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A *Prime* opportunity

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Marleycote **Sea Lily 14** VG86  
Grand daughter of Marleycote Sea Lily EX93(3) 1\*  
Sired by Des Prairies Potter  
1st Lact. 8042kg 305d 4.24%F 3.27%P  
VG88 mammary score  
2012 Great Yorkshire Show Heifer Champion  
(pictured left)

Marleycote **Sea Lily 2** VG88 LP60  
daughter of Marleycote Sea Lily EX93(3) 1\*  
dam of Marleycote Sea Lily 14 VG86  
Last 305d Lact. 9190kg 4.10%F 3.23%P  
2012 daughter by Muir Mr Magic

Marleycote **Sea Lily** EX93(3) 1\*  
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Marleycote Sea Lily 5 EX90(2) (x Markwell Kite)  
Marleycote Sea Lily 6 VG88 (x Markwell Kite)  
Marleycote Sea Lily 9 VG86 (x Marleycote Robbie)  
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# Welcome to our Ayrshire Journal



## From Your President Robin Barr

Over five days in November we travelled to London for our daughter Hazel's graduation, returning by train to Carlisle for the Show and Sale, where Alex Gray had Champion and bulls were a plenty, (commercial trade was good but not the flyer of a sale we have seen in past years), then next stop the Ulster Club Dinner, where the table groaned under the weight of Silverware to be presented, congratulations to all the prize winners, and I hope John Suffern has a good supply of Goddard's Silver Cleaner in the cupboard!

While I spent time looking at some wonderful Ayrshire Cows, Iona was treated to a trip to Donaghadee and could look over the water towards home.

Late November and we were off to Cornwall, and the weather was wet, yes, very wet, but the warmth of the welcome made it all worth while, and we not only dined with our Cornwall members but the following evening we renewed some old acquaintances in Devon. Unfortunately due to the torrential rain people needed to make a hasty retreat home thus the evening was cut short, but once again it was wonderful to see the great enthusiasm for the Ayrshire Cow in the younger generation.

Home for a few days, then we returned to Belfast for the Ulster Winter Fair where I was privileged to present John Hunter with his Life Time Achievement Award. What a wonderful show, and congratulations to the McLean Family and Mr Cromie on their success. Luck was with us to as we were invited to the Presidents' Lunch, a gathering of the Ulster Winter Fair past presidents, and low and behold this year's President, John Bambour, plays golf at Machrihanish- that small thread that runs through all our lives. This invitation is a privilege only afforded to the Ayrshire Society President every fourth year, this is so unlike me as I am more accustomed to being in the wrong place at the wrong time. A rush to the airport and over Campbeltown Loch for the fourth time in a fortnight, maybe my luck would hold and let me be like James Bond in Skyfall, I could parachute home with my Bond Girl at my side, but then again, maybe not.

Christmas and New Year came and went, brother James had a hip replacement and Iona had a car accident, both are fine but it has increased the work load at home, but it did not stop us from celebrating the AgriScot achievements with the Lawries and the Yates. The new show season is now upon us so I would urge you all to get out there and put the Ayrshire Cow where she belongs, leading our dairy industry forward.

At home in Kintyre the Cameron family, Gartvaigh, held our Club Annual Stockjudging, and with a turn out of over a 100 it was a precursor for the conference, where you will get the chance to view this excellent herd of cows.

The days are beginning to stretch out and for the first time this winter we have had a week of dry weather and the air has a distinct smell of slurry.

It's February, so it must be Lanark Club AGM and Council Meeting at Garstang, where Changue Tryst was very much on everyone's minds. The Society and Cattle Services have hopefully done all we can. Some of us will be more inconvenienced and upset than others by the whole turn of events, but I hope you will remain loyal to the breed and Society. This is my last message to you as President, and I would like at this point to thank Irene, Elaine, Lesley, John, Edward, Duncan and Arthur for all their advice and support during my year in office, and lastly to my family and friends, I could not have done it with out you all, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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Council met at Garstang on 27/28 February 2013

### Finance

Mr A Lawrie presented the Report of the Trustees and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 to the meeting. Unfortunately Mr Sinclair of Messrs Sinclair Scott was unable to attend this meeting to present the accounts, but would be in attendance at the AGM in May. Mr Lawrie was pleased to report a positive net income for the year. He also reported that the budget for 2013 had been prepared and we were looking at a break-even figure. It was stressed, however, that to meet this budget registration income must remain at the same level as currently.

### Promotions and Publicity

Firstly an apology for the wrong volume number on the front cover stating issue 100 where in fact it should have been volume 99. We shall carry on with next issue being volume 101 as we can't very well have two volume 100s.

Breeders should be congratulated on such fine adverts for their cows and herds and we would remind you all there is no better way to advertise the success of your herds and our breed. Please let Duncan Hunter or Elaine Drummond know of any changes you wish to see, they are always happy to hear new ideas you may have to keep our Journal fresh and interesting.

The Website is working well and being updated as things happen and we are now able to have results as they happen at the shows, as we did at Agriscot. Remember all information is there regarding reports, cattle for sale etc, plus the Animal search facility which allows you to check out any animal in our breed, and the facility for you to view your updated pedigrees whenever you like.

### Registrations

Registrations during 2012 came to 6827, compared to 6414 in 2011, with 18% of these animals going into the British Red and White Register. Of the members who have registered this year, 79% have done so through CDI with the remainder still coming through the office.

Members should be aware that once they have had assistance to catch up with their registrations no further assistance will be offered if they do not keep their registrations up to date except in exceptional circumstances. The Breed Secretary will of course be happy to visit and assist in these cases, but members must be aware that there will be an additional charge.

### DNA

Members should be reminded that since 1 January 2013 all male animals 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.

### Registration Certificates

It has also 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.

### Membership

Membership currently stands at just over 900 members. Approximately 50% of these members are actively farming with 75% having registered animals in the last year.

If you have a neighbour or friend or colleague interesting in becoming a member of the Society please forward their details to the office.

### Type Classification

4195 animals were classified in 2012, 424 of the total classified were covered under the young bull daughter LIFT scheme courtesy of Cattle Services.

### 2013 Show Attendance

The Society/CSA will have stands at the Royal Cornwall Show, Royal Highland Show, Livestock 2013, South West Dairy Show, Welsh Dairy Show, Agriscot and the Ulster Winter Fair. Members of the Society and Cattle Services will have a presence at the Great Yorkshire, Royal Welsh, Royal Norfolk Show and many other local shows, and staff are always happy to see members and friends dropping in for refreshments and a chat.

### Judging Training Day

It was agreed by Council that one Judging Training Day would be held in 2013 and two in the year 2014. The 2013 Training Day has been organized for 12 June 2013 at Newbridge Farm, Ewloe, Deeside, courtesy of Messrs H W Oultram & Co (Stamford). We are always very grateful to hosts who provide us with these facilities and are not unappreciative of the work and effort behind the scenes that goes into these events.

### World Federation

We have much pleasure in announcing that Great Britain & Ireland will host the World Executive meeting 2014 and it is likely to be arranged around the time of Livestock 2014 with delegates staying in or around Stoneleigh.

## B. C. B. C. Young Persons Multimedia Presentation Award

Congratulations to Stuart Williams on winning the British Cattle Breeders Club Young Persons Multimedia Presentation Award in January 2013.

Stuart presented his powerpoint and speech to the conference which was great promotion for the breed. This was an opportunity that was open to all young breeders throughout the industry and Stuart fought off some very tough competition to win this accolade. I am sure we would all wish to congratulate him on this achievement, as well as thank him sincerely for his support and promotion of our breed. **Pictured below - Stuart Williams (right) winner of the BCBC Young Persons Multimedia Presentation Award. Photograph taken by Wendy Short.**



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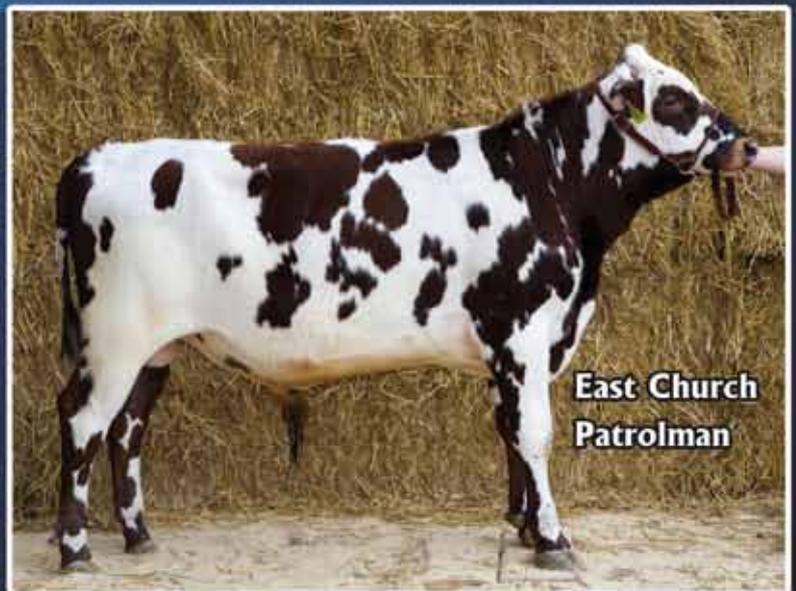
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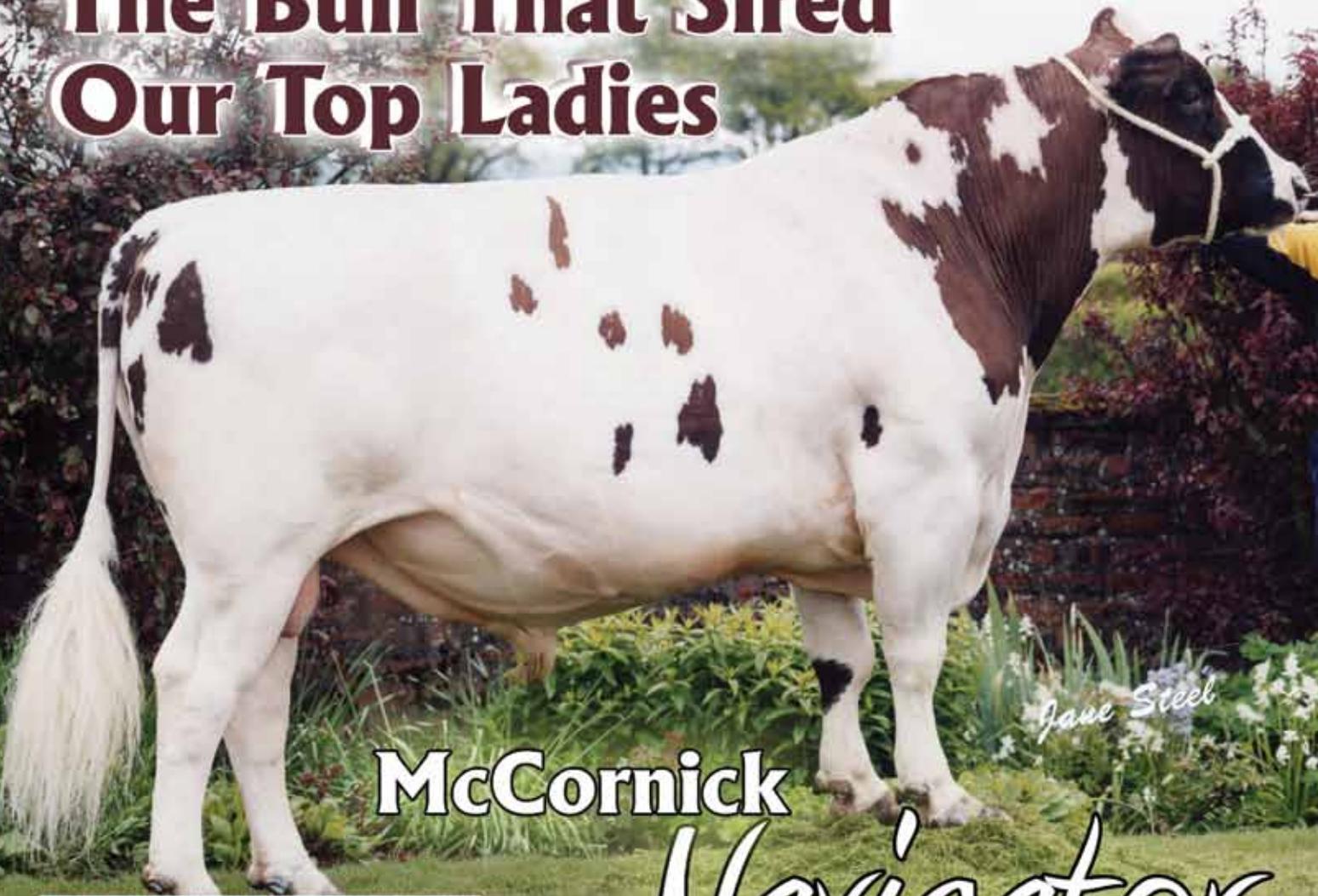
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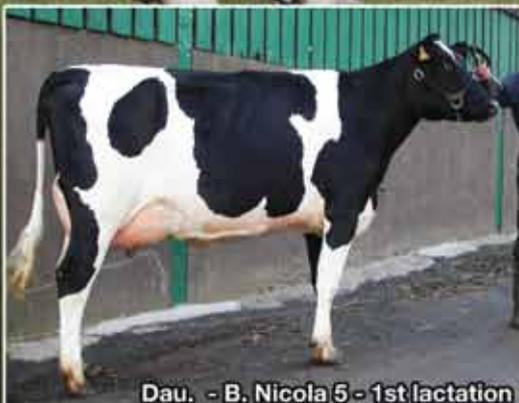
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# The Bull That Sired Our Top Ladies



**McCornick**

*Navigator*



Dau. - B. Nicola 5 - 1st lactation



Dau. - B. Nicola 5 - 5th lactation

**Some of his daughters -  
Ballygreggan Nicola 5 VG 88**

1	11/10/2008	8,013 kgs	4.32% bf	3.41% p	305 days
2	06/10/2009	7,595 kgs	3.83% bf	3.43% p	305 days
3	25/12/2010	8,472 kgs	4.35% bf	4.31% p	284 days
4	09/11/2011	8,422 kgs	4.35% bf	3.25% p	305 days
5	Currently milking				

**Ballygreggan Nicola 4 EX 93**

1	16/07/2008	8,272 kgs	3.54% bf	3.46% p	305 days
2	31/07/2009	8,397 kgs	3.61% bf	3.18% p	305 days
3	03/01/2011	10,287 kgs	4.14% bf	3.21% p	305 days
4	05/05/2012	10,349 kgs	4.07% bf	3.25% p	305 days

Winner of the milk production and inspection class - Kintyre Show 2012.

**Another top lady at Ballygreggan -  
Ballygreggan Cushie 6 EX 94 by Brierside Golden Sand**  
Winner of mother and daughter - Kintyre Club Competition 2012.

**Come and see these and many more. The Millar family  
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# Lifetime Achievement Award

A large crowd of fellow breeders, including many from the mainland, were in the crowd to congratulate John Hunter, owner of the famous Ardmore herd based near Crumlin, Co. Antrim, on being presented with the Society's "Lifetime Achievement Award", at last year's Ulster Winter Fair.

Since John took over responsibility for the development of the Ardmore herd in the 1970s, his policy has been to invest in the best cow families of the breed whenever they have become available, a policy that has paid off handsomely. Among his purchases have been the Orphans and Priscillas from Ian Duncan's great Lennymore herd, the Yellow Kates, Princesses, Apple Blossoms and Sunrise families from the world famous Balig herd, and probably the most beneficial, McCornick Nepeta 3 EX93, the ET full sister of the top sire, McCornick Nelson. Unfortunately Nepeta had only male progeny before she was lost, but they have had a big influence, not only on the Ardmore herd, but also on the Ayrshire breed both here and overseas especially through her son, Ardmore Crown Napier.

For John showing is mandatory, as the Ayrshire breed has to be publicised at every opportunity, and though he is a fierce competitor, he is as good a loser as he is a winner, which he invariably is.

Like his fellow breeders in the province, nothing is too much of a bother for John when it comes to promoting the Ayrshire, whether it is entertaining visitors, supporting the society and shows or helping the next generation. John always gives the credit for his interest and enthusiasm for the Ayrshire to Ian Duncan of the nearby Lennymore



**John Hunter (right) receiving his Lifetime Achievement Award from Society President - Robin Barr**

herd, and he could not have had a better mentor. Important as these achievements might be, his biggest influence on the Ayrshire breed is probably his work for the Society, not only when he was President, but also his committee and council work, where his ability to see the big picture, along with his sound advice and his decisive nature, has been instrumental in making sure the Society is on track in providing the kind of service that commercial farmers of today require. Locally, he was secretary of the Ulster Club for nearly 20 years and has represented the breed on many committees.

Short on words but big on action sums him up perfectly. Congratulations John.

# Craigtown Ayrshires

Introducing -  
**Craigtown Pearl 87**

**D.O.B - 16/12/07**  
**Sire: Craigtown Tornado (Plum Bottom Trident's Lot)**  
**Dam: Craigtown Pearl 74**  
**Lactations -**

1.	5,533 Kgs	3.97% Bf	3.39% P	302 Days
2.	6,122 Kgs	4.06% Bf	3.44% P	291 Days
3.	Due again on 02/08/2013			

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## David A D Brydon

Members of the North East of England Ayrshire Breeders Association were sad to hear of the death on 17th December of David Brydon at the age of 95.

A Memorial service for David was held on January 2nd, in St Margaret's Church, Harwood Dale, where a very large gathering of his friends from the farming, horse and hunting communities filled the Church, with many more standing outside, all there to pay their respects to a much loved friend.

David was born in Wrexham in 1917 moving to Harrogate and spending his childhood there.

In 1937 he began his studies at the Royal Dick Veterinary College in Edinburgh. After graduation in 1942 he joined the Royal Army Veterinary Corps at Doncaster and was then posted to Imphal, India for 3 years, where he was in charge of a Veterinary hospital that looked after mules during the Burma campaign.

Returning to England, and civilian life, in 1945 David set up his own mixed Veterinary practise in Yorkshire. He married Jo Copper in 1947 and they had a family of two daughters, Jane and Sally. After 18 successful years in veterinary practice he decided he wished to farm.

In 1963 David and his family moved to Thirley Beck Farm in Harwood Dale, between Scarborough and Whitby, a mixed farm at that time carrying 6 mixed dairy cows, a small flock of sheep and having one employee.

Always having a keen interest in Ayrshire cows David quickly began building up his pedigree Thirley Beck herd, which soon reached 85-90 milking cows. He joined the Ayrshire Cattle Society and the N.E Club in the late 1960s, serving many years as an active club Committee member and as Chairman and President. He was a keen supporter of the N.E cow family and herd competitions and his local show. David served as a Council member of the Ayrshire Cattle Society for several years. A man able to listen and then make his own mind up, David was always willing to try new developments that fitted his situation.

In 1983 he started to convert his farm to an organic system and became fully organic in 1989. His attention to detail showed in the outstanding results he achieved in his grassland, fodder and arable crops and the health and productivity of his cattle.

Many Ayrshire clubs and other groups had very interesting and rewarding visits to Thirley Beck, enjoying a warm welcome and generous hospitality.

David loved his horses and bred several successful point-to-point and hunter chasers, most notable being Final Chant, who won in excess of 26 races. He took an active part in the Derwent and Staintondale Hunts, and enjoyed hosting one of the annual meets at Thirley Beck shortly before his death.

Predeceased by Jo, his wife of almost 56 years, and younger daughter Sally, David is survived by his elder daughter Jane and her family. We share their loss and give thanks for knowing a true friend and a real gentleman.

How fitting after the service the sound of the Huntsman's horn echoed "Gone away" from the churchyard over the valley which David loved so well.

## James (Jim) Hunter, Haresfoot Aged 100 Years

Jim Hunter was born on 11 August 1912. His parents were John and Agnes Hunter. They were farmers at Foulton near Ayr. Jim went to school in Monkton, and left at the age of 14, to work on the farm. Whilst at home as well as milking the cows, he also had a milk round, for which he used a pony and cart, and then later a little van to deliver 80 gallons of milk per day.



In the late thirties he met his wife, Mary Fergusson, a local farmer's daughter who was one of 11 children. They married in 1938, and as Foulton wasn't big enough for the Hunter family, Jim's father found him a farm to rent at Callander called Cambusbeg. His father gave him £50 to get him started, and then found him three Ayrshire cows to buy at £33 each plus £1.10 each for transport by train from Ayr to Callander. His father died less than a year later, so Jim really didn't have him about for help or advice.

After nine years, due to poor health, Jim moved his family to a larger farm at Sandhead, called South Cairnweil, where he could justify employing someone to do the milking. This farm had a rent of £1.85 per acre. It was here where Jim started to build up his prize winning herd of Ayrshire cows. He was delighted and proud of winning the Dairy Championship at the Highland Show with South Cairnweil Careen, who had previously won the Ayr Show Derby with over 40 in her class.

Due to his large expanding family, Jim was on the move again. In November 1959 he heard of a larger farm that was up for rent in the south of England, in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, so he, along with his brother in law Tommy Paton, went and looked at this 360 acre farm. A deal was done!

On his return home he started the preparations for the 420 mile move south. He booked a train for £500 to transport the entire farm, but due to foot and mouth in England the move had to be postponed until November 1960. So they continued to farm at home and at Haresfoot for a year. This involved Jim staying down at Haresfoot for long periods without his family.

When the day of the move finally arrived, the 61 Ayrshire cows all had to be milked and transported to Stranraer station by 5.00pm, as the train had to leave then on its 15 hour journey south to Berkhamsted. Along with the cows, the rest of the farm stock had to be transported, 51 young stock, 26 pigs, 27 sheep, 40 chickens and one pony. Machinery and implements also had to go, one corn drill, a seed barrow, a mower, two tractors, a trailer, a van, a car and two containers of household goods. One wife, four sons, two daughters, a pram, several relatives and one farm worker all boarded the train that night! The steam train had to make numerous stops to allow other trains to pass as it was single track, and to check the stock. During one of the stops, whilst the train was being refilled with water, Jim gave the drivers a wee dram of whisky each! The train drew into Berkhamsted station at 7.30 the following morning: The date was November 29 1960. Initially Haresfoot was 350 acres and it came with eight houses and 13 men. As well as the dairy herd, sheep and pigs, there was also plenty of arable. At a starting rent of £5/acre he was paying much more than he had in Scotland, some of his old

neighbours in Wigtownshire thought that this was a crazy figure to be paying! After the first harvest Jim thought it was crazy too, as he didn't get the yields that he needed, but he soon discovered that the land responded well to lime.

Within two years the farm next door was taken, bringing Haresfoot to an acreage of 1000. The growing family brought about a pressure to continue the farm expansion, Pursley Farm, Shenley, Hertfordshire, was taken on for eldest son Stewart, and Alex moved to Abbey Garth Farm near Hull, Yorkshire.

When Jim finally retired he handed over the reins at Haresfoot to son Jimmy, who carried on until his untimely death in 2001, the same year that Jim's wife Mary also passed away.

On 11th August 2012, Jim celebrated his 100th birthday with 160 family and friends from far and wide. A telegram was received from the Queen, the sun shone, much was eaten, the drink flowed and stories were told. Some of those stories had been told before but never as well as that day. Jim had been looking forward to the party for months, and in many ways it had kept him going. He was as sharp as ever that day, regularly interrupting the speeches and even speaking briefly himself.

Jim Hunter passed away on 18th January 2013. He is survived by three sons, two daughters, 21 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.

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## John Tomlinson

The Cheshire farming community has lost a true friend in the passing of John (Tommy) Tomlinson after a brave fight with cancer.

John's early career would see him join the MMB Cattle Breeding Service as an inseminator, and there would not be many Cheshire farms he would not know as his rounds took him all over the county. He would often recall having to take off very early to fetch fresh semen from MMB sites in order to service the Tarporley AI centre (how times have changed). It would often be 'young' John who was sent on relief to the sub-centre at Lower Withington which serviced our farm. On such visits to us John would discuss the merits of Ayrshire bulls and I hope his interest in Ayrshires stemmed from these visits.

Upon the death of his father John returned home and set about founding the Acton Farm Holstein Friesian herd. He paid 4900gns to purchase Mileoak Beatexus – it nearly broke the bank, but John always maintained that you couldn't put a price on good breeding. He went on to breed a Beatexus heifer that sold for 6000gns at the Western Club sale held at Beeston, a record that has only just been broken.

However he still maintained his interest in the Ayrshire breed and kept purchasing pedigree animals at dispersal sales, building up the Acton herd of Ayrshires. Along with right hand man Geoff Benson he began to exhibit Ayrshires at local shows, winning the breed Championship at many shows including Nantwich, Anglesey and Newport. In 2011 he also won the breed championship at Cheshire Show with Acton Saltire Peggy, who later that year was sold for 9000gns at his dispersal sale. John's other interest was to breed Race Horses. As a member of his syndicate I traveled with John and Lyndsey as far north as Perth and Hamilton and south to Ascot and Lingfield. Only a few days after his death his horse Goldstorm won, a victory tinged with sadness, but I am sure he would be watching as we raised a glass of Champagne to his memory. Written by Marshall Barnett - Bank Farm.

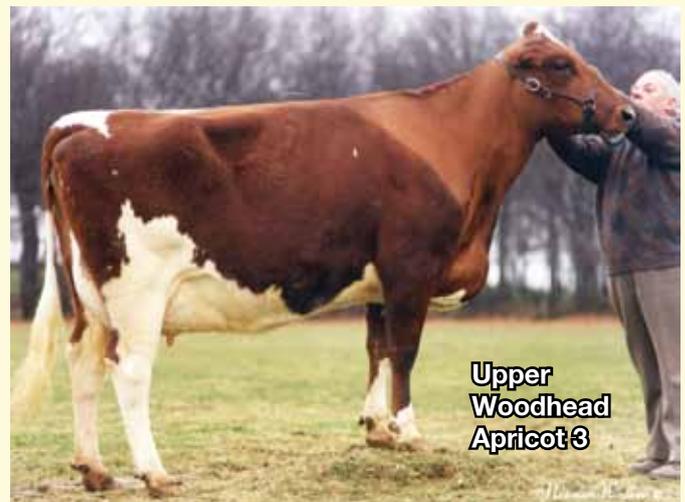
## Lou Morrell

It is with deep sadness we have to report the passing away of Lew Morrell on Saturday 23rd February aged 81.

Lew was a great stalwart of the Ayrshire cow and had a lifelong involvement with the Ayrshire breed up until he gave up milk production in 2001, when he sold his Upper Woodhead herd to the Troutbeck herd of the Mattinson family, after the foot and mouth outbreak.

Lew began his interest in Ayrshires when he started showing calves as a young boy, and then over the years built up his Upper Woodhead herd near Barnsley, South Yorkshire, to be one of the leading herds in the country.

Lew was a master showman and had a great eye for a potential show champion. Lew demonstrated this when he purchased the maiden heifer, Hungerhill Grace 7th at the Hungerhill dispersal sale. Grace developed into a fantastic show cow and among her many show successes were: twice Inter-breed Champion at the Great Yorkshire Show, Champion at The Royal Lancashire Show and three times Champion at Bakewell Show, so it was no wonder that Grace achieved the nick-name of "Amazing Grace".



Lew will also be long remembered for breeding Upper Woodhead Apricot 3rd, who was sold at the 1994 Conference Sale for then a record 10,000 guineas, which still stood until recently.

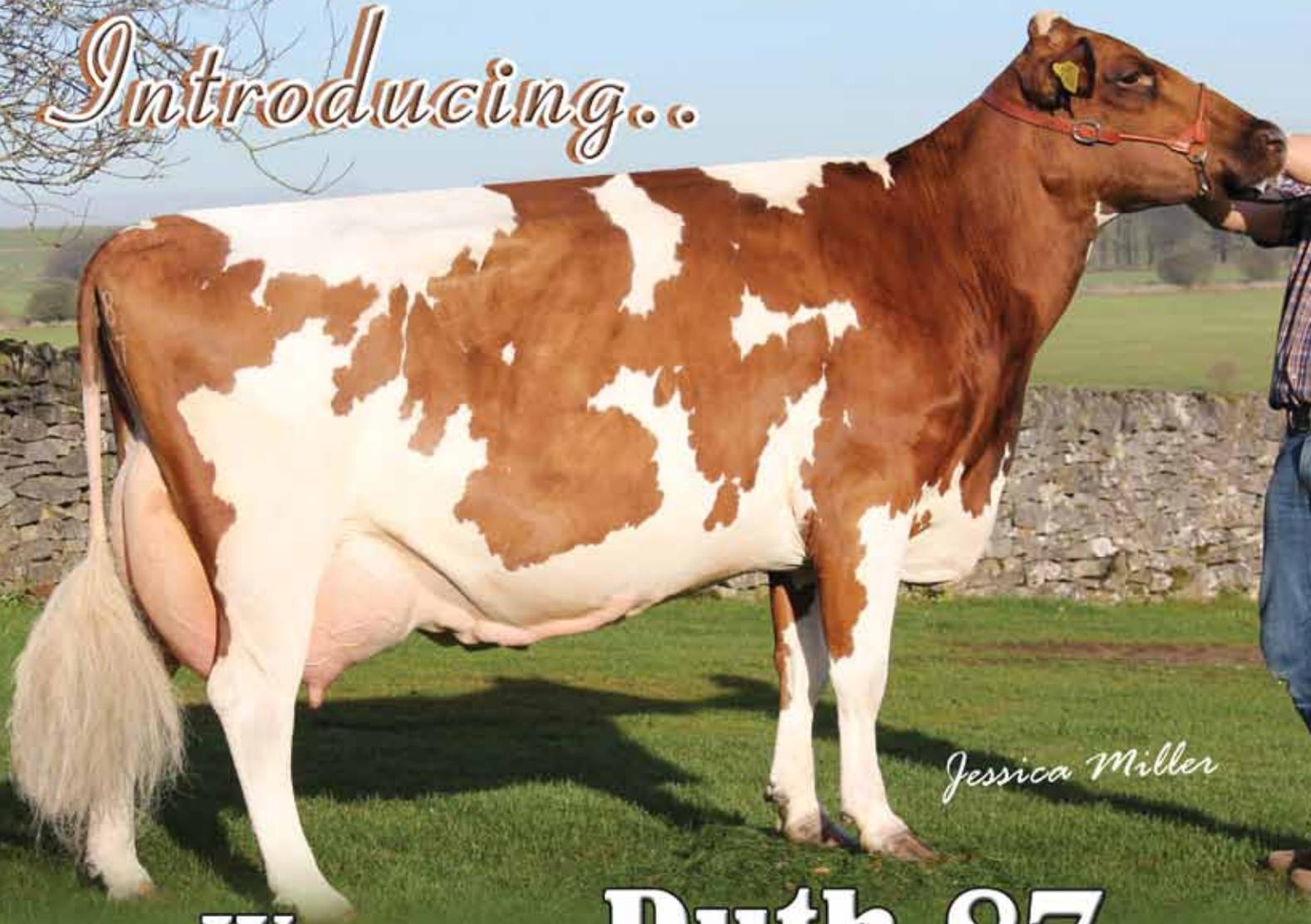
Andrew Gough was the purchaser, and he turned her out the same year to be Champion of the Dairy Event, and the following year she went on to be Reserve Champion at The Royal Show.

Apricot was then successfully flushed and four of her sons, Apollo, Amadeus, Admiral and Acorn, were all sold to serve at stud for various AI companies.

Lew was a member at both the North East and Derbyshire Ayrshire clubs, and often enjoyed hosting club evenings, stock judgments etc.

Lew will be sadly missed and leaves wife Shonaugh, daughter Susan and grandsons William and James, and son Richard who now farms an arable enterprise in North Yorkshire.

*Introducing...*



*Jessica Miller*

# Whitecroft Ruth 87

Our first 95 point cow

**Sire: Saguenayenne Kate's Medalist**

Her six lactation average: 7,431 kgs @ 4.03% bf and 3.32% p, CI 347 days

Pictured in her seventh lactation.

**Britain's highest Ayrshire herd at 1100 ft**

# Whitecroft Ayrshires

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There is an old saying that you never know what a day brings, and how true it is. What a great two months for the breed November and December were. A great show of cows at Agriscot in November, culminating in the Ayrshire breed winning the Interbreed Heifer in milk Championship, then the Supreme Interbreed Championship of the show going to the Champion of our British Red and White classes, and just for good measure, they were both shown by the Lawrie family of Brieryside Ayrshires. Congratulations.

December saw the Ulster Winter Fair in Belfast, probably now the premier show in Northern Ireland. The Champion went to newcomers to the breed, in the shape of well known Holstein breeders and good cowmen, the McLean boys from Bushmills. Although we did not win the interbreed, we did put out a class of Senior cows in milk that were a joy to be associated with. The fact that the winner already had yields of over 10,000 kgs, and looked like being around for many more, is just the kind of advertising the breed needs.

Fast forward to end of the month, and things could not have been worse, with the news that, after genomic testing, there was a big doubt about the sire of Changue Tryst, one of the top bulls in the breed. I won't go into all the details as they are already well known, but it was a sad day when the mistake was confirmed and that his sire was a Holstein, and we had the awful job of telling our members. Although it had been proven far beyond a shadow of a doubt that the breeder was not at fault, how would the members react. I should have known that with our breeders, common sense would prevail, and that was exactly what happened. For most of our breeders the Ayrshire breed comes first, this problem had happened and we could not turn the clock back, so it was a case of not looking back and moving on. I know that for many who had complete faith in the breed it was a hard knock, especially for those who had dedicated their life to improving the pure Ayrshire. I thank you for being so unselfish and understanding and genuinely regret the hurt and worry it has caused. If we in the office can help in any way we would be delighted to do so. I must also thank the other World Federation Societies for their messages of support, and as they rightly say, who knows what new technology will uncover in the future.

Out of adversity comes great things and if anything, this setback has made us realise what we had and so nearly lost. I know it has definitely spurred me on. In my time I have kept Ayrshires, Friesians, Jerseys and Holsteins, and I know which I would choose to have. Like many of you, I thought that the grass was greener on the other side, but with hindsight it was just different, not better. Crossing is all very well, with great cows produced especially when both sides of the cross are pure, but very few of us ever think who is going to produce these animals if we don't have pure Ayrshire and Holstein breeders. That elusive somebody else will do it. They say us old guys get even more stubborn with age, and I know that it has made me more determined to see the breed prosper in the time I have left at the society. If my comments make even one of you stop and think they will have been worthwhile.

I have been lucky enough to have been judging in both Sweden and Finland in the last four months, a heartening experience in anybody's terms, with both countries really enthusiastic about Ayrshires. It was a first for me in Sweden but my third in Finland, and you can not be anything but impressed with the vast strides they have taken in the last five years. It has not come of its own accord but by sheer hard work and dedication to the Ayrshire, no matter where the genes come from. Many of them had driven vast miles to exhibit, and then had to build and take down the infrastructure before and after the show. Sometimes I think that we are inclined to take what we have got for granted and often expect every one else to do something about it.

The first of the spring shows is now behind us with the Dairy Expo proving it was not just a one year wonder with a home win for the local boys, the Mattinson twins, Philip and James, who along with father Frank, keep the Troutbeck herd on the outskirts of Wigton. Their win was well deserved

and is just reward for all their hard work. There must be something in the air in that part of the world as twins are not just confined to humans, with their champion cow Troutbeck Robina having had three sets of heifer twins in three years. Is it a record? Let's hear from you.

By the next issue of this journal, our office manager, Irene, will have moved on to pastures new, (I was going to say retirement but that would have been untruthful) On behalf of all in the society, I would like to thank her for all she has done for the society over the years, and on a personal note, for the help and advice she has given to me in that time. It was always honest and at times pointed, but that was caused by her wish to do the best she could for the breed and the members who keep them. Thanks.



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**Cuthill Towers Maple Glory** is another who will appeal to many. Sired by the great Pant Crowning Glory and descending from the imported Selwood Betty's Commander daughter, Balquhidder Maple Sugar EX. Maple Glory will transmit width and depth through the front end.

**Woodland View Pedro**, an Olympic son out of the great Woodland View Prudence EX 95. Pedro is known for improving stature, rump structure, and foot angle.

## We are yet again spoilt for choice with our four Embryo packages.

**From Marleycote** - The first comes from the beautiful Des Prairies Potter daughter, Marleycote Sea Lily 14 VG 86 2YR, who won the heifers in milk at the 2012 Great Yorkshire Show. Five grade A embryos, sired by the very popular young sire De La Plaine Prime, can be yours, so be sure to put in that last bid.



**Marleycote Sea Lily 14 VG 86**

**From Rosehill** - One of the stars from the south west, Rosehill Majollica VG 87 2YR, a 6th generation VG/EX, is the dam of a consignment of four grade A embryos sired by Nexus Dreamer. The Grandam is the widely admired Rosehill Magenta, so the resulting calves will be almost guaranteed to be big producers with the looks to go with it! Don't regret not bidding on this lot.



**Rosehill Majollica VG 87**



**Haresfoot Easlad Ella EX 91**

**From Flintstone** - A daughter of the world renowned Haresfoot Ella 47 EX 94, Haresfoot Easlad Ella EX 91 is the dam of the next consignment. Offering you a combination of all that is best in British genetics with this batch of three grade A embryos by the great British sire, Ardmore Crown Napier. Since the Haresfoot sale dispersed Ella's all over the country, the true worth of this family has been there for all to see, winning championships at major shows in both Great Britain and Ireland. Secure this lot to add an Ella into your herd.

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**Pylon Easled EX 95**

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**Calderglen Silverbell 7 EX 91**

**From Heydale** - Lastly we have Heydale Dream Bronara, a young calf who is a potential 9TH GENERATION EXCELLENT!! She was born on the 6th January 2013 and is sired by Nexus Dreamer and out of Heydale Brons Shady Elaine EX 90, while her third dam is the highest lifetime producer in the USA, Hawksfield Bronara EX 94. This is the first ever Bronara female to be offered for sale in Europe!



**Heydale Brons Shady Elaine EX 90**

I would ask you to seriously consider the value and impact that these offerings may bring to your herd. Why not form a syndicate with the intention to develop these families further? **If you have any interest but cannot be at the sale please contact me Duncan Hunter on 07554060005 or John Cochrane 07815096325. We will be happy to place bids for you.**

# Mark Evans' Diary



How quickly we are zooming into spring, Christmas and the last journal seem an age away. The wonderful thing about farming is the huge amount of optimism that one draws on, last year was one of the very worst we have ever had to cope with and still the rain keeps coming, but the planning for the next season is already in progress, pick up, dust ourselves off and move on, keep hold of the ball, don't let go!

Last year we grew 40 acres of whole crop (oats and peas under sown with a rye grass/white clover mix) and in fact that did grow and yield well despite the atrocious weather conditions, under an organic system we probably yielded around eight tonnes per acre of total crop in the pit. The cows have been milking well, being able to use some organic soya in the protein blend has helped, we had been unable to use this product for nearly 3 years, making it very difficult to balance the diet with inferior proteins such as sunflower, rape and field beans. On the whole the cows have been down by two litres a day, much of this due to the bad weather back in the summer, with much lower energy in the grass and a general lack of sun on their backs, it has been difficult to keep the summer and autumn calvers going, but the cows calved during November and December have been yielding well, with many giving 40 litres plus a day, and with a slightly increased organic milk price a ray of sunshine at last. We are planning the year's crops, and we will definitely be growing more whole crop. I am not a great fan of red clover, it really doesn't suit our type of farm, I am quite happy establishing plenty of white clover which can be nurtured for a much longer period and is easier to ensile.

We have been having some very stylish calves off our young bull Ed, he is sired by Reality and out of Ambitious Ella, unfortunately her back pedigree is broken but I know she goes back to the Dilham Dame Ester family. Ambitious Ella herself is a big powerful cow with extremely correct feet, legs and rump and a beautiful high wide back door! She is classified EX90, and recently calved has been averaging 45 litres a day. We look forward to our first calves from Patrolman in the late spring, we have A.I'd many cows to him and were extremely pleased with his holding to first service, he returned to the farm in September so we are now using him for natural service. Our two other bulls, Rosinni and Perfection continue to throw very pleasing looking calves and Rosinni has several heifers now milking in the herd and they seem to be doing very well.

I can not write this without mentioning Elegant Elsie, the heifer who was fitted with the modified Thomas splint due to a dislocated shoulder. We successfully removed it, as I reported in my last journal diary, and she has been fine ever since, and was returned to her peer group before Christmas, and served during January, so a good end to that story.

At last we have dry weather, we are heading towards the end of February and we have had no rain for a week, ironically it is drying

up fast, our grazing fields have quite a bit of grass, so as soon as it warms up we will be looking to get some cows out and we are now able to get some slurry out too, not before time, the store has been under pressure all winter. I am organizing everything for next week as I will be heading up to Garstang for the spring council meeting, my first two days off for quite a while.

We have a bunch of 18 heifers due to calve in early March and many look like they will be right on time, our young bull Donovan was a keen worker, I say was, I decided to send him on as we have the other afore mentioned bulls and although natural service is useful, especially when large groups of heifers are concerned, I am really a great advocate of using AI and pulling in genetics from outside the herd, I always have done and always will do, many cows being in calf to Napier, Panache. Destination, Free Beer and Oblique.

I had a very enjoyable council meeting on the last two days February, with a lot of items discussed in a very positive manner; I always enjoy meeting new faces and making new friends and spending time with old ones! I was very pleased to welcome Willie Whiteford to the farm in early March. I spent a very enjoyable time showing him round the cows, and although we have quite different breeding policies, our love of the dairy cow was something we did have very much in common!

We do a lot of hedge laying on the farm and this work has been greatly hampered by the wet weather, it has been a mad rush to get the laying finished by the deadline set by Natural England. It is a job enjoyed by all the team at Blannicombe, it's a welcome break from the monotony of the daily chores.

We had the schedule through from the Devon County Show so have been planning our show team, yes, it looks like winter is drawing to a close and spring is in the air. I hope you all have a much better start to the year and it continues to be a more normal and productive one, with bountiful amounts of forage made to make up for the quite depleted stocks that has occurred due to the atrocious summer and winter of 2012 that we have all experienced. So, until the next time, happy grazing!



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# Meet Your Junior Vice President

Mr Willie Whiteford will be the Ayrshire Cattle Society President in 2014. Duncan Hunter has a get to know you interview for the Society members. Photograph taken by Bruce Jobson.

**Duncan Hunter** - Firstly Willie, congratulations on being asked to take on this role and I look forward to working with you over the coming months/years! Can you please tell us a little about yourself?

**Willie Whiteford** - Yes. I am married to Ann and have a daughter named Elizabeth. I have been involved with the Ayrshire Cattle Society and the Royal Association of Dairy Farmers for many years, and have recently been elected to represent Cumbria on the Arla Amba Milk Link Council. I very much enjoy my involvement with the "Celandine Syndicate". In my spare time I enjoy dancing and listening to accordion music, watching

the Six Nations Rugby, meeting people and travelling. Although I am a social individual, I don't have as much confidence as many may think!!

**D. H.** - I am sure many will be interested to hear a little of the history of your farm and of course Middle Ayrshires if you will?

**W. W.** - The Whiteford Family came to Middle Farm, Irthington in Cumbria, during May 1947, being my parents Jack and Margaret and my sister Agnes. Mother is now 94yrs old and with the help of carers still lives in her own home. I and my twin brother Thomas along with John and then Robert arrived later. The farm was tenanted until 1976, at which point it was purchased. The young stock were reared on another holding called "Tercrosset", which is where brother Thomas now farms with his son James.

Land adjoining Middle Farm is rented giving us a ringed fence unit. We have a bull beef system and grow arable crops for use for our TMR feeding. We always take in sheep in the winter. Middle Farm Ayrshires were what we were brought up with as a family, working and showing always with an aim to promote and improve our herd. We used to use bulls from Eyton and Bargower, as did we all, but within the Cumberland Ayrshire Breeders competitions it was always very difficult to be placed any higher than a third or fourth place due to the quality of all of our cattle.

We have always had surplus stock to sell and have always had to look for our market. Locally the market was predominantly with black and white herds. So we have travelled and supported Ayrshire club sales at different venues all over the UK, Gloucester, Stoneleigh, Uttoxeter, Otley, and Skipton, and have even ventured over the Irish Sea to Ulster. "Those were good days"! We were fortunate to avoid Foot and Mouth in 2001, but it put an end to our trips to Northern Ireland. Our herd then increased to 385 milking cows, all bred to Ayrshire or Blended bloodlines. This resulted in us having our first ever reduction sale in 2005 of which to date we have now had five! This has been our "best" breed promotion project, with customers from each sale coming back to subsequent sales to purchase more of our stock.



**Ravenhill  
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6.	16-10-13	Due to	Palmyra Tri-Star Reality		

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Sister - R. Ethel 245 EX 92 5E - 100 ton cow

## Ravenhill Ayrshires

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**D. H. - Members will know you as someone who has developed a “New Breed” within your own herd which has been formed from the pure Ayrshire cow by using blended bloodlines. This obviously suits you and your system but will not be favoured by all! Can you give us an insight as to why you made the decision to use blended genetics?**

**W. W. -** Most people would say that the first cross will give you hybrid vigour, but where do you go from there? I believe that if the hybrid vigour is present in the 50/50 cow, to continue with the blended genetics will keep the strength of the Ayrshire attributes, where the sound base of the Ayrshire is most important. We decided to re-brand our herd as Red and Whites for the reason being that we felt it wrong to call them Ayrshires when they were not “pure” bred cattle! Whilst we have gone down the blended route to breed an animal that suits our farm and system, I am in no way decrying the pure Ayrshire; it is a case of “horses for courses”. What suits our farm will not always suit others, which may require the natural hardiness of the traditional Ayrshire.

**D.H. - Over the last few years you have had five reduction sales where many animals carrying the “Middle” prefix have gone on to do so well and make headlines in other herds. How does this make you feel and which individuals that you have sold have given you the most pleasure?**

**W. W. -** It is very rewarding to us all at Middle Farm to think that other breeders would like a little of our own personal bloodlines. Middle Georgette MM sold in the July 2007 sale to the Sanderson family, with Nick Armstrong taking a part interest. Before she was sold she won the Supreme Dairy Champion at the Cumberland Show, and it was a great credit to her new owners when she retained the title in 2008.

The Williams family at Willhome, bought Middle Lady Milestone as a very promising young heifer in that same sale in 2007, then just last year saw her go on to win Supreme Dairy Champion at the Royal Welsh show in her 5th lactation.

Middle Emerald MR sold in our second sale in December 2008 again to the Sanderson family. This cow was the result of pure and blended genetics that allowed us to breed a type of cow that many Ayrshire breeders would approve of! She was Champion Ayrshire at the National All Breeds show in 2010.

Middle Punchs Emerald Blend sold in 2005 as a VG 85 heifer, and is now EX 95 4E and has had 8 calves. This animal gives me great satisfaction, and was, of course, purchased by you, Duncan. Punch has recently been described by Blaise Tomlinson, in his advert in the Journal, as “perfection”. A Napier son of this great cow, Haresfoot Khan, is being used as our Junior Stock Bull, and I

have also drawn semen from him of which there is some available for sale, so if any of your readers are interested please tell them to get in touch!

**D. H. - From all of the families bred at Middle Farm which are your favourite and why?**

**W. W. -** When looking at all the cow family names on our young stock pedigrees the Crummies, Jeans and Jessies would stand out as being the most prominent. These families have consistencies of type, longevity and milking ability. New blood lines that have been introduced over the years would be Emerald, Punch, Molli, Mitzy, or Mitzi. These new blood lines have allowed us to pick and choose our breeding aims and hopefully “goals”.

In 2001, thankfully we avoided Foot and Mouth, but our AI flask went down and we were left to use our own stock bulls. The use of natural service and the blending of blood lines were preferred to any AI sires on offer at the time. When I visited Canada in 1996 I saw a cow called Bonnie Brae Emerald EX 92-2E. I asked the breeder, Bruce Mode, if he would flush this cow and then I would buy the embryos.

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The answer was yes, and she was duly flushed to Blackaddar MM Patrick and to Brooknook Milestone Red. Middle Milestone Emerald was a result of this, and he is by far our most outstanding home bred sire, and I know Clive Norbury and Stuart Hassell, from Wright Manley, would vouch for this. Our next most promising sire is Middle Emjest.

**D. H. - Can you single out your biggest ever achievement being a breeder of Ayrshires either from the show ring or at home..... or both?**

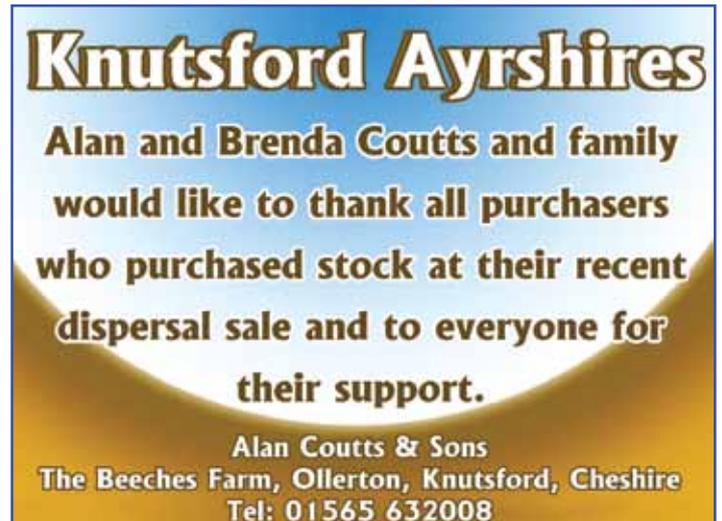
**W. W. -** The name Whiteford has long and happy memories as breeders of Ayrshire Cattle. The Royal Show achievements we have had in my mind stand out! Middle Jessie 71st won the Royal twice and was also Interbreed Champion. She was then flushed to Pant Diamond Prince and to Wheatrig Lena's Commander. This resulted in Middle Jessie 88 and 89, both sired by Diamond Prince. Middle Jessie 88 won the Royal twice and Middle Jessie 89 won the Highland, both in the same year. Middle Jessie 88 also won Inter Breed Champion. Has a mother and daughter of any other breed ever achieved this accolade?

We appreciate and have worked with the Howie family at Morwick with the Mitzi & Mollie blood lines. Middle Jessie 125 won Best Red and White at the Holstein Show, Champion Holstein at Northumberland Show and Champion Red and White at the Highland Show, topping it all off by winning Supreme Dairy Animal at the Highland Show, thanks to Andrew Hodge, Rulesmains, who re-stocked with a number of cattle from "Middle". Middle Jessie 125 goes back to the flush sired by Wheatrig Lena's Commander. Her blood lines have had an infusion of outside genetics, namely Marthaven Dynamic and Morwick Sand Ranger.

**D. H. -** Coming into term of being Vice President of the Ayrshire Cattle Society do you have any conception of what you would like to achieve for the breed?

**W. W. -** I wish to achieve "Harmony" for the pure and blended breeders for the qualities that they both represent for the Society. I also think it is important that we work together as a society to recognise the importance of member's choices without jeopardising the future of the pure or blended cow.

**D. H. - Willie. Many thanks for your time and I would hope that this has given our members and readers an insight to who you are and where you are from.**

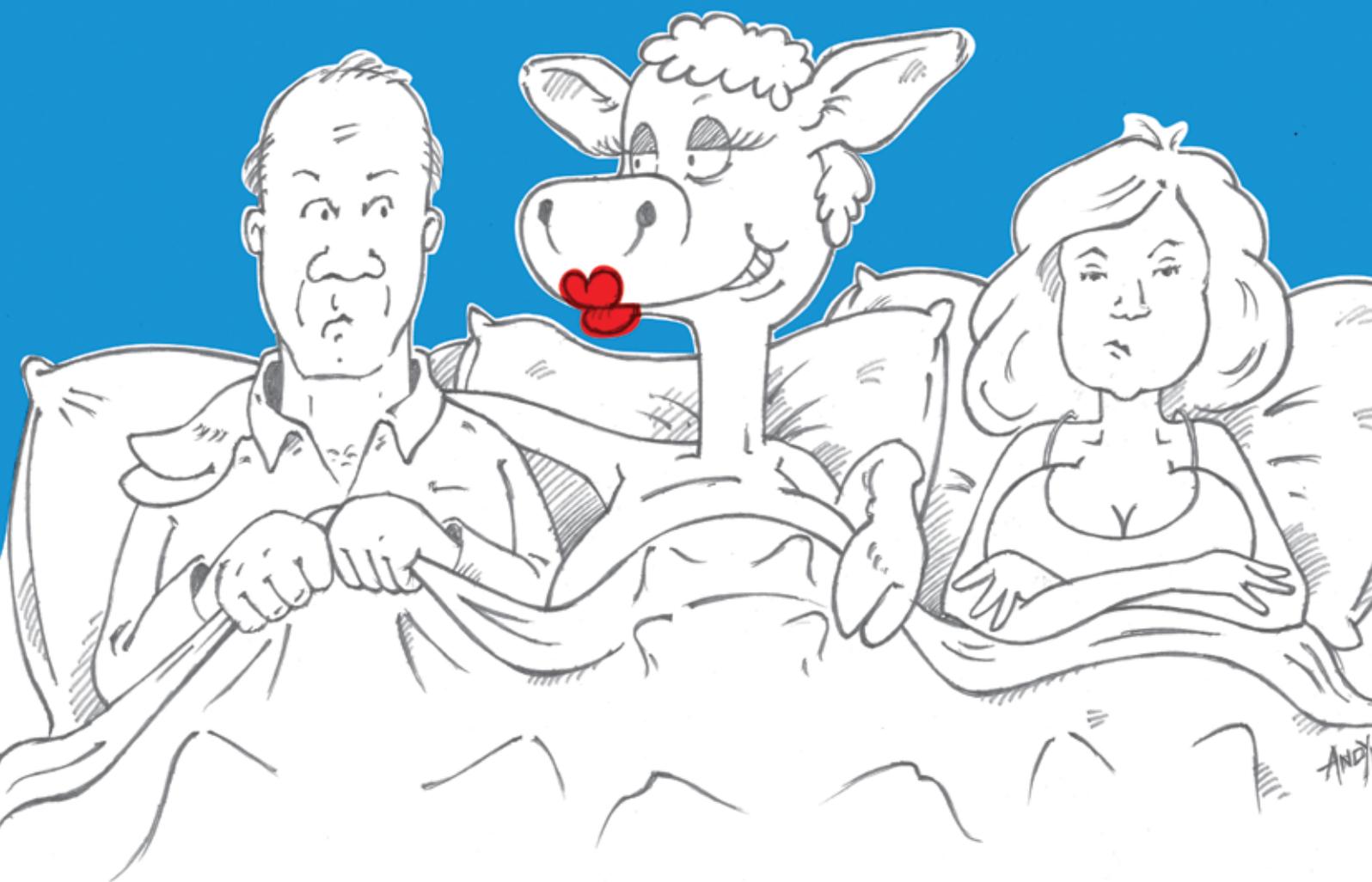


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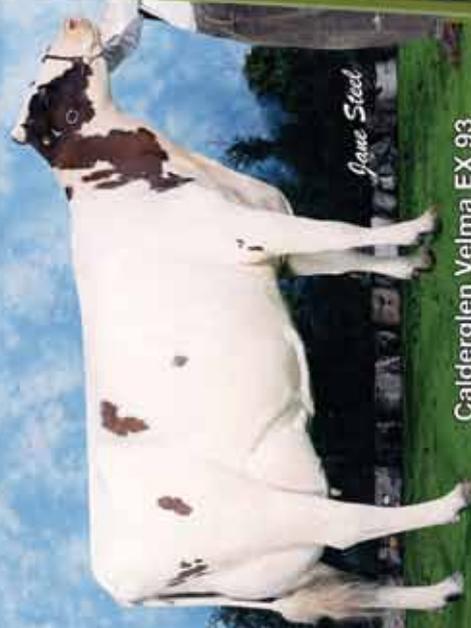
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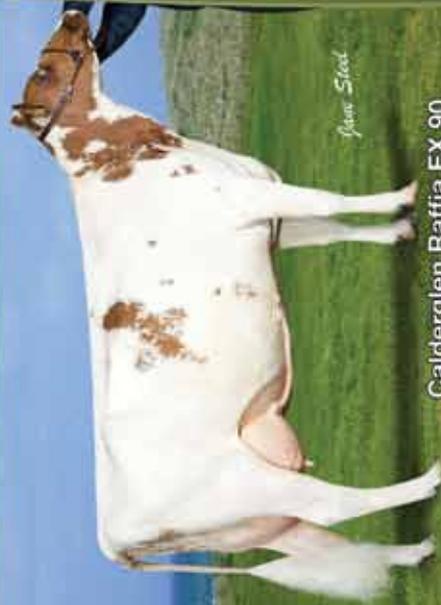
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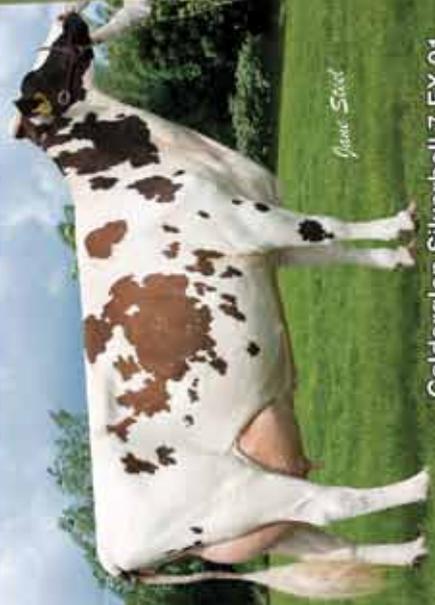
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# Ormsary Ayrshires

The Ronald family look forward to welcoming the 2013 conference delegates to Ormsary Farm in May.

Malcolm Ronald

Ormsary Farm, Southend, Campbeltown

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Current  
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# Gartvaigh Ayrshires

The Cameron family look forward to welcoming 2013 delegates to Gartvaigh in May.

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# Breed Development Changes To Breed Heritage

by Colin Christophers

Breed Development is changing very slightly, starting with a change of name, and will now be known as the Breed Heritage Committee. This is to keep in line with the requirements of OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator).

May 2013 will see further change with a new Chairperson in place, with fresh ideas and a whole new energy, to take us forward. It will also be my policy as President to put greater emphasise on the work of the Breed Heritage Committee, and here we need to get input from you, the members. I have already stated my intention to hold a session with Council at our October meeting, when we will have the Breed Heritage Committee, Council and Cattle Services with the chance to discuss cows,

cow families and bulls etc. This may give new direction for the B.H.C. in their future policy. There are lots of many new sources of information along with marketing tools evolving for our attention; not least of these will be the effect of Genomic Evaluation (which has already made a big impact on our breed). There is much talk about, and marketing for, A2 milk, which may well have a large impact on our future breeding policies, and no doubt this will be only the beginning to supply the ever increasing demand for healthier milk products for the market in the future.

The greatest factor in any young bull selection programme is actual uptake and use of these young bulls, with an ever increasing number of straws needing to be sold to cover costs of semen collection. This

gives a very clear format to any Breed Heritage bull contract. Firstly we need every member to use the Cattle Services Young Bull Programme. The more semen used the more bulls can be tested, and therefore an increased need for Breed Heritage Contracts.

We also need more feedback from all our members as to your requirements in the marketplace i.e.,

**Kgs Milk,  
Kgs Fat and Protein,  
Fat and Protein %,  
Cheese making,  
A2, Calving interval,  
PLI,  
Conformation:  
legs and feet, mammary,  
stature.  
Health traits:  
Daughters ease of calving, size  
of calf, temperament; milking  
speed, resistance to digital  
dermatitis.**

Whatever you need for the future of your Ayrshire Cow, let us know, tell the Society, John, Duncan, Breed Heritage Committee or Council Members and help keep our Ayrshire cow to the forefront of both the home and worldwide market.

We would also like to encourage input from any of our overseas breeders, because worldwide we all need to work together to maintain, improve and promote the status of our Breed.



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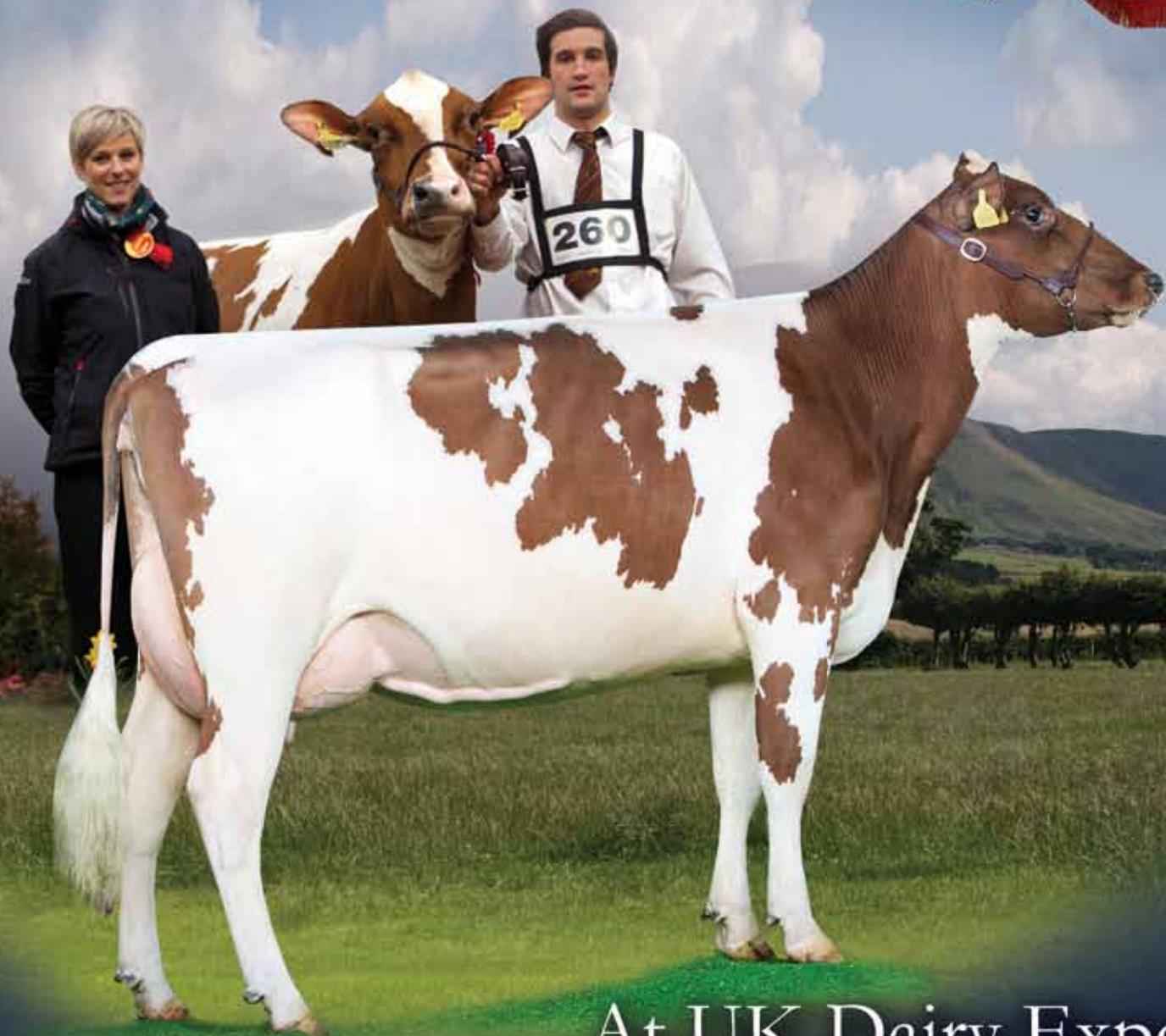
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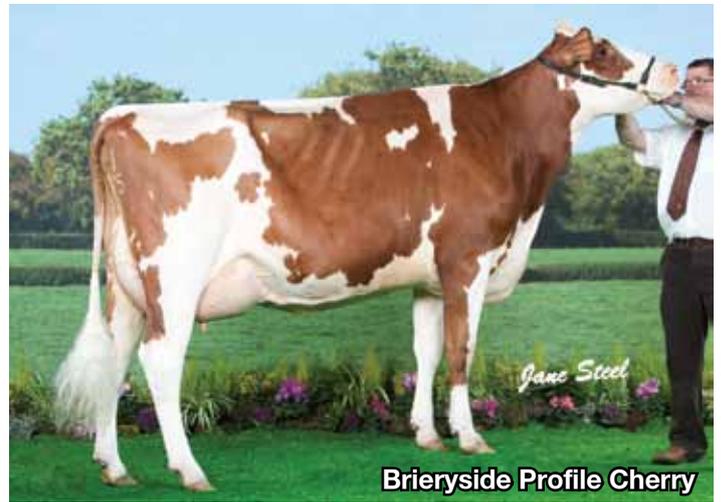
## Edward's C.S.A. News

by Edward Evans,  
Marketing and Promotions Manager

Cattle Services end of year figures for 2012 paint a quite satisfactory picture of continued growth. Semen sales having confirmed the optimism I have expressed throughout the year, increasing by 12% over the 2011 total – itself an increase of 10% over 2010. Further investment in semen drawn from the latest young sires, emerging stars from our proving scheme, a wider choice of sexed semen, plus the opportunity to market semen from two or three privately owned bulls, together with our current comprehensive sire list, have hopefully laid the foundation for this trend to continue. In fact, the year could not have ended on a more positive note - highlighted when the **“High Profile”** daughter **“Brieryside Profile Cherry”** was crowned supreme heifer champion at Agriscot, closely followed in her class by the **“Mandella”** daughter **“Cuthill Towers Regal Ray 13”**. But, to quote one of our overseas customers “at some time in life you will be hit by a curve ball, and it has to be dealt with”. He was of course referring to the unexpected **“Tryst”** situation, which had appeared like a bolt from the blue, right at the end of the year. Semen from twenty-eight bulls had been sent for genomic assessment – this to furnish ourselves with a greater in depth knowledge of what their blood lines offer. We certainly did not expect this result.

The background to all this has been widely discussed, and well documented. After some initial confusion, I have to say how positive and understanding the reaction from the majority of customers has been – appreciating that no blame can be apportioned to either Cattle Services, the Society, or the breeder himself – each having followed the correct procedures at all times. I must however emphasise that Cattle Services fully understands the disappointment and perhaps annoyance felt by many who with their intention and breeding policy focussed on having a pure Ayrshire herd now find that this blood in a percentage of their animals has been diluted. Others affected are those who have used Holstein blood in the past and have used **“Tryst”** and or a son with the intention of raising the percentage of Ayrshire blood in their herds. It must be remembered however that with this new evidence **“Tryst”** is not a Holstein bull. He is 50% Ayrshire and 50% Holstein. His progeny out of pure cows will be 75% Ayrshire, and so on. Explaining this to a customer with 160 milkers of which 27 are **“Tryst”** daughters, the herdsman, when asked his opinion of them said – they were easy to manage, were in the top 25% of the herd on yield, components and classification. Although, because of a pure breeding policy, they would not use **“Tryst”** again, they were happy to keep what they had and breed them to pure bulls. Another customer who has admired Tryst daughters but would not use him because he prefers to use bulls with a touch of Holstein blood says that now the breeding has been redefined he could well be persuaded to use him - as they say – “it is an ill wind”. Overseas customers are in a more difficult situation. In the main, their societies will not accept registrations from non pure bulls, certainly not 50/50 ones. Discussions with these customers are currently ongoing, and I am confident with several firm enquiries to hand already that this business will continue and hopefully grow - we just need to provide the genetics they require

To return to my opening comments, these end of year figures, as you will all know, have been achieved against a background of fluctuating milk prices, an ongoing reduction in the number of dairy farmers, unusual and often difficult weather patterns, plus increased competition in



**Brieryside Profile Cherry**

the semen market as our breed's popularity continue to grow. With so many unknown factors, forecasting sales for the coming year is extremely difficult. Hopefully, our rejuvenated sire line up to include new young sires, new proofs, new blood lines, and competitive pricing, will have the desired effect. We are currently testing bulls to see which are homozygous A2/A2, to ensure we can supply the genetics for those breeders producing milk for this specialised and growing section of the milk market. Bulls with this qualification will be identified in future sire information.

Following our current “bonus” offer which runs until the end of March, we intend to offer semen from a selection of older bulls at a heavily reduced price for a limited period. Details will be circulated when finalised, and will include bulls that have made a positive impact in many herds.

A new young sire list will also be circulated shortly with semen ready for despatch from early July. A second list is planned for the Autumn, and we again ask for your valued support.

On a lighter note, whilst recently browsing through some old Society Journals, I came across the following in one from the 1930's entitled “In praise of the Ayrshire Cow”, and signed by McTaffy, described (and I quote) “an Ayrshire man now exiled on the Welsh border, he sends us the following effusion”, no doubt influenced by his upbringing:

*Who but admires the famous deeds  
The feats and teats of other breeds  
From Holland or the Channel Isles  
But for a cow to fill the pail  
On any pasture, hill or dale  
And graceful too from nose to tail  
The Ayrshire leads by miles.*

By the time this Journal is published, our first show – The Northern Dairy Expo – will have passed. We again have stand space booked for the Royal Cornwall; Royal Highland; Livestock Show at the NEC; South West Dairy Show; Welsh Dairy Show; Agriscot; and Ulster. Please give us a visit – all are welcome. We will also be in attendance at many other summer shows, where we can usually be found in the Ayrshire lines or around the judging rings.

I take the opportunity on behalf of Cattle Services to thank all customers for their valued support, and look forward to this continuing in to the future.

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# 2012 Photographic Awards

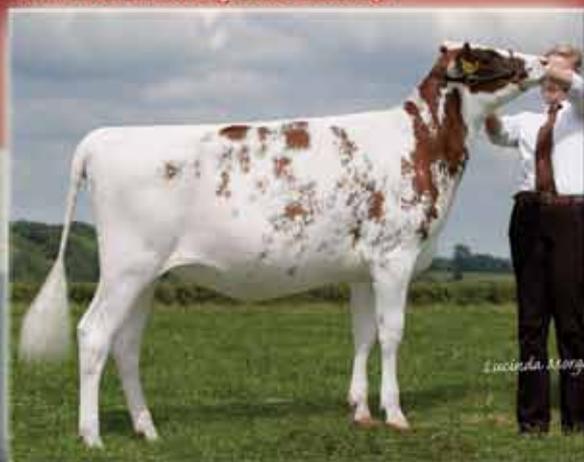
## Maiden Heifer Class - 19 Entries



**1-Haresfoot Maple Ella (23 points)**  
Sire - Mapleburn Remington - Bred by D Hunter  
and owned by A Rimmer

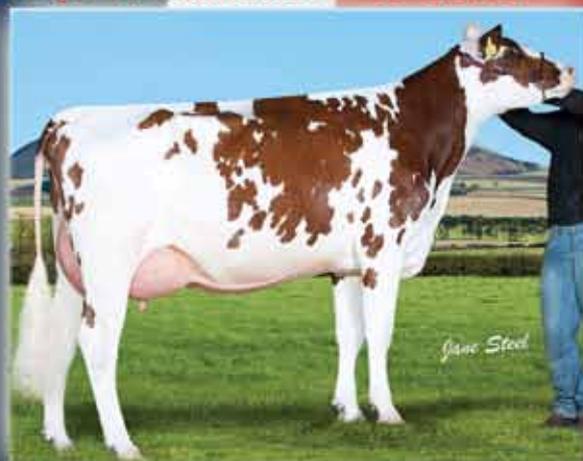


**2-Lisglass Emma (21 points)**  
Sire - Fortfield Napoleon  
Bred and owned by J Weatherup



**3-Longwood Potter Snowbell (16 points)**  
Sire - Des Prairies Potter  
Bred and owned by T Crawford & Co Ltd

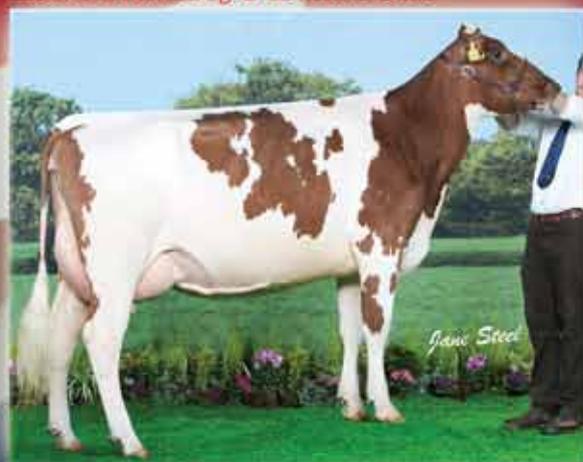
## Heifer in-Milk Class - 19 Entries



**1-Cuthill Towers Miss Brownie 3 (25 points)**  
Sire - Cuthill Towers Romeo  
Bred and owned by A & S Lawrie



**2-Brieryside Profile Cherry (23 points)**  
Sire - Brieryside High Profile  
Bred and owned by G Lawrie & Sons



**3-Cuthill Towers Radar Ray 13 (19 points)**  
Sire - Hunnington Mandella  
Bred and owned by A & S Lawrie

# Judged by the Society's Council Members

## Junior Cow Class - 12 Entries



**1-Haresfoot Bazooka Ella (49 points)**  
Sire - Haresfoot Bazooka  
Bred by D Hunter and owned by J Hunter



**2-Marleycote Pat (28 points)**  
Sire - Marleycote Eddy  
Bred and owned by G G Baynes & Son



**3-Ravenhill May 65 (18 points)**  
Sire - Ardrossan E V Kate's Trident  
Bred and owned by J Suffern

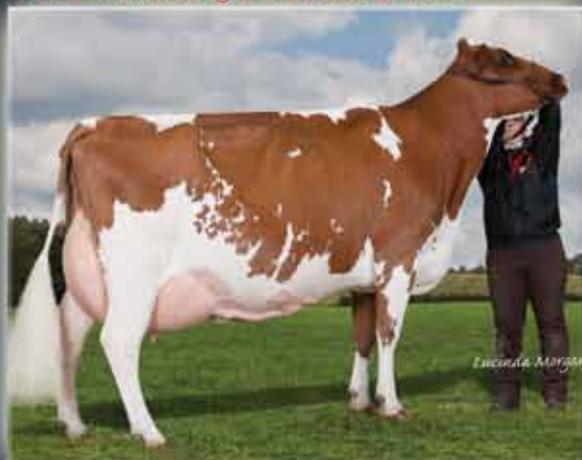
## Intermediate Cow Class - 14 Entries



**1-Ardmore Orphan 95 (28 points)**  
Sire - Morwick Sand Ranger  
Bred and owned by J Hunter



**2-Halmyre Urr Floralin 144 (26 points)**  
Sire - Howie's Inimitable  
Bred and owned by L Davidson & Sons



**3-Hunnington Fragy 12 (21 points)**  
Sire - Hunnington BBK Easlad  
Bred and owned by C Window

# 2012 Photographic Awards

## Senior Cow Class - 9 Entries



**1-Sandyford Clover 10 (59 points)**

Sire - K C Roses Chatter T Red

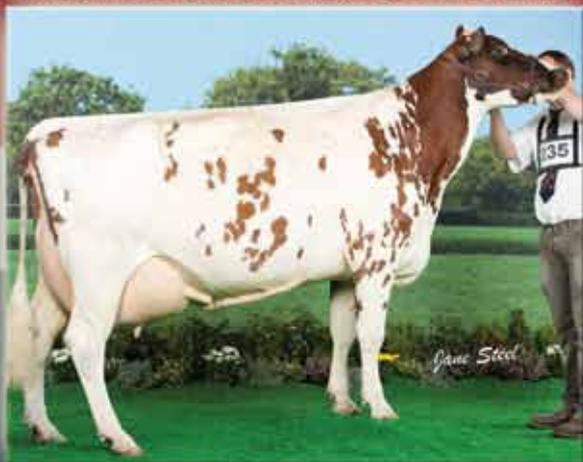
Bred and owned by E T Tomlinson & Son



**2-Middle Lady Milestone E (45 points)**

Sire - Middle Milestone Emerald - Bred by

J Whiteford & Sons and owned by P G & S Williams



**3-Heydale Winsome 109 (31 points)**

Sire - Kellcrest Ice Man

Bred and owned by D W Berresford & Son

## Red & White Class - 5 Entries



**1-Hilltower Talent Marcy Red (76 points)**

Sire - Ladino Park Talent Bred and owned by

J & D Lawrie - winner of the entry with most votes



**2-Dilandy Debonair Tabitha Red (37 points)**

Sire - Scientific Debonair Red

Bred and owned by G Lawrie & Sons



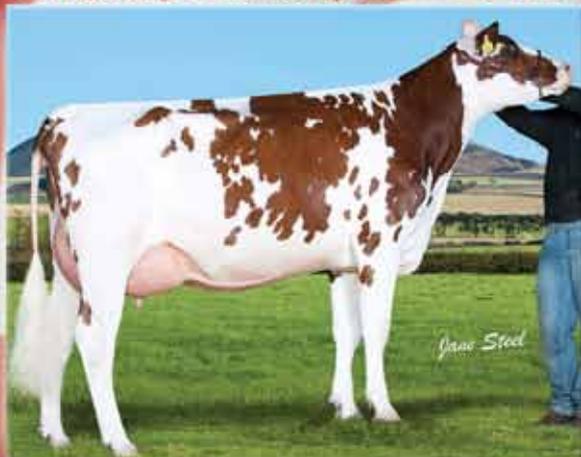
**3-Cuthill Towers White Petal (34 points)**

Sire - Poos Stadel Classic

Bred and owned by A & S Lawrie

# Judged by the Society's Council Members

**CSA Young Bull Daughter - 25 Entries**



**1-Cuthill Towers Miss Brownie 3 (29 points)**

**Sire - Cuthill Towers Romeo**

**Bred and owned by A & S Lawrie**

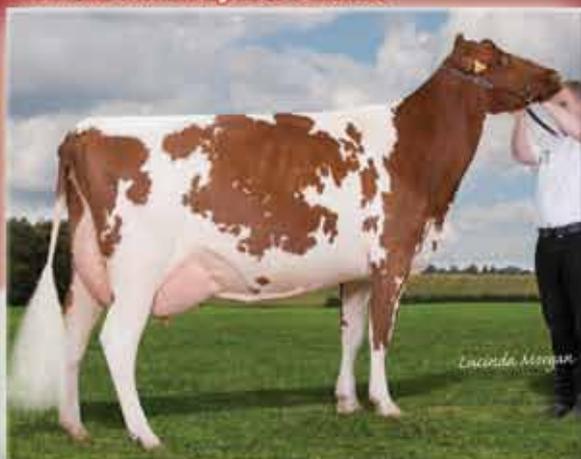
**Amateur Class - 6 Entries**



**1-Highway Diamond Jubilee (55 points)**

**Sire - Green Lane World Leader**

**Bred and owned by M Parkes**



**2-Hunnington Fragrance 55 (22 points)**

**Sire - Eastern Tornado**

**Bred and owned by C Window**



**2-Whitcroft Miss Brown 9 (46 points)**

**Sire - Whitcroft Edwin**

**Bred and owned by J D & B F Broadley & Sons**



**3-Rosehill Magic Browse (15 points)**

**Sire - Rosehill Slightly Magic**

**Bred and owned by W R C & J E Christophers**



**3-Cherry  
Tree Dolly  
Daydream 3  
(23 points)**

**Sire - Brieryside  
Jubilant Scot  
Bred and owned  
by M/s Thornber**

# Your Members Page



Lynne Sanderson, daughter of David and Christine Sanderson married Billy Williams on 25th August 2011 at Greenhill Hotel, Wigton, Cumbria. They got together in July 2008.

Lynne had been Barry's mobile hairdresser since 2006. Barry played professional rugby league for Border Raiders, Workington Town and internationally for Wales. Over the last couple of years he has worked for David and Christine on their farm. Barry has two older boys Shane and Brett and Lynne and Barry have a son called Mason.

## Dates For Your Diary

### May

15-17th Balmoral Show  
16th-18th Society AGM & Conference

### June

6th-8th Royal Cornwall Show  
12th Judging Training Day - Newbridge Farm  
18th-19th Cheshire Show  
20th-23rd Royal Highland Show  
26th-27th Royal Norfolk Show

### July

3rd-4th Livestock 2013  
9th-11th Great Yorkshire Show  
22nd-25th Royal Welsh Show

### October

2nd Bath & West Dairy Show  
5th-6th All Breeds National Calf Show  
15th Welsh Dairy Show  
22nd-23rd Council Meeting – Garstang

### November

6th Northern National Sale – Carlisle  
20th Agriscot

## New Members

### M Hartington

Drombanna, Co Limerick, Republic Of Ireland

### G McKenna

Cornanurney, Kill, Cootehill, Co Caven, Republic Of Ireland

### Juniors

#### E Ashford

Bowden Farm, Buckfastleigh, Devon

#### B James

Clos Farm, Rhoshill, Cardigan, Pembrokeshire

#### S Taylor

Upper Braiklay, Methlick, Ellon, Aberdeenshire

#### C Taylor

Upper Braiklay, Methlick, Ellon, Aberdeenshire

#### S Williams

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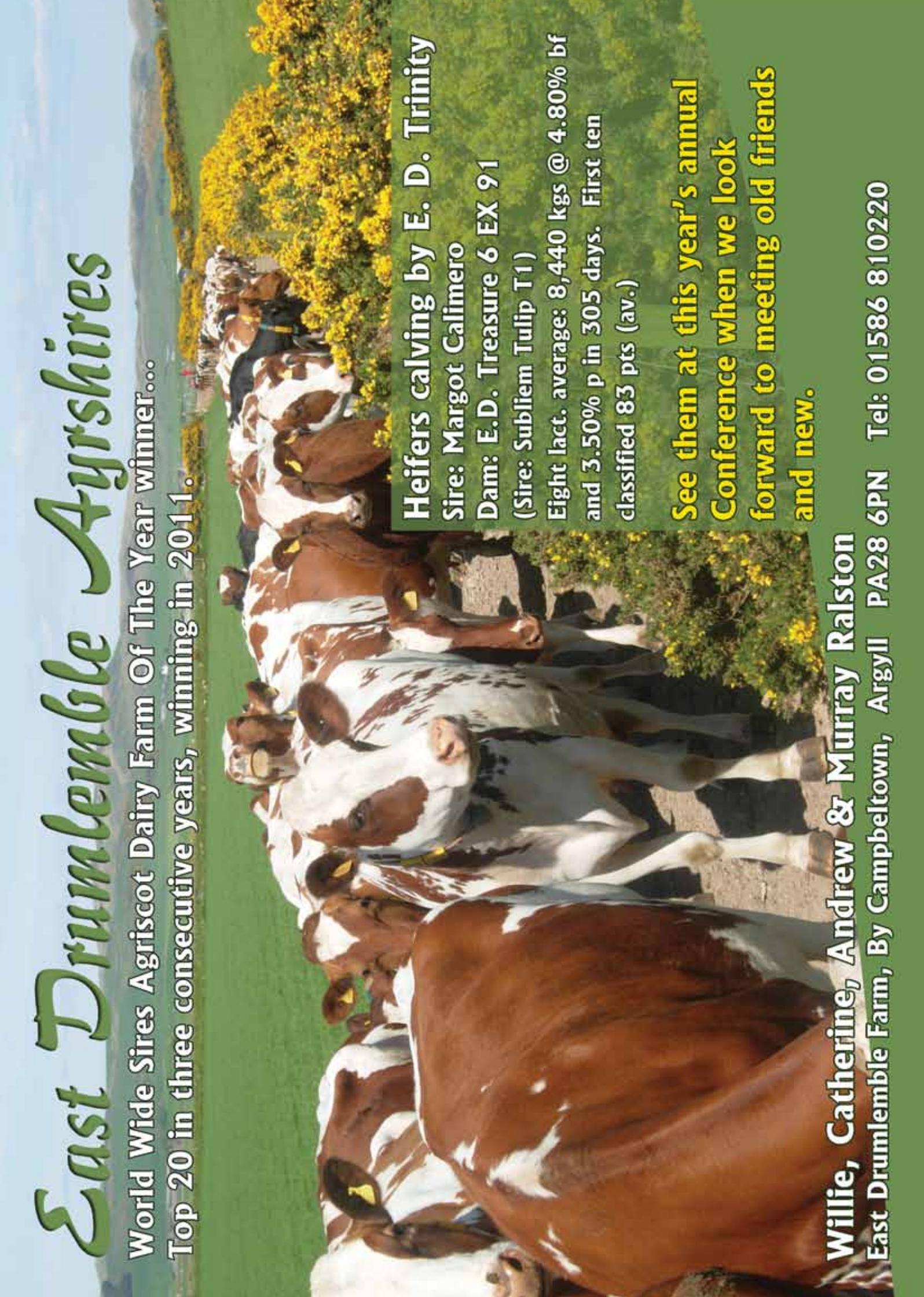
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**Sire: Margot Calimero**

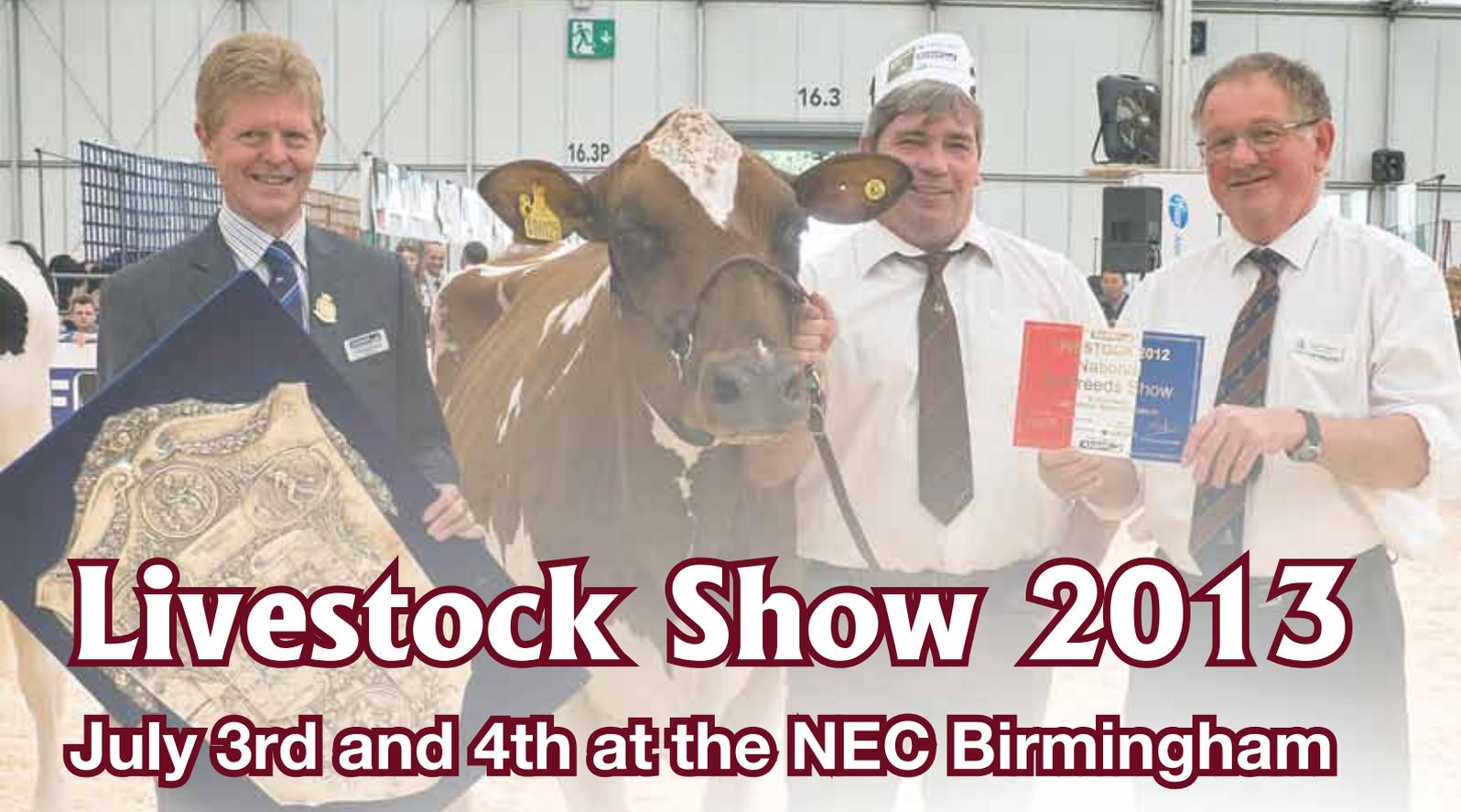
**Dam: E.D. Treasure 6 EX 91**

**(Sire: Subliem Tulip T1)**

**Eight lact. average: 8,440 kgs @ 4.80% bf  
and 3.50% p in 305 days. First ten  
classified 83 pts (av.)**

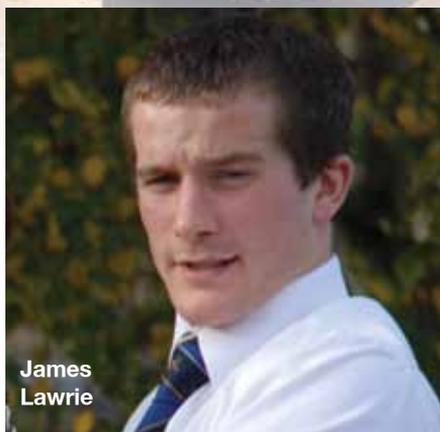
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and new.**

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# Livestock Show 2013

## July 3rd and 4th at the NEC Birmingham



James Lawrie



Colin Davidson



Stuart Williams  
Photograph taken by Wendy Short.

We, as a Society are employing three of our most experienced and talented young members, Colin Davidson, James Lawrie and Stuart Williams to be assisted if numbers allow by other young members, to come to the show and prepare and show animals from any of our members who wish to show but for whatever reason are unable!

They will look after your animals completely, from the moment they arrive at the show until they leave, including clipping, washing, top lining and showing your cows - presenting them in front of the judge in the most professional manner. The welfare and care of these cows will be overseen by me.

I can help you to team up with others in your area to share lorries, reducing transport costs to you all, as we intend to liaise on transport within all breeds.

RABDF will refund the stall fee for every animal that turns up to the show and a move to shed 17 in the main building where the temperature can be controlled for the cows comfort means your animals will be in a stress free environment.

**Help me to make this an opportunity to create a showcase for our breed.**

**Please contact me immediately, Duncan Hunter on 07554060005 or [haresfoot7@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:haresfoot7@hotmail.co.uk) to register your interest or to find out more details.**

# The Swedish National Show 2012

It has always been one of my ambitions to visit Sweden and see how the Swedish Red Breed has evolved from the huge influx of Ayrshire blood to that country in the late nineteenth century. My great grandfather had been the agent principally responsible for buying these animals in Scotland and shipping them to Sweden, and had been awarded the Golden Eagle by the Swedish government, but had died before he could travel there himself, so there was a personal element involved too.

When the invitation to judge their National show arrived in my e-mail box, it was one of those special moments; it had come from Lina, my counterpart in Sweden, known around the world as the smiling face of, and strong advocate for the SRB breed. Accompanied by wife Margaret, we arrived in Stockholm where Lina was there to welcome us and take us to the dauntingly named Fawltly Towers hotel (it was anything but) in the centre of the city of Linköping, where the show was taking place. Regulations in this health conscious country meant that we could not go near animals for twenty four hours, but that did not stop us attending a barbecue that night in the show arena, a nearby indoor riding school, where we met board members, exhibitors and staff from the breeding companies in Sweden.

We were up early the next morning as the classes started at 9am, the programme being SRB inspection classes first, then multi-breed showmanship classes next, which took me to 1pm, followed by a short break before the Holstein classes, which were judged by a Portuguese judge, Louiz Mota, and a good job he made of them too. He gave his reasons in very good English, but was also fluent in French and Spanish.



**Glimma -Heifer Champion**

Many of the winners were a combination of SRB and Canadian bloodlines, which is what you would expect in a country where the popularity of showing is relatively new.

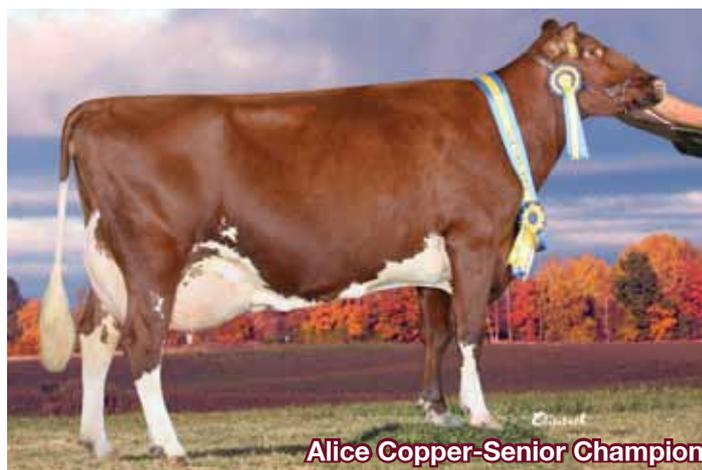
First class in the ring was heifers under 12 months, followed by yearling heifers, with the heifer championship being judged straight after. Heifer Champion went to the winner of the under 12 months class, an outstanding calf called Glimma, a daughter of the Scandinavian bull VR Bond, and from a Poker mother.

Two year old heifers in milk had an easy winner, in the shape of Blomma, a Lagace Ristourn daughter, a very dairy good uddered heifer from Lunden Ayrshires, who also triumphed in the junior cow with a milky, wide uddered Hector daughter called Pasta, winning over a really nice K. Lens daughter that was too stale to go higher on the day but had very few faults, with a big strong daughter of Gunnarstorp in third.



**L to R- 2nd Intermediate, 1st Junior cow and 1st Heifer in milk**

Intermediate cows having had three calves was the class of the day, the winner being a classy Peterslund daughter by the name of Alice Copper, from the well known herd of Lars & Maria Brihall, whose quality and better fore udder attachment took her over the best rear uddered cow in the show, 1079 Pasta, by Test, again from that good family belonging to Lunden Ayrshires.



**Alice Copper-Senior Champion**

Senior cows were headed by a strong, tight uddered daughter of the famous Finnish bull Orkko from Robert Alfredson, followed closely by an Orryrd daughter, with an exceptional Calimero daughter in third, who suffered from being a year calved. Lunsden Ayrshires easily won the herd class (group of three). Champion went to the beautiful Peterslund third calver, Alice Copper, with reserve going to the cow that followed her in her class, 1079 Pasta, from the Lundsens with the Hon. Mention going to their Ristourn heifer in milk



**First three in the senior cow class**



**Some nice two year olds at Anja & Klas's**

After a short break I had three classes of multi-breed young handlers to judge, something I always enjoy. They were at least comparable to the best in the UK so I had my work cut out. The quality at the top in the senior class was superb.

That night Lina took us for a lovely meal at a Greek restaurant, with nude paintings of virile young men on the wall (it just happened to be Lady's night) so I now know how women must feel about the page three girls (very inadequate).

After a more leisurely breakfast, we set off to visit the herds of three Board members of the SRB Association. Typical of Swedish dairy farming was our first farm, the home of new board member Anja Dalhog and her husband, Klas Johansson, who have a 140 hectare tenanted farm near Linköping, where they milk 60 SRB/Ayrshire cows.

60 hectares are non arable with thin soil and rocks protruding, and is used as pasture, while the other 80 hectares of arable are down to a mixture of grass ley, winter wheat and winter barley. The system is kept as simple as possible and they believe a grazing system is the most profitable, with the cows expected to milk off grass and home grown cereals for five months of the year, while winter quarters are a modern tie stall barn. The only feed bought is protein, of which soya is not a part because of cost. Milk price is similar to the UK at 2.80 Swedish krona (28p a litre in our money). Herd average is 8205kgs 4.2%bf 3.61%pt with a calving index of 380 days. Cell count is 120 with only one case of

mastitis in the last year. Breeding on all three farms is very similar with 90% being by Viking Genetics, with small amounts of Canadian semen being used. Anja was using some UK blood after visiting the UK in May, so we await the results with interest.

The next farm was near Vetlanda, owned by Lars & Maria Brihall and their family, who milk 90 SRB/Ayrshire. The system here was very similar to the first farm, though there were a higher proportion of older cows here, many with high lifetime yields; again all by AI sires, predominantly Scandinavian with some Canadian mixed in.

Popular sires used on all three farms, include, Lindero, Gunnarstorp (a favourite with Swedish breeders for their durability), K Lens, A Linne, Orraryd and O Brolin, often with B Jurist and Peterslund in the previous generation, while popular service sires were R Facet, Asmo Tosikko and Sale and Orraryd sons It was great to see my champion from the day before, Alice Copper, back in her home surroundings and still looking great. Maria is the Vice President of the Association and a real enthusiast so it was great to hear her views on the way forward for the Red breeds.

Our last farm visit was to herd of the Ljungqvists, this, like the others before, was beautifully managed but there the similarity ended. The 100 SRB/Ayrshire cows were averaging a massive 11400kgs per cow on silage and concentrates fed little and often. Cow longevity, although important, was secondary to yearly output, and rapid turnover of capital was paramount. Their banker said that it was one of the most profitable herds in Sweden, and I could believe it. Fertility was not a problem and anything that had problems, like too much udder, was culled at an average price of 12000 krona (£1200) and replaced with a fresh heifer. Vet costs were very low, apart from the odd displaced abomasums, and they liked the system. Although genetics were important in achieving these yields, the fact that SRBs had a far better calving interval on average than those with foreign genetics was a big plus, with some of that coming from persistency of yield rather than high peaks which caused negative energy balance. Food for thought here.

Our last day was a visit to Viking Genetics headquarters in Skara where all the administration for this massive company takes place. All of the popular Swedish bulls are housed here and another bull barn is nearly completed. Two hundred young bulls are purchased each year for testing, with the top twenty graduates plus some who have high genomics joining the bull stud. We spent the morning with Head Geneticist Hans Stallhammar, chewing the fat as they say, and our thanks to him for taking time from his busy schedule to talk to us.

Thanks are also due the Board of SRB for inviting us, all our host farms and the hostess with the most, Lina. The Swedish cheese cake was delicious, ladies, as was the Moose venison, Maria.



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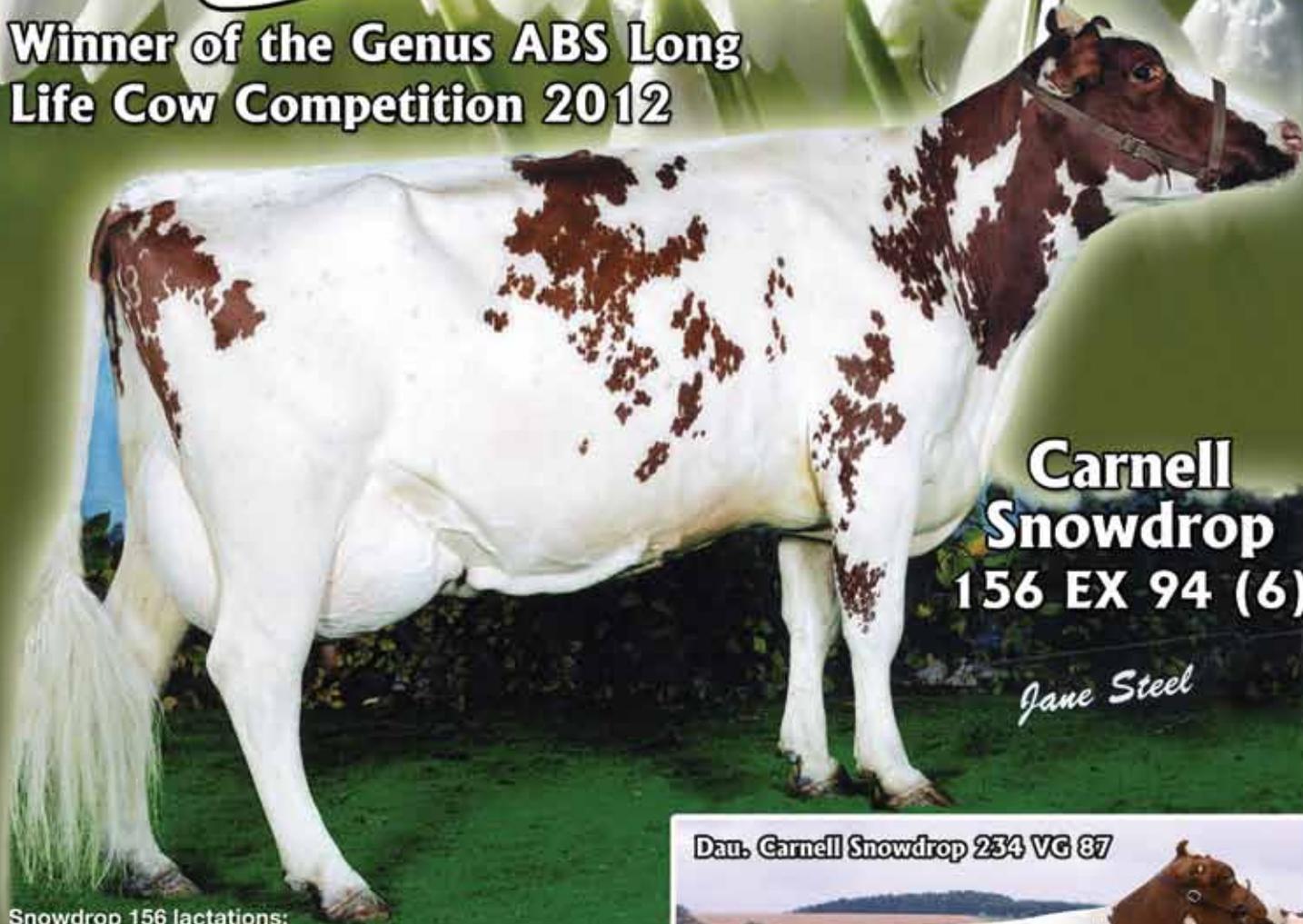
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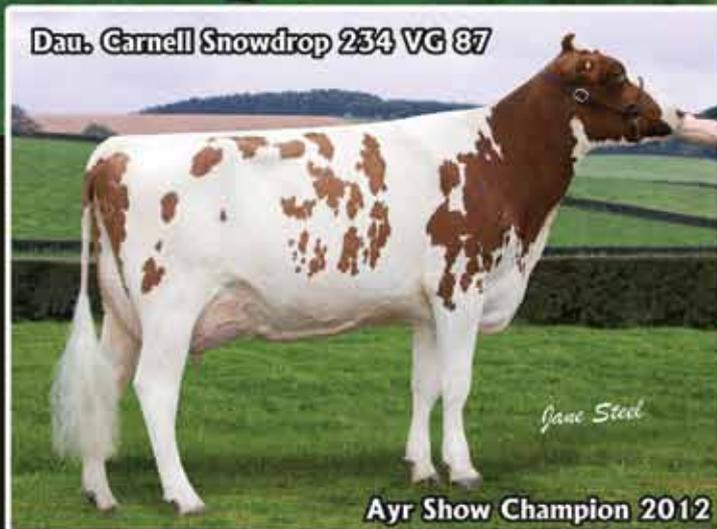
*Jane Steel*

**Snowdrop 156 lactations:**

1	14/04/2002	5,893 kgs	5.39% bf	3.79% p	305 days
2	06/05/2003	7,870 kgs	4.61% bf	3.92% p	282 days
3	09/04/2004	8,157 kgs	4.97% bf	4.02% p	305 days
4	02/08/2005	9,591 kgs	4.81% bf	3.94% p	305 days
5	17/09/2006	9,771 kgs	4.97% bf	3.94% p	305 days
6	30/09/2007	9,808 kgs	5.30% bf	3.86% p	305 days
7	08/02/2009	11,317 kgs	4.99% bf	3.52% p	305 days
8	13/08/2010	9,383 kgs	5.12% bf	3.59% p	305 days
9	12/04/2012	9,420 kgs	4.81% bf	3.49% p	305 days

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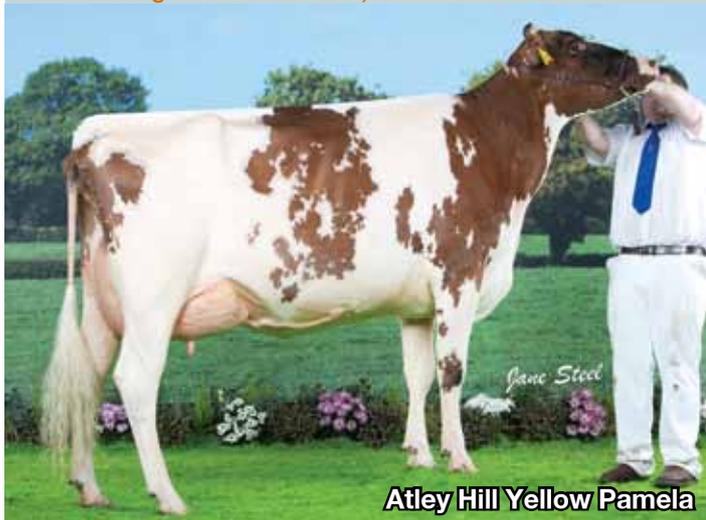
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# Show Results

## Royal Ulster Winter Fair

Judge - Patrice Simard, Canada



**Atley Hill Yellow Pamela**

Large crowds and one of the best entries both for quality and number forward, ensured that the Ulster Winter Fair, Northern Ireland's premier dairy event, was again a great success. Our breeders in Ulster have always been of the opinion that they were representing the breed first and foremost with themselves second, so it was great to see the prizes being evenly distributed amongst the breeders. Winning the breed championship were top Holstein Breeders and first time exhibitors, the McLean family who run the famous Priestland Holstein herd at Bushmills, Co. Antrim and their good friend Sydney Cromie. Their champion was the two year old Atley Hill Yellow Pamela, by Yellow Briar Journalist, who had earlier triumphed in a very strong Heifer in Milk class. Pamela was bred by the Alderson family in Yorkshire, and is of course descended from the famous Haresfoot family. Taking the reserve spot was another cow from a famous family, this time Ravenhill Ethel 393 EX 92, from John Suffern who had earlier headed a fantastic class of senior cows. Sired by the famous McCornick Nelson and with records to 10,400 kgs and a mother and maternal sister both 100 tonne excellent cows and sporting an EX 94 mammary, this is the kind of cow that the breed is all about. The fact that she headed the best class of the day, the senior cows, was a big plus for a breed like ours who put so much emphasis on longevity and mobility.

**Maiden Heifer** - 1-Fortfield Megan 63 (Green Lane World Leader) - R Stewart, 2-Fortfield Kate 59 (Hawksfield Blue Sky) - R Stewart, 3-Grove Primrose 14 (Auchensale Star Performer) - T Gordon

**Cow in Calf** - 1-Grove Rosie 4 (Brieryside Jubilant Scot) - T Gordon, 2-Erne Calimero Joy (Margot Calimero) - S Baxter 3-Ravenhill Ethel 404 (Ardrossan Kates Trident) - J Suffern

**Heifer In Milk** - 1-Atley Hill Yellow Pamela (Yellow Briar Journalist) McLean & Cromie, 2-Ardmore Miranda (Rosehill Slightly Magic) - J & M Hunter, 3-Ravenhill Ethel 476 (Hunnington BBK Easlad) - J Suffern

**Junior Cow** - 1-Ravenhill May 65 (Ardrossan Kates Trident) - J Suffern, 2-Ardmore Sunrise 50 (Ravenhill Eriksson) - J & M Hunter

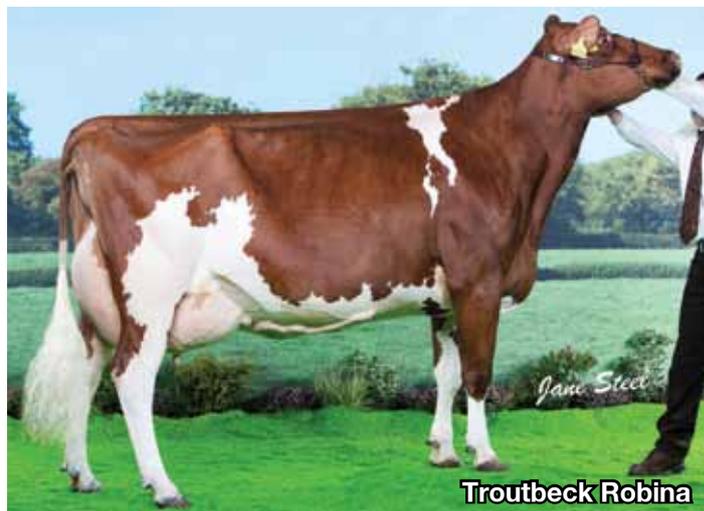
**Senior Cow** - 1-Ravenhill Ethel 393 (McCornick Nelson) - J Suffern, 2-Ravenhill Ethel 411 (Margot Calimero) - J Suffern, 3-Willoxton Ringlet 5 (Humeston Silver Sand) - A & R Emerson

# Dairy Expo 2013

Judge - Bruce Mode, Canada

Entries forward for the Ayrshire & Red & White sections at the second Dairy Expo were similar to last year though there is no doubt that the show organisers decision to allow pure Red and White Holsteins not registered with us into the Red and White section, has a very negative affect on the support for those classes. To try and encourage support, the Ayrshire Cattle Society this year offered a special prize to the highest placed animals in each class registered with us. Judge for the day was top Canadian Ayrshire Breeder, Bruce Mode, whose quick placings and exact reasons were well received by the ringside. Champion in the Ayrshire section went to the winner of the hotly contested Senior

cows in milk class, Troutbeck Robina from big supporters of the show, the Mattinson family from nearby Wigton, with reserve position going to the winning two year old, Cuthill Towers Radar Ray 13 VG 88 2y from the Lawrie family. The champion a daughter of West Mossgiel Lord of the Rings, had calved twin heifers in November, her third set in three calvings, adding a new dimension to the old Ayrshire slogan of "Buy one and you will soon have a herd". The judge praised her dairy strength and uphill run and gave her an advantage in extra bloom of udder over the reserve, the beautiful Mandella daughter from Cuthill who was looking even better than at Agriscot. Best udder in the show went to the second placed senior cow, Moorside Marie 7 EX 94, the star of the Longwood herd owned by keen supporters of the breed, the Crawford family.



**Troutbeck Robina**

**Ayr. Junior Cham.** - Syke Glencairn Lolita (Ardmore Crown Napier) - M/s Templeton and Timlin & Glencairn Ayrshires

**Ayr. Reserve Junior** - Syke Burdette Sybil (P. Tri-Star Burdette) - R & W Templeton

### Maiden Heifer

- 1-Syke Burdette Sybil (Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette) - R & W Templeton
- 2-Syke Crown Sybil (Ardmore Crown Napier) - R & W Templeton
- 3-Troutbeck Discovery Robina (Touchdown Discovery) - P & J Mattinson

### Heifer in-Calf

- 1-Syke Glencairn Lolita (Ardmore Crown Napier) - M/s Templeton and Timlin & Glencairn Ayrshires
- 2-Holmeswood Nels Florrie (McCornick Nelson) - A Rimmer
- 3-Marleycote Ray (Muir Mr Magic) - G G Baynes & Son

### Two Year Old

- 1-Cuthill Towers Radar Ray 13 VG 88 (H. Mandella) - A & S Lawrie
- 2-Troutbeck Star Obstinate (Ayr-Phoe Ideostar) - P & J Mattinson
- 3-Longwood Saltire Crummie (S. Saltire) - T Crawford & Co Ltd

### Three Year Old

- 1-Cuthill Towers Zola 12 (Des Prairies Potter) - A & S Lawrie
- 2-Cuthill Towers Bramble (Lagace Modern) - A & S Lawrie

### Senior Cow

- 1-Troutbeck Robina (West Mossgiel Lord Of The Rings) - P & J Mattinson
- 2-Moorside Marie 7 EX 94 (West Mossgiel Star) - T Crawford & Co Ltd
- 3-Syke World Sybil EX 93 (Syke World Conference) - R & W Templeton

### Red & White Champion & Best Udder Of The Show

Sterndale Sterling Jodie Red (Ardross Sterling) - A & A Bunting

### Maiden Heifer

- 4-Marleycote Georgette 2 (Rosedale Rampage) - S Dixon
- 6-Troutbeck Classic Greta (Poos Stadel) - P & J Mattinson

### Two Year Old

- 1-Sterndale Sterling Jodie Red (Ardross Sterling) - A & A Bunting
- 3-Stevenson's Bunty 114 (Muirston Trump Card) - M W & A Stevenson

### Senior Cow

- 2-Sterndale Ruby Red (KHW Kite Advent Red) - W J Nadin & Co
- 3-Hilltower Talent Marcy Red (Ladino Park Talent) - A & S Lawrie

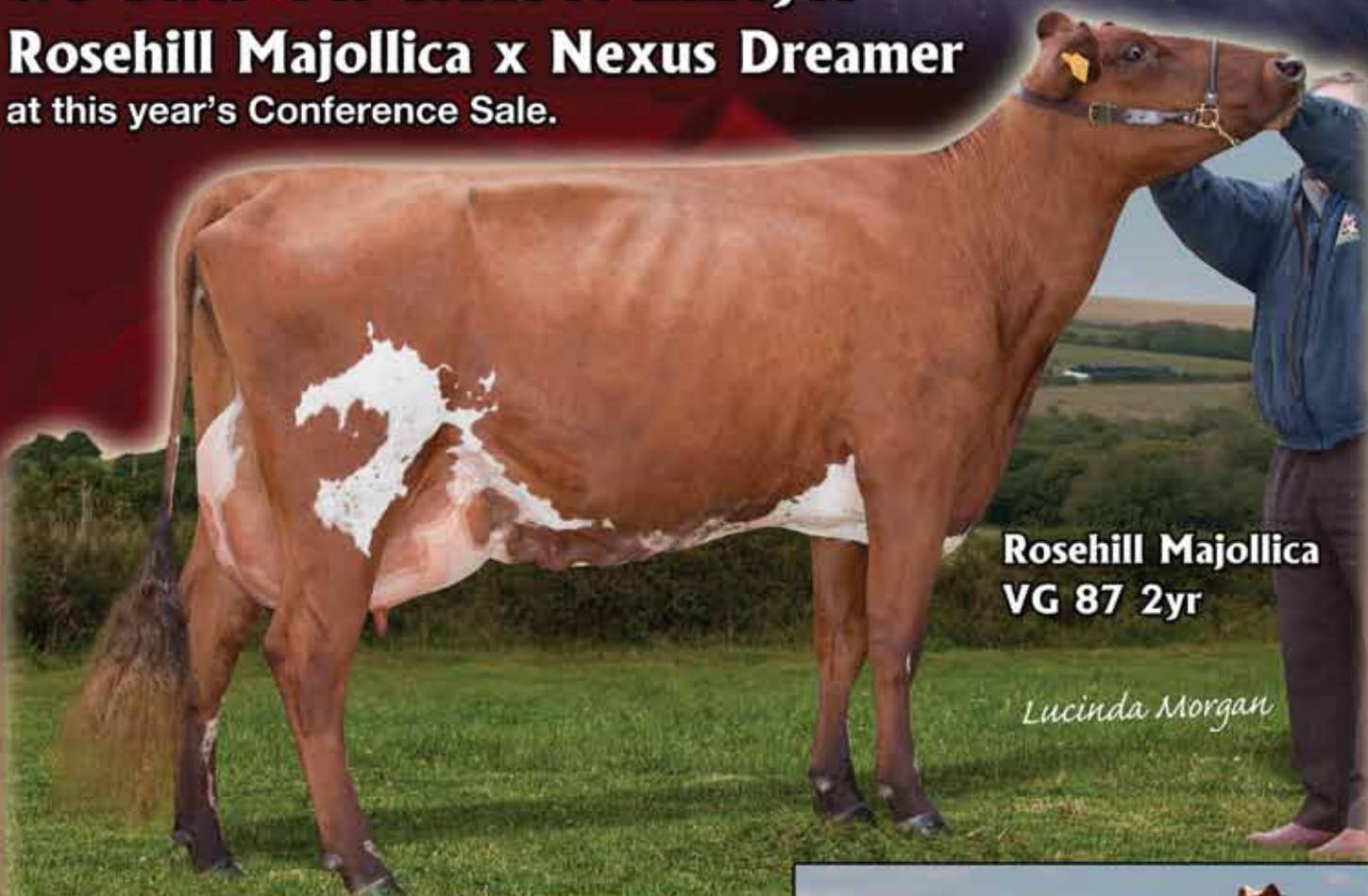
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# Society Awards

## 100,000 Kgs Club

Owner	Animal	Sire	Milk Kgs	Fat%	Prot. %	CFP	Lacts.
M H Parkes	Highway Brown Fairy 5	Brocklehill Happy Spirit	106,386	3.88	3.45	7,796	13
D & C Sanderson	Waxham Lizzie 56	Humeston Black Star	107,806	4.23	3.14	7,947	9
E T Tomlinson & Son	Sandyford Queenie 10	Horizon Ranger Red	117,689	3.85	3.01	8,067	8

### Highway Brown Fairy 5 EX 92(3) LP100

**Highway Brown Fairy 5**, the undoubted star of the Highway herd expertly developed by Martin and Jane Parkes at their farm in Worcestershire.

This daughter of **Brocklehill Happy Spirit** has achieved the magic figure in thirteen lactations and has now reached the age of seventeen years, the same number of lactations and the same age as her full sister, **Brown Fairy 2 EX 90(2)**, reached, while their other sister, **Brown Fairy 4 VG 89 LP 80**, a Lord Ontario daughter, lived until she was fifteen years old.

Their achievement making their mother, **Highway Brown Fairy**, a Hammond Oracle daughter, a four star brood cow. **Brown Fairy 5** is herself a great brood cow with her first daughter, **Brown Fairy 19 EX 90**, already with seven completed lactations while her next daughter **Brown Fairy 24 VG87**, has finished six lactations.

Her other two daughters are by Potter, due with her first, and a year younger Blackthorn daughter. As if this was not enough, this family can also breed sires with **Brown Fairy 5's** oldest son, **Highway Billy Ruffian** by **McCornick Nelson**, being one of the Ayrshire stars in the Genus ABS stud. His type score of +0.8 with good udders, is exactly the same as the Sanderson bull above but this time with a total AI proof and no outside blood in the pedigree.

Another son, **Highway Tourist**, the Tryst son progeny tested by **Cattle Services**, has many promising daughters just calved or about to, and should have an AI proof this year.

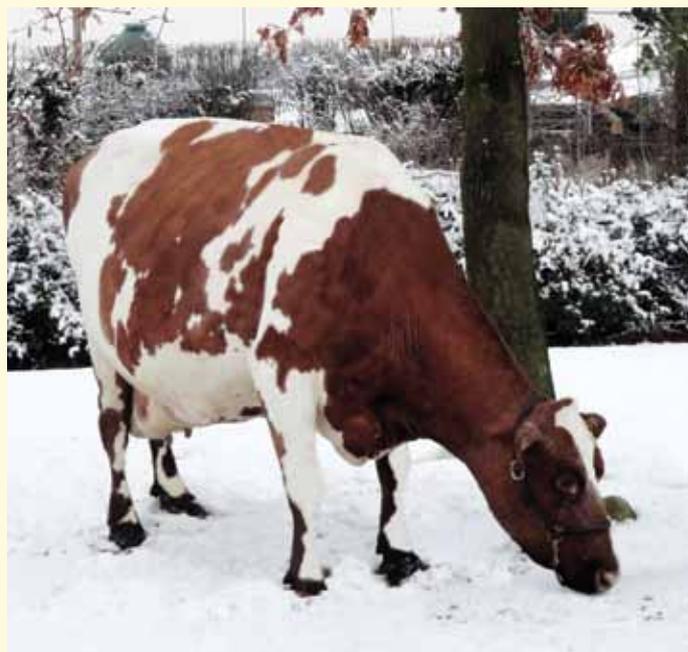
### Waxham Lizzie 56 VG 86 LP100

**Waxham Lizzie 56**, in the Sanderson herd of Christine and David Sanderson, is the latest cow of the breed to reach the magic 100 tonne mark. Bred by the Harvey family in Norfolk, she was part of the famous Waxham herd, bought by the Sanderson family when they were restocking after losing their herd to foot and mouth disease. Sired by **Humeston Blackstar**, a son of the famous **Humeston Lady Maud 42 EX 93 one star**, while on the maternal line, there is generation after generation of sires either bred at Pant or carrying Pant blood.

In her nine lactations to date, Lizzie 56 has had four lactations over 10,000 kgs and two over 12,000 kgs all in 305 days. Of her four daughters two are classified, one as VG 88 with her second and the other VG 86 with her first. The main influence of Lizzie 56 in the herd has come from her outstanding son, **Sanderson Lost Forever**, who has

55 daughters, This son of **Bankend Brown Bomber** is very positive for type especially for udders, while his PLI of 57 puts him up there with the very top bulls of the breed.

### Sandyford Queenie 10 EX 90 LP 100



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The third cow to be awarded with the LP 100 status is **Sandyford Queenie 10**, from breeders Blaise and Debbie Tomlinson in Leicestershire.

The fact that Queenie 10 has actually produced just short of 118 tonnes of milk, in only 8 completed lactations, must make her one of the highest producing cows of the breed. Sired by **Horizon Ranger** and out of **Sandyford Top Queenie VG 87**, a daughter of **Mawdesley Top Gun**, who himself is from the famous Florrie family at Mawdesley. When we look back to the maternal grand dam we see the influence of the great **Pant Wizard**, and when you delve even deeper we find she goes back to the Queenies from Halmyre, which of course bred the great **Halmyre Urr Viking**. Queenie 10 is scored at EX90 across the board, with the exception of her EX94 for her Body score.

To date she has had only three daughters, but she is due again with her ninth with the possibility of a heifer sired by **Terrace Bank Free Beer**. Queenie will then be set on increasing her production total even further.

## 80,000 Kgs Club

D & C Sanderson	Waxham Biscuit 20	Humeston Black Star	85,438	4.42	3.52	6,785	8
L J R B & J V Tristram	Rogus Embroidery 3	Torpane	80,340	4.84	3.66	6,826	11

## 60,000 Kgs Club

G Hall & Son	Dudley Wood Judith 14	D. W. Immortal Miller	76,864	4.04	3.48	5,788	9
	Dudley Wood Judith 17	Hunnington Admiral	74,822	3.45	3.05	4,866	9
J A McGarva	Dudley Wood Myrtle 21	D. W. Immortal Miller	73,087	3.50	3.42	5,058	9
	Dunlop's Jinks	STBVQ Darwin	72,680	4.07	3.41	5,436	8
	Horseclose Aerial 3	Horseclose Einstein	61,525	4.31	3.30	4,683	8
	Horseclose Barbie 2	Horseclose Champagne	66,651	4.07	3.40	4,984	6
	Horseclose Jinty 8	Ryemuir Hero	66,885	3.92	3.45	4,929	6
	Horseclose Marion 18	Horseclose Champion	65,257	3.74	3.47	4,707	9
	Muirston Joanna 16	Horizon Ranger Red	61,870	5.31	3.78	5,623	7
M W & A Stevenson	Nether Abington Mavoureen 9	Langside Duke	71,990	3.78	3.16	4,993	9
	Stevenson's Joyful 4	Stevenson's Integrity	66,868	4.17	3.31	5,002	8
L J R B & J V Tristram	Rogus Escallonia	Stensjo	67,656	3.93	3.29	4,886	8

## Production Cows

P Coryn & J Pollard	Pam Ayr's Dream Hawaii	P. Ayr's Dream Catcher	9,922	4.27	3.49	720	4
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J B L Young	West Spittal Heather 35	Dilham Double Agent	Four Stars
G G Baynes & Son	Marleycote Sea Lily	C. Towers Autumn Gold	Two Stars
D W Berresford & Son	Heydale Bronara	A. E V Kate's Trident	Two Stars
	Heydale Winsome 97	Bonnie Brae Tuxedo	Two Stars
J Drummond	Cottown Ruth 2	Ravenhill Quincy	Two Stars
	Cottown Ashleigh	Dunkeerin Milk Cup	One Star
	Cottown Lulu	Ravenhill Quincy	One Star
J B L Young	West Spittal Heather 42	Meadolake Jubilant	One Star

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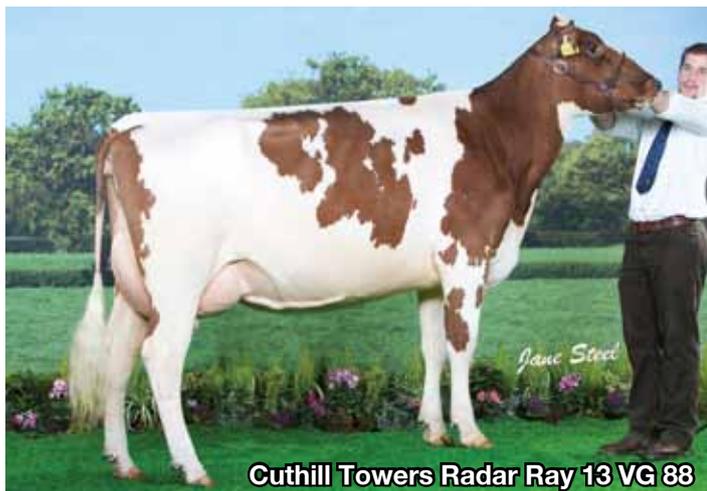
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# The Influence Of McCornick Nelson And His Sons

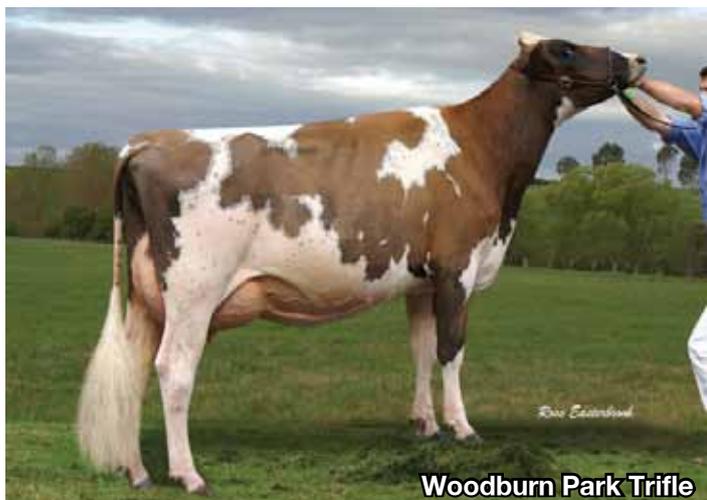
by John Cochrane

With his tally of excellent daughters passing the magic hundred mark, four of whom are scored EX94, there can be no doubt that McCornick Nelson thoroughly deserves his place at the top table as one of the best sires ever to grace the Ayrshire breed. Although born in 1996, his UK type rating of +1.5 and a strike rate of 10% of his classified daughters achieving Excellent status, elevates him up there with the best, not only in the UK but all around the world. Although now dead, his influence through his sons looks likely to further enhance that reputation.

Probably his best known son internationally is **Hunnington Mandella**, bred by the Window family, and out of the remarkable **Pylon Easled EX94 LP100**, who at the age of 17 years produced over 9000 kgs, and was still able to be shown in the Production/Inspection class at her local show. His high milk (remember our pure bulls have to compete with Red and White Holsteins) with decent components is inherited from his female line, as is their tendency to be slow maturing. Noted for their femininity and class, he already has four progeny test daughters classified Excellent at the minimum age. Among his many progeny gracing the show ring is **Cuthill Towers Radar Ray 13 VG 88** 2y old who recently was the winning two year old in milk and Reserve Champion at Dairy Expo following on from her second prize at Agriscot, and thought by many to have a great future.



**Cuthill Towers Radar Ray 13 VG 88**



**Woodburn Park Trifle**

On the International front his Australian daughter Woodburn Park Trifle, in the herd of the Biffen family, is typical of what Mandella can produce with her tremendous quality, style and dairyness. Just to prove that cow families are just important as sires in breeding, **Auchensale Star Performer** is the product of all that is good in both his sire and his remarkable dam, **Auchensale Linkane VG 87 LP80**, who was lost prematurely just short of 100 tonnes when she was looking good for many more.

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Like his mother, he scores well for all the health traits being +0.3 for Lifespan and top for fertility, while also being a significant butterfat improver at +0.03%. Star Performer's are very youthful heifers with very tight udders and good bone quality, and are inclined to lack capacity early on, but develop with every lactation. They typically have inherited their grandmother's traits of having very little oedema in their udder when they calve and being persistent milkers with flat lactation curves making them easy to manage. His oldest daughter has already scored Excellent with more to come, I'm sure, when they mature. Another son making his mark on the Ayrshire breed is **Castern Tornado**. Bred by the White family high in the Derbyshire dales, his mother, **Castern Tulip 21 EX92 LP60**, was one of the best daughters of Bankend Lord Ontario, with seven lactations of high milk yields and extremely high components, with several lactations over 5% bf and milk yields to 9000kgs. Tornado is a big milk improver while still maintaining milk quality. He excels in both body traits and legs and feet, being +1.1 for dairy strength with a chest width score of a massive plus of 2.6.



**Hunnington Fragrance 55 VG 89**

His best known daughter is **Hunnington Fragrance 55 VG 89**, bred and shown by Chris and Liza Window. Classified VG 89 with an EX 90 mammary, the maximum score for a second calver, as a heifer she swept everything aside in the show ring with her beautiful udder and quality legs and feet, and has matured into one of the top cows in the UK. **Ravenhill Enigma**, bred from the famous Ethel family, is one of these sires that you take for granted and then they surprise you as they mature into great cows. Enigma's ratings, of +1 for type with similar scores for legs and feet, put him in the top 5% of the breed with a "no holes" proof, which is just as you would expect from an Ethel bull.

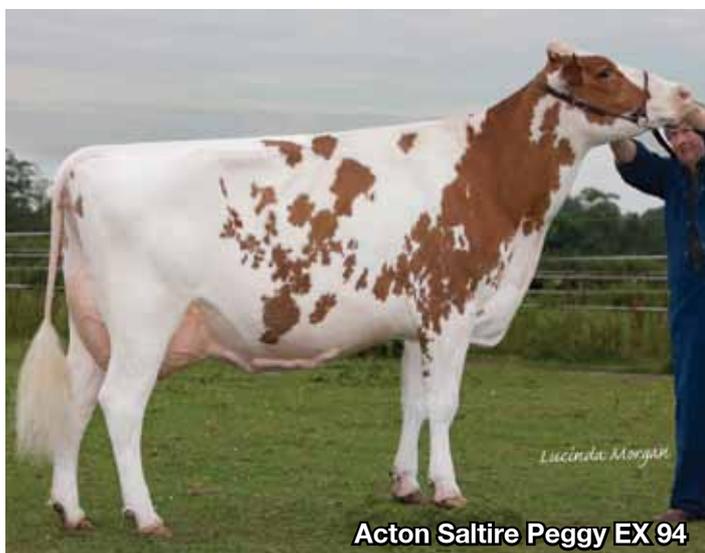


**Haresfoot Enigma Pamela EX 93**

His highest profile daughter is the show winning **Haresfoot Enigma Pamela EX 93**, in the Rosehill herd of the Christophers family, with a third lactation of over 12000 kgs at over 5% butterfat and in big demand as an embryo donor.

Nelson's highest type son at **+2.6** is **Waxham Executive ET** with tremendous scores for legs and feet, and udder support, both scoring + 2.7, along with a big plus for production. As you would expect he also scores highly for lifespan. His dam was the famous **Waxham Evergreen 129 EX 94**, a cow with a pedigree packed full of all that was best in UK genetics, with sons used as stock bulls in some of the top herds in the country. Although his attributes were slow to be recognised, he has many daughters about to join the milking herds of the UK, giving high expectations.

Although being 75% Ayrshire, **Stevenson's Saltire** is one of the rare bulls that have won the acceptance of both the Red and White breeder and the Pure. His combination of transmitting high milk yields, (+300kgs) to his progeny without sacrificing the strengths of the Ayrshire breed, and a tremendous Dairy Strength figure of +1.2, made up of figures like +0.9 for chest width and +1.6 for body depth, has made him popular with commercial and pedigree breeders alike. Exceptionally for a high production bull, he maintains butterfat yields along with the high milk. Although not a show specialist, many of his daughters have done well in the ring emulating his famous dam, **Stevenson's Marcia 2 EX 96 LP 100 3\*Brood cow**, one of the top cows in the show ring more than a decade ago.



**Acton Saltire Peggy EX 94**

His most exciting daughter is the widely admired **Acton Saltire Peggy EX 94**, who was one of the stars at the Acton dispersal of the late John Tomlinson, when she sold at 9000 gns to the Willholm herd of the Williams family in South Wales.

One of the youngest sons of Nelson is **Green Lane Prodigy**, who had a very promising proof last December, being high for milk and plus proven for both udders and legs and feet. All report since then have pointed towards even better things to come. As one of the first young sires to be sold as sexed, he already has over two hundred progeny registered, so he should have a very high reliability proof. His two maternal brothers, **Twemlow Major Threat** and **Twemlow Admiral Glen**, have both been big successes for both production and type, which is not surprising as their mother, **Twemlow Heligo Pride EX 91**, had over 80 tonnes of milk in seven lactations.

Another son set to have a big influence not only in the UK but around the world, is **Trevaskis Matchmaker**. Bred by Sue Hearne in Cornwall and out of one of the best Meikle Laught Triple Crown daughters in the UK, he has a proof both here and in Canada where he is creating some excitement with his first type proof, admittedly on only ten daughters, showing him with figures of 90% GP and better of which two are VG, seven are GP with one classified G. UK figures for type based on 20 daughters show him to be +1.2 for type. Great udder support figures combined with good legs and feet have added to his attraction. With 64 daughters milking here, he, like Prodigy, will add a lot of daughters next proof run, adding reliability.

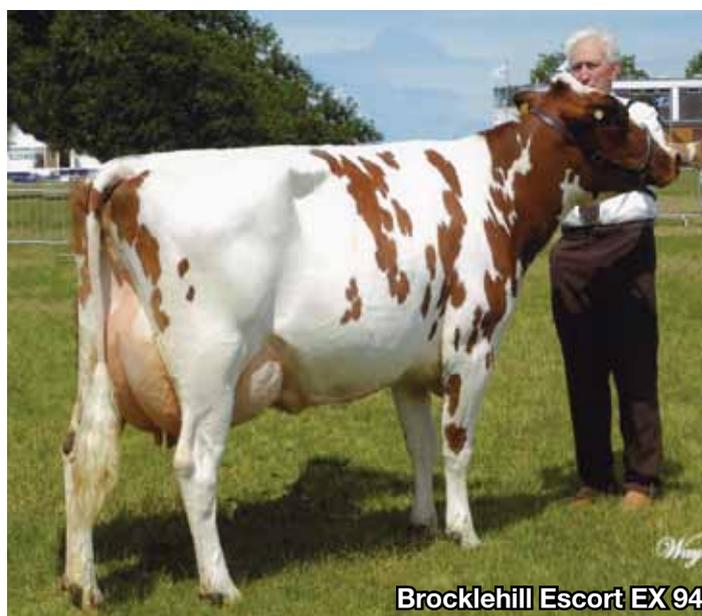


**Willhome White Flash Dainty**

Another son of Nelson with a very reliable proof is **Highway Billy Ruffian**. Bred from the great **Highway Brown Fairy 5 EX 91 LP100**, the popularity of his mother's family meant that he had over 100 daughters in his first proof. Like Matchmaker, his type merit score of + 0.8 and his plus for both udders and feet and legs, is coupled to high Life Span scores.

Of all the proven sons of Nelson, when it comes to production **Knutsford White Flash** is the king, with a massive plus of 378 kgs for milk. We have to remember that all these production figures are made against bulls from both here and Scandinavia with various amounts of outside blood in their make up.

For those that were acquainted with the Knutsford herd, now sadly dispersed, these figures are no surprise as it has always been recognised as one of the best commercial herds in the country. Although negative for components, White Flash can leave the really good one and with his background will have an influence on the breed for the future.



**Brocklehill Escort EX 94**

Last of the proven sons is **Brocklehill Equerry**, a son of the Royal show champion **Brocklehill Escort EX 94 LP60** Although his early proof showed him to be neutral for type but with very high production, all indications both visual and from the classifiers, point to a lift in his type proof this time round.

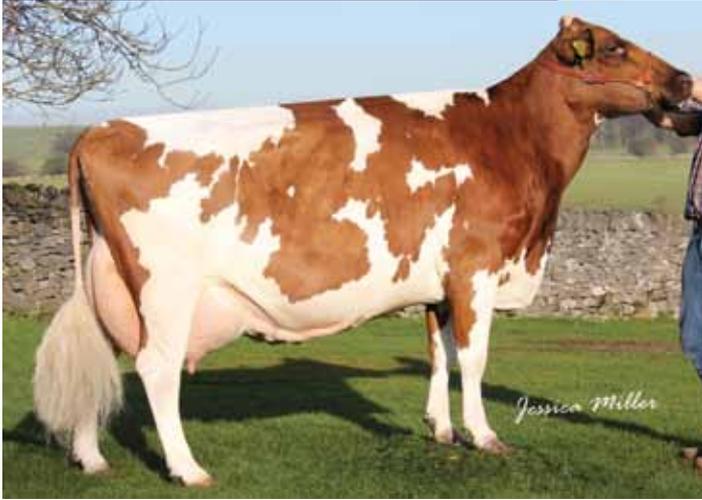
Although he has not an initial proof yet, there is no doubt about the popularity of **Wroughton Lord Winston**, with semen already sold around the world, mainly on the strength of his dam, **Wroughton Janet 2 EX 94** and his fabulous grand dam, **Ruby 2 EX 94**, who already has four excellent daughters.

There can be no doubt about McCornick Nelson's contribution to the Ayrshire breed, or that his influence will be felt for a long time to come.



# Classifications

## Whitecroft Ruth 87 EX 95 4E



A most outstanding cow of our breed has to be the recently classified **Whitecroft Ruth 87**, now EX 95, from the Broadley family at Brundcliffe Farm, Buxton, Derbyshire.

Sired by Saguenayenne Kate Medalist and out of Whitecroft Ruth 69 VG 88, Ruth 87 optimises everything the Ayrshire breed stands for. Now in her seventh lactation but yet she is only eight and a half years old proves that her calving index is second to none!

In her heifer lactation she was scored at H2 83. The next time she was seen was with her third calf where she was marked up to VG 89, as a fourth EX 92, after her fifth she reached EX 94 and now to EX 95 with EX 97 legs and feet and EX 96 mammary score. What's more she has held a very level production through each lactation so far and with butterfat reaching 4.24% and protein to 3.47%. To date she has three daughters, sired by the homebred Whitecroft Jacob, Des Prairies Potter and Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette, and in this recent photograph she is still certainly looking the part.

## Classification Achievements

### R C & A L Adams Ltd

**Tessvale Baby 3 EX 90** Tessvale Mark (8)

**Tessvale Julia 8 EX 90** Garthland Snowman (5)

**Tessvale Margaret 12 EX 90** Ravenhill Enigma (4)

**Tessvale Baby 17 VG 85** Overside Dragon (1)

### R A & S Arnott

**Haresfoot Easlad Ella EX 91 (3)** Hunnington BBK Easlad (4)

### J & M Barr

**Caldergleng Honeysuckle EX 93 (2)** Morwick Sand Ranger Red (9)

**Caldergleng Martha EX 93 (2)** Barr Supersonic (5)

**Caldergleng Mars EX 91** Caldergleng Jupiter (5)

**Caldergleng Naomi 2 EX 91 (2)** Caldergleng Highland Fling (5)

**Caldergleng Samantha 3 EX 91** Sanderson Last Talisman (5)

**Caldergleng Pop Star 2 EX 90** Caldergleng Jubilee (5)

**Caldergleng Sandpiper 2 EX 90** Caldergleng Lancelot (4)

**Caldergleng Susan 2 EX 90** Caldergleng Lancelot (4)

**Caldergleng Anastasia 2 VG 86** Sanderson Last Talisman (1)

**Caldergleng Andrea 2 VG 86** Caldergleng Senator (1)

**Caldergleng Autumn 2 VG 85** Caldergleng Senator (1)

### G G Baynes & Son

**Morwick Fawn 3 EX 94 (6)** Ketby M E Milestone Red (8)

**Marleycote Sea Lily 4 EX 93 (2)** McCornick Nelson (5)

**Park Head Buntly EX 93 (3)** Stelbro Design (5)

**Marleycote Annette EX 92 (2)** Marleycote Winton Robbie (4)

**Park Head Judy 3 EX 92 (2)** Corringham Rasputin Red (6)

**Marleycote Fawn 4 VG 86** Marleycote Willy (1)

**Park Head Diamond Adriane VG 86** Marleycote Diamond (1)

**Marleycote Annette 5 VG 85** Middle Emeralds Supreme (1)

### D W Berresford & Son

**Heydale Flox 20 EX 94 (6)** Woodland View Pedro (8)

**Heydale Mossrose 53 EX 93 (3)** Heydale Blizzard (5)

**Heydale Winsome 110 EX 93 (3)** Shady Walnut Conn (5)

**Heydale Ovoid 242 EX 92 (3)** Heydale Blizzard (5)

**Heydale Big Kate EX 91 (2)** Heydale Kellys Star (8)

**Heydale Ovoid 241 EX 91 (2)** Stamford Winning Flash (5)

**Heydale Ovoid 267 EX 91** Heydale Montrose (3)

**Heydale Winsome 116 EX 90** Kellcrest Happiness (3)

**Heydale Flox 30 VG 87** Bonnie Brae Ambush (1)

**Heydale Ovoid 303 VG 87** Heydale Broadway (1)

**Heydale Winsome 124 VG 87** Lagace Modem (1)

**Heydale Ovoid 292 VG 86** Heydale Wilderness (1)

**Heydale Sheila 91 VG 86** Heydale Wilderness (1)

**Heydale Winsome 129 VG 85** Des Prairies Potter (1)

### H Bolderston

**Harry's Babylon Primrose VG 86** Corringham Babylon (1)

### W Brassington

**Acton Saltire Lady Marina VG 85** Stevenson's Saltire (1)

### J D & B F Broadley & Sons

**Whitecroft Ruth 87 EX 95 (4)** Saguenayenne Kate Medalist (7)

**Whitecroft Nellie 33 EX 94 (4)** Stretton Triple Prime (6)

**Whitecroft Anna 46 EX 93 (3)** Covey-Farms Reno (9)

**Whitecroft Brown Girl 7 EX 93 (2)** Green Lane Marshall (6)

**Whitecroft Mary 13 EX 93 (5)** McCornick Nelson (8)

**Whitecroft Katie EX 91 (2)** Whitecroft Double R (7)

**Middle Dunlops Blend EX 90** Middle Dunlops Man (3)

**Whitecroft Bell 8 EX 90 (2)** McCornick Nelson (7)

**Whitecroft Cathy 8 EX 90** Bradnop Tribute (5)

**Whitecroft Emmie 69 EX 90 (2)** Saguenayenne Kate Medalist (6)

**Whitecroft Hilda 33 EX 90** McCornick Navigator (5)

**Whitecroft Mary 16 EX 90** Palmyra Pardner Baltimore (5)

**Whitecroft Nellie 38 EX 90** Celandine First Lord (3)

**Whitecroft Anna 67 VG 86** A Linne (1)

### T Brown

**Oakfield Conceit EX 93** Horizon Ranger Red (7)

# Classification Achievements

**Oakfield Dahlia 13 EX 90** Ravenhill Cavalier (4)

## **H Charles**

**Glwydeth Chosen Lena 3 VG 86** Cherry Tree Chosen One (1)

**Glwydeth Chosen Snowy VG 86** Cherry Tree Chosen One (1)

**Glwydeth Chosen Nance VG 85** Cherry Tree Chosen One (1)

## **R Cranshaw**

**Hulton Park Jemima 4 EX 91** Brieryside Winning Hand (3)

## **T Crawford & Co Ltd**

**Moorside Marie 7 EX 94 (3)** West Mossgiel Star (5)

**Marsh View Sabre Marie EX 93 (3)** Briar Factor Sabre Red (6)

**Longwood Magic Marie EX 90** Rosedale Mr Magic (3)

**Longwood Talent Eunice EX 90** Ladino Park Talent (4)

## **R Danforth**

**Barr Kiss 5 EX 93** Barr Regent (5)

**Pylon Minty 12 EX 90** Highway Billy Ruffian (3)

## **L Davidson & Sons**

**Halmyre Urr Louise 211 EX 92** Halmyre Urr Jack (4)

**Halmyre Urr Pride 10 EX 92 (3)** Knowe First Priority (5)

**Barr Bright Scorpio EX 91** Barr Victory Song (4)

**Halmyre Urr Etta 326 EX 91** Halmyre Urr Pinsent (3)

**Halmyre Urr Jinks 407 EX 91** Howie's Figo (4)

**Halmyre Urr Emily 3 EX 90** West Port Bookman Red (3)

**Halmyre Urr Martha 26 EX 90** Halmyre Urr Pinsent (3)

**Halmyre Urr Ladybird 425 VG 85** Howie's Stelth (1)

## **R W Dick**

**Garthland Kamila EX 90** Garthland Dandy (7)

## **J Drummond**

**Cottown Ruth 3 EX 93 (2)** Killoch Plum Choice (8)

**Cottown Jenni EX 92 (2)** Dunkeerin Milk Cup (10)

**Cottown Emma 3 EX 91 (2)** Killoch Plum Choice (5)

**Cottown Jane 6 EX 90** Ravenhill Tornado (4)

**Cottown Ashleigh 12 VG 86** Cottown Justice (1)

**Cottown Lara 5 VG 85** Ravenhill Enigma (1)

**Cottown Ruth 16 VG 85** Lagace Ristourn (1)

## **A Emerson & Son**

**Trewmount Sweet Snowdrop EX 92** Trewmount Commander (5)

**Trewmount Danna 31 EX 91** Trewmount Commander (4)

**Trewmount Lulu 25 EX 90** Trewmount Commander (4)

**Trewmount Foggy 10 VG 85** Ravenhill Top Man (1)

## **D Galbraith**

**Sunny Bank Camilla 22 VG 85** Yellow Briar Journalist (1)

## **A Gray & Son**

**Langside Kelly 10 EX 92** Humeston Golden Bolt (4)

**Langside Anne 19 EX 91** Humeston Golden Bolt (3)

**Langside Anne 21 VG 85** Humeston Winter Storm (1)

**Langside Beauty 98 VG 85** Humeston Winter Storm (1)

## **R C Gemmell**

**Muirston Denise 77 EX 90 (3)** Subliem Tulip (6)

## **T Gordon**

**Grove Erinus 4 EX 90 (2)** Meikle Laught Triple Crown (8)

**Grove Rosie 5 EX 90 (2)** Morwick Sand Ranger Red (6)

**Grove Lupin 7 VG 85** K C Roses Chatter T Red (1)

## **H M The Queen**

**Windsor Trident's Fleur 25 EX 90** Ardrossan E V Kate's Trident (5)

## **HRH The Duke Of Cornwall**

**Duchy Aggies Jethro 4 EX 90** Rosehill Blackthorn (4)

**Duchy Janet 9 EX 90** Rosehill Blackthorn (5)

**Duchy Mary 5 EX 90** Rosehill Blackthorn (4)

**Duchy Parham Eranthis 2 EX 90** Garthland Snowman (5)

**Duchy Parham Wendy EX 90** Des Chamois Pat Laro (5)

**Duchy Plum 22 EX 90** Changue Tryst (3)

**Duchy Tryst Flora 61 VG 85** Changue Tryst (1)

**Duchy Tryst Jenny VG 85** Changue Tryst (1)

**Duchy Tryst Peggy VG 85** Changue Tryst (1)

## **D & K Haworth**

**Ryecroft Classic Victoria EX 90** Poos Stadel Classic (3)

## **W Henderson**

**Ballynahone Ailsa EX 92 (2)** McCormick Nelson (5)

**Ballynahone Fenola 2 EX 90 (2)** McCormick Nelson (6)

## **D A Howie & Sons**

**Morwick Sandra 85 EX 92** Morwick Sand King Red (3)

**Morwick Peggy 84 EX 90** Dudoc Bacculum (6)

**Morwick Gladys 71 VG 87** Poos Stadel Classic (1)

**Morwick Sandra 87 VG 87** Sterndale Rose Royce Red (1)

**Morwick Peggy 92 VG 86** Morwick Mr B (1)

**Morwick Fawn 9 VG 85** Cogent Retinue Red (1)

## **J Howie**

**Howie's Gemma 2 EX 92 (3)** Noremead Supreme Red (5)

**Muirside Diana EX 91** Muirside Jericho (3)

**Crofthead Oma Girl 69 EX 90 (2)** JA-Bob Jordan Red (5)

**Howie's Christina 2 EX 90** Morwick Lakeside King Red (4)

**Howie's Wren 5 EX 90** Clara's Orkan Hol (7)

**Howie's Wren 23 EX 90 (2)** Howie's Dream Catcher (5)

## **M Howie**

**Douglas's Corashow EX 91 (2)** Dilham Drifter (4)

**Douglas's Nikita EX 90** Millford Toronto (3)

**Ridley Hill Effie EX 90** Millford Toronto (3)

**Ridley Hill Snow Times VG 89** Muir Mr Magic (2)

**Show Shine Milky Witch VG 85** Douglas's Milky Ways (1)

## **W J G Hunter**

**Ardmore Orphan 95 EX 91** Morwick Sand Ranger Red (3)

**Ardmore Cowslip 91 VG 86** Ardrossan E V Kate's Trident (1)

**Ardmore Crocus 116 VG 85** Ardmore Crown Napier (1)

**Ardmore Yellow Kate 21 VG 85** Bonnie Brae Heligo (1)

## **I Hutchinson**

**Tontine Sparkly Kismet EX 90** Grandage Bright Spark (3)

**Tontine Tig Nomad EX 90** Tontine Tigman (3)

**Tontine Tig Mar VG 86** Tontine Tigman (1)

**Tontine Tig Marguerita VG 85** Tontine Tigman (1)

# Classification Achievements

## R & M King

**Middle Brown Hully EX 90 (2)** Middle Brown Bomber (4)

## H Lilburn

**Sandyford Florrie 9 EX 90 (3)** Indianhead Red Marker (7)

**Brookvale Fancy Florrie VG 87** McCormick Nelson (1)

## J McColm

**Garthland Rosalea VG 85** Garthland Joseph (1)

**Garthland Ruff VG 85** Garthland Joseph (1)

## R McConnell

**Heydale Ovoid 205 EX 91** McCormick Nelson (6)

**Low Barnultoch Marie Girl 32 EX 92 (2)** B. First Command (9)

**Beechmount Peggy EX 90** Hunnington Mandella (3)

**Largyvale Marie Girl 3 EX 90** McCormick Nelson (5)

**Beechmount Rilla 2 VG 86** Ravenhill Sure Enough (1)

**Mossburnhill Jean 8 VG 85** Dunkeerin Endeavour (1)

## J McLean

**Atley Hill Yellow Pamela VG 87** Yellow Briar Journalist (1)

## R C & T Martin

**Hilltown Snowball 743 VG 85** Hilltown Glacier (1)

## A Millar

**Ballygreggan Cushie 6 EX 94 (2)** Brieryside Golden Sand (6)

**Ballygreggan Princess 18 EX 91** Carnell Bright Crown (4)

**Ballygreggan Cushie 8 EX 90** Green Lane Marshall (5)

**Ballygreggan Princess 17 EX 90** Carnell Bright Crown (4)

**Ballygreggan Lindy 18 VG 86** Sure-View Auburn Red (1)

**Ballygreggan Laura 15 VG 85** Sure-View Auburn Red (1)

## M J & D Needham

**Bradnop Kilda 8 EX 92 (2)** Ravenhill Enterprise (7)

**Bradnop Diana 9 EX 90** McCormick Nelson (7)

## Messrs Nicholls

**Hilltown Snowball 466 EX 93 (3)** Meikle Laught Triple Crown (9)

**Hilltown Violet 123 EX 93 (5)** Hilltown Will He (8)

**Hilltown Violet 155 EX 93 (3)** Ravenhill Cracker (5)

**Hilltown Violet 166 EX 93 (2)** Plum Bottom Trident's Lot (5)

**Hilltown Snowball 499 EX 92 (2)** Hilltown Will He (8)

**Hilltown Snowball 570 EX 92 (3)** Roi Galant (5)

**Hilltown Patricia 148 EX 91 (2)** Changue Back Up (6)

**Hilltown Patricia 155 EX 91** Hilltown Galaxy (5)

**Hilltown Star 377 EX 91 (2)** Stretton Triple Prime (6)

**Hilltown Belle 78 EX 90** Hilltown Hijack (7)

**Hilltown Star 305 EX 90** Ravenhill Cracker (9)

**Hilltown Star 445 EX 90** Highway Billy Ruffian (3)

**Hilltown Star 448 EX 90** Margot Calimero (3)

**Hilltown Violet 143 EX 90** McCormick Nelson (7)

**Hilltown Snowball 748 VG 86** Glen Malcolm Zion (1)

**Hilltown Snowball 755 VG 86** Hilltown Crackerjack (1)

**Hilltown Violet 265 VG 86** Brocklehill Bank Book (1)

**Hilltown Patricia 191 VG 85** Hilltown Elegance (1)

**Hilltown Snowball 732 VG 85** Saguenayenne Kate Medalist (1)

**Hilltown Snowball 764 VG 85** Horseclose Einstein (1)

## S Nuttall

**Middle Chrissie Ranger EX 93** Rulesmains Border Horizon (9)

**Edendale Brendan Chrissie EX 90** Royalcroft Brendan (4)

**Middle Golden Begonia EX 90** Middle Goldstone (8)

## M H Parkes

**Highway Banana 15 EX 94 (3)** Highway Hallmark (10)

**Highway Banana 16 EX 91 (2)** Middle Velvet Command (10)

**Highway Brown Fairy 36 EX 90** Woodland View Pardner (4)

**Highway Jane 46 EX 90** Highway Hallmark (8)

## J A J Pearce

**Mercaston Marjorie 110 EX 91** Stamford Derby Winner (4)

**Acton Threat Peggy EX 90** Twemlow Major Threat (3)

**Penrhallt Eva EX 90** Craigtown Amber (4)

## W Ralston

**East Drumlemble Apple 8 EX 91** La Sapiniere Cacylite (3)

**East Drumlemble Jilly 8 EX 91** Margot Calimero (3)

**East Drumlemble Kay 2 EX 91** East Drumlemble Jupiter (4)

**East Drumlemble Ivy-O 7 EX 90** Stevenson's Saltire (5)

**East Drumlemble Treasure 19 EX 90** East Drumlemble Jupiter (3)

**East Drumlemble Jalna 52 VG 86** Stevenson's Saltire (1)

**East Drumlemble Bellflower VG 85** East Drumlemble Trinity (1)

**East Drumlemble Jan 15 VG 85** East Drumlemble Trinity (1)

## S P R & L Reed

**Haresfoot Simply Red Pamela EX 94 (3)** Forte Simply Red (5)

**Knockenjig Moonshine 22 EX 94 (3)** Ellerton Special Blend (5)

**Rhos Frumpy EX 92 (2)** Gupton Lieutenant Commander (4)

**Rhos Eleanor EX 91** Gupton Lieutenant Commander (3)

**Rhos Foggy EX 91 (2)** McCormick Nelson (4)

**Rhos Sunday First Q EX 91** Stamford First Quality (3)

**Rhos Vary Nel EX 91 (2)** McCormick Nelson (4)

**Haresfoot Blaze Bo Peep EX 90** Haresfoot Blaze (3)

**Rhos Agnes EX 90** Gupton Lieutenant Commander (6)

**Rhos Arbella EX 90** Gupton Lieutenant Commander (3)

**Rhos Lifer EX 90 (2)** Gupton Lieutenant Commander (4)

**Rhos Valerie Nel EX 90** McCormick Nelson (4)

**Haresfoot Brazen Ella VG 89** Haresfoot Brazen (2)

**Rhos Lydiatwo Easlad VG 87** Hunnington BBK Easlad (1)

## L Rockett

**Greenway Lucy EX 91** Rosehill Blackthorn (3)

**Eastacombe Ellie EX 90** Cuthill Towers Autumn Gold (5)

**Greenway Polly EX 90** East Church Admiral Don (6)

## S Seedall

**Jamara Rampage Elsie VG 85** Rosedale-L Rampage Red (1)

## C Service & Co Ltd

**Carsenaw Eunice 34 EX 91** Barr Regent (5)

**Carsenaw Meg 24 EX 90** West Mossgiel Star (6)

**Carsenaw Meg 26 EX 90** Kellcrest Ice Man (5)

**Carsenaw Kirsty 44 VG 85** West Mossgiel Classic Talent (1)

## W Sloan & Co

**Ryemuir Ice Man Crackers EX 94** Kellcrest Ice Man (6)

# Classification Achievements

**Ryemuir Classic Spankie EX 90** Poos Stadel Classic (3)

**Ryemuir Wisconsin Crackers VG 87** April-Day Wisconsin Red (1)

**J Smith**

**Acton Navigator Heather Honey EX 90** McCormick Navigator (3)

**G Stockdale**

**Castledale Ethel 2 EX 90** Hunnington Mandella (3)

**Castledale Rosemary 4 EX 90 (4)** Meikle Laught Triple Crown (7)

**J Suffern**

**Ravenhill Tulip 26 EX 94 (6)** Ballyclan First Command (10)

**Ravenhill Ethel 382 EX 93 (3)** McCormick Nelson (5)

**Ravenhill Ethel 393 EX 93 (3)** McCormick Nelson (5)

**Ravenhill Tulip 55 EX 93 (4)** Ardrossan E V Kate's Trident (7)

**Ravenhill Ethel 411 EX 92 (2)** Margot Calimero (4)

**Ravenhill Ethel 344 EX 91 (4)** Ravenhill Quandary (8)

**Ravenhill Tulip 83 EX 91 (2)** Royalcroft Brendan (4)

**Ravenhill Ethel 361 EX 90 (2)** Ravenhill Innisfree (6)

**Ravenhill Ethel 373 EX 90 (3)** McCormick Nelson (5)

**Ravenhill Ethel 384 EX 90** McCormick Nelson (5)

**Ravenhill Ethel 430 EX 90** Auchensale B L Jurist (3)

**Ravenhill Ethel 442 EX 90** B Jurist (3)

**Ravenhill Tulip 91 EX 90** Ravenhill Cavalier (3)

**Ravenhill Ethel 476 VG 86** Hunnington BBK Easlad (1)

**Ravenhill Ethel 467 VG 85** B Jurist (1)

**Ravenhill Tulip 107 VG 85** Hunnington BBK Easlad (1)

**G & G Templeton**

**Knowe White Lily 394 EX 91** Morwick Sand Ranger Red (6)

**Knowe White Lily 411 EX 90** McCormick Nelson (5)

**Knowe White Lily 420 EX 90 (2)** Morwick Sand Ranger Red (5)

**Knowe White Lily 421 EX 90 (2)** Palmyra Pardner Baltimore (5)

**Knowe White Lily 503 VG 87** West Mossiel Aramis (1)

**Knowe Brown Kate 275 VG 86** Sterndale Rose Royce Red (1)

**Knowe Aster 3 VG 85** Richaven Provider (1)

**Knowe Beatrice 7 VG 85** Sterndale Rose Royce Red (1)

**Knowe White Kate 178 VG 85** Sterndale Rose Royce Red (1)

**Knowe White Lily 502 VG 85** Muirston Top Brass (1)

**E T Tomlinson & Son**

**Millford Lark 20 EX 95 (5)** Horizon Ranger Red (7)

**Millford Jungle Girl 77 EX 91 (2)** McCormick Nelson (5)

**Sandyford Clover 12 EX 90** Hulton Park Twilight (4)

**Millford Mayflower 8 VG 86** Des Prairies Potter (1)

**Millford Jemima 26 VG 85** Horizon Ranger Red (1)

**J H Tomlinson**

**Acton Jubilant Amanda VG 85** Brieryside Jubilant Scot (1)

**S Wadsworth**

**Craigtown Irene 135 VG 86** Ravenhill Snowfire (1)

**J S Watson**

**Barr Sandy Rose 34 EX 93 (4)** Dudoc Bacculum (7)

**Keir Mains Income 23 VG 86** Changue Tryst (1)

**High Mark Magic Poppet VG 85** Muir Mr Magic (1)

**Halmyre Urr Poker 20 VG 85** Halmyre Urr Walnut (1)

**R A Watterson**

**Lakeland Queenie 7 EX 92 (2)** Ravenhill Enigma (4)

**Lakeland Molly 3 EX 90** Bonnie Brae Heligo (4)

**Lakeland Rose 4 EX 90** Changue Tryst (7)

**C Window**

**Hunnington Mandella Annabell VG 86** Hunnington Mandella (1)

**M Young & Sons**

**Keir Mains Gladness 18 EX 91** Almere Pericles (4)

**Keir Mains Juniper 27 EX 90** Backgard (8)

**Keir Mains Vespa 52 VG 85** Green Lane Prodigy (1)

**CSA Uplifts Extras**

**Cuthill Towers Regal Ray 11 VG 85** Cuthill Towers Romeo (1)

**Horseclose Matilda 12 VG 85** Ardmore Crown Napier (1)

**Bulls Classified**

**R & M King**

**Kirkinriola Romeo VG 88** Stamford Prize Winner

**R Loud**

**Luxulyan Rebus VG 86** Stevenson's Saltire

**S P R & L Reed**

**Rhos Humphrey Potter EX 91** Des Prairies Potter

**G & G Templeton**

**Knowe Sandy Leader VG 88** Lagace Ristourn

# Free Classifications

The list of young bull daughters has been updated as from 1st April 2013 as follows and will be updated again on 1st October 2013.

**Auchensale Black Pearl**

**Bigginvale Destination**

**Carnell Asset Maker**

**Castern Thunder**

**Cuthill Towers Romeo**

**Green Lane World Leader**

**Haresfoot Elegant**

**Hawksfield Blue Sky**

**Highway Tourist**

**Knowe Dons Valley**

**Maple Dell Modern Diego**

**Rosehill Rhythmajig**

**Stamford Henrick**

**Twemlow Admiral Glen**

**Wroughton Lord Winston**

# Club News

## Ayr

The Annual Herds Competition was on Thursday 29 November 2012 with eight herds taking part. The judge for the day was Brian Stevenson, Kirminnoch, Stranraer, the competition being sponsored by John D Laird, Agricultural Contractor, Semex UK, Harbro Ltd and Quest Farm Supplies Ltd. Results were as follows:

**Best Overall Herd** - J & G Lawrie - Sandyford

**Large Herd** - 1-Sandyford, 2-Knowe - G & G Templeton, 3-Brocklehill - J & K Rennie

**Small Herd** - 1-West Mossgiel - R & R B Cunningham, 2-West Spittal - J & M Young, 3-Pocknave - G & R Templeton

**Cow Family** - 1-Brieryside Sylvia 21 (Normead Supreme Red) and Brieryside Sylvia 30 (Poos Stadel Classic) (Sisters) - Sandyford, 2-Muirston Whim 48 EX 90 (Normead Supreme Red) and West Spittal Whim (Muirston Main Chance) (Dam & Daughter) - West Spittal, 3-Knowe White Lily 421 EX 90 (Palmyra Pardiner Baltimore) and Knowe White Lily 503 (West Mossgiel Aramis) (Dam & Daughter) - Knowe

**Individual Cow** - 1-Knowe Bertha 193 EX 94 (Brieryside Pearly King) - Knowe, 2-Brieryside Snowdrop 5 (Waxham Executive) - Sandyford, 3-West Spittal Heather 95 EX 94 (Des Chamois Pat Laro) - West Spittal

**Progeny Group** - 1-West Mossgiel Aramis - West Mossgiel, 2-Normead Supreme Red - Sandyford, 3-West Spittal Regiment Red - West Spittal

**Best Heifer** - 1-Brieryside Profile Cherry (Brieryside High Profile) - Sandyford, 2-Knowe White Lily 503 (West Mossgiel Aramis) - Knowe, 3-West Spittal Whim (Muirston Main Chance) - West Spittal

**Best Cow or Heifer (min 87.5% Ayrshire)** - 1-Knowe Bertha 193 EX 94 (Brieryside Pearly King) - Knowe, 2-Crofthead Angeline 37 (Bankend Aristocrat) - Crofthead, 3-Changue Cornflower 127 (Brocklehill Enquerry) - Catcraig

**Red & White Cow or Heifer (less than 25% Ayrshire)** - 1-Brieryside Sylvia 21st (Normead Supreme Red) - Sandyford, 2-West Mossgiel Wisconsin Nessie (April Day Wisconsin) - West Mossgiel, 3-Barr Trivia (Dunlop's Wanderlust) - Catcraig



**Prizes winners from Ayr Club with Alex Kirkpatrick pictured on the right**

Then into the New Year the club held their Presentation Dinner at The Royal Hotel, Cumnock and after a very enjoyable meal, Mr Alex Kirkpatrick, Barr, Sanquhar was our excellent speaker on the evening. After Alex's speech his wife Nancy presented the Herd competition trophies to the prize winners, also thanks to Nancy for drawing the winning raffle tickets. Again the sponsors of the Herd Competition are due a big thanks as without them the competition could not be done, namely David Laird, Agricultural Contractor; Semex UK, Harbro Ltd and Quest Farm Supplies Ltd.

At the end of the month we held a Quiz Night in conjunction with the West of Scotland Holstein Club, an enjoyable night was had by all. Thanks must go to the Question Masters William and Muriel Parker.

22nd February it was Ayr for the Annual Curling with the Wigtown Club where they made the trip to Ayr, where we also had a Ladies team this year. Unfortunately the Wigtown Club took the Trophy back home with them. An enjoyable day was had by all. 25th February was the joint Panel Night with the West of Scotland Holstein Club consisting of Jake Crawford, David Morton and Andy Woodburn with Robbie Duncan Chairing. An enjoyable evening was had all. Thanks to the West of Scotland Holstein Club for organising.

## Cheshire

**Herds Competition 2012 – Judges – Howard and Linda Batty**  
**Adult stock – Production & Inspection** - 1-Stamford -S Oultram (2107 Points), 2-Booth's - A Norbury (2014 Points), 3-Garrett Hall - I Patrick (1930 Points)

**Adult Stock – Inspection Only** - 1-A Norbury (950 Points), 2-S Oultram (925 Points), 3-I Patrick (900 Points)

**Youngstock** - 1-A Norbury, 2-Knutsford -A Coutts

**Two Females By The Same Sire – Production & Inspection** - 1-S Oultram (Stamford Trigger) (2237 Points), 2-S Oultram (Stamford First Quality) (2164 Points), 3-S Oultram (Stamford Triple Threat) (2145 Points)

**Lifetime Yield Of Fat & Protein** - 1-S Oultram - Stamford Roselinda 32 (Stamford French Flash) (9042 Kgs)

**Dam And Her Daughters** - 1-I Patrick (Julie), 2-S Oultram (Freda), 3-M Partington (Princess)

**Progeny Group** - 1-M Partington (Muirston Bar None), 2-A Norbury (Haresfoot Buzz), 3-I Patrick (Garrett Hall Gladiator)

**Cell Count** - 1-I Patrick (186), 2-A Norbury (231)

**Best Cow** - 1- Attwell Amanda 4 (Horizon Ranger) - J Tomlinson

**Best Heifer** - 1- Acton Amanda (Brieryside Jubilant Scot) - J Tomlinson

## Cornwall

In November we held our annual dinner and dance at the Kilbirnie Hotel, Newquay. We were delighted to have the Society President, Robin Barr, as our guest speaker. His wife Iona kindly presented the prizes for our herds competitions which had been judged by Arthur and Susan Lawrie. We thank both couples for making the long trip to Cornwall to take part in our events. Competition Results:

**McLaren Cup - Inspection & Production (six cows)** - Messrs Coryn & Pollard

**Trevilges Cup - Inspection and Production (three heifers)** - W R C & J E Christophers

**Wilton Memorial Cup Inspection only (four cows, two heifers)** - W R C & J E Christophers

**Bickford-Smith Cup - Family Group of Three** - Rosie - Messrs Coryn & Pollard

**Blackrock Cup - Senior Cow Inspection** - Rosehill Black Velour (Rosehill Blackthorn) - W R C & J E Christophers

**Tregonwell Cup - Progeny Group (sired by)** - Rosehill Blackthorn - W R C & J E Christophers

**Trillian Cup - Milk Quality** - Gadles Herd - T Howe

**Williams Salver - Profit Maker** - Pam Ayrs Right On Rosie (Horizon Ranger) - Coryn & Pollard

**Haymar Cup - under 18 months heifer** - Rosehill Perdy Bouquet (Lashburn Jeopardy) - Megan Stratton

**Homedene Cup - 18 months to 3 years heifer** - Rosehill Real Velour (Palmyra Tri-Star Reality) - W R C & J E Christophers

**CSA Trophy - Test Bull Progeny** - Rosehill Abracadabra (Rosehill Slightly Magic) - W R C & J E Christophers

**Bargus Cup - Individual Animal - Small Herds** - Kennal Cherry Blossom (Knutsford White Flash) - Emma Roskilly

**Rosie Trophy - Progeny Pair (dams line)** - Rosehill Black Velour & Rosehill Real Velour - W R C & J E Christophers

**Trevaskis Calf Trophy - Junior Members Calf** - Gadles Cherry Pie (Ardmore Crown Napier) - Tegan Prisk

**Gargus Cup - Best Individual Heifer** - Pam Ayrs Hot Spot Hawaii (Walkabout Toure) - Messrs Coryn & Pollard

**Rosehill Cup - Best Individual Cow** - Pam Ayrs Dream Hawaii (Pam Ayrs Dream Catcher) - Messrs Coryn & Pollard

**Pauls Agriculture Cup - Overall Points** -

1-W R C & J E Christophers, 2-Messrs Coryn & Pollard, 3-A C Walters

December brought our annual darts evening. After several close fought matches Annette Cumow won the singles trophy and then went on to also win the doubles trophy with her husband Robert. For the first meeting of the New Year we had a very interesting talk by local vet Kumar Sivam about fertility. He showed us pictures of cows reproductive organs to enhance his talk. Kumar also surprised us with a gift of home-made biscuits which we thoroughly enjoyed. Later in January we held our quiz evening, where Clive Noy was our very able question master and John Pollard's team won again, but this time by a much closer margin. Well done to your team John. We finished with a lovely supper.

## Derbyshire

We all met up again on the first Friday of September when we enjoyed a sunny evening at Shirley Old Park Farm, Rodsley, by kind permission of Robert and Jennifer Adams and family. Once again heads were scratched when two super classes were put forward, a class of milk cows and a class of in-milk heifers. Our master judge for the evening was Courtney Walters who travelled from Cornwall to join us. There was a good turnout of members and although it soon dropped dark on us, we were treated to an excellent spread of refreshments inside. The results were: **Juniors** - 1-Amy Broadley, 2-Evie Tomlinson, 3-Ellie Adams, **Ladies** - 1-F Kent, =2-L Livesey & L Batty, 3-C Morgan **Gents** - 1-B Tomlinson, 2-M Broadley, 3-T Ikin

Our Photographic Competition was held in October when members met at The Bluebell Inn, Tissington to view the photographs that were entered into the competition, and also place two classes of photographs. A big thank you to those members who entered almost seventy photographs in all and to the master judge, who had the very difficult job of placing the photographs, Mr Alan Coutts from Ollerton, Cheshire. Unfortunately Alan was unable to join us on the evening due to ill health but an enjoyable social evening was had by all and was concluded with a 'pie & chips' supper. The winners were: **Gents** - 1-R Limer, =2-A Broadley and D Berresford, **Ladies** - 1-E Berresford, =2-C Gibson and A Bradley-Seddon, **Juniors** - 1-Andrew Temperton, 2-Alfie Berresford, 3-Amy Broadley



One Friday in November we held a 'Magical Mayhem' evening, when members, families and friends enjoyed watching magic tricks and having the opportunity of trying out some circus skills. This involved all ages and some members were chosen to assist with some tricks - most of them thinking they could catch the magician out but they did not manage it! We had a short break to eat a pie supper, and then we had the opportunity of trying out some circus skills, e.g. unicycling, juggling, plate spinning, etc.

## Kintyre & District

The club held their Annual Heifer Competition on Wednesday 28th November, when five teams of heifers were well presented for the judge, Mr John Gilmour (jnr), Humeston, Maybole to place in order. Before dinner in the Ugadale Hotel in the evening, the prizes were presented as follows:

**Parkers Cup - Heifer Team** - 1-W Ralston, 2-J & M Barr, 3-T Cameron

**Kintyre Farmers Cup - Individual Heifer** - 1-J & M Barr, 2-W Ralston, 3-A Millar

**James & Sons Quaich - Progeny Group** - 1-J & M Barr, 2-W Ralston, 3-T Cameron

**Mother & Daughter Quaich** - 1-A Millar, 2-T Cameron, 2-W Ralston

**Jonn Barr Memorial Tray for Butterfat and Protein** - 1-W Ralston, 2-A Millar

## Lanark & District

On the 5th December, the club welcomed George Templeton & Arthur Lawrie who gave an excellent talk and slide show on the World Conference in South Africa.

The AGM was held on 26th February. The usual business was discussed and suggestions for this year's programme were put forward. After the business was conducted, we were pleased to welcome Robin Barr, Society President, along with Thomas Cameron. Robin gave a very interesting and entertaining overview of the Calderglen herd.

Results for Paper Competitions were announced as follows:

**Spillers Trophy for five Highest Yielding Cows** - average daily yield: 1-W & J Adamson, Swaites 28.1 kg, 2-A & S Lawrie, Cuthill Towers -27.9 kg, 3- W S Millar, Newlands - 27 kg

**Aberhill Silver Plate for Heifers Production & Inspection** - 1- Craigends Gill - J & J Millar, Craigends, 2- Caldervale Betina 83 (Attwell Admiral) - W S Millar, 3= Swaites Buzzer 7 (Swaites Bond) -W & J Adamson, 3= Swaites Dilly 2 (Swaites Magnus)-W & J Adamson

## North East

It is with great sadness that we have lost two members of the North East Ayrshires in David Brydon and Lou Morrell, our sympathies go out to their families.

Once again we are looking forward to a very busy year, with Julia Moorhouse BVM&S, CertCHP, MRCVS giving a talk on Johne's disease, at the Golden Fleece in Thirsk. We are welcoming Blaise Tomlinson to the Great Yorkshire Show on the 9th to 11th July, anyone interested in entering please contact the GYS office.

Our evening farm walk is to be hosted by the Waterhouse family at Fourth Milestone Farm, probably in late June. We are also looking into a day trip to the James Herriot Museum in Thirsk.

The calf show is provisionally scheduled for 8th September at Thirsk Auction market. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if any of those events are of interest.

**Cow Families Competition Results: Judge Mr Peter Beresford Herd Inspection** - 1-R Danforth, 2-R Baynes, 3-Dowager Marchioness of Normanby

**Production Inspection** - 1-R Baynes, 2-R Danforth, 3-Dowager Marchioness of Normanby

**Opposite to Production Inspection** - Mr I Hutchinson

**Cow Family** - Dowager Marchioness of Normanby - Fortune, 2-R Danforth - Minty, 3-D Alderson - Pamela

**Proven Bull** - 1-Dowager Marchioness of Normanby - Horseclose Jubilee, 2-A & S Myers - Palymyra Pardner Baltimore, 3-R Baynes - Des Priaries Potter

**Unproven Bull** - 1-R Baynes - Marleycote Willy, 2-J G Waterhouse - Twemlow Admiral Glen, 3-Dowager Marchioness of Normanby - Stamford Chocolate Nugget

**Young Stock** - 1-I Hutchinson, 2-Dowager Marchioness of Normanby, 3-D Alderson

**Production Cow** - 1-Haresfoot Pamela 5 (Morwick Sand Ranger) - D Alderson, 2-Marleycote Fleur 7 (Brieryside Centurian) - R Baynes, 3- Barr Kiss 5 (Barr Regent) - R Danforth

**Production Heifer** - 1-Park Head Jody 3 (Hunnington Mandella) - R Danforth, 2-Atley Hill YBJ Pamela (Yellow Briar Journalist) - D Alderson, 3-Fourth Milestone Janice - J G Waterhouse

**Butterfat and Protein Cow** - 1-Marleycote Bronwyn 2 (Horizon Ranger) - R Baynes, 2-Haresfoot Pamela 5 (Morwick Sand Ranger) - D Alderson, 3-Baliffscourt Nell (Celandine First Lord) - Dowager Marchioness of Normanby

**Cell Count** - R Danforth

**Bactoscan** - R Danforth

**Bull Progeny** - Horseclose Jubilee - Dowager Marchioness of Normanby

**Individual Cow** - Bailiffscourt Hortense 267 (Horseclose Jubilee) - Dowager Marchioness of Normanby

**Individual Heifer** - Maleycote Sea Lily 14 (Des Prairies Potter) - R Baynes

**Overall Points** - 1-Dowager Marchioness of Normanby, 2-R Baynes

**Stock Judging** - Men - D Lund, Ladies - N Waterhouse, Juniors - Mia Waterhouse

**Highest Placed Ayrshire at Great Yorkshire Show** - R Baynes

**Group Winner at Great Yorkshire Show** - R Baynes

## North West

On the 29th October we held our AGM, when Martin Wall took over as chairman and Bobby Cranshaw as vice chairman.

We held our members night on the 19th November, at the Pines Hotel, Chorley, which was a new venue this year, we had an excellent meal and everybody had an enjoyable evening. After the meal our President, John Barton, presented Andrew Rimmer with a framed photograph of his calf, Haresfoot Ella, which he has shown all year and won the All Breeds Calf Show, congratulations to Andrew on his achievement.

## Ulster

At the beginning of November we had the opportunity to wine, dine and dance the night away at our Annual Dinner and Prize Giving evening at the Adair Arms Hotel, Ballymena. A great crowd attended and we had a delicious meal. We were delighted to welcome Robin and Iona Barr to join us and thoroughly enjoyed Robin's interesting presentation of his life involved with Ayrshire cattle. Iona had to 'sing for her supper' as she kindly agreed to hand out the prizes to the delighted recipients. After all the 'business' many keen dancers took to the floor and displayed some very agile moves that would not have been out of place on Strictly Come Dancing!

In December the annual Winter Fair took place at Balmoral, and as usual there was a good entry of fine Ayrshire cattle. A full report appears in this edition of the Journal but I must mention the Champion which was the super heifer in milk Atley Hill Yellow Pamela, owned and produced by the McLean family from Bushmills who are new members to the Society – a great debut!

The Reserve Champion and best exhibitor bred award went to John Suffern with Ravenhill Ethel 393 Ex 92. John also won the Premier exhibit in section award crowning an excellent day.

In the Interbreed Showmanship classes our young breeders did very well, with Stephanie Farren winning the Senior Class against tough opposition.

A very special and well deserved Lifetime Achievement award, in the form of a painting, was presented to John Hunter in honour of his long association and support of the Society, and the Ulster Club members were delighted for him

Our first Club meeting of the New Year was held at Ballyrashane Creamery, Coleraine to view their anaerobic digester, followed by lunch at the Lodge Hotel, Coleraine. This was an enjoyable and extremely interesting trip.

The Spring Sales commenced at Kilrea, kindly sponsored by Town of Monaghan Co-op, where the Judge was well known Ayrshire Breeder Raymond Stewart of Fortfield Ayrshires.

Raymond chose a heifer sired by Lagace Ristourn out of Ravenhill Ethel 374 from John Suffern's Ravenhill Herd as his Champion, with a heifer from the same herd by Ballyclan Lord of the Fairies out of Ravenhill Ethel 389 VG taking the Reserve place. The Champion sold at the top price of 1750 gns with a solid trade throughout.

Club members were delighted to hear the very good news just before Christmas that Stewart Baxter and Nyree Crawford had become engaged and we would like to wish the popular couple every happiness for the future.

## Wigtownshire

The winter syllabus kicked off with the family bowling at Glenluce Bowling Club, and was then followed in December by a presentation on Cattle Services by their chairman, Alex Kirkpatrick.

More recently we held our annual dinner & dance and prizegiving. There was a good turnout of members and friends and a great night was had by all. The prizewinners are shown below with their silverware.



**L-R: Alistair McWilliam, Colfin (Best Herd, Progeny Team, Best 50,000kg cow), Matthew Service, Moorpark (Best Heifer), John McCaig, Kilhilt (Best Individual Cow and Mother & Daughter) and William Stevenson, Kirminnoch (Best Dry Cow & Best Cow having averaged over 18kg).**

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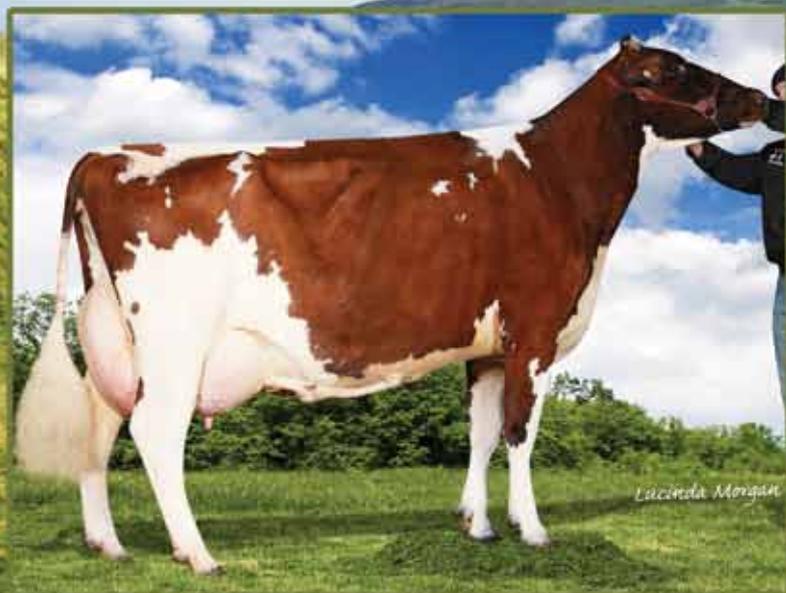
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