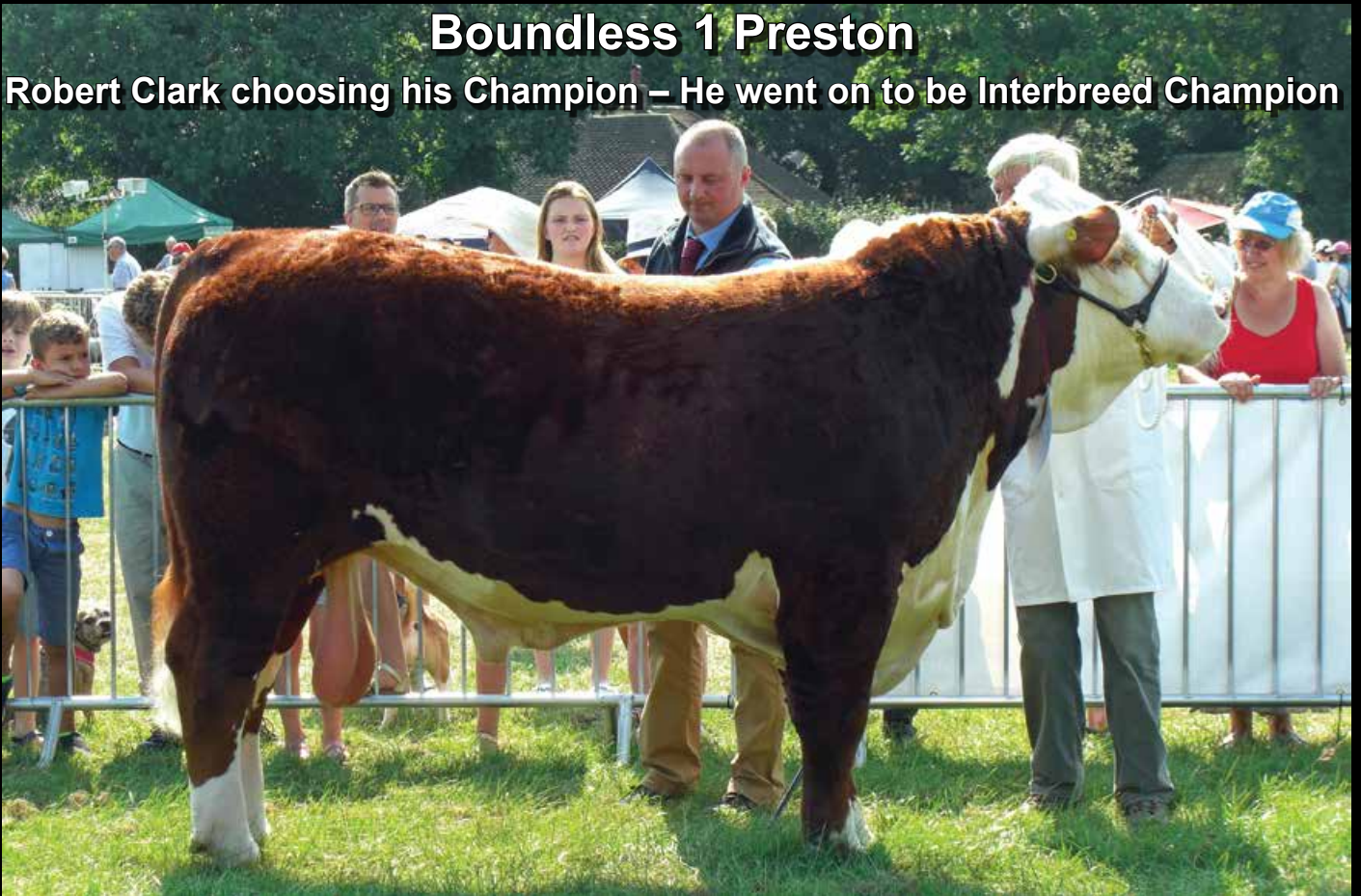
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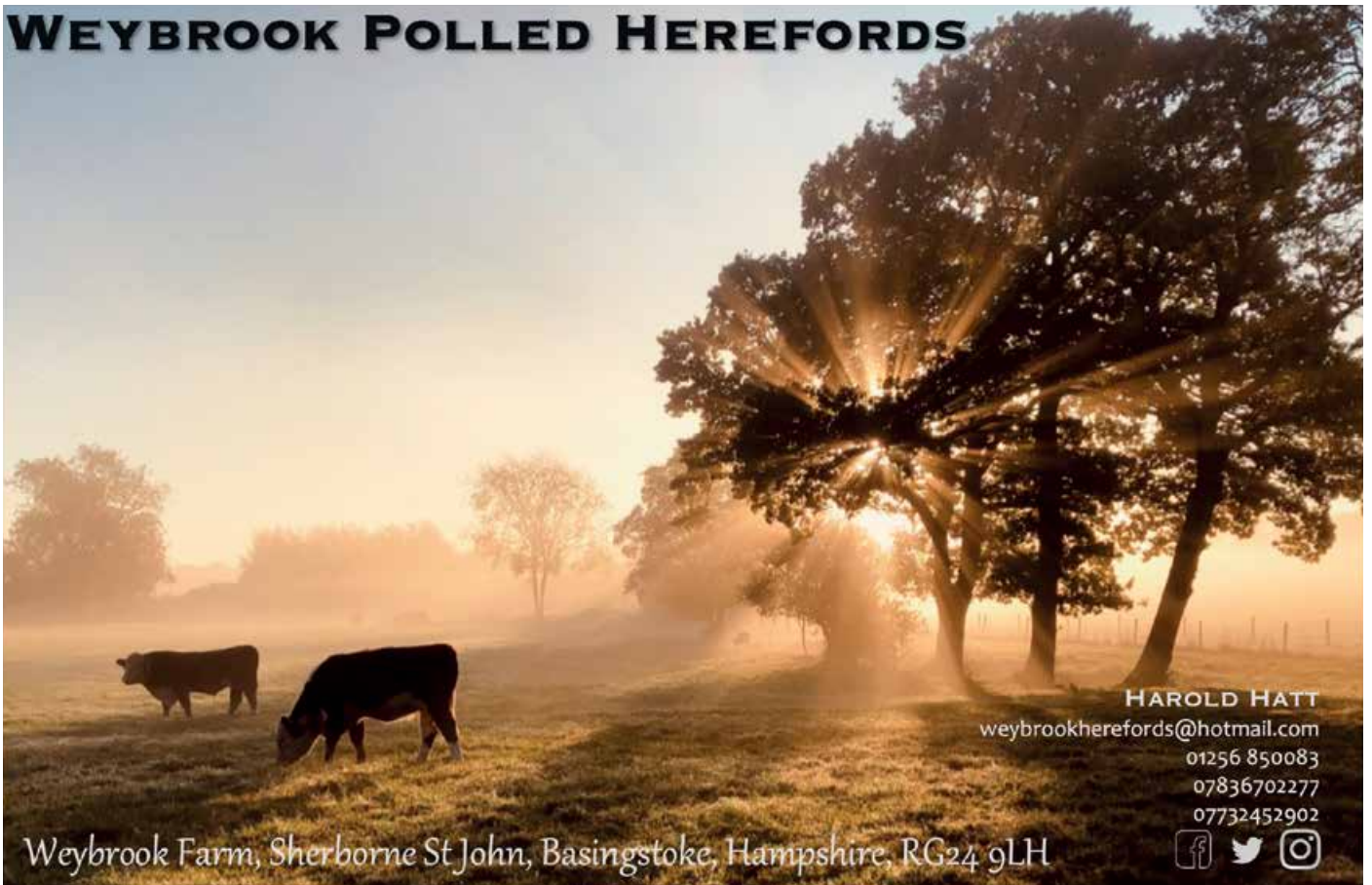


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# Exciting times for UK Hereford Youth

This year's UK Hereford Youth (UKHY) programme kicked off in May with a one-day workshop which was kindly hosted by Jonathon and Rosemary Moorhouse, on their farm in Stogumber, Somerset alongside great cattle, facilities and food.



The South West Association supported the UKHY, gave a helping hand and rallied new members to come along. The weather was fantastic and a very positive day was had by all. It was also great to see so many new faces.

As the summer went on, so did the activities. A team was entered for the first time into the 'beef team challenge' at the Royal Bath and West Show with a successful outcome of individual placings with Ollie Garnett-Smith placed first in showmanship, Katie Baines second in stockjudging and Will Awan third in dressing.

The Royal Three Counties Show saw a very pleasing turnout of UKHY members for the young handlers' competitions which are held every afternoon. Many young people wait all day for this competition and the enthusiasm and skill is high. The Saturday's judging saw a great success with a total of 12 UKHY members participating across the age categories, with the intermediates being the most represented. Katie Baines, Isla Soutter and Emma Dexter came first, second and third with Katie Baines becoming overall champion that day. The Sunday saw yet another UKHY representative, Ollie Garnett-Smith, taking the overall championship.



L-R: Will Awan, Ollie Garnett-Smith and Katie Baines at the Royal Bath and West



UKHY members at the Northern Ireland Hereford Breeders' Association barbecue



L-R: Young handlers judge Richard Edwards, junior section champion Grace Denning and Society vice-president Mark Roberts at the National Calf Show



Maddie Clark, senior and overall young handler champion at the National Calf Show

The national stockjudging competition also saw a great achievement with one of the UKHY teams, made up of Ellis Parry, Will Awan and Jo Compton placed second to pip most of the adult teams to the post. So, watch out because the youth are improving all the time and catching the older ones up.

August saw the infamous trip to Ireland, which UKHY co-ordinator Emma Smith describes as her proudest UKHY moment to date, with 11 young members flying the flag for the UK. The first event on the agenda was a workshop, hosted by the McMordie family and greatly supported and funded by the Northern Ireland Hereford Breeders' Association. Overall, 27 young people took part with activities such as clipping, dressing, handling classes and feed identification. The weekend continued with stockjudging and all members were put through their paces.

Then, a visit down to Des Kelly's herd saw them working hard and thinking about commercial elements of the breed. UKHY took Tullamore Show by storm. Members took first and second in the junior young handling section and first, second, third, fourth, sixth and seventh in the senior section. The UKHY competitors were very professional and they would like to thank Irish Hereford Breeders for the use of their stock and making them feel so welcome.

The diary for 2019 is already filling up with two confirmed visits. The first one to Mr and Mrs Fenton's Boreisle herd, Kent on Saturday 20 April 2019. Activities will include a herd walk, stockjudging, a visit to the cheese making area and a session on carcass quality and grading. This visit will cover many commercial aspects of the industry and provide an insight into the farming ways of a traditional herd.

The second confirmed visit will be to the Shraden herd and will take place on 5, 6 and 7 July to tie in with their



## Test your skills in New Zealand

The World Hereford Conference is being held in New Zealand in 2020 and UKHY has been invited to participate in the youth section.

Entrants must be aged 18 to 30 and a team of four will be selected over the course of the next few months. Not only is it a great opportunity to participate in an international event representing the country, but there will be the option of tours, stud visits and experiencing the 'kiwi' way of life.

Any young member interested must be:

- Aged 18 to 30
- A paid-up UKHY member
- Be keen to learn and have a sense of professionalism

Council are offering each of the four successful applicants a bursary of £1,500 to travel and compete at the Conference. Over the next few months council will be formulating a selection process and details will be distributed to all eligible members.

There will be a series of events during 2019 including workshops and interviews to select the most competitive team.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate:

- The confidence and maturity to be a good ambassador for UK Herefords
- Understanding of the Hereford strengths and characteristics (the brand values)
- Understanding of livestock husbandry
- Competence in handling and show presentation
- Understanding of breeding programmes, tailored to the supply chain and market requirements
- Commitment and involvement to UK Hereford Youth
- The ability/potential to disseminate and apply the messages from New Zealand in their own herds (or those of which they are associated) and to communicate to the wider membership

Once selected, there will be further targeted training and assistance to fully prepare the candidates. UKHY will also be looking for sponsorship and lots of support for any fundraising activities. Please keep an eye on Facebook and the Hereford Cattle Society website for further details.



centenary celebrations. Workshop style sessions will be held and this year the older members will be put through their paces. There will also be a party style theme, and all are welcome. Any members with an interest in being selected for New Zealand should be attending all events.

Emma Smith says: "I would like to thank all breeders, exhibitors and parents, not only for their support and encouragement but for hosting, loaning and generally

helping with the running of the programme. I say this every year, but UKHY seems to be growing and improving all the time and I think the pictures and smiles say a thousand words, so thank you.

"We must also thank the Hereford Cattle Society for providing a budget to allow all these activities to run, as well as the providing the bursary for the selected team to travel to New Zealand."

## Meet some of the members



Name: Isla Soutter

Age: 17 years old.

Where are you from?: I live in Ashby-de-la-Zouch .

Which herd are you associated with?: Normanton herd.

What is your biggest success in the breed?: My biggest success in the breed is winning the young handlers' competition at the National Poll Show in two consecutive years.

What do you enjoy most about UKHY?: The most enjoyable part of UKHY is meeting new people and being offered many different opportunities.

What do you hope to do in the future?: In the future I hope to have a career in agriculture, specialising in livestock.

What do you hope to gain from UKHY?: From the UKHY programme, I hope to improve my knowledge of the breed and learn different methods of production generally.



Name: Iona Smith

Age: 19 years old.

Where are you from?: Ayrshire, Scotland .

Which herd are you associated with?: Milovaig Herefords.

How long have you been involved in the breed for?: All my life.

What is your biggest success in the breed?: Winning overall champion young handler at the National Poll show in 2017.

What do you enjoy most about UKHY?: I enjoy being able to meet new people from all over the world and gain experiences I might not have been able to. It opens up so many doors and opportunities.

What do you hope to do in the future?: Achieve my honours degree in rural business management at Edinburgh Scottish Rural University College and then I hope to get a job within the food marketing sector.

What do you hope to gain from UKHY?: I hope to widen my knowledge further by attending the workshops that are set up. This will help me with my own herd at home by putting what I've learnt in to practice.



Name: Harvey Cloke

Age: 16 years old.

Where are you from?: Originally from Oxford but moved to a Welsh hill farm just over three years ago as my parents wanted to offer us all the opportunity to live on a working farm.

Which herd are you associated with?: Owner of the newly established Lord Harvey Herefords.

How long have you been involved in the breed for?: I have owned Hereford's for four years I started by buying my first heifer in 2014 Churchlands 1 Julia, she is still the key cow in my breeding programme.

What is your biggest success in the breed?: I have had great success this summer in young handlers' competitions, but my highlight has to be winning second place with my young bull, Lord Harvey's 1 Winston, at the Christmas Calf Show in Shrewsbury.

What do you enjoy most about UKHY?: Being able to socialise with other like-minded people that share similar interest in showing Hereford cattle, while having the freedom to exchange ideas and learning many new skills and making lifelong friendships. It allows the opportunity to travel globally and meet the best breeders in the world.

What do you hope to do in the future?: I hope to win with the Herefords I own. I would like to increase my herd size to 10 pedigree Herefords over the next three years. My aim is to breed cattle that are not only great successful show animals but also good commercial animals with superb growth rates and a good mix of conformation and covering.

What do you hope to gain from UKHY?: I hope to learn many new skills from other people within the farming community. I enjoy being taught about clipping, nutrition, genetics, ring craft, judging, handling youngstock and all aspects of animal health and welfare. Thanks to the UKHY and Emma Smith who organises amazing trips and experiences that allows all of these things to be possible. I am looking forward to 2019 and am excited for the opportunities that may lie ahead especially the World Hereford Conference in New Zealand in 2020.

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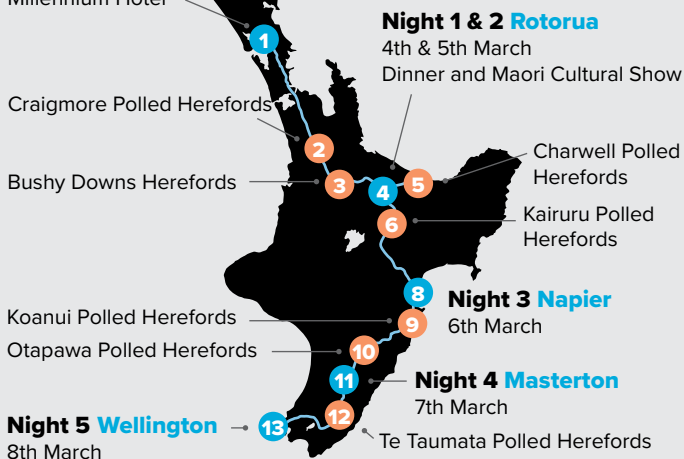
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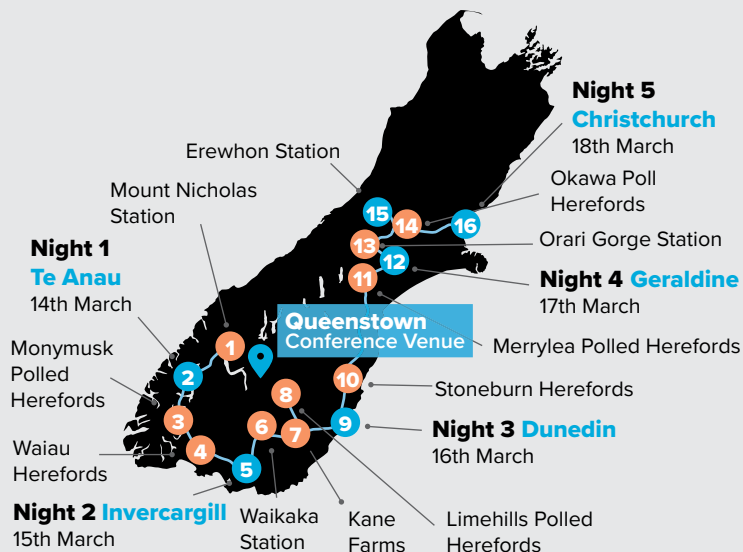
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Date	Location	Activity
Monday 9th March	Millennium Hotel, Queenstown (pm)	Registrations. Welcome Reception
Tuesday 10th March	Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, Walter Peak Station	Country Reports, Innovation Presentations, Delegates Meeting, Gala Dinner
Wednesday 11th March	North Otago Hill Country Station venues	Visit two iconic Hereford hill studs, Demonstration of latest innovative tracking and monitoring, Allflex BBQ
Thursday 12th March	Millennium Hotel, Queenstown	Innovation Presentations continued, Delegates Meeting, free afternoon to explore, Queenstown
Friday 13th March	Wanaka	Wanaka A & P Show, Young Breeders Competition

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# South West host successful youth event

The South West Hereford Association (SWHA) was delighted to support UK Hereford Youth with its workshop day on 5 May at the home Jonathan and Rosemary Moorhouse and Cato Herefords in Stogumber, Somerset.

The day saw an excellent turnout of young people of all ages and experience travelling from the tip of Cornwall and further afield in the UK. Emma Smith organised the itinerary with fine detail and so the day was packed full of fun and activities. All participants had a chance to get hands on with a pair of clippers and were shown tips and tricks to get their animals in the best of shapes. Experienced showlady, HCS member and judge, Becky Hurd kindly led the way and demonstrated various 'beauty products' available on the market and how best to use them. Bill Harper from Harper Feeds brought along various feed samples from the mill for scrutiny and gave a very good talk on confirmation. Simmental breeder and judge, Jack Ellicot, kindly showed everyone how to make a rope halter which were taken home as a souvenir together with a UKHY t-shirt. After a mid-day feast, halters were on and everyone had a chance to develop their ring-craft techniques and compete against each other. Many thanks to Jonathan and Rosemary Moorhouse and their team at Cheddarmarsh Farm for halter breaking all the cattle and providing a venue for this great event.



Angela Kerslake was on-hand to assist the youngsters

The next SWHA event was at the home of the autumn show and sale judge John Williams and his wife Melanie. An enjoyable lunch was had at Hounsel Bay Hotel on The Lizard before going on to visit their large Anhay herd grazing at various locations on this very beautiful peninsula. A warm welcome and a superb Cornish cream tea was had to finish.

David Pipe's racing yard and Nicholashayne Herefords are next door neighbours so a visit to them in August on the Devon and Somerset border proved to be a popular one. Martin and David Pipe put some of our members through their paces with a ride on a simulated horse. Attendees were



The day saw a good turnout of young people



The SWHA enjoyed a good day at John Williams' farm

able to see the racehorses working in the swimming pool, loose schooling and on the walkers before touring around the other facilities such as saunas, indoor gallops, tack rooms and laboratory. This was a very informative tour with a lot of entertaining banter between father and son. A carvery lunch was had at a nearby hotel before visiting the Hereford cattle.

## 2018 herd competition results

**Herd of the year,** J Moorhouse, Cato Herefords

**Large herd,** 1st J Moorhouse, Cato; 2nd A Faull, Trelissick; 3rd A Robinson, Velleyhil; 4th P Caunter, Hollystone

**Stock bull,** Dendor 1 Napoleon, J Moorhouse

**Best bull calf,** Cato 1 Rollo, J Moorhouse

**Best heifer calf,** Trelissick Raskel

**Medium herd,** 1st M Harris, Hilfield; 2nd I Jennings, Cornbel; 3rd J Palmer, Rolster Bridge; 4th J R Williams, Culverhill

**Best stock bull,** Boycefield Noisy, M Harris

**Best bull calf,** Hilfield Roger, M Harris

**Best heifer calf,** Cornbel 1 Olive 229, I Jennings

**Small Herd,** 1st Mr and Mrs A Miller, Alanna; 2nd L Gould, Baybridge; 3rd CP and KL Wearne, Tremeneheere; 4th L Solomon, Lanily

**Best stock bull,** Auckvale Montana, A and A Miller

**Best bull calf,** Alanna Professional, A and A Miller

**Best heifer calf,** Baybridge 1 Princess 11th, L Gould

**Novice herd,** 1st J Burgess, Clarence; 2nd A Mitchell, Avon Meadow

The Caldicutt and Barclay trophies are for the most points gained at shows throughout the South West area and was won by R A and V Mitchell with their young bull Lanscombe 1 Tomohawk. Runner-up was Isobel Jennings with heifer Cornbel 1 Precious 184 taking reserve and opposite sex.

The above trophies and awards were presented at the club



Rosemary Moorhouse cooking up some lunch

AGM and dinner by the competition judge Richard Mann. In attendance was this year's breed president Jonathan Moorhouse and newly appointed marketing manager Laura Bowyer who spoke of her role and aims within the Society to promote the Hereford breed. Several new members were also welcomed at this well attended meeting.

The last event of 2018 was to support the Hereford breed stand at Agrifest 2018 which is held at the Devon County Showground, Exeter, organised by the National Beef Association South West, this festival of British agriculture showcases the breadth and depth of quality beef and sheep breeding and production in the South West. This one day event includes classes for prime lambs, pedigree calves, the yearling bull of the year show, 'farmers of the future' team challenge, steak and burger awards and seminars. The Hereford breed stand achieved a silver award and was manned by Jacky Hawke, Jonathan Moorhouse and Angela Kerslake. R Mitchell's Lanscombe 1 Tomohawk won second in the native yearling bull of the year class in an outstanding line-up.



Becky Hurd demonstrated some show products



Richard Edwards helped on the day

# UK sees largest representation at European Conference

**The 15th European Hereford Conference commenced in Hungary's capital Budapest, and was superbly organised by Dr Istvan Marton and Professor Dr Ferenc Szabo.**

With 15 UK delegates from approximately 120 attendees, the UK had the largest representation of any participating country. The first day was spent visiting the historic sights of Budapest, a city divided in two by the mighty Danube River, with Buda on one side and Pest on the other. Today, two million people live in Budapest, a fifth of the total population of Hungary.

## City tour of Budapest

As a country, Hungary has had a traumatic history, having been on the wrong side of two World Wars and subsequently losing two thirds of their land following defeat in World War 1. The vast majority of Hungarians remained on the land they called 'home', hence many people living in surrounding countries still speak Hungarian to this day. After defeat in the second World War, Hungary became a socialist state, causing many of their aristocracy to flee the country to take up residency in western Europe. The vast majority of these ex-pats have now returned since the fall of the Berlin wall in 1989 and Hungary's acceptance into the European Union.

## Mezofalvai Farm visit

The first visit took place at a former state-owned farm, which is now privately run and managed by a company called Mezofalvai. They own some 200 pedigree Hereford females of various ages, which delegates viewed in one mob with calves at foot and running with four DNA profiled stock bulls. All resulting progeny will go for beef production, sourced by local top restaurants. In general, the cattle looked well, although lean by UK standards and with good locomotion. One stock bull being used by Mezofalvai was sired by Free Town Baron, bred by RA Bradstock and partners. All sires remain outside all year round.

### Farm facts:

- 2,630 hectares (6,500 acres) of crops including; cereals, rapeseed, beans, sugar beet
- Export beans and seeds all over the world
- 900 dairy cows averaging 11,000 litres of milk



200 breeding cows with calves at foot at Mezofalvai

- Forestry with diverse game; wild boar, pheasants and red deer
- Herefords first introduced into Hungary in 1973 and onto the farm in 1974
- Herefords are crossed with the local breed, the Hungarian Grey
- Two farms; one 200ha (494ac) with a herd of 200 Hereford cows and one 1,200ha (2,965ac) with a larger herd of 800 head, with some pure-bred Herefords and some Hereford cross Charolais and Limousins
- The farm also undertakes a few local shows each year and have been quite successful in the showing

Following an informative visit, UK Hereford president Jonathan Moorhouse presented Mezofalvai CEO Andras Hirjak with a small gift on behalf of the UK Hereford Society.



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The following day commenced with a drive around Lake Balaton, the largest in middle Europe, and a visit to Tihany Benedictine Abbey, before moving onto a deer farm at Kaposmérő. The farm was home to 1,300 deer, mainly reds but there were also some fallow. It was exceptionally well-run, open to public and used by students from Kaposvar University for research purposes. Hospitality, throughout our stay in Hungary, as with most Hereford conferences, was second to none and as part of the visit delegates tucked into a plate of dry aged venison strips and donkey salami. The farm also ran commercial herds of Hungarian Greys, donkeys, Hungarian draft horses and water buffalo.

## Conference day

There were 15 different countries in attendance with most giving a country report, including Russia, New Zealand and Kazakhstan.

David Deakin also presented on behalf of the UK Hereford Cattle Society.

The main points from country presentations included:

### **Hungary**

- 6,000 Herefords
- Exported 300 bulls to Turkey during the past 12 months
- Herefords were the first breed to be imported into Hungary
- Sixth most popular breed and fourth most popular cross breed in the country
- Lecture by Professor Dr Ferenc Szabo entitled 'The situation and results of Hereford breeding in Hungary'

### **Russia**

- Herefords first came into Russia from the UK in 1930
- Hereford Association formed in 2009

### **Sweden**

- Hereford second largest beef breed in Sweden after Charolais
- 320 members
- 90 pedigree Hereford herds
- Two main shows per year with 30 and 10 head respectively per show
- Bull testing station used to source and promote top Hereford genetics
- Best Swedish-bred bulls selected by Nordic company, Viking genetics, with an average price paid of €5,300 and a top of €11,300

### **Denmark**

- 14 different beef breeds in the country
- 5,500 Herefords (third largest beef breed in Denmark)
- A brand of Danish Hereford beef has been developed over the past two years, as a gastronomic trend moves towards marbled beef with taste. The demand for Danish Hereford beef, which has to be 75 per cent Hereford, has increased the price paid for Herefords. Danes are starting to tell the story of farming Hereford cattle to further increase demand from hotels and restaurants
- Commenced a Hereford Youth programme with members up to the age of 30 years

### **Estonia**

- 16,943 Herefords - the most popular beef breed in the country
- Started importing Herefords in 1978
- Hereford Breeders' Association commenced in 1994
- 86,400 dairy cattle
- Herefords outside all year round
- Imported a lot of Herefords from Denmark (27 per cent)
- First Herefords imported from Hungary
- Exported 3,000 fattening bulls to Turkey and Poland in the past 12 months

### **Ireland**

- 26 per cent increase in registrations over the past four years
- 54 per cent increase in Hereford sired cattle (157,000 to 243,000) during the last four years
- 16,699 pedigree Herefords and 3,511 non-pedigree Herefords genomically tested.

### **Kazakhstan**

- 17 million people
- Ninth biggest country in the world
- 30,801 Herefords now in Kazakhstan
- 1930 Herefords imported from UK and Uruguay
- Since 2016, bulls are split into two groups; category one pure-bred and category two beef

### **New Zealand**

- NZ Association moved from microsatellite to SNP testing in October 2017
- Youth competition at the World Hereford Conference 2020
- Pre-conference tour in North Island for five days
- Post-conference tour in the South Island for five days

### **Norway**

- Hereford is second largest beef breed in the country. Out of 69,000 beef cows, 10,000 are Hereford
- 80 bulls placed on a testing station each year
- Best bulls are selected for breeding and AI, which are then considered as 'elite'

### **Uruguay**

- Numbers of Herefords are stable
- The Black Baldie (Hereford cross Angus) is fast increasing in numbers as a cross-bred animal.
- At the 2018 Prado Show, Montevideo more Herefords were sold than Angus and for a higher price
- 60kg beef consumed per head per annum

### **Hedrehelyre Farm visit**

On arrival participants viewed a large bunch of good functional cattle, with an even mixture of both horned and poll genetics. Delegates were a group of over 100 people, so to be able to walk among cows with calves at foot, while they remained calm is great testament to the breed.

Delegates later saw a group of 30 14 month old heifers, which had all been AI'd and pre-sold for €2,000 each to a Hereford breeder in the north of the country. They were an exceptional group of heifers, very even and possibly the best cattle the group saw in Hungary.

### **Sárospatak Farm visit**

The final visit involved a very long drive to the north of Hungary from Kaposvar. Here, delegates saw a large herd of some 800 head of Herefords all running together and held in the corner of a field by five men on-foot! They were a mixture of cows and young heifers all with calves at foot, running with several stock bulls. Cattle looked lean due to a very hot dry summer, resulting in poor quality grazing but they were another even group in their working clothes, well-marked and very functional.

In the second part of the visit Sárospatak stock bulls were seen along with other bulls that had been placed on a central testing station. Each year 25 to 45 registered Hereford bulls are selected by picking the top 5 per cent from performance recorded figures from across the country. All the data from these bulls was being monitored by Dr Istvan Marton and his research team.

The farm at Sárospatak also had a couple of Wagyu sires which they crossed with a Hereford to produce top quality beef to order from specific high-end restaurants.

As a nation, Hungary is developing and growing more confident. Some of the delegates who were at the last European Hereford Conference held in Hungary in 1995, described how they could see significant improvements in the standard of living and farming methods. In terms of agriculture, Hungary will be a force to be reckoned with in the near future, with vast farms, wonderful topography, excellent stone free soils and a superb climate.

At the conference delegates voted for France to host the 16th European Hereford Conference in 2022.

# UK genetics go global

**Every year UK Hereford genetics are sought by breeders from overseas and 2018 was no different with a good deal of live animals, semen and embryos exported to the Republic of Ireland and the rest of the Europe. We take a look at what was sent to mainland Europe in 2018.**

Lorraine Hobson of Eldersfield Herefords, Gloucester had a busy year of exports across Europe, including sending 11 maiden heifers and one bull to Signor Ferdinando Corrias, Bagnoregio, Umbria, Italy for breeding. A pure-bred yearling bull from Colin Powell of the Roughmoor herd, Kington travelled with them to enable the Italians to use other bloodlines.

Lorraine also sent 16 home-bred in-calf heifers to two different farms in the north west of France to Tony van der Oord, Gonneville-sur-Honfleur and Gaec Boulet, Tardinghen.

In March a consignment of 16 cattle which included a bull, Eldersfield 1 Pembroke P1286, and 15 heifers, both in-calf and maiden, from Martin and Deborah Jenkins, Appleridge Herefords, were exported to C Dirk, Vlienderhaag 2, Damme, Belgium.

The consignment included 12 home-bred in-calf heifers and three yearling heifers all sired by Appleridge 1 Envoy or Lowesmoor 1 Kilkenny to form the nucleus of the first pedigree Hereford herd in northern Belgium. The in-calf heifers ran with a young bull Thames 1 Romeo.

The Belgian farmer was moving away from Belgium Blues and was looking at breeds that performed well on forage-based crops, were easy-calving, good temperament, and a premium on more meat sales.

Romany 1 Popcorn BL P15, a September 2016-born bull was sold to Pascal Bastien, Bagneux, France.



A group of 15 heifers from Martin and Deborah Jenkins, Appleridge Herefords were exported to northern Belgium

## Embryos

Monique Middag-Dreissen, Wapse, Netherlands received 13 miniature Hereford embryos from M and L Gough, Pilton by Chater Valley Charlie and out of Chater Valley Chairmaine. They also took possession of four embryos by the same sire out of the dam of Chater Valley Christal.

## Semen

UK Hereford semen has attracted attention from studs across Europe.

Semex Holland took five straws of Moralee 1 Panda owned by Norbreck Genetics and bred by Tom and Di Harrison, Stocksfield.

Semen from Lowesmoor 1 Excel, owned by Genus Breeding and bred by Mike Clark, Tetbury was sold to ABS Poland.

A large consignment of 3,000 straws of Netherhall 1 Oz Daffy bred by David and Maggie Kelly, Kirkby Lonsdale and owned by Cogent Breeding was exported to Cogenturk, Turkey which also received 2,000 straws of Romany 1 Lawbreaker RE L23 bred by JRB Wilsons and sons, Kelso and also owned by Cogent.

UK Sire Services exported 100 straws of Danish-bred Venture Night Time to Jihocesky Chovatel AS, Czech Republic.

10 straws of Fisher 1 Jaguar, bred by Reg Hutchings, West Sussex and owned by PD and JM Vaughan, Leominster were sent to Animal Breeders Association of Estonia.

The Hereford Cattle Society wishes the best of luck to all buyers.



Eldersfield heifers in France



Moralee 1 Panda bred by T and D Harrison



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# Appreciating the value of Hereford genetics worldwide

by Les Cook, Albany Herefords

The Hereford breed has proved itself remarkably successful throughout the world; horned and poll, hot and cold, high country and flood plain, extensive and grain fed. One of the major consequences of this popularity has been the gradual adaptation of the breed over many years to suit individual climates, systems of management and fashions. We now have a breed which can offer heights from miniature to frame 10+ and colour choices of almost every 'red with white face' variant imaginable. These developments have taken place because there was a demand somewhere, at some time, and all have a place in the requirements of certain systems and conditions.

The pace of change would appear to have been particularly rapid during the last 50 years and throughout this period there have been, in many countries, aficionados of the 'traditional' type opposed to this radical change who have preferred to maintain their herds as closely as possible to the type that predominated from the early days of the breed. These are 'middle of the road' cattle, true in large to the colour and marking standards of the past, but certainly lacking in either extreme frame size or particular colouration types which have proven popular recently in some areas. Far from adhering to the point of view of if you sit in the middle of the road you will get run over, breeders of the traditional type would maintain that this reservoir of bloodlines is a most important insurance for the breed worldwide to enable it to avoid straying too far from the qualities which gave it such universal appeal in the first place.

Being a part of the wider Hereford family is also important to breeders of the more traditional type, as we have all benefited from the raised profile of the breed in recent years and the advertising potential brought with it. Equally important is the fact the Hereford Society is an umbrella organisation, with a wide range of types within its ranks and is able to provide a competitive commercial option for almost any beef producer

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Carpenters Curly 2nd, traditional Hereford champion at the Royal Three Counties 2018

Anthony Mosley



Gavelock Leah 2nd, traditional Hereford and interbreed champion at Royal Welsh Spring Festival 2018



anywhere. Rather than adopting a defensive "mine are right, yours are wrong" attitude, our breed needs to embrace the diversity within itself and promote the versatility of the many types, while always remembering efficient, natural beef production is what Herefords do best. In summary, wherever in the world you are breeding your Herefords and whatever type suits you best, strength comes from unity. Let us make sure our breed has that strength.

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**P. Cobley 'Kinglee'**. Royal Norfolk: Intermediate & Female Champion; Ashby Show: Female & Res Supreme Champion; National Poll Show: Intermediate & Grand Female Champion, 'Kinglee 1 Polly 554'.

**PRJ & LR Vincent 'Pulham'**. Area Association best herd competition winner and 'Pulham 1 Starlet 7<sup>th</sup>' overall show points winner.

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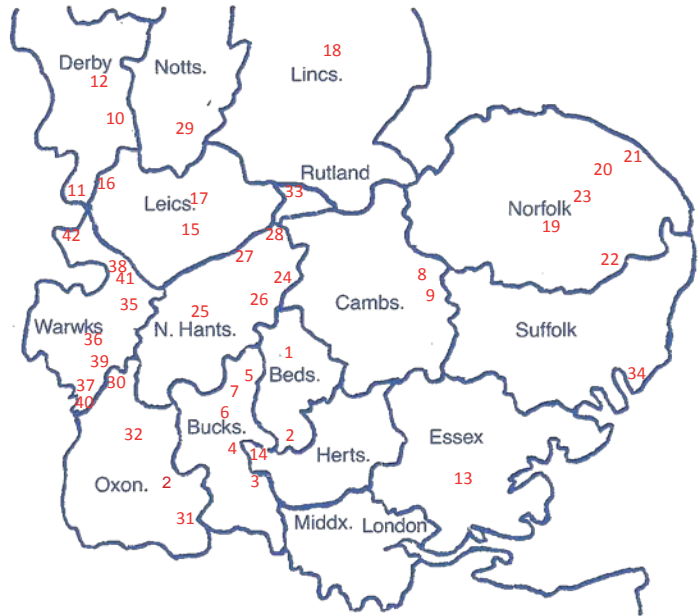
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# Midlands and East Anglia Association reflects on year

**This year Midlands and East Anglia Hereford Breeders' Association (MEAHBA) has felt the effect of the change in TB miles at shows while also losing one of the region's most respected cattlemen.**

The support for summer shows has again been variable. There was good support for the two points shows with 49 cattle forward at the Royal Norfolk and 36 at Bucks County which was judged by Jonathon Moorhouse. Three shows had no entries, and three had less than 10 entries. The change in TB rules has had a major effect on reducing numbers.

The calf show, which has been held at the Newark Showground in November for the last seven years, was cancelled in 2018, due to a TB outbreak within three miles of the showground and the reluctance of some exhibitors to attend.

## **Summer herd visit and judging evening**

The summer herd visit and judging evening, held in May continues to be one of our main events of the year. For the 2018 evening, members travelled to the western edge of the region, to the home of Nick and Lucy Holdsworth at Little Meadows Farm, Pebworth, Stratford-upon-Avon.

There were 28 members in attendance with 25 taking part in the judging. Master judge was Tim Livesey who named the winner and highest placed lady as Emma Smith, with Will Livesey second and Mark Smith third. The judging was followed by a tour of the Pebworth herd and a buffet supper.

Following this, four senior teams and one junior team took part in the national competition at the Royal Three Counties. The Midlands and East Anglia team, of Nick and Lucy Holdsworth, and Paul Dicken were placed first. One of the club's young members, Katie Baines, became the 2018 champion young handler of the Royal Three Counties Show. Congratulations to Katie and all the members who took part.

## **Royal Norfolk Show**

At the Royal Norfolk Show, the Association had a much improved trade stand on a prime site immediately opposite the Hereford judging ring, instead of the gazebo in the cattle lines. The stand again featured a Hereford cow with a strong bull calf at foot, kindly loaned by Clive and Paula Bidmead, Rockland Herefords. Thanks must also go to the

horticultural department of Easton College for supplying the plants and containers.

## **Hertfordshire Show**

Paul Snell and Lynn Ferguson had success with their bull, Lowergrove Pasquinel, winning the native interbreed, and reserve overall championships at Hertfordshire Show.

## **Bucks County Show**

A great show of cattle was seen at Bucks County with 36 for the Society president to judge. The Hereford champion, Coley 1 Pilot took the native interbreed, overall interbreed and was then joined by three others to win the group of four.

## **Paul Sapsed and Austin Manning trophies**

The Paul Sapsed and Austin Manning trophies are presented for individual animals gaining most points at the summer shows, with a maximum of six shows to count. This season, points for 73 different animals were recorded.

The Paul Sapsed Trophy for the most successful animal was won by Philip and Laura Vincent with Pulham 1 Starlet 7th. There was a tie for second place between Clive and Paula Bidmead's Rockland Tiara P4, and Fowell Bros with Bure Valley 1 Paddington.

The Austin Manning Trophy for an animal from a herd of less than 20 cows was won by Sparkwood Dowager 6th from Lesley Jackson. Second place was Newtoncroft 1 Bluebell 310 from Newtoncroft Farms and third Sparkwood Tinkerman, again from Lesley Jackson.

## **Herd competition results 2018**

The Association would like to thank Graham Towers, a Shorthorn breeder from Northampton for taking on the task of judging this year's competition. Most counties within the region were covered, with 23 herds entered.

**Best herd**, Philip and Laura Vincent, Pulham

**Small herd**, 1st Sarah Cowle, Highhedges; 2nd Clive and Paula Bidmead, Rockland, 3rd Philip English, Churchlands

**Medium herds**, 1st Pete Copley, Kinglee; 2nd Nick and Lucy Holdsworth, Pebworth; 3rd Mike and James Ludgate, Rempstone



Pulham 1 Starlet 7th owned by Philip and Laura Vincent

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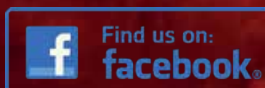
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**Large herd**, 1st Philip and Laura Vincent, Pulham; 2nd Jimmy Speirs, Pepperstock; 3rd Monica Brown, Happy Herefords

**Best bull calf**, Blakesley 1 Nimrod, J Riley

**Best heifer calf**, Rockland Laura R3, Clive and Paula Bidmead

**Best cow suckling a calf**, Ford Abbey 1 Tuna 5, M J Ludgate

**Best heifer under 2 yrs**, Blakesley 1 Nancy, J Riley

**Best stock bull**, Rempstone 1 Comply or Die, Cobley

**Best stock bull under 30 months**, Pebworth 1 Percy, N and L Holdsworth

**Alvian Trophy for the highest placed member, joining MEAHBA in last three years**, Mike and Caroline Shaw, Thornysure

Congratulations to Pulham Herefords on their success and representing the area in the national herd competition

### Summer tour

After the disappointment of being unable to arrange a trip to the Herning Show in Denmark in 2017 because of a clash of dates with Norfolk show, the trip was able to go ahead in July 2018 and 14 members and friends visited the show, where club member James Ludgate judged. The party was invited to supper after the show as guests of the Danish Hereford Society. The other two days were spent visiting four farms and a busy but very enjoyable three days were had by all. Thanks must go to club secretary, Alan, for all the organisation, which in turn would not have been possible without the co-operation of Knud Erichsen in Denmark. Thank you Knud.

### Highhedges young handler of the year

The Highhedges young handler of the year trophy is the most competitive of all and this year saw 16 young handlers taking part at nine shows, with the winner taking part in five shows and the runner-up in four, ending up with just four points between them.

Our congratulations to Beth Vincent on winning the trophy in 2018, after finishing runner-up in 2016 and 2017. Well done also to Joe Bacon for finishing a close second.

### Annual general meeting

The 2018 annual general meeting was held at Wilsons' Orchard Farm, Warboys, Cambridgeshire, by kind invitation of Dan Fabb and Helen Parr on Thursday 4 October.

Leslie Cook stood down from the committee, with Jimmy Speirs elected to the committee and the remainder re-elected.

Following an excellent lunch at Dan and Helen's amazing new house, members had a walking tour of this relatively new herd, which has expanded so quickly, many of which have been imported from the Moeskaer herd, of Henrik Andersen, in Denmark.

After tea, Richard Mann, thanked Dan and Helen for a most interesting visit.

### Presentation evening

The club's presentation evening was at Daventry Town Football Stadium on Saturday 10 November 2018 for the second year with 34 members and guests attending. The Society president, Jonathon Moorhouse and his wife



A great time was had by all on the Denmark trip



Sarah Cowle presenting Beth Vincent with the Highhedges Trophy

Rosemary and regional herd competition judge, Graham Towers, accompanied by his sister-in-law Rachel, were guests. Jonathon and Graham, and the MEAHBA president, Richard Mann presented the many awards. Our thanks to Daventry Town for serving a very enjoyable meal, and Alan for organising it.



Members surveying the Fabb herd



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Jonathon Moorhouse presented Philip and Laura Vincent with the JG Hollands Trophy



Lesley Jackson received the Auston Manning Trophy from Richard Mann



Pete Cobley received the Mardleybury Trophy from Jonathon Moorhouse



Richard Mann (left) thanked judge Graham Towers

## The sad loss of Colin Clarke

by Robert Clarke

It was a sad day in September 2018 which saw the loss of one of the great stockman of his time - Colin Clarke. Colin's death came after suffering with dementia for the last few years and it was a token of respect that so many breeders travelled to be present at his funeral along with the many messages of condolence received from the UK and Ireland. Colin started his Hereford career with Bob Carrington's herd, BC Herefords who was one of the first breeders to bring in poll Herefords to the UK.

In 1966 Colin started work as herd manager at RL Broad's Badlingham herd and soon started making a name for himself selling bulls throughout the UK and to countries such as South Africa, Uruguay and Kenya. Colin kept the Badlingham herd at the top for 30 years winning many prizes and awards which included bull of the year and runner up bull of the year in 1979 with two full brothers, Badlingham Broadly and Badlingham Brewer, the only time this has been achieved. He also won the national herd competition in 1996. Colin was at his proudest when selling a bull into a pedigree herd and in a two year period during the nineties, he sold 24 bulls into such herds. He was a perfectionist and did nothing by chance - with every animal studied and thought given as to how it was to be bred. He also felt honoured to have been president of the MEAHBA and always felt it a privilege to have been asked to judge at many top shows.

Colin was also a keen gardener and dahlia grower, paying as much attention to his flowers as his cattle, again winning

many prizes at local and national flower shows.

Colin was a much-loved husband, dad, grandad and great grandad and will be sadly missed and will be a huge loss to the cattle world.



Colin Clarke

# Pulham prevails in Midlands and East Anglia area

**Philip and Laura Vincent established Pulham Herefords in 2007 and run both horned and poll herds under the prefix, split approximately two thirds horned and one third poll.**

The Vincent's Pulham herd compliments the family's free-range egg enterprise, grazing the pastures surrounding the chicken sheds.

The herd started with females from some of the top UK horned herds, including the famous Badlingham Blossom line, purchased from Robert Clarke when he was stockman at AG Wright and Sons. The Vincent's like easy-fleshing, correct cattle with plenty of breed character. Milking ability is a top priority, along with easy-calving and fertility. In the past few years the herd has benefited greatly from females purchased from the Clipston herd. Unfortunately, Rodney and Rose Westaway have needed to reduce their cattle numbers and the Vincents were extremely fortunate and proud to introduce many high quality Clipston females into the herd. Horned female of the year was won in 2015 with Clipston Tiara R16 at the National Hereford Show championships and many prizes at other shows have been won with Pulham cattle out of Clipston females.

Haven Hotspur, a Mawarra Vice Admiral son, has been a herd changing bull for Phil and Laura. They say they loved his easy-fleshing, bone, strength and excellent feet along with his fantastic temperament. Much success has been enjoyed with its progeny including selling its son Pulham Providence to Nancy Herefords in Northern Ireland and granddaughter Pulham Blossom 20th for over £5,000 at the 2017 Designer Genes sale.

Haven Kermit, the herd's current senior stock bull is producing some exciting calves and Phil and Laura look forward to using the new junior bull imported from Ireland, Shiloh-Farm Elite, which caught national herd competition judge Danny Wyllie's eye and got a mention in his herd competition summary at the Hereford Cattle Society annual dinner.

The Vincent's poll herd was established with females from Lowesmoor, Solpoll and Romany. They used AI on the poll females for the first few years, until purchasing their first poll stock bull Romany 1 Machine. This bull has had a profound effect on the poll herd, stamping a well-muscled type across calves. Their Machine progeny have given the Vincent's their first major achievements with poll animals; Pulham 1 Starlet 6th sold for over £4,000 at the 2017 Designer Genes



Pulham Providence as a calf, now owned by Glenn and Tracey Morton, Nancy Herefords.

sale and Pulham 1 Starlet 7th had a great 2018 show season, culminating in winning the Midlands and East Anglia points trophy for the most successful animal at the area's summer shows. Pulham 1 Remittal was male champion and reserve breed champion at Agri Expo.

The couple say they are now looking forward to seeing what Appel 1 Kaboom, a Solpoll 1 Lawman son, also imported from Ireland will produce.

They are particularly looking forward to watching their 2017 autumn-born heifers develop, and believe they are the strongest crop of heifers they have even had and were delighted when the Midlands and East Anglia herd competition judge Graham Towers told them this group had sealed the best herd award for them. Phil and Laura are passionate about Herefords and hope to have a long future within the breed.



Judge Mark Ormondroyd with Pulham 1 Remittal, Philip and Laura at Agri Expo 2018





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*Sold to Nancy Herefords*

**Pulham Providence**

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Dam – Clipston Pansy J562

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Hereford Show, 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Norfolk Show



**Pulham Dowager 4<sup>th</sup>**

Sire – Haven Hotspur

Dam – Haven Dowager 161<sup>st</sup>

Sold to Hickling Herefords at Designer  
Genes Sale 2018 for £8,400



**Pulham Pansy 15<sup>th</sup>**

Sire – Moyclare Malcolm

Dam – Clipston Pansy R2

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Congratulations to the Taylor family on their successful show season, including 1<sup>st</sup> place in a large class at Royal Norfolk, with their 2017 Designer Genes Sale purchase – Pulham Blossom 20<sup>th</sup>



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Dam – Solpoll 1 Starlet K8

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# Cobley does the double at Royal Norfolk

There was double success for Pete Cobley at the 2018 Royal Norfolk Show, winning both the male and female championships.

Blakesley 1 Major, bred by J Riley, Towcester and purchased by Pete Cobley, Stanley Stanton as a calf, was made male and breed champion by judge Richard Dorrell at the Royal Norfolk Show. When Richard judged the Midlands and East Anglia Hereford Breeders' Association calf show at Newark in 2017 he also selected Major as his champion. Richard believed 'there will be some exciting times ahead for this young bull' having 'incredible growth for age, power, strength and is immensely correct'. Expertly shown by Steve Edwards, it is out of Blakesley 1 Icicle and sired by Solpoll 1 Dynamite.



Grand female champion Kinglee 1 Poly 554 from Pete Cobley

Richard was presented with 20 exhibitors and 48 Herefords and started the sunny day by judging the female section, which was 'impressive throughout'. The female championship was won by Pete Cobley's Kinglee 1 Polly 554, a 20 month old heifer out of Kinglee 1 Polly 285 and sired by Panmure 1 Karl. Richard said it is 'a super heifer, full of strength, power and femininity'. In the class Richard had found it hard to split Polly and another 'exceptional heifer' Newtoncroft 1 Bluebell 310, owned by Newtoncroft Farms Ltd, Leicester and shown by Ryan Coates. Sired by Solpoll 1 Hollywood and out of Newtoncroft 1 Bluebell 259, Bluebell followed Polly all the way and was made reserve female champion.



Supreme and grand male champion Blakesley 1 Major from Pete Cobley



Reserve female champion Newtoncroft 1 Bluebell 310 from Newtoncroft Farms



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The junior heifer class was won by Diss-based Philip and Laura Vincent's Pulham 1 Starlet 7th which had a great local show season, winning breed champion at South Suffolk and Suffolk shows and female champion at Hadleigh Show. The heifer is out of Solpoll 1 Starlet K8 and sired by Romany 1 Machine D1 M13. In second was Lesley Jackson's Sparkwood Blossom 19th and in third was Admiral's 1 Edie Bernice, bred by George Wright Farms, Great Bentley and owned by new Norfolk breeder, J Doyle.

Stephen Taylor, Debbie Marsh and family made the long trip from Chorley, Lancashire to show their Herefords, Blue Texel sheep and chickens worth it when Pulham Blossom 20th won the intermediate heifer class. Purchased at the 2017 Designer Genes sale, it was shown by Norfolk breeder Philip Vincent. Clive and Paula Bidmead's Rockland Tiara P4 stood second, with Speirs Farms Ltd's Pepperstock 1 Fascination P353 in third. Richard Dorrell commented this class of 13 heifers was 'the strongest of the day - a true spectacle'.

Sparkwood Dowager, owned by Lesley Jackson, Wigginton Tring was third in the senior heifer class to the female and reserve female champions.

The cow class was won by Pepperstock 1 Jade L166 owned by the Speirs family, Luton with the Bidmead's Rockland 1 Tiara M3 in second and Philip English's Churchlands Estate Violet 30 GR in third.

Richard then moved onto the bulls which 'although were of varying types, were consistently strong and well turned out'. The male championship was awarded to Pete Cobley's Blakesley 1 Major, which was later made breed champion. The reserve male champion, Bure Valley 1 Paddington owned by Fowell Bros and shown by Stephen and Suzy Gray, had stood second in its class and then followed Major to be made reserve breed champion to the delight of the Norfolk-based Fowell family. Paddington which is sired by Dorepoll 1 High Tec and out of Alvian 1 Grace Lass has 'wonderful breed character and super easy-fleshing ability', according to the judge.

The junior bull class was won by 'a super young bull, full of length and conformation' Rempstone 1 Eric V463. Owned by MJ Ludgate, Thame this young bull is out of Rempstone Model and sired by Hawkesbury 1 Vespa. PRJ and LR Vincent's Pulham Providence stood second with L Jackson's Sparkwood Tinkerman in third.

The intermediate bull class was won by Newtoncroft Farms



with, Newtoncroft 1 Pondlife. Lesley Jackson's Sparkwood Tearaway took second place, with Fowell Brothers, Bure Valley 1 Playmaker in third.

Standing third to the male and reserve male champion in the senior bull class was Admirals 1 Donald Ashlyn owned by George Wright Farms.

The Bidmead's dominated the group classes by winning the best pair under two years, the best group of three by the same sire and the best group of three bred by the exhibitor.

There were nine Hereford exhibitors based in the county of Norfolk. Fowell Brothers won the Norfolk special with Bure Valley 1 Paddington while PRJ and LR Vincent were reserve with Pulham 1 Starlet 7th.

The Hereford was well represented in the young handlers' classes with seven young leaders showing the breed.

The Midlands and East Anglia Hereford Breeders' Association had a stand at the Show for the second year running which was a great success. A Hereford cow and bull calf were on display, kindly provided by Clive and Paula Bidmead, Rockland Herefords.

Traditional Herefords were also represented in the any other native beef breed. Congratulations to Owen Smith, Bromeswell for winning the male and overall champion with Butley Vanguard AI. Out of Laxfield Julia 3rd, it is sired by Free Town Vanguard, which was owned by the Milk Marketing Board and sired over 50,000 calves. Owen Smith credits Butley Vanguard's success at the show to his father, David Clement-Smith, who although unable to attend, had put all the work in at home.



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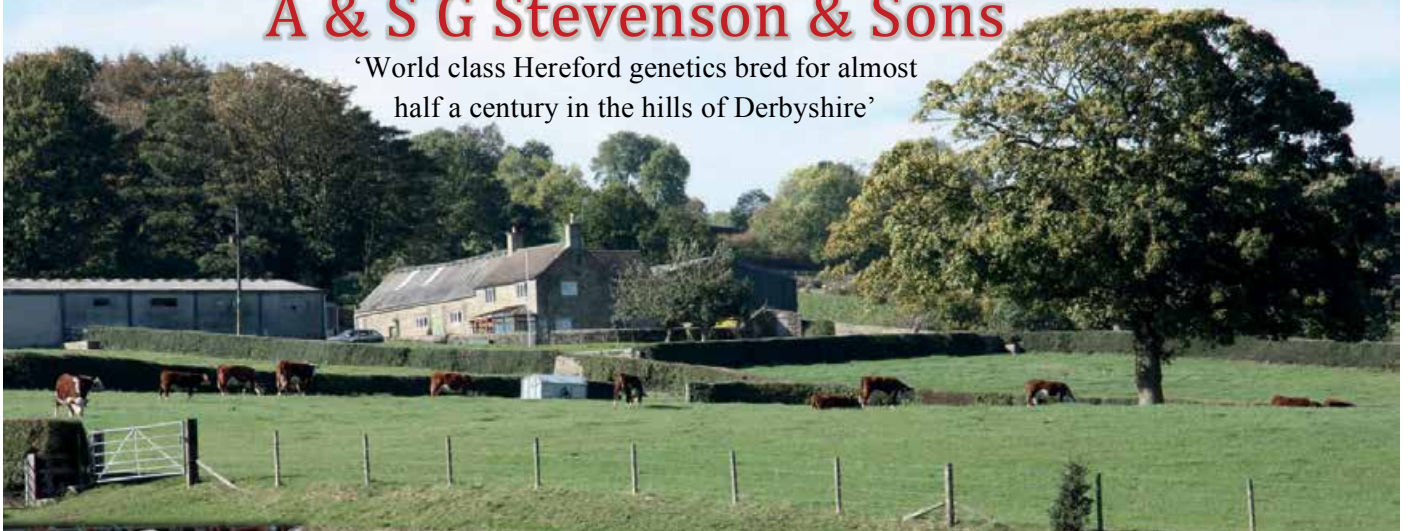


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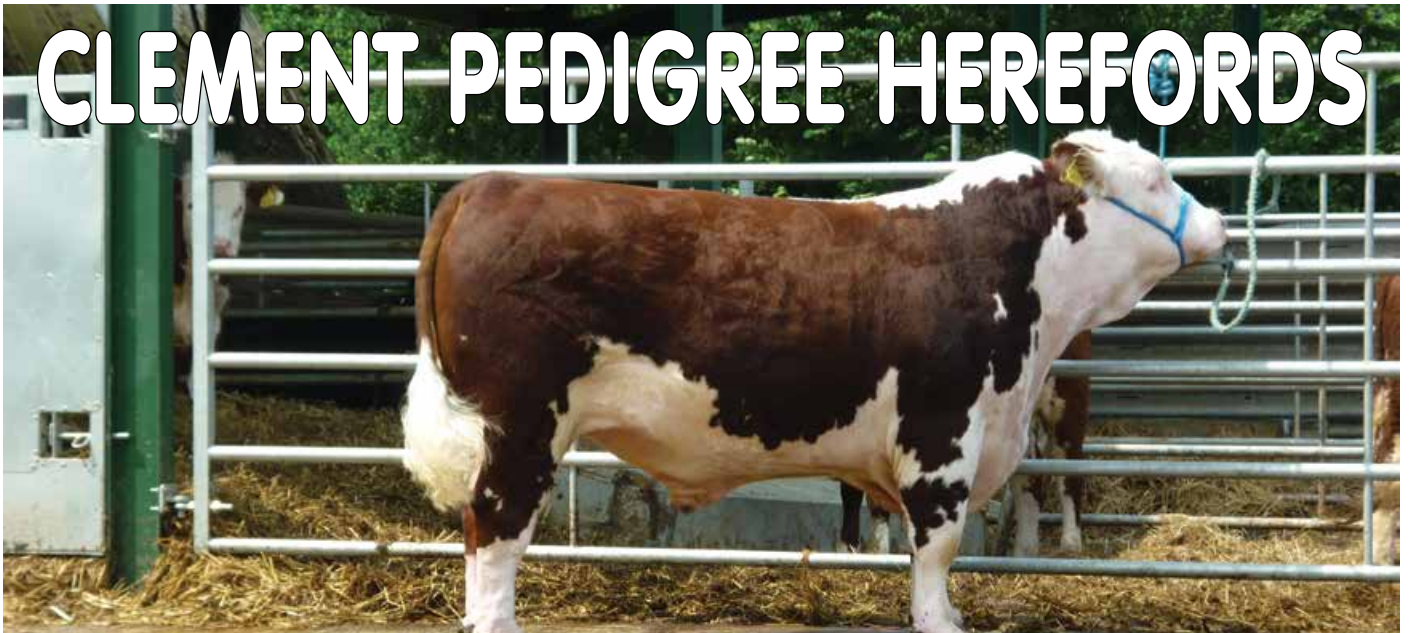
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# Two maximum scores made at national stockjudging competition

This year's national stockjudging competition was held on the Saturday of the Royal Three Counties Show and once again saw strong support from keen members, as they sorted three groups of four cattle, labelled A,B,X and Y.

This year the cattle consisted of heifers, females with calves at foot and a group of bulls and were first placed by master judge and Society president, Jonathan Moorhouse, before teams from the different area associations made their own judgements.

Accumulating the highest possible score of 150, Emily Jones, stock lady for Milford Haven based Studdolph Herefords, was awarded not only the under 25 young Hereford breeder award, but also joint overall best individual, gaining the most points.

Paul Dickin, representing the Midlands and East Anglia Hereford Breeders' Association, also gained the maximum score of 150 points. Together with Emily, they won the Midlands and East Anglia Trophy.

Winning the team competition this year was the Midlands and Anglia Hereford Breeders Association's team, made up of Nick Holdsworth, Paul Dicken and Lucy Holdsworth, who were presented the South of England Cup, having accumulated 410 points.

Not far behind was a team from the HCBA, consisting of Matt Gray, Melissa Roberts and Hazel Timmis with a score of 408.

There was a tie at third place, with a UK Hereford Youth (UKHY) team and another HCBA team, both gaining 398 points. The UKHY team was made up of Will Awan, Ellis

Parry and Jo Compton while the HCBA team was Tony Bradstock, Ben Lewis and Andrew Whitlow.

Thanks must go to Phil Allman for organising the cattle and the exhibitors at the Royal Three Counties for loaning them for the competition.



L-R: Nick Holdsworth, Lucy Holdsworth, Paul Dicken and Jonathan Moorhouse - the winning team



L-R: Hazel Timmis, Matt Gray, Melissa Roberts - second place team



Emily Jones and Paul Dickin received their first place prizes



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# Bulls back in the spotlight at Hereford spring show and sale

Males sold to a top of 8,200gns while a record average for bulls was made at Hereford Livestock Market, conducted by the Society's official auctioneers Brightwells.

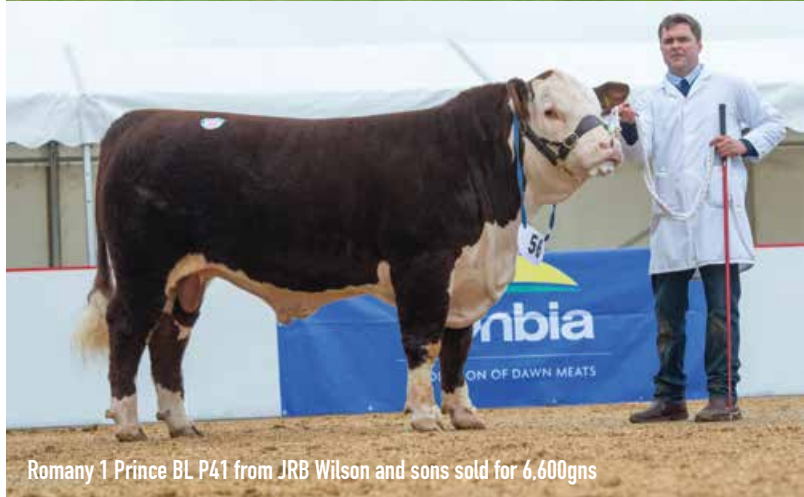
The junior and grand male champion 18 month old Solpoll 1 Pogba from J and W McMordie, Ballygowan, sold for 6,500gns in to the Stratfield Saye herd, Reading. This bull has excellent performance figures being in the top 1 per cent for all weights and is out of Christies 1 Amber Keno and by Panmure 1 Henry.

Reserve junior and overall male champion was Romany 1 Prince BL P41 from JRB Wilson and sons, Kelso, with the help of Tom Bradley Farmer. Prince had travelled from Kelso, Roxboroughshire and sold for 6,600gns to G Hall, Pinmore Herefords, Lancashire.

Joint top price of the day, of 8,200gns went to JRB Wilson's Romany 1 Poseidon BL P5, a bull with impressive figures. It is a son of Barwise 1 Lancer out of Romany 1 Lily and was purchased by D Manduell, Seascale. Poseidon is in the top five per cent of the breed for both eye muscle area and intramuscular fat levels. Also selling for 8,200gns was TD and WT Livesey's Normanton 1 Perky, which was purchased



Romany 1 Poseidon BL P5 from JRB Wilson and sons sold for joint top price of 8,200gns



Romany 1 Prince BL P41 from JRB Wilson and sons sold for 6,600gns



Solpoll 1 Pogba from J and W McMordie sold for 6,500gns





Rempstone 1 Even Money E429 from M Ludgate sold for 7,000gns



Fisher 1 Clover from WJ Hutchings and sons sold for the top price female at 3,500gns



Normanton 1 Perky from TD and WT Livesey sold for the joint top price 8,200gns



Solpoll 1 Pirate from J and W McMordie sold for 5,600gns

by former Society chairman Richard Mann of Spinney Herefords, Ufton. Perky has exemplary figures and is out of Normaton 1 Fistunlina and by Australian bull Days Calibre G74 being in the top two per cent for both terminal and self-replacing indices.

The HCS's reserve bull of the year for 2017, Rempstone 1 Even Money E429, sold for 7,000gns to M Shaw, Kirkby Moorside. This bull was supreme champion at a number of shows over the 2017 season and sits well in the top 10 per cent of the breed for growth rates, eye muscle area and retail meat yield.

J and W McMordie also sold Solpoll 1 Pirate for 5,600gns, a son of Panmure 1 Henry. It is out of Solpoll 1 Stella J11, another bull with excellent figures being in the top five per cent for 200 and 400 day weights, eye muscle area, retail

meat yield, self-replacing and terminal indices. This bull was sold to Harold Hatt, Sherborne St John.

Spiers Farms' Pepperstock 1 Norman sold to DP Jones, Coleshill for 5,400gns, capturing the attention of number of bidders around the ring.

In the show heifer section, the grand female champion, 13 month Moorside 1 Poppy from G and MC Shepard, Preston sold for 3,000gns to breed newcomer M Jordan, Chathill. Standing reserve female champion was Fisher 1 Clover which was purchased by Twose Farms ltd, Whitland selling for a top female price of the day of 3,500gns. Clover was one of a consignment of heifers from Sussex breeders WJ Hutchings and sons, with two other heifers selling to MJ and R.D Russell, Chew Magna for 2,300gns each.



There was 94 per cent clearance in the for sale only female section which saw a top price of £2,600gns for Herefordshire-based JA Pudge's heifer Black Hall 1 Shara which sold to Leverington Herefords, Sleaford. Well-grown females sold consistently demonstrating continued demand for females in the breed.

Commenting after the sale, new Hereford chairman Robin Irvine said he was more than delighted with a new record average for bulls and a clearance rate of 81 per cent, a rise in demand from the previous year's sale. Robin also thanked sponsors, Dunbia and Nordic Star Tags for their continued support.

Greg Christopher of Brightwells said trade for bulls was brisk with keen bidding on the best animals, and a strong demand from both commercial and pedigree breeders.

### Averages

26 bulls, £4,321.15; 14 females, £2,602.50; 17 for sale only females, £1,442.21

Auctioneers - Brightwells

### Pre-sale show results

**Grand female champion**, Moorside 1 Poppy, G and MC Shepherd; reserve, Fisher 1 Clover, WJ Hutchings and sons

**Senior male champion**, Rempstone 1 Even Money E429, M Ludgate; reserve, Romany 1 Poseidon BL P5, JRB Wilson and sons

**Junior male champion**, Solpoll 1 Pogba, J and W McMordie; reserve, Romany 1 Prince BL P41, JRB Wilson and sons

**Grand male champion**, Solpoll 1 Pogba, J and W McMordie; reserve, Romany 1 Prince BL P41, JRB Wilson and sons



L-R: Sponsor Sara Hamer, Brightwells Auctioneers, Graham Shepherd with the female champion Moorside 1 Poppy and judge James Graham



L-R: Breed president Jonathan Moorhouse, judge James Graham, William McMordie with grand male champion Solpoll 1 Pogba, sponsors Helen Morgan, Dunbia and Judy Underwood, Meadow Quality

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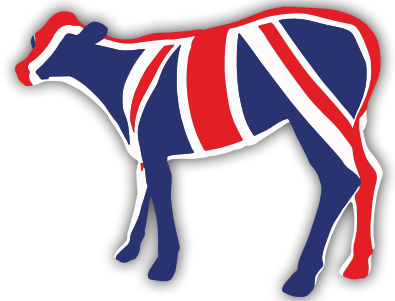


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# Dendor dominate at National Calf Show

Dendor 1 Wattle 9th from DE, ED and AL Jones, Caersws stood supreme at the Hereford Cattle Breeders' Association Christmas Calf Show, which incorporated the Hereford Cattle Society's National Calf Show, judged by Steve Edwards.

Born in September 2017, heifer Dendor 1 Wattle 9th is by Danish sire Bakgard 1 Keno 1178, the 2017 Royal Welsh Show champion. Its home-bred dam, Dendor 1 Wattle 6th, was sired by Solpoll 1 Gilbert which has sired the UK Hereford female of the year for the last five years and was sire of the year three times. On its first time out, this natural calf will be retained for breeding.

In reserve was Havenfield 1 Robin Hood from EL Lewis and son which took the grand male champion earlier that day. By the AI sire Romany 1 Lawbreaker RE L23, this embryo calf's dam is the 2015 Kington Show champion, Dendor 1 Ruby 20th which the Lewis family bought privately as a heifer from the Jones family. This September 2017-born bull calf will head to the Society's 2019 spring show and sale in Hereford.



Dendor 1 Wattle 9th from DE, ED and AL Jones was the day's supreme champion



Havenfield 1 Robin Hood from EL Lewis and son was reserve champion



Havenfield 1 Robin Hood also made up one half of the champion bull calf pairs alongside herdmate Havenfield 1 Rufus, which is by Solpoll 1 Lawman.

Following its paternal sister to the front of the line-up was Dendor 1 Echo 36th which was named reserve female champion. By the same Danish sire as the champion, this March 2018-born heifer is out of Dendor 1 Echo 28th which itself was sired by FMH Euro which is still going strong in the Republic of Ireland at nine years old at the Herberry herd of Ray Hunt and Veronica Brennan.

Reserve male went to Barbern 1 Rockafella from Preston-based Bernard and Barbara Rimmer which at 11 months is 635kg. Bred from two Barbern animals, it is by Barbern 1 Gargantuan which was junior champion at the National Poll Show 2010 and was sold for semen which has been used widely across UK, Ireland and Europe. The young bull was out of Barbern 1 Foxglove 309 which was sired by Listimus 1 Encore and purchased from Melissa Timmis privately. On its first time out, and it was unknown at this time whether it would remain at Barbern or be offered for sale.

In the heifer pairs class, Moralee 1 Kimberly KS R7 and Moralee 1 Kylie KS R1 from Tom and Di Harrison, Mickley stood champion, both sired by SMH Kingsize. These two heifers have been unbeaten this show season, winning the Scottish National, National Poll Show and Agri Expo titles. Kylie sold at the Designer Genes sale later that day for 8,000gns.

In the young handlers classes, Maddie Clark, 21, from Suffolk took the senior and overall handler championship. In the junior section, Grace Denning, 12, from Somerset was handed the red ticket.



Barbern 1 Rockafella from B and B Rimmer



Dendor 1 Echo 36th from DE, ED and AL Jones

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# A change of committee in Northern Ireland

by John Gill

2018 has come to an end like every other year previous; shows all finished, AGM over and breeders reflecting on the year. Was it successful, was money made or lost? Bull sales, average prices and quality of animals will be discussed, did we try hard enough to promote our product, did we show enough?

After some thought by myself and some research into other breeds, my first conclusion is it was a difficult year. A dry summer with a lack of grass led to restricted grazing, which native breeds like ours thrive on. The knock-on effect was light silage crops, decrease in cereal yields and a short supply of straw, leading to increased prices of these essential products, in some cases by as much as 100 per cent.

I then asked myself was this a good year? Did we make money or how much did we lose, then I thought about what an older man told me once, 'try keeping nothing and see what you have'. At that point I stopped counting and thinking and

got on with the job in-hand, producing quality sires and dams for the future of the Hereford breed.

With my time as chairman of the Northern Ireland Hereford Breeders Association (NIHBA) over

I can devote more time to showing and sales of my own herd and still be an active committee member promoting the Hereford breed, putting the message out there that Hereford means quiet, easily handled, easy-to-keep, thriving on grass with a great tasting, safe and saleable end product, demanded by the world's top restaurants. That has got to be a satisfying job.

I would like to thank everyone on the NIHBA committee for their support throughout my three year term as chairman and to wish the new committee all the success for the future in the promotion of the breed. One thing I would like to see is better attendances at shows, more cattle and more competition. For me, that would mean better quality showing and animals. This would also reflect on prices and take the breed to new heights putting Hereford further up the cattle ratings where it deserves to be.

We organised some trips to Great Britain in 2017 to 2018 and some NIHBA members took flight and overland travel. We visited sales and shows but for me the herd visits to breeders were the highlight with good displays of cattle and great hospitality and friendships established. So now, I would like to put an open invitation to British breeders and southern Irish breeders to come to Northern Ireland and see what we have and enjoy our hospitality. Groups or associations will be welcome.

## Committee

President: Stephen Baxter

Chairman: Adrian Irvine

Honorary secretary: Mark Moore

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Outgoing chairman John Gill



L-R: Eddy Boyd (Dunbia), William McMordie, John Conlon, Des Kelly and Kenny Linton (Dunbia) at NIHBA's annual barbecue's large herd presentation



L-R: Eddy Boyd (Dunbia), Robin Irvine, Trevor Andrews, John Gill and Kenny Linton (Dunbia)

## Herd competition results announced at annual barbecue

Robert Clarke, herd manager at the Shadwell stud, visited Hereford herds across Northern Ireland to pick his 2018 winners. Renowned for his breeding of Hereford and Angus in Great Britain, Robert had the hard task of judging herds with up to 70-head of pedigree cattle before the prize giving at the Association's annual barbecue, held at Association President Trevor Andrews' farm in Larne.

Large herd winner, going on to take the overall herd, was John Conlon's Drumatee herd. Robert was very impressed with the quality of animals on display, all of a type and said the stock bull, Cill Cormack Nevada, was certainly doing a great job with a strong batch of calves taking this herd to the next level. Robert was so impressed by this sire, he awarded it best stock bull on the evening. Overall reserve and second in the large herd competition were John and William McMordie and their Solpoll herd who are no strangers to winning and this herd didn't disappoint when it came to quality.

Medium herd winner was Trevor Andrews' Mountview herd which was viewable on the evening, and is again a herd which showed style and uniformity through all ages of cattle.

Ivan Haire and family's Dorepoll herd took the win in the small herd section. Ivan in recent years has reduced his herd but certainly not quality and Robert was particularly taken by his spring born heifer Dorepoll 1 Duchess 663 which won the best spring born heifer title.

Other individual wins went to Gerry and Ethan Small who won the best autumn heifer class with Drumshambo 1 Sparkles 012, this relatively new herd is one to watch out for. After a great year showing, they also picked up second place in the small herd section.

John and William McMordie dominated the bull calf classes with wins in the autumn and spring section with Solpoll 1 Rolls Royce and Solpoll 1 Real Thing respectively.

The Association thanked Robert at the barbecue for carrying out the arduous task. Over 180 people attended on the night and were treated to a herd walk before a barbecue with Hereford steak kindly provided by Dunbia.

A raffle and an auction with prizes from concrete drinkers to AI straws was drawn and the Association is very pleased to announce a total of £5,200 was raised on the night which was presented to the McMillan charity which has a special place in the Andrews family's hearts.

Also in attendance was the UK Hereford Youth team which was made up from members from across the UK. The team arrived on Friday and visited herds belonging to John



Members enjoyed a herd walk at Trevor Andrews' farm

McMordie and Des Kelly before a trip to Tullamore Show where they competed in young handler classes. Preparation, clipping and showmanship demonstrations were provided to the team by Steven and Barney O'Kane from the Keadyview herd on Friday which paid off as they scooped the top three places in all young handler classes at Tullamore.

A big thank you to all involved especially the Andrews family for hosting such an evening, judge Robert Clarke, all donations and sponsors of prizes, Dunbia for the meat and all who attended to make the evening a runaway success.

### Herd competition results

**Small herd,** 1st JE, RI and W Haire, Dorepoll; 2nd J and G Small, Drumshambo; 3rd C Kerr, Kinego

**Medium herd,** 1st T and S Andrews; 2nd R and J Irvine, Graceland; 3rd A J Farms, Lusky

**Large herd,** 1st J Conlon, Drumatee; 2nd J and W McMordie, Solpoll 1, 3rd D Kelly, Mullin

**Autumn born bull calf,** 1st Solpoll 1 Rolls Royce, J and W McMordie; 2nd Lisrace Liberty 17th, D Wilson; 3rd Graceland 1 Rowdy, R and J Irvine

**Autumn born heifer calf,** 1st Drumshambo 1 Sparkles 012, J and G Small; 2nd Kinego 1 Rainbow, C Kerr; 3rd Mountview 1 Gelato, T and S Andrews

**Spring born bull calf,** 1st Solpoll 1 Real Thing, J and W McMordie; 2nd Mountview 1 Homer, T and S Andrews; 3rd Lisrace Lumberjack 22nd, D Wilson

**Spring born heifer calf,** 1st Dorepoll 1 Duchess 663, JE, RI and W Haire; 2nd Solpoll 1 Starlet, R17 J and W McMordie; 3rd Drumatee Cara, J Conlon

**Stock bull,** 1st Cill Cormack Nevada, J Conlon, 2nd Dorepoll 1 Legacy, T and S Andrews; 3rd Mullaghdoopoll 1 Elite C Kerr

**Overall herd,** J Conlon, Drumatee; reserve, J and W McMordie, Solpoll



Members viewed Trevor Andrews' stock

# Grass-based system brings Drumatee success in national herd competition

With just eight years of Hereford experience under his belt, John Conlon, Co Armagh, took the 2018 UK reserve national herd of the year competition title.

**Richard Halleron visits his farm to learn more.**

Co Armagh pedigree Hereford breeder John Conlon is a firm believer in the old adage: 'why keep a dog and bark yourself?'

"I got into Hereford breeding because of the cattle's ability to thrive at grass," he says.

"This is the cheapest way to produce beef. As a consequence, I have developed the herd in a way that lets the cattle express this ability in the most effective way possible. It's up to the cows and their calves to do all the hard work, not me.

"Those animals that can thrive under these conditions stay, and those that can't do not feature in my breeding plans."

John's strategy is clearly one that works as 2018 saw him win both the Northern Ireland Hereford herds competition and, thereafter, the reserve national Hereford herd of the year accolade. For the record, it has taken him a mere eight years to reach this pinnacle of success.

John established his Drumatee herd in 2010. Prior to that he had run the farm as a commercial dry stock operation, bringing store cattle through to finishing weights.

Foundation females were sourced from the Allowdale herd of Liam Phipott in Co Cork, and Herefordshire's Westwood herd of Clive Davies, Trumpet and the Freetown herd of Richard and Tony Bradstock, Tarrington.

The Drumatee herd now comprises 40 breeding females plus their calves, split equally into spring and autumn groups. February and March are the spring calving months with August and September set aside for the autumn calving season.

"Taking this approach eases the workload, both on me and the stock bull," John explains.

The Conlon farm at Markethill extends to 34 hectares (85 acres), all of which is in grass. The focus of the operation is the main grazing block. This has been divided up into paddocks akin to what would be found on any modern dairy farm committed to producing as much milk from grass as possible.

John continues: "The farm has been developed in order to provide the cows and calves with all the nutrition they



L-R: Frankie, Joe, John, Joe, Cara, Claire and Oona Conlon

## Farm facts

- ♦ Drumatee herd was established in 2010
- ♦ The farm is 34 hectares (85 acres), all of which is in grass
- ♦ Three cuts of grass taken each year for ensiling
- ♦ Rotation grazing system in place

need from fresh grass throughout the grazing season.

“At the height of the growing season, this means operating a 21-day rotation with paddocks surplus to requirements taken out for silage.

“I am also committed to regular soil testing, an ongoing grass re-seeding programme and ground improvement works, which will improve grass dry matter output.

“I regularly attend dairy farm walks, in order to pick up the latest tips on grazing management. In fact, these events tend to be more informative than a beef farm walk. Everything on this farm revolves around grassland management.

“I will try to get stock out into the paddocks during February. We were very fortunate in 2018 with the favourable conditions through the entire back-end. A number of the autumn calvers were kept out well into November.”

Three cuts of high-quality silage are also made by John annually. Again, it's a question of the stock making best use of forage throughout the winter months.

“Feeding concentrates to the cows and the young stock goes against every principle around which the herd was established,” he stresses.

“Given the grass availability on the farm, I am able to have my spring



A 21-day rotation is operated at the height of the grass growing season

calvers well fleshed by the time they are housed in the autumn. I don't mind them losing up to 150kg of weight over the winter months. The aim is to have them at the correct body condition score for calving in February.

**“I got into Hereford breeding because of the cattle's ability to thrive at grass.”**

“Hereford cattle were developed as a breed which could put on flesh easily when offered forage-based diets. They are also well-shaped and can be finished at a much younger age than other breeds.

“My sole aim as a pedigree herd owner is to produce breeding stock that can do this job extremely well.”

When it comes to animal selection, John puts a fair degree of reliance on performance figures. And in this context EBVs are important.

“But you can't overlook an animal's pedigree and how pleasing he or she is to the eye. It's a question of balance at the end of the day.”

Good fertility is another core herd selection requirement for John.

“The cows in the spring and autumn

groups are managed separately,” he says.

“I won't let animals from one group slip into the other, simply because they couldn't be put back in-calf at the appropriate time. Getting as close to a 365-day calving interval is, therefore, crucial.

“In addition, all replacement heifers calve down at 24 months. Over 90 per cent of the herd is now home-bred.”

Improving conformation is the top herd breeding priority for John at the present time.

“My present stock bull is Cill Cormaic Nevada, bred by David Larkin, from Birr in Co Offaly,” he says.

“The animal was purchased last May and his first calves are now on the ground. I am very pleased with their shape and ability to grow. I have also used some AI on the herd and have imported a number of embryos from Canada.

Selling young bulls is the lifeblood of John's business. Dungannon sales are his main market outlet. He is no stranger to success in the sale ring with prices of up to £3,000 a regular



occurrence. John hopes to have animals entered for sales the other side of the Irish Sea in the foreseeable future .

“I normally have 20 young bulls for sale annually, ranging in age from 16 to 24 months,” he confirms.

“I will sell one or two animals privately from home. There remains a strong demand for Hereford bulls from both dairy and suckler farmers. They want an animal whose progeny will be easily calved and that grow on to produce top quality beef.

“It’s up to pedigree Hereford breeders like me to meet this demand.”

John is happy to sit on the fence, where the poll versus horned debate is concerned.

“All the cattle in the Drumatee herd are horned,” he says.

“I happen to think they are that bit easier fleshed. But that is just my opinion. I also know many farmers would prefer not to de-horn calves. At the end of the day, it comes down to a matter of personal preference.”

But a principle John does hold dear to is the need to continually invest in the infrastructure of his farm.

“I am currently building new calving



Cows calve in both spring and autumn

and bull pens. It’s all about providing the animals with as much comfort as possible,” he comments.

“But improving the grassland performance from the farm is just as important as that of investing in new sheds.”

John concludes: “My cattle must prove they can perform at grass. This is the acid test. Drumatee is a fully performance recorded herd.

“The Hereford breed is well placed to meet the growing demand for grass-

fed beef. It’s not good enough to say we have the cattle to perform on forage diets; breeders need the figures to back these claims up in full.

“I am truly delighted with the successes achieved in 2018. My father Sean and I attended the Society’s annual awards dinner and we were extremely happy to be standing alongside the most long established and legendary herds in the Hereford breed. Hopefully, we can build on all of this for the future.”



Stock bull Cill Cormaic Nevada

# Richmount rules at NIHBA awards evening

Friday 19 October saw 60 members of the Northern Ireland Hereford Breeders' Association (NIHBA) and their families celebrate the annual awards evening which recognise herds which have excelled over the showing year, held at the Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown.

Guest speaker at NIHBA's awards evening was Farm Week's editor Robert Irwin who looked back over the last 10 years and what was behind the headlines in the farming world and also covered some of the prize winners from a decade ago.

A thank you must go to the sponsors United Feeds and Dunbia who continue to support NIHBA and make such events possible.

The awards throughout the year have been dominated by James Graham and family with the Richmount herd. On the show circuit he gained the most points with numerous wins at agricultural shows province wide and the National Show held in Omagh. He also picked up bull and poll bull of the year with Richmount 1 Peppermint. This young bull has bagged James his fourth bull of the year for the Richmount herd and is off to pastures new as a stock bull.

Other special mentions must go to John Conlon who took the



James and Bradley Graham with Lindsey McCallister from the Richmount herd with their collection of silverware

award for overall Northern Ireland herd of the year before being placed runner-up in the national herd of the year.

Female of the year and poll female went to Bertie and Greer Watson with Gerry and Ethan Small taking reserve.

Mervyn Richmond secured both wins in the horned and reserve horned female of the year with a joint tie for Glenn Morton and Eamon McCorry in the horned bull of the year.

After such a good year, Ethan and Gerry Small lifted the novice award along with Ethan also securing young handler of the year.

Sire of the year went to John and William McMordie's Panmure Henry, a bull that continues to produce show quality stock and prize winners year on year.

## Awards

### Sales

**Wenlock Cup for the January sale champion,** J and K Taggart, Carney Hill

**Omagh Mart Cup for the April sale champion,** Rural McKenna, Cullamore

### Royal Ulster Show

**Sydney Mawhinney Cup for the best UK-bred poll animal bred,** J and W McMordie, Solpoll



Greer and Andrea Watson won female and poll female of the year



The McMordie family with their collection of cups



The Small family won a number of awards

**The F W McMordie Cup for the junior champion at Balmoral, J and W McMordie, Solpoll**

**National Show**

**News Letter Rose Bowl for the champion at the National Show, James Graham, Richmount**

**The Ralston Cup for the best exhibitor-bred heifer, James Graham, Richmount**

**The Barron Cup for the junior female, James Graham, Richmount**

**Robert Clarke Cup best exhibitor-bred poll animal, James Graham, Richmount**

**The NIHBA Cup for the calf champion, Ciaran Kerr, Kinnego**

**The Glow Cup for the best exhibitor-bred group of three, James Graham, Richmount**

**Robinson and O'Kane Cup for the exhibitor gaining the most points, James Graham, Richmount**

**Best under 18 young handler, Ethan Small, Drumshanbo**

**Calf show**

**Kerridge Cup for the female champion, Trevor Andrews, Mountview**

**McCaffrey Cup for the male champion, J and W McMordie, Solpoll**

**Christie Cup champion young handler, C Dorman**

**NI Herefords of the year**

**Bull of the year, Richmount 1 Peppermint, James Graham**

**The Robert Haire Cup for the poll bull of the year, Richmount 1 Peppermint, James Graham**

**Reserve bull of the year and reserve poll bull of the year, Lusky 1 Prodigy, A J Farms ltd**

**The TT Simpson Cup for the horned bull of the year, Roselodge Rango, Glen and Tracey Morton, Nancy Aaron and Eamon McCorry**

**Mountstewart Trophy for the female of the year and the HW Coates cup for the poll female of the year, Barnburn 1 Priscilla, Bertie and Greer Watson**

**Reserve female of the year and reserve poll female of the year, Kinglee 1 Oyster Girl 561, J and G Small**

**AS O'Connor Cup for the horned female of the year, Corraback Cherry, Mervyn Richmond**

**Reserve horned female of the year, Corraback Guenevere, Mervyn Richmond**

**Ulster Bank Rose Bowl for the progeny pair of the year, James Graham, Richmount**



Niall and Ciaran Kerr enjoying the evening

**Novice award, J and G Small, Drumshanbo**

**Haven Cup sire of the year, Panmure 1 Henry, J and W McMordie**

**Cuddy Cup champion herds competition, John Conlon, Drumatee**

**Summer show champion awards**

**Balmoral, J and W McMordie, Solpoll**

**Ballymena, Greer Watson, Barburn**

**Lurgan, J and G Small, Drumshanbo**

**Clogher Valley, Mervyn Richmond, Corraback**

**Newry and Castlewellan, Marcus Murdock, Lisnaree**

**Antrim, Armagh, Saintfield, Omagh and Enniskillen, James Graham, Richmount**



L-R: John Gill, chairman, with sponsors Clarence Calderwood (Dunbia), Andrew McMordie (United Feeds) and president Trevor Andrews

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# Peppermint keeps its cool to win the Northern Ireland National Show

This year it was the turn of Omagh Show to host the Northern Ireland Hereford Breeders' Association's National Show. President and renowned breeder Jonathan Moorehouse of Cato poll Herefords had the job of judging an entry of 40 animals on the day, which he described as 'a great turnout of cattle and quality to match' as he rounded up his morning's judging.

Jonathan's supreme champion Richmount 1 Peppermint, owned and bred by James Graham, Portadown stood out on the day. Being no stranger to winning, it also took the reserve interbreed championship at Lurgan Show in 2018.

Reserve went to Ballygowan-based J and W McMordie's Solpoll 1 Perfection. This yearling bull took the native and reserve overall interbreed performance championships at the Royal Ulster earlier in the year.



Reserve supreme champion Solpoll 1 Perfection from J and W McMordie



Female champion Graceland 1 Nicola from N Shaw

Champion female went to a well-grown heifer, Graceland 1 Nicola, owned by N Shaw of Dungannon, which was a worthy winner on the day.

James Graham added to his victories with junior female champion, Richmount 1 Ruby Royale, a seven month old heifer which also took the championship at Armagh Show. Ruby Royale then went on to win the reserve overall female championship at the National.

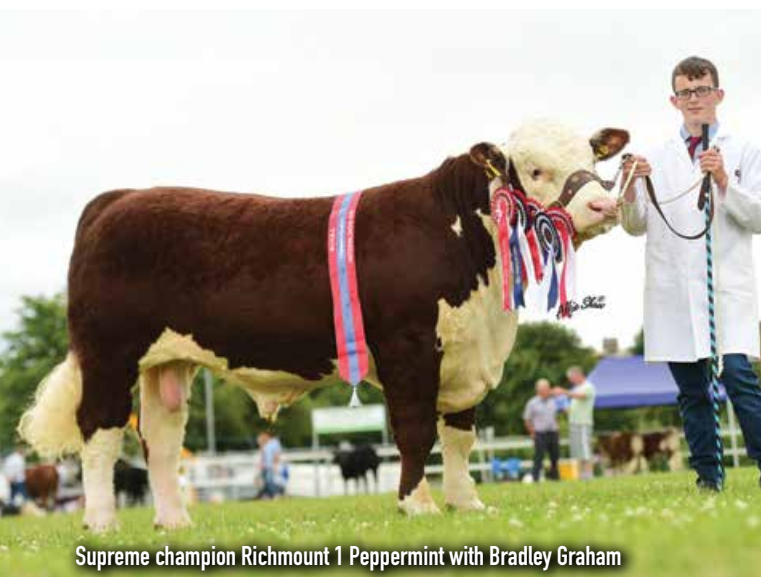
Yearling heifer, Kinglee 1 Oyster Girl, from Gerry and Ethan Small, Ronaldstown won the biggest class on the day in the yearling heifer class, this stylish heifer yet to be beaten in its class went on to take reserve junior female.

David Wilson, Fermanagh won the group of three which included his senior bull Knockmountagh Master which also won its class on the day.

Other class wins included home-bred heifer Barnburn 1 Priscilla from Greer Watson, Crossgar. Kathryn Greenaway, Portadown secured a win with Hilltop 1 Roberta 3rd in the cow and calf class.

Calf champion on the day went to Kinnego 1 Rocket Man, which is from Ciaran Kerr, Lurgan which is a strong calf by stock bull Mullaghdoopoll 1 Elite.

Young handler on the day went to Ethan Carey Small, Craigavon.



Supreme champion Richmount 1 Peppermint with Bradley Graham

# Hereford resurgence since lows of war years

by Paul Callaghan

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**On a dry warm day in August just past, the writer paid a very enjoyable return visit to the home of the Portadown-based Richmount herd of pedigree Hereford Cattle owned by the Graham family.**

Many people attending Northern Ireland's agricultural shows during this past season will have seen young Bradley Graham and his father exhibit their Herefords with much success. And so, having revisited the Richmount herd and enjoyed a tour round the cattle and a picnic lunch in the sun, the writer can confidently report Bradley's career with Herefords is going on - from strength to strength.

During this visit the writer - being just a bit of an anorak when it comes to Hereford history - showed Bradley an old herd book full of beefy white-faced pedigrees from the past and black and white photographs of bygone champions. Ah sure it can't be

a bad thing when the up-and-coming generation of Hereford youth are helped to gain some appreciation of the journey their breed has made.

These dusty old herd books provide us with much information not only on the cattle but also on the people involved in the campaign to promote the Hereford breed. Take the man who judged our Herefords at the pre-war Balmoral Show of 1939. His name was William G.C. Britten and he was secretary of the Hereford Herd Book Society.

As a young man around Bradley Graham's age, this William Britten would have been carefully tutored regarding Hereford breeding indeed, as one old record states, he was born, bred and brought up in the pedigree Hereford cattle industry. His four great-grandfathers were noted early breeders of Herefords and these included one gentleman that bred the great bull Cotmore, winner of the first Royal Show in 1839.

And so, 100 years after his great-grandfather had clinched the Royal English, William found himself judging the Hereford classes at the 1939 Royal Ulster having taken over the job of Hereford Herd Book Cattle Society secretary from his father in 1905. This Balmoral would prove an historic one as due to the war it would be the last such event for eight years.

In January of that year of 1939 those gathered for the monthly meeting of the RUAS in the Grand Central Hotel heard the secretary announce the beef breed judges for the next Balmoral Show. Alex Richie of the Royal Farms, Windsor would judge Shorthorns, John S. Grand, Ayrshire would judge Aberdeen-Angus and our

William Britten of Hereford would judge the beefy white-faced breed.

Some months later as storm clouds of war were gathering and getting darker, this immediate pre-war RUAS event took place. Two classes of Herefords were paraded before William on the lawn of the old site and, on that day, it was John S. Gibson of Clones, County Monaghan who made a clean sweep of the prizes. Although Samuel Boyd of Craigantlet, Newtownards, County Down took a third with a heifer it was clear, with all it had to offer, the Hereford breed needed to be promoted in Northern Ireland.

Speaking at the show, our judge William stated: "It was the intention of the Hereford Society to demonstrate to the Northern Ireland breeder that Hereford cattle which has proved such a success throughout the world are necessary for the future of agriculture in the North".

In 1942, after 37 years as secretary of the Hereford Herd Book Society, ill-health forced William into retirement and it was when he passed away in October 1947 the loss of such a great Hereford man was felt in cattle circles across the world.

During his life-time William - following in the footsteps of other family members - had campaigned to further the Hereford cause. In the years that would follow his visit to 'our Balmoral' the breed would make, and continues to make, much progress.

Anything that can be done to encourage and nurture the interest and involvement of the up-and-coming generation of young cattle breeders such as Bradley of the Richmount herd is important.

At the end of the day, it is the youth of the Hereford and indeed all our other cattle varieties, who are the trustees of each breed's future.



James and Bradley Graham with some of the silverware and rosettes won by Richmount Herefords during the show season of 2018

Photographs: Paul Callaghan



Bradley Graham with Richmount 1 Peppermint

# Three bulls realise 3,000gns at Dungannon's February sale

Hereford bulls enjoyed a sharper trade and a good clearance of stock at the Elite Breeders sale at Dungannon Market. The top price of 3,000gns was paid on three occasions and the average price for 11 animals sold was just under £2,600.

Champion on the day was Annaghbeg Domino from Mark Moore, Aughnacloy and sired by the home-bred Annaghbeg Bruno. No stranger to red rosettes, Domino enjoyed a successful show season, taking breed championships at Omagh and Enniskillen shows on its way to the coveted

horned bull of the year award. Its entry into the sale ring brought a keenly contested battle of bids with the final call at 3,000gns.

Following closely behind were the two entries from the Graceland herd of Robin and James Irvine, Whitecross, which are both sired by Fisher 1 Jubilee. Graceland 1 Nigel, a superior carcass sire which had stood second to the champion in the judge's line-up was knocked down at 3,000gns to join a leading beef suckler operation in Co Tyrone. Next to reach the 3,000gns mark was Graceland 1 Pilgrim with its scale and muscling which impressed the packed gallery.

Fingerpost Panache from Adrian and Sandra Irvine, Trillick was another to attract favourable comment. Sired by Trillick Hotspur, it took second place in his class before going on to sell for 2,800gns. First time consignor to the Elite sale, K Greenaway, Portadown had 'a good day at the office', realising 2,700gns for Hilltop 1 Sunny, sired by Graceland Giovanni. The reserve champion, Corraback Larry, a stylish young bull from Mervyn and Henry Richmond, Aghalane and out of their successful stock bull Mara Flook, sold for 2,400gns.

Mervyn Richmond commenting for the Elite Breeders group said: "The sale had produced a very satisfactory result and we are grateful for the support from Bank of Ireland, R and J Lyness and W G Mills."



Supreme champion Annaghbeg Domino from Mark Moore sold for 3,000gns



The day's reserve champion Corraback Larry from Mervyn and Henry Richmond sold for 2,400gns



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# Solpoll lead spring show and sale at Dungannon

Trade in the sale ring was brisk with an average of £2,583 at the spring show and sale at Dungannon. John and William McMordie commanded the top prices on the day, fresh from their recent success at the show and sale in Hereford with two bulls topping 3,000gns on the day.

Keith Jempson, Banbury, a renowned cattle fitter and showman, had the difficult task of judging a strong entry, which saw 26 animals forward.

Taking the supreme championship was a May 2016-born bull, Cullamore Nathan, owned and bred by R McKenna, Dernasell. It is a stylish bull with ring presence to match.



Supreme champion Cullamore Nathan from R McKenna

Reserve champion went to a 13 month old bull Drumatee Fred from John Conlon, Markethill one of the youngest animals to grace the ring on the day but certainly made its mark.

Other class winners picked out by Keith were Thornbank 1 Pirate, bred by SH Stewart and Solpoll 1 Pole Position from John and William McMordie, Ballygowan.

## Results

**Bull born 22 April 16 to 24 May 16**, 1st Cullamore Nathan, R McKenna; 2nd Lisrace Lackey Boy 10th, DR Wilson; 3rd Holland Lieutenant, B and K Holland

**Bulls born 12 June 16 to 28 August 16**, 1st Thornbank 1 Pirate, SH Stewart; 2nd Holland Commander 202, B and K Holland; 3rd Drumnather 1 George, PJ Cully

**Bulls born 01 September 16 to 12 November 16**, 1st Solpoll 1 Pole Position, J and W McMordie; 2nd Solpoll 1 Painter, J and W McMordie; 3rd Nancy Aaron, G and T Morton

**Bulls born 12 February 17 to 05 March 17**, 1st Drumatee Fred, J Conlon; 2nd Drumatee Ferrari, J Conlon; 3rd Solpoll 1 Pilgrim, J and W McMordie



Reserve Champion Drumatee Fred owned and bred by J Conlon

# Dungannon winter sale peaks at £3,250

The winter show and sale of Herefords was staged at the native breeds sale at Dungannon in December.

Winter trade resulted in seven bulls selling for an average of £2,385, with females averaging £1,450.

The two top prices went to J and W McMordie, Ballygowan with Solpoll 1 Partner going under the hammer at 3,100gns

to Roy Ferguson, and reserve champion Solpoll 1 Picasso an ET son of Panmure 1 Henry and out of Dorepoll R51 Duchess 525 selling at 2,500gns to WJ Martin.

Judge John Blackburn's champion on the day went to a bull bred by Ivan Elliot, Cookstown Ballymully 1 Barclay, which is by Solpoll 1 Dynamite and out of Solpoll Starlet L9, and sold for 2,200gns to G Forsythe.



Ivan Elliot's champion bull Ballymully 1 Barclay



Reserve champion Solpoll 1 Picasso bred by J and W McMordie

# SOLPOLL

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# Ladies' day at the Royal Ulster Show

It was ladies' day at the 150th anniversary Royal Ulster Show as judge Jen Jones of Dendor Herefords, Caersws found both her supreme and reserve champions from the intermediate female class.

Solpoll 1 Starlet P2 from John and William McMordie, Ballygowan, took the breed championship at the Royal



Supreme champion Solpoll 1 Starlet P2 from J and W McMordie

Ulster Show. This excellent in-calf daughter of the hugely successful Panmure 1 Henry was on its show debut, and is the third Henry daughter to lift the Balmoral supreme title in the last four years.

Reserve champion went to Bertie and Greer Watson, Crossgar with Barnburn 1 Priscilla. Sired by former National Show champion Pinmoor 1 Kingsley, its full sister was reserve female champion at last year's show. Not finished there, the Watsons' also won a strong senior heifer class with in-calf Barnburn 1 Nolana, another animal sired by Panmure 1 Henry.



Male champion Panmure 1 Monster owned by JE, RI and W Haire

The grand male championship went to last year's supreme champion Panmure 1 Monster owned by JE, RI and W Haire, Dundrod, weighing in at circa 1,400kg it was head and shoulders above the competition.

The Haires weren't happy with the one win and took the cow and calf class with Dorepoll 1 Classic Kim, a fine example of a good breeding cow with calf at foot.

The biggest class on the day was won by yearling heifer Kinglee 1 Oyster Girl 561 from J and G Small, Randalstown.



Reserve supreme champion Barnburn 1 Priscilla from Greer Watson



Junior champion Kinglee 1 Oyster Girl from Gerry and Ethan Small



Junior bull class winner Solpoll 1 Playboy owned and bred by J and W McMordie



Judge Jen Jones sizing up the contenders

This well-grown classy female was a real head turner and one to watch out for in the future. It then went onto win junior champion on the day.

Solpoll 1 Playboy took the junior bull class, a heifer's calf going back to breed record price female Solpoll 1 Stella C16. Not to be outdone, its stable mate Solpoll 1 Perfection, took the native and reserve overall interbreed beef performance class the following day - both young bulls were sons of Panmure 1 Henry.

Richmount 1 Peppermint owned and bred by James Graham, Portadown won the intermediate bull class, before going on to take the reserve grand male championship. There was more success for James Graham when he won the best group of three.



James Graham's group of three winners



# Solpoll leads the males at United Feeds calf show

The cream of the Northern Ireland Hereford Breeders' Association's (NIHBA) calves turned out in force to attend this year's NIHBA United Feeds calf show at Dungannon in late October.

Richard Edwards from the mainland had the task of judging. Richard, who has spent his life around Herefords, is a well-known cattle fitter and hoof trimmer and follows in the footsteps of his father Steve in judging such events.

Leading the way in the male section were two Moeskaer Upgrade sons with the judge awarding the grand male championship to Solpoll 1 Rival. This September-born calf's dam is by Henry and out of a Dynamite cow. This is the fourth successive year the Solpoll herd has claimed this award. Reserve male went to Solpoll 1 Rudolph which was born on Christmas day out of a Dynamite dam and won the second bull calf class. Standing reserve in the junior male championship was the winner of the January and February born class Solpoll 1 Real Good, an ET son of NBG 697 The Wonderer and a daughter of Solpoll 1 Dainty N11, which is full brother to Pounder which sold to AI Services at 11 months old. To top the day off Rudolph and Real Good teamed up to win the best pair in a very big class.

Peter Collins took the junior male championship with Drumgold Finn with other class wins going to Mark Moore's Annaghbeg Fernando on the day.

Females were led by the junior champion Drumshambo 1 Journey, this eye-catching junior female shone on the day for Ethan and Gerry Small of Randalstown. This is the

second success for the family as they claimed junior bull last year. The home-bred heifer didn't stop there and went on to take overall female champion showing that age doesn't come before beauty and is certainly one with future potential.

Reserve grand female and reserve junior female went to one of the youngest heifers Lisnaree 1 Ruby owned and bred by Marcus Murdock, another young heifer which was at home when it came to the showing.

Senior female went to Richmount 1 Ruby Royale who is owned and bred by James Graham, a female who is not unfamiliar to winning, was crowned junior female champion at the National Show in Omagh this year. Ciaran Kerr's heifer Kinnego 1 Rainbow showed its colours to take the reserve senior female championship back to Lurgan for the family.

Richard's partner Emma Smith, who runs UK Hereford Youth, judged the young handlers on the day. Emma, who has also been with cattle all her life, scrutinised the young handlers before finally judging Ethan Small as the overall winner.

## Results

**Grand male champion**, Solpoll 1 Rival J and W McMordie; reserve, Solpoll 1 Rudolph J and W McMordie

**Grand female champion**, Drumshambo 1 Journey, J and G Small; reserve, Lisnaree 1 Ruby Marcus Murdock

**Senior male champion**, Solpoll 1 Rival J and W McMordie; reserve, Solpoll 1 Rudolph J and W McMordie



Senior female champion Richmount 1 Ruby Royale from James Graham and shown by son Bradley



Supreme and senior male champion Solpoll 1 Rival from J and W McMordie



Supreme female and junior female champion Drumshambo 1 Journey from Ethan and Gerry Small

**Senior female champion**, Richmount 1 Ruby Royale James Graham; reserve, Kinnego 1 Rainbow Ciaran Kerr

**Junior male champion**, Drumgold Finn Peter Collins; reserve, Solpoll 1 Real Good, J and W McMordie

**Junior female champion**, Drumshambo 1 Journey J and G Small; reserve junior female, Lisnaree 1 Ruby Marcus Murdock

**Young handler champion**, Ethan Small

**Bull calf born 01 September 17 to 31 October 17**, 1st Solpoll 1 Rival, J and W McMordie; 2nd Richmount 1 Red Rock, James Graham; 3rd Kinnego 1 Rocket Man, Ciaran Kerr

**Bull born 01 November 17 to 31 December 17**, 1st Solpoll 1 Rudolph J and W McMordie; 2nd Holystone 1 Parapet, Brian Mawhinney

**Bull born 01 January 28 to 28 February 18**, 1st Solpoll 1 Real Good, J and W McMordie; 2nd Annaghbeg 1 Felix, Mark Moore; 3rd Tamnabrady 1 General, Derek McCrea

**Bull born 01 March 18 to 30 April 18**, 1st Drumgold 1 Finn, Peter Collins; 2nd Kinnego 1 Rolex, Ciaran Kerr; Annaghbeg 1 Ferdinand, Mark Moore

**Bull born after 01 May 18**, 1st Annaghbeg Fernando, Mark Moore; 2nd Carneyhill 1 Ribeye, J and K Taggart; 3rd Lisnaree 1 Romeo, Marcus Murdock

**Female born 01 September 17 to 31 October 17**, 1st Kinnego 1 Rainbow, Ciaran Kerr; 2nd Drumshambo 1 Sparkles, J and G Small; 3rd Holystone 1 Sadie, Brian Mawhinney

**Female born 01 November 17 to 31 December 17**, 1st Richmount 1 Ruby Royale, James Graham

**Female born 01 January 17 to 29 February 17**, 1st Drumshambo 1 Journey, J and G Small; 2nd Dorepoll 1

Duchess JE, RI and W Haire; 3rd Richmount 1 Rosemunde, James Graham

**Female born 01 March 18 to 30 April 18**, 1st Lisnaree 1 Ruby, Marcus Murdock; 2nd Dorepoll 1 Sparkler 665, Stephen Cherry; 3rd Annaghbeg Flora X, Mark Moore

**Female born after 01 May 18**, 1st Nancy Candie G and T Morton

**Pairs**, 1st J and W McMordie; 2nd J and G Small; 3rd Brian Mawhinney

**Young handler (aged 12 to 14)**, 1st Bradley Graham; 2nd Nathaniel Shaw, 3rd Jamie Bunting

**Young handler (aged 15 to 18)**, 1st Ethan Small; 2nd John Andrews; 3rd Marcus Murdock



Junior male champion, Drumgold 1 Finn from Peter Collins

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# Development of a low-cost outdoor dairy-bred beef system

Dairy-beef production offers farmers a flexible means of producing beef where systems can be adapted to maximise the farm's resources. Profitable systems rely on optimising performance while minimizing costs. Feed and wintering costs are two significant variable costs of these systems, and it was these costs that an AHDB Beef and Lamb funded study aimed to reduce. The project was led by RSK ADAS Ltd, in collaboration with Harper Adams University, with additional support from the Hereford Cattle Society and Dunbia.

The objective was to investigate the feasibility of growing and finishing Hereford cross and Holstein-Friesian cattle using predominantly grazed grass and fodder beet over the winter. Minimal reliance on cereals or other bought-in concentrates and no housed period after the initial rearing of the calf, means this is a low-cost production system, with high profit potential if performance is not compromised.

Beef enterprise costings data from AHDB highlighted in 2015 cattle finished between 16 and 24 months of age only achieved 18 full grazing weeks in an average finishing period of 58 weeks with a resulting heavy reliance on supplementary feeds. The average concentrate use reported at nearly 1,800kg/head over the finishing period.

While out-wintering does not suit all soil types, it does offer considerable potential to reduce wintering costs of traditional housed UK beef systems. Fodder beet was chosen as the forage crop to graze in-situ due to its high yield and the positive experience of beef producers in New Zealand, where it has been shown to maintain high growth rates at times of lower pasture supply thus allowing cattle to be finished earlier.

The production system is shown below and was designed to:

- Maximise production from home grown forage through controlled grazing management.
- Reduce wintering costs by out-wintering cattle and maintaining growth rates.
- Finish cattle off grass before their second winter by 22 months of age.

The stages of production included:

- Winter 2016/17 – calf rearing
- Summer/autumn 2017 – growing at grass
- Winter 2017/18 – over-wintered on fodder beet
- Summer 2018 – finished at grass

Target growth rates and slaughter weights were drawn up at the start of the study and are shown in the table below:

Performance targets	kg	kg/day
Liveweight of reared calf at end of three months rearing period	120	
Liveweight at turnout in March	180	
Target DLWG at grass		1.0
Live weight at end of October	370	
Target DLWG on fodder beet		>0.7
Liveweight at end of February	460	
Target DLWG at grass during second grazing season		1.3
Liveweight at slaughter	620	
Hereford x Hol/Fr carcass weight @ 53% KO grading 0+ / R 3/4L	330	
Holstein carcass weight @ 50% KO grading P+/- 0 3	310	

## Cattle management

The study sourced a total of 70 autumn-born steers with the aim of comparing the performance of 35 Hereford cross Holstein-Friesians and 35 pure Holstein-Friesians.

Calves were brought in at an average age of 30 days and 60kg liveweight. Calves were conventionally reared on milk replacer and concentrates with ad-lib straw, according to a standard protocol. In total calves consumed 12.5kg of milk replacer and 247kg of concentrate feed over the rearing period. At the end of the rearing period, when transferred to Harper Adams, calves of both breed types weighed approximately 150kg at 126 days old.

## First summer at grass

Calves were transferred to Harper Adams in February and transitioned from ad-lib straw plus 5kg/hd/day concentrate onto moderate quality baled grass silage and 2.2kg/hd/day of compound before being turned out in March weighing approximately 181kg. During the transition to grass, calves continued to have free access to the building and big bale silage plus compound.



70 autumn-born steers were used in the trial

The cattle were moved to the grazing platform in April, where they were rotationally grazed. The grazing platform consisted of a 12.4 hectares (30.6 acres) field split into 10 paddocks. Grass growth was measured on a weekly basis with a rising plate meter and recorded in the AgriNet programme. The target was to enter paddocks at 2,500kgDM/ha, exiting once grazed down to 1,500kgDM/ha. The cattle were in the paddocks from one to three days depending on grass growth. Samples taken throughout the grazing season revealed consistently high energy (12.4-13.7MJ/kg DM) and protein content (18.4-18.6% CP). A silage cut was taken from 3.6ha (8.9ac) for use over winter on the fodder beet.

Target growth rates were 1.0kg/day with an end of season target live weight of 370kg. Overall, Hereford cross steers grew at 0.86kg/hd/day over the first grazing season compared to the Holstein-Friesians which grew at 0.80kg/hd/day. Despite being below the target gain at grass the Herefords achieved their target liveweight for transfer onto the fodder beet averaging 379kg at the end of October.

### Over wintering on fodder beet

4.0ha (9.9ac) of the fodder beet variety Geronimo were grown based on projected crop yields, animal intakes and grazing period, allowing for a surplus. This proved to be a sound decision based on the poor winter conditions which prolonged the winter grazing period.

The dry matter yield of fodder beet root and leaves was very high and was estimated to be 28.5tDM/ha. Grass silage bales were offered along with the fodder beet. The silage had a DM of 38% and ME of 10.5MJ/kg DM. Silage intake averaged one bale every other day; equivalent to a daily intake of approximately 3.3kg or 1.3kg DM per head.

Before moving onto the fodder beet (26 October) cattle received a clostridial vaccine, trace element bolus including iodine and booster vaccines for respiratory disease (IBR and RSV). Cattle were transitioned gradually onto the fodder beet to minimise digestive disorders. They were held on the grass runback in front of the fodder beet and the electric fence was then moved a short distance (approx. 1 meter) twice a day while reducing the amount of silage fed gradually over the initial two weeks with cattle fully transitioned after three weeks. Cattle then strip grazed the fodder beet with access to big bale silage. The target growth rate on fodder beet was 0.7kg with an end of February weight of 480kg but this was not achieved by either breed type. Hereford cattle performed slightly better than the Holsteins achieving an overall DLWG of 0.44kg/day and an end weight of 460kg. Due to poor rates of gain, particularly in the second half of the winter target weights for the Herefords were only achieved by mid-April, approximately six weeks after the target date.

The atrocious weather during the second half of the winter probably hampered performance, with a combination of above average rainfall and below average temperatures. Late February and March were noted for two 'beasts from the East' and ground conditions became difficult, so a straw pad was provided for cattle to lie on.

### Second summer at grass

Cattle were moved from the fodder beet and temporarily turned onto permanent pasture, before moving back to the grazing platform in mid-April once ground conditions had improved. Cattle exhibited high levels of compensatory growth in the early part of the season with growth rates of 1.64kg/d for Herefords between mid-April and early July.

The summer of 2018 was one of the driest and hottest on record with some areas of the country not having any rain for more than 50 days. As a short term measure, the cattle were moved to permanent pasture in mid-July as they were short of grass and growth rates had plummeted to around 0.2kg/hd/day. The cattle returned to the paddocks in mid-August and were offered a 14% CP compound initially at 1.3kg/hd/day, increasing gradually to 4.9kg/hd/day. From mid-August when the rain returned grass growth on the paddocks surged and combined with concentrate feeding the DLWGs improved to 0.70-0.85kg.

### Selection for slaughter

Cattle were selected for slaughter when judged to have reached fat class 3 to 4L. The first cattle were sent for slaughter on 16 July with an average sale date for Hereford cross steers of 30 August (range 16 Jul to 30 Nov). The majority of Hereford cross carcasses (79%) graded at conformation O+ with the remainder split between O and R grades. The target fat class was 3 to 4L with only one animal falling outside of this to grade at 4H.

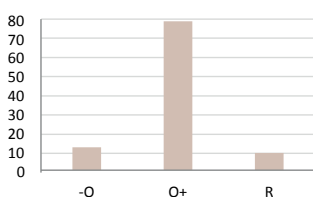
Hereford cattle achieved a slaughter weight of 623kg (target 620kg) and carcass weight 321kg (target 330kg). The aim was to finish cattle off grass during July/October 2018 but the summer drought had a significant effect on performance with the final batch of Hereford cross cattle slaughtered off grass on 30 November 2018.

### Summary of Hereford cross cattle performance

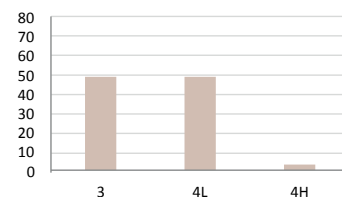
	Weight (kg)	DLWG (kg)
Weight at the end of calf rearing	150	
DLWG - first season at grass		0.86
Weight at transfer from grass to fodder beet	379	
DLWG on fodder beet		0.44
Weight at transfer to grazing platform	460	
DLWG - April to 2 July season		1.64
Final weight before start of cattle selling	590	
DLWG - birth* to slaughter		0.79
Age at slaughter (days)	730	
Slaughter weight (kg)	623	
Carcass weight (kg)	321	
Killing out %	51.6	
Average carcass conformation class	O+	
Average fat class	3-4L	

\* assuming birth weight of 45kg

Distribution of carcass conformation class %



Distribution of carcass fat class %



**Important:** At the time of writing (December 2018) the trial was not complete with some Holstein-Friesian cattle remaining to be sold. The data presented here are therefore preliminary results focusing on the performance of the Hereford cross steers. The final report is expected to be produced in early spring 2019 and will be available on the AHDB website at [ahdb.org.uk](http://ahdb.org.uk).

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# France to host European Conference

by Jean-François Protheau

At the Salon International de l'Agriculture, the French Hereford Association was the host of honor at the AHDB/St George's stand.

## Hereford National Show

The Association had a year to select the herds and the animals to enter in the different classes of the National Show 2018 at Sommet de l'Élevage in October 2018, which saw maximum entries of 18 animals from around France, including Brittany, Normandy, Lorraine, Burgundy and Auvergne.

There are two classes for bulls born in 2016 to 2017, two classes for heifers born in 2016 to 2017 and a cow class.

As is now tradition, the Association had the honor of welcoming international judges, Rach Wheeler, who flew especially from New South Wales, Australia and Des Kelly, vice-president of the Hereford Cattle Society from Northern Ireland. The Association thanks them both again for the high level of judging of their cattle.

## Results

**Male grand champion**, Romany 1 Popcorn, Gaec de la source (P and R Bastien)

**Female grand champion**, Mercurey, Elevage Jean-François Protheau, s. Lowesmoor 1 Jaguar

**Heifer 2016**, Mercurey, Elevage Jean-François Protheau, s. Lowesmoor 1 Jaguar



Mercury (left) and Laitue, both from Jean-François Protheau

**Heifer 2017**, Nalie, Earl des Collines (Fabien Bernard), s. Romany 1 Lawbreaker

**Cow**, Laitue, Jean-François Protheau, s. Lowesmoor 1 Jaguar

**Bull 2016**, Romany 1 Popcorn, Gaec de la source (P and R Bastien)

**Bull 2017**, Nemo, s. Romany 1 Lawbreaker, Earl des Collines (Fabien Bernard)

## Association AGM

The AGM of the Association was held in November at the French Houses of Parliament in Paris.

Participating for the first time were new members coming from northern Italy's Piedmont region who joined president Bastien's dynamic team just as the Belgium breeders did a few years ago. The expansion of the Association to some other parts of Europe makes it a multi-national society or Hereford legion.

During the AGM the Hereford France president, Pascal Bastien, received the hammer symbol of the European Hereford Conference from the agricultural and sciences counselor of the Hungarian Embassy in Paris, on behalf of the Hereford Hungary president, Istvan Marton. The European Conference will next be held in France.

There will be a lot of work to welcome Hereford breeders from all over Europe and elsewhere with traditional French hospitality.

So now, after the World Hereford Conference in New Zealand 2020, book your trip to the European Hereford Conference in October 2022.



Nalie from Earl des Collines and Romany 1 Popcorn, from Gaec de la source at Sommet de l'Élevage



# A year of change for NZ Hereford Association



Greg and Debbie Chamberlain, Capethorne Herefords

**The transition from microsatellite DNA testing to SNP DNA testing has marked a year of change for the New Zealand Hereford Association (NZHA) breeders.**

An initial influential population was identified for a 50K single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) DNA test early in 2018, kindly supported by Beef and Lamb New Zealand Genetics, with breeders submitting samples over the following months at their own expense. Single step evaluation was then adopted half way through the year. It has taken a year to make the transition seamless while still offering several different service providers. NZHA and Herefords Australia have also entered a genotype sharing agreement with Neogen to avoid retesting animals which have already been tested by the other country. It's an initiative NZHA would be interested in developing with other countries.

To align the NZHA constitution to the improved DNA testing and to be closer in compliance to the proposed new Incorporated Societies Act in New Zealand, members also voted electronically on the new constitution - another first for 2018.

However, one constant in this time of change is Grassmere Stud selling the top priced Hereford bull for the third year in a row. Grassmere Gallant 244, another son of Monymusk Gallant, topped the table at \$60,000. A partnership of Beechwood and Richon Studs won the bidding duel for the impressive sire, which combines good calving ease and moderate birthweight with strong carcass traits. A second Monymusk Gallant son, Grassmere Gallant 266, sold for \$14,000 to Monymusk poll Herefords, Te Anau. These sales helped push the sale average to a staggering \$14,875 for eight bulls sold.

Koanui poll Herefords in Havelock North sold the largest catalogue of bulls in the autumn 2018 sales and was rewarded with an impressive average of \$12,295 with the full catalogue of 63 bulls sold. Nine bulls sold for more than \$20,000 with the top price coming in at \$51,000 for Koanui Techno 6179; a son of the popular international sire

Koanui Techno 3062 which is highly sought after for perfect cosmetics combined with high growth and exceptional carcass traits.

The spring yearling sales were equally strong with Craigmere Stud making the headlines selling Craigmere Bart 170253 to Otapawa Herefords for a record yearling price of \$20,000.

The PGG Wrightson National Show and Sale broke new ground by joining forces with the Angus and Shorthorns and having a video sale in the Palmerston North Convention Centre. The new format clearly suited bull Capethorne 1617, consigned by the Chamberlain family, selling for \$22,000 to the coastal Dannevirke-based Kaitoa Stud of Phillip and Lynn Barnett. Sired by Okawa Panda and out of a well-performed Silver Benchmark dam, the bull was a standout in the offering with a great carcass and good conformation. The reserve champion bull from the pre-sale judging, Beechwood Get Started, was the next top priced bull at the sale and sold for \$17,000 to the Chesterman family's Koanui Stud. The eye-catching young sire was also sired by an Okawa-bred sire and out of a young cow full of Beechwood bloodlines.

Other top prices at the national sale included the deep and well-marked Kairuru Niceguy 160639 selling to regular national buyers Mokairau Herefords, Gisborne, for \$11,000 and Will Gibson's champion led bull, Foulden Hill Mustang, selling to new stud breeders Tui Hills Herefords in Tauranga for \$10,000.

Showing cattle is not popular with the majority of NZ breeders, but agricultural and pastoral shows were further hit by the outbreak of *Mycoplasma bovis* - a disease common to most countries but not previously experienced in NZ. As a result, the South Island Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral (A and P) Show had restricted cattle entries, while the New Zealand Royal Show hosted by the Hawke's Bay A and P Society had limited entries. The good news is the Ministry for Primary Industries is confident it has contained the disease, so we are looking forward to business as usual in 2019.

Event planning is truly underway for the Boehringer Ingelheim World Hereford Conference from 9 to 13 March in magnificent Queenstown in the South Island. In addition to the conference there will be a pre-tour in the North Island starting Wednesday 11 March and a post-tour in the South Island from 14 to 18 March. Both tours include some of New Zealand's best-known studs as well as magnificent scenery and local attractions.

Early registration will open in June with more information available on the World Hereford Conference website at [nzwhc.co.nz](http://nzwhc.co.nz) and Facebook page. NZHA look forward to welcoming you all and is excited to have the opportunity to showcase NZ Herefords in their natural environment while sharing some well-known kiwi hospitality.



Bull viewing at the NZHA Grazing Unit

# Youth association strong in Canada

by Jacob Onyschuk

## The Canadian Hereford Association (CHA) has had an exciting 2018.

The annual national youth show and convention known as 'Bonanza' was extremely successful. 'Bonanza 2018 our Herefords, our passion', was hosted in Saint Hyacinthe, QC and saw over 100 youth participants, with close to 150-head exhibited.

The cattle on display came from all parts of the country and were shown by juniors from not only Canada but also from the United States and Finland. The youth are the future and the Association was very encouraged to see the number of juniors able to participate and the excitement they share for the future of the Hereford breed.

A new programme the CHA is promoting in 2018 and 2019 is the new Hereford Steer Showdown, which is a competition for both CHA members as well as any interested junior members. Steers from across the country are eligible to participate. Animals have been transported to the Old College at Olds, AB where they will be on feed for 190 to 220 days. The CHA will provide progress reports to those who have entered the feed out competition which will include information like weight progression, average daily gain (ADG), ultra-sound data and later and carcass data which will include yield and quality grades. Once the feed period ends, there will be prizes awarded to the highest retail value steer, highest ADG, largest ribeye, and highest marbling score. This project is allowing adult and junior members to be more involved in feeding Hereford cattle, while providing great learning opportunities to those interested in learning more about retained ownership.

Earlier in the year, the CHA formally launched Hereford Plus. This new programme is designed for producers who use Hereford genetics in cross-breeding programmes. If a producer is breeding a pure-bred Hereford parent to another pure-bred parent animal, the offspring qualifies for the Hereford Plus programme and the CHA will provide genetic analysis on the cross-bred progeny. More and more breeders in Canada are marketing true F1 progeny and are wanting to evaluate the genetic value of their product. The CHA is excited to be working with these producers to provide them the tools they need.



Horned champion bull at Agribition, GH 5425 Mr. Explosion ET 59E, from Nelson Hirsche Pure-breds



Agribition poll bull champion, MLL 10Y Rocky ET 225D, from MJT Herefords

There was great attendance and exceptional quality Hereford cattle on display at the three national shows across Canada. Grand champion horned bull was awarded to GH 5425 Mr. Explosion ET 59E and champion horned female was awarded to GH 74A BESS 119D with calf at side, GH 5Z Rockin Bess 10F, both exhibited by Nelson Hirsche Pure-breds. In the poll show, champion bull was awarded to MLL 10Y Rocky ET 225D exhibited by MJT Herefords. Champion female was awarded to RVP 106A Cameo Girl 45C with calf at side, Glenlees 5D Humbolt 1F, exhibited by Glenless Farms. If you are interested in attending Canadian Western Agribition, Canada's largest beef cattle exhibition, there are programmes in place to support incoming visitors by subsidising travel and lodging expenses. Please contact the Canadian Hereford Association if you would like to take part in this great opportunity in 2019.

2019 is promising to be another exciting year. The juniors will be hosting their Bonanza 2019 in Weyburn Saskatchewan. Canadian Herefords continue to have significant presence at major national livestock exhibitions like Canadian Western Agribition, Farmfair International, and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. These exhibitions are a great opportunity to network with Canadian Hereford Breeders and see numerous breeding programmes under one roof. If there is ever an opportunity to come to Canada to experience an agricultural exhibition, do not pass it up.

The CHA will continue to provide programmes which work for the Canadian Hereford Breeders and support those who use Hereford genetics in their commercial programmes. The Canadian Hereford breed is the breed you can trust.



Horned female champion at Agribition, GH 74A Bess 119D with calf GH 5Z Rockin Bess 10F, from Nelson Hirsche Pure-breds



Poll champion female at Agribition, RVP 106A Cameo Grill 45C with calf Glenlees 5D Humbolt 1F, from Glenless Farms

# High fodder costs in Germany this summer

by Carsten Schmidt

**This year the weather was something everybody was talking about.**

The long hot summer with a lack of rain in most parts of Germany, especially in the north which did not get much rain between June and the end of September, meant in some areas there was only chance to take one cut of hay. This situation took hay prices to a level not seen before, with some producers asking around €100 per round balehay, compared to normal years when the price is around €45 per bale.

The year 2018 was very interesting for the Hereford breed, due to weather conditions and the cattle were able to show how they perform under these conditions.

At the bull sales in February and March, the bulls were sold for an average of €2,600 which was not as good as the year before, but quite acceptable.

At the federal heifer auction in April, the Hereford heifers sold for an average of €3,100 - a very good price.

In the second weekend of June the society had their annual general meeting, together with the annual breeder meeting. This year the farm Hof Rajoch of Thomas and Janet Wick near the Magdeburg, hosted the event. The Wick family manages the farm with an ecological mindset. In addition to breeding cattle, they also carry out direct marketing of Hereford beef to customers. After a sight seeing tour, through the historic city of Bernburg, the herd of the Wick family were visited. Besides the herd visit, members had a talk about the construction of a wolf-safe fence. The return of the wolf to Germany has become a serious problem in recent years. We will see if these fences help to keep the wolf away from cattle.

In November, Eurotier in Hannover closed the year for the Hereford breed in Germany. The German Hereford Association shared a stand together with societies from Denmark and Netherlands. They displayed the ET bull Outcross B (Outcross Golden Oak 18U cross Apollonia) from the farm ELBAUE Wiegand/Schubart. Visitors shared a lot of interest in the breed, so the Association is really looking forward to next year and is hoping for some good exports.

# Norwegians optimistic

**Norway is known for its typography;  
from the fjords to the mountains  
and the Hereford with its moderate  
body weight is optimal for Norwegian  
pastures.**

The Hereford breed produces good quality meat on grasslands and other extensive pastures. This summer was very dry in the south of Norway and even then, the Hereford did well.

It's why the Hereford is so popular in Norway, being the second largest population of beef cattle in the country.

This year there was not a show in Norway with Herefords in attendance, but there were two or three sales.

The biggest one is held after testing the young bulls in the national test station at Staur near Hamar - the Norwegian TYR tests five breeds in national breeding programmes.

This year there were 11 Hereford bulls around a year old which were tested.

The best bull was sold for €8,500 and the bull average was €4,500.

The bull with the highest price was nr. 31546 Max PP of Hånde and the sire of this bull is American JC 743 FAST TIME 1SZ. It and 31554 Macallan PP of Rindal, sired by Journey av Rindal, were this year's young semen bulls.

In the large Norwegian agricultural exhibition Agroteknikk near Oslo there was also a sale of cows and heifers. The Hereford heifers made a good price with all animals selling for around €4,100.

The Norwegian Hereford Association have around 200 members, and every year they have a summer trip, visiting somewhere in the country. This year the Norwegian Hereford Association had its summer tour in the Vestfold, an area around the west of Oslofjord.

In September some members also had a great tour together with Hereford friends in Hungary.

The Norwegian Hereford Association are optimistic, having gained more members and Hereford animals in 2018.



# Ireland

## Shiloh Farm Dynamite makes a bang at Tullamore Show

For over 20 years the Herefords have held their National Show in Tullamore and 2018's show was judged by the UK's Hereford Cattle Society vice-president, Des Kelly of Lurgacullion horned and Mullin poll herds, Co Tyrone.

The line-up of classes was almost a carbon copy of last year's schedule with some small alternations to the young handlers' section which was split in to a junior and senior section with the Denis Collins Memorial Trophy and WJ Twomey Memorial Trophy being presented again. A group of Hereford breeders from UK Hereford Youth made the trip to the National Show with many bringing home top prizes on the day.

Winning supreme Hereford champion and overall male champion at the event was Shiloh Farm Dynamite, owned by the long established and very successful Corlismore herd. Dynamite had a formidable show season prior to the National, blowing competition away with every show he attended.

Securing supreme reserve champion was Michael Molloy's Moyclare Quinlan which also won overall male reserve champion on the day. This bull enjoyed great success

at numerous shows throughout 2018 and also generated interest from a number of UK breeders who expressed their interest in purchasing Michael's very stylish bull.

Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, the grand prize money for this year was in excess of €8,000 which secured a large number of entrants yet again. Last year the Society experienced the largest numbers entered for their National Show to date. Numbers were slightly down this year which can largely be attributed to the tough spring and summer drought many farmers were dealing with.



Veronica Brennan with national female champion Herberry 1 Lucy Lou



Gary McKiernan with supreme Hereford national champion, male champion and senior bull class winner Shiloh-Farm Dynamite



The Collins family presents the Denis Collins Memorial Cup to the junior young handler winners Imogen Edwards, Ollie Garnett-Smith and Conor Jones



Michael Molloy with Moyclare Quinlan, reserve champion in both the overall champion and male champion line-ups



New Hereford breeder, Shane McKiernan takes the rosette for reserve female champion



L-R: Isla Soutter and Harvey Cloke, third prize winners and Will Awan who was presented the WJ Twomey Cup by IHBS president Martin Murphy



Show champion Airhill O Conaill with Ciaran and JJ Farrell which sold for €4,250

## Results

**Supreme and male champion,** Shiloh Farm Dynamite, Sean McKiernan. s. Grianan Freddy, d. Cill Cormaic Lass

**Reserve supreme and reserve male,** Moyclare Quinlan, Michael Molloy. s. Church Hill Nigel, d. Moyclare Pansey 16th

**Female champion,** Herberry 1 Lucy Lou, Raymond Vere Hunt and Veronica Brennan. s. Dendor 1 Kohinoor, d. Gouldingpoll 1 Lucy

**Reserve female champion,** Bellingham Nevin, Shane McKiernan, s. Church Preen Galileo, d. Ardmulchan Clover

**Bull calf champion,** Moyclare Quinlan, Michael Molloy; **reserve,** Brocca Ryan Noel Farrell

**Heifer calf champion,** Bellingham Nevin, Shane McKiernan; **reserve,** Gageboro Seniorita, Niall and Lisa Daly

**Hereford junior young handlers,** 1st Imogen Edwards, UK; 2nd Ollie Garnett, UK; 3rd Conor Jones, Wexford; 4th Bradley Graham, UK; 5th Colin Bourke, Tipperary

**Hereford senior young handlers,** 1st Will Awan, UK; 2nd Harvey Cloke, UK; 3rd Isla Soutter, UK; 4th Iona Smith, UK; 5th Sinead Conry, Co. Roscommon

## Prince of Tullamore Secures €5,000

The numbers of bulls entered was less than last year with a total of 39 bulls catalogued for the premier sale. A number of bulls were sold privately on-farm and at the Kilkenny and Ballybay multi-breed sales reducing the number of bulls present in Tullamore to 32. The event was held 10 days later than last year's which may have benefited the sale as wintry conditions continue to persist, with no growth and scarcity of silage putting many farmers off purchasing a bull until conditions improve. Circumstances had improved in comparison to last year's sale with the clearance rate increased and a similar average of approximately €3,150.

David Larkin topped the sale for a second year in a row when his bull Cill Cormaic Prince 2 secured €5,000 which was purchased by fellow Hereford breeder Wade McCrabbe, Co Donegal. Prince was reserve senior calf champion at the 2017 Hereford national calf show. Sired by Black Water Lad this five star terminal bull had terrific shape and length to him at just 17 months old.

Airhill Oconaill took home the champion sash in the pre-



Cill Cormaic Prince 2nd with owner David Larkin sold for €5,000

show event when UK judge Gerald Blandford, owner of the Bosa Hereford herd knocked him forward as the overall winner. Bred by John Johnston Co Wexford and bought by JJ Farrell, Trillick Herefords, back in November 2016. This four star terminal sire was sold outside the ring for a sum of €4,250 with John Bergin from Co Laois becoming the new owner.

Frank Harrington from Strokestown secured €3,700 for his bull FH Kingpin with David Dolan from Tullamore bringing home a new bull for his herd. This double five star bull had excellent shape and tremendous length which was to be expected, being out of the well-known Haven Kingpin.



FH Kingpin which sold for €3,700 with breeder Frank Harrington and new owners the Dolans from Tullamore

Another descendent from Haven Kingpin which performed well in the sales ring with Gageboro Rumpus, owned by Niall Daly and Lisa Holloway selling at €3,550 to Colm Conlon, Athlone. This animal attracted many admirers on the day with excellent shape and proven bloodlines with great grand sires Churchill Storm and Trillick Best in the mix providing this bull with four and five stars for terminal and replacement indices.

Padraig McGrath from the well-established Kye Herefords exhibited a fine-looking bull, numbered at lot 18 in the sale catalogue, Kye Harry 753, which is fertility tested scored four stars for both terminal and replacement indices and is sired by Free Town Hotspur, a well-proven bull which has sired many animals that have achieved success at numerous shows and sales. Kye Harry was purchased by Fergus Glennon, Co Westmeath for a sum of €3,500.

Larkin added another €3,500 to his purse with two year old bull Cill Cormaic Ocean which is full of power and frame from the herd's easy-calving sire Cill Cormaic Lincoln, and Cill Cormaic Willow which one of David's better breeding cows. This bull will remain in Co Offaly as it was Michael Molloy, owner of the very successful Moyclare herd, who made the purchase.

**Champion,** Airhill O Conaill, JJ Farrell Trillick-A-Temple, s. Ardmulchan Himalagan d. Airhill Jug

**Reserve champion,** Glaslough Sid, Sam and Nigel Heatrick Annareagh, s. Clondrina 1110th d. Glaslough Dot

## Gurteragh Aristocrat supreme male at Irish Hereford Calf Show

The annual Irish Hereford Calf Show enjoyed its fifth instalment on Sunday 11 November with spectators flooding the ring to view the 120 animals entered for the event. This year's calf show enjoyed the newly created 'calf of the future' class meaning there were five classes for both bulls and heifers. As usual, the young handlers got the proceedings underway with Joe Deverell inspecting their stockmanship skills.

Judging the pedigree classes at this year's event was William Smith from Oldcastle, Co. Meath, a prominent Limousin breeder.

Taking home the supreme male sash was this year's senior male champion Gurteragh Aristocrat, owned by long-time breeder Michael O'Keefe, Co. Cork. Reserve supreme male champion was Michael Molloys junior male champion, Moyclare Royal.

Moving on to the females, Kye Holly 818 from Padraig McGrath took the junior female and then female championships. It impressed more than just the judge and soon after the showing had concluded, was sold to an on-looker for €4,000. Reserve supreme female was the senior female champion, Corlismorepoll 1 Sydney 941 from Sean McKiernan.

## Results

**Supreme male and senior male,** Gurteragh Aristocrat, Michael O'Keefe; **reserve male and junior male,** Moyclare Royal, Michael Molloy

**Supreme female and junior female,** Kye Holly 818, Padraig and Catherine McGrath; **reserve female and senior female,** Carlismore 1 Sydney 941



Supreme male champion and senior male champion, Gurteragh Aristocrat with owner Michael O'Keefe and judge William Smith



Reserve supreme and junior male champion, Moyclare Royal with owner Michael Molloy and judge William Smith



Supreme female champion and junior female champion, Kye Holly 818 with owners Padraig and Catherine McGrath and judge William Smith



Reserve supreme female champion and senior female champion, Corlismorepoll 1 Sydney 941 with owner Gary and Evelyn McKiernan



# Herefords and Red Angus united in USA

by Kayla Jennings

**The American Hereford Association and the Red Angus Association of America have partnered to launch the Premium Red Baldy Program.**

The American Hereford Association and the Red Angus Association of America have united to develop a genetically verified female programme to meet the needs of the commercial cattleman. During the Red Reception on 1 February 2018, at the National Cattleman's Beef Association (NCBA) conference in Phoenix, the American Hereford Association (AHA) and the Red Angus Association of America (RAAA) announced the new Premium Red Baldy Program.

Gary Fike, RAAA director of commercial marketing said: "This is a ground breaking, innovative programme designed for the commercial cattleman in the United States, combining the best of two breeds in the Red Angus and the Hereford."

Tom Brink, CEO of RAAA, said genetic verification of commercial cattle is a trend in today's industry and the overarching goal of the programme is to facilitate that in the commercial sector. After a year and a half of planning, the associations are proud to work together to fill this niche for producers.

The tagging programme is designed to maximise heterosis by combining the best traits of two breeds. By combining the

only two breeds backed by whole herd reporting, the mating is certain to develop a genetically verified female, which combines the ideal balance of maternal and carcass traits. The hope is these females will begin to receive a premium in the marketplace.

"AHA is honored to join Red Angus to introduce the Premium Red Baldy Program to identify genetically superior F-1 females," said Jack Ward, AHA executive vice-president.

"The AHA and RAAA are the only two breed associations which implement a mandatory whole herd reporting performance programme, which gives strength and reliability to their respective genetic evaluations."

## The logistics

In the early stages of this programme, Jack Ward says both associations were seeking to develop something 'better than average'. With that in mind, they developed the programme to require all animals to be in the top half of the breed.

Jack Ward says the list of requirements is quite simple. The sire must be in the top 50 per cent of its breed in the Baldy maternal index for Hereford and the herd builder index for Red Angus. These two indices are both maternal indices created to provide producers a tool to multi-trait select for higher quality cattle. Additionally, the target breed percentages will range from 25 per cent to 75 per cent, with the balance being the alternate breed.

As a whole, Jack hopes this programme creates a 'trickle-up' within the industry, where seedstock producers feel the pressure to breed genetically superior cattle in order to be a part of the programme.

"We are very excited about this programme," he said. "I do believe it is one of a kind within the industry. We don't know where this is going to go, but we are excited about the opportunities moving forward."

The inception of the new programme has garnered attention among seedstock and commercial breeders alike. Wade Perks, Illinois, has been in the Hereford business his whole life, and his family raised Red Angus for a number of years, as well. He was in attendance at the Red Reception and said it was great to see the co-mingling of breeders across the two associations and the commercial side.



“I was excited to see the cross conversations happening between breeds at the end of the press conference,” he said. “Those conversations broaden the network and increase quality in both breeds. I was even more excited to see the excitement from the commercial cattlemen, because this programme truly benefits them more than anything.”

Much like Ward’s ‘trickle up’ theory, Perks described the benefits in a pyramid. At the top is the commercial cattleman seeking quality genetics based on indices. This programme limits single-trait selection, so seedstock producers are not chasing a single trait but instead are focusing on the big picture in creating these females. The secondary recipients of value are the Hereford and Red Angus breeders.

“The expectations prompt Hereford and Red Angus breeders to develop higher quality cattle,” he explained.

## **New genetic evaluation for American Hereford Association**

**by Shane Bedwell**

Over the last two years, the American Hereford Association (AHA) board of directors and staff have researched and thoroughly evaluated the necessary steps to implement a single step genomic evaluation using the biometric open language tools (BOLT) software.

Along with this, AHA is introducing two new economically relevant traits included in an updated set of economic indices.



Today’s evaluation utilises molecular breeding values (MBVs) to predict the genomic contribution. This post-evaluation blending exercise correlates the genetic relationship between the MBVs and the traits of interest.

The updated genetic evaluation can more precisely evaluate the genomic differences between animals. This single-step analysis evaluates single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) markers on cattle DNA using an analytical approach called the marker effects model. The set of markers used has been selected to be the most informative for the traits in the genetic evaluation. Like phenotypes, the marker effects of a genotype directly impact an animal’s expected progeny difference.



# Young UK judges sort Danish line-ups

by Kaj Jespersen, Mandix Hereford

Denmark has had a very dry summer this year which will go down in history, but despite this it has been a good year for the Danish Hereford Association with good turnouts at all the activities.

## New bull available

For the fourth year in a row the Danish Hereford Association has selected a new bull for semen collection. This time it is Fonagergaard Norman, which has been tested at the bull testing station in Aalestrup with good results.

Its sire is Rosenkær Night Flyer with Solbakkens Gangster as the dam's sire. It has a high S index of 138 and a very high production index of 143. All in all, a good all-round bull.

## Conformation scores

In Denmark it is possible to have your cows under four years and bulls over one year judged by a consultant in accordance with the Nordic classification programme which gives a complete picture of the external features such as body type, size of muscles and legs. Every year the owners of the highest scoring bull, cow and herd are presented with a certificate.

The bull with the highest conformation score was Mandix Liam. Its sire is Mandix Ricoche and dam is Mandix Britannia which is sired by Harvie Jackpot. Liam scored an average of 90 points and is owned by Mikkel Christiansen, Markeslevgård Herefords.

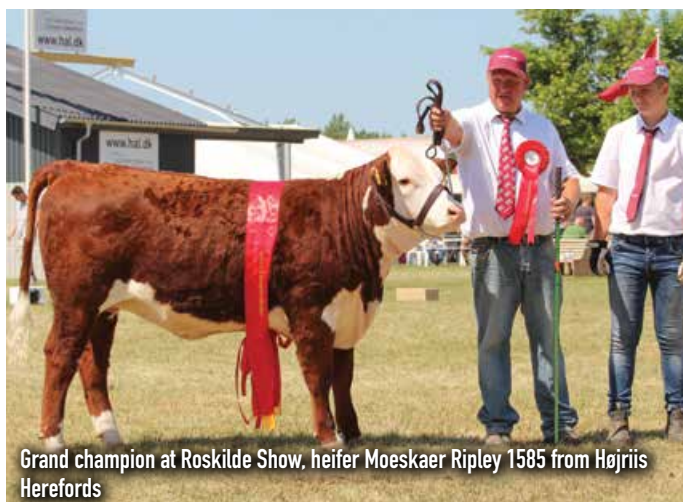
The cow with the highest conformation score is another one from the Mandix herd - Mandix Frida. It scored an average of 95 points.

For the second year in a row the Mandix herd had the highest average with 89.2 points.

## National Show

There were 50 entries for the National Show held in Herning in June, judged by James Ludgate, England. There were many international visitors and a large delegation from England.

**Interbreed, grand and heifer champion**, Rosenkær Miss World, Rosenkær poll Herefords (s. Moeskær Pacman 1417; d.s. Dorepoll 1 93N Nationwide ET)



Grand champion at Roskilde Show, heifer Moeskaer Ripley 1585 from Højriis Herefords



Reserve grand champion, Juelsgaard Maja from Markeslevgaard Herefords

Photographs: Peter Christiansen

**Reserve grand and reserve heifer**, Rosenkær Nemesis, Rosenkær poll Herefords (s. Moeskær Pacman 1417; d.s. Slyks 1 Agro)

**Grand champion bull and junior champion**, Nordbæk Mauser First Calibre, Nordbæk Herefords (s. Days Calibre; d.s. Moeskør Keyman 1003 ET)

**Reserve grand and reserve junior champion**, SMH Nobody 135, SMH Hereford (s. Bakgaard 1 Keno; d.s. Gouldingpoll 1 Superduty)

**Bull calf champion**, Bakkegaard Noam 234, Bakkegaard Herefords (s. Moeskær Tracer; d.s. NBG Wonderer 36R ET)

**Champion senior bull**, Hazel Rambo, Hanne Storm Brems (s. Gross Don Kevin; d.s. Mandix First Rambo)

**Champion heifer calf**, BI New Sportline, BI Herefords (s. A1 10Y Hometown Big bang 7MA; d.s. Gouldingpoll 1 Superduty)

**Reserve heifer calf**, City Hereford Nelly, City Herefords (s. Panmure 1 Henry; d.s. Seaconpull 1 Rumpus)

**Champion cow**, Nordbæk Light 1372, Nordbæk Herefords (s. NBG The Wonderer 36R ET 3W; d.s. Remittal Pilgrim 93P)

Next year the Danish Hereford Association will celebrate its 50th anniversary. A great Herning Show is being planned on 4 to 6 July and the Association is hoping for a lot of overseas visitors.

## Fynen Show

There were 22 Hereford entries at the show in Odense, which were judged by Anders Mortensen.

**Grand and junior champion bull**, Hazel New Don Nero, Hazel Herefords, s. Gross Don Kevin, d.s. Nørby 1 Faust

**Reserve grand and senior champion bull**, Hazel Rambo, Hazel Herefords, d.s. Mandix First Rambo

**Interbreed, female champion and cow champion**, Mandix Frida, Mandix Hereford, s. Mandix Ricoche, d.s. Moeskær Router 1207

**Reserve grand and calf champion**, BI New Sportline, BI Hereford, s. AL 10Y Hometown Big Bang 7MA, d.s. Gouldinpoll 1 Superduty

## Roskilde Show

The weather was absolutely beautiful, lots of spectators and 53 Hereford entries. The judges were Ib Ravn and Keld Balle.

**Grand and bull calf champion**, Åland Napoleon, Stald Birch and Markeslevgaard Herefords. s. by Fisher 1 Jaguar, d.s. Gouldingpoll 1 Superduty

**Reserve grand male and junior champion**, GMH Merkur, Kristian Schmidt, s. Roost 1 Hannibal, d.s. Moeskær Nero 1371

**Reserve bull calf champion**, GMH Nitro, s. Nordbæk Kenan, d.s. Rambo H av Brunarad P

**Senior bull champion**, Skovlundegaard Just, SMH Hereford s. Gouldingpoll 1 Superduty, d.s. Sdr Ydby Apollo; reserve senior bull champion, Asserholm Lincoln, Stig Hornshøj, s. Mara Humorous, d.s. Auckvale Barnstormer

**Grand and heifer champion**, Moeskær Riply 1585, Højriis Hereford, s. Moeskær On Fire, d.s. CCR 57G Stamina ET 1998

**Reserve grand female and junior champion**, Juelsgaard Maja, Markeslevgaard Hereford, s. Gouldingpoll 1 Superduty, d.s. Dorepoll 1 93N Nationwide ET

**Reserve heifer calf champion**, Woodland Netflix Queen Mastercard 525 N, Woodland Hereford, s. Woodland Mastercard M 480, d.s. Moeskær Mercury 1327

**Reserve junior champion**, Markeslev Fix 5, Markeslevgaard Hereford, s. SMH Hong Kong 69M, d.s. Markeslev Extra

**Champion cow**, Markeslev Fix 3, Markeslevgaard Hereford, s. Gouldingpoll 1 Superduty, d.s. Sdr Ydby Apollo; reserve champion cow, Moeskær Ambrosia 1313, Woodland Herefords, s. Moeskær Keyman 1003 ET, d.s. Stockmaster 3J

## Danish Hereford beef

**by Evald Jensen, Nr. Blæsbjerg Herefords**

The marketing concept 'Danish Hereford Meat' has become a reality, based on an agreement between a wholesale meat buyer 'The Meat Wholesaler', the slaughter house Danish Crown and the Danish Hereford Association. The first animals in the concept were slaughtered in August 2017.

'The Meat Wholesaler' has recognised the good beef from the Hereford and considers the meat as a highly valuable product and so commands a higher price. 'The Meat Wholesaler' supplies hotels, restaurants, canteens and other catering firms and can therefore sell all the different cuts from the carcasses.

Danish Crown slaughters the animals, hangs and butchers them. The Danish Hereford Association has compiled a committee to take care of the interests of the Hereford breeders who are the suppliers. The committee has two

coordinators who are responsible for organising the killing of the animals so the right number are slaughtered every week. Presently 'The Meat Wholesaler' buys 16 to 18 animals every week.

The animals for slaughter have to comply to some rules. Young bulls must have a carcass weight of 280 to 380kg, with a minimum classification of 6.5. They must be 12 to 24 months of age.

Heifers, young cows and bullocks must be 280 to 380 kg with a minimum classification of 5.5, at 12 to 24 months. All animals must have a fat classification of 3 to 5 and a colour classification between 3 and 4.

The Hereford breeders selling their animals into the scheme receive their normal payment from Danish Crown and an extra payment of 4.70kr per kg (€0.57/kg). This amounts to circa 1,500kr (€181.34) extra for every animal. The breeders have to be able to verify the animals are at least 75 per cent Hereford.

## Hereford Youth

**by Mike Emil Brems, leader of the Danish Youth**

Hereford Youth is a group of young Hereford breeders who have a passion to work with Herefords.

In Denmark there are about 50 young members between five to 30 years of age. Every year a junior national show is staged which often sees 30 Hereford entries and always has a foreign judge. This year Josh Dowbiggin from England judged the show which took place at the Roskilde Show.

Josh did a fantastic job, and really explained how he looked at the cattle, and why he made the decisions he did.

There was also a summer trip, visiting a bison farm and a local Hereford breeder, both visits were very exciting and informative. At the end of the day members went bowling, a great combination of learning and socialising.

Next year the Hereford Youth show will be in Herning. This will be a little bit more special because it is the tenth anniversary for the Hereford Youth. The Association hopes to see UK visitors this year.



Josh Dowbiggin with Danish Hereford Youth at the junior national show

# Shows and events dates 2019

FEBRUARY			
3-4	Stirling bull sale	Stirling	Tel: 01786 473055
12	Native breed show and sale	Dungannon	Tel: 02887 722727
MARCH			
1	Spring show & sale	Carlisle	Tel: 01228 406230
APRIL			
15	Hereford spring show & sale	Hereford	Tel: 01432 271057
23	Native breed show & sale	Dungannon	Tel: 02887 722727
MAY			
11	Ayr County	Ayr	Tel: 08452 011460
11-12	Newark & Notts.	Nottinghamshire	Tel: 01636 705796
15-18	Royal Ulster (Balmoral)	Belfast	Tel: 02890 665225
16-18	Devon County	Devon	Tel: 01392 353700
23	Beef Expo 2019	J36 Rural Agricultural Centre, Cumbria	Tel: 01539 566221
24	Native breed sale	Carlisle	Tel: 01228 406230
25	Heathfield & District	Sussex	Tel: 01435 864587
25	Shropshire County	Shropshire	Tel: 01743 289831
25-26	Hertfordshire County	Hertfordshire	Tel: 01582 792626
27	Northumberland County	Northumberland	Tel: 01434 604216
27	Surrey County	Surrey	Tel: 01483 890810
29-30	Stafford County	Stafford	Tel: 01785 258060
29-30	Suffolk County	Suffolk	Tel: 01473 707110
29-1 June	Royal Bath & West	Shepton Mallet	Tel: 01749 822200
JUNE			
2	Rutland County	Rutland	Tel: 01572 757110
6-8	Royal Cornwall	Cornwall	Tel: 01208 812183
6-8	South of England	W. Sussex	Tel: 01444 892700
8	Armagh County	Armagh	Tel: 02837 522333
11	HCS open day	Nether Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale	01432 272057
14-16	Royal Three Counties	Malvern	Tel: 01684 584900
15	Ballymena	Co. Antrim	Tel: 07718 478413
15	National stockjudging competition	Malvern	01432 272057
15	Cumberland County	Cumberland	Tel: 01228 812601
18-19	Royal Cheshire County	Cheshire	Tel: 01565 650200
19-20	Lincolnshire County	Lincolnshire	Tel: 01522 522900
20-23	Royal Highland	Edinburgh	Tel: 01313 356200
23	Derbyshire County	Derbyshire	Tel: 01332 793068
26-27	Royal Norfolk	Norfolk	Tel: 01603 594460
30	Bury County	Bury	Tel: 07808 777860
30	Cranleigh	Surrey	Tel: 01483 267771
JULY			
5-6	Omagh Show	Co Tyrone	
5-7	Kent County	Kent	Tel: 01622 630975
6	Hanbury Countryside	Redditch	Tel: 07876 408814
6	Monmouth	Monmouthshire	Tel: 01873 890365
9-11	Great Yorkshire	Harrogate	Tel: 01423 541000
13	NI National, Castletwellan	Co. Down	Tel: 02840 638087
13	Newport	Shropshire	Tel: 01952 810814
14	Ashby	Derbyshire	Tel: 01283 229225

22-25	Royal Welsh	Builth Wells	Tel: 01982 553683
24	Clogher Valley Show	Co Tyrone	
26-27	Border Union	Kelso	Tel: 01573 224188
27	Antrim	Antrim	Tel: 07899 746542
30-1 August	New Forest & Hants. County	Hampshire	Tel: 01590 622400
31	Nantwich & South Cheshire	Cheshire	Tel: 01270 780306
AUGUST			
1	Burwarton	Shropshire	Tel: 01746 787535
1	Honiton	Devon	Tel: 01404 41794
2	Fishguard	Fishguard	Tel: 07729 359296
3	Brecon County	Powys	Tel: 01874 611881
3	Dumfries & Lockerbie	Annan	Tel: 01461 201199
3	Garstang	Lancashire	Tel: 07867 313346
3	National Hereford Show	Tenbury Wells	Tel: 01584 810818
7	North Devon	Barnstaple	Tel: 01769 573852
8	Okehampton & District	Devon	Tel: 01837 659965
13-14	Anglesey County	Anglesey	Tel: 01407 720072
13-15	Pembrokeshire County	Pembrokeshire	Tel: 01437 764331
14	Gillingham & Shaftesbury	Dorset	Tel: 01747 823955
15	Denbigh & Flint	Flintshire	Tel: 01352 712131
17	Ashbourne	Derbyshire	Tel: 01889 507497
22	Melplash	Dorset	Tel: 01308 423337
25-26	Edenbridge & Oxted	Surrey	Tel: 01737 645843
29	Bucks. County	Buckinghamshire	Tel: 01296 680400
SEPTEMBER			
7	Alresford	Hampshire	Tel: 01962 738748
7-8	Dorset County	Dorset	Tel: 01305 264249
7	National Poll Show	Moreton-in-Marsh	Tel: 01608 651908
14	Kington	Herefordshire	Tel: 01544 340598
14	Romsey	Hants.	Tel: 01794 517521
21-22	Royal County of Berkshire	Newbury	Tel: 01635 247111
OCTOBER			
14	Hereford autumn show & sale	Hereford	Tel: 01432 272057
25	Autumn show & sale	Carlisle	Tel: 01228 406230
NOVEMBER			
1	Agri Expo & National Calf Show	Carlisle	Tel: 01228 406200
7	NIHBA calf show	Dungannon	
10	Midlands & East Anglia H.B.A. Calf Show	Newark County Showground	Tel: 01636 705796
16-17	English Winter Fair	Staffordshire	Tel: 01785 258060
26	RUAS Beef and Lamb Championship	Balmoral	Tel: 07775 665999
25-26	Royal Welsh Agricultural Winter Fair	Builth Wells	Tel: 01982 553683
29-30	Winter Stock Festival	Peterborough	Tel: 01733 234451
DECEMBER			
3	Native breed show and sale	Dungannon	Tel: 02887 722727
12	Royal Ulster Winter Fair	Balmoral	Tel: 02890 665225
14	HCBA Christmas Calf Show	Shropshire	Tel: 01432 880027

# Show results 2018

## ROYAL ULSTER Judge: J. Jones 16 – 19 May 2018

Position	Name of Animal	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
Supreme & Female Champion	Solpoll 1 Starlet P2	Panmure 1 Henry	Solpoll 1 Starlet J22	J & W McMordie
Reserve Supreme & Reserve Female	Barnburn 1 Priscilla	Pinmoor 1 Kingsley	Barnburn 1 Juliette	B & G Watson
Male Champion	Panmure 1 Monster	Hawkesbury 1 Volcano	Panmure 1 Plum E8	JE, RI & W Haire
Reserve Male Champion	Richmount 1 Peppermint	Grousehallpoll 1 Premier	Richmount 1 Lady Louche	J Graham
Junior Champion	Kinglee 1 Oyster Girl 561	Panmure 1 Karl	Kinglee 1 Oyster Girl 308	J & G Small
Reserve Junior Champion	Richmount 1 Poppy	Grousehallpoll 1 Premier	Richmount 1 Laura	J Graham
Cow or heifer born on or before December 31st 2015	1. Dorepoll 1 553 Classic Kim 2. Richmount 1 Laura 3. Hockley Poll 1 Amelia	Dorepoll 1 93N Transatlantic Barbern 1 Gargantuan Rathregan Poll 1 Storm	Dorepoll 1 89H Classic Kim Richmount 1 Blossom Hockley Laura	JE, RI & W Haire J Graham Ruth Leader
Heifer born on or between 1st January 2016 and 30th June 2016	1. Barnburn 1 Nolana 2. Solpoll 1 Starlet N23 3. Richmount 1 Nola	Panmure 1 Henry Panmure 1 Henry Grousehallpoll 1 Premier	Barnburn 1 Fancy Solpoll 1 Starlet E16 Hilton 1 Delilah	B & G Watson J & W McMordie J Graham
Heifer born on or between 1st July 2016 and 31st December 2016	1. Solpoll 1 Starlet P2 2. Barnburn 1 Priscilla 3. Woodvale 1 Journey	Panmure 1 Henry Pinmoor 1 Kingsley Woodvale 1 Limited Edition	Solpoll 1 Starlet J22 Barnburn 1 Juliette Dorepoll 1 Journey 616	J & W McMordie B & G Watson A & A Armour
Heifer born on or after 1st January 2017	1. Kinglee 1 Oyster Girl 561 2. Richmount 1 Poppy 3. Solpoll 1 Starlet P9	Panmure 1 Karl Grousehallpoll 1 Premier Panmure 1 Henry	Kinglee 1 Oyster Girl 308 Richmount 1 Laura Solpoll 1 Starlet C3	J & G Small J Graham J & W McMordie
Bull born prior to 1st April 2016	1. Panmure 1 Monster 2. Mullaghdoopoll 1 Elite	Hawkesbury 1 Volcano Gouldingpoll 1 Superduty	Panmure 1 Plum E8 Mullaghdoe Rosetta	JE, RI & W Haire C Kerr
Bull born on or between 1st April 2016 or before 31st December 2016	1. Richmount 1 Peppermint 2. Lusk 1 Pharaoh 3. Lusk 1 Premier	Grousehallpoll 1 Premier Woodvale 1 Livewire Woodvale 1 Livewire	Richmount 1 Lady Louche Lusk 1 Harriot Lusk 1 Hester	J Graham J Gill J Gill
Bull born after 1st January 2017	1. Solpoll 1 Playboy 2. Ballypallady 1 Pride 3. Solpoll 1 Perfection (ET)	Panmure 1 Henry Solpoll 1 Kentucky Kid Panmure 1 Henry	Solpoll 1 Stella M2 Boghill 1 Midge Dorepoll 1 R51 Duchess 525	J & W McMordie S Cherry J & W McMordie
Group of three, property of 1 exhibitor group of three	1. J Graham	2. J & W McMordie	3. J Gill	
Pair of Animals by same sire or dam	1. J Graham 2. J & W McMordie 3. J Gill	Grousehallpoll 1 Premier Panmure 1 Henry Woodvale 1 Livewire		

## SHROPSHIRE COUNTY SHOW Judge: R. Edwards 26 May 2018

Position	Name of Animal	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
Supreme & Grand Female Champion	Dendor 1 Ruby 29th	Solpoll 1 Gilbert	Dendor 1 Ruby 17th	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones
Reserve Supreme & Reserve Grand Female Champion	Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 25th	SMH Euro 30E	Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 10th	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones
Grand Male Champion	Coley 1 Pilot	Coley 1 Maverick	Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11	H. Whittaker
Reserve Grand Male Champion	Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine	Gouldingpoll 1 Captain	Romany 1 Lucy A84 F26	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones
Bull born before 1st September 2015	1. Haven Lamborghini	Haven Cavalier	Haven Splendour 25th	E.L. Lewis & Son
Bull born on or between 1st September 2015 and 30th June 2016	1. Dendor 1 Nairobi 2. Free Town Nevada 3. Garnstone 1 Night Owl	Lanscombe 1 Orkney Mara Humorous Haven Cavalier	Dendor 1 Molly 41st Free Town Peace 5th Fisher 1 Susan K383	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones R.A. Bradstock & Ptnrs. T. Verdin
Bull born between 1st July 2016 and 31st December 2016	1. Haven Possum	Mawarra Aftershock	Haven Splendour 25th	E.L. Lewis & Son
Bull born on or between 1st January 2017 and 31st March 2017	1. Coley 1 Pilot 2. Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine 3. Spartan 1 Party Boy	Coley 1 Maverick Gouldingpoll 1 Captain Cathedral 1 Donatello	Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11 Romany 1 Lucy A84 F26 Englefield 1 Lavina 6th	H. Whittaker D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones S.C. Hartwright
Bull born on or after 1st April 2017	1. Shraden 1 Pythagoras 2. Haven Panasonic 3. Bowendu 1 Del Boy	Dendor 1 Knuckleduster Haven Lamborghini SMH Euro 30E	Shraden 1 Sunflower G399 Haven Dowager 168th Dendor 1 Holly 7th	M.J. & H.M. Timmis E.L. Lewis & Son L. & L. Bowen
Heifer born on or between 1st July 2015 and 30th June, 2016 incalf or with her own calf at foot	1. Rempstone 1 Fashion E438 2. Moorside 1 Jane 8th 3. Alderville 1 Dapple	Aldersley 1 Edgar Romany 1 Lawbreaker RE L23 Aldersley 1 Edgar	Kinglee 1 Fashion 304 Moorside 1 Jane Alderville 1 Damsel	R.J. Windsor G. & M.C. Shepherd H. Whittaker
Heifer born on or between 1st July 2016 and 31st December 2016	1. Dendor 1 Ruby 29th 2. Burmill 1 Isfahan 3. Dendor 1 Jennefer 19th	Solpoll 1 Gilbert Barwise 1 Wellington SMH Euro 30E	Dendor 1 Ruby 17th Blackwell 1 Isfahan Dendor 1 Jennefer 12th	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones R. Alcock L. & L. Bowen
Heifer born on or between 1st January 2017 and 31st March 2017	1. Shraden 1 Alice P809 2. Spartan 1 Plum 3. Lowesmoor 1 Beauty 1117	Dendor 1 Knuckleduster Cathedral 1 Donatello Bosa 1 Hereward	Shraden 1 Alice C198 Panmure 1 Plum K19 Ford Abbey 1 Beauty	M.J. & H.M. Timmis S.C. Hartwright M.J. Clark

Heifer born on or after 1st April 2017	1. Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 25th 2. Hollyvale 1 June 2nd 3. Burmill 1 Faith 2nd	SMH Euro 30E Dendor 1 Leroy Romany 1 Lawbreaker RE L23	Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 10th Greenyards 1 June H151 Burmhill 1 Faith	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones A. & P. Massey R. Allock
Best Pair Bred by Exhibitor	1. M.J. & H.M. Timmis	2. S.C. Hartwright	3. M.J. Clark	
Exhibitors Group of Three	1. M.J. & H.M. Timmis	2. R. & R.I. Shaw	3. Mrs. T. Verdin	

## ROYAL BATH & WEST SHOW Judge: A.J. Massey 30 May – 2 June 2018

Position	Name of Animal	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
Supreme & Grand Male Champion	Buckenhill 1 Pirlo	Alderville 1 Preston	Buckenhill 1 Anxiety 3rd	M.F. Gray
Reserve Supreme & Grand Female Champion	Spartan 1 Plum	Cathedral 1 Donatello	Panmure 1 Plum K19	S.C. Hartwright
Reserve Grand Female Champion	Sky High 1 Danish Dream	Dendor 1 Murdock	Aland Ima	L. & L. Bowen
Reserve Grand Male Champion	Bowendu 1 Del Boy	SMH Euro 30E	Dendor 1 Holly 7th	L. & L. Bowen
Bull born on or between 1st January 2017 and 31st March 2017	1. Buckenhill 1 Pirlo 2. Lanscombe 1 Tomahawk 3. Spartan 1 Party Boy	Alderville 1 Preston Lanscombe 1 Maxamillion Cathedral 1 Donatello	Buckenhill 1 Anxiety 3rd Lanscombe 1 Queenie Englefield 1 Lavina 6th	M.F. Gray R.A. Mitchell S.C. Hartwright
Bull born on or after 1st April 2017	1. Bowendu 1 Del Boy 2. Buckenhill 1 Plural 3. Rough Moor 1 Patriot	SMH Euro 30E Alderville 1 Preston Shraden 1 Henson	Dendor 1 Holly 7th Buckenhill 1 Anxiety 2nd Mwyn 1 Fashion 480	L. & L. Bowen M.F. Gray T. & M. Goodwin & C. Powell
Cow or Heifer born before 2016	1. Lowesmoor 1 Winkle 717	Lowesmoor 1 Empire	Lowesmoor 1 Winkle 571	K. Prettejohn & A. Kerslake
Heifer born in 2016	1. Sky High 1 Danish Dream 2. Dendor 1 Jennefer 19th 3. Pebworth 1 Nightly	Dendor 1 Murdock SMH Euro 30E Kinglee 1 Galaxy	Aland Ima Dendor 1 Jennefer 12th Pebworth 1 Keira	L. & L. Bowen L. & L. Bowen B. Cambridge
Heifer Born on or between 1st January 2017 and 31st March 2017	1. Spartan 1 Plum 2. Baybridge 1 Flower 2nd 3. Black Hall 1 Apailana	Cathedral 1 Donatello Bosa 1 Huntsman Auckvale Jim Lad 1220J	Panmure 1 Plum K19 Baybridge 1 Flower Shirley 1 Autumn	S.C. Hartwright L.G. Gould B. Cambridge
Heifer Born on or after 1st April 2017	1. Coley 1 Clara 409 2. Rough Moor 1 Fashion 197	Romany 1 Distiller A84 D53 Shraden 1 Henson	Barbern 1 Claret 2nd Rough Moor 1 Fashion 71	W. Awan T. & M. Goodwin & C. Powell
Group of Three animals bred by the Exhibitor	1. L.G. Gould	2. Mrs. I. Jennings	3. R.A. Mitchell	
Best Pair of Animals	1. S.C. Hartwright	2. M.F. Gray	3 L.G. Gould	

## ROYAL THREE COUNTIES SHOW Judge: J. Kemp 15 – 17 June 2018

Position	Name of Animal	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
Supreme, Grand & Junior Female Champion	Dendor 1 Ruby 29th	Solpoll 1 Gilbert	Dendor 1 Ruby 17th	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones
Reserve Supreme, Grand & Junior Male Champion	Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine	Gouldingpoll 1 Captain	Romany 1 Lucy A84 F26	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones
Reserve Grand & Senior Male Champion	Moyclare Malcolm	Brocca Savior	Moyclare Ursula 4th	T.A. Spooner
Reserve Grand & Senior Female Champion	Church Preen Lindy Loo N064	Haven Koala	Church Preen Lindy Loo J033	A.R. Owen
Reserve Senior Female Champion	Bounds 1 Newry	Ford Abbey 1 Albert	Ford Abbey 1 Marina 11th	H. Weston & Sons Ltd.
Reserve Junior Male Champion	Rempstone 1 Eric V463	Hawkesbury 1 Vespa	Rempstone 1 Model	M. Ludgate
Reserve Senior Male Champion	Bromley 1 Tendulkar	Greenyards 1 Legend	Bromley 1 Tamerisk 602	M. & M. Roberts
Reserve Junior Female Champion	Shraden 1 Alice P809	Dendor 1 Knuckleduster	Shraden 1 Alice 198	M.J. & H.M. Timmis
Bull born on or before 31st December 2015	1. Moyclare Malcolm 2. Churchlands Estate RSD Plum 3. Fisher 1 Monarch M414	Brocca Saviour Remital Super Duty 425 Fisher 1 Jaguar J347	Moyclare Ursula 4th Churchlands Estate 1 Plum 79 Fisher 1 Susan H318	T.A. Spooner P.T. English M. Shaw
Bull born on or between 1st January 2016 and 31st August 2016	1. Bromley 1 Tendulkar 2. Free Town Nevada	Greenyards 1 Legend Mara Humorous	Bromley 1 Tamerisk 602 Free Town Peace 5th	M. & M. Roberts R.A. Bradstock & Ptnrs.
Bull born on or between 1st September 2016 and 30th November 2016	1. Haven Possum 2. Blakesley 1 Major 3. Blakesley 1 Murphy	Mawarra After Shock Solpoll 1 Dynamite Solpoll 1 Dynamite	Haven Splendour 25th Blakesley 1 Icicle Kilbrannan 1 Amber	E.L. Lewis & Son P. Cobley H. Weston & Sons Ltd.
Bull born on or between 1st December 2016 and 28th February 2017	1. Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine 2. Rempstone 1 Eric V463 3. Lowesmoor 1 Orator	Gouldingpoll 1 Captain Hawkesbury 1 Vespa Bosa 1 Hereward	Romany 1 Lucy A84 f26 Rempstone 1 Model Lowesmoor 1 Sylvan 601	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones M. Ludgate M.J. Clark
Bull born on or between 1st March 2017 and 30th April 2017	1. Mara President 2. Buckenhill 1 Pirlo 3. Mara Paramount	Clipston Top Drawer T4 Alderville 1 Preston Clipston Top Drawer T4	Mara Blossom 43rd Buckenhill 1 Anxiety 3rd Clipston Blossom F18	R.N. & M.A. Borwick M.F. Gray R.N. & M.A. Borwick
Bull born on or after 1st May 2017	1. Newtoncroft 1 Pondlife 2. Church Preen Rasqual 3. Baybridge 1 Rufus	Solpoll 1 Hollywood Haven Koala Bosa 1 Huntsman	Newtoncroft 1 Mary 254 Church Preen Lindy Loo J033 Baybridge 1 Maggie May	Newtoncroft Farms A.R. Owen L.G. Gould
Cow or Heifer in milk born on or before 31st August 2015 with her own calf at foot	1. Bromley 1 Laurel 594 2. Dieulacresse Dowager 31st 3. Thornysure 1 Pippa	Romany 1 Fantasy R22 F35 Westwood Advancer Westwood General-Advancer	Bromley 1 Laurel 445 Dieulacresse Dowager 20th Hawkesbury 1 Phoebe	M. & M. Roberts T.A. Spooner M. Shaw
Heifer born on or between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016	1. Church Preen Lindy Loo N064 2. Bounds 1 Newry 3. Clipston Pansy V6	Haven Koala Ford Abbey 1 Albert Moyclare Malcolm	Church Preen Lindy Loo J033 Ford Abbey 1 Marina 11th Clipston Pansy K11	A.R. Owen H. Weston & Sons Ltd T.A. Spooner

Heifer born on or between 1st September 2016 and 31st December 2016	1. Dendor 1 Ruby 29th 2. Normanton 1 Jurana 14th P612 3. Bounds 1 Olympia	Solpoll 1 Gilbert Normanton 1 Laertes Hawkesbury 1 Ronaldo	Dendor 1 Ruby 17th Hillrow 1 Jemima B9 Ford Abbey 1 Marina 4th	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones T.D. & W.T. Livesey H. Weston & Sons Ltd.
Heifer born on or between 1st January 2017 and 31st March 2017	1. Shraden 1 Alice P809 2. Spartan 1 Plum 3. Lowesmoor 1 Beauty 117	Dendor 1 Knuckleduster Cathedral 1 Donatello Bosa 1 Hereward	Shraden 1 Alice 198 Panmure 1 Plum K19 Ford Abbey 1 Beauty	M.J. & H.M. Timmis S.C. Hartwright M.J. Clark
Heifer born on or after 1st April 2017	1. Mara Dowager 22nd 2. Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 25th 3. Shraden 1 Alice P828	Clipston Top Drawer SMH Euro 30E Baldinnie 1 Victory	Mara Dowager 21st Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 10th Shraden 1 Alice 283	R.N. & M.A. Borwick D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones M.J. & H.M. Timmis
Best Pair of Exhibitor Owned Animals by the Same Sire	1. R.N. & M.A. Borwick	2. Mrs. I. Jennings	3. L.G. Gould	
Best Group of Three Animals Bred and owned by the Exhibitor	1. R.N. & M.A. Borwick			

## ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW Judge: W. McMordie 21 – 24 June 2018

Position	Name of Animal	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
Supreme, Grand & Junior Male Champion	Coley 1 Pilot	Coley 1 Maverick	Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11	H. Whittaker
Reserve Supreme, Grand & Junior Female Champion	Romany 1 Mink BL P60	Barwise 1 Lancer	Romany 1 Mink A41 D3	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons
Reserve Grand & Senior Female Champion	Rockness 1 Matilda KH1	Kinglee 1 Hero	Romany 1 Dawn A84 H38	P. Eccles
Senior Male Champion	Milovaig 1 Jaguar	Baldinnie 1 Cranmore	Cortismore 1 Elisia	P. Eccles
Reserve Senior Female Champion	Auckvale Lively 1058H	Auckvale Broadside	Auckvale Lively Lucinda	W. & R. Kemp & Sons
Reserve Grand & Reserve Junior Male Champion	Romany 1 Prime Time BL P62	Barwise 1 Lancer	Romany 1 Ishbel A84 G53	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons
Reserve Junior Female Champion	Romany 1 Lucy BL P61	Barwise 1 Lancer	Romany 1 Lucy RE L18	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons
Female born on or after 1st March 2017	1. Romany 1 Mink BL P60 2. Romany 1 Lucy BL P61 3. Harveybros 1 Crocus P65	Barwise 1 Lancer Barwise 1 Lancer Venture Night Time	Romany 1 Mink A41 D3 Romany 1 Lucy RE L18 Harveybros 1 Crocus J1	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons J.R.B. Wilson & Sons G. & S. Harvey
Female born on or between 1st September 2016 and 28th February 2017	1. Romany 1 Julia BL P43 2. Bethanfield Lisette 3. Baldinnie 1 Dom Lass 21st	Barwise 1 Lancer Auckvale Moment 1436M Baldinnie 1 Super Star	Romany 1 Julia A84 F51 Fourstones Lisette 285 Baldinnie 1 Dom Lass 13th	H. Whittaker B. Hutchinson J.A. Cameron & Son
Female in milk or in calf born on or between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016	1. Saltire 1 Cathy 2. Romany 1 Plum BL P2 3. Alderville 1 Dapple	Baldinnie 1 Viscount Barwise 1 Lancer Aldersley 1 Edgar	Baldinnie 1 Cathy 40th Romany 1 Plum A84 E37 Alderville 1 Damsel	W., P. & K. Wason J.R.B. Wilson & Sons H. Whittaker
Female in milk or in calf born on or before 31st August 2015	1. Rockness 1 Matilda KH1 2. Auckvale Lively 1058H 3. Coley 1 Pippa 356	Kinglee 1 Hero Auckvale Broadside Days Calibre 674	Romany 1 Dawn A84 H38 Auckvale Lively Lucinda Frenchstone P. 1 Boo	P. Eccles W. & R. Kemp & Sons T. & D. Harrison
Bull born on or after 1st March 2017	1. Romany 1 Prime Time BL P62 2. Moralee 1 Punchdrunk 3. Moralee 1 Phantom	Barwise 1 Lancer SMH Kingsize 87K Cornriggs 1 Knightrider	Romany 1 Ishbel A84 G53 Romany 1 Mink D1 L24 Romany 1 Dawn D1 M6	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons T. & D. Harrison T. & D. Harrison
Bull born on or between 1st September 2016 and 28th February 2017	1. Coley 1 Pilot 2. Moralee 1 Porterhouse 3. Coley 1 Petrus	Coley 1 Maverick SMH King Size 87K Spurstow 1 Recruit	Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11 Moralee 1 Kimberly Coley 1 Clara 286	H. Whittaker P. Eccles B. Hutchinson
Bull born on or before 31st December 2015	1. Milovaig 1 Jaguar	Baldinnie 1 Cranmore	Cortismore 1 Elisia	P. Eccles
Best pair of animals Bred by Exhibitor	1. J.R.B. Wilson & Sons			

## NI NATIONAL Judge: J. Moorehouse 7 July 2018

Position	Name of Animal	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
Supreme & Male Champion	Richmount 1 Peppermint	Grousehallpoll 1 Premier	Richmount 1 Lady Louche	J Graham
Reserve Supreme & Reserve Male	Solpoll 1 Perfection (ET)	Panmure 1 Henry	Dorepoll 1 R51 Duchess 525	J & W McMordie
Female Champion	Graceland 1 Nicola	Fisher 1 Jubilee	Graceland 1 Kylie	U Shaw
Reserve Female Champion	Richmount 1 Ruby Royale	Grousehallpoll 1 Premier	Richmount 1 North	J Graham
Calf Champion	Kinnego 1 Rocket Man	Mullaghdoopoll 1 Elite	Kinnego 1 Loanin Lady	C Kerr
Cow or heifer born on or before December 31st 2015	1. Hilltop 1 Roberta 3rd 2. Bellshill 1 Nancy	Lisola 1 Eddie Graceland 1 Giovanni	Rossmore Ursa Cabra 1 Delilah	K Greenaway A. R. & J. Dickson
Heifer born on or between 1st January 2016 and 30th June 2016	1. Graceland 1 Nicola 2. Richmount 1 Nola 3. Barnburn 1 Nolana	Fisher 1 Jubilee Grousehallpoll 1 Premier Panmure 1 Henry	Graceland 1 Kylie Hilton 1 Delilah Barnburn 1 Fancy	U Shaw J Graham B & G Watson
Heifer born on or between 1st July 2016 and 31st December 2016	1. Barnburn 1 Priscilla	Pinmoor 1 Kingsley	Barnburn 1 Juliette	B & G Watson
Heifer born on or between 1st January 2017 and 31st August 2017	1. Kinglee 1 Oyster Girl 561 2. Richmount 1 Poppy 3. Solpoll 1 Starlet P9	Panmure 1 Karl Grousehallpoll 1 Premier Panmure 1 Henry	Kinglee 1 Oyster Girl 308 Richmount 1 Laura Solpoll 1 Starlet C3	J & G Small J Graham J & W McMordie
Heifer calf born after 1st September 2017	1. Richmount 1 Ruby Royale 2. Corraback Cherry 10th 3. Mountview 1 Gelato	Grousehallpoll 1 Premier Kye Rodge 553 Dorepoll 1 Legacy	Richmount 1 North Corraback Guenever 12th Mountview 1 Cheryl	J Graham RM Richmond T Andrews

Bull born prior to 1st April 2016	1. Knockmountagh Master 2. Mullaghdoo 1 Elite 3. Magheraknock 1 Jocker	Steil Gerard Gouldingpoll 1 Superduty Blackwater Fleecer	Castledaly Faith Mullaghdoo Rosetta Solpoll 1 Starlet W10	D & R Wilson C Kerr R Black
Bull born on or between 1st April 2016 and 31st December 2016	1. Richmount 1 Peppermint 2. Solpoll 1 Partner	Grousehallpoll 1 Premier Solpoll 1 Lawyer	Richmount 1 Lady Louche Solpoll 1 Pansy D10	J Graham J & W McMordie
Bull born on or between 1st January 2017 and 31st August 2017	1. Solpoll 1 Perfection (ET) 2. Lusky 1 Prodigy 3. Lisrace Lacky Boy 11th	Panmure 1 Henry Woodvale 1 Livewire Knockmountagh Master	Dorepoll 1 R51 Duchess 525 Lusky 1 Lola Lisrace Bridge Girl VII	J & W McMordie A J Farms D & R Wilson
Bull calf born after 1st September 2017	1. Kinnego 1 Rocket Man 2. Mountview 1 Genesis	Mullaghdoo 1 Elite Dorepoll 1 Legacy	Kinnego 1 Loanin Lady Barony 1 Amber	C Kerr T Andrews
Group of 3 Cattle, property of 1 exhibitor	1. D & R Wilson	2. J Graham	3. J & W McMordie	
Pair of Animals by same sire or dam	1. J & W McMordie 2. RM Richmond 3. J Graham	Panmure 1 Henry Kye Rodge Grousehallpoll 1 Premier		

## GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW Judge: J. McMordie 10 – 12 July 2018

Position	Name of Animal	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
Supreme, & Grand Male Champion	Coley 1 Pilot	Coley 1 Maverick	Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11	H. Whittaker
Reserve Supreme & Grand Female Champion	Hollyvale 1 Sapphire 2nd	Dendor 1 Leroy	Mersey Valley 1 Sapphire	A. & P. Massey
Reserve Grand Female Champion	Pinmoor 1 Pennie	SMH King Size 87K	Pinmoor 1 Hope	G. Hall
Reserve Grand Male Champion	Romany 1 Prime Time BL P62	Barwise 1 Lancer	Romany 1 Ishbel A84 G53	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons
Bull born on or before 31st August 2016	1. Moyclare Malcolm	Brocca Saviour	Moyclare Ursula 4th	T.A. Spooner
Bull born on or between 1st September 2016 and 31st March 2017	1. Coley 1 Pilot 2. Coley 1 Petrus 3. Romany 1 Prince B11 P41	Coley 1 Maverick Spurstow 1 Recruit 1st Barwise 1 Lancer	Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11 Coley 1 Clara 286 Romany 1 Mink H12 L66	H. Whittaker B. Hutchinson G. Hall
Bull born on or after 1st April 2017	1. Romany 1 Prime Time BL P62 2. Moralee 1 Punchdrunk 3. Hollyvale 1 Powerhouse	Barwise 1 Lancer SMH Kingsize 87K Dendor 1 Leroy	Romany 1 Ishbel A84 G53 Romany 1 Mink D1 L24 Dendor 1 Anna Mary 18th	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons T. & D. Harrison A. & P. Massey
Cow born before 1st January 2016	1. Coley 1 Pippa 356 2. Auckvale Lively 1058H 3. Dendor 1 Keepsake 16th	Days Calibre 674 Auckvale Broadside SMH Euro 30E	Frenchstone P. 1 Boo Auckvale Lively Lucinda Dendor 1 Keepsake 11th	T. & D. Harrison W. & R. Kemp & Sons B.J. Boulton
Heifer Born on or between 1st February and 31st March 2016	1. Clipston Pansy B6 2. Eveter 1 Gin 3. Chrissecca 1 Hollie	Moyclare Malcolm Solpoll 1 Ferrari Coley 1 Jasper	Clipston Pansy K11 Barbern 1 June 350 Tunneltop 1 Cinders	T.A. Spooner E.M. Jackson R. Culpán
Heifer Born on or after 1st April 2016	1. Romany 1 Plum BL P2 2. Cornriggs 1 Julia 4th 3. Chrissecca 1 Annie	Barwise 1 Lancer Cornriggs 1 Superguy Coley 1 Jasper	Romany 1 Plum A84 E37 Romany 1 Julia A84 E38 Blakelaw 1 Fame	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons H. Elliott R. Culpán
Heifer Born on or between 1st January and 31st March 2017	1. Bethanfield Lisette 2. Tunneltop 1 Ettie 6th 3. Moralee 1 Moet 2nd	Auckvale Monument 1436M Coley 1 Maxamilian Cornriggs 1 Knight Rider	Fourstones Lisette 285 Tunneltop 1 Elite 3rd Moralee 1 Moet	B Hutchinson L Ormondroyd N.L. Brown & C.J. Ormondroyd
Heifer Born on or between 1st April 2017 and 30th April 2017	1. Hollyvale 1 Sapphire 2nd 2. Pinmoor 1 Pennie 3. Harveybros 1 Crocus P5	Dendor 1 Leroy SMH King Size 87K Venture Night Time	Mersey Valley 1 Sapphire Pinmoor 1 Hope Harveybros 1 Crocus J1	A. & P. Massey G.J. Hall G. & S. Harvey
Heifer born on or after 1st May 2017	1. Hallwood 1 Careless 7th 2. Hollyvale 1 June 2nd 3. Pimoor 1 Poppy	Hallwood 1 Knight Dendor 1 Leroy Whitehill 1 Loynd	Hallwood 1 Careless Greenyards 1 June H151 Romany 1 Gypsy H12 L72 (P)	R. & R.I. Shaw A. & P. Massey G. Hall
Exhibitors Group of Three Animals	1. J.R.B. Wilson & Sons	2. G. Hall	3. A. & P. Massey	
Best Pair by the Same Sire	1. J.R.B. Wilson & Sons	2. A. & P. Massey	3. Mrs. R. Culpán	

## ROYAL WELSH SHOW Judge: A.G. Anderson 23 – 26 July 2018

Position	Name of Animal	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
Supreme, Grand & Junior Male Champion	Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine	Gouldingpoll 1 Captain	Romany 1 Lucy A84 F26	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones
Reserve Supreme, Reserve Grand & Reserve Junior Male Champion	Rempstone 1 Eric V463	Hawkesbury 1 Vespa	Rempstone 1 Model	M. Ludgate
Grand Female Champion	Shraden 1 Alice P809	Dendor 1 Knuckleduster	Shraden 1 Alice C198	M.J. & H.M. Timmis
Reserve Grand Female Champion	Dendor 1 Ruby 29th	Solpoll 1 Gilbert	Dendor 1 Ruby 17th	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones
Bull born on or before 31st August 2016	1. Bromley 1 Tendulkar	Greenyards 1 Legend	Bromley 1 Tamerisk 602	M. & M. Roberts
Bull born on or between 1st September 2016 and 31st December 2016	1. Haven Possum	Mawarra After Shock	Haven Spendour 25th	E.L. Lewis & Son
Bull born on or between 1st January 2017 and 30th April 2017	1. Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine 2. Rempstone 1 Eric B463 3. Moralee 1 Punchdrunk	Gouldingpoll 1 Captain Hawkesbury 1 Vespa SMH King Size	Romany 1 Lucy A84 F26 Rempstone 1 Model Romany 1 Mink D1124	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones M. Ludgate T. & D. Harrison

Bull born on or after 1st May 2017	1. Newtoncroft 1 Pondlife 2. Moralee 1 Poll Vaultier	Solpoll 1 Hollywood Cornriggs 1 Knightrider	Newtoncroft 1 Mary 254 Baldinnie 1 Cathy 43rd	Newtoncroft Farms Ltd T. & D. Harrison
Cow in calf or with calf at foot born on or before 31st December 2015	1. Coley 1 Pippa 356 2. Bromley 1 Laurel 594 3. Houghton 1 Coco	Days Calibre G74 Romany 1 Fantasy Hallwood 1 Fiddler	Frenchstone P. 1 Boo Bromley 1 Laurel 445 Houghton 1 Caramel	T. & D. Harrison M. & M. Roberts R. Aidley
Heifer In calf or with calf at foot born on or between 1st January 2016 and 31st August 2016	1. Rempstone 1 Dowager V424 2. Hanson 1 Thuya 257 3. Alderville 1 Dapple	Hawkesbury 1 Vespa Romany 1 Judge A84 J49 Aldersley 1 Edgar	Studmorepoll 1 Dowager 3rd Bosa 1 Thuya 364 Alderville 1 Damsel	M. Ludgate H. Whittaker H. Whittaker
Heifer born on or between 1st September 2016 and 31st December 2016	1. Dendor 1 Ruby 29th 2. Glenvale 1 Polly 617	Solpoll 1 Gilbert Dendor 1 Ledley	Dendor 1 Ruby 17th Glenvale 1 Polly 387	D.E. E.D. & A.L. Jones T.G., E.I. & E.N. Thorne
Heifer born on or between 1st January 2017 and 31st March 2017	1. Shraden 1 Alice P809 2. RTC 1 Jubilee 3. Risbury 1 Sonia 2nd	Dendor 1 Knuckleduster Solpoll 1 Hollywood Windycreek 1 Lawyer	Shraden 1 Alice C198 Classic 1 Jubilee Humber 1 Sonia	M.J. & H.M. Timmis R. Coates H. Heath
Heifer born on or after 1st April 2017	1. Shraden 1 Alice P828 2. Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 25th 3. Harveybros 1 Crocus P5	Baldinnie 1 Victory SMH Euro 30E Venture Night Time 7055	Shraden 1 Alice E283 Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 10th Harveybros 1 Crocus J1	M.J. & H.M. Timmis D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones G. & S. Harvey
Exhibitors Group of Three Animals by the Same Sire	1. T. & D. Harrison	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones		

## NATIONAL HEREFORD SHOW Judge: P. Stanley 4 August 2018

Position	Name of Animal	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
Supreme, Grand & Intermediate Male Champion	Mara President	Clipston Top Drawer T4	Mara Blossom 43rd	R. & M. Borwick
Reserve Supreme, Grand & Intermediate Female Champion	Bethanfield Lisette	Auckvale Monument 1436M	Fourstones Lisette 285	B. Hutchinson
Reserve Grand & Junior Male Champion	HighHedges Rich Reward	Free Town Martyr	Lowergrove Blossom	S. Cowle
Reserve Grand & Junior Female Champion	Pulham Pansy 15th	Brocca Saviour	Clipston Pansy R2	PR.J. & L.R. Vincent
Senior Female Champion	Auckvale Lively 1631P	Auckvale Broadside	Auckvale Lively Lucinda	W. & R. Kemp & Sons
Reserve Senior Female Champion	HighHedges Blossom 6-13	Mara Epic	Mara Blossom 38th	S.A. Cowle
Reserve Intermediate Female Champion	Sparkwood Blossom 19th	Clipston Top Drawer T4	Sparkwood Blossom 12th	L. Jackson
Senior Male Champion	Free Town Nevada	Mara Humorous	Free Town Peace 5th	R.A. Bradstock & Ptnrs.
Reserve Senior Male Champion	Moyclare Malcolm	Moyclare Malcolm	Moyclare Ursula 4th	T.A. Spooner
Reserve Intermediate Male Champion	Sparkwood Tinkerman	Mara Kilamanjaro	Sparkwood Blossom 10th	L. Jackson
Reserve Junior Male Champion	Church Preen Rascal	Haven Koala	Church Preen Lindy Loo J033	A.R. Owen
Reserve Junior Female Champion	High-Hedges 5-17	Free Town Martyr	HighHedges Diadem 3-15	S. Cowle
Breedplan recorded bull born on or between 1st July 2016 and 30th June 2017	1 Haven Possum 2. Pulham Providence 3. HighHouse Paddy	Mawarra After Shock Haven Hotspur HighHouse Merlin	Haven Splendour 25th Clipston Pansy J652 Border Roulette K32	E.L. Lewis & Son PR.J. & L.R. Vincent J.R. Whitlow
Cow in calf or with her own calf at foot born on or before 31st August 2015	1 Auckvale Lively 1631P 2. HighHedges Blossom 6-13	Auckvale Broadside Mara Epic	Auckvale Lively Lucinda Mara Blossom 38th	W. & R. Kemp & Sons S.A. Cowle
Heifer in calf or with her own calf at foot born on or between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016	1 Church Preen Lindy Loo N064 2. Clipston Pansy V6 3. HighHedges Blossom 11-15	Haven Koala Moyclare Malcolm Border Burlington J35	Church Preen Lindy Loo J033 Clipston Pansy K11 Mara Blossom 38th	A.R. Owen T.A. Spooner S.A. Cowle
Heifer born on or between 1st September 2016 and 31st December 2016	1 Sparkwood Dowager 6th 2. Sancler Oystermaid 3. Adzor Peggy Sue	Mara Kilamanjaro Bwlchllyn Harry Auckvale Kansas 1312K	Sparkwood Dowager 5th Hermitage Oystermaid E22 Haven Skylark 7th	L. Jackson R.L. Morgan D.J. Makin
Heifer born on or between 1st January 2017 and 31st March 2017	1 Bethanfield Lisette 2. Sparkwood Blossom 18th 3. Free Town Peace 32nd	Auckvale Monument 1436M Mara Kilamanjaro Mara Humorous	Fourstones Lisette 285 Sparkwood Blossom 31st Free Town Peace 14th	B. Hutchinson L. Jackson R.A. Bradstock & Ptnrs.
Heifer born on or between 1st April 2017 and 31st August 2017	1 Sparkwood Blossom 19th 2. Mara Dowager 22nd 3. Adzor Prudence	Clipston Top Drawer T4 Clipston Top Drawer T4 Auckvale Kansas 1312K	Sparkwood Blossom 12th Mara Dowager 21st Free Town Gentle	L. Jackson R. & M. Borwick D.J. Makin
Heifer born in September 2017	1 Pulham Pansy 15th 2. HighHedges Diadem 5-17 3. Pulham Dowager 4th	Moyclare Malcolm Free Town Martyr Haven Hotspur	Clipston Pansy R2 HighHedges Diadem 3-15 Haven Dowager 161st	PR.J. & L.R. Vincent S.A. Cowle PR.J. & L.R. Vincent
Heifer born in or after 1st October 2017	1 Free Town Plenty 2. Pulham Blossom 22nd 3. Dieulacresse Laura 68th	Mara Humorous Pulham Northern Lights Haven Governor	Free Town Piety Pulham Blossom 16th Dieulacresse Laura 52nd	R.A. Bradstock & Ptnrs. PR.J. & L.R. Vincent T.A. Spooner
Bull born on or before 31st August 2016	1 Free Town Nevada 2. Moyclare Malcolm 3. Free Town Nostradamus	Mara Humorous Brocca Saviour Mara Humorous	Free Town Peace 5th Moyclare Ursula 4th Free Town Peace 8th	R.A. Bradstock & Ptnrs. T.A. Spooner R.A. Bradstock & Ptnrs.
Bull born on or between 1st September 2016 and 31st December 2016	1 Haven Possum	Mawarra After Shock	Haven Splendour 25th	E.L. Lewis & Son
Bull born on or between 1st January 2017 and 31st March 2017	1 Sparkwood Tinkerman 2. Pulham Providence 3. Sparkwood Tearaway	Mara Kilamanjaro Haven Hotspur Clipston Top Drawer T4	Sparkwood Blossom 10th Clipston Pansy J652 Sparkwood Carol Singer 9th	L. Jackson PR.J. & L.R. Vincent L. Jackson

Bull born on or between 1st April 2017 and 31st August 2017	1. Mara President 2. Mara Paramount 3. Lowergrove Pasquinel	Clipston Top Drawer T4 Clipston Top Drawer T4 Free Town Jaguar	Mara Blossom 43rd Clipston Blossom F18 Badlingham Bonny 105th	R. & M. Borwick R. & M. Borwick P. Snell & L. Ferguson
Bull Calf born in September 2017	1. HighHedges Rich Reward 2. Church Preen Rasqual	Free Town Martyr Haven Koala	Lowergrove Blossom Church Preen Lindy Loo J033	S.A. Cowle A.R. Owen
Bull Calf born on or after 1st October 2017	1. HighHedges Ripsnorter 2. Adzor Rascal	Free Town Martyr Auckvale Kansas 1312K	Mara Bonny 35th Broadfield Countess 5th	S.A. Cowle D.J. Makin
Group of Three bred by the same exhibitor	1. R. & M. Borwick	2. R.A. Bradstock & Ptnrs.	3. D.J. Makin	
Best Pair of Calves – any sex combination	1. P.R.J. & L.R. Vincent	2. Mrs. S.A. Cowle	3. A.R. Owen	
Young Handlers Competition Junior	1. Oscar Chandler			
Young Handlers Competition Intermediate	1. Harriet Froud	2. Hannah Murrel	3. Dan Glover	
Young Handlers Competition Senior	1. Matt Taylor	2. Bethan Hutchinson	3. Lisal Wilmer	
Denis Jones Memorial Show Stick	Oscar Chandler			

## SCOTTISH NATIONAL Judge: W. Livesey 4 August 2018

Position	Name of Animal	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
Supreme, Grand & Senior Male Champion	Coley 1 Pilot	Coley 1 Maverick	Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11	H. Whittaker
Reserve Supreme, Grand & Junior Female Champion	Romany 1 Lucy BL R38	Barwise 1 Lancer	Romany 1 Lucy J57	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons
Reserve Grand & Junior Male Champion	Romany 1 Primetime BL P62	Barwise 1 Lancer	Romany 1 Ishbel G53	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons
Reserve Grand & Reserve Junior Female Champion	Moralee 1 Kimberley KS R7	SMH King Size	Moralee 1 Kimberley	T. & D. Harrison
Senior Female Champion	Romany 1 Lucy A84 J57	Baybridge 1 Atlas	Romany 1 Lucy A48	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons
Reserve Senior Female Champion	Baldinnie 1 Chico 6th	Baldinnie 1 Orient	Baldinnie 1 Chico	J.A. Cameron & Son
Reserve Senior Male Champion	Saltire 1 Predator	Baldinnie 1 Orient	Baldinnie 1 Fly 18th	W. P. & K. Wason
Reserve Junior Male Champion	Romany 1 Romeo BL R7	Barwise 1 Lancer	Romany 1 Lucy E6	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons
Heifer born on or after 1st August 2017	1. Romany 1 Lucy BL R38 2. Moralee 1 Kimberley KS R7 3. Moralee 1 Kylie KS R1	Barwise 1 Lancer SMH Kingsize SMH Kingsize	Romany 1 Lucy J57 Moralee 1 Kimberley Moralee 1 Kylie	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons T. & D. Harrison T. & D. Harrison
Heifer born on or between 1st March 2017 and 31st July 2017	1. Harveybros 1 Crocus P5 2. Romany 1 Mink BL P60 3. Romany 1 Lucy BL P61	Venture Night Time Fardre 1 Hi Hildago Barwise 1 Lancer	Harveybros 1 Crocus J1 Romany 1 Mink D3 Romany 1 Lucy L18	G. & S. Harvey J.R.B. Wilson & Sons J.R.B. Wilson & Sons
Heifer born on or between 1st August 2016 and 28th February 2017	1. Baldinnie 1 Dom Lass 21st	Baldinnie 1 Super Star	Baldinnie 1 Dom Lass 13th	J.A. Cameron & Son
Heifer or Cow in milk or in calf born on or between 1st August 2015 and 31st July 2016	1. Cornriggs 1 Julia 4th 2. Moorside 1 Jane 8th 3. Romany 1 Plum BL P62	Cornriggs 1 Super Guy Romany 1 Lawbreaker RE L23 Barwise 1 Lancer	Romany 1 Julia A84 E38 Moorside 1 Jane Romany 1 Plum E37	H. Elliott G. & M.C. Shepherd J.R.B. Wilson & Sons
Cow in milk or in calf born on or before 1st August 2015	1. Romany 1 Lucy A84 J57 2. Baldinnie 1 Chico 6th	Baybridge 1 Atlas Baldinnie 1 Orient	Romany 1 Lucy A48 Baldinnie 1 Chico	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons J.A. Cameron & Son
Bull born on or after 1st August 2017	1. Romany 1 Romeo BL R7 2. Romany 1 Redemption BL R21 3. Romany 1 Roxburgh BL R34	Barwise 1 Lancer Barwise 1 Lancer Barwise 1 Lancer	Romany 1 Lucy E6 Romany 1 Dawn L51 Romany 1 Ishbel L48	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons J.R.B. Wilson & Sons J.R.B. Wilson & Sons
Bull born on or between 1st March 2017 and 31st July 2017	1. Romany 1 Primetime BL P62 2. Drumboy 1 Paola 881	Barwise 1 Lancer Romany 1 Distiller	Romany 1 Ishbel G53 Drumboy 1 Nancy 756	J.R.B. Wilson & Sons G. & Miss M. Dunbar
Bull born on or between 1st August 2016 and 28th February 2017	1. Coley 1 Pilot 2. Saltire 1 Predator	Coley 1 Maverick Baldinnie 1 Orient	Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11 Baldinnie 1 Fly 18th	H. Whittaker W. P. & K. Wason
Best Pair	1. J.R.B. Wilson & Sons	2. T. & D. Harrison	3. J.A. Cameron & Son	
Best Group of Three animals	1. T. & D. Harrison	2. J.R.B. Wilson & Sons		
Best Group of Three animals by the same sire	1. T. & D. Harrison	2. J.R.B. Wilson & Sons		

## NATIONAL POLL SHOW Judge: J. Thomas 1 September 2018

Position	Name of Animal	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
Supreme, Grand & Senior Male Champion	Dendor 1 Nairobi	Lanscombe 1 Orkney	Dendor 1 Molly 41st	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones
Reserve Supreme, Grand & Intermediate Female Champion	Kinglee 1 Polly 554			
Reserve Grand & Reserve Senior Male Champion	Blakesley 1 Major	Solpoll 1 Dynamite	Blakesley 1 Icicle	P. Cobley
Reserve Grand & Senior Female Champion	Coley 1 Pippa 356	Days Calibre 674	Frenchstone P. 1 Boo	T. & D. Harrison
Reserve Senior Female Champion	Pebworth 1 Paloma	Kinglee 1 Galaxy	Blakesley 1 Glamour	N. & L. Holdsworth
Reserve Intermediate Female Champion	Dendor 1 Ruby 29th	Solpoll 1 Gilbert	Dendor 1 Ruby 17th	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones

Junior Female Champion	Kinglee 1 Ebony 577	Panmure 1 Karl	Kinglee 1 Ebony 298	P. Cobley
Reserve Junior Female Champion	Moralee 1 Kylie KS R1	SMH King Size 87K	Moralee 1 Kylie	T. & D. Harrison
Intermediate Male Champion	Coley 1 Pilot	Coley 1 Maverick	Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11	H. Whittaker
Reserve Intermediate Male Champion	Kinglee 1 Panzer	Panmure 1 Karl	Kinglee 1 Star 371	P. Cobley
Junior Male Champion	Maxstoke 1 Rambler	Dendor 1 Juggernaut	Maxstoke 1 Heather 345	D.P. Jones Agri
Reserve Junior Male Champion	Sky High 1 Rock-the-Boat	SMH King Size 87K	Arland Irma	B. Birch & G. Brindley
Cow born before 31st August 2015 with calf at foot born 2018	1. Coley 1 Pippa 356 2. Thornysure 1 Pippa	Days Calibre 674 Westwood General- Advancer	Frenchstone P. 1 Boo Hawkesbury 1 Phoebe	T. & D. Harrison M. Shaw
Heifer born on or between 1st September 2015 and 31st December 2015	1. Solpoll 1 Starlet N9	Wirruna Daffy D1	Solpoll 1 Starlet J3	Warham Court Farms
Heifer born on or between 1st January 2016 and 31st August, 2016 in calf or with calf	1. Pebworth 1 Paloma 2. Bromley 1 Thuya 738 3. Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 22nd	Kinglee 1 Galaxy Greenyards 1 Flynn Solpoll 1 Gilbert	Blakesley 1 Glamour Bromley 1 Thuya 608 Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 10th	N. & L. Holdsworth M. & M. Roberts L.D. & L.L. Powell
Heifer born on or between 1st September 2016 and 31st December 2016	1. Kinglee 1 Polly 554 2. Dendor 1 Ruby 29th 3. Boundless 1 Hillary 1424	Panmure 1 Karl Solpoll 1 Gilbert Baybridge 1 Leo	Kinglee 1 Polly 285 Dendor 1 Ruby 17th Boundless 1 Hillary 1280	P. Cobley D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones B., H. & M.R. Myers
Heifer born on or between 1st January 2017 and 28th February 2017	1. Lowesmoor 1 Beauty 1117 2. Boundless 1 Bliss 1425 3. Spartan 1 Plum	Bosa 1 Hereward Baybridge 1 Leo Cathedral 1 Donatello	Ford Abbey 1 Beauty Boundless 1 Bliss 1197 Panmure 1 Plum K19	M.J. Clark B., H. & M.R. Myers S.C. Hartwright
Heifer born on or between 1st March 2017 and 31st March 2017	1. Blakesley 1 Nancy 2. Dendor 1 Echo 34th 3. Thornysure 1 Oregon	Aland Leopold SMH Euro 30E Kinglee 1 Hero	Blakesley 1 Kathleen Dendor 1 Echo 19th Thornysure 1 Octavia	J. Riley Lord H.J. Cloke M. Shaw
Heifer born on or between 1st April 2017 and 30th April 2017	1. Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 25th 2. Ashdale 3 Queen 638 3. Pulham 1 Starlet 7th	SMH Euro 30E Dendor 1 Ledley Romany 1 Machine D1 M13	Dendor 1 Lilac Wine 10th Ashdale 3 Queen 438 Solpoll 1 Starlet K8	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones T.G., E.I. & E.N. Thorne P.R.J. & L.R. Vincent
Heifer born on or between 1st May 2017 and 31st August 2017	1. Hallwood 1 Careless 7th 2. Hallwood 1 Diamond 3. Hollyvale 1 June 2nd	Hallwood 1 Knight Hallwood 1 Knight Dendor 1 Leroy	Hallwood 1 Careless Hallwood 1 Sapphire 5th Greenyards 1 June H151	R. & R.I. Shaw R. & R.I. Shaw A. & P. Massey
Heifer born on or between 1st September 2017 and 30th September, 2017	1. Kinglee 1 Ebony 577 2. Moralee 1 Kylie KS R1 3. Cato 1 Princess Gem 625	Panmure 1 Karl SMH King Size 87K Kinglee 1 Hero	Kinglee 1 Ebony 29C Moralee 1 Kylie Cato 1 Princess Gem 512	P. Cobley T. & D. Harrison J.D. Moorhouse
Heifer born on or between 1st October 2017 and 31st October 2017	1. Coley 1 Clara 418 2. Upper House 1 Ruby 3. Sky High 1 Luscious Lucy	Solpoll 1 Kentucky Kid Graceland 1 Giovanni SMH King Size 897K	Coley 1 Clara 286 Real 1 Amulet L2 Romany 1 Lucy RE L21	H. Whittaker F.C. Jones & Co. B. Birch & G. Brindley
Heifer born on or after 1st November 2017	1. Moralee 1 Kimberly KS R7 2. Romany 1 Lucy BL R38 3. Pulham 1 Hazel 14th	SMH King Size 87K Barwise 1 Lancer Romany 1 Machine D1 M13	Moralee 1 Kimberly Romany 1 Lucy A84 J57 Pulham 1 Hazel 9th	T. & D. Harrison J.R.B. Wilson & Sons P.R.J. & L.R. Vincent
Bull born on or between 1st January 2016 and 31st August 2016	1. Dendor 1 Nairobi 2. Panmure 1 Nugget 3. Bromley 1 Tendulkar	Lanscombe 1 Orkney Romany 1 Distiller A84 D53 Greenyards 1 Legend	Dendor 1 Molly 41st Panmure 1 Plum E2 Bromley 1 Tamerisk 602	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones V. Weller M. & M. Roberts
Bull born on or between 1st September 2016 and 31st December 2016	1. Blakesley 1 Major 2. Banjo's 1 Albert 3. Moralee 1 Pieman	Solpoll 1 Dynamite Solpoll 1 Ferrari SMH King Size 87K	Blakesley 1 Icicle Lincoln 1 Gilly Victoria Moralee 1 Lucy	P. Cobley A.B. Yaldren S.C. Hartwright
Bull born on or between 1st January 2017 and 31st March 2017	1. Coley 1 Pilot 2. Kinglee 1 Panzer 3. Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine	Coley 1 Maverick Panmure 1 Karl Gouldingpoll 1 Captain	Romany 1 Ishbel D1 M11 Kinglee 1 Star 371 Romany 1 Lucy A84 F26	H. Whittaker P. Cobley D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones
Bull born on or between 1st April 2017 and 31st August 2017	1. Newtoncroft 1 Pondlife 2. Upper House 1 Peter Pan 3. Hawkesbury 1 Pistol	Solpoll 1 Hollywood Solpoll 1 Dynamite Kinglee 1 Jed	Newtoncroft 1 Mary 254 Real 1 Dinah G6 Hawkesbury 1 Precious	Newtoncroft Farms F.C. Jones & Co. P. Cobley
Bull born on or between 1st September 2017 and 30th September 2017	1. Maxstoke 1 Rambler 2. Hollybush 1 Rolo 3. Romany 1 Redemption BL R21	Dendor 1 Juggernaut Solpoll 1 Mustang Barwise 1 Lancer	Maxstoke 1 Heather 345 Hollybush 1 Sparkle 2nd Romany 1 Dawn AL1 L51	D.P. Jones Agri G. & R. Watkins J.R.B. Wilson & Sons
Bull born on or between 1st October 2017 and 31st October 2017	1. Sky High 1 Rock-the-Boat 2. Havenfield 1 Rufus	SMH King Size 87K Solpoll 1 Lawman	Arland Irma Romany 1 Lucy D1 L14	B. Birch & G. Brindley E.L. Lewis & Son
Bull born on or after 1st November 2017	1. Blakesley 1 Nimrod 2. Moralee 1 RHS Prince KR R8	Aland Leopold Cornriggs 1 Knight Rider	Kilbrannan 1 Amber Coley 1 Pippa 356	J. Riley T. & D. Harrison
Group of three animals by the same sire and owned by the Exhibitor	1. T. & D. Harrison	2. T.D. & W.T. Livesey	3.R. & R.I. Shaw	
Group of three animals to include both sexes, owned by the Exhibitor	1. D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones	2.T.D. & W.T. Livesey	3.J.R.B. Wilson & Sons	
Best Pair of animals bred and owned by an Exhibitor who did not win a First Prize at this Show last year	1. R. & R.I. Shaw	2.F.C. Jones & Co.	3.E.L. Lewis & Son	

Young Handlers Competition 7 – 12 years of age	=1. Grace Denning & Rob Dickin	2. Catherine Shaw	3. Finlay Soutter	
Young Handlers Competition 13 – 17 years of age	1. Isla Soutter	2. Oliver Smith	3. Ryan Shaw	
Young Handlers Competition 18-23	Sophie Harvie	Iona Smith		

## KINGTON SHOW Judge: S. Edwards 8 September 2018

Position	Name of Animal	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
Supreme & Grand Female Champion	Dendor 1 Ruby 29th	Solpoll 1 Gilbert	Dendor 1 Ruby 17th	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones
Reserve Supreme & Grand Male Champion	Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine	Gouldingpoll 1 Captain	Romany 1 Lucy A84 F26	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones
Reserve Grand Female Champion	Upper House 1 Ruby	Graceland 1 Giovanni	Real 1 Amulet C2	F.C. Jones
Reserve Grand Male Champion	Chase Musto	Ashford Whisky	Ervie Unitarian B724	W. Chase
Cow or Heifer born before 1st September 2016	1. Bounds 1 Newry 2. Church Preen Lindy Loo N064 3. Bromley 1 Tamarisk 602	Ford Abbey 1 Albert Haven Koala Kinglee 1 Galaxy	Ford Abbey 1 Marina 11th Church Preen Lindy Loo J063 Bromley 1 Tamarisk 510	H. Weston & Sons Ltd. A.R. Owen M. & M. Roberts
Heifer born on or between 1st September 2016 and 31st December 2016	1. Dendor 1 Ruby 29th 2. Bounds 1 Olympia	Solpoll 1 Gilbert Hawkesbury 1 Ronaldo	Dendor 1 Ruby 17th Ford Abbey 1 Marina 4th	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones H. Weston & Sons Ltd.
Heifer born on or between 1st January 2017 and 31st March 2017	1. Shraden 1 Alice P809	Dendor 1 Knuckleduster	Shraden 1 Alice C198	M.J. & H.M. Timmis
Heifer born on or between 1st April 2017 and 31st August 2017	1. Shraden 1 Alice P828	Baldinnie 1 Victory	Shraden 1 Alice 283	M.J. & H.M. Timmis
Heifer Calf born on or after 1st September 2017	1. Upper House 1 Ruby 2. Shraden 1 Alice R857 3. Free Town Plenty	Graceland 1 Giovanni Baldinnie 1 Victory Mara Humorous	Real 1 Amulet C2 Shraden 1 Alice 247 Free Town Piety	F.C. Jones M.J. & H.M. Timmis R.A. Bradstock & Ptnrs.
Bull born on or before 1st September 2016	1. Chase Musto	Ashford Whisky	Ervie Unitarian B724	W. Chase
Bull born on or between 1st September 2016 and 31st December 2016	1. Haven Possum	Mawarra Aftershock	Haven Splendour 25	E.L. Lewis & Son
Bull born on or between 1st January 2017 and 31st March 2017	1. Gouldingpoll 1 Moonshine 2. Free Town Premier	Gouldingpoll 1 Captain Mara Humorous	Romany 1 Lucy A84 F26 Free Town Peace 16th	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones R.A. Bradstock & Ptnrs.
Bull born on or between 1st April 2017 and 31st August 2017	1. Upper House 1 Peter Pan 2. Rough Moor 1 Patriot	Solpoll 1 Dynamite Shraden 1 Henson	Real 1 Dinah 66 Mwyn 1 Fashion	F.C. Jones T. & M. Goodwin & C. Powell
Bull born on or between 1st September 2017 and 31st October 2017	1. Church Preen Rasquel 2. Hollybush 1 Rolo 3. Havenfield 1 Robin Hood	Haven Koala Solpoll 1 Mustang Romany 1 Lawbreaker RE L23	Church Preen Lindy Loo J033 Hollybush 1 Sparkle Dendor 1 Ruby 20th	A.R. Owen G. & R. Watkins E.L. Lewis & Son
Bull Calf born on or after 1st November 2017	1. Havenfield 1 Rancher	Solpoll 1 Lawman	Havenfield 1 Lady Lynda L10	E.L. Lewis & Son
Best Pair of Herefords	1. D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones	2. M.J. & H.M. Timmis	3. R.A. Bradstock & Ptnrs.	

## NATIONAL CALF SHOW Judge: S. Edwards 8 December 2018

Position	Name of Animal	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
Supreme & Grand Female Champion	Dendor 1 Wattle 9th	Bakgard 1 Keno 1178	Dendor 1 Wattle 6th	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones
Reserve Supreme & Grand Male Champion	Havenfield 1 Robin Hood	Romany 1 Lawbreaker RE L23	Dendor 1 Ruby 20th	E.L. Lewis & Son
Reserve Grand Male Champion	Barbern 1 Rockafella	Barbern 1 Gargantuan	Barbern 1 Foxglove 309	B. Rimmer
Reserve Grand Female Champion	Dendor 1 Echo 36th	Bakgard 1 Keno 1178	Dendor 1 Echo 28th	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones
Best Pair of Bull Calves owned by the Exhibitor	1. E.L. Lewis & Son	2. T.D. & W.T. Livesey	3. N. Robinson (Whittle A.G.)	
Best Pair of Heifer Calves owned by the Exhibitor	1. T. & D. Harrison	2. D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones	3. N. & L. Holdsworth	
Best Group of 3 Calves by the same sire and owned by the Exhibitor	1. D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones	2. T.D. & W.T. Livesey	3. S. Hawkins	
Heifer Calf born September/October 2017	1. Dendor 1 Wattle 9th 2. Coley 1 Clara 418 3. Moralee 1 Kylie KS R1	Bakgard 1 Keno 1178 Solpoll 1 Kentucky Kid SMH King Size 87K	Dendor 1 Wattle 6th Coley 1 Clara 286 Moralee 1 Kylie	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones H. Whittaker T. & D. Harrison
Heifer Calf born November/December 2017	1. Moralee 1 Kimberly KS R7 2. Pulham 1 Hazel 14th 3. Kilvrough 1 Juliet 2nd	SMH King Size 87K Romany 1 Machine D1 M13 Solpoll 1 Dynamite	Moralee 1 Kimberly Pulham Hazel 9th Dendor 1 Juliet 13th	T. & D. Harrison P.R.J. & L.R. Vincent E. Radcliffe
Heifer Calf born January/February 2018	1. Coley 1 Lima 426 2. Blakesley 1 Olympia 3. Coley 1 Delores 427	Bakgard 1 Loke Aland Leopold Dendor 1 Nonu	Kammerherre Lima 1138 Blakesley 1 Lily Lower Hurst 1 Delightful 52nd	H. Whittaker J. Riley H. Whittaker

Heifer Calf born on or between 1st March and 11th March 2018	1. Dendor 1 Echo 36th 2. Coley 1 Hasimara 430 3. Harveybros 1 Crocus Rose	Bakgard 1 Keno Vokslev Lemmy Normanton 1 Laertes	Dendor 1 Echo 28th Kammerherre Hasim Harveybros 1 Crocus N1	D.E. E.D. & A.L. Jones H. Whittaker G. & S. Harvey
Heifer Calf born on or between 12th March 2018 and 31st March 2018	1. Dendor 1 Anna Mary 37th 2. Burtondale 1 Rosie 3. Bosa 1 Elke 1048	Bakgard 1 Keno 1178 Spurstow 1 Super Duty SMH Liga 107L	Dendor 1 Anna Mary 13th Burtondale 1 Heather Bosa 1 Elke 975	D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones B. Birch & G. Brindley S. Hawkins
Heifer Calf born in April 2018	1. Hollyvale 1 June 3rd 2. Glenvale 1 Doris 671 3. Upper House 1 Rosa Bonny	Dendor 1 Leroy Dendor 1 Ledley Dorepoll 1 93N Transatlantic	Greenyards 1 June H151 Glenvale 1 Doris 398 Broadfield Bonny 5th	A. & P. Massey T.G., E.I. & E.N. Thorne F.C. Jones & Co.
Heifer Calf born on or after 1st May 2018	1. Spartan 1 Red Hot Mist 2. Ashdale 3 Queen 684 3. Shraden 1 Alice R895	Cathedral 1 Donatello Dendor 1 Ledley Dendor 1 Knuckleduster	Cleland 1 Cheerful 8th Ashdale 3 Queen 438 Shraden 1 Alice J498	S.C. & G.L. Hartwright T.G., E.I. & E.N. Thorne M.J. & H.M. Timmis
Bull Calf born September/October 2017	1. Havenfield 1 Robin Hood 2. Maxstoke 1 Rambler 3. Sky High 1 Rock-the-Boat	Romany 1 Lawbreaker RE L23 Dendor 1 Juggernaut SMH King Size 87K	Dendor 1 Ruby 20th Maxstoke 1 Heather 345 Aland Irma	E.L. Lewis & Sons D.P. Jones Agricultural B. Birch & G. Brindley
Bull Calf born November/December 2017	1. Pulham Ranger 2. Gouldingpoll 1 Double Decker 3. Church Preen Riddick	Haven Hotspur Gouldingpoll 1 Captain Haven Koala	Border Pansy G39 Gouldingpoll 1 Fanny 621 Church Preen Model J035	P.R.J. & L.R. Vincent M. Ludgate A.R. Owen
Bull Calf born January/February 2018	1. Barbern 1 Rockafella 2. Pulham 1 Remitall 3. Banjo's 1 Chaos	Barbern 1 Gargantuan Romany 1 Machine D1 M13 Kinglee 1 Hero	Barbern 1 Foxglove 309 Solpoll 1 Starlet K15 Lynsore 1 Empress 18th	B. Rimmer P.R.J. & L.R. Vincent A.B. Yaldren
Bull Calf born March 2018	1. Thames 1 AV8 961 2. Dendor 1 Rosco P. Coltrane 3. Dendor 1 Rick Astley	Thomas 1 Supersonic 907 Bakgard 1 Keno 1178 Bakgard 1 Keno 1178	Thames 1 Avril Dendor 1 Keepsake 10th Dendor 1 Molly 31st	A. & S. Timbrell D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones
Bull Calf born April 2018	1. Glenvale 1 Concorde 2. Coley 1 Rococo 3. Dendor 1 Rhydian	Dendor 1 Ledley Dendor 1 Nonu Dendor 1 Murdock	Glenvale 1 Angela 497 Romany 1 Lucy H12 M22 Dendor 1 Ruby 9th	T.G., E.I. & E.N. Thorne H. Whittaker D.E., E.D. & A.L. Jones
Bull Calf born on or after 1st May 2018	1. Burmill 1 Raphael 2. Lord Harvey's 1 Winston	SMH King Size 87K Bakgard 1 Keno 1178	Bosa 1 Laurel 804 Dendor 1 Echo 19th	R. Allcock Lord H.J. Cloke
Young Handlers Competition Under 16	1. Grace Denning	2. Finlay Soutter	3. Jack Heath	
Young Handlers Competition Over 16	1. Maddie Clarke	2. Iona Smith	3. Isla Soutter	

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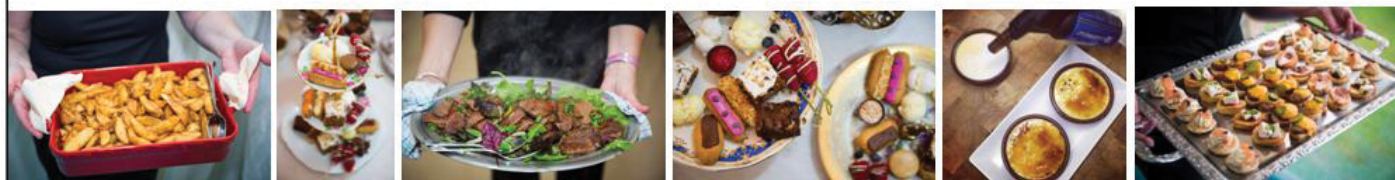
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