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On behalf of the President, Office Bearers and Council of the Society, we extend a warm welcome to the 139th Annual General Meeting and Conference.

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Society staff Claire Kimm 07967 810042 and Duncan Hunter 07771 826403 will be in attendance if you have any queries, the hotel staff will always be available to ensure your stay is as enjoyable as possible.

Western House Hotel

For those delegates arriving on Sunday, dinner can be taken at your leisure in the Jockey Restaurant and last food orders are at 9:30pm. 24 hour room service is also available. The Dinner, Bed & Breakfast rate per person per night is £89 and is payable to the hotel upon departure. Breakfast will be served daily in the Jockey Restaurant between 7:00am and 10:00am. There will be a drinks reception in the lounge area at 7:00pm with dinner being served every evening in the Ballroom at 7:30pm. Western House Hotel number is 01292 294990.

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The dress code for Wednesday evening is Black Tie.

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William Parker and George Allan will be present on the buses should you require any help.

Alternative Programme

Caroline Lawrie or Jan Templeton will be present on the bus should you require any help.

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2017 Itinerary

Monday 15th May

- 09:30am Presidents meeting, Cathedral Ballroom, Western House Hotel
- 12:30pm Council Meeting, Cathedral Ballroom, Western House Hotel
- 2:00pm AGM & Presentation of Society awards, Cathedral Ballroom, Western House Hotel
- 3:30pm 2017 / 2018 Council Meeting, Ballroom, Western House Hotel
- 4:00pm Depart hotel for optional visit to Catrine House for Showcase of local animals. Refreshments will be provided.
- 6:00pm Depart Catrine House
- 7:00pm Drinks reception in the Lounge kindly hosted by Dairyflow
- 7:30pm Dinner in the Cathedral Ballroom

Tuesday 16th May

- 08:15am Inverlea guests pick up for Western House Hotel
- 08:30am Depart hotel for coffee and herd visit to Logan Family, Holehouse Farm, Kilbirnie, Ayrshire, KA25 7LA
- 11:30am Herd visit, McHarg Family, Crofthead Farm, Ochiltree, Ayrshire, KA18 2RY
- 1:00pm Herd visit and lunch, Templeton Family, Knowe Farm, Auchinleck, Cumnock, Ayrshire, KA18 2LT
- 3:00pm Herd visit and afternoon tea, Templeton Family, Pocknave Farm, Hurlford, Ayrshire, KA1 5JT
- 5:00pm Depart Pocknave Farm to return to Western House Hotel
- 6.45pm Inverlea guests picked up for Western House Hotel
- 7:00pm Drinks reception in the lounge kindly hosted by Cattle Services (AYR) Ltd
- 7:30pm Dinner followed by the Conference sale

Alternative Programme

- 10:15am Depart hotel for visit to Dumfries House, lunch included
- 2:30pm Afternoon tea, Templeton Family, Pocknave Farm, Hurlford
- 4:30pm Depart Pocknave Farm to return to Western House Hotel

Wednesday 17th May

- 09:00am Inverlea guests pick up for Western House Hotel
- 09:15am Depart hotel for coffee and herd visit to Lawrie Family, Myremill Farm, Maybole, Ayrshire, KA19 7JG
- 11:30am Herd visit, Rennie Family, Brocklehill Farm, Ayr, KA6 5AF
- 1:00pm Lunch and herd visit, Lawrie Family, Sandyford Farm, Monkton, Ayrshire, KA9 2SP
- 4:30pm Depart Sandyford Farm to return to Western House Hotel
- 6.45pm Inverlea guests picked up for Western House Hotel
- 7:00pm Drinks reception in the lounge kindly hosted by Nestle and Harbro
- 7:30pm Dinner followed by evening entertainment

Alternative Programme

- 10:00am Depart hotel for Braehead Cookschool for Canapés and Cocktail demonstration
- 1:00pm Lunch, Jan Laird Art exhibition followed by afternoon tea, Lawrie Family, Sandyford Farm, Monkton Ayrshire, KA9 2SP
- 4:30pm Depart Sandyford Farm to return to Western House Hotel

2017 Delegates

Attending the 2017 AGM & Conference

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2017 Delegates * = Accommodation at Inverlea Guest House

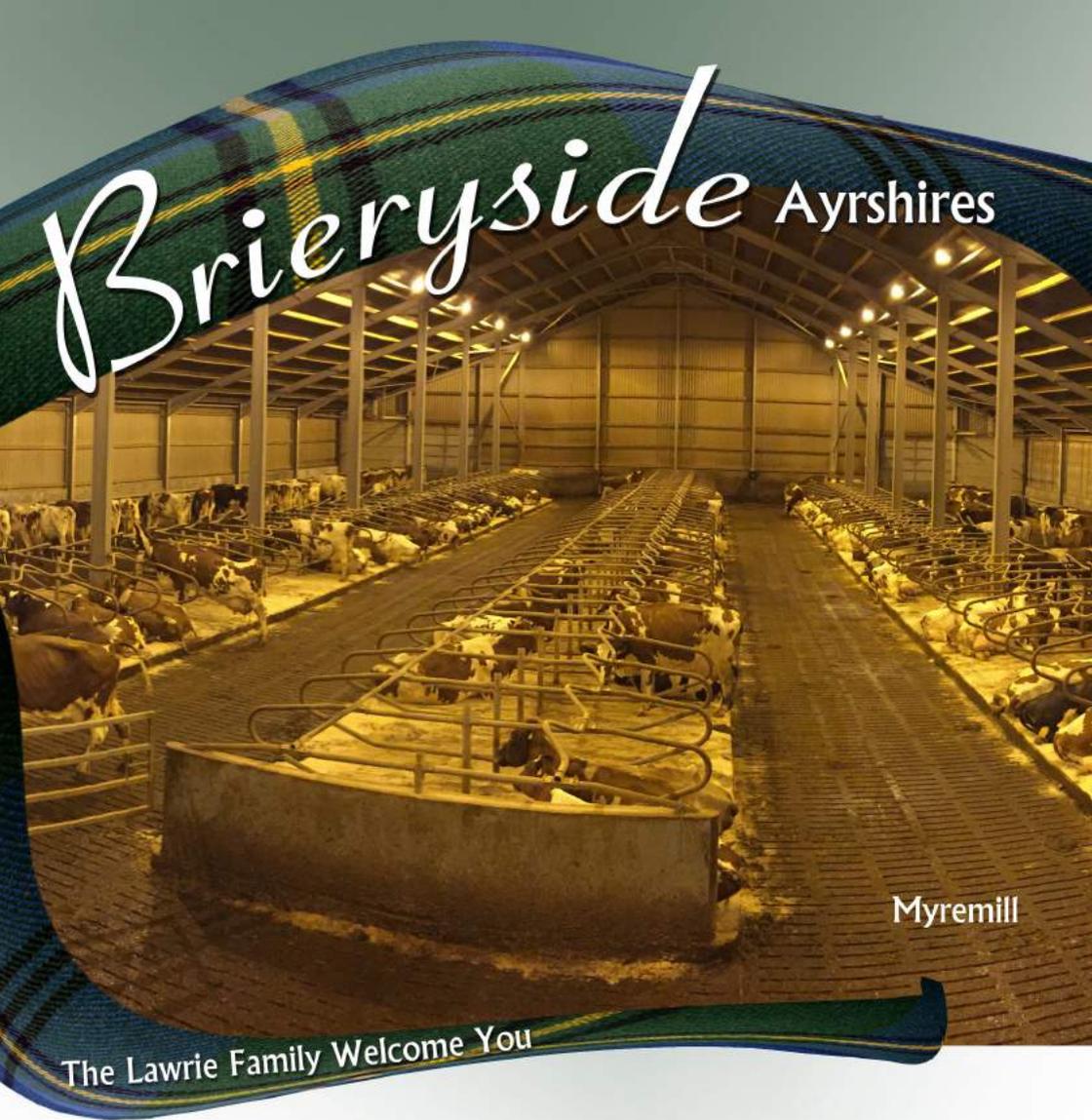
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Brieryside Ayrshires

Myremill

The Lawrie Family Welcome You

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On Wednesday the 17th May the Lawrie family extend a warm welcome to the delegates of the Ayrshire Cattle Society Conference to both Sandyford and Myremill Farms to view the Brieryside Herd. The herd currently consists of 500 registered Ayrshires and around 500 youngstock with the bottom end cows getting bred to the Belgian blue which gives the business roughly 100 a year to sell as store cattle at 12 months old.

The herd dates back to the 1890's when James Lawrie first registered animals with the Ayrshire Cattle society, which he was a founding member of. Since then the herd has been through a number of changes. The herd was farmed under the Kessington Prefix in Glasgow from 1929 to 1962 when Gilmour's father Gavin married his mother Nan and took over Brieryside farm as Nan was an only daughter. The Brieryside prefix was started then and still runs today. Gilmour left Brieryside in 2001 when he got the chance to farm in his own right after Murray Stevenson sadly passed away. Gilmour's brother Jim stayed at Brieryside milking 130 pedigree Ayrshire cows while Gilmour built his herd up with some of the Brieryside cows and he bought 100 cows from Muirston, Calderglen and Meikle Laugh herds.

In 2014 Gilmour and his son Kevin got the chance to take on Myremill Farm, where they decided to demolish the original farm steading and build a brand new Dairy Complex with 280 cubicles to house cows all year round. The cows were moved from Brieryside where the young stock are now reared in 2015 because land was getting tight due to the airport and the local village expanding. The cows were moved two years ago to the day of this visit and Kevin deals with the day to day running at Myremill.

The cows are housed all year round at Myremill, whereas at Sandyford they will graze from May to September. The cows are fed silage, caustic wheat, molasses, barley, soya, rape, dark grains and wheat

wholecrop. They are also fed to yield in the parlour. Current average for both herds is 9456 kgs at 4.28% BF and 3.67% PRO. This high quality milk enables us to supply milk to Nestle to produce chocolate for their KitKat and other confectionery.

Both herds are using a mixture of Pure Ayrshire, Blended Bulls and Pure Red and White Holstein Sires. In the tank, at the moment, we have Hilltown Oblique, West Mossgiel Modern Reality, Hunnington Famous, Brieryside Snowman, Brieryside Respect, Swissbec Brekem, Apples Absolute and Luck- E Awesome.

Cow Families to look out for are the Swans, bred from, argueably, the best breeding cow the breed has ever seen, Brieryside Swan 28. The Wrens, again bred from the most successful Ayrshire cow in the UK in the late 90s and early 00s. Along with the Cherry's, Edna's, Sea Babies and Paulettes. Our successful Red and White families are the Tabitha, Kitty ,Delight, Kiwi and Apple's with a few imported embryos from America just being born.

We would also like to offer delegates of the conference a once in a lifetime opportunity to buy a flush of embryos out of any cow of your choice from the 'Brieryside' prefix seen at either Sandyford or Myremill to any bull of your choice.

The Lawrie family hope you enjoy your stay at the home of the Ayrshire cow and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday the 17th May where hopefully you can see something that you like.

Brocklehill



Keith, Shaun, Irene, Aileen and Lisa

The Rennie Family Welcome You

The Rennie family welcome all delegates to Brocklehill Farm to view their herd on Wednesday 17th May 2017. The Rennie family have been at Brocklehill for 56 years since moving from Pant Farm in 1961. The Pant prefix was where their success began and was carried on until they changed it to Brocklehill in 1980.

Currently today the herd consists of 220 cows made up of 30/40 pure Ayrshires, 120 blended Ayrshires, and the remainder being Red & White and Black & White Holsteins.

Brocklehill Farm is a unit of 270 acres all grass, with approximately 40 acres rented for young stock and dry cows.

In 2014 they made big changes to the system and layout of the farm by building two new 40 x 180 feet silage pits, and taking away the self feed system which they depended on for almost 50 years. The shed for the cows was revamped inside by digging out a 10 foot slurry pit, and a 30 foot extension using the cubicles and space for the cows. The new design was also set up for cow comfort and cow movement in mind, by making long and wide passages and installing a Fan Separator to make green bedding from the slurry of the cows. All of their nutritional work is now done with advanced nutrition, and the cows are fed by TMR at the feed passage with additional cake added in the parlour to feed to yield. Ayrshires current herd average is 8860 kgs, 4.50% bf and 3.40% p. Cows will calve all year round with slightly more calving in the spring to suit going out to grazing, and their milk is currently being sold to Caledonian Cheese Company based in Stranraer, Scotland.

They are very much a family run unit with Keith, Irene and Shaun taking to

do with the roles around the farm, and Aileen and Lisa providing a helping hand when needed. Their calves are reared on whole milk fed twice a day starting at two litres, and then building up to three and half at peek, and then back down to two, and coming off at eight weeks old. They find this a very effective and great way to give them the best start possible. Calves then move on to a calf rearing nut and straw until around six months old. Older heifers and in-calf heifers are fed a basic silage ration until they calve.

Their breeding programme is focused on breeding long lasting cows with good type and milk. All pure Ayrshires are bred back to Ayrshires every time to keep the pures going strong. Blended cows could be bred to whatever bull they think suits her, and this could be a pure, blended or red bull whichever fits her traits best. Current bulls being used are Gentleman, Viking, Kestral, Predator, Triclo, Lucky Charm and for the reds - Absolute, Awesome or maybe a red carrier.

Their main families breeding and working well right now are Ena, Waterflower, Penny, Madonna and Quadrille lines, and you can look out for these on your visit.

The Rennie family hope that you enjoy your stay in Ayrshire and look forward to showing you around the Brocklehill herd.

Carnell



Robin and Johnnie

The Templeton Family Welcome You

The Templeton family of Johnnie, Margaret and Robin are delighted to welcome you to the 2017 conference in the heart of Ayrshire to view their Carnell herd.

The herd currently resides at Pocknave (neighbouring farm to Carnell) and has done since 1943. It is run as a family farm with relief staff and contractors brought in when necessary. Pocknave is 320 feet above sea level and is 190 acres currently all down to grass with a further 40-50 acres of summer grazing. The 120 cows herd consists of 24 excellent, 42 very good and 30 good plus. They generally milk 100 cows calving all year round as the family supply Graham's dairies with a level milk supply profile being required to maximise payment.



Cows are strip grazed ideally from early May to September when possible, however, the last few years have been very challenging and last year their cows were at grass for a total of eight weeks and have been fully housed since 31st July.

The cows are cubicle housed and are fed on a semi TMR ration of maintenance, plus 23L, then fed cake to yield through in/out parlour feeders. Current ration for winter 2016 into early 2017 has been silage, brewer's grains, molasses and blend. During summer months a TMR buffer is offered to maintain some stability, because of variable weather and grass quality. Currently the herd average is 8,579 kgs @ 4.19% fat and 3.25% protein with a calving index of 398 days. All dairy heifers are kept as replacements and reared at home being calved in at an average age of two and a half years, with surplus heifers being sold throughout the year. In addition beef calves are sold to local markets at 6-10 weeks old.

The top end of the herd are served with sexed semen, the bottom with Belgian Blue, and conventional bulls are used

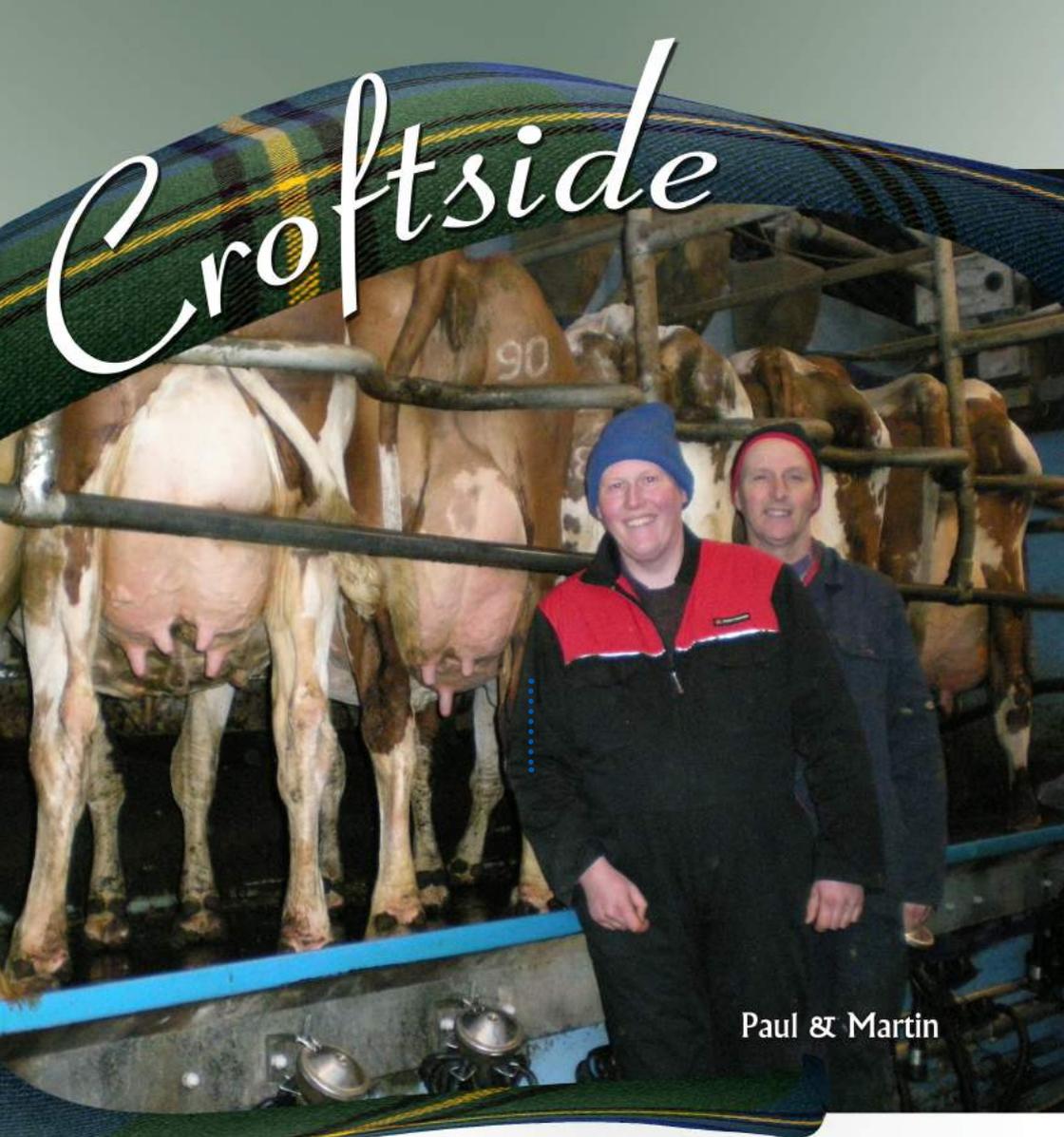
across the middle. At present the herd has two stock bulls, namely CARNELL BRIGADOON EX 94 and CUTHILL TOWERS RICH DREAM VG 87 used for serving heifers and cows at grass.

Current AI sires being used are Hilltown Oblique (Sexed), Sandyford Supreme (Sexed), Cuthill Towers Harry P, Cuthill Towers Elpaso, West Mossgiel Modern Reality, Hunnington Mandella, Haresfoot Simply Perfek and Carnell Tristan.

In recent years attending some of the larger shows has not been possible, however, they always try to support local shows, and in particular the annual Ayr County herds competition which they have had regular success in.

They would like to thank their sponsors - Mole Valley, John C Ferguson, John Barnes Nutrition and Graham's dairies for their support. The Templeton family look forward to welcoming you to Pocknave to view and celebrate over 100 years of Carnell breeding on the 16th May 2017.

Croftside



Paul & Martin

The McHarg Family Welcome You

The McHarg family of Martin, Lesley and Paul would like to welcome the Conference delegates to Crofthead Farm in May to view their Croftside herd.

Martin, Lesley and family have worked in partnership with Martin's late father William and mother Jean who purchased the home of the Croftside herd in 1953, building the herd up over the years to the present day of 110 cows with 140 followers. The farm sits at 600ft and extends to 120 acres with 100 acres rented for grazing and silage.

In the winter months, cows are fed grass silage, draff and a 19% protein cake through the parlour, and in the summer they graze from May with a top up of round bale silage if required and cake through the parlour. If weather permits, the cows are strip grazed over pastures until a first cut of silage is cleared. Cows have then more acreage to cover as fewer fields are kept for second cut. All first cut is put in a silage pit and sealed with all second cut made into round bale silage, and this is fed to the young stock in the winter months.

The Ayrshire cow suits the climate and landscape of Crofthead very well, and continues to produce premium quality milk for their purchaser Lactalis, with a current 12 month rolling average of 4.36% butterfat and 3.46% protein.

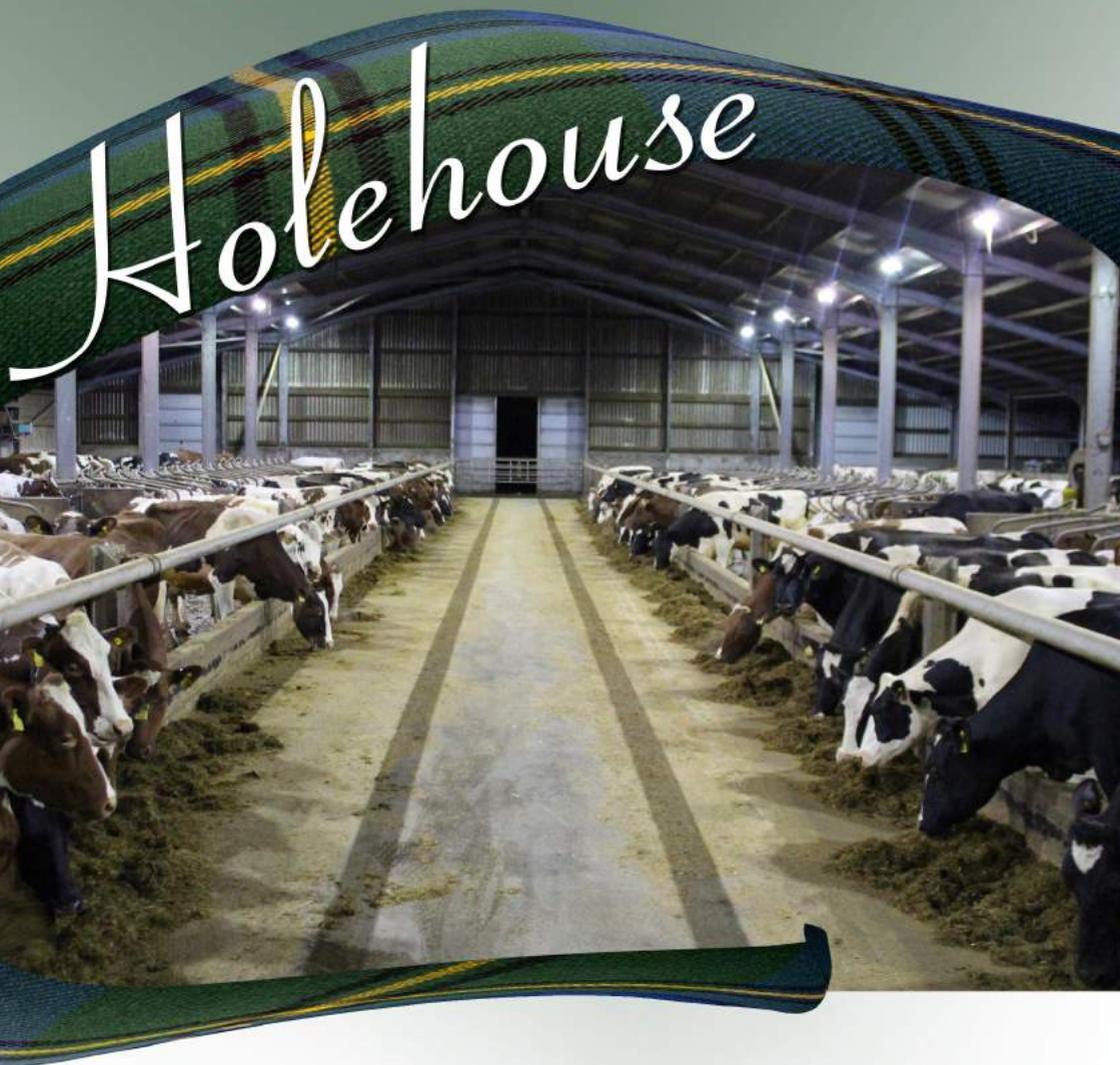
All herd replacements are homebred, with most cows being served at present to their homebred bull - Croftside Alibaba who is 75% Ayrshire, sired by Croftside Emerald King ET and is out of Croftside Lady Alice 56. The Lady Alice

family were winning shows 20 years ago, when as a heifer, Croftside Lady Alice 12 out of West Mossgiel Just the Job took championship honours at Ochiltree Show. Paul and Martin both enjoy showing and supporting local shows. They hope that by using this family, they continue to breed a milky, stylish cow with good legs and udder, and which will go on to win them more trophies.

At the Muirston dispersal sale two cows were purchased, namely Muirston Joanna 17 and Muirston Carol 48 who both produced bulls that have been used on the herd, with three cows out of Croftside Jonah winning the progeny group at the recent herd's competition in November 2016. Croftside Calico sired by Croftside Cavalier, and out of Lady Ann from the Lady Alice family is presently with heifers which should calve in the Autumn.

Last year's heifers are bred from Croftside Emerald King ET, an embryo out of Haresfoot Pamela 5. The current aim is to continue to breed from good lines of stock to produce cows with good quality milk production and the familiar traits of the Ayrshire cow.

They hope you have a lovely time with them at this year's Ayrshire Cattle Conference and look forward to welcoming you to view their herd.



The Logan Family Welcome You

The Logan family are pleased to welcome Conference delegates to view their Holehouse herd.

Holehouse has been in the Logan family for five generations with pedigree Ayrshires since at least the 1930s. It extends to some 4000 acres of hill land, 250 acres upland and 750 arable at 370' to 1670' above sea level with an annual rainfall at the steading of 80 inches.

As well as the 250 milking cows, there are 350 dairy young stock, 180 mainly Limousin cross suckler cows and 1750 Scottish Blackface ewes.

In the earlier years, bulls from the Gree herd were mainly used, then bulls from Pant/ Brocklehill herds were used extensively. In more recent years, the herd has had a mixture of pure Ayrshire, blended and Red and White genetics, hopefully something to suit everybody!

Currently their in-calf heifers are sired by -
Sandyford Lucky Charm, Kamouraska Rockstar and Holmland Red.

Maiden heifers are sired by -
Tiger-Lily Ladd P Red, Riverdane Artist Red, Vetech Security Red, PG Superpoll, Jenniton Aikman Rory Red and Ri-Val-Re Rager Red.

Their service sires include -
Rager Red, Coyne-Farms Sympati Pat Red, Cogent District Red, Haresfoot Simply Perfek and Palmyra Smptco Manny, along with current stock bull Wolfa Autumn Red.

In 2014 the cows moved into a new dairy unit which was built with deep bedded cubicles and a 20:40 rapid exit parlour to house the cows all year round with cow comfort a priority. This has allowed



them to fulfil their genetic potential and has meant that the weather is no longer an issue.

Dry cows and young stock are currently still grazed during the summer. The new facility has greatly improved cow comfort and health, with cow performance exceeding expectations with the rolling 305 day average sitting at 10159 kgs milk at 4.05% bf and 3.35% protein with a 399 day calving interval. The cows are fed a TMR of grass silage, purchased blend and brewers grains, and topped up with out of parlour feeders.

The Logan family look forward to welcoming conference delegates to show them the type of cow that they are breeding to suit their system, and they hope that everyone sees some cows to suit them too!

Knowe



George, Jan, Laura, Claire and Rachel

The Templeton Family Welcome You

The Templeton family – George, Jan, Laura, Claire and Rachel are delighted to be part of the 2017 conference. The farm was bought in 1922 by George's grandfather also George, and at that time it extended to 172 acres and has now been expanded to its current size of 390 acres, with an additional 200 acres rented seasonally from Auchinleck estate next door. As Laura and Claire work full time off the farm and Rachel is at university, George's right hand man is Malcy Cowan who helps with the day to day running of the farm and organising the team of staff.

The majority of the land is down to silage or grazing with 100 acres of spring barley and 50 acres of winter wheat being grown for their own use. Grazing the cows can be a bit unpredictable, with the 50 to 60 inches rainfall that they have come to expect. The cows are let out to graze the fields around the steading, but regularly have to be housed due to the adverse weather. When inside, they are fed by a keenan wagon, a TMR once a day, with no in parlour or out of parlour feeders.

The herd was established from a few cows bought from the Sloans of Townhead with the first calf being registered in 1926, and a further 20 being registered the following year. The numbers have grown over the 90 year history, and they now have 129 registered born in 2016. Over the decades there has been many bloodlines used - Lessnessock, Townhead, Cowgrove and Brieryside to name but a few. All the cows were kept pure up until the 1990s, and from then till the present day, a mix of pure, blended and R & W Holstein have been used. It is important not to lose the characteristics of the Ayrshire, so they believe there is a cow somewhere in the middle that fits their system. Numbers in the herd now extend to 300 plus followers and the cows and heifers calve all year round to try and keep a level milk production curve. Heifers are all calving at two years – two years one month old. Current herd average is 8500 litres at 3.95 % bf and 3.30 % protein with a 399 day calving interval. For the last six years they have sold their milk to the Caledonian Cheese Company in Stranraer, so the importance of protein percentage cannot be under estimated for a cheese contract.

For many years they have supported Cattle Services and have used nearly all of the young bulls that have been offered. Once they have gained a proof, they will use them again. The future of the breed depends on as many as possible being used by all members. All bulls that they have used recently are: - Haresfoot Simply Perfek, West Mossgiel Modern

Reality, West Mossgiel Modern Class, Muirston Top Brass, Hunnington Mandella and Ardmore Crown Napier. Natural service sires used are Cuthill Towers Madison and Barr Guardian. Current service sires are Knowe Warrior and Knowe Maestro out of the While Lily family, Brieryside Respect and Ronaldo out of Barr Retrospective and Mair's Air Alex out of Chatter Susan by Nexus Dreamer. Young bulls currently being reared are Knowe Norman out of While Lily 503 by Ravenhill Stormin Norman, Knowe Silver Respect out of Silver Bell 4 and by Brieryside Respect, and Knowe Beatnik out of Beatrice 7 by Hilltown Oblique.

As well as good sire stacks, the cow families are important with some long established names - While Lily, Brown Kate, Dainty Lass and Butter Girl are all very prolific in the herd. More recent family names are Irnolas from Bankend, Silver Bells from Humeston and Beatrice from Jan's Dad's Strandhead sale in 1997. They currently have a five generations of Beatrices with Beatrice 7 being a granddaughter and a grandmother.

Showing cows is their shop window and they usually attend their local shows - Ochiltree, Catrine and Ayr at the start of the year, then the Royal Highland and Agriscot being the goal to aim for. Their most recent success was with Beatrice 7 in the R & W section at the Royal Highland in 2016. Over the years they have had various successes at these five events with some surprises and some disappointments, but made many friends and had a lot of fun.

As a past President to the Society and a director of Cattle Services for 10 years, George has had a tremendous amount of pleasure, friendship and fun all through the Ayrshire cow. Dairy farming is a way of life, sometimes it's up, sometimes it's down, but it's what they do and they hope to continue to enjoy the challenges that lie ahead for many years to come.



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