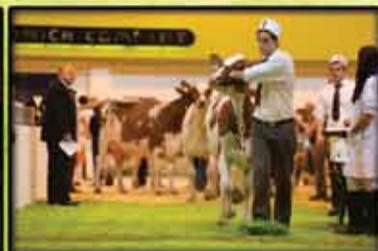


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Welcome to our Ayrshire Journal



From Your President Colin Christophers

Hi everyone, writing my first in mid July, two months into my year, I cannot believe how fast that time has gone and how soon it will be to May next year. Will I have achieved anything for the Ayrshire Breed in that time? Well, I hope so.

My main areas of concentration this year will be Breed Heritage (I hope you will have all received and returned your questionnaires, the results of this will promote discussion on cows at the October Council Meeting) and to support and encourage our junior members, giving them a year round presence, prominent within the Society. The emphasis on both these subjects, and the whole Society, is that you concentrate on the future, of which I am confident we will have a very bright one.

May, June and July have passed in an absolute whirl, with the Ayrshire cow prominent in all the shows that I have attended. Added to this were the changes within our office, which all progressed smoothly, with the change of Office Manager and the move to new premises. You will all know by now that Irene has retired from the Society to concentrate on family and their own business. I cannot express in words in this column the debt that we owe Irene in her time at the helm. Irene has been a joy to work with and we wish her all the success and happiness for the future. By now a lot of you will have met or spoken to our new office manager, Lesley Craig. Lesley is a dynamo of efficiency and enthusiasm, and I hope she will enjoy the challenges of working with us at our new offices in Prestwick for many years to come.

The now Livestock Event at the N.E.C. is proof of how vibrant a future the Ayrshire breed has. With the encouragement of Duncan we were able to present the best show of Ayrshires for many years. Our junior member's show team and willing exhibitors producing 47 milk animals, to give strong, high quality classes. With the predominance of Ayrshires in the show there was pressure to perform and achieve breed success. We were not found lacking with **Beth Mellish** taking interbreed junior handler to start the day. Then **Loukat Lucky** took the supreme title with maximum score of 50. Well done to Richard Bown and all his team. The success continued with the Ayrshire team of four winning the **Bledisloe Trophy:- Loukat Lucky, Millford Lark 19, Pam Ayr's Dream Hawaii and Cuthill Towers Miss Blondie 2**. What an honour it was for me to step into the ring and receive this great trophy. What a great show, that hopefully we can not only match but improve on next year, and create a showcase of UK Ayrshires for an international audience.

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Council met in May during our Annual Conference held in Campbeltown when a good number of members attended.

Office Premises



Council were advised that we had secured new premises and intended to move in July. This move has now successfully taken place with very few hiccups, and I have to say the “packing-removal team” consisting of office staff with a bit of heavy lifting carried out by Michael and his apprentice, Christopher, went with military precision (those of you who know Michael Pitt will know what I mean!). This saved the Society considerably financially and I would like to personally thank them all for their hard work during this stressful time – they say moving house is one of the most stressful events of your life – try moving offices! The premises are at the Westburn Business Centre, Prestwick (pictured above), and these are serviced offices with ample parking for visitors, the use of conference facilities, and a more secure working environment for staff, particularly when working alone. We are now settling in very well and if you are in the area please come in and visit.

Breed Development/Heritage

The Breed Development Fund has now been formally wound up by OSCR, and this will now be incorporated within the Society as restricted funds and renamed Breed Heritage with a chairman and committee and separate remit. A meeting will take place in October with the purpose of discussing Breed Heritage and the intention is that this will be at the scheduled Council meeting. The objective is to get comments and to facilitate input as to what the membership’s opinions are. A Breed Heritage questionnaire has been circulated to all members, and we are pleased to report that these questionnaires are being returned promptly. If you have not yet completed yours please do so – it is your breed and therefore it is your opinions that will help move the breed forward.

Finance

Mr A Lawrie reported that budget figures to the end of April were being met, showing a net profit of £30,000 to date, with a predicted small net loss at the end of the financial year. Sales from entry schedules were down from last year but are on budget. Type classification income is below budget, however costs were also under budget. Publications income was lower than budget, with less adverts in the Spring Journal, but also fewer pages, so lower print costs. Membership subscriptions are down as memberships have fallen slightly. Direct expenses were lower than budget. We were showing a gross profit of £76,737 at the end of April 2013 compared to £76,232 at the end of April 2012. After overheads have been taken off, we were sitting at a figure of £29,845 net profit at the end of April 2013, (£38,366 April 2012) compared to a budgeted net profit of £30,352. The General Investments for the Society to the end of March 2013 are valued at £231,248 compared to £206,868 at the end of March 2012. The Breed Heritage fund is currently at £42,604 compared to £37,168 at the end of March 2012.

Reminder

Council members were asked to remind their Clubs that all male animals registered, not just those born, since 1 January 2013 must have a DNA number and a full parentage check carried out prior to the animal’s registration being released. All animals born as the result of an ET will also require this parentage check. It had also previously been agreed by Presidents that any registrations requiring to be changed, i.e. wrong ear tag, wrong dam, wrong sire, wrong date of birth etc, will be subject to investigation by the Breed Secretary prior to these changes being made. Under no circumstances will office staff make these changes without authorisation and no pressure should be put on staff to do so.

From Irene

This will be my last input to the Journal due to my retirement from the Ayrshire Cattle Society. I would like to thank Council, Presidents, members and staff for all the support, advice and friendship over the last nine years. It has been a pleasure working with both the Society and Cattle Services and I have made many friends whom I am sure I will keep in touch with. My time with the Society has been varied and interesting with many ups and downs, but hopefully the Society has moved on in this period. From a personal point of view the introduction of the Showing Rules and DNA testing has been one of the main achievements, and it pleases me to note that most of the Ayrshire breeders agree with these and are adhering to them – it is hoped that other breeds will follow by example. Welfare and fairness are very much in the public eye and will be for the foreseeable future. With this in mind and with the members’ support of the Breed Heritage Committee I can only see the breed moving forward, and in turn taking the individual breeders forward, whether large or small. One further, and probably most important, way for the breed to move forward is an open and honest flow of communication and co-operation between those running the Society on your behalf, Council, Presidents, Breed Heritage and Cattle Services. Everyone should be working together to enable a long and productive future for the Ayrshire cow, which will in turn provide the means to a long and productive future for the individual breeders.

I would personally like to thank you all for your support and assistance, but in particular I would like to say thank you to Mr John Cochrane, Mr Duncan Hunter, Mr Arthur Lawrie and Mr Johnnie Templeton for their unflinching support, guidance and assistance over the years. There have been many fraught times and tense words which were always forgotten at the end of the day, but the smiles and successes far outweighed these! I would also say a big thanks to the two ladies in the office, Elaine and Lesley, and wish them the best of luck for the future.



Lesley Craig

My replacement Mrs Lesley Craig comes from a varied background with experience in the Scottish Milk Marketing Board, private sector food manufacturing, and latterly a local charity. She is well qualified to take on this position and has been working alongside me for the last three months, and I have absolutely no qualms in handing over the reins to this very capable lady. I would ask that Lesley be welcomed into the organisation in the same warm manner in which I was.

Once again, thank you for your support and friendship to both Michael and I over the years, and our door will always be open to anyone visiting the area.

Irene

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Breed Secretary's News...

By John Cochrane

They say that the darkest time is just before the dawn, and that is very true when talking about the UK dairy industry. After one of the coldest, wettest spells imaginable over the last six months, resulting in negative cash flows due to higher than budgeted feed bills for many, the sun god has returned bringing with it renewed optimism and hope. Sometimes it is hard to see the positives but there are many if you look hard enough. Milk prices are on the way up and look likely to continue on the rise, while cereal costs have moderated, plus a shortage of beef has resulted in cull cows being at record prices, pointing to a brighter future.

The demand for pure Ayrshires is at an all time high and it would be easy to become complacent about the breed, but that would be a big mistake as standing still only means we will be passed by other breeds. That is why I am delighted that our next Council meeting will be devoted to improving the breed and making it more competitive. When you become Breed Secretary, your first obligation is to preserving the individuality and identity of the breed and to improving what we have without destroying the best attributes and characteristics that have made it popular and sustained it. I'm glad to say that both Duncan Hunter and the office staff are also acutely conscious of our responsibility. Of course, many breeders are inclined to agree with decisions that suit their own breeding philosophy or business first and foremost, with the future of the Ayrshire breed second, but I would ask them to take a wider view when it comes to the breed's future. We have to change to progress, not only in improving the attributes of the Ayrshire cow, but also in the systems we use to register and evaluate

her, as well as the way we prove and market our next leet of proven sires, while also making sure they have as reliable and widespread proof as possible, thus ensuring that they breed true to their proof. After investing all this time and money we have to make sure that these young sires stay disease free until their proof comes through. We are talking large sums here and we need to consider the costs involved. What was correct and acceptable thirty years ago is not necessarily best for the breed or the Society today. The next big ask is to double the number of Ayrshires sired by AI. It is fact not fiction that only about one in twenty barn bulls will measure up to a half decent AI sire. All I ask is that you take the widest view possible in making your decisions, so that the breed is given every chance to make its mark not only in the UK, but around the world. If that means involving sister Societies from around the world and co-operating with them for the common good, let us consider it. The world is a small place now with all the technology we have at our disposal. Everything is possible if we are determined to make it happen. Just look at the success we have had recently at the Livestock Event, all because of the determination of Duncan Hunter and the skill and hard work of our young members in partnership with our exhibitors.

I have recently been to the USA thanks to a kind invitation from the American Association, and spent the first three days viewing lots of solid cows that would be very at home here. I also attended their Convention, and was privileged to be asked to sit in at their board meeting, and found they had exactly the same problems that we have in their quest to commercialise the breed. Like here, the show ring can sometimes assume an importance way above its usefulness when it comes to making important commercial decisions, and by saying that I no way undervalue the publicity that showing gives a breed, but if the cows don't deliver they suddenly lose their attraction. I look forward to an exciting productive and constructive meeting that comes up with answers that allow the Ayrshire breed to progress and improve and that we can all be proud of. Above all we need openness, honesty and understanding in abundance from all sides.



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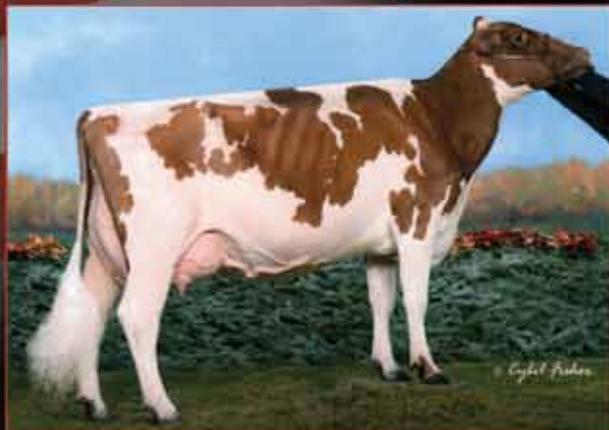
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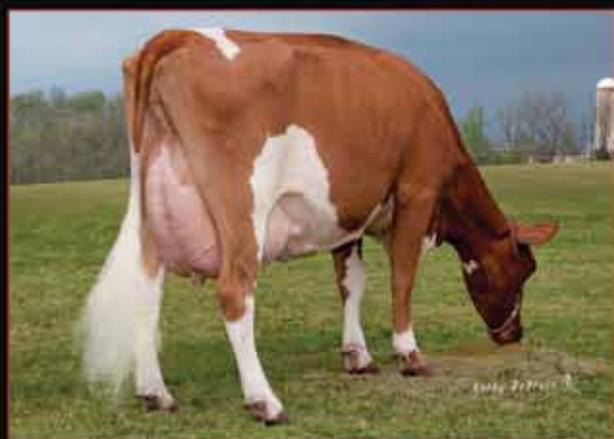
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Daughter: PALMYRA BENDIG R BONNIE, VG-89
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2-00 305D 20,490M (9,294 kg) 4.3% 888F 3.2% 655P
Nom. All-American Jr. 2-Year-Old, 2012



Dam PALMYRA REALITY BONNIE-ET, VG-88
Ranked #2 Elite CPI Cow April 2013
3-08 311D 24,850M (11,272 kg) 5.0% 1250F 3.3% 829P
HM All-American Sr. 3-Year-Old, 2010



Daughter: VAN-DE ORKKO CRICKET CROQUET
Ranked #3 Elite CPI Cow April 2013
2-07 314D 21,610M (9,802 kg) 4.6% 986F 3.8% 815P



Dam VAN-DE JERRY K-T-DID CRICKET, EX-92
Ranked #2 Elite CPI Cow December 2012
5-02 341D 28,640M (12,991 kg) 4.1% 1176F 3.4% 984P



Daughter: PALMYRA REALITY BAILEY-ET, VG-86
Ranked #7 Elite CPI Cow April 2013
2-02 305D ME 22,520M (10,215 kg) 4.7% 1059F 3.2% 714P



Dam PALMYRA CALIMERO R. BAILEY-ET, VG-89
Ranked #5 Elite CPI Cow April 2013
3-07 365D 29,374M (13,324 kg) 4.5% 1309F 3.3% 959P



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Mr G Templeton (CSA) and Mr D Hunter (in attendance).

World Federation Representatives: Mr J Cochrane, Mr A Lawrie
and Mr G Templeton



The Ayrshire Cattle Society's AGM and Conference was hosted this year by the Kintyre Club on the 16/17/18th of May. That rarity, the sun, shone (probably arranged by Iona Barr), as if to greet us, as we arrived at our hotels, the Ugadale at Machrihanish and the Royal in Campbeltown.

After all the meetings were over, all the cow enthusiasts boarded the bus for our first herd visit, to the Machriebeg herd of the Barbour family, situated on the south coast of the peninsula, on the outskirts of the village of Southend. This traditionally run herd which was founded in 1845, was looking well, with the many daughters of the former herd sire Carnell Dunn Deal (Final Fling X Urgent Request) catching the eye with their really good udders and correct frames. Of interest were the first two daughters in milk by the next herd sire, Carnell Asset Maker, who is being progeny tested by Cattle Services. The longevity of the herd allows them to cross the bottom 50% of the herd with an Aberdeen Angus bull. Everything is meticulously done here so it was no surprise to find that the farm buildings were spotless too. The Barbour's also have a busy caravan park along the beach, which looked very inviting. In beautiful sunshine we enjoyed some refreshments, before saying our good-byes.

Next day we were back in the same area, only further up the coast, on our way to visit the Ormsary herd of the Ronald family. Numbers had swelled to over 140 which just goes to show the interest of the local population. This well run commercial herd has used genetics from around the world, including Swedish and Danish along with crossing with Red Holstein, the latest being K C Roses Chatter. After saying that, this was still a uniform herd of cows with some really good UK Ayrshire sires, some of the best being by McCormick Navigator and Rosehill Blackthorn. They had also tried crossing with Montbeliarde with some real strong cows being the result. A good start to another day.





After another sumptuous lunch in the church hall (where did we put all that food?), it was time to visit the Gartvaigh herd of the Cameron family about three miles away. This herd of a hundred and twenty cows, now in its hundredth year, is built around the daughters of Brieryside Perfect Blend, bred from the famous Wren family and West Mossgiel Athos, the Sand Ranger son of the show winning West Mossgiel Lizzie 39, an ET full brother to the AI sire, West Mossgiel Aramis. Over half the herd is by Athos, and they are remarkably uniform, being tall, robust cows with good functional udders. Like all the other Ayrshire herds in Kintyre, they exhibit at the annual Cambeltown Show, encouraged by the enthusiasm of son Thomas and stockman Graeme McMillan. Lately more use has been made of AI in the breeding programme. After even more hospitality, it was time to head back to the hotel.

Next morning, awakened by the sound of rain, and with three fabulous herd visits on the itinerary, we all awaited the latest weather forecast which was of the opinion that the rain would ease. Our first visit was to the Ballygreggan herd of the Millar family about three miles out of the town. This herd of 100 cows is kept on a simple system of silage and distillers draff, with concentrates in the parlour. On arrival, the rain had eased, and we headed for the field to view this herd where the famous McCornick Navigator was proven. His influence was soon apparent with many great senior cows being by him. The AI sire, Carnell Bright Crown also had some really good daughters as did the Holstein, Regiment Red. The first daughters of their young sire, West Mossgiel Modern Class, had just calved, so it will be interesting to see how they develop. As the rain increased to torrential, we all had to make for cover and a welcome strong drink, to ease the soggy trousers feeling.

As the weather cleared slightly we headed for the next farm visit at the nearby East Drumlembie, home of the Ralston family and their award winning dairy enterprise, having been winners of the Scottish herd of the year in 2011. This herd of 200 cows, which are by a mix of AI bulls and homebred bulls (all the heifers are put to a homebred sire), were out grazing, and with their dairy type it was easy to see why they excel when it comes to milk production. Some really nice daughters of the two homebred Pat Laro sons, Jupiter and Pat and the Baltimore son, Jasper Three were on view, along with quality daughters of Crown Napier, Kildare Jerry and Margot Calimero. However before we had time to enjoy the whole herd, the rain descended once again with renewed force. There was nothing for it but to board the bus and head back to town for another tasty lunch.

By the time of our third herd visit to the show winning Calderglen herd of the Barr family, the rain had moderated though the sea was black and threatening. On entering the field, it soon became apparent that they were some high class cows here. The homebred sires Lancelot and Jubilee had bred well, while many of the good young cows were by Sanderson Last Talisman. It is not often you that you see two Royal Highland Champions in the same field, both of them looking very impressive. Raffia, the 2010 Champion, has matured well and looked a picture with her tremendous class and femininity, while the 2011 Champion, Silverbell 7, excelled with her strength and power. Unfortunately even Iona could not control the rain god, and as the rain poured down, we had to head for shelter in the shed where a surprise awaited us. The Cambeltown Brass band, of which the younger branches of the Barr family are members, was in residence, and they entertained us right royally for over an hour while we dried out with a glass of Scotland's famous drink. Congratulations Kintyre. A fitting end to a great conference.



See You All Next Year!

Heydale Dream Bronara Tops Conference Sale



Above - Pylon Easled EX 95 - dam of the top priced package of embryos.

Left - Heydale Dream Bronara sold for £5000.

A packed hall of conference delegates and locals, numbering over 200 people, were present for this year's conference sale in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown.

Auctioneer for the evening was Archie Miller ably assisted by his three spotters, Duncan Hunter, Alan Timbrell and Alex Kirkpatrick.

First to sell were four lots of semen put forward by Cattle Services. Five straws of the high type sire **Mawdesley Bright Beam** went first, and some furious bidding ended with the price of £58 per straw being paid by Peter Berresford for his Heydale Herd in Derbyshire.

Next up was a bull who was very popular in the 1970s, **Bankend Legacy**, obviously still a favourite for some, and bidding finished at £42 per straw, again going to Derbyshire, but this time to Robert Adams at Bigginvale.

Another old favourite, **Cuthill Towers Maple Glory**, again made the same price of £42, selling to Ian Patrick for his Garrett Hall Herd near Manchester.

The final lot of semen was the Olympic son **Woodland View Pedro**. Robert Adams again secured this lot for the price of £40 per straw.

Four outstanding Embryo packages were put forward by some of our breeders which really did appeal to many.

First up were five Embryos from last year's Yorkshire Show heifer champion **Marleycote Sea Lily VG 86 2yr** and sired by the popular De La Plaine Prime. A telephone bid of £600 each secured this lot for Jim Arnott for his Flintstone Herd in Hertfordshire.

Four embryos sired by Nexus Dreamer and out of the **VG 87 Rosehill Majollica**, and going back to the great **Rosehill Magenta EX 94**, were next up, and the hammer fell to David Heasman for his Pylon Herd in East Sussex at £480 each.

The Arnott family had consigned three embryos to the sale from the **EX 91 Haresfoot Easlad Ella**, who is a daughter of the world renowned **Haresfoot Ella 47 EX 94**. These embryos were sired by the British sire Ardmore Crown Napier and sold to the Cumbrian herd of Middle and Willie Whiteford for £540 each.

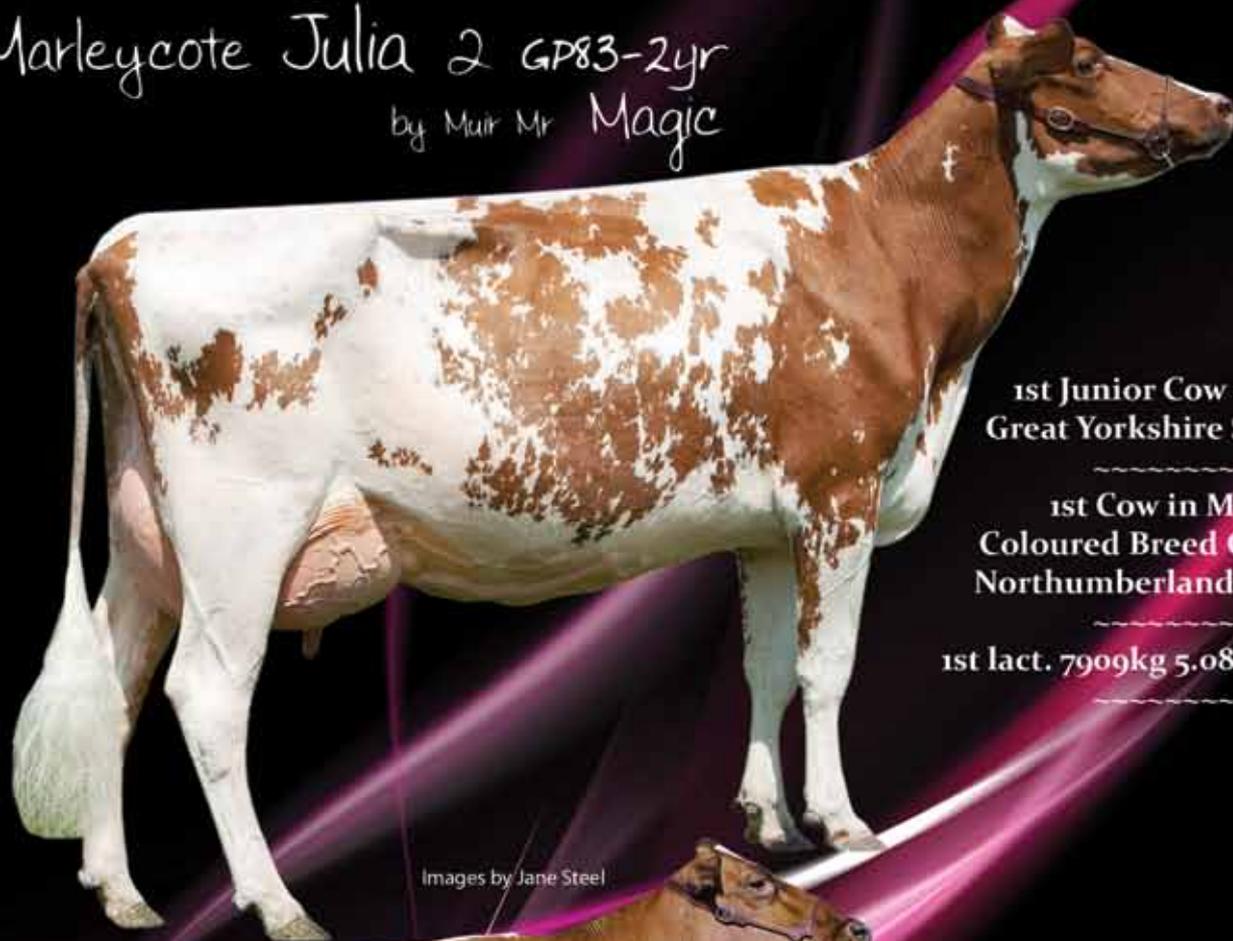
The last embryo package sold for a massive £720 each, for four embryos out of the amazing 20 yr old **Pylon Easled EX 95**, and sired by the Canadian giant Blackadder BB Kellogg, consigned by Chris and Lisa Window. It was a fitting tribute when the hammer fell to Easled's breeder, David Heasman, for his Pylon Herd.

Two heifers were offered for sale, first was **Calderglen Silverbell 11**, a daughter of the 2011 Royal Highland show champion and sired by the homebred Calderglen Senator. After a plea from breeder and President Robin Barr to bid generously the hammer fell at £3000 to Jim Pearce for his Menadue herd all the way down south of the country in Crediton, Devon.

Last to sell was the January 2013 born **Heydale Dream Bronara**. Sired by Nexus Dreamer and out of the EX 90 Heydale Brons Shady Elaine, and a potential 9th generation Excellent, sold for £5000 to a new partnership between Jawilco Ayrshire Stud in South Africa and Smartmove Ayrshires from the UK. Many thanks to all consignors and buyers for making this sale yet again a massive success for our breed.

Something Magical from Marleycote...

Marleycote Julia 2 GP83-2yr
by Muir Mr Magic

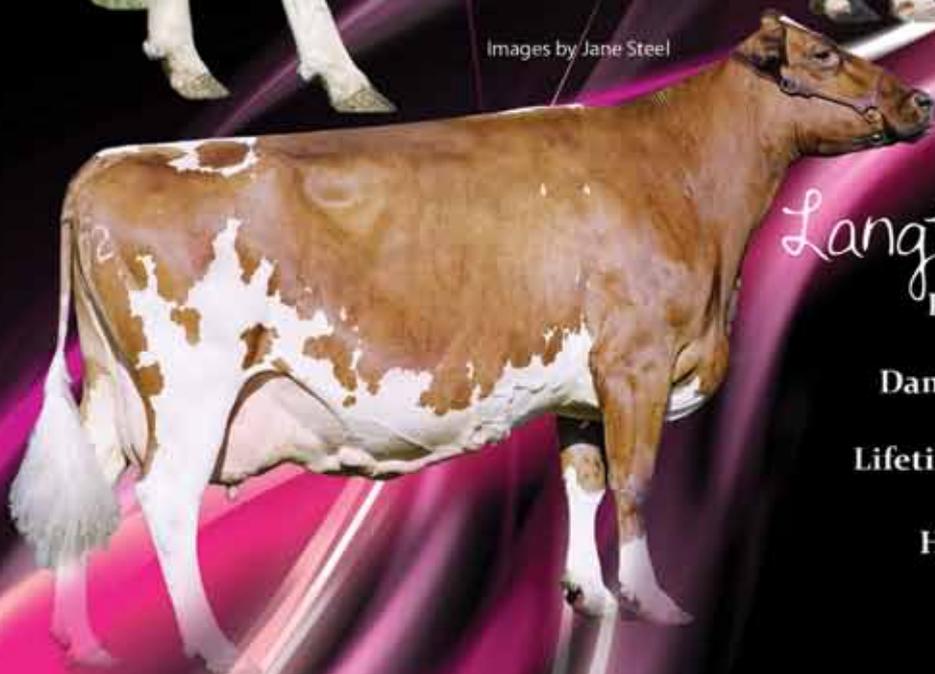


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Langton Julia EX92-5E LP80

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Society News.....

Obituaries

George Boswell

George Boswell (Blackaddar Farms) has died age 93. George, and his son Norman, developed their Blackaddar herd, based on Prince Edward Isle, into one of the most famous and influential in the breed. Through such famous sires as Milkman and the great BB Kellogg, the Blackaddar prefix can be found in the back breeding of nearly every Ayrshire in the world. Of Scottish descent, his zest for life and the Ayrshire cow will be sadly missed, especially at the World Federation Conferences where he was an ever present participant.

Robert (Bobby) Cunningham

One of Scotland's top breeders of pedigree Ayrshire Cattle, Robert (Bobby) Cunningham, has died in his 88th year. Over the last fifty years he had developed his West Mossgiel herd into one of the top herds in the UK. A keen showman, most Saturdays in the summer would find Bobby exhibiting at one of the local shows in his home area, usually with great success, so much so that he won so many trophies outright that he had to re-present them. One of his great memories was winning the championship at Ayr Show in 1971, the top show for Ayrshires in the UK at the time, with West Mossgiel Cora 10, after being in reserve spot in 1969, a feat he achieved once more in 1972. In latter years, he took a lot of pleasure in the successes achieved by the Lizzie family under the guidance of his son Robert and was never happier than when showing you round his cows. A quiet unassuming man, his presence around the show rings of Ayrshire will be sorely missed as will his "pawky" humour.

Hamish Smith (the man who took Ayrshires to Zimbabwe)

At the end of March, Scotland, and indeed the world, lost one of the most famous and dedicated sons of Kintyre, whose enthusiasm, dedication and legacy to cattle breeding will benefit both the UK and Africa for years to come. Emigrating to the then Rhodesia at 22 years of age, Hamish Smith started from scratch and, with his late wife Jean, to whom he was married for 62 years, became one of the country's largest dairy, beef and crop farmers, being a frequent winner at the famed Salisbury Show with his Herefords, Holsteins but, above all, his beloved Ayrshires. Hamish took great pride in importing the best Ayrshire genetics and spreading the breed into many African countries, and was a regular participant in the Ayrshire world tours and conferences, as well as being a recognised international judge. As time went on, Zimbabwe's larger efficient farms were being taken over and broken up by government policy, so in 2001 Hamish and Jean returned to the UK, to his home town of Campbeltown, to retire. Such was his love and support of the Ayrshire breed, that he presented trophies at both the Royal and the Royal Highland for production/inspection. His presence at Ayrshire events will be sadly missed.

Long Life Cow Award



Rosehill Magenta EX 94

The Long Life Cow Award is a competition run by leading cattle breeding business Genus ABS.

Rosehill Magenta EX 94, owned by Messrs W R C & J E Christophers, Trenerry Farm, near Truro scooped the Ayrshire breed award. Born in October 1998, Magenta is in her eleventh lactation and has produced over 85,000 kgs of milk in her lifetime.

"Magenta has consistently produced good quality milk combined with a low cell count which has averaged just 93 over ten completed lactations," enthuses Mr Christophers. "She has shown marvellous fertility as well. Her lifetime average calving interval is 399 days but this includes two lactations when she was on a flushing program, producing 100 grade A embryos over five flushes. Remove these and her calving average is just 372 days. She is also a great show cow, winning championships at the Royal Cornwall Show and South West Dairy Show among others.

Information provided by Stephanie Whittaker, Genus ABS

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September

27 Technicolour Dairy Show & Sale at Lanark Market

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World Photographic Competition Results



Haresfoot Maple Ella

Up to 6 months -
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Rihanna - Canada

6 to 12 months
Sunny Acres Jackson's
Vanna - US

12 to 18 months
Topp-View Poker Verity - US

18 to 24 months - Haresfoot Maple Ella - UK

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Mark Evans'

Diary

Surely this cannot be my last diary entry? It seems no time since Duncan very kindly asked me to contribute to the journal for one year, well it is, and it has been a great honour to make that contribution. I love my Ayrshire journal, and also in the same vein I love our Devon Ayrshire breeders club, the four or five meetings we have a year, and all the events we organise, are always the highlights of my social calendar. I have been attending meetings for nigh on 30 years, and I regard every member of the club as a very good friend, I think this is one of the beauties of the breed, everyone I have met over the years, from this country or from abroad, are so friendly and we all have this common link which is the love and admiration for the Ayrshire breed. I would just like to mention how pleased I am that the Devon club is as thriving as it is at the moment, young and old(er) join together and arrange events and help to promote the breed, and our meetings held in different member's homes during the year are always good fun.

The year so far has been a lot kinder, although grass has been slow to get going, and I have heard many people reporting lower yields in their silage pits, not good news, we all need to replenish our stocks after the last year's bad weather. To help ease the situation here I have grown 20 acres of kale, it has been many years since I have grown this crop, although my father always had a few acres to strip graze to postpone opening the hay barn in the autumn, and that is what I am planning, just a safety net, if I can delay opening the pit in September I will be a happy man. My high yielding group of cows have been staying in by night, and still are in, on what is left of last year's silage which is mixed with a blend in our Keenan wagon. They go out by day but are quite happy not to go out by night, and to be honest, even though we are now approaching mid-summer, the evenings in Devon are still quite chilly.

What a fabulous day I had at the South West show and sale, it was quite overwhelming to see our stock in such great demand, and I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who bought animals, I wish them good luck, and to thank everyone who supported me in the preparation for the sale, in particular, Simon, my son-in-law, who tirelessly whipped the coats off many of the sale animals, there was a lot of hard work to prepare the 70 animals we had for sale and it was quite a team effort, which made it all the more rewarding to see our animals disappearing off to all corners of the country. I would like to say at this point that it is only the wonderful attributes of the breed that has put me in this position of having surplus stock to sell, the one thing I have concentrated on over the years more than anything else is



longevity, and I now have many cows sailing on into their 10th, 11th, even 12th lactation, some even further. We don't go for enormous yields, it is more difficult anyway under an organic system, but my main priority is to see my cows lasting, after all, rearing heifers is a costly business, why not see that investment pay a few dividends! What better breed can you get than the Ayrshire to do this.

We enjoyed taking our two animals to the Devon County Show, we were all feeling a little exhausted after our sale so we just took the very small team to support the classes. Well done to Richard and Tracey Martin for winning a second time at the show with their Hilltown cow. I also enjoyed my visit, as a spectator, to the Royal Cornwall at the beginning of June, it was exciting to see the new cattle building and it is always good to see Edward, Margaret and Duncan at the Society stand.

I would finally like to mention Elegant Elsie, do you remember, she was my heifer who had the broken shoulder and was fitted with a splint, she has grown into a fine beast and is due to calve in the early autumn, she will always have a special place and will probably be spoilt rotten as she is a firm favourite at Blannicombe. Sometimes being in this business these days is quite hard, and it can be extremely challenging, but the little events, like the story of Elsie, and countless other happenings during the course of my farming life are always rewarding and keep me going.

So, this is farewell to my journalistic skills, thank you for reading my diary and if you ever want to visit my farm in East Devon, you will always be made most welcome, there is nothing I like doing more than talking about cows and in particular, Ayrshire cows!!



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Ayrshire Cattle Society By Duncan Hunter

Hosts World Youth Tour



Every year the UK holds an Ayrshire Young Breeders Weekend which brings together the youth members of the Society from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, the four nations that make up the United Kingdom. The weekend consists of competitions including Judging, Fitting, Showmanship and Bull mating, with the results going towards the Hugh Stevenson Trophy for the young member of the year, and of course the social side is equally important, as it is an opportunity for young breeders to mix with fellow young breeders from around the UK.

In November 2012, the decision was made to invite one youth member from each world Federation to take part in our youth weekend in April 2013, with a four day tour through the UK visiting Ayrshire breeder's farms en route as part of the package. An invitation was sent to Canada, USA, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Finland and Sweden informing them of the trip and that once in the UK, our Society would cover all costs associated with accommodation, food and travel. We were delighted when all seven countries replied that they would be sending along a representative of their country along to join us.

All seven of our overseas guests arrived at London Heathrow Airport during April 1st and 2nd where they were met by me and accommodated in an airport hotel allowing them to get to know each other.

An introduction to our guests - Greg Evans (USA)

Greg has been working with registered Ayrshires for 24 years at his family farm, Sunny-Acres, where he is currently employed. They have bred, owned or developed over 175 All-American and Junior All-American nominations. He spent two summers going show to show with many breeders, working on their show crews doing everything from being a night man, feeding, leading, and fitting. This experience led him into his side career of marketing Ayrshires and their genetics. He has worked as a procurement agent for two national Ayrshire sales, Maryland in 2011 and the upcoming Ohio Ayrshire convention.

Ben Hentschke (Australia)

Ben Hentschke is 22 years old from Glencoe in Southern Australia. His involvement with the Ayrshire breed began through his parents Enterprise Ayrshire stud, and from this he has been able to begin his own stud Ben-E-Geez Ayrshires. Ben really has a passion for the show scene in particular, and gets great enjoyment out of clipping and preparing animals for the show ring, and he is fortunate enough to have been able to clip at the four main Royals and at the International Dairy Week.

Terri-Lynn Waterston (Canada)

Terri-Lynn Waterston, is from Penobscus, New Brunswick, Canada. She is 25 years old and been around Ayrshires her whole life. Terri-Lynn is currently working full time alongside her dad on the family run Ayrshire farm. She will be the 4th generation to farm under the prefix Braefield. They were very honoured to receive the Master Breeder title in 2011. In 2009 she graduated from Nova Scotia Agricultural College with a Diploma in Dairy Enterprise Management. Terri-Lynn has been showing cows since she was four years old and has had much success in the show ring.

Eveliina Kumpula (Finland)

Eveliina Kumpula has worked with Ayrshires from day one! Eveliina is currently a student of Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences and in the future she plans to have her own herd of Ayrshire cattle. She has visited cattle farms in Canada, and has competed in Belgium at the European young breeder's school. Eveliina previously worked for Alta in Finland and has visited many farms in her country.

Hayden Donald (New Zealand)

Hayden Donald is 22 years old and the sixth generation dairy farmer on the family farm. He farms alongside his father Selwyn and milks 380 cows. The farm is located in Featherston which is a one hour drive from New Zealand's capital city Wellington. Hayden's stud prefix is Arran and they milk Ayrshires, Jerseys and Holstein Friesians and breeding and showing cows is a real focus for them. Winning the New Zealand young judge in the Ayrshire and All Breeds at the New Zealand Royal when he was 16 years old was a real highlight.

JD Marais (South Africa)

JD Marais is 21 years old and works for the Ayrshire Cattle Breeders Association of South Africa as a Technical Adviser which in his own words is a job where he can live out one of his dreams... working with Ayrshires! He grew up on a farm where his parents are still farming crops, sheep and milking Ayrshires cows!

Marie Gustafsson (Sweden)

Marie Gustafsson is 22 years old and lives in a small village called Fröåkra, near Lyrestad in Sweden. She grew up on a farm with Red SRB cows and her relatives have owned their farm for four generations. In the summer Marie enjoys taking part in showmanship classes and exhibits at shows with the cows from their family farm. Marie currently works on

a large farm with 1200 cows and is responsible for the breeding and insemination of the herd. Around 600 of them are SRB cows. In her free time she enjoys trotting horses that she is training and hopes to win many races!

After the last arrival, we departed London on the drive north to our first visit in Leicestershire, to the Sandyford herd belonging to Blaise and Deborah Tomlinson. On arrival, Blaise had put out six outstanding heifers for our delegates to judge for a bit of fun, and this was a great insight for what we were about to see on entering his barns. Then we viewed the dry cow pen, where we came across big, open framed cows, of which several were carrying their eighth calf! The next barn contained the Sandyford lactating cows, again big cows with a lot of strength and carrying awesome udders full of milk. We then viewed Sandyford Clover EX 97, the highest classified cow of the breed and many times Interbreed Champion at major shows, who was looking exceptional and carrying her eighth calf! A tour around the Sandyford young stock was also very pleasing to the eye, and much amusement was had as Ben "the Aussie" decided to mount a miniature pony! Enough said! We spent a fantastic evening with the Tomlinson family, including a lovely meal, before retiring to our hotel for the night.



Robert and Jennifer Adams pictured with the international visitors when they visited the Bigginvale herd

The next morning we headed north to Derbyshire for the first of two farm visits. The first was to the Bigginvale herd belonging to Robert and Jennifer Adams who are regular World Conference delegates. All of our overseas guests were amazed with the beautiful old farm buildings showing the character unique to that area. The cows at Bigginvale were in fine form and what really stood out in this herd was their uniformity, great udders, and fantastic locomotion from perfect feet and legs. Again we were shown great hospitality from our hosts with Jennifer providing a lovely lunch for us all, before we departed.

Next stop was to visit the Heydale herd belonging to Peter and Elaine Berresford and family. Although we were running way behind schedule, we still received a warm welcome. The Heydale herd grazes fields at over 330 metres above sea level, one of the highest in the UK. We saw many great individual cows including members of their fantastic Winsome and Bronara families, but what really impressed us all was the quality of the young stock at this farm. We all came away agreeing that a great future lies ahead for the Heydale herd. After saying our goodbyes, we set off on a three hour trip north to Cumbria where our next two herds, to be visited the following day, were situated.

When we arrived three hours later we were greeted at our hotel by the hosts of the herd visit the following day. Any excuse for a beer!! I think this was the latest night of the week and a very, very "sociable" one at that.

The next day started with the Troutbeck herd belonging to the Mattinson family. We were all in awe of the fantastic facilities at this farm. It was kept in immaculate order and considering they milk over

200 cows, we felt this to be a tribute to their top class management. Again the cows looked in good condition, obviously milking well and included many very good individuals including the Champion cow at the recent Dairy Expo.

Lunch was awaiting us when we arrived at Plaskett Lands, the home of the Armstrong family. What a treat for us all to see the amazing longevity within this small herd. A barn bull which was used a number of years ago, Round Bush Edward, has twelve daughters still in the herd, all having had between eight and eleven calves, all have classified Excellent with two being EX 95 and two at EX 94 while all still have their udders well above the hocks!! Outstanding!



J D Marais with Joe Armstrong, Plaskett Ayrshires

Following this we headed east to the Marleycote herd and the Baynes family. There is a brand new unit with a robotic milking system and the most amazing barn creating the utmost luxury for cow comfort with so much space and light for the herd. If the facilities were top class so was the herd, with cows with udders that will last forever, amongst whom is the great show cow, Fawn EX 94. Before departing we were also treated to a look around their "on farm" processing facilities which were just as impressive.

Soon it was time for the final leg of the trip to Kinross near Edinburgh, Scotland, where we would meet up with the youth members of our own Society. After checking into the hotel we went down to dinner and then followed an evening of games and entertainment. JD won the coveted title for the most marshmallows in his mouth and yet being still able to talk! Big mouth! A full report on the UK Young Breeders Gathering appears on pages 23 and 24.

I would like to say to each and every Association around the world a big thank you for sending along a youth member from your country. Each and everyone represented your country so well. All seven guests were an absolute pleasure for me to get to know and the comments that I have had from our breeders have been nothing but admiration for each and everyone. The Ayrshire breed around the world is in safe hands for the future in having these seven young, enthusiastic and talented individuals.

Results

International Competitors

Overall winner - Ben Hentschke (Australia)

Reserve - Terri Lynn Waterston (Canada)

Hon. Mention - Hayden Donald (New Zealand)

Judging - 1-Ben Hentschke (Australia), 2-Hayden Donald (New Zealand)

Bull Mating - 1-Ben Hentschke (Australia), 2-JD Marais (South Africa)

Fitting - 1-Ben Hentschke (Australia), 2-Terri Lynn Waterston (Canada)

Showmanship - 1-Eveliina Kumpula (Finland), 2-Terri Lynn Waterston (Canada)

Report Continued on page 20.



Above and right - the international visitors taking part in the competitions at the UK Young Breeders Gathering

Some of our guests kindly wrote back with their comments on their visit to the UK -

Marie Gustafsson (Sweden)

I don't think I can thank you and the Society enough for this trip. All the hospitality, the beautiful country and the people who live there, and of course all your cows are amazing. Nearly everyday I'm thinking of all the people, the new experiences and our little tour group.

This trip gave me a lot to think about - the red breed in the world, how we can work in the future, how we can get a better breed that more people like and want to be a part of and that we must work together and get to know each other.

Greg Evans (USA)

My experiences in the UK was one I will personally will never forget. The tour offered a tremendous opportunity to meet new breeders, learn different farming techniques and breeding styles. It opened my eyes to the beauty of your country and your cows, as both were supremely impressive. Most importantly it provided a venue to connect with breeders from the UK and also among the foreign delegation.

I would like to personally thank everyone involved in hosting the tours, as we all know it is not an easy task to get everything in top shape! They were all amazing and the hospitality unforgettable!!!

Also a thanks to the UK Ayrshire Society and its leaders for taking on this endeavor, it was well worth it. I hope to visit your country again in the near future! Thank you again. Greg

Terri-Lynn Waterston (Canada)

I would just like to thank your Ayrshire Society once again for giving us this once in a life time opportunity! You always hear of the great herds of Ayrshires in the UK, but to see them first hand is second to none!

We all enjoyed ourselves so much and made a lot of great friends along the week journey. I hope the youth tour continues other years and I will be recommending it to all the Ayrshire youth here in Canada to apply. Once again thank you for a great experience. Cheers! Terri-Lynn



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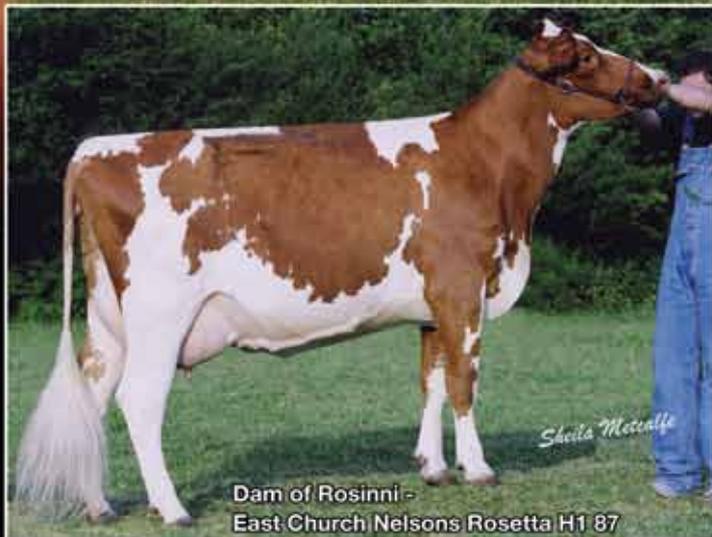
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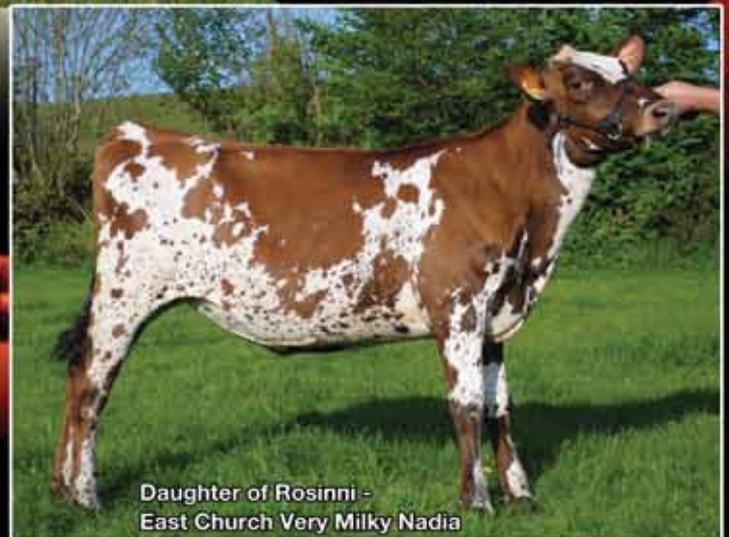
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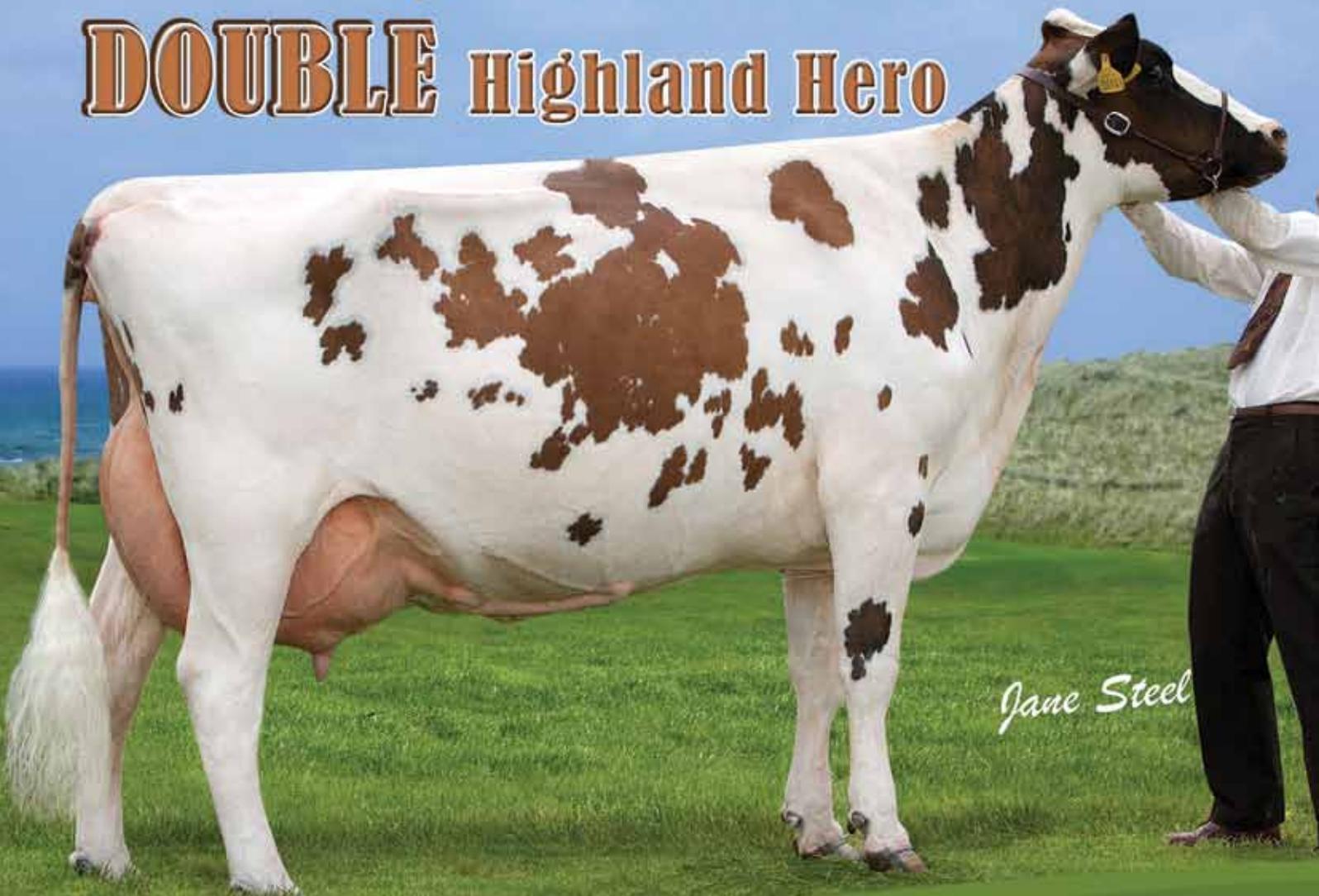
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Darland Trophy Winners



Coronation Trophy Winners

On Friday 5th April over 40 delegates from all over the UK arrived at the Glenfarg Hotel, Perthshire, to join the international visitors attending the 2013 Ayrshire youth weekend. It was an early start the next morning (after the "ice breaking" games of the night before) for the UK and International delegates, when they headed off to Swaites Farm, Lanark for the first competition of the weekend, the stock judging. The Adamson family put out two high quality rings of six cows for the delegates to place and give reasons. Following this was an opportunity to look around their herd and facilities. It was then back on to the bus for the next visit to Badenheath, situated at Cumbernauld, north of Glasgow, the home of the Rankin family, where all were treated to a delicious lunch and a tour

around their herd of big bodied cows. Many of the young stock were by a son of the EX 97 Clover which International delegates had seen earlier in the week and they looked very impressive.

Last visit of the day was hosted by the Millar family, Newlands, Uddingston, in the shadow of Glasgow, home of the Caldervale herd of Ayrshires. Delegates were able to view again more great cows and young stock and then took part in a Bull Mating competition. Two cows were put forward to the members along with a list of six Ayrshire sires. Members had to select a sire and explain the reasons for doing so! Always interesting and often causes debate! We also inspected some ET



yearlings and a young sire about to go on test. That evening a fantastic dinner was had by all along with a couple of short speeches before getting on to the dance floor for the Ceilidh! Another late night was inevitable as we discussed and debated until the “early hours”.

On Sunday morning we all headed to the famous Cuthill Towers herd, situated in a scenic situation near Milnathort, where we were met by our hosts, the Lawrie family. Twenty one competitors competed in our Clipping and Presentation Competition, starting with a rough clip and then washing of calves, with the youngest competitor being only nine years old! Whilst the calves were drying, members were fortunate to view this great herd of cows, including the very impressive Mandella daughter Cuthill Towers Radar Ray 13, and witness the impact that their home bred sire Cuthill Towers Romeo is having within their herd. Then it was time to enjoy yet another scrumptious lunch.

After the final clip to the top lines of the calves, it was time for a quick change so they could take part in the last competition, which was Showmanship. Five classes were put in front of the judge of the day, Brian Weatherup from nearby Crossgates, who did a fantastic job, not only judging but helping and advising the less experienced youngsters. After the prize giving members made their way home and our overseas guests enjoyed a final nights rest before departing for home or their onward journeys.

Results Judging - 1-Aled Walters - South Wales, 2-Rebecca Reed - South Wales, 3-Georgia Davies - West Midlands

Teams - 1-South Wales, 2-South Wales, 3-West Midlands

Bull Mating - 1-Robert McConnell - Northern Ireland, 2-Stuart Williams - South Wales, 3-James Mattinson - Cumbria

Clipping - 1-John McLean - Northern Ireland, 2-Stuart Williams - South Wales, 3-Sam Wadsworth - Northern Ireland

Showmanship

Mature - 1-Stuart Williams - South Wales, 2-Robert McConnell - Northern Ireland, 3-James Mattinson - Cumbria

Senior - 1-Andrew Rimmer - Lancashire, 2-Caroline McConnell - Northern Ireland, 3-Shaun Rennie - Scotland

Intermediate - 1-Matthew McLean - Northern Ireland, 2-John McLean - Northern Ireland, 3-Beth Mellish - South East

Junior - 1-Evie Tomlinson - West Midlands, 2-Laura Partington - Lancashire, 3-Meggan Stratton - South West

Pictures -

1. Junior Handlers

2. Senior Handlers

3. Mature Handlers

4. Bull Mating Competition Winners

Hugh Stevenson Memorial Trophy Winner



Stuart Williams being presented with the Hugh Stevenson Memorial Trophy by Society President Colin Christophers

Although all young members over 16 years of age can take part in the Society's competitions that go towards the Hugh Stevenson Memorial

Trophy Competition, it never ceases to amaze me that the winners are often the members who contribute most in helping other young members improve their skills and confidence. This year's winner, Stuart Williams, certainly fits that profile perfectly. Stuart, who runs the famous Willhome herd, based in West Wales, in conjunction with his dad Philip and mum Sharon, has a habit of winning awards. A few years ago he gave an address at the Cattle Breeders Conference at Telford on the higher profitability of his Ayrshires in comparison with their black and white herd mates, a daunting task for most of us never mind a man just out of his teens. This year he was back at the same conference, this time to collect the award for the best Multi-media Presentation by a young breeder in the UK, a huge achievement. Congratulations!

Stuart was presented with the Hugh Stevenson Memorial Trophy at this year's Livestock Event by Society President Colin Christophers. To round off a perfect day for Stuart, he had just led his cow Pam Ayr's Dream Hawaii EX 95, which he shares with Pam Coryn, into the Reserve Champion spot, and then was a member of the best team of four cows of any breed, bringing back the prestigious Bledisloe Perpetual Trophy to where it belongs, in the Ayrshire camp.

South West Training Day

For many years the South West Ayrshire Cattle Breeders' Association has had the policy of encouraging their junior members, having in the past held clipping, stock judging, the calf show, field to show and junior training days. On Saturday 20th April 2013 the South West headed to Trenerry for what was advertised as a Fun Filled Training Day for all.

To warm everyone up and to get the crowd going they started with the South West favourite Mugs Handling. Dawn Coryn took the microphone as senior members entered the show ring. Dawn asked the junior members to point out the faults being made, mostly deliberately, from the simple things like wrong uniform, smoking, answering the phone, bad ring etiquette, wellies, incorrect halters, an animal badly prepared, to late arrival, inappropriate manners to judge, chatting to ringside, etc. With much hilarity and involvement from ringside, much of these indiscrepancies were corrected. The handlers competitiveness then kicked in and the basics of handling, presenting your animal to the judge and moving in and out of line were demonstrated (not all correctly).

With everyone warmed up they moved on to the very junior handlers, with seven children between ages of two and four years taking to the ring. The calves behaved themselves impeccably, with all having a great time and receiving Ayrshire Cattle Society rosettes and S.W.A.C.B.A. Certificate of Achievement, presented by Chairman Robbie Hair, and Margaret Evans. The next age group of five to 12 years old entered the ring with bigger calves where personal mentors were available to coach. This then turned into a very competitive handling class with all nine achieving a high standard, again all being presented with certificates and rosettes.

Lucinda Morgan took to the stage next with a demonstration on how to prepare and assist with cattle photography. With a team of handlers and noise makers showing the intricacies of setup to achieve that top picture. Showing that moving the foot as little as a fraction of an inch can make a huge difference in overall photo. This was followed by questions and answers. Thank you to Lucinda for coming down and sharing your knowledge with us. Not one to shy away from the microphone, Colin took over, with a talk about where Rosehill were focusing their breeding policy. With the junior members leading out the cow and bull progeny groups. Starting with Haresfoot Enigma Pamela's - her ET daughter by Blackthorn and four daughters by Pamela's son Haresfoot Panache, a strong group of January calves that show style and uniformity.



Blackthorns came next, which highlighted not only the bull, but the cow families being flushed to him, being from Magenta's, Brides Posy and Pamela, with three young heifers, all showing great style and presence. A special animal next to make herself known, Megarose Honeysuckle, by Des Prairies Potter, the first homebred member of ten year old Megan's Megarose herd, a very smart well balanced calf with a great future. Not to be outdone David then showed us ET daughters from his Rosehill' Black Beauty EX 93 brood star, by De La Plaine Prime and Nexus Dreamer. The Bridesmaid family followed led by Rosehill Perdy Bouquet and Rosehill Brides Posing. This then moving to progeny of Duo Star Normandin and his sons, Lashburn Jeopardy and Glengary Selwood Future.

The Magenta family then took the stage with Magenta's ET Tornado, Black Magenta's September born B Jurist and Magenta 3's Blackthorn before moving to the in calf group, Magenta's daughters by Normandin and Reality. Magenta 3's Ristourn, Prickly Magenta's Reality and Black Magenta's daughter by Reality, a full sister to Rosehill Real McCoy. This was rounded off with our first Real McCoy daughter at just two days old. The matriarchs of the herd then made their appearance from the loose house, starting with Rosehill Black Velour EX 96, looking fit and well having calved in January, along with her daughters, Velourist by B Jurist having calved her 3rd in January and been flushed to Real McCoy, and Real Velour by Reality. Finally Magenta herself, having calved her 11th calf the Sunday before, a heifer by Nexus Dreamer.

Everyone was then free to tour the yard stocked with numerous calves, young stock and young bulls. With time rapidly moving on and the cows still all housed only a few had the opportunity to see them. Robbie thanked the whole Christophers family for the day, especially Debbie and Jenny and helpers for the lunch. Dispersal followed with the last leaving at 6 pm. Thanks to all who attended and made the day special.

A Trip

Down Under

by
Lisa Window-Walker



My husband, Paul, and I set off from Heathrow in March in probably some of the worst weather conditions ever seen in a UK spring, with blizzards and freezing conditions. After the 26 hour flight we gladly arrived in Sydney to beautiful sunshine, worth the trip itself! We were based at a hotel in Darling Harbour, where on the first day we went to the Sydney Olympic Park and saw the last day of the beef show at the Sydney Royal - my husband breeds pedigree Blues and Limousins. The next five days we spent sightseeing and relaxing, very welcome. What a beautiful city Sydney is. We then travelled up the Parramatta River where the Royal Agricultural Show Society had kindly booked us into a hotel. On the evening before the show, Greg and Tracey Edmonds escorted us to the evening entertainment in the stadium at the Showground. What a fantastic evening seeing bull riding, rodeo etc.

On the 2nd of April the Ayrshire classes were to be judged, myself having that great honour. The day started out with the most outstanding Junior classes. Every class having quality, style and strength all the way down the line. These calves showed tremendous potential and were expertly handled by very capable and enthusiastic young members who did a tremendous job, congratulations.

The Junior Champion was a very close decision with a very stylish, long, dairy calf, sired by Reality, from Paul and Vicky Timbs, having the edge over a beautiful deep ribbed Brazen calf, from Anthony Biffin, showing tremendous potential and a daughter to the Senior Champion. Honorable Mention was another Reality heifer shown by Mick and Janine Eagles. These calves would compete successfully anywhere in the world. A very strong start to the day. Following on were the intermediate classes. Intermediate Champion was a 2 1/2 year old Mandella heifer from the Eagles Partnership, a very sweet correct heifer showing great potential. She had the advantage through her udder quality over a Crown Napier daughter also from the Eagles. Honorable Mention was a stylish Poker heifer owned by David Mayo.

Next in the day's proceedings were the senior classes which were not so strongly supported in numbers but full of quality. The Senior Champion honour went to **Woodburn Park Trifle**, once again

a Hunnington Mandella daughter, from Anthony Biffin. She is a beautifully balanced cow. She was expertly shown by Sam Gordon. She displayed all the attributes we all look for in an Ayrshire cow; dairy strength, quality and style throughout, great mobility and an outstanding mammary system. My Reserve Champion was a Sakic daughter from the Eagles partnership; a very long dairy cow. The Honorable Mention title went to **Regal Park Special Solaire (ET)** who is a Woodland View Pardner daughter owned by D & S Mayo and P & V Timbs.

What an honour to be asked to judge the Ayrshire classes at the Sydney Royal. Thanks to the members of the New South Wales branch of Ayrshire Australia and the Show Society for the invitation and hospitality. A special thanks to all the breeders for presenting me with outstanding cattle to judge and doing so in such a professional manner.

The interbreed was a clean sweep for the Jerseys. What an achievement. Then we had a very pleasant evening meeting all of the breeders where we were made very welcome. Thanks to all of you for your hospitality.

The following day David Mayo kindly took us down the beautiful South Coast of N.S.W. where we stopped at Berry. David took us to see Paul and Vicky Timbs herd where David's cows are also housed. The cattle were very impressive and so was the amount of grass, what a beautiful bit of country!

We then went on Timbs' Tours where we said our goodbyes to David, many thanks. Along the way we picked up Sam Gordon for entertainment value, and made our way to the outstanding Blue Mountains. We then travelled inland with a slight hiccup in the journey, say no more Mr Timbs!!! We arrived very late, apologies, at Steve and Rachel Eagles. We were once again made very welcome, a beautiful farm setting where we saw some outstanding young stock.

We then travelled to Moxey Farms housing 3000 cows. What a tremendously managed setup. The cows were content, clean and as healthy as anywhere you would visit. After that we travelled to Wagga Wagga to visit the Cole family showing us round their cows; once again tremendous young stock and keen youngsters too! Sam and Paul then took us to a Limousin stud that had been very successful at the Royal. We then travelled back to Sam's where the following day we went to visit the Biffin family. Once again impressive cows, young stock and a great BBQ, thanks.

Thank you all for your hospitality; we had a memorable tour and enjoyed seeing your cows and getting to meet all of you. Sam put us on the train the next day where we travelled back to Sydney and spent the last two days on the iconic Bondi Beach.

This was an outstanding opportunity. Thank you to all concerned. You have a beautiful country, great cows and fantastic hospitality.

See you all soon hopefully, Lisa and Paul.

Robert's Year Out In Canada At Mapleburn Farms by Robert Crawford

On October 15th 2012 I was dropped off at Heathrow Airport, still concerned we were only half way through the maize harvest with the rain starting to come in. However I said my final goodbyes to Dad over a cup of coffee in Terminal Five before heading on through security. I landed in Montréal at eight o'clock at night Canadian time, after a six hour flight, where I rang the number that I had been given to ring on arrival, and was relieved when Campbell McQuat picked up on the other end. He duly came around and collected me and after a short drive we arrived at Mapleburn, where I had the warmest welcome I could have asked for - over a lovely joint of beef. That evening I was given a tour around the barn, and to be honest didn't really take a whole lot in, I was still trying to get used to seeing the cows in a tie stall whilst looking at the cows. So I went to bed that night rather tired, enabling me to catch up on some much needed sleep.



Inside the barn at Mapleburn

The next day I set to work in the barn with some great cows, and although it took a bit of getting used to I soon was happy enough working in the tie stall. The cattle at Mapleburn were very uniformed and very much like the UK cows, they have bred for high type strength and in recent years have not been afraid of using the red and white Holstein to influence the quality of their cattle, and they were extremely happy with the results as so many of the breeders over here have been, including myself, and obviously Mapleburn Remington had made a massive influence on the herd with outstanding results.

Soon enough, after just one month, the Royal Winter Fair came along and I was headed that way, although sadly, due to the imminent arrival of Campbell's baby, with only one entry, the intermediate calf **Mapleburn Santa Fe**, sired by the high type UK sire **Haresfoot Brazen**, she was placed fourth in her class which we were happy with. At the show I had the opportunity to see some really great cows such as the Champion, **Sweet-Pepper Black Francesca**, and the former Champion **Steam-Valley Wilton Magic Bri**, and not only did I see the cows but it was a really good opportunity to meet the breeders at the show, and I cannot thank the McQuats enough for their time introducing me to some other truly great Canadians over a drink or two. A week after the show little James Lyle McQuat arrived and there was elation within the family for Campbell and Nadia.

Over the winter I was fortunate enough to be taken around some really great herds such as Terrace Bank, Lagace, Maralile, Kildare and others, whom I would like to thank for allowing me the opportunity to see their cows and for being so hospitable.



Five year old line up at the Royal

However the winter in Canada, I have to say, did certainly present plenty of challenges for my liking, with the coldest day being - 30 and snow certainly seemed to be a regular occurrence! So when I was speaking to Dad and he was complaining I did just have to remind him of the conditions I was experiencing. Anything could be affected by the cold, from the tractors not starting, water bowls freezing or the silo unloaders not functioning, oh and of course we must not forget the fact that we did still have to ship the milk so the snow regularly had to be moved as I am sure some others may have realised in the UK this winter. But there, we got through and seeing as the Canadians were of the opinion you're not a man until you put up with their winter, maybe they made a man of me.

Whilst away I also went to look at some farms in America including Blue Spruce farms where I saw their 1500 milkers including their Ayrshire show team where I saw a lovely VG 87 **Family-AF-Ayr Doublwhammy** two year old who I really liked and am sure will be seen out in the show ring in the future. We went to the Ayrshire and Holstein farm Four Hills where we were also lucky enough to see the **Magic-Meadows BBBK Alexus** and **Four-Hill Trident Snoopy**, both of which were in the results for All Canadian and All American. However, at these farms the most interesting thing was looking at the units where they were milking these huge numbers of cattle. They had made all the scrape passages automated so to keep the yards a lot cleaner, and both of these large farms had put rubber down all the way through the shed, and both the farms were adamant that it made a huge difference to the cows performance in yield.

The final major event that I attended in Canada was the International Dairy Showcase in Quebec. This was a really impressive show case of cattle and the Ayrshire was the best represented breed there, surprisingly there was even more than the Jerseys, with a touch over two hundred head. The standard of cattle was very high and it was great to see all these breeders with such enthusiasm for the breed. We at Mapleburn had a reasonable show with a second place yearling, **Mapleburn Swarovski**, a second place milk heifer, **Mapleburn Ocean's Spray VG 85**, and a second place aged cow **Mapleburn Remington's Candace EX 90**, as well as some other good places within our eleven strong team. The real congratulations should go to Ferme De la Plaine for such fantastic results.

I would just like to take my final opportunity to say thank you very much to every one I met in Canada, in particular the McQuats for having me for such a long time and being so generous. I hope that they can come and visit the UK soon to see us, so thank you ever so much, it was really appreciated! And finally I really must thank Duncan Hunter for putting me in touch with them, and it really is much appreciated - so thanks Duncan!



Fifteen Excellent Daughters For Round Bush Edward at Plaskett Lands



Above - Joe & Kathleen
Right - Rodney, Michael, Neil and Annabell

Photographs taken by Sheila Metcalfe



Round Bush Edward, late herd sire of the Plaskett Lands herd of the Armstrong family, who farm near Maryport in Cumbria, has the unique distinction of having bred 15 Excellent daughters out of 16 scored, the other being high VG.

When Round Bush Edward was born, just before Christmas in 1996, there was no way of knowing that something quite unique had arrived. The Jamieson family, and their Round Bush herd, were renowned for the strength of their cow families, many of which had been on the farm for almost a century. The Liliass family in particular were known around the world, especially Liliass 6 one of the highest yielding cows in the UK. Her daughter Liliass 14 had been Champion at the Royal in 1962, and both sides of Edward's dam line descended from these two, so they decided to keep him as a herd sire. His mother, Liliass 320, was by Blackadder Milk Machine, while his grandmother was by Vagabond. A look at the generations behind Edward just confirms that his type and longevity were no fluke, he was bred to be special

Dam: Liliass 320 H1 : 7 lacts. peaked at 10361 kgs (6th) then lost with foot and mouth 7th.

2nd dam: Liliass 262 VG : 9 lacts. peaked 9009 kgs (9th).

3rd dam Liliass 142 : 9 lacts. peaked at 10267 kgs (6th).

4th dam Liliass 39 : sold to Ireland 2 lact.

6th dam Liliass 14 : Champion Royal 1962, 9 lacts. 100,000 lbs Club

7th dam Liliass 6 : 200,000 lbs Club.

8th dam Liliass 2 : 150,000 lbs Club.

9th dam Liliass : 100,000 lbs Club.

Edward's sire, Mawdesley Bright Beam, a Meredith Star Bright son, was probably the most underrated sire of the last twenty years, dropped by the wayside for having high cell counts. His mother was another great cow, Mawdesley Florrie 18 EX, a Royal Command daughter, so Edward had four crosses of Betty's Commander close up, as well as being inbred through the Liliass family. Around the same time the Jamieson's great friend, Joe Armstrong, owner of the equally famous Plaskett Lands herd, came looking for a herd sire, and purchased a bull that was aptly named

as Joe's Choice. Through time both bulls were used extensively, and then they decided to swap herd sires with Edward crossing the border to Plaskett. Nothing in life is ever straight forward, and when Foot and Mouth disease broke out in that area, both bulls were under restriction. Luckily for the Armstrongs, their herd escaped but unfortunately the Round Bush herd succumbed and were all slaughtered, including Joe's Choice. Although Round Bush Edward escaped, it would prove to be only a temporary reprieve, as he slid in the yard and broke his hip and had to be destroyed. By the time the first daughters of Edward calved in, many of the top Ayrshire herds in the area had introduced Red Holstein blood, and the traditional Ayrshire went out of favour, and Joe being quite deluded with the lack of interest, stopped classifying and nearly stopped registering, meaning that very few people realised, apart from the Armstrongs, that here was a very special sire, one that only comes along every twenty five years.

When our young members held their annual weekend in 2011, the Armstrong family were one of the hosts and of course the secret was out that here indeed had been an extraordinary sire. Encouraged by all the praise of the visitors, they decided to classify the herd, with absolutely astounding results. There were then 15 of his daughters on the farm, aged from eight to ten years and classified -two at EX 95- two at EX 94- two at EX 93- two at EX 92- three at EX 91- four at EX 90, and two years later there are still 12 EX daughters in the herd. Although as the scores suggest, they have extraordinary type, they also have another great trait that is totally ignored today, they calve with hardly any oedema in their udder and get straight on with milking. The tenth calvers still have udders that make them look like third calvers and they can give 8000 kgs easily. Thankfully the tide has changed and the Armstrongs have again started showing and there is a steady stream of customers, not only for their young bulls, but also their surplus females.

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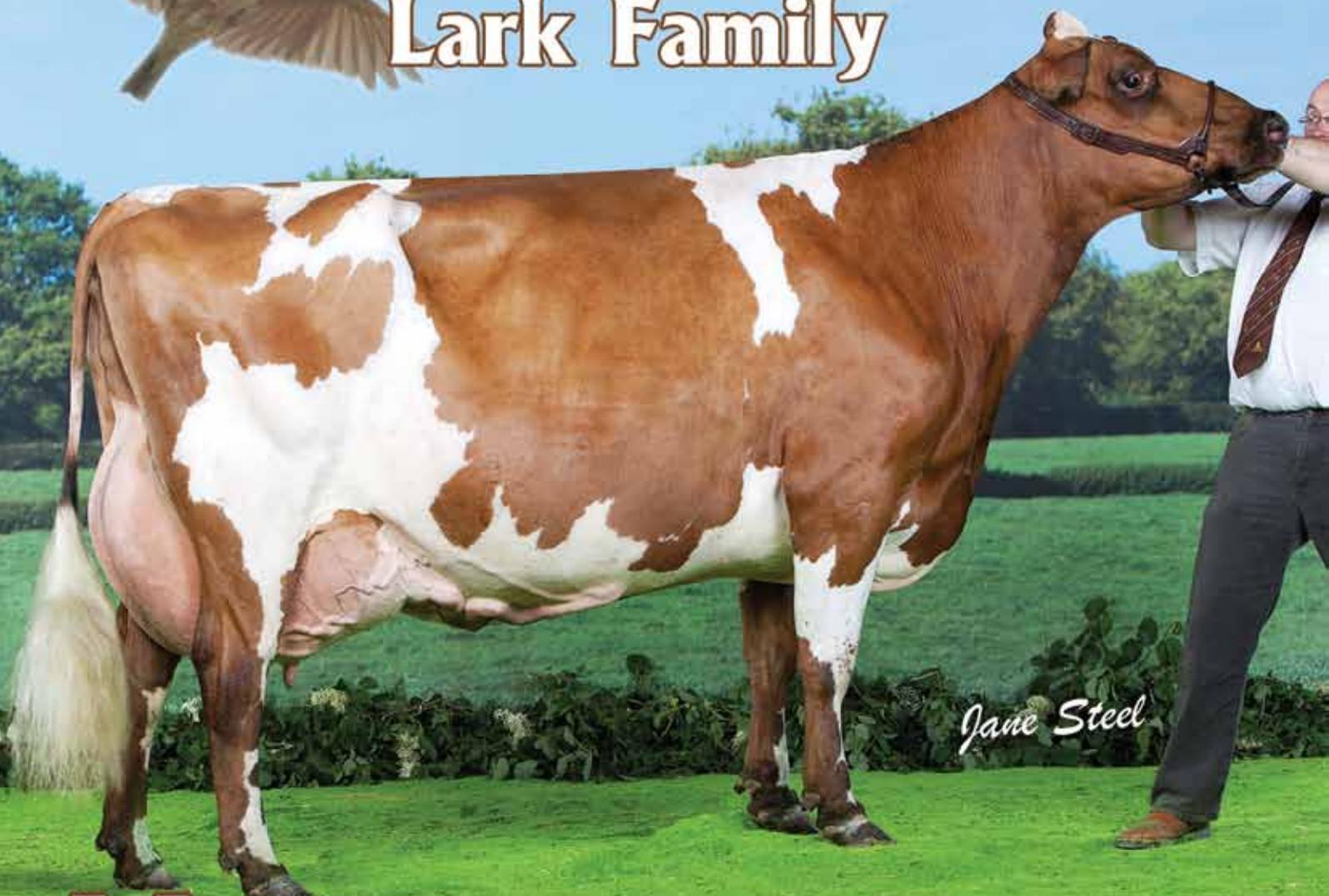
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Edward's C.S.A. News

by Edward Evans,
Marketing and Promotions Manager

Whatever next! This has to have been the reaction from all involved in livestock farming, and of companies marketing UK genetics on the world stage. Having survived BSE, Foot and Mouth, Blue Tongue and the ongoing TB situation along comes Schmallenberg, bringing reports of reduced milk yields and breeding problems on many farms together with restrictions on semen exports to certain parts of the world.

The effect on our semen exports as a result of these restrictions for 2013 and beyond are bound to be detrimental, having said that these rules are subject to change and could be at any time, hopefully for the better. Currently with the exception of New Zealand and countries in Europe and Scandinavia the only semen we can send to the rest of the world has to have been collected before the early part of 2011, or from bulls which currently test negative to the virus, and these are becoming increasingly rare, or if it can be proved that they were negative when collected, this means going back and checking blood samples taken at the time. Recent experience shows that a sizeable amount of our semen exports have come from recently collected semen from high profile pure bred young bulls - the current legislation will certainly hinder this. A recent order bound for Australia was reduced by 20% when Real McCoy semen failed to meet this criteria - not only do we lose the income from this sale, but the shipping costs now have to be levied against a reduced number of straws, thereby reducing any profit margin.

The Tryst situation could also have a knock on effect on our exports. As I wrote in the previous journal, the response from our UK customers has been excellent - very understanding of the position we found ourselves in. Overseas customers are in a more difficult situation. In the main, their Societies do not accept registrations from non pure bulls, although some have now made changes that will accommodate Tryst progeny. For this we are very grateful, only time will tell what the long term effect will be, re-building trust in the accuracy of our pedigrees could take a while in some countries.

Moving on to this year's Young Bull Proving Scheme, we had hoped and intended by now to have circulated a first list with another to follow later in the year, unfortunately, this has not worked out for various reasons - TB restrictions on the home farms - testing positive for IBR which restricts semen collection to on farm, and the sale of this semen to mainland UK only. Having been used for natural service before going on Centre, Cogent will not allow this. We have though now a first list of six, details of which should be with you shortly, probably before this journal is published.

Another limiting factor in our choice of candidates for the YBPS is an obvious imbalance between the number of young bulls registered which have been sired by our own proven or high profile young bulls, and those sired by young or newly proven imported bulls, or on farm bulls which will never have a conclusive proof. Whilst I am in favour of international Ayrshire genetics as part of our proving scheme, we must not lose sight of the purpose of the scheme which is about finding and proving superior UK bloodlines. These are what the majority of our customers both here and abroad are looking for, and the future of UK genetics as a force in the breed depends on. We neglect them at our peril.

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SINCE COMPILING THESE NOTES AUSTRALIA HAVE NOW RELAXED THE RULES TO ALLOW THE IMPORTATION OF SEMEN FROM BULLS WHICH HAVE TESTED POSITIVE TO THE SCHMALLEMBERG VIRUS.



Ravenhill Fergie 20 VG 86
Daughter of Twemlow Admiral Glen

When you receive these young bull details please give them your full support - each we believe have much to offer, coming from high quality dams and strong female lines.. The message to breeders has to be that when planning to serve a potential bull mother, don't overlook the advantages offered by our own UK bred bulls, and don't over estimate the perceived positive elements of imported ones.

I hope in this article not to have over stated the problems we face. This is not my intention, neither is it necessary. We have in the UK, some of the strongest cow families in the breed, which trace back for generations, and the most capable and committed breeders. We should be proud of them all, as we should also be proud of our successes in developing overseas markets. All of us involved in the promotion of the Breed, the Society and Cattle Services should be positive at all times. We have plenty to be positive about. There is no room or need for negativity - that only brings self destruction.

During the first six months of the year I have failed to make as many farm visits as intended, several factors have contributed to this, and almost before we could come out of the dark evenings the show season was upon us. I must say that in view of the gloom that engulfed the farming industry throughout last year, the positive interest we received at these first shows has exceeded all expectations, auguring well for the coming months. From mid August onwards my commitments should allow me to visit most parts of the UK, which I very much look forward to - seeing at first hand progeny of many of our bulls. Only last week I saw a group of "Lord Winston" daughters, and quite impressive they were - plenty of size with sound udders and mobility. On another farm, calves off several of last years young bulls were really impressive - growthy with excellent bone quality and a touch of class.

The Bargain Buy leaflet was well received, stimulating sales across the board, as has our latest Sire Up-Date. This appears to meet with the approval of most - your thoughts on it would always be appreciated - positive or otherwise.

The fact that I have not called on you recently, or managed to make contact does not mean we do not want or value your business - far from it, all custom is highly valued. When you need semen please call myself or the office, we should have the bull to satisfy your needs, and at a sensible price.

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Premier Breeder Exhibitor for the 2012 show season



Lisa, Amanda Rose and Chris with their award



Chris Jennings and Easled at Cheshire Show

This award is presented each year at the Society's Annual Conference to the exhibitor gaining the most points by competing at the qualifying shows, which are published in the Members Handbook.

Winning the Haresfoot Vase for its first year of presentation were Chris and Lisa Window with their Hunnington herd. The contribution of points came from their big successes throughout the show season, in particular their results from the South West Dairy Show, National Dairy Show and Cheshire Show, which gave them a grand total of 123 points. The Premier Breeder Award was presented at home to Chris and Lisa by Alan Timbrell, who had earlier collected it on their behalf at the 2013 AGM. In second place were Arthur and Susan Lawrie at Cuthill Towers with 97 points, third was John Suffern with his Ravenhill herd with 64 points, and in fourth was Philip and Stuart Williams, Willhome, with 63 points.

Chris's Grandson, Chris Jennings has also been doing extremely well showing. Thirteen year old Chris Jennings, took the halter along with 20 year old Ayrshire cow Pylon Easled EX 95 to compete in the All Breeds Production Inspection Championship at Cheshire Show.

This great combination was soon to be named Interbreed Champion Production Inspection ahead of some great rivals. There were smiles all round.



Chris Jennings receiving the All Breeds Production Inspection Award at Cheshire Show

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4.	07/10/11	8,426 Kgs	4.71% F	3.64% P	SCC 186
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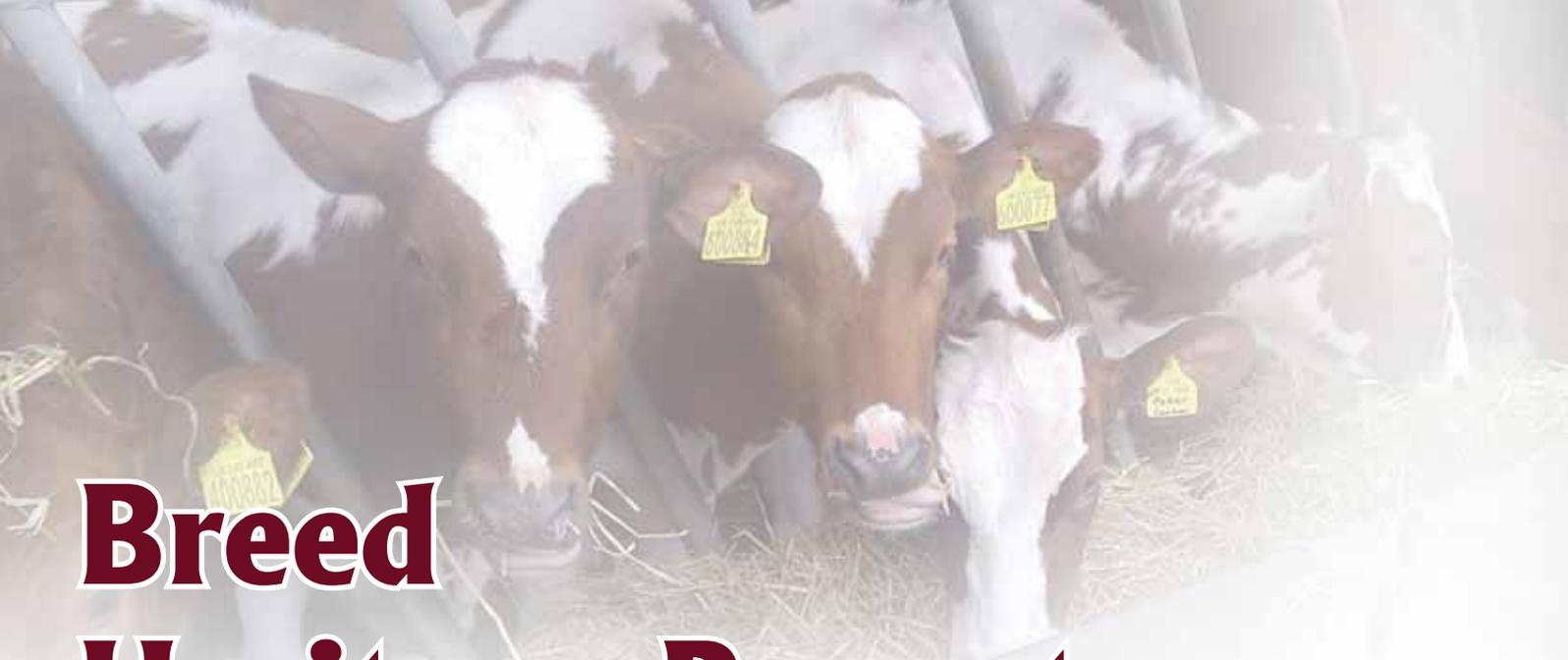
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Breed

Heritage Report

by Alan Timbrell,
Breed Heritage Chairman

Hello to all fellow Ayrshire breeders. It's a great privilege for me to have the pleasure of being your new Breed Heritage Committee Chairman and I hope that you, the breeders, will give me your support over the next few years. There are many decisions that will need to be taken over the coming months and I sincerely hope I can count on your support as we have to make some major strides forward to preserve the Breed that we so much admire. As breeders we have to understand that we are only custodians of the breed during our lifetime, and we hand it over to the next generation hopefully in a better and more fruitful existence.

We, as a committee, need to set a five year plan to take the breed forward. It is of great importance that you, the breeders, have your say as to what is the way forward, and with this in mind we have sent out a questionnaire for you to fill in and return to the office. The reason for the questionnaire is that there is going to be a full and frank discussion during the October Council meeting, on the way that the Breed Heritage committee takes the breeding decisions for the next generation of bulls. So please can I ask you if you have not already done so, send your feedback to the office as soon as possible. Please contact your Council members and give them any extra thoughts that you may have and remind them that they are elected to represent all of your views!

We understand that over the next few months there will be many discussions on this topic, and many people making themselves heard, and I want you to know that we are interested in all of your views, not just from the well known vocal breeders, but from all of you. As long as you register or use the Ayrshire breed you are important to us. We are willing to listen and take on board what you have to tell us about cows you own, or have seen, that could perhaps make 'future bull' mothers. We need every person in our breed to take a positive position and give us a fighting chance to push the breed back to heights that we once were.

I would like the Ayrshire breed to be the first stop when farmers are looking for stock or semen. We have to look at the reasons the breed has lost ground and why the red Holstein has been used so widely within our breed; is it because we lacked bulls with high production or was it that bloodlines had become too close? All these questions should be looked at and hopefully you will tell us why you used the outcross bulls and what you would require to use pure Ayrshire genetics in your herds. Please support the new Breed Heritage Committee in what we are trying to achieve, and perhaps we will be the breed of choice. At the recent Conference in Kintyre a past President remarked that the breed had not gone forward over the last ten years. I don't want to hear this remark made in another ten years and implore you to make the difference.

Firstly fill in your questionnaires, secondly speak to your Council members and thirdly tell us what we as a committee may be missing. Your time is

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here, we are willing to listen and take on board what you the members want, so don't waste it.

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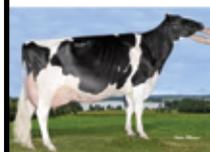
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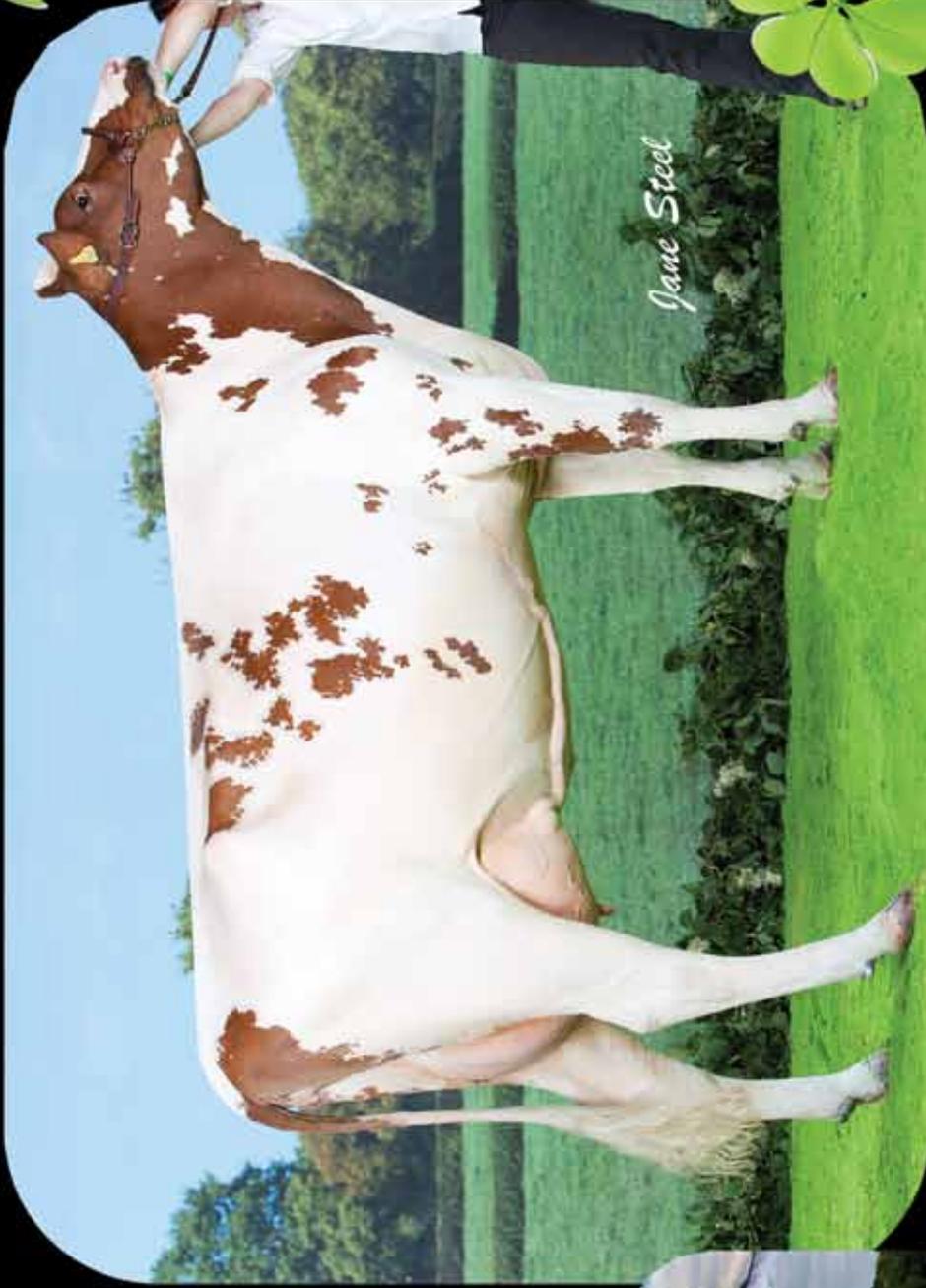
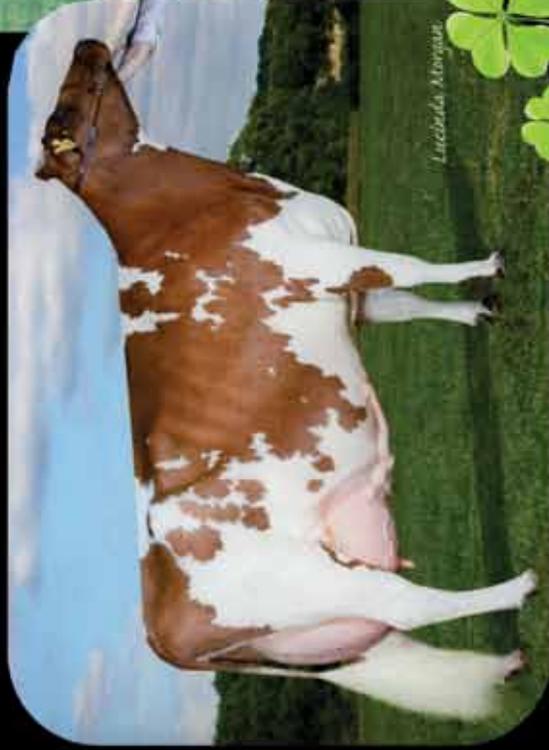
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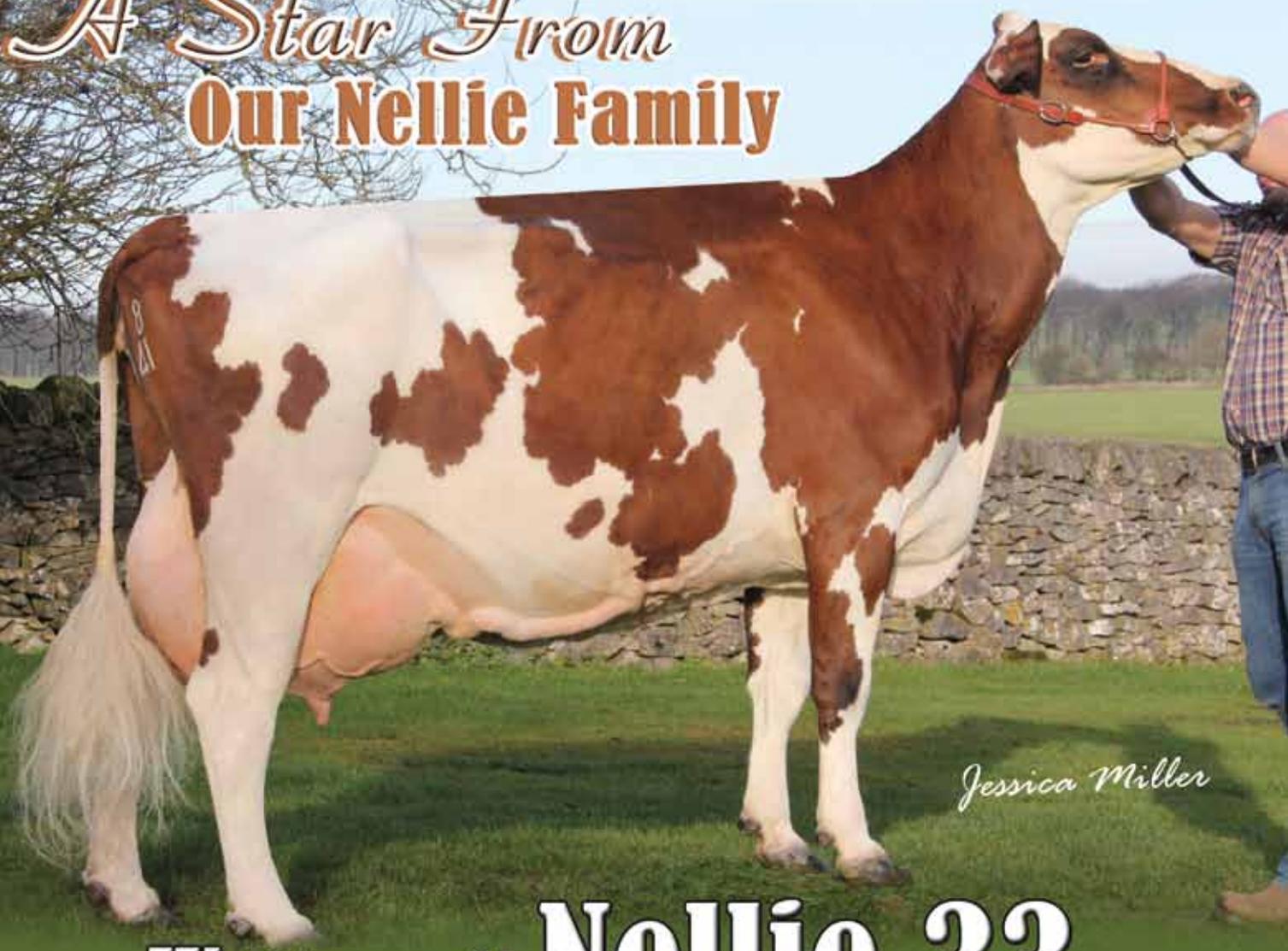
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Gadles Ayrshires

by Sarah Liddle,
The Farm Organisation

Trevor Howe, by his own confession, is a relative newcomer to the Ayrshire breed, establishing his Gadles prefix in 2002. Over this ten year period he has found many benefits with the breed and created a farming business with much to admire. Sarah Liddle travelled to Ponsanooth, near Truro in Cornwall, to find out more.

Way down south, in a very picturesque patch of Cornwall, is the 60 cow Gadles herd. Although a small herd in size by today's standards, run on a 100 acre County Council farm, it's a herd which has commercial efficiency and productivity as its mainstay, something paramount to its owner Trevor, who has over the years worked with black and whites and in the agricultural service industry with NMR.



Trevor and Julie

Trevor took the tenancy of Gadles Farm near Ponsanooth in 2002, and through his work with NMR made the conscious decision that milking Jerseys or Ayrshires would suit both the farms infrastructure, which was 1970's fabrication, and his need at the time to have a resilient and relatively self sufficient breed as he juggled continuing part-time employment with National Milk Records and the dairy farm. Trevor had seen that the Ayrshire breed offered its farmers low replacement rates, longevity and ease of management - something which is well borne out in the Gadles herd. Trevor is very clued up on his herd's figures and performance, with their ultimate effects on profitability, and has no desire to increase cow numbers due to many constraints such as land and slurry storage - his goal is simply to do what he does better and look at alternative means to add revenue to the farm.

With this in mind it is enviable to see the herd has a mere 12% replacement rate, with an average age of culling of 11 years (three of the original 35 cows bought from the Meikle's herd when it was dispersed in the Autumn of 2002 are still milking in their 10th and 11th lactations today). Longevity and fertility are areas of immense concentration for the business, as Trevor is adamant that these have a direct influence on the herd's efficiency and bottom line. He goes on to say that by using sexed semen he can sell a surplus of around 20 heifers each May at the Exeter Ayrshire sale, providing a valuable 13th and 14th milk cheque, space only allows the rearing of 40 followers on farm, and heifers are sold between 7 and 18 months of age predominantly.

The herd's fertility is impressive with a current calving interval of 383 days, something which is still falling, in particular with the introduction of NMR's Silent Herdsman in the last 12 months. Calving to first service is only 63 days, and calving to conception runs at 93 days - figures unaided by estrumate but assisted by easy calvings, themselves facilitated by sexed semen and very few big bull calves. Trevor has help from his partner Julie, and a relief milker, but is fastidious in his routines - treating each cow as an individual and nurturing cow and calf throughout its life

- animals being lost is unnecessary wastage as far as this farm goes. In many respects it seems to be the little things that Trevor does that make the difference - such as milking the fresh calved cow last and then letting her into the field so minimising stress and bullying.

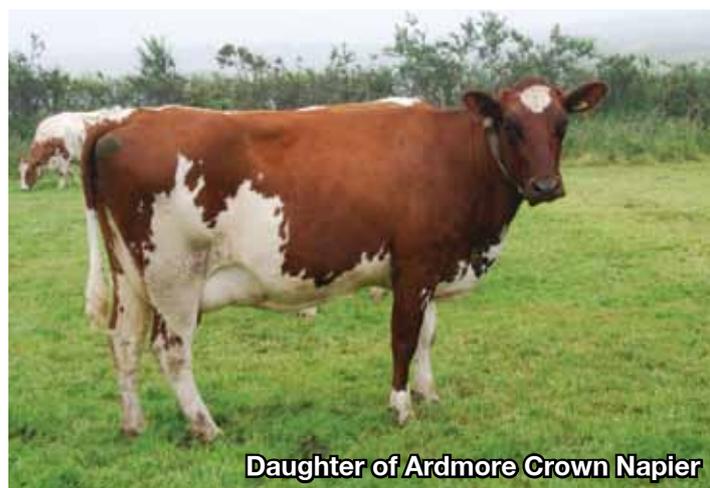
In contrast to many tenant farmers Trevor has not shied away from investing on the farm - despite the insecurity of a 10 year Council FBT. Trevor says it's relatively short sighted not to reinvest, particularly in things which either make life easier, more enjoyable or more financially viable. In 2006 two derelict buildings on the farm were renovated as holiday cottages, which provide a valuable income stream to the business. Both Trevor and Julie are great ambassadors for farming, approachable and keen to share information with the general public, the holiday cottages see many families keen to see the farm and the cows - one family has just left after staying for their sixth successive annual holiday! Julie, a local farmer's daughter, who works part-time at Duchy Agricultural College, is also a keen home cheese maker, utilising the superb quality of the Ayrshire milk.

The installation of a bore hole on farm has drastically cut the farms water bill in the last few years, and a wind turbine on the farm supplies half the farms requirements. Last winter a new building was added, at the tenant's expense, and concrete to the adjoining areas to keep things clean and tidy in the farmyard. Keeping things simple is paramount at Gadles Farm. The milking herd is usually turned out from late February or early March, depending on the season, with dry cows out until nearly Christmas. The farm is principally down to grass with some forage rape grown as a break crop prior to reseeding of the grass leys. The cows are currently fed this after morning milking for an hour or so before going to their daily pasture. Cake is fed both manually in the abreast parlour and to yield in the out of parlour feeders (modified with a self locking back gate to prevent bullying and stealing of feed by herdmates - something which seems a little breed specific!).



Silage is fed from the clamp in ring feeders on a yard adjacent to the sand bedded wooden cubicles, with buffer feeding from September time onwards. The overall feed rate is just a 0.28 kg per litre of milk, with 50% of the yield from forage. With Trevor the milker, scraperman and feeder he says the simplicity is essential to minimise the time cows are waiting to be fed post milking. All this culminates in a rolling herd average of 6,733 kgs at 4.27% fat and 3.32% protein with a SCC of 88 - incredible when you consider over one third of the herd is in its fifth lactation or above. Milk is sold through Arla Milklink on a local Rodda Cream contract. Showing is not really on the farm radar but herd competitions provide enjoyment and interest, last year the herd secured first place herd and first place youngstock in the South Western Ayrshire Cattle Breeders Association Herds Competition and it has won the Cornwall Ayrshire Clubs Trillian Cup for milk quality for the last six years on the bounce.

The success in herd competitions is no doubt down to the herd's obvious uniformity - with mature cows belying their age, the herd exhibits tremendous strength of top line and well attached udders for which the breed is known. Sire selection again begins with the commercial component, with Trevor initially screening bulls on PLI, only those exceeding £50 are given further consideration. Sexed semen as mentioned previously is also a prerequisite as it's considered a good investment with its reduction in calving problems, less retained placentas and the extra heifers it generates to sell. Other considerations for semen purchase include avoiding negative constituents, functional feet and legs and udders, and finally stature is watched with larger cows unsuited to both the buildings and parlour.



Daughter of Ardmore Crown Napier

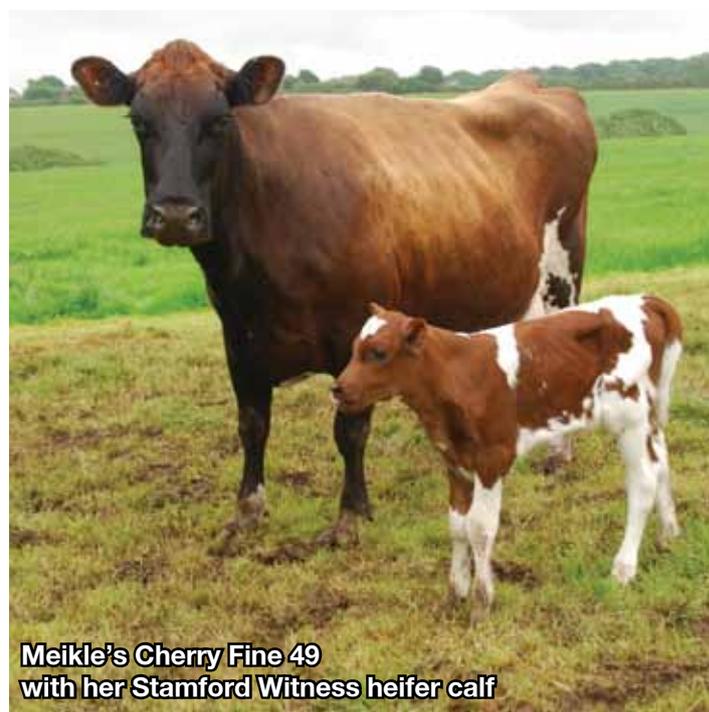
When asked what has been the herd's most influential sire Trevor says Ardmore Crown Napier, who still has a PLI of £72, ranks among the best - they have liked the calves since day one at Gadles. They are good all round cattle, not too tall, in fact if anything they have reduced size in some cases, and with the eldest just coming up to second calvers they are still developing while Trevor has used the bull again. Napiers were also popular in the sale ring with a number sold at 7-8 months of age to average 700 gns. The other bulls currently being used are Haresfoot Panache, Jelyca Oblique and Kamouraska Rockstar (with a PLI of £139).

Over the last ten years all sorts of bulls have been used on the herd - with some 50% bulls, some Swedish and some Danish Reds used, but the best fit seems to remain the pure Ayrshire, with Kellcrest Ice Man and Lagace Modern also leaving a positive mark on today's milking herd.

Although the herd is classified regularly and today constitutes 12 EX, 18 VG, 24 GP and 4 G (mainly heifers) Trevor says productivity is the first consideration with many cows not rescored from their first heifer classification until they are old cows.

Since the beginning herd health has been important and the herd's closed status for many years is important to both the bottom line and also when selling. Trevor is conscious of the risk of diseases such as Johnes and works regimentally with his vet to test, the herd's level is considered very subliminal and the herd is also regularly vaccinated for BVD.

Raised in the home counties with non farming but agricultural involved parents, Trevor has seen many facets of the dairy industry. For ten years after his further education at Seale Hayne he worked on numerous farms, including a 1500 head calf rearing enterprise - which means he now considers his own calf rearing a 'walk in the park'. In the 1990s he share farmed an 80 head commercial pedigree herd in Cornwall - a county he has grown to love. With quota and deregulation a limiting factor Trevor decided to cease the share farm business in 1996, still young enough to do something else - with that something else being with NMR, initially as an area manager and ultimately involved with the software, before re-entering the dairy industry as a producer in 2002. With support from fellow Ayrshire breeders Trevor invested heavily in the Ayrshire breed, but it's an investment which has brought much reward.



Meikle's Cherry Fine 49 with her Stamford Witness heifer calf

Livestock Event 2013



Loukat Lucky and her show team

The achievements of the Ayrshire Breed reached heights not seen for a long time, at the Livestock Event in Birmingham, held this year in July instead of its traditional September date. Housed in new surroundings which were perfect for both man and beast, the show was a spectacular success, quelling all the prophets of doom, who had already written it off. The Ayrshire entry was the highest of any breed, helped to a great extent by the drive of Duncan Hunter who had cajoled breeders to support the event by offering help to exhibitors in the shape of eight talented young breeders, who prepared and showed the cows for their owners under Duncan's supervision, and what a job they made of it.

Judge for the day was Willie Templeton who added to the occasion with his usual display of precise judging ability and confident placing of classes that were very competitive.

With fifteen outstanding heifers in milk forward, the class was split into two, beginning with junior heifers then seniors with the Heifer Championship to follow. Leader of the juniors was **Sandyford Maple Clover**, a Mapleburn Remington grand daughter of the great Clover 10 EX 97, who narrowly beat off the challenge of **Smartmove Calimero Ruby**, the 2011 All Britain Calf Champion, from Stuart Williams.

The Tomlinsons, who had a very strong team forward, triumphed once more in the seniors, again with a Remington daughter, this time **Mayflower 14**, who was given the advantage of style and cleanness of bone over a very correct milky daughter of Knutsford White Flash, **Longwood Flash Crummie**, from the Crawford family in Norfolk, who had been Breed Champion at Suffolk. Heifer Champion and Reserve went to the first and second junior heifers.



Bledisloe Perpetual Trophy winning team and the Ayrshire Young Breeders Team who helped at the show. Also pictured are President Colin Christophers and Breed Secretary Duncan Hunter

The second calved class was more difficult with three different sorts contending, with victory going to the just fresh Hunnington Mandella daughter, **Hunnington Joybell 83**, from the Window family, whose size and capacity was too much for the second, the beautifully uddered **Cuthill Towers Miss Blondie 2**, from the Lawries, who had triumphed in the same class at the Highland.

Third calvers were led by last year's Agriscot Champion, the very feminine and silky **Loukat Lucky**, by Kate's Trident, from Richard Bown, with another Trident in second, this time **Stamford Shy Girl 18** from the Oultram family.

Anticipation was high as the senior cow in milk class, consisting of ten of the best mature cows in the country, entered the ring, and we were not disappointed. Victory went to the fantastic 95 point **Pam Ayrs Dream Hawaii** from Pam Coryn and Stuart Williams, with the runner up spot going to another of the greats, the ninth lactation 96 point, **Millford Lark 19**, from Alan Timbrell, with another show ring veteran in third, this time the sixth lactation 94 point **Sandyford Fable 3** from the Tomlinsons.

In a very close decision, judge Willie Templeton tapped out the winner of the third calved class, **Loukat Lucky** from the Bown's as Champion, with the Cornish bred **Dream Hawaii** in Reserve.

His placing was confirmed in the Supreme Interbreed Championship when all of the judges awarded the maximum score of ten to Lucky, and then in a grandstand finish our team of four were successful in winning the prestigious Bledisloe Trophy, causing cheers and loud applause around the ring - the likes of which had not been heard for many a year. A great day for all Ayrshire enthusiasts.





**Beth Mellish -
Supreme
Showman**



**Young members
helping at
the show**

Although there was only a small entry in the British Red and White class, they were high quality, with the Championship going to big supporters of the section, the Lawrie family from Cuthill Towers. Their winner here was the much admired second calved Stadel Classic daughter, **Cuthill Towers White Petal**.

Beth Mellish did extremely well at this year's show. She was crowned Supreme Showman after winning the junior showmanship section. Beth has also been awarded champion handler at the South Of England, Surrey and Heathfield Shows this season.

- Ayrshire Champion & Interbreed Dairy Champion** - Loukat Lucky EX 93 - R A Bown
- Reserve Ayrshire Champion** - Pam Ayrs Dream Hawaii EX 95 - Treginegar Dairy Farm & P & S Williams
- Ayrshire Heifer Champion** - Sandyford Maple Clover VG 86 - E T Tomlinson & Son
- Reserve Heifer Champion** - Smartmove Calimero Ruby - P & S Williams
- Red & White Champion** - Cuthill Towers White Petal VG 87 - A & S Lawrie
- The Ayrshires won the Bledisloe Perpetual Trophy - Interbreed Group Of Four - the team was -**
Loukat Lucky EX 93 - R A Bown, Pam Ayrs Dream Hawaii EX 95 - Treginegar Dairy Farm & P & S Williams, Cuthill Towers Miss Blondie 2 VG 85 - A & S Lawrie and Millford Lark 19 EX 96 - E T Tomlinson & Son
- Supreme Showmanship Champion** - Beth Mellish
- Junior Heifer in-Milk** - 1-Sandyford Maple Clover VG 86 (M. Remington) - E T Tomlinson & Son, 2-Smartmove Calimero Ruby (Margot Calimero) - P & S Williams, 3-Sandyford Jubilant Ruby VG 85 (Brierside Jubilant Scot) - E T Tomlinson & Son
- Senior Heifer in-Milk** - 1-Sandyford Mayflower 14 (M. Remington) - E T Tomlinson & Son, 2-Longwood Flash Crummie (K. White Flash) - T Crawford & Co Ltd, 3-Hunnington Rosepetal (B. Jubilant Scot) - C & L Window
- Junior Cow in-Milk** - 1-Hunnington Joybell 83 VG 87 (H. Mandella) - C & L Window, 2-Cuthill Towers Miss Blondie 2 VG 85 (C. T. White Knight) - A & S Lawrie, 3-Longwood Brazen Sandy Rose VG 85 (H. Brazen) - T Crawford & Co Ltd
- Intermediate Cow in-Milk** - 1-Loukat Lucky EX 93 (A. EV Kate's Trident) - R A Bown, 2-Stamford Shy Girl 18 EX 90 (A. E V Kate's Trident) - H W Oultram & Co, 3-Hunnington Joybell 81 (H. Mandella) - C & L Window
- Senior Cow in-Milk** - 1-Pam Ayrs Dream Hawaii EX 95 (P. A. Dream Catcher) - Treginegar Dairy Farm & P & S Williams, 2-Millford Lark 19 EX 96 (H. Ranger) - E T Tomlinson & Son, 3-Sandyford Fable 3 EX 94 (A. Admiral) - E T Tomlinson & Son
- Red & White Class** - 1-Cuthill Towers White Petal VG 87 (Poos Stadel Classic) - A & S Lawrie, 2-Gwynnog Kate Special Blend VG 87 (Middle Hybrid) - G Thomas, 3-Sandyford Margot 15 VG 86 (Sterndale Rose Royce Red) - E T Tomlinson & Son

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Ayr County

Judge -
R L Montgomerie

- **Breed Champion, Interbreed Dairy Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion** - Killoch Punch 933 (Primo Kalahari Red) - A Woodburn & Sons
- **Reserve Breed Champion & Reserve Heifer Champion** - Knowe White Lily 503 VG 87 (W. M. Aramis) - G & G Templeton
- **Heifer Champion** - Killoch Snowflake 50 (Killoch Sovereign Charm) - A Woodburn & Sons
- **Maiden Heifer**
 - 1-Syke Burdette Sybil (P. Tri-Star Burdette) - J & S Struthers
 - 2-Kittochside Candy Elegant (H. Elegant) - N. M. Of Rural Life
- **Heifer or cow in-calf - any age**
 - 1-Brocklehill Memoir Beauty (Brocklehill Memoir) - J & K Rennie
 - 2-Kittochside Candy 2 (Whitecroft Mr Mo) - N. M. Of Rural Life
- **Heifer in-milk**
 - 1-Killoch Snowflake 50 (K. Sovereign Charm) - A Woodburn
 - 2-Knowe White Lily 503 VG 87 (W. M Aramis) - G & G Templeton
 - 3-Brocklehill Napier Ena 2 (A. Crown Napier) - J & K Rennie
- **Junior Cow in-milk**
 - 1-Killoch Punch 970 (C. Retinue Red) - A Woodburn & Sons
- **Senior Cow in-milk**
 - 1-Kittochside Candy EX 92 (E. C. Ross) - N. M. Of Rural Life
- **Red & White Cow or Heifer in-milk or in-calf**
 - 1-Killoch Punch 933 (Primo Kalahari Red) - A Woodburn & Sons
 - 2-Knowe White Kate 178 (S. Rose Royce Red) - G & G Templeton

Balmoral

Judge -
Miss M Howie



Champion - Ardmore Orphan 95 EX 91

A sunny morning greeted far travelled Margaret Howie, Ridley Hill, as she stepped into the ring at this year's Royal Ulster Show. It's new venue on the site of the old Maze prison proved to be a hit with exhibitors and show goers alike, and although there was the odd problem, they were mainly minor. As was fitting for a new venue, the exhibition of Ayrshire Cattle was considered to be the best for quality in the last 20 years.

After the win of newcomers to the breed, the McLean brothers at the Ulster Dairy Show in December, the old guard was back in charge, with the Champion going to John and Michael Hunter with the winning Senior Cow in Milk, **Ardmore Orphan 95 EX 91**. This Sand Ranger daughter had been been Reserve Champion here last year and comes from a long line of champions. Having to settle for reserve was many times winner, John Suffern from Ravenhill, Crumlin. Taking reserve was his widely admired **Ravenhill Fergie 20 VG 86**, who was the winning heifer milk at last year's Antrim Show. This daughter of the Cattle Services young sire, Twemlow Admiral Glen, had earlier headed an outstanding class of junior cows, both for numbers and quality, thought by the ringside to be the best seen for a long time. John and Michael Hunter had a great day winning three classes with John Suffern taking two, while the Ayrshire Breed was reserve in all the Interbreed contests.

Breed Champion & Reserve Interbreed -

Ardmore Orphan 95 EX 91 (M. Sand Ranger Red) - J Hunter

Reserve Champion -

Ravenhill Fergie 20 VG 86 (Twemlow Admiral Glen) - J Suffern
Ayrshires won the Res. Interbreed Pair & Group Of Three and won the award for having the best presentation of dairy cattle at the show.

Maiden Heifer

1-Beechmount Reality Queenie 3 (Palmyra Tri-Star Reality) - R & C McConnell
2-Priestland Potters Pamela (D.P Potter) - M/s Cromie & McLean
3-Grove Dewdrop 31 (Cuthill Towers Romeo) - T Gordon

Heifer in-calf or in-milk

1-Ravenhill Ethel 494 (Woodland View Pardner) - J Suffern
2-Craigtown Irene 135 VG 86 (R. Snowfire) - Glenwood Farms
3-Ravenhill Tulip 114 (Bonnie Brae Ambush) - J Suffern

Heifer in-milk

1-Ardmore Miranda VG 86 (Rosehill Slightly Magic) - J Hunter
2-Ravenhill Ethel 494 (Woodland View Pardner) - J Suffern
3-Craigtown Irene 135 (Ravenhill Snowfire) - Glenwood Farms

Junior Cow in-milk

1-Ravenhill Fergie 20 VG 86 (Twemlow Admiral Glen) - J Suffern
2-Ardmore Tulip 52 VG 86 (Lagace Modem) - J Hunter
3-Marleycote Sea Lily 14 (D.P Potter) - M/s Cromie & McLean

Senior Cow in-milk

1-Ardmore Orphan 95 EX 91 (M. Sand Ranger Red) - J Hunter
2-Ravenhill Ethel 393 EX 93 (McCornick Nelson) - J Suffern
3-Trewmount Thora 2 (A. EV Kate's Trident) - A & R Emerson
Pair Of Females - 1-J Hunter, 2-J Suffern, 3-Glenwood Farms

R. Cornwall

Judge -
L Window-Walker

The sun shone and temperatures soared around the Ayrshire ring at this year's Royal Cornwall Show. Although numbers were down a little the quality of those forward could not fail to impress the crowds around the ring.

Champion of the day was **Pam Ayrs Dream Hawaii** for the fourth year running. This newly classified EX 95 fifth calver was described by Judge Lisa Window-Walker as being "faultless" as she was tapped out as breed champion ahead of her herd mate **Pam Ayrs Lotta Rosie EX 92** who took reserve, who in turn went on to win Interbreed Production/Inspection Champion.

It was a fitting end for breeders Pam Coryn and John Pollard who have recently sold their entire herd to Philip and Stuart Williams (Willhome) in Pembrokeshire, although they have retained a share in Dream Hawaii. With four cows exhibited and turned out immaculately by Stuart Williams they won four first prizes, Breed Champion, Reserve Breed Champion, Reserve Interbreed Champion, Interbreed Production/Inspection Champion, Champion group, "have I missed anything"? A perfect finale at the Cornwall show for Pam and John!

Other winners on the day were the "newlyweds" Arthur and Debbie Walters who took Heifer Champion with **West Berriow Modern Fairy Story**. Lisa described her as being an easy winner full of dairy character and carrying a really sweet udder.

The maiden heifers were won by Colin and Jenny Christophers with the well known **Rosehill Perdy Bouquet** for her stature and scope whilst still showing so much strength.

Breed Champion & Reserve Interbreed Champion -

Pam Ayrs Dream Hawaii EX 95 (Pam Ayrs Dreamcatcher) - Treginegar Dairy Farm & P & S Williams

Reserve Champion & Interbreed Production/Inspection Champion - Pam Ayrs Lotta Rosie EX 92 (Plum Bottom Trident's Lot) - Treginegar Dairy Farm & P & S Williams

Hon. Mention - West Berriow Modern Fairy Story (Lagace Modem) - Mr & Mrs A R Walters

Maiden Heifer

- 1-Rosehill Perdy Bouquet (L. Jeopardy) - W R C & J E Christophers
- 2-Gemstone Chocaholic Fairy Tale (Lyner Dark Chocaholic) - A R Walters
- 3-Blackrock Torch 17 (Blackrock Cornish Gold) - M/s Packer & Rowe

Heifer in-Calf

- 1-Pam Ayrs Double Cream (Bonnie Brae Sakic) - Treginegar Dairy Farm
- 2-West Berriow Modern Rosehip (Lagace Modern) - A R Walters
- 3- Rosehill Real Magenta (P. Tri-Star Reality) - W R C & J E Christophers

Cow in Calf , Due before October 2010

- 1-Pam Ayrs Right-On Rosie (Horizon Ranger) - Treginegar Dairy Farm
- 2-Rosehill Prickly Indiana (R. Blackthorn) - W R C & J E Christophers
- 3- Lyner Festival (Stamford Convincer) - A R Walters

Cow having produced not less than 35,000 litres

- 1-Pam Ayrs Lotta Rosie (P. B. Trident's Lot) - Treginegar Dairy Farm
- 2-Haresfoot Enigma Pamela (R. Enigma) - W R C & J E Christophers

Heifer in-Milk

- 1-West Berriow Modern Fairy Story (L. Modern) - A R Walters
- 2-Hawkswood Pixie (B Jurist) - A R Walters

Junior Cow in-Milk

- 1-Rosehill Viagra Primrose (Rosehill Viagra) - W R C & J E Christophers
- 2-Rosehill Internet (Castern Commodore) W R C & J E Christophers

Senior Cow in-Milk

- 1-Pam Ayrs Dream Hawaii (P. A. Dream Catcher) - Treginegar Dairy Farm & P & S Williams
- 2-Trerose Blue Charm (Rosehill Viagra) - W R C & J E Christophers
- 3-Rosehill Prickly Masq (R. Blackthorn) - W R C & J E Christophers

Cheshire

Judge - S Baxter

An impressive display of Ayrshires was at this year's Cheshire Show from six exhibitors. The day belonged to an exhibitor who entered one cow and went on to win the junior cow class followed by being named Breed Champion. It was Geoff Benson with his newly purchased **Acton Jubilant Amanda VG 85** who Judge Stewart Baxter from Co Antrim gave the advantage over his reserve, last year's champion **Brieryside Supreme Esme VG 86** from Steve Bailey for her overall power and strength. Exhibitor Bred Champion came from the Stamford herd from Steve Oultram with **Stamford Shy Girl 18**.

The production Inspection breed winner came from that amazing old girl **Pylon Easled EX 95** superbly handled by 13 year old Christopher Jennings. Easled is now over 20 years old and looking amazing!! To top it all off she went on to be Interbreed Production Inspection Champion on day two beating cows more than half her age from other breeds! A comment from the Interbreed Judge was " It was an absolute pleasure to judge the oldest cow with the youngest handler in I have judged in any Interbreed competition". Well done Chris and well done Easled!!!

Breed Champion

Acton Jubilant Amanda VG 85 (Brieryside Jubilant Scot) - G Benson

Reserve Breed Champion

Brieryside Supreme Esme VG 86 (Noremead Supreme Red) - S Bailey

Interbreed Production Inspection Champion

Pylon Easled EX 95 (Brieryside Super Star) - C & L Window

Heifer Champion

Hunnington Rosepetal (Brieryside Jubilant Scot) - C & L Window

Maiden Heifers

- 1-Hunnington Fragy 17 (Cheshire View Magnum) - C & L Window
- 2-Hunnington Fragrance (Stamford Trust) - C & L Window
- 3-Holmeswood Elegant Winnie (Haresfoot Elegant) - A Rimmer

Heifer in Calf

- 1-Heydale Ovoid 312 (Heydale Brooklyn) - P Berresford
- 2-Beeline Star Rudi (Hunnington Kellogg Star) - S Bailey
- 3-Holmeswood Nels Florrie (McCornick Nelson) - A Rimmer

Heifer in Milk

- 1-Hunnington Rosepetal (Brieryside Jubilant Scot) - C & L Window
- 2-Haresfoot Napier Bella (Ardmore Crown Napier) - A Rimmer
- 3-Beeline Star Ruth (Hunnington Kellogg Star) - S Bailey

Junior Cow in calf

1-Hunnington Joybell 83 VG 87 (Hunnington Mandella) - C & L Window

Senior Cow in Calf

1-Hunnington Fragy 12 EX 94 (Hunnington BBK Easlad) - C & L Window

2-Stamford Miss Norma 56 VG 87 (McCornick Nelson) - S Oultram

Cow in milk with two or three calves

- 1-Acton Jubilant Amanda VG 85 (Brieryside Jubilant Scot) - G Benson
- 2-Stamford Shy Girl 18 EX 90 (Ardrossan EV Kate's Trident) - S Oultram
- 3-Stamford Esther 59 EX 90 (Stamford Breakthrough) - S Oultram

Cow in milk four calves or more

- 1-Brieryside Supreme Esme VG 86 (Noremead Supreme Red) - S Bailey
- 2-Heydale Winsome 109 EX 93 (Kellcrest Ice Man) - P Berresford
- 3-Stamford Charm 59 EX 91 (Stamford First Quality) - S Oultram

Production Inspection

- 1-Pylon Easled EX 95 (Brieryside Super Star) - C & L Window
- 2-Stamford Shy Girl 18 EX 90 (Ardrossan EV Kate's Trident) - S Oultram

Pairs

1-S Oultram, 2-C & L Window, 3-P Berresford

Group of three

1-S Oultram, 2-C & L Window, 3-P Berresford

R. Highland

Judge - S Baxter



Champion & Res. Interbreed - Calderglen Silverbell 7 EX 91

Calderglen back on top in the Ayrshire Section while Knowe triumph in the Reds.

Numbers were slightly back at this year's show as breeders struggled to catch up on farm work due to the cold late season. Judge for the day was John Hunter (Ardmore). The Highland is one of the few shows who have fully embraced the new British Red & White classes with considerable success, and this year was no exception.

Ayrshires: First class for Ayrshires was yearlings with a very stylish dairy Oblique from Halmyre leading over an open ribbed powerful Burdette heifer from Troutbeck. Only one dry cow paraded, a very correct EX 93 Nelson daughter from the Sandersons. Heifers in milk were led by Cuthill Towers, with a really dairy daughter of Cuthill Towers White Knight, a Nelson son, over a longer calved Calderglen Senator daughter from the Barr's. Best class of the day was junior cows in milk led by another beautifully uddered daughter of White Knight, **Miss Blondie 2** from Cuthill Towers, triumphing over her herd mate, a tall milky daughter of Potter, mainly for her superior veination and udder attachment. Intermediate cows in milk were led by **Calderglen Silverbell 7**, whose bloom of udder and body strength took her over the long calved beautifully blended **Troutbeck Robina** from the Mattinson's. who had been champion earlier in the year at Dairy Expo. Champion went to Silverbell 7 from the Barr's, with the Lawrie's Cuthill Towers Miss Blondie 2 in Reserve.

British Red and White: Junior heifers were led by a dairy calf from noted Holstein breeder, Brian Weatherup with a more powerful daughter of Stadel Classic from the Mattinson's in second. Heifers in milk saw a first win of the day for the Templeton family with their **Knowe White Kate 178** by Rose Royce Red, narrowly defeating a really stylish daughter of Red Razzle from Cuthill Towers. Cows in milk saw Cuthill Towers back on top with their extremely dairy daughter of Talent, beating her really class

herd mate White Petal, by Stadel Classic, into second. Championship honours went to Knowe White Kate 178 with Talent Marcie in reserve

**Ayrshires won the Reserve Interbreed Group Of Four
Ayrshire Champion & Reserve Interbreed Dairy Champion**

Calderglen Silverbell 7 EX 91 (Calderglen Jubilee) - J & M Barr

Reserve Ayrshire Champion

Cuthill Towers Miss Blondie 2 VG 85 (C. T. White Knight) - A & S Lawrie

Hon. Mention

Troutbeck Robina VG 86 (W. M. Lord Of The Ring) - M/s Mattinson

Heifer born on or after 01/10/11

1-Halmyre Urr Louise 285 (Jelyca Oblique) - K Davidson

2-Troutbeck Burdette Jess 3 (Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette) - M/s Mattinson

3-Cuthill Towers Dreamer Ray (Nexus Dreamer) - A & S Lawrie

Cow in-calf

1-Sanderson Isabel MN 3 EX 93 (McCornick Nelson) - D & C Sanderson

Heifer in-milk

1-Cuthill Towers Mystic Mandy (C. Towers White Knight) - A & S Lawrie

2-Calderglen Andrea 2 VG 86 (Calderglen Senator) - J & M Barr

3-Troutbeck Star Obstinate (Ayr-Phoe Ideostar) - M/s Mattinson

Junior Cow in-milk

1-Cuthill Towers Miss Blondie 2 VG 85 (C. T. White Knight) - A & S Lawrie

2-Cuthill Towers Daisy 3 VG 86 (Des Prairies Potter) - A & S Lawrie

3-Cuthill Towers Zola 12 VG 87 (Des Prairies Potter) - A & S Lawrie

Intermediate Cow in-milk

1-Calderglen Silverbell 7 EX 91 (Calderglen Jubilee) - J & M Barr

2-Troutbeck Robina VG 86 (W. M. Lord Of The Ring) - M/s Mattinson

3-Troutbeck Antic 17 (L-Maples Ace Of Hearts Red) - M/s Mattinson

Senior Cow in-milk

1-Calderglen Rowan VG 86 (Sanderson Last Talisman) - J & M Barr

Red & White Classes

**Red & White Heifer Champion & Overall Red & White Champion
& Reserve Junior Interbreed Champion**

Knowe White Kate 178 VG 85 (S. Rose Royce Red) - G & G Templeton

Reserve Red & White Overall Champion

Hilltower Talent Marcy Red (Ladino Park Talent) - A & S Lawrie

Reserve Heifer Champion

Cuthill Towers Red Ray VG 86 (Willsbro Red Razzle) - A & S Lawrie

Heifer born on or after 01/10/11

1-Parkend Director Starlet Red (Scientific Director Red) - B Weatherup

2-Troutbeck Classic Greta (Poos Stadel Classic) - M/s Mattinson

Heifer in-milk

1-Knowe White Kate 178 VG 85 (S. Rose Royce Red) - G & G Templeton

2-Cuthill Towers Red Ray VG 86 (Willsbro Red Razzle) - A & S Lawrie

3-Halmyre Urr Floralin 169 (Poos Stadel Classic) - K Davidson

Cow in-milk having had two or more calvings

1-Hilltower Talent Marcy Red (Ladino Park Talent) - A & S Lawrie

2-Cuthill Towers White Petal VG 87 (Poos Stadel Classic) - A & S Lawrie

3-Knowe Jassie 10 (Savard Red) - G & G Templeton

Gt. Yorkshire

Judge - B Tomlinson

In stark contrast to the 2012 show, when torrential rain and stranded vehicles caused the cancellation of the last two days of the show, this year's event was held in glorious sunshine with temperatures in the high twenties.

For the Bailey family, who run the Beeline herd near Crewe in Cheshire, it was an unforgettable show, winning three classes as well as the Breed Championship. Judge Blaise Tomlinson's job was made easier as the winners in each class were, as he said, "outstanding examples" of the breed. Maiden heifers were headed by a beautiful, well grown, Crown Napier daughter from Richard Danforth, followed by a very correct heifer from James Waterhouse. The first of the Baileys' successes was in the in-calf heifers where their winner was a rather special daughter of their stock bull, Hunnington Kellogg Star, whose class and correctness of structure put her over the second, a dairy framed heifer from the famous Stella family of the Myers. Dry cows were led by a very correct daughter of Nelson, who had also led at the Highland, from the Sanderson family, with a super framed daughter of Marleycote Winton Robbie in second

for the Baynes family. Heifers in-milk was the class of the day, with the Baileys out in front with yet another special daughter of Kellogg Star, whose quality, style and dairyness took her over a real powerful Stadel heifer from the Baynes family, followed by a tall stretchy Lagace Modern daughter from David Alderson. Junior cows in-milk were headed by a Muir Mr Magic daughter from the Baynes family, whose superior udder and dairyness took her over a very functional daughter of Admiral Glen from the Waterhouse family. Senior cows was quite a class, led of by the Champion, **Brieryside Supreme Esme VG 86** from the Baileys, with her superior frame, style and cleanness through the front end taking her over the much admired **Bailiffscourt Hortense 267 H1 86**, a Horseclose Jubilee daughter from the Dowager Marchioness of Normanby, who also finished reserve champion replicating her position of 2012.

Champion Ayrshire

Brieryside Supreme Esme VG 86 (Noremead Supreme Red) - S N Bailey

Reserve Champion - Bailiffscourt Hortense 267 H1 86 (Horseclose Jubilee) - The Dowager Marchioness Of Normanby

Maiden Heifer

1-Moathouse Adrienne 7 (Ardmore Crown Napier) - R Danforth

2-Fourth Milestone Mermaid 335 (Tontine Tigman) - J G Waterhouse

Heifer in-Calf

1-Beeline Star Rudi (Hunnington Kellogg Star) - S N Bailey

2-Rosedale Lady Stella 5 (Bailiffscourt Triple Fortune) - A & S Myers

Cow in-Calf

1-Sanderson Isobel MN3 EX 93 (McCornick Nelson) - D & C Sanderson

2-Marleycote Annette EX 92 (Marleycote Winton Robbie) - G G Baynes

3-Fourth Milestone Caroline 3 VG 86 (F. M. Robbie) - J G Waterhouse

Heifer in-Milk

1-Beeline Star Lora VG 85 (Hunnington Kellogg Star) - S N Bailey

2-Marleycote Marigold 14 (Poos Stadel Classic) - G G Baynes

3-Atley Hill New Years Lady VG 86 (Lagace Modern) - D C Alderson

Junior Cow in-Milk

1-Marleycote Julia 2 (Muir Mr Magic) - G G Baynes

2-Fourth Milestone Polly 2 VG 86 (T. Admiral Glen) - J G Waterhouse

3-Atley Hill AJ Pamela VG 87 (Yellow Briar Journalist) - D C Alderson

Senior Cow in-Milk

1-Brieryside Supreme Esme VG 86 (N. Supreme Red) - S N Bailey

2-Bailiffscourt Hortense 267 H1 86 (Horseclose Jubilee) - The Dowager Marchioness Of Normanby

3-Middle Goergette MM EX 95 (Middle Maverick) - D & C Sanderson

Group Of Three - 1-The Dowager Marchioness Of Normanby, 2-D C Alderson, 3-G G Baynes

Pair Of Animals By The Same Sire - 1-D C Alderson

Royal Welsh

Judge - M Howie



Champion & Res. Interbreed - Pam Ayrs Dream Hawaii EX 95

It was yet another big day for Philip and Stuart Williams at this year's Royal Welsh Show when Pam Ayrs Dream Hawaii took the top honours for the day, adding yet another championship to her name. Jointly owned with her breeder, Pam Coryn, Hawaii looked in immense form

yet again. Taking Reserve Champion was Geraint Thomas with the third calver Haresfoot Napier Punch who also looked in great form. The Heifer Champion also came from Willhome with the Calimero sired Smartmove Calimero Ruby, who again impressed judge for the day Maggie Howie. As you see from the results the Williams family also won all of the heifer classes.

Day two was also as spectacular for the breed. With the Futurity Interbreed competition, for two maiden heifers from each breed, the pair of Ayrshires (Willhome Poker Flo and Gwynnog Burdette Emerald) took the Championship. Next up was the Interbreed Heifer Championship where Smartmove Calimero Ruby took the Reserve, as did Hawaii in the Dairy Cow Supreme Championship, and then the team of five also took the Reserve.

Big congratulations to all of the exhibitors at this year's Royal Welsh Show.

Judge - Miss M Howie, Ridley Hill Ayrshires

Breed Champion & Reserve Interbreed Dairy Champion -

Pam Ayr's Dream Hawaii EX 95 (Pam Ayr's Dreamcatcher) - Messrs Williams & Coryn

Reserve Champion - Haresfoot Napier Punch EX 93 (Ardmore Crown Napier) - G R & S Thomas & Son

Hon. Mention - Smartmove Calimero Ruby (Margot Calimero) - P & S Williams

Heifer Champion & Reserve Interbreed Heifer Champion -

Smartmove Calimero Ruby (Margot Calimero) - P & S Williams

Ayrshires won the Interbreed Females Of The Future Pairs

Championship the Reserve Interbreed Team Of Five

Maiden Heifer

1-Willhome Poker Flo (Family-AF-Ayr Poker Duncan) - P G S G A & S G T Williams

2-Gwynnog Burdette Emerald (Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette) - G R & S Thomas & Son

3-Hayford Oblique May (Jelyca Oblique) - H & H Jones

Heifer in-Calf

1-Haresfoot Reality Winsome (Palmyra Tri-Star Reality) - P G S G A & S G T Williams

2-Pam Ayr's Double Cream (Bonnie Brae Sakic) -

P G S G A & S G T Williams

3-Penrhos Beckham Happiness (Gwynnog Beckham) -

R E B & E & I Huws

Heifer in-Milk

1-Smartmove Calimero Ruby (Margot Calimero) - P & S Williams

2-Gwynnog Modern Jean (Lagace Modern) - G R & S Thomas

3-Haresfoot Napier Ella (Ardmore Crown Napier) - P & S Williams

Cow in-Calf Any Age

1-Haresfoot Simply Red Pamela EX 94 (Forte Simply Red) - P Reed

2-Halmyre Urr Jinks 427 EX 91 (Halmyre Urr Pinsent) - G R & S Thomas

3-Heydale Ginny 90 EX 91 (R. Blackthorn) - P G S G A & S G T Williams

Cow in-Milk - 2nd/3rd calver

1-Haresfoot Napier Punch EX 93 (Ardmore Crown Napier) -

G R & S Thomas & Son

2-Rhos Lydiatwo Easland (Hunnington BBK Easlad) - P Reed

3-Penrhos Pilot Preston (Stamford Pilot) - R E B & E & I Huws

Cow in-Milk 4th calf or over

1-Pam Ayr's Dream Hawaii EX 95 (Pam Ayr's Dreamcatcher) -

Messrs Williams & Coryn

2-Hayford Sunflower 95 (Stamford First Prize) - H & H Jones

3-Pam Ayr's Lotta Rosie (Plum Bottom Trident's Lot) - P & S Williams

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Sale Reports

Morwick Reduction Sale with guest consignments from Acton, Twemlow and Troutbeck

A sale of Ayrshires and Red and White Holstein Cattle from four herds took place at Beeston Castle Auction on Friday 7th June in front of large company of buyers from Mid Scotland to Kent.

MORWICK

The sale was led by a major reduction of the loose housed and noted Morwick Herd, the property of D A Howie & Sons of Morwick Farm, Acklington, Northumberland who included in their consignment the entire group of cattle that were red and white and milking with their third or younger lactations. The cattle followed an all year round calving pattern with a bias towards winter milk production. The top selling milker from Morwick was **Morwick Ad Queen Red** recently scored (EX 91) in her third lactation and due again in November to Rustler Red. She is a daughter of Duchess Advent Duke Red and is out of Morwick Sand Queen Red 2nd, one of five Excellent full sisters from this outstanding family. She sold for 3400 gns in a three way split between Richard Baynes, Hexham, A & S Lawrie, Cuthill Towers, Perth and Kinross and H Tinker & Sons, Rotherham. Next in the price list was **Morwick Savard Duchess Red (VG 87-2yr)**, a daughter of the Swiss bull, Savard, but from a different branch of the Queen family. She sold for 3000 gns, due in July with her second, to George and Jason Booth of Stewartstown, Co Tyrone. The top selling milking heifer was **Morwick Trendsetter Posy Red (VG 85-2yr)**, a daughter of the Stardel Classic son, Barendonk Trendsetter, who calved in March and sold to George Bonsall of Slindon, Staffordshire.

However it was a three month old heifer calf, **Morwick Spectrum Princess Red**, by Charpentier LFG Spectrum and from another line of the Queen family, that topped the Morwick section of the sale, realising 5000 gns to Willie Whiteford of Carlisle, with the vendors retaining a half share. Another calf, this time the January born **Morwick Colt Tiara Red**, a naturally polled daughter of Sandy Valley Colt P Red with seven generations of VG/EX dams, sold for 3300 gns to an undisclosed South Wales buyer.

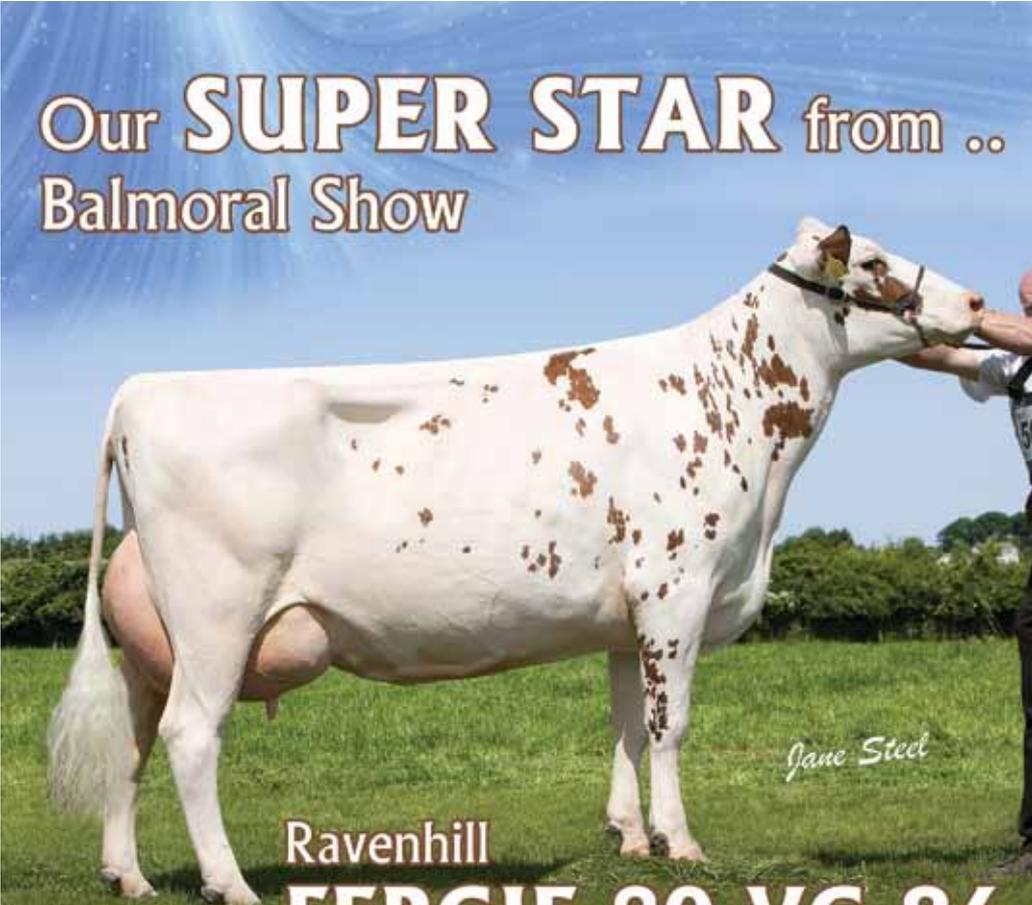
ACTON

This consignment from Acton was certainly touched with a great deal of sadness following the very untimely death of owner John Tomlinson of Church Farm, Acton, Nantwich, earlier this year. The star of the sale was undoubtedly **Acton Jubilant Amanda (VG 85-3yr)**, who had just calved her second calf a fortnight before the sale. Amanda is a daughter of Brieryside Jubilant Scot and out of the (EX 95-5E) **Attwell Amanda 4** who is still going strong and milking with her 8th calf; she is one of the best young cows of

the breed in the country today, and this was certainly vindicated by her price as she realised the top bid of the sale selling to Geoff Benson of Tarporley. Her full sister, the two year old recently served **Acton Jubilant Amanda 3**, sold for 2700 gns R Adams of Shrewsbury.

TWEMLOW

Marshall and Patsy Barnett of Bank Farm, Twemlow, Holmes Chapel, are no longer in milk production but continue to rear heifers under their well known Twemlow prefix. They consigned three beautiful heifers with the top seller being **Twemlow Peggy 12**, a daughter of the homebred Major Threat. She has three EX/VG dams and a VG sister; she sold a week fresh with final bid being made by Smith Farms (Clacton) Ltd., Essex. **Continued on page 50.**



Our **SUPER STAR** from ..
Balmoral Show

Jane Steel

Ravenhill
FERGIE 20 VG 86

Sire - Twemlow Admiral Glen
1st Prize Junior Cow, Reserve Champion Ayrshire and member of the Reserve Interbreed Pairs and Groups - Balmoral Show 2013.

01-04-12 6,605 3.96 3.43 303 days
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Ravenhill Ayrshires

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Sale Reports continued

TROUTBECK

Frank and Margaret Mattinson and Sons of Rosewain Farm, Wigton, made a lovely consignment of calved and in-calf heifers from their large Cumbria based herd. They really were a good group and sold consistently well from start to finish. Their top calved heifer was **Troutbeck Dollar Princess 3**, a March calved daughter of the homebred Jordan Jester who sold for 2450 gns to Caernarfon College, Glynllifon. Their top in-calf heifer was **Troutbeck April Avril**, by Big Apple Red, which sold for 2150 gns to RJ Latham, Tarporley.

AVERAGES: Morwick – 89 Cows and Heifers in-milk (inc 23 Heifer calves at £936.33) - £2039.84; 2 Bulls - £1470; 91 HEAD - £2030.65.

Acton – 3 Cows (inc 2 bull calves at £157.50) - £3815.00; 2 Served Heifers £2572.50; 2 Maiden Heifers - £1522.50; 1 Bull - £735.00; 8 HEAD - £2546.25.

Twemlow – 1 Calved Heifer - £2835.00; 2 In-calf Heifers - £2388.75. 3 HEAD - £2537.50.

Troutbeck – 17 Calved Heifers - £1930.15; 16 In-calf Heifers - £1876.88. 33 HEAD - £1904.32.

WRIGHT MANLEY of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire were the Auctioneers.

South West Ayrshire Show & Sale

Kivells held their annual South West Ayrshire Show and Sale of 200 Pedigree Ayrshires at Exeter Livestock Centre, Devon which saw a phenomenal trade for all classes of stock! Buyers travelled from Wales, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, West Sussex, Wiltshire, Cornwall and Devon and packed the ringside to compete hard for the quality Ayrshires put forward! Top price of the day was £3400 for the Overall Champion Heifer, **East Church Saltires Bella** by Stevenson's Saltire, from Mark Evans, she was purchased by Judge Blaise Tomlinson, from Leicestershire, to join his Sandyford Herd.

Mark Evans presented an excellent consignment of Ayrshires, from his renowned Organic East Church herd in Honiton, and he sold two other heifers at £3000. First to do it was the 3rd prize heifer in the show **East Church Bright Crowns Butterfly VG 85** by Carnell Bright Crown, she sold to an undisclosed Welsh buyer. At the same money was another fresh Heifer **East Church Destinations Jenny** by Bigginvale Destination she sold to Mr Ellis who purchased an excellent load for his herd in North Wales. At £2650 was **East Church Destinations Puddle**, another fresh heifer by Bigginvale Destination, she sold to new to the breed buyers Alan & Heather Rogers, to join their Organic herd in North Wales. The same buyers also paid £2450 for a smart heifer, by Bankend Nucleus, out of an EX 90 cow from the Nutmeg family. At £2600 was the

2nd prize heifer and Reserve Overall Champion, **East Church Potters Blossom** by Des Prairies Potter, and she sold to the same undisclosed Welsh buyer. Mark's East Church consignment of 10 freshly calved heifers averaged a staggering £2600!!

Messrs Roskilly & Sons sold a strong consignment of freshly calved cows & heifers from their Trenhayle herd in Cornwall, and the best of the cows sold well to £1900 for the 1st prize cow in the show, a third calver **Trenhayle Dilly 2** by Attwell Apollo, which was sold giving 30 Kgs, to Mr Ellis of North Wales. The same vendors sold a fourth calver by a homebred sire at £1750 to Messrs Hiscock in Dorset.

Dry Cows sold to £1700 for **East Church Stanley Butterfly**, by Milkmaids Stanley, from Mark Evans. In-calf Heifers went to a top call of £2450 for **East Church Destinations Frantic** by Bigginvale Destination, due in June, and she sold to Alan & Heather Rogers from North Wales. Mark also sold others to £2100 and £1850, with his 12 in-calf Heifers averaging well at £1690.

Served heifers sold very well from Trevor Howe of Truro, to a top of £1750 for **Gadles Molly** by Jelyca Oblique, and she is due in October to sexed Ardmore Crown Napier, and sold to Reid Hair of St Austell. Others sold to £1450 from Messrs Roskilly & Sons with **Trenhayle Sereta 5** by Bankend Brown Bomber, and she is due in September to Attwell Admiral, and sold to volume buyers Cowdray Home Farms, who purchased 53 head for their Organic herd in West Sussex.

Bulling heifers sold to £980 twice for Messrs Roskilly & Son, for heifers by Ardmore Crown Napier and Knowe Dons Valley, to Mr Tylor of Helston. Trevor Howe sold the best of his bulling heifers to £900 for **Gadles Ellen** by Jelyca Oblique, and she sold to Cowdray Farms. The same buyers paid £950 for **East Church Trust Charm** by Auchensale Special Trust, from Mark Evans. Others sold to £850 for Messrs Nicholls, from South Molton, for Hilltown Snowball 807 by Hawksfield Blue Sky.

The young heifers twelve months old and below sold to an exceptional trade, topping at £1000 from Mark Evans, for a super October born heifer, **East Church Rosinni Brown Fairy** by East Church Stans Rosinni, and she sold to Mr L H Batty from Derbyshire, who also purchased a four month old calf by De La Plaine Prime from East Church at £850. Richard and Tracey Martin of Torrington paid £820 for another Rosinni daughter born in October, out of the Blissful family, backed with three gens of VG or EX dams.

The Nicholls family finished the sale with a cracking run of yearling heifers, from their renowned Hilltown herd, the best of them sold well to £680, which was achieved six times for heifers by well-known sires. A wonderful day for the Ayrshire breed!

Auctioneers Kivells & Husseys



Entries at the South West Ayrshire Sale



Society Awards

100,000 Kgs Club

Owner	Animal	Sire	Milk Kgs	Fat%	Prot. %	CFP	Lacts.
C Window	Hunnington Lilly	H. Double Gold	102,617	3.64	3.32	7,140	12

Hunnington Lilly is the latest Ayrshire cow to reach the 100,000 kgs of milk produced in her lifetime, and in a total of twelve lactations. She is sired by the homebred Hunnington Double Gold, who is bred from the world renowned Sailor Girl family, and a member of the Lily family, who are known as genuine trouble free cows! Yet again another tribute to the great breeding from Chris Window and his Hunnington herd.

80,000 Kgs Club

T Howe	Meikle's Cherry Fine 49	Bonnie Brae Heligo	87,601	4.17	3.08	6,350	10
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60,000 Kgs Club

T Howe	Gadles Beauty	P. Bottom Trident's Lot	64,259	4.95	3.52	5,444	7
	Gadles Mimimo	E. Church Admiral Don	60,345	4.44	3.41	4,737	8
	Meikle's Buntly 6	Meikle's Sally's Choice	65,660	4.50	3.49	5,246	9
	Meikle's Invoice 43	Meikle's In To Deep	63,190	4.17	3.29	4,714	10
	Moorland Trixie	Brocklehill Happy Spirit	66,156	4.09	3.43	4,970	11
M H Parkes	Highway Chastity 25	Townhead ET	75,313	3.94	3.31	5,460	10
	Highway Chastity 35	Highway Hallmark	64,563	3.64	3.02	4,300	9
	Highway Jane 35	Brieryside Super Star	62,816	3.66	3.07	4,229	10

Production Cows

P Coryn & J Pollard	Pam Ayr's Blazing Rosie	Haresfoot Blaze	8,901	4.68	3.61	738	1
	Pam Ayr's Ribbons Rosie	Lagace Modem	7,914	4.60	3.43	636	1
T Howe	Gadles Beauty	P. Bottom Trident's Lot	9,841	5.08	3.49	843	5
	Gadles Ice	Kellcrest Ice Man	7,086	5.19	3.45	613	4
			8,436	4.82	3.40	693	5
	Gadles Mimimo	E. Church Admiral Don	7,956	4.31	3.41	614	6

Star Brood Cows

C Window	Pylon Easled	Brieryside Super Star	Three Stars
	Hunnington Fragy 4	Brocklehill Harvest Gold	One Star

Murchland Perpetual Trophy Win For The Adamsons



L to R: Colin Christophers (Ayrshire Cattle Society President), John Adamson and David Leaver (RABDF President)

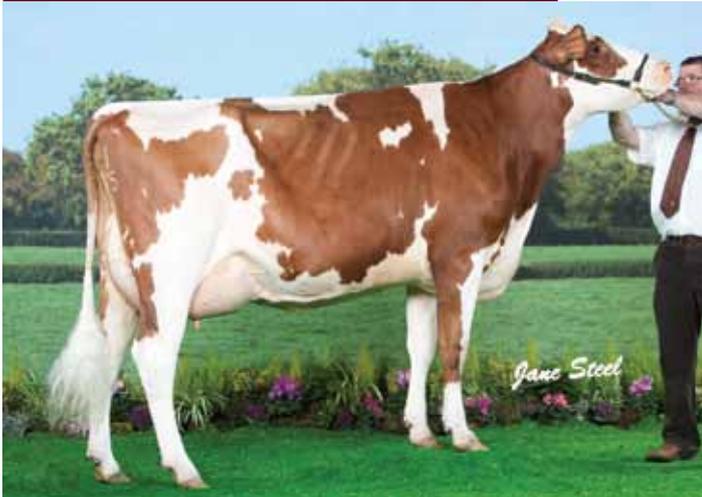
The Adamson family who run the noted Swaites herd near Pettinain in Lanarkshire, are this year's winners of the Murchland Trophy, presented to the highest placed Ayrshire entry in the prestigious NMR Gold Cup.

To be eligible for entry, certain criteria have to be achieved, with herds competing having to have at least 100 completed qualifying lactations, a maximum cell count average of 200,000 and a minimum PLI value specific to the breed currently £37. Around 500 herds qualify each year, reduced to a final list of 50, judged then on other important parts of running a dairy herd like a business plan, replacement rates, use of available acres and resources, etc etc. with the finalists being visited by the team of judges. Congratulations. In the 2012 recording year their 157 cows averaged 8254 kgs at 4.33% fat and 3.31% protein. Average cell count was 147,000/ml.



Classifications

Brieryside Profile Cherry VG 89



Following a second visit from the classifiers, G Lawrie & Sons, Brieryside and Sandyford Farms, Monkton, Ayrshire and Cattle Services (Ayr) Ltd, are delighted to announce the classification of the first heifer in the UK and Ireland to score the maximum VG 89 for a heifer under the present system.

Brieryside Profile Cherry VG 89 (Sire: BRIERYSIDE HIGH PROFILE) scored the maximum for a heifer VG 89 with a breakdown of Body Conformation VG 89, Dairy Strength EX 90, Legs and Feet VG 89 and Mammary VG 89. No stranger to the limelight, this top heifer swept all before her at Agriscot 2012 winning the Ayrshire Heifer Championship and Interbreed Superheifer. No slouch in the parlour she calved on 4/8/12, a heifer to the Young Bull Proving Scheme sire CUTHILL TOWERS RAMBO, and has produced to-date 8,720 kgs @ 4.37% bf @ 3.43% p and is still milking 29.8 kgs giving her a projected yield of 9,138 kgs in 305 days AND she is due again in September.

Her sire BRIERYSIDE HIGH PROFILE comes from a very strong female line. His dam "Pearl 25 EX 94", is a combination of two exceptional cow families, the "Ursulas" from Muir and the "Pearls" from Brieryside. Breeding on her maternal side is full of CSA sires, BRIERYSIDE GOLDEN SAND, CUTHILL TOWERS AUTUMN GOLD and BRIERYSIDE SUPER STAR with limited amounts of semen available from Golden Sand and Autumn Gold.

Haresfoot Jordan Barbara EX 96 4E



With a classification score of EX 96, **Haresfoot Jordan Barbara** has taken the spotlight for the highest score since the last issue.

Owners Arthur and Susan Lawrie of Cuthill Towers purchased Barbara in 2011 at the Haresfoot dispersal sale, when she was scored at 92 points. Now in her sixth lactation she has scored Body EX 97, Dairy Strength EX 96, Legs and Feet EX 97 and Mammary EX 94.

Barbara is sired by JA Bob Jordan Red and is a daughter of **Calderglen Barbara EX91 2E** who is also a Brood Star cow. Barbara has a VG 85 Modern daughter in the Willhome Herd and she has some exciting daughters and sons in the Cuthill Towers herd by Prime, Burdette and Reality as a result of ET work.

EX 95 Classified Cows

Others that have scored a massive EX 95 are the well known fifth calver **Pam Ayr's Dream Hawaii EX 95 3E**, bred by Pam Coryn and now owned jointly by Pam with Philip and Stuart Williams, **Plaskett Jolly 191 EX 95 2E**, in her ninth lactation, bred and owned by Rodney and Annabell Armstrong at Plaskett Lands, **Middle Georgette MM EX 95 4E**, who has now completed her seventh lactation, bred by the Whitefords and owned by David and Christine Sanderson and **Attwell Amanda 4 EX 95** owned by the late Mr J H Tomlinson.

Classification Achievements

E R & R W Adams

Acton Napier Heather Honey VG 87 Ardmore Crown Napier (1)

R T & J I Adams

Bigginvale Apple Blossom 6 EX 92 Beltonville Ivys Lad (8)

Bigginvale Butterpuff 50 EX 92 East Church Ambition (5)

Bigginvale Alison 5 EX 91 Waxham Each Way (3)

Bigginvale East Buttermilk EX 90 Waxham Each Way (4)

Bigginvale Mark Marie 4 EX 90 Waxham Each Way (3)

Bigginvale Violet EX 90 Shady Walnut Conn (4)

Tessvale Ester 19 VG 86 Bigginvale Destination (1)

J Adamson & Son

Swaites Moonshine VG 86 Brieryside Red Centurian (1)

M Aidley

Hunnington Breeze 13 EX 92 Hunnington BBK Easlad (5)

Attwell Bessie 44 EX 91 Haresfoot Blaze (3)

D C Alderson

Haresfoot Pamela 5 EX 94 (5) Morwick Sand Ranger Red (7)

Atley Hill Centurian Brown Lady EX 91 (2) Brieryside Centurian (4)

Atley Hill New Years Lady VG 86 Lagace Modern (1)

A P Arden

Attwell Bethia 13 EX 92 (3) Attwell Amadeus (9)

Green Lane Applecore 11 EX 91 (2) Green Lane Marvel (4)

Green Lane Dopey 64 EX 90 Green Lane Marvel (3)

Green Lane Lady Marina 17 EX 90 Andy's Flintoff (3)

Green Lane Avril 29 VG 86 Green Lane World Leader (1)

Green Lane Lilith 9 VG 86 Green Lane World Leader (1)

Green Lane Wren 9 VG 86 Green Lane World First (1)

Green Lane Rusty 9 VG 85 Green Lane World Leader (1)

Green Lane Spottie 5 VG 85 Green Lane World Leader (1)

M/s Armstrong

Plaskett Jolly 191 EX 95 (2) Round Bush Edward (9)
Plaskett Lucky Charm 250 EX 94 (2) Round Bush Edward (9)
Plaskett Janie 96 EX 93 (2) Round Bush Edward (9)
Plaskett Jolly 190 EX 92 (2) Round Bush Edward (10)
Plaskett Dewdrop 68 EX 91 (2) Round Bush Edward (8)
Plaskett Jolly 197 EX 91 (2) Stamford First Prize (8)
Plaskett Janie 104 EX 90 Blackaddar Eagan (7)
Plaskett Lucky Charm 245 EX 90 Round Bush Edward (9)
Plaskett Lucky Charm 246 EX 90 Round Bush Edward (9)
Plaskett Lucky Charm 272 EX 90 Plum Bottom Tridents Lot (4)

R A & S Arnott

Flintstone Ranger Deborah EX 93 (3) M. Sand Ranger Red (5)
Flintstone Ristourn Eunice VG 85 Lagace Ristourn (1)

S N Bailey & Partners

Beeline Red Pansy VG 87 Mosside Northernstar Red Red Red (1)
Beeline Dictator Swan VG 86 Brieryside Dictator (1)
Beeline Star Mitzie VG 86 Hunnington Kellogg Star (1)
Beeline Red Baby VG 85 Mosside Northernstar Red Red Red (1)
Beeline Star Barbara VG 85 Hunnington Kellogg Star (1)
Beeline Star Lora VG 85 Hunnington Kellogg Star (1)
Beeline Star Ruth VG 85 Hunnington Kellogg Star (1)
Beeline Star Sally VG 85 Hunnington Kellogg Star (1)

J & M Barr

Calderglen Raffia EX 92 (2) Calderglen Lancelot (4)
Calderglen Molly 4 EX 91 Calderglen Jubilee (6)
Calderglen Gladiola EX 90 Middle Milestone Emerald (9)
Calderglen Linda 2 EX 90 McCormick Navigator (7)
Calderglen Nemesia EX 90 Calderglen Jubilee (5)
Calderglen Romaine EX 90 Calderglen Lancelot (4)
Calderglen Tatiana EX 90 Noremead Supreme Red (3)

D W Berresford & Son

Heydale Winsome 113 EX 92 (2) Elegance Amiral (4)
Heydale Winsome 119 EX 91 Heydale Montrose (3)

Bostock Bros

Sunrise Firethorn EX 90 (3) Stretton Triple Prime (6)

R A Bown

Richaven Marker Jonquil VG 86 Indianhead Red Marker (1)

J Brown

Seaview Melanie 15 EX 91 Bellayre Patriot (5)

R Brown & Partners

Twemlow Helena 7 EX 94 (4) Brocklehill Mastermind (6)

H Caldwell & Sons

Wee Barweys Lady Maud 9 EX 90 Woodmarsh Money Maker (3)

R J Carruth

Auchensale Red Brenda EX 94 (3) Horizon Ranger Red (10)
Auchensale Best Rosette VG 85 Auchensale Best In Show (1)

W R C & J E Christophers

Rosehill Flamenco EX 90 (3) Meggitt Amigo (13)

P Coryn & J Pollard

Pam Ayrs Dream Hawaii EX 95 (3) Pam Ayrs Dreamcatcher (5)
Pam Ayrs Right On Rosie EX 94 (4) Horizon Ranger Red (6)
Pam Ayrs Lotta Rosie EX 92 (2) Plum Bottom Tridents Lot (4)
Haresfoot Flashy Rae VG 85 Knutsford White Flash (1)

L Davidson & Sons

Halmyre Urr Ladybird 352 EX 93 (3) Halmyre Urr Middleman (8)
Halmyre Urr Tessa 66 EX 93 (4) Middle Brook Mitzy (11)
Halmyre Urr Poker 19 EX 92 (2) Halmyre Urr Jack (4)
Halmyre Urr Louise 192 EX 90 Stadel (5)
Halmyre Urr Mayflower 225 EX 90 Knowe First Priority (7)
Halmyre Urr Floralin 165 VG 85 Howie's Stelth (1)

J Drummond

Cottown Amelia 2 EX 91 (3) Killoch Plum Choice (7)
Cottown Ashleigh 9 EX 90 Humeston Top Yield (3)

A Emerson & Son

Trewmount Maggie 3 EX 90 Woodland View Pardner (6)

M D Evans

East Church Admirals Blissful 2 EX 91 (2) Hunnington Admiral (5)
East Church Pardners Rosette EX 91 (2) W. View Pardner (5)
East Church Nadia 17 EX 90 Bankend Photo Finish (9)
East Church Navigators Barn Owl EX 90 McCormick Navigator (4)
East Church Nelsons Nutmeg EX 90 McCormick Nelson (6)
East Church Potters Tinsel EX 90 Des Prairies Potter (3)
East Church Tommys Elsie EX 90 East Church Tomahawk (4)
East Church Bright Crowns Butterfly VG 85 C. Bright Crown (1)
East Church Potters Blissful VG 85 Des Prairies Potter (1)

I C Gilmour & Sons

Humeston Lady Woodburn 138 EX 92 (2) McCormick Nelson (6)
Humeston Supremacy Countess 9 EX 90

Humeston Supremacy (3)

Humeston Cinzano Carnation Red VG 86

ALH Vision Cinzano Red (1)

Humeston Milkgirl 65 VG 85 Willsbro Red Razzle (1)

J & R Gray

Goldstone Imp 110 EX 90 Celandine First Lord (6)

HRH The Duke Of Cornwall

Duchy Bright Fashion EX 90 Grandage Bright Spark (4)

Duchy Tryst Elma EX 90 Changue Tryst (3)

Duchy Tryst Snowie 27 VG 85 Changue Tryst (1)

S Harrison

Pylon Sandie 2 EX 93 (2) Pylon Remus (11)

Pylon Rene 9 EX 90 (2) Pylon Crusader (8)

Meathop Stealth Sandie VG 87 Visserdale Stealth (1)

Meathop Rampage Sandie VG 86 Rosedale-L Rampage-Red (1)

D & K Haworth

Myerscough Stadels Dairy Queen EX 94 (3) Stadel (7)

Ryecroft Classic Quilt VG 89 Poos Stadel Classic (1)

Ryecroft Easlad Dusky VG 86 Hunnington BBK Easlad (1)

D A Howie & Sons

Morwick Fawn 9 VG 86 Cogent Retinue Red (1)

Firm Of J M Howie

Knockenjig Tilda 10 EX 92 (3) Cuthill Towers Autumn Gold (5)

Haresfoot Bomber Pamela EX 91 Bankend Brown Bomber (3)

Castlepark Red Sunshine VG 85 Baileys Red Rock Red (1)

R M Hughes

Liverton Harmony 3 EX 91 Sanderson Tonic (4)

W J G Hunter

Muirston Barby 48 EX 93 (4) Horizon Ranger Red (9)

Ardmore Orphan 95 EX 92 Morwick Sand Ranger Red (3)

Ardmore Crocus 106 EX 90 McCormick Nelson (3)

Ardmore Janet 68 EX 90 (2) Ardmore Nepal (5)

Ardmore Lady 2 EX 90 (2) Ardmore Nepal (4)

Ardmore Tulip 30 EX 90 (2) Ardmore Nepal (5)

P & T Jeffries

Penrhallt Conceit VG 86 Green Lane Prodigy (1)

Haresfoot Napier Belle VG 85 Ardmore Crown Napier (1)

D G Jenkins

Hunnington Monica 56 EX 93 (3) Stamford Atlantic Star (5)

E Jones

Gilfach Tryst Flo EX 92 Changue Tryst (3)

Knutsford Flo 140 EX 91 (2) Kian (6)

Acton Rita 2 EX 90 (3) Stamford First Prize (7)

Acton Threat Plover EX 90 Twemlow Major Threat (4)

Cordwell Eleanor 3 EX 90 (2) Bigginvale Pansys Lad (5)

Knutsford Flo 134 EX 90 Meikle Laught Triple Crown (5)

W & P Kelly

Brackley Guinivere EX 92 (3) Celandine First Lord (8)

Brackley Joy 3 EX 90 Rosehill Blackthorn (5)

Brackley Zara 22 EX 90 Rosehill Blackthorn (6)

Brackley Hope 4 VG 86 Ravenhill Enigma (1)

D Kennedy & Son

Heydale Ovoid 186 EX 90 Heydale Kellys Star (8)

F & B Kent

Fobec Jubilant Cherryleaf VG 85 Brieryside Jubilant Scot (1)

R & M King

Kinninmonth Riva 2 EX 92 (2) Morwick Sand Ranger Red (4)

Middle Brown Hully EX 92 (3) Middle Brown Bomber (4)

Middle Lakeside Rosie Red EX 92 (2) M. Lakeside King Red (4)

Kirkinriola MSO Rosie EX 90 Morwick Solano Red (3)

Kirkinriola SPW Margie VG 89 Stamford Prize Winner (2)

Kirkinriola KS Rosie VG 85 Kirkinriola Solano (1)

R Kite

Tessvale Baby 9 EX 91 (2) Brocklehill Buccaneer (4)

A & S Lawrie

Haresfoot Jordan Barbara EX 96 (4) JA-Bob Jordan Red (6)

Cuthill Towers Ellie 10 EX 93 (3) Ladino Park Talent (5)

Cuthill Towers Regal Ray 9 EX 92 (2) Hilltower Stanley Red (4)

Cuthill Towers Swan 42 EX 92 (3) Stadel (5)

Cuthill Towers Pammy 5 EX 91 (2) Cuthill Towers Prince Rupert (6)

Cuthill Towers Lintie 55 EX 90 Hilltower Stanley Red (4)

Cuthill Towers Mystic Milly VG 86 Poos Stadel Classic (1)

Cuthill Towers Red Ray VG 86 Willsbro Red Razzle (1)

Cuthill Towers Cherry Pie 3 VG 85 Cuthill Towers Romeo (1)

Cuthill Towers Emerald Isla VG 85 Ayr-Phoe Ideostar (1)

Cuthill Towers Lintie 69 VG 85 Poos Stadel Classic (1)

Cuthill Towers Spring Bloom 5 VG 85 Willsbro Red Razzle (1)

G Lawrie & Sons

Brieryside Pansy 80 EX 90 Noremead Supreme Red (3)

Brieryside Supreme Lass EX 90 Noremead Supreme Red (3)

Brieryside Profile Cherry VG 89 Brieryside High Profile (1)

Brieryside Northernstar Cherry VG 87

Mossie Northernstar Red Red Red (1)

Brieryside Accolade Winnie VG 86 Rosedale Accolade Red (1)

Brieryside Razzle Sea Baby VG 86 Willsbro Red Razzle (1)

Brieryside Stadel Canadian Queen VG 86 Poos Stadel Classic (1)

Brieryside Supreme Doreen VG 86 Brieryside Supreme Lord (1)

Brieryside Thunder Cherry VG 86 Thunder Van De Wilg (1)

Brieryside Wisconsins Glossie VG 86 April-Day Wisconsin-Red (1)

Brieryside Cinzano Fine VG 85 ALH Vision Cinzano Red (1)

Brieryside Dictator Pansy VG 85 Brieryside Dictator (1)

Brieryside Dictator Princess VG 85 Brieryside Dictator (1)

Brieryside Red Razzle Shannon VG 85 Willsbro Red Razzle (1)

Brieryside Savard Evelyn VG 85 Savard Red (1)

Brieryside Stadel Pear VG 85 Poos Stadel Classic (1)

R G & A & R T Lloyd

Middle Avril 3 EX 91 Middle Dunlops Man (4)

Middle Lakeside Molli EX 90 Morwick Lakeside King Red (4)

R Loud

Lynner Boss 5 EX 90 Combebow Charlie Brown (5)

R McConnell

Fortfield Crystal 45 EX 90 Ravenhill Endeavour (7)

Fortfield Ethel 32 EX 90 Brocklehill Major (5)

Beechmount Marie Girl 3 VG 85 Ravenhill Sure Enough (1)

Haresfoot Pearl Punch VG 85 Auchensale Black Pearl (1)

J McGarva

Dunlop's Jinks EX 94 (5) STBVQ Darwin (9)

Couplaw Snow Tammie EX 92 (4) Benclloch Snowman Red (7)

Horseclose Joanna EX 91 Kian (3)

Horseclose Jinks 3 EX 90 Horseclose Improver (4)

A Millar

Ballygreggan Nicola 4 EX 94 (3) McCormick Navigator (5)

Ballygreggan Kitty EX 92 (2) Morwick Sand Ranger Red (6)

Ballygreggan Margaret 4 EX 92 (2) Kellcrest Ice Man (6)

Ballygreggan Brightbeat 6 EX 90 Carnell Bright Crown (4)

D C & A D Morgan

Brocklehill Queens Rose EX 91 McCormick Navigator (5)

Arran View Napier Denise VG 85 Ardmore Crown Napier (1)

R Morgan

Changue Melanie 159 EX 90 Changue Caravaggio (5)

A Norbury

Middle Vetch B Centurian EX 91 Brieryside Centurian (5)

Booth's Hester 11 EX 90 (2) Booth's Milton (5)

Middle Margot Dynamite EX 90 Sanderson Dynamite (7)

Booth's Princess 24 VG 85 Brieryside Cream Center (1)

H W Oultram & Co

Stamford Roselinda 65 EX 93 (4) Stamford Trigger (6)

Stamford Princess 18 EX 92 (5) Stamford Trigger (7)

Stamford Princess 19 EX 92 (3) McCormick Nelson (5)

Stamford Charm 59 EX 91 Stamford First Quality (4)

Stamford Cushy 10 EX 91 (2) Stamford First Quality (4)

Stamford Freda 19 EX 91 (2) Stamford Ole Gunnar Winner (8)

Stamford Kanvas 119 EX 91 (3) Ballyclan First Command (12)

Stamford Miss Norma 45 EX 91 (2) Shady Walnut Conn (4)

Stamford Esther 59 EX 90 Stamford Breakthrough (3)

Stamford Freda 36 EX 90 Plum Bottom Trident's Lot (3)

Stamford Lorraine 9 EX 90 Stamford Prime Suspect (4)

Stamford Shy Girl 18 EX 90 Ardrossan EV Kate's Trident (3)

Stamford Roselinda 78 VG 86 Plum Bottom Trident's Lot (1)

Stamford Kanvas 169 VG 85 Stamford Tricorn (1)

Stamford Plover VG 85 Stamford Ambassador (1)

M H Parkes

Highway Banana 15 EX 95 (4) Highway Hallmark (10)

Highway Banana 41 EX 90 Mark Samsson (4)

I D Patrick

Garrett Hall Priscilla 274 EX 90 Knutsford White Flash (5)

J & K Rennie

Brocklehill Distrigene Pearl EX 90 Carrousel Distrigene Red (4)

D & C Sanderson

Middle Georgette MM EX 95 (4) Middle Maverick (7)

Waxham Biscuit 20 EX 92 (2) Humeston Blackstar (9)

Sanderson Black Esther EX 91 (2) Waxham Tallisman (5)

Sanderson ES Bunty EX 91 (2) Sanderson Extra Special (4)

Sanderson ES Evergreen 2 EX 90 Sanderson Extra Special (3)

Sanderson Norina SR EX 90 Morwick Sand Ranger Red (7)

Sanderson LFE Surprise VG 86 Sanderson Lost For Ever (1)

Sanderson George Whiterose 488 VG 85 Sanderson George (1)

C Service & Co Ltd

Carsenaw Eunice 34 EX 93 (2) Barr Regent (5)

Carsenaw Clay 77 EX 92 (2) Bankend Brown Bomber (5)

Carsenaw Eunice 67 VG 85 Rashiepark Admiral (1)

Carsenaw Tulip 39 VG 85 Rashiepark Admiral (1)

J Suffern

Ravenhill May 28 EX 94 (5) Blackaddar MM Savage (9)

Ravenhill Ethel 407 EX 90 Ardmore Nepal (4)

Ravenhill Ethel 441 EX 90 Ravenhill Conquest (3)

Ravenhill Snowgem 61 EX 90 Woodland View Pardner (4)

Ravenhill Tulip 58 EX 90 Blackaddar MM Savage (7)

Ravenhill Tulip 85 EX 90 Ardrossan EV Kate's Trident (3)

Ravenhill Ethel 494 VG 86 Woodland View Pardner (1)

Ravenhill Ethel 496 VG 85 Ravenhill Nelsons Column (1)

J D Templeton

Carnell Jungle Girl 27 EX 91 (2) Cuthill Towers Prince Rupert (6)

Carnell Snowdrop 239 EX 91 Ladino Park Talent (3)

Carnell Peg 166 EX 90 West Spittal Regiment Red (3)

Carnell Snowdrop 241 EX 90 Ladino Park Talent (3)

Carnell Barby Doll VG 86 April-Day Wisconsin-Red (1)

Carnell Peg 168 VG 86 Shearoad Buzz (1)

Carnell Sea Blue 14 VG 86 Meadolake Jubilant (1)

Carnell Claire 4 VG 85 Carnell Bright Crown (1)

Carnell Dewdrop 46 VG 85 Carnell Marksman (1)

Carnell Snowdrop 274 VG 85 Muirston Top Brass (1)

G R Thomas

Gwynnog Lancelot Jane EX 92 (2) Richaven Lancelot (4)

Haresfoot Ranger Ella 2 EX 92 (2) Horizon Ranger Red (4)

Gwynnog Trident Esther EX 90 Ardrossan E V Kate's Trident (3)

Gwynnog Kate Special Blend VG 87 Middle Hybrid (1)

Gwynnog Easlad Celandine VG 86 Hunnington BBK Easlad (1)

Gwynnog Remington Sailorgirl VG 86 Mapleburn Remington (1)

Gwynnog White Flash Linnet VG 85 Knutsford White Flash (1)

J H Tomlinson

Attwell Amanda 4 EX 95 (5) Horizon Ranger Red (8)

E T Tomlinson & Son

Sandyford Wren 8 EX 93 (4) Pinehurst Frontline Red (7)

Millford Heather Honey 40 EX 91 (3) Horizon Ranger Red (8)

Millford Ruby 69 EX 91 (2) Bonnie Brae Nolan (6)

Sandyford Dairy Queen EX 91 (2) Sandyford Victory (4)

Sandyford Celtic 8 EX 90 Hulton Park Twilight (4)

Sandyford Penelope 6 EX 90 McCormick Nelson (5)

Sandyford Bunty Blizzard VG 86 Heydale Blizzard (1)

Sandyford Maple Clover VG 86 Mapleburn Remington (1)

Sandyford Honest Blizzard VG 85 Heydale Blizzard (1)

Sandyford Jubilant Ruby VG 85 Brieryside Jubilant Scot (1)

C Walters

Sharptor Velvet Elma EX 93 (5) Royalcroft Brendan (9)

Lyners Sensation Red 6 EX 92 (4) Lyners Blue Benji (10)

Lyners Fairystory 2 EX 91 Combebow Charlie Brown (6)

Lyners Blueprint 16 EX 90 Meggitt Amigo (6)

Lyners Dark Aurora 17 EX 90 (2) Kellcrest Ice Man (7)

Lyners Emmas Foxtrot EX 90 Royalcroft Brendan (8)

Lyners Lady Di 8 EX 90 Lyners Ferdinand (4)

Lyners Laura 5 EX 90 (2) Rosehill Blackthorn (3)

Lyners Prudence 3 EX 90 Lyners Ferdinand (4)

Moorland White Magic EX 90 Mika Indian Renegade (9)

Lyners Admiral Snowball 3 VG 85 Attwell Admiral (1)

Lyners Firefox Lady Di 10 VG 85 Lyners Firefox (1)

J G Waterhouse

Meikle Laught Tico 27 EX 90 West Spittal Dream Double (4)

H & J E Watson

New Close Future 77 EX 91 (2) New Close Triple Threat (6)

New Close Champagne 31 EX 90 Rosedale Mr Magic (5)

New Close Linnet 44 EX 90 Stamford Sebastian (5)

R A Watterson

Lakeland Queenie 7 EX 93 (3) Ravenhill Enigma (4)

P G & S Williams

Willhome Navigator Mary EX 91 (2) McCormick Navigator (4)

Willhome Navigator Pansy EX 91 McCormick Navigator (4)

Willhome Simply Pansy EX 91 Forte Simply Red (3)

Attwell Amanda 7 EX 90 McCormick Nelson (4)

Willhome Pardner Winnie EX 90 Woodland View Pardner (5)

Willhome Thorn Flo 2 EX 90 Rosehill Blackthorn (3)

Willhome Gold Moppit 2 VG 88 Cuthill Towers Autumn Gold (1)

Willhome Gold Tootle VG 87 Cuthill Towers Autumn Gold (1)

Willhome Admiral Winnie 2 VG 86 Attwell Admiral (1)

Willhome Brazen Eira VG 86 Haresfoot Brazen (1)

Willhome Brazen Fanny VG 85 Haresfoot Brazen (1)

Willhome Gold Flo 3 VG 85 Cuthill Towers Autumn Gold (1)

Willhome Ristourn Omlette VG 85 Lagace Ristourn (1)

M Young

West Spittal Caress 22 EX 94 (3) Carrousel Distrigene Red (6)

West Spittal Mistletoe 11 EX 91 Des Chamois Pat Laro (4)

West Spittal Wisp 60 EX 90 West Spittal Regiment Red (3)

CSA Uplift Extras

Sunrise Annie Chatter VG 85 K C Roses Chatter Red (1)

Bulls Classified

R T & J I Adams

Smartmove Calvin VG 87 Margot Calimero

M/s Armstrong

Horseclose Joint Venture VG 87 Hawksfield Blue Sky

L Davidson & Sons

Halmyre Urr Lieutenant EX 92 Attwell Admiral

A Emerson & Son

Trewwmount Blackness VG 87 Rosehill Blackthorn

R & M King

Kirkinriola Romeo EX 91 Stamford Prize Winner

A & S Lawrie

Cuthill Towers Harry P EX 90 Des Prairies Potter

A Norbury

Middle Embam EX 90 Haresfoot Bamboozle

Haresfoot Buzz VG 88 Lagace Ristourn

M/s Packer & Rowe

Blackrock Cornish Gold EX 90 Margot Colargol

I D Patrick

Brocklehill Kestral EX 90 Hidden Valley Garth

G & G Templeton

Richaven Provider EX 95 Rosehill Blackthorn

C Walters

Haresfoot Bellissimo EX 90 Mapleburn Remington

P G & S Williams

Willhome Legacy VG 88 Jelyca Oblique

Club News

Cornwall

At the end of March we held our annual family night, but with a difference! We realised that our junior members were all growing up and didn't want games as such, so we held a Wii tournament. Debbie Christophers and Dawn Coryn organised the evening which was enjoyed by all, and we concluded with a lovely supper.

In April we were lucky to have Stuart Williams, from the Willhome herd, Pembrokeshire, as our guest speaker. Stuart is a young member and was an excellent speaker. He told us about his many achievements, his family farm and his general love of Ayrshire cows. It was one of our best meetings ever.

In May several of our members travelled to Campbeltown for the Conference, and what a great time we had. We saw excellent herds of cows and the hospitality and entertainment were amazing. A big congratulations to Colin Christophers on becoming the new Society President.

Now we are in full show season, congratulations to all exhibitors who once again are turning out beautiful Ayrshire animals, also many thanks to Edward and Margaret for bringing the show unit to the Royal Cornwall again.

Cumberland

Planning is well underway for this year's Herds Competition when Mr Paul Harrison, Breckney Hill, East Heddon, will be the master judge, and the clubs Progeny Competition which will be judged by Mr Grant Woodburn, Killoch. We will travel the length and breadth of Cumbria to judge some wonderful herds in lovely locations.

In May ten members of the Cumbrian Club followed the long and winding road to Kintyre for this year's conference. A fantastic time was had by all and we would like to thank the club for their hospitality. Congratulations to the Mattinson family from Rosewain and their Troutbeck herd for winning Champion in the Ayrshire section of Dairy Expo 2013 held at Borderway Mart, Carlisle, with Troutbeck Robina (West Mossgiel Lord of The Rings). Good luck to all club members who will be showing cattle locally and nationally this year.



Cumberland Club members at this year's Society conference in Kintyre

Derbyshire

In March the Staffordshire Holstein Club, this year's host of the Quiz Night, invited us, together with the Derbyshire Holstein and Staffordshire Ayrshire Clubs, to pick our brains against the Quiz Master, David Heminsley. Again, this was held at The Bluebell Inn, Tissington, and we had an excellent turn out of approximately 70 people who made up 16 teams. We all enjoyed a 'pie & chips' supper midway through the quiz and finally, after rounds of questions on mixed subjects, the Derbyshire Holstein Club were the winners of the trophy this year. Our highest place team was Jo Adams, Fiona Kent, Adam Billings and Rob Pearce coming 5th.

Also in March was our AGM when our officials remained the same for their second year of office. We had a good turnout of members and enjoyed a talk and slideshow, by Linda Batty, of Ayrshire Show Winners and Families over the years. Peter Berresford gave a vote of thanks and members then enjoyed a pie and chips supper.

In the middle of April our 2012 youngstock competition judge, David Edwards, joined us as guest speaker at our annual dinner and dance, held once again at The Bluebell Inn. Members enjoyed a good meal, following which the certificates and trophies were presented by Mrs Edwards for our 2012 herd and youngstock competitions. We also announced the winners of the 2012 stock judging competition as follows: **Gents** - G White, **Ladies** - J Adams, **Juniors** - Andrew Temperton

The evening concluded with a raffle and dancing to the Richard Leighton Disco.

A number of our members travelled north to Kintyre for the Society AGM and Conference, and our congratulations go to Robert Adams who had the honour of being made Junior Vice President of the Society.

Devon

The last year has seen our club grow from strength to strength, with young and old coming together to share their interest in the Ayrshire breed. We started off 2013 with our annual skittles competition at the 'Mare & Foal' pub. We had a great turnout, a fantastic spread of food and a friendly game of skittles.

Next was our AGM in March which we had organised to hold at a village hall with a bring and share supper and quiz. Ruby Tristram agreed to carry on her position as President much to our delight, Robert Cornish was elected as our new Chairman with Brian Marnham as Vice. Mark Snell was voted on to the committee and Rosie Perry-Evans took on Publicity. All other members agreed to remain in their positions.

In May the Annual South West Ayrshire Sale was held with auctioneers Kivells at Exeter Market. It was a huge success with buyers coming from all over the country. The South West certainly has some top stock which are highly sought after.

On June 23rd we held an Open Day as part of the 'Open Farm Sunday'. The day was held at Barry and Cyndi Bowman's newly established farm and herd of Ayrshires, the 'Orchid' herd. The club worked together to pull off a super day. There were displays of cows, machinery, clay shoot, vintage tractors and much more, and not forgetting the BBQ, cakes, and cream tea.

The club is looking forward to its summer programme as many members will be attending shows around the county. If anyone would like any further details of any of our events please contact our Club Secretary Pete Bowditch on: 07931 655666. You can also follow us on facebook by searching 'Devon Ayrshire Breeders Club'.

Dumfries & District

In early March (and before the area endured heavy snowfall!) the club held its AGM at Woodlands House Hotel, Dumfries. After many years of service to the club, our Secretary, Rosemary Dickie, indicated her intention to step down from the role. Chairman Bryce Sloan gave a presentation to Rosemary and thanked her on behalf of the club for all her work over the years. David Bell was appointed as the new Secretary. **Office Bearers:** Chairman - Bryce Sloan, Vice Chairman - Steven Brown, Secretary - David Bell, Treasurer - Bill Callander.

After the formal business, the evening was concluded with a talk from Colin Christophers. Colin commenced with some family history and the development of some of the family's well known cow families. He then progressed on to the position of the Breed Heritage Committee, which created some discussion with members of the assembled audience.

Monday 8th April saw some members attend a stockjudging organised by the local Holstein Club at Townhead Farm, Mouswald by kind permission of Colin and Lorraine Mair. It was agreed at the AGM that this event would decide the winner of our Stockjudging Cup this year.

Kintyre & District

The Club held their 41st Annual General Meeting in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, on Monday 18th March. The Chairman, Murray Ralston welcomed 24 members to the meeting and gave a detailed account of the events over the past year. The Treasurer, John Ferguson, presented the accounts for the year highlighting the club is in a good financial position. The office bearers and committee were re-elected for the forthcoming year.

After some business was discussed the Chairman called on Mr Hamish Smith to present a trophy, which he donated to the Club for the Premier Ayrshire Breeder of the year, to Messrs J & M Barr, Clochkeil, for the most points gained in the year's competitions.

Robin and Iona Barr, guests at the meeting, gave a very interesting talk and showed photographs of Robin's years as Vice President and President of the Ayrshire Cattle Society. The highlight of their year was an invitation to attend the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

The meeting was drawn to a close with a vote of thanks by Thomas J Cameron to all concerned for the success of the Club, and especially to Robin and Iona for their entertaining talk and show of photographs.

North West

On the 18th March we held our annual dinner and presentation evening at the Crofters Hotel, Garstang, where we had thirty eight members and friends. We had an excellent meal and the trophies were presented by one of our judges for the herds competition, Mrs Joan Sedgewick. We would like to thank Peter and Joan for judging the herds competition, and to Peter for giving us a talk on his reasons as to the results.

Junior Stockjudging - 1-C Thornber, 2-J Gregson

Ladies Stockjudging - 1-J Sedgewick, 2-B Cranshaw

Gents Stockjudging - 1-W Bruce, 2-P Sedgewick, 3-F Thornber

Howarth Cup – Champion Heifer – Inspection Only - 1-New Close Maud - H & J Watson, 2-Garrett Hall Jasmine 2 (Garrett Hall Gladiator) I D Patrick, 3-Stamford Lady Shamrock 17 (Stamford Breakthrough) H W Oultram & Co

Bibby Cup – Champion Cow – Inspection Only - 1-Stamford Miss Norma 50 (Stamford Triple Threat) H W Oultram & Co, 2-Garrett Hall Julie 53 (Brieryside Super Star) I D Patrick, 3-Cherry Tree Miss Eva 16 (Brieryside Jubilant Scot) Messrs Thornber

Earl Peel Cup – All Animals – Inspection Only - 1-H & J Watson, 2-I D Patrick, 3-H W Oultram & Co

Croston Cup – Family Group – Inspection Only, 1-Shy Girl - H W Oultram & Co, 2-Julie - I D Patrick, 3-Miss Eva - Messrs Thornber

Ron Kearton Cup – Three daughters by one bull – inspection only - 1-Brieryside Superstar - I D Patrick, 2-Stamford Triple Threat - H W Oultram & Co, 3-Brieryside Jubilant Scot - Messrs Thornber

Bibby Agriculture – Highest yielding heifer, 1-Stamford Princess Poker - H W Oultram & Co, 2-Garrett Hall Priscilla 288 (Auchensale BL Jurist) I D Patrick, 3-Cherry Tree Daphne 30 (Attwell Admiral) Messrs Thornber

Red Rose Award – Highest Yielding Cow (F/P) - 1-Stamford Eva 3 (Stamford Trigger) H W Oultram & Co, 2-Garrett Hall Priscilla 267 (Brocklehill Buccaneer) I D Patrick, 3-Line 23 – D P Morris

Butter Dish – Production Only (Highest PPL) - 1-I D Patrick, 2-H W Oultram & Co, 3-H & J Watson

Lever Shield – Production Inspection – three by one bull

1-Stamford Triple Threat – H W Oultram & Co, 2-Brieryside Jubilant Scot – Messrs Thornber, 3-Brieryside Superstar – I D Patrick

Watkins Cup – Performance Competition (PPL) - 1-Garrett Hall Julie 55 (Castern Commodore) I D Patrick, 2-Stamford Roselinda 70 (Stamford First Quality) H W Oultram & Co, 3-Cherry Tree Tilly 49 (Cherry Tree Cut Above) Messrs Thornber

Tom Dickson – Lowest Cell Count - 1-H & J Watson, 2-M Partington, 3-I D Patrick

BOCM Cup – Production Inspection - 1-H W Oultram & Co, 2-I D Patrick, 3-Messrs Thornber

On the 27th May we had our club Calf Show which we hold at the Great Harwood Show. We had six exhibitors showing twenty five calves; they were Bobby Cranshaw, Ian Patrick, Mark Partington, Michael Partington, Frank Thornber and Andrew Rimmer. The Champion calf was Hulton Park Fable by Barr Envoy and shown by Oliver Partington. Champion handler was Laura Partington. Peter Smith from Burnley was our judge this year and we would like to thank him for giving his time to come and judge. We would also like to thank our sponsors Chorley Building Society, Peter Smith, Frank Thornber and also Jimmy Fitton for stewarding and getting the classes out, Martin for his help getting the calves ready to show, and the Great Harwood Show for letting us use their facilities.

Somerset

It is with great sadness that the Somerset Ayrshire Club reports the death of their long-standing President, Harry Horler, on 19th June 2013. Harry had been a member of the Club for many, many, years and kept a prize winning herd at Highchurch Farm from 1952. He was a well recognised judge and travelled the country to judge Ayrshires. Harry was also Captain of a skittles team in the local Ayrshire League - maybe not as successful on the alley as in the yard!!

He touched the hearts of all who knew him and will be sorely missed. Earlier this year, another long standing member and former skittles captain, Gretton Skan, also passed away.

We will remember both Harry and Gretton and miss their loyalty.

South East

We have had a busy few months, with the first three agricultural shows of the season and a herd competition.

At Heathfield Show we had a good turnout despite the mud and puddles. Judge: Aled Walters - Results -

Breed Champion & Reserve Interbreed Champion -

Oathall Rusty 10 (Trevaskis Matchmaker) Oathall Community College

Reserve Champion -

Douglas's Corashow (Dilham Drifter) J & M D M Howie

Interbreed group of three, Reserve Champion - J & M D M Howie

Interbreed heifer calf class, Reserve Champion -

Pylon Jubilee (Highway Billy Ruffian) Oathall Community College
To top off a successful day, Beth Mellish was the overall young handler champion.

Next up was Surrey County Show, in the sunshine, where our judge was Alan Tibrell - Results -

Breed Champion & Supreme Dairy Champion -

Goldstone Mabel 140 (Visserdale Stealth) R Gray

Reserve Breed Champion -

Ridley Hill Orchid (Kellcrest Ice Man) J & M D M Howie

Honourable Mention -

Douglas's Nikita (Milford Toronto) J & M D M Howie.

Beth Mellish again took the interbreed young handlers championship, however, failing to do so in the dairy classes, she took up beef handling. A sign of a good handler, according to judges Duncan Hunter and Mary Reynolds.

This was followed by the South of England Show, with Andrew Broadley as judge. Results - **Breed Champion -**

Ridley Hill Stealth Elaine (Visserdale Stealth) J & M D M Howie

Reserve Champion -

Pylon Eliana (Trevaskis Matchmaker) J & D Heasman

Honourable Mention -

Pylon Ellie 2 (Highway Billy Ruffian) J & D Heasman

Showing that she is force to be reckoned with, Beth Mellish took young handler champion with Izzy Whittiker as the judge.

In our combined Ayrshire/Holstein herd competition, our judge, Eddie Bingham, travelled down from Norfolk to judge 23 herds in all. In the Ayrshire section he had five herds to judge, from Chichester College, Hadlow College, R Gray, S Gribble, and J & M D M Howie.

Overall Herd Competition Winner - R Gray - Goldstone

Runner Up - S Gribbles - Sundridge

Production inspection - herd - 1-R Gray - Goldstone, 2-J & M D M Howie - Ridley Hill

Inspection cow - 1-Richaven RB Rene (Rosehill Blackthorn) Hadlow College, 2-Douglas's Nikita (Milford Toronto) J & M D M Howie

Production inspection cow - 1-Ridley Hill Orchid (Kellcrest Ice Man) J & M D M Howie, 2-Richaven R B Rene (Rosehill Blackthorn) Hadlow College

Bull progeny - 1-Goldstone Great Legs Babe (Hunnington Admiral) R Gray, 2-Sundridge Dice - S Gribbles

Family Group - 1-R Gray - Goldstone Flops, 2-M Howie - Douglas's Coras

Youngstock - M Howie

As well as all the agricultural shows and herd competitions we have held our annual stock judging competition with the final being held at John Downing's, Lingfield. The weather held out long enough for David Mellish and Nigel Betts to get cooking on the BBQ.

Ulster

We wound up our winter programme of meetings with our AGM, held in Greenmount College, on Wednesday 20th March. We were delighted to welcome Arthur Lawrie who had kindly agreed to conduct the business. After all the elections were conducted he delivered a super presentation on his recent trip to the World Conference in South Africa, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

At the meeting, Thomas Gordon was re-elected for a second term as Chairman, and the newly elected committee is as follows: President - Sam McCaw, Chairman - Thomas Gordon, Vice Chairman - Peter Drummond, Secretary - Jayne McConnell, Treasurer - John Suffern, Council Reps - J Hunter and B King, Committee: R Dick, R Emerson, C Fullerton, J Hunter, R Irwin, J Kennedy, P Kelly, M King, A McCaw, R Stewart Young Breeders - S Baxter R McConnell, S Wadsworth.

Our Annual Spring Show and Sale was held at the Pedigree Sales Arena Moira in April, kindly sponsored by United Feeds. Richard

Emerson, from the Trewmount herd in Dungannon, had the arduous task of judging the classes and awarded the Champion and Reserve titles to John Suffern.

Our premier spring show, the Royal Ulster Agricultural Show, this year had a new home at the grounds of the old Maze prison, thankfully we all escaped home safely! The new venue certainly brought out the crowds and exhibitors, with the largest number of Ayrshire entries for some years. The weather on the day of the dairy judging was glorious and the judge, Maggie Howie, had a tough job selecting her winners.



Congratulations to the group of Ayrshire Young Breeders who took part in Belfast City's Fun Run on Monday 6th May.

The team consisted of Caroline and Amy McConnell, Katie Gordon, David and James Fullerton, Sam Wadsworth, Sarah Jones, Gareth Baird, Thomas, Claire and Caroline Suffern.

All sponsorship and donations are going to Musgrave Park Neurological Unit, a very worthy cause. Dr Gavin McDonnell, Consultant Neurologist stated that, "all of those accessing and working in the Neurology Unit at Musgrave Park are immensely grateful for this support. In the unit we care for patients with a wide range of challenging neurological disorders including MS, motor neurone disease, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease and many others. Our role and aim is to support patients, carers, and families by providing high quality palliative, respite care and assessment. This sort of fundraising helps us to enhance the services and facilities that we can provide for patients, thereby maximising their emotional and physical well-being. Sometimes patients and families living with neurological diseases can feel forgotten – gestures such as these show that there is indeed a lot of empathy and understanding in our community".

This is the Young Breeders charity of the year, with more fundraising events being planned. All money raised will be presented to the Neurological Unit in November.

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