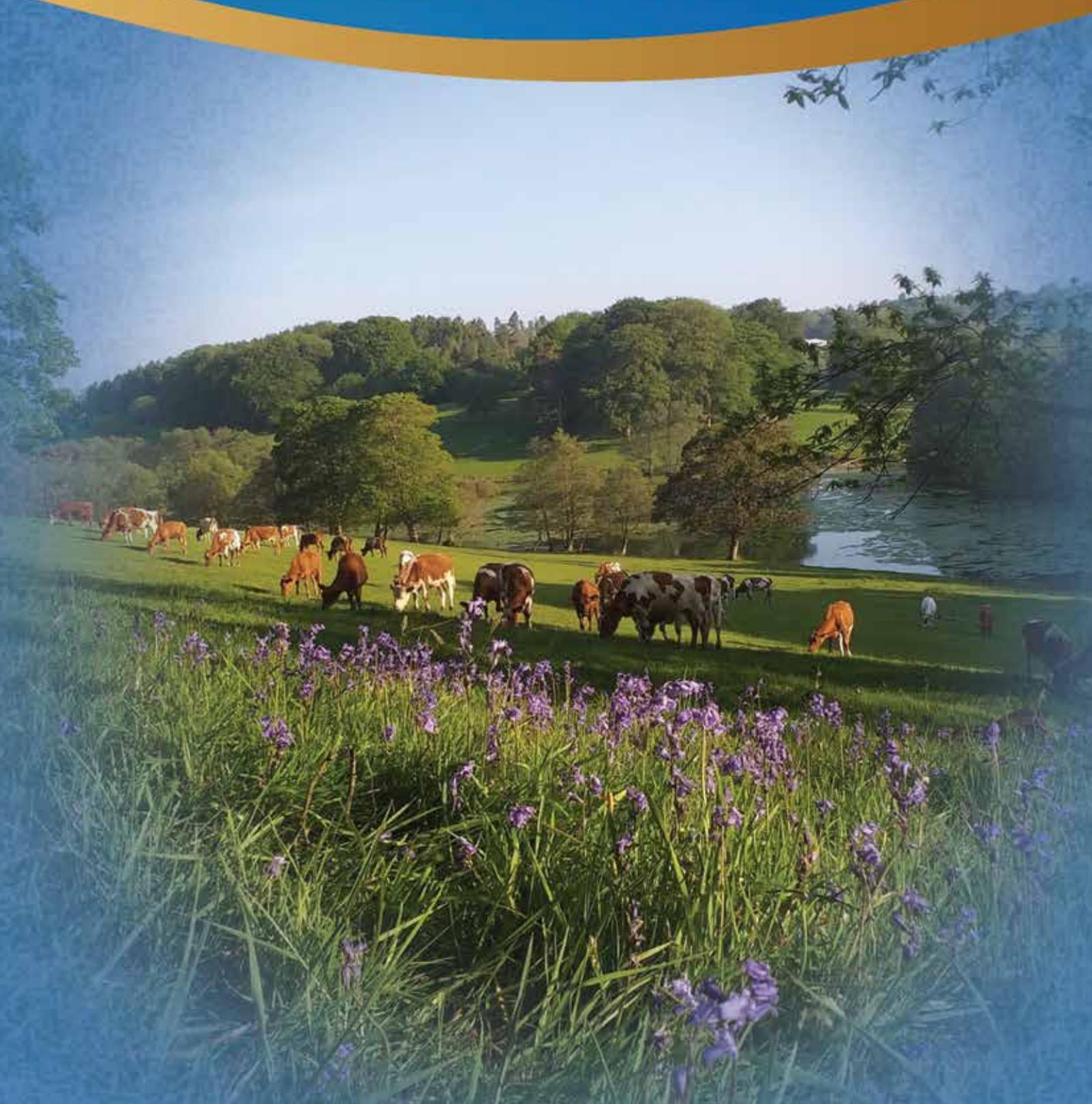


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Welcome..

2019/20 President Michael Howie



Firstly, I would like to thank the rest of the Presidents committee and council members for their support during my extended time as President, the time has finally come to handover the baton to Steve and I wish him all the best as President.

I must also thank Alan and Claire for their guidance and help, we all wish Lesley a happy retirement and welcome Amy Armstrong to the team.

Eventually we were able to have our conference which was well supported by members, and I must thank our sponsors for keeping their commitment to the event, it was great to see many of you catching up with friends. Congratulations to Alex Kirkpatrick & William Stevenson, the two recipients of the lifetime achievement award that were presented at Morwick.

Finally, I wish to offer my deepest sympathies to Margaret and the rest of the Evans family on the loss of our honorary president Edward. A hugely influential character within the breed, who played a part in many of our lives for so many years, Edward will be missed by us all, I know Margaret is taking great comfort from the support she is receiving from you all.

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HQ CATCH-UP

General Manager Claire Kimm updates membership on the activities at Head Quarters



With events starting to come back the last few months have been as busy as ever here at HQ.

As you are aware we recently lost an important figure within the Ayrshire breed, Edward was always on the end of the phone for help, and I will always remember his brilliant sense of humour. The Society have purchased a memory book that we will present to Margaret in May 2022 and

- Replacing Lesley is Amy Armstrong, from Plaskettlands, who many of you will know, Amy has been a member of Young Breeders and brings lots of skills and experience to the role. We are all looking forward to working with Amy and wish her luck with her move to Scotland.



wish to invite members to send in a message or memory that we will print and insert, or if you have any photographs, you want included, please also send these. We will try our best to bring the book to as many events as possible for members to make their contribution.

With the risk of travel and so many events being cancelled many of us are organising holidays in the UK. There are so many wonderful places in the UK and lots of you have accommodation facilities and / or have expanded into various diversification projects on your farm. If you would like to advertise projects that are attractive to tourists or offer Society member rates on accommodation, then please get in touch with the office to discuss advertising opportunities, so likeminded people can visit your part of the country for their staycation.

At the end of April Lesley retired from the Society and we held a presentation at the office, Lesley was a great help to both myself and members and from what I hear is enjoying her retirement especially now she has a new addition to the family – Ruby the puppy!

- As the shows start to return please contact the office for showing uniform as we have recently purchased a large stock of showing shirts and we also have plenty of ties in stock. A new style cap is also available to buy for only £7.50.



Diary Dates

2021

September

22nd Balmoral Show

October

14th - 17th All Breeds All Britain Calf Show

December

9th Royal Ulster Winter Fair

2022

February

9th AgriScot

April

7th-10th Young Breeders Weekend - York

May

15th - 19th Conference – Rookery Hall, Nantwich, Cheshire



Claire, Gilmour & Lesley

Ayrshire Council 2021/2022

Presidents and council met at the AGM with the following being appointed on the 2021/2022 committees.

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World Federation Representatives:

Colin Christophers, Alan Timbrell, Steve Bailey

A committee has been appointed for the World Federation conference in 2024 and a meeting will be held in October with a view to launching the booking form and branding in early 2022.

We all had a great time in Northumberland, and it was the perfect end to Michael's extended period as President, thank you to all our sponsors, Richard Baynes & family and of course Michael, Angie, and their team for putting on a great event.

I look forward to catching up with many of you at UK Dairy Day and the remainder of the events that we are glad to see back in the diary for the rest of the year.

Welcome New Members

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MEMBERSHIP

Adult Members	629
Junior	320
Total	949

IN MEMORY OF EDWARD EVANS

by Steve Oultram

It is a great privilege to be asked to write an appreciation of the life and many achievements of Edward. Although certainly a privilege I dread the prospect because I know that I simply cannot do justice to the man himself, the man that all in the Ayrshire world and beyond knew, loved, and respected.

Edward was a man with a keen, dry sense of humour and an endless fund of funny stories. Anyone who served on Council at the same time as Edward will be able to recall the after-dinner 'conversations' which usually took place in the bar area. Edward could always be relied upon to provide a story to entertain – I remember one ending with the words "what patience." I am sure many others will know the tale in question!

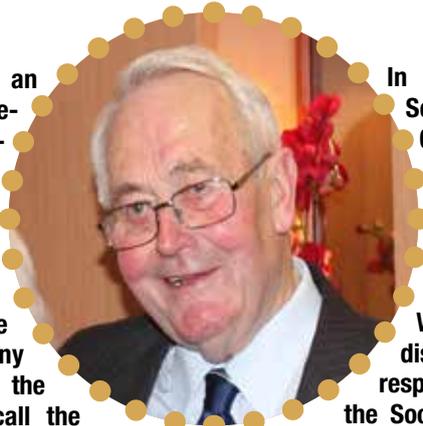
When giving advice to members, prospective customers or anyone who sought guidance, the advice was always considered, with wherever possible homework done and many questions asked BEFORE giving advice designed for that particular situation, that particular herd, that farm. Every farm is different, Edward knew this and varied his guidance accordingly.

I first met Edward in the mid 1970s when he came to Newbridge Farm and bought some heifers. The price agreed, it was decided (by Edward) that delivery was included in the price so the following day the Land Rover and trailer sprang into action to make the journey to Flanog Farm, St. Martins near Oswestry where Edward farmed. I drove onto the yard and immediately the kitchen door opened, and a smiling lady invited me for a cuppa. This, of course, was Margaret. What a dream team they made!

I did not hear much of Edward for a few years until one day looking through a recently arrived Ayrshire journal, I recognized a photograph of the newly appointed Field Officer/Classifier for the Society – Edward. Nobody could have been more suitable or better qualified for the job.

As a young farmer Edward, like many others, was keen on stock-judging and so successful did he prove to be that he was soon asked to join a panel of Selectors choosing bulls for the M.M.B, ideal preparation for what was to come.

Following a hip replacement Edward decided to cease milking at Flanog Farm. Hence his interest in the job with the Society which led to a meeting with two prominent members: the General Secretary, Mr Jack Lawson, and Mr Andrew Dunlop. Part of the discussion involved a visit to an Ayrshire herd in west Ayrshire to assess a small group of cows, which were gathered in a field near to the steading. Edward was asked to go to inspect these cows and then report back to the two gentlemen with his comments. The cows were an even group but a couple of them had faults which on inspection could be seen. Edward completed his inspection, walked back to the yard, and reported to Jack and Andrew identifying the strengths and weaknesses of the carefully selected animals in the group. After his report was completed, there was only one short comment from the interviewers "Start tomorrow" – I will leave you to work out which of the two made the comment. (No prizes)



In 1982 Edward began to work for the Society following on from Henry Griffies who was emigrating to Australia. Edward began by classifying but quickly became much more; he collected registrations, recommended bulls to use and kept an eye open for outstanding cows in the herds visited.

When the decision to purchase a display unit was made Edward took responsibility for towing it to the Shows where the Society had a presence, whether it be the Royal Cornwall or the Royal Highland. At those shows Edward was always joined by Margaret who dispensed hospitality to Members and visitors alike. What a team they made. Margaret developed the knack of spotting a 'customer' yards away from the stand so that by the time they arrived they were presented with a tea or coffee. Margaret knew which was preferred, with or without milk/sugar and was on autopilot as soon as she recognized who was approaching.

Such was Edward's expertise at classifying, in the days when there were no handheld devices to do the job for you, and when cows could be in a twenty acre field, not in a yard on concrete, but knee deep in grass (or mud) it made no difference. The accuracy of Edward's work was remarkable – the evidence of this was reflected in the Bull Proofs which had an increasing influence on the breed.

I can't think of a single Ayrshire bull proof which if you looked closely did not accurately reflect the quality of Edward's work in highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of the bull.

Edward classified without fear or favour though I am sure he was put under pressure in the early days! Such was the quality of Edward's work that he was soon asked to classify for other breeds – particularly the Dairy Shorthorns.

On one occasion he was on a farm where there were 160 Shorthorns in a shed, lit by a 60 watt bulb, and told "there you are, I'll come back in a couple of hours when you've finished". They were done!

Very quickly Edward became the face of the Ayrshire Breed and remained so for over 30 years. In later years he was employed by C.S.A rather than the Society and was the driving force behind the Company's rise as the key supplier of Ayrshire genetics within the UK and to all Ayrshire populations throughout the World.

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I was privileged to travel many thousands of miles with Edward, both at home and abroad. I can honestly say every journey was a pleasure. His company was both educational and entertaining, he always left a favourable impression on all he encountered. Edward was a friend to all who knew him and with his lovely wife Margaret formed a team the like of which will never be repeated.

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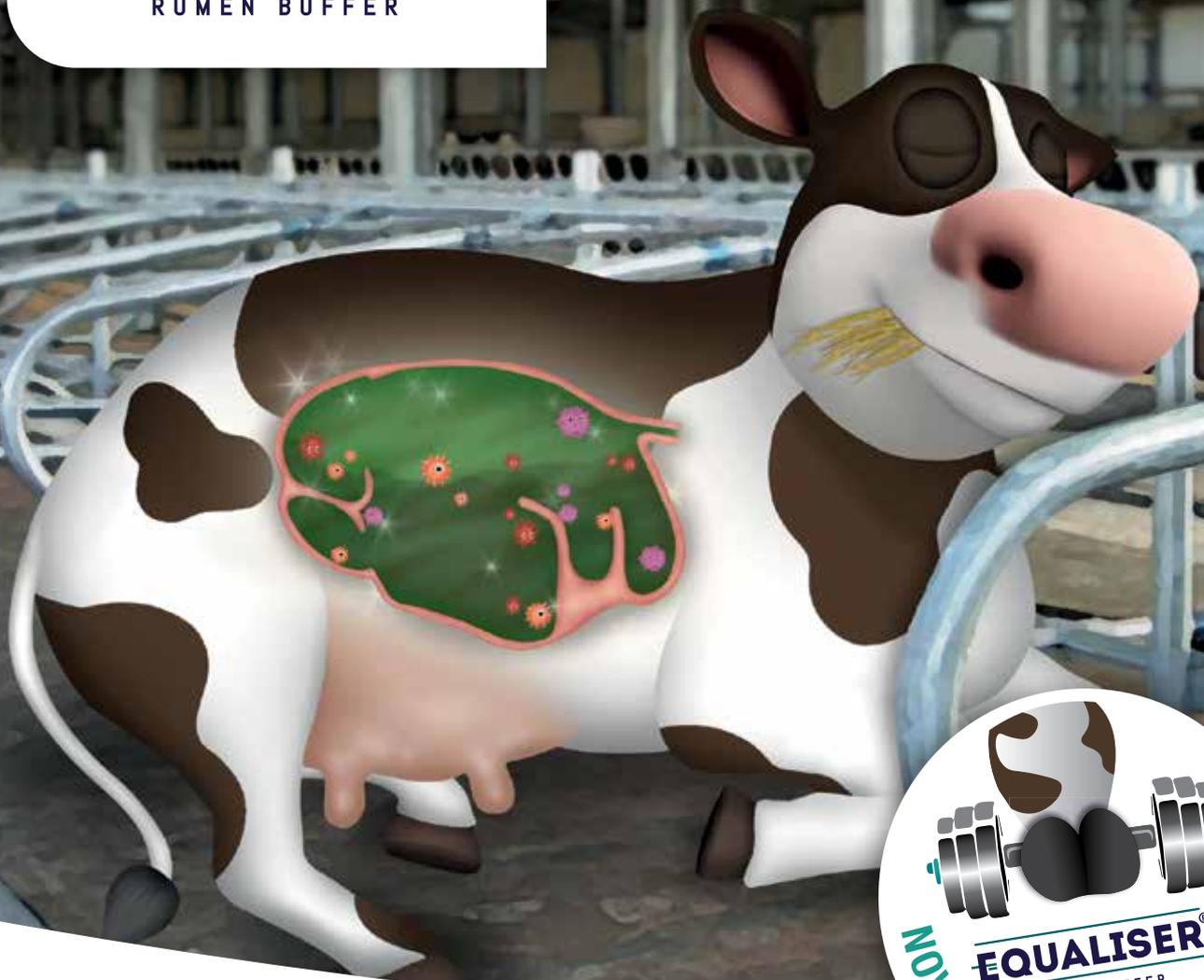
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Great To Be Back

Ayrshire Breed Manager Alan Timbrell writes.



It's great to be back full time and doing the things that the Breed Manager does. We hope you have all been viewing the Farm Friday herd visits on the website, if not you will find them in the news section, they are well worth a look with some

Sadly, we have lost one the true icons of the Ayrshire Breed; Edward Evans was a big part of my life as well as many of yours. He will be sorely missed by many Ayrshire Breeders not only in the UK but around the world.

It was great that we were able to present the All Britain and Ireland Photographic Competition, Star Brood cow, and LP awards face to face.

outstanding Ayrshire cattle on show.

Late in June on a bitterly cold evening Sam Wake and I attended the Derbyshire Ayrshire Breeders club stockjudging at the Broadley families, Brundcliffe Farm. Ben Broadley had prepared two excellent classes of animals for members and guests to judge. Over eighty people attended, and it may have been cold but the smiles on people's faces said it all. They were glad to be out meeting old friends and making new ones.

“Sadly we have lost one of the true icons of the Ayrshire breed”

The All Britain All Breeds Calf show will return also on the weekend of the 16th & 17th of October at Peterborough and our judge for the calves this year is James Lawrie and the coloured Breeds Handling judge is Stuart Williams. Entry forms will be available soon.

On view were daughters of many Cattle Services bulls, but the three daughters of Cuthill Towers Buster stood out. The judge for the evening was Wendy Young and she had a hard task in sorting the classes. Also that evening there was a fun competition, guess the lifetime production of three generations of the Myra Family that were all by Cattle Services bulls. Whitecroft Myra 28 EX94 7E by Hunnington Mandella on her twelfth lactation, Myra 30 EX93 3E by Hilltown Oblique on her sixth lactation and Myra 36 GP83 2yrs by Rosehill Real McCoy on her first lactation. The total was 172,449 kgs.



There have been some changes to the By-Laws of the Society effective from 1st January 2022, and they are as follows:

9.7. The Society will enter into the Herd book, animals of the same breed, line or cross that are eligible for entry under the Society's breed criteria, without discrimination on account of their country of origin.

11.1 Every male registered with the Society shall require having its parentage verified by DNA/Genomic analysis, at a cost to be borne by the owner. Pedigree registration documents will be held in suspense until the results of the DNA analysis have been verified. All dams of male calves born must also be DNA/Genomic tested. If a bull cannot be fully parentage checked, the calf will not be registered with the Ayrshire Cattle Society.

11.3 The parentage for female registrations can be checked at any time using DNA/Genomic analysis if required by the Ayrshire Cattle Society. This will be carried out by a Society representative and the Member has 60 days to fulfil this requirement or their membership will be suspended.

14.1.3 Uniform

ACS uniform is white trousers, blue shirt, Society tie, practical boots or shoes (brown or black). At outside Shows, in bad weather conditions, a Society jacket or fleece or show jacket may also be worn.

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SPOTLIGHT SALE REPORT

Sedgemoor 15th of July 2021

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Colin Evans, Hilcol herd, West Wales, took back with him the September 2020 born Crayola Focus Jemima (by Lyner Oblique Focus) out of Crayola Bigtime Jemima VG85 for 2000gns.

The Society wish to inform members that there has been a Genetic recessive discovered in the International Ayrshire population. The recessive has been identified as Arthrogyrosis Multiplex (AM), or commonly referred to as Curly Calf Syndrome. The original source of this genetic defect in the Ayrshire population is Peterslund (AYSWEM91213), who was born in 1997.

We will be working with relevant bodies to identify the carriers that may affect the worldwide Ayrshire population and will advise breeders and members the best way forward. Please see the Society website for a list of bulls that have been tested so far provided by Semex and we will endeavor to update this list as and when we receive updated data.

<https://www.ayrshirescs.org/ayrshires-cattle-society/society/news/5908/arthrogyrosis-multiplex-am-list-of-bulls-tested-so-far/>

We will also aim to provide information on where you can get animals tested for the recessive.

If you wish to read more about AM, then here is a link to the information given on the Lactanet website in Canada and a link to NAV. Canadian Dairy Network - Curly Calf Syndrome in Ayrshires (cdn.ca)

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John Watson, Willie Stevenson, Steve Bailey, Alex Kirkpatrick and Arthur Lawrie

Alex Kirkpatrick is a very worthy recipient of a Lifetime Achievement award. An elite Ayrshire breeder and Society members who has served the Society through all its levels right to the very top. As a breeder he was the caretaker of the Barr herd which was founded by his grandfather also named Alex in 1919, and at the time of his record dispersal in 2009 Barr was the oldest registering Ayrshire herd.

As well as outstanding milking cows Alex and his forefathers prided themselves in producing cows of outstanding conformation and have produced constant show winners from Barr Pamela the London Dairy show winner in 1923 right through the years to Barr Ranger Lottie the top priced cow at the dispersal sale who went on to be the Interbreed Champion for Ann Laird at Agriscot in 2010. Although the herd is now dispersed Alex's legacy carries on and is prominent in many herds today.

Not only is Alex a master stockman he has also given back to the Society serving on council for a number of years and became President in 2002/2003. Alex was a director of Cattle Services from 2004 till 2017 being Chairman for the last six years of this service. Alex took Cattle Services forward to be more open and transparent and made an excellent job of the staff transition from Edward to Sam which he handled in his usual diplomatic way. An excellent stockman and a true ambassador for the Society making it a great honour to present Alex Kirkpatrick with a lifetime achievement award.

Willie Stevenson is a breeder that has worked with Ayrshires his whole life and has also had a big involvement with the Society, all his life he has strived to have the best cows in his herd but also many successes at shows both locally and further afield.

- Willie was one of the two original founding members of the Wigtownshire Ayrshire Cattle Club, and President of the club in 1975-76, he was also President of the Society in 1988-89. Willie is Honorary President of Stranraer Agricultural Show & Honorary Patron of Wigtown Agricultural Show.
- Stevenson's Ayrshire herd was shaped by Willie through home bred stalwarts Stevenson's New Generation, Stevenson's New Year, Stevenson's Benjamin, and Stevenson's Saltire, but also influenced by key purchases. Willie has had many successful cow families Marcia, Bunty, White Lady, and buttercup to name but a few and from these cows many AI sires were bred.
- Very keen in the show ring Willie has been successful in winning Ayrshire breed and Reserve Interbreed Champion at the Royal Show in 1995 with Stevenson's Bunty 58th; Exhibitor Bred Champion and Interbreed heifer Champion at the Royal Highland Show in 2000, in the same year he was also Reserve Breed Champion, Interbreed Heifer Champion at the Royal Show with Stevenson's Marcia EX96. Marcia was the first 95 and subsequently 96-point Ayrshire cow in the UK. He has won many local Stranraer, Wigtown, Dumfries, Ayr and National Breed and Interbreed Championships with some of his other favourites such as Buttercup 50th; Bunty 59th; and Bunty 114th. In the Wigtown herds competition the Stevenson name is found on every cup and at Stranraer show Willie's name is on the Champions cup eighteen times, with a string of interbreed wins.
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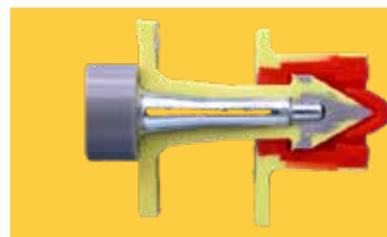
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KNOWE SALE REPORT

9th July 2021

Ayrshire breeders from across the UK and Ireland attended the Knowe sale (both in person and virtually) to celebrate 100 years of dairy farming for the Templeton family at Knowe Farm. Buyers were recorded from nineteen counties and five countries, with trade topping at 8,000gns for a maximum pointed three-year-old, with cows averaging £2223. Fifty-five animals sold for or more than £2000; heifer calves were in strong demand with 34 calves selling to average £1449 and three selling for £3000 or more.

Lot 13 was the lucky lot, selling for 8,000gns to John & Michael Hunter, Northern Ireland, Knowe Favourite Beauty 166 VG89 3yrs (by West Mossgiel Modern Class) was the front cover cow. Her dam was an Excellent classified cow with impressive production over six lactations.

Knowe White Lily 743 VG 88 3yrs (by Knowe Norman) sold for 4,100gns to the Howie family from Hillhouse Farm near Kilmarnock. She carried a service due next spring to Marbrae Bigtime sexed. Selling for 4,000gns was Knowe White Kate 218 VG87 3yrs (by Mr Blondin Pickfish-Red), who was purchased by Mr McBride from near Kilmaurs, she is due again with her third in November to Clydeview Jacot Rose.

A special group of in calf heifers followed the milking cows, they were in exceptional condition with the majority due this year. They averaged £1974 and topped at 4,200gns for Knowe White Lily 801. This ultra-stylish heifer is by Des Coteaux Amazing and is potentially the fourth generation of Ex or VG cows. She was purchased by the Adamson family from Swaites Farm, Lanark. Heifer calves in this special sale were incredible with many exhibiting the potential to achieve greatness in the show ring. Thirty-four calves averaging £1449 with three selling for above £3000. Topping this group was Knowe Renoir White Lily 3 (by Kamouraska Renoir) who was purchased by Robert Adams, Bigginvale for 3,300gns.

Leading Prices

Lot	Price	Purchaser
13	8000gns	Messrs Hunter, Crumlin County Antrim
73	4200gns	Messrs Adamson & Son, Pettinain, Lanark
21	4100gns	Messrs Howie, KILMARNOCK, Ayrshire
19	4000gns	Messrs McBride, Kilmaurs, Ayrshire
61	3300gns	Messrs Mullan, Slaley, HEXHAM, Northumberland
133	3300gns	Messrs Adams, Alstonefield, ASHBOURNE, Derbyshire
135	3200gns	Messrs Caldwell, CUMNOCK, Ayrshire
82	3000gns	Messrs Howie, KILMARNOCK, Ayrshire
126	3000gns	Messrs Mellor, Onecote, LEEK
122	2800gns	Messrs Esquierdo, CUMNOCK, Ayrshire
11	2700gns	Messrs Sanderson, Westward, WIGTON, Cumbria
103	2600gns	Messrs Esquierdo, CUMNOCK, Ayrshire
24A	2500gns	Messrs Keenan, Monaghan
25	2500gns	Messrs Howie, KILMARNOCK, Ayrshire
60	2500gns	Messrs Watson, Leswalt, STRANRAER, Wigtownshire
64	2500gns	Messrs Gray & Son, Kirkfieldbank, LANARK

Averages

61 Cows & Heifers in milk/dry £2223.93, 28 In Calf Heifers £1974.37, 25 Bulling Heifers £1163.40, 34 Heifer Calves £1449.92, 1 Bull £2625.00.



Knowe White Lily 743 VG88 3Yrs



Knowe Favourite Beauty 166 VG89 3Yrs

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To Mr Salvador Esquierdo

All this made possible with the help of the staff at Knowe and the
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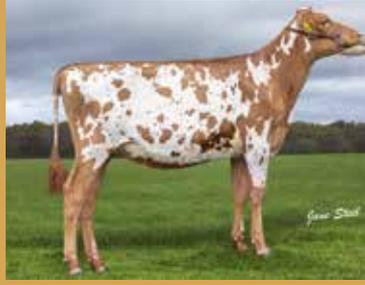
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Royal Highland Show

This year, because of Covid restrictions, the show was held behind close doors and streamed online to the public. There were no milk classes, only handler and calf classes, in the Dairy section of the show. The Ayrshire calves were shown in the coloured breeds section and there were some outstanding young animals forward.



Hon Mention
Knowe B-King Dainty Lass 2

01/12/20-31/01/21 Class:

- 2nd Brieryside Rubicom Pear (K Lawrie)
- 3rd Knowe Rubicom Ella (G & G Templeton)
- 4th Glenmuir Yellow Cushie (A Struthers)

01/08/20-30/09/20 Class

- 1st Knowe B-King Dainty Lass 2 (G & G Templeton)
- 4th Knowe B-King Bertha 2 (G & G Templeton)

01/06/20-31/07/20 Class

- 2nd Cuthill Towers Focus Yoga (A & S Lawrie)

01/04/20-31/05/20 Class

- 2nd Cuthill Towers Happy Ray (A & S Lawrie)

In the Championship Knowe B-King Dainty Lass 2 was placed Honourable Mention. In the Dairy Showmanship Neil Sloan (Knowe) was Champion with Alison Hunter (Brieryside) in Reserve. Congratulations to everyone for putting on a great show for the Ayrshires and hopefully next year we will be back to a full schedule at the show.

Devon Show

Some shows have been running and we congratulate these organisations for all their hard work and resilience for getting the shows on. Devon County Show saw entries back on previous years, but the quality was very high. The Champion was Greenway Redrock EX91 by Maple Dell Burdette Dempsey, Reserve was Greenway Fleur by Whitecroft Dr Foster, and Honourable Mention was Greenway Miami by East Church Ross all owned by Les Rocket & Tracy Marshall.



Champion Greenway Redrock EX91



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John is the 3rd generation farming in Ayrshire's from the Suffern family.

John's Grandad started under the Ballyclan prefix and in 1952 his father and Uncle started the Ravenhill prefix with the two herds running separately for a few years until the decision was made to run as one herd but keeping the two names until John's Uncle Charlie retired in 1993.

John moved to Ravenhill to take over the prefix and continues to farm there with his wife

Caroline and children Thomas and Claire.

The farm is in County Antrim, milking 115 pedigree Ayrshire cows averaging 8,000 litres at 4.01% butter fat and 3.40% protein. There are currently 41 EX and 43 VG cows in the herd with the most dominant families being the Ethel and Tulips.



John is proud that the herd has won Balmoral Show on an impressive 30 occasions. In the recent Ulster Club Herd Competition Ravenhill took the honours of Best Large Herd and Best Overall Herd.

John has previously enjoyed judging at the Royal Cornwall, Royal Welsh, Royal Highland, Dairy Event, Cheshire, Great Yorkshire, Welsh Dairy Show, South-West Dairy Show as well as the National Shows in Finland and Sweden and was delighted to be invited to judge the 2021 National Ayrshire show at UK Dairy Day.

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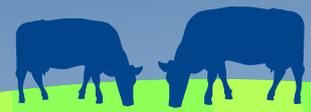
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CATTLE SERVICES NEWS

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**CATTLE
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NEWS**

These past few months have finally allowed me to get back out on farms, and I have seen exceptional cows whilst out and about. In the milking herds daughters of Ardmore Crown Napier, Ravenhill Victory, Beeline Santa Rock and Cuthill Towers Buster have really impressed me. In the young stock pens, Pam Ayr's Hawaiian, Moathouse Monopoly, Biddesden

Hector and Lyner Oblique Focus have been very exciting to see. Another pleasing thing for me is to see progeny from UK bulls being born abroad and to receive such good reports with regards to great conception rates when using our straws, both in Sexed Ultra 4M and conventional straws.

Another highlight of this year was attending the Great Yorkshire Show - it was great to see a fantastic entry of Ayrshires. Daughters of sires marketed by Cattle Services featured highly: a daughter of West Mossiel Modern Reality - Hilltower Modern Marcy - was crowned Champion and Fourth Milestone Wanita 2, sired by Ardmore Crown Napier, gained the honourable mention position. Other winners at the show included daughters of Cuthill Towers Madison, Sandyford Supreme and Changue Stadium. Congratulations to all the exhibitors for putting on such a great show for the Ayrshire Breed. Let's all hope that it's the start of many more shows to come.

Sales for 2021 have been at their highest level for some time- Sexed Semen sales now make up over 50% of the straws sold. Although this is great for the company, we couldn't have envisaged such a great uptake and sadly it has meant that some of the sires have sold out. Fortunately, we currently have three bulls on the sexing machines: Brierside Hail, Cuthill Towers Buster and Hunnington Fantasy (who is a Sandyford Supreme son of the amazing Hunnington Fragy 12, who is classified EX97).

Plans are also under way for five more new sires to come into stud this autumn. When these new bulls get collected, I will keep you all updated on them. Despite these new sires hopefully coming onto centre, the last twelve months have been a struggle for us in the quest to find new bulls. As I have already discussed in previous updates, overcoming health issues is our biggest stumbling block - in particular, TB and IBR.

Two questions I get asked very frequently are:

1. Why don't you draw more sexed straws from the bulls and why don't you put them back onto centre?

The reason for not drawing more is - quite simply - the costs of doing it. Although Cattle Services believe in every bull we put onto centre, we just don't know what the uptake will be with the breeders. As a company, we cannot afford to draw and store sexed straws as the costs of this are very high. Our aim has been to draw sexed semen and sell what we have and then move onto the next bull. I understand this can be very frustrating as it leaves us with no back up stocks of a bull if he comes with a good proof.

Unfortunately, this year we have not had as much luck at getting bulls onto centre which has mainly been down to bulls failing tests.

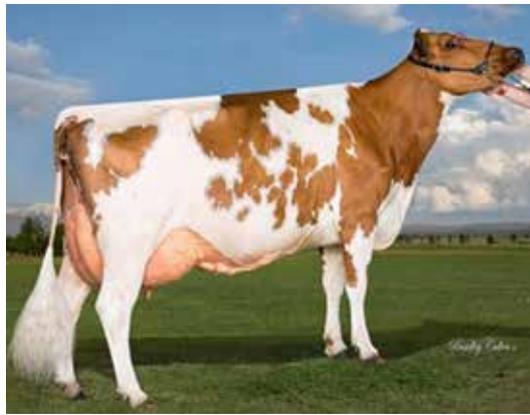
Regarding putting bulls back onto centre for the second time - this is an area that we have investigated. Again, health requirements stop this as most bulls leave centre to go onto farm rather than into lay off like they used to.

2. Where are the new bulls going to come from now that everyone is using sexed semen?

Currently, we are working very closely with the Breed Heritage committee, and some females within that program have been selected and bred to conventional semen with the view of breeding bull calves.

Cattle Services are also sending straws to breeders who have cows of interest. If you feel you have a cow that may be of interest, please contact me or one of the directors and we will discuss these cows and offer you a mating suggestion for her.

I look forward to meeting lots of you in person, both on farm and at industry event, in the coming months. As always, please keep checking the website and Facebook page for updates on what is going on at Cattle Services. It is great to see all breeders supporting Cattle Services and we thank you for this.



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CONFERENCE



Finally, we were able to hold our annual conference where we also held a judging seminar at the Howie families Morwick farm. We were blessed with Northumberland sunshine, and it warmed up even more with the standard of cattle on show. Two outstanding classes of animals were put out by the Howie family and our Master judges for the day were Peter Berresford and Ian Collins. The in-milk Cow Class was judged first, and they were a great class to judge, full of milk and on top form. This class really made the judges think and ponder on their placings. Coming out on top was a daughter of West Mossgiel Modern Reality who had just calved her third calf and she is now destined for the National Ayrshire show.



The second class was in-milk heifers and what a class of quality stylish dairy heifers they were. All the judges gave reasons, the standard of which was very high along with quality judging throughout from all participants. Both heifers at the top of this class were by the Cattle Services bull Willhome Pams Horizon and there was very little between them. After the judging seminar we enjoyed a lovely lunch followed of course by a Morwick Dairy ice cream.



In the afternoon we looked around the Morwick Herd and the quality of cows in the field did not disappoint. There were great cows from old established Morwick Families such as Ruth, Tulip, Peggy, Sandra, and Sparkle to name a few. Probably the Ayrshire bulls that had left



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the biggest marks in the field were Ardmore Crown Napier and Duo Star Gentleman. Morwick has always been known for extremely wealthy, up standing cows with tremendous dairy character, and they definitely lived up to this. A big thank you must go to the Howie family and their staff for putting on such an amazing day. It was a perfect end to finish Michaels extended period as our President where he has done a great job guiding the Society through the circumstances that the pandemic has presented us with.

Before joining at Morwick to sample an ice cream and see the lifetime achievement awards be presented the ladies had a wonderful day based at Alnwick castle. Alnwick castle is the second largest inhabited castle in the UK, Alnwick has served as a military outpost, a teaching college, a refuge for evacuees, a film set, and not least as a family home, currently occupied by the 12th Duke and Duchess and their four children. We had an interesting tour round the state rooms all admiring the fascinating story, decorative items, and furniture on display.

The castle starred as the magical Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry during the 2001 Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and the 2002 Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. The courtyards and baileys of Alnwick Castle were used to film Hogwarts students and staff going about their daily activities. Keeping with this theme we took part





CONFERENCE



in some fun broomstick training with some of the witches amongst us making the cut and some not, both of which will remain nameless!!!



In the afternoon we enjoyed looking round the beautiful Alwick gardens created by the duchess of Northumberland and home to the largest Japanese cherry orchard in the world. We also had a guided tour of the poisoned garden which is filled exclusively with around 100 toxic, intoxicating, and narcotic plants. The boundaries of the Poison Garden are kept behind black iron gates and we were strictly prohibited from smelling, touching, or tasting plants. Watching visitors ducking out of the intermittent fountains finished off a fantastic day with a small group of us who shall also remain nameless testing our braveness waiting for the fountains to soak people including ourselves!!



We had a very relaxing evening at The Rigg & Furrow. An independent, family run farmhouse brewery giving a new lease of life to its old milking parlour. We enjoyed a lovely local hog roast and got to sample Ayrshire Ale which was specially created for the conference!

On day two and to finish the conference in style we visited the Marleycote Herd of GG Baynes & Son. What a tremendous herd of good quality dairy cows that were on show. The Baynes family have worked closely over the last few years with Robert Stevenson and his Changue herd, putting many embryos in



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recipients and the resulting offspring were on show. The standout animal from this close relationship is Marleycote Celandine VG86 who is the half-sister to two very well know sires, Changue Tryst and Celandine First Lord.

Also, on show were great animals from the Sea Lily, Mayflower and Fawn families to mention but a few. We held a fun competition to pick the same top three heifers in a batch of 15 outstanding yearling heifers as judge John Watson.

There were eight people who matched two of John's choices, so they went into a draw to win 10 straws of the new Cattle Services bull Royal Flush Sea King who is a West Mossgiel Modern Class and out of Marleycote Sea Lily 29 VG86. The winner was Anna Waterhouse from Fourth Milestone Ayrshires.

Richard's Dad, David gave us a great presentation on the history of the bottling facility that is run by Richard's brother Paul delivering "From Moo to You" Northumbrian Pedigree Milk and Cream to many local businesses. There is a real sense of a great family team throughout the farm we are very grateful for the effort that had been put in to host our visit.

A fantastic time was had by us all, enjoying catching up with old friends and making new ones. Thank you to everyone who played a part in such a successful Society event. Thank you also to our sponsors who supported the event.



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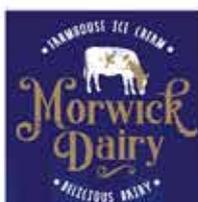
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LOOKING BACK

Linda Batty looking back at judging seminars.



BREEDER COMMENT

My cattle judging days began with the Derbyshire and Staffordshire Ayrshire Clubs' stock judging competitions. Along with a chance to socialize and see the different herds, it gave a youngster like myself a chance to acquire a bit of pocket money, eventually accumulating to a grand sum of £34.00, which duly went into a building society account for safe keeping several years later!

cows, along with the more serious business of judging within a limited time, and remembering which class you're giving reasons on!

A judging day usually begins with extra early start in order to get to a different part of the country for the event. No sat-navs in the early days, so map reading skills and sense of direction were highly beneficial – neither of which I claim to be an expert, as was realized on a trip to the Millford herd of the Timbrell family for a judging seminar many years ago - don't think I've ever placed a class of cows more quickly in my life!

We must appreciate how much preparation there is for the hosts of these events, least of all preparing and halter training twelve animals, along with refreshments, judging rings, and many hosts compile a new herd brochure for visitors when viewing the rest of the herd. Then there is the work of the officials on the day – organizing – marking - time keeping - record keeping.

Then came the Young Farmers Club judging competitions - four animals to place, always A,B,X & Y, and when given a little push – reason giving! Progressing onto the county rally, and then representing Derbyshire at National level - held at Stoneleigh in those days. Unfortunately I hadn't been warned that the judging would not just be dairy cows (and they weren't even Ayrshires - to my horror!), but also beef and sheep (of which I had a vague idea), and then the real terror struck - a class of PIGS!?...goodness only knows what the judge thought of my reasons!

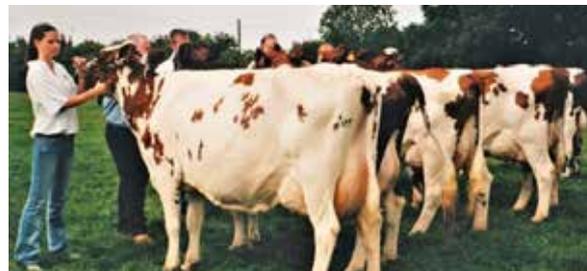


Judging Steve Oultram, Stamford



Judging Alex Kirkpatrick, Barr

Many of the younger generation won't have experienced the excitement of Wednesday's clubs' stock judging of two classes at the Royal Show, in the ring with the tree in – a godsend when it was a blazing hot day! No Royal Show would have been complete without the late Walter Heys and Warren Kimber, with their bowler hats and shooting sticks, acting as stewards.



Judging John Hunter, Ardmore

Along with judging in teams, there was the individual prize winner. As a youngster I remember admiring silver teaspoons with a cow's head on the handle which had been awarded to the winners. In later years winners were awarded monetary prizes. I have an Ayrshire plate with Pant Treasure printed on from the year I was triumphant.



Judging Mark Evans, East Church

Hopefully, after an unprecedented year, we will be back to judging seminars soon. Again, these offer a great chance to meet up with friends and view the

I recall attending one judging seminar, actually to judge Shorthorns. I placed my class in order and gave my reasons on the microphone quite confidently. Much to my delight, the next participant, Graham Bell, had them in the same order - always a great feeling to know someone agrees with you! Graham then proceeded to take the microphone off me, and began his reasons "Ladies and Gentlemen, I've placed the class in the same order as Linda for exactly the same reasons!"

It must be rewarding for the hosts to see their cattle, and interesting to see and hear everyone's points of view. It's always interesting to see the different orders in which the cattle are placed, and hearing different reasons. In my early young farmers judging days, we were encouraged to describe the animals, pointing out the good and the bad points. Nowadays, especially when using a microphone (most beneficial to little people with little voices!), we need to promote our industry, and deliver positivity for the benefit of the general public.

ROAD TRIP TO NORTHERN IRELAND

Breed Manager Alan Timbrell



ALAN'S
BLOG

On the 16th of May I arrived in Larne on a beautiful Sunday afternoon and travelled to John & Caroline Suffern's to view their Ravenhill herd. I am never disappointed in what cows I see at Ravenhill, cows with real power and depth and above all outstanding production. Of course all the usual Ravenhill families look well, including Ravenhill Hill Ethel 2 VG85 256 PLI by Hilltown Oblique, in calf to Swaites Nickle, but I was looking forward to seeing one of the highest Genomic

tested animals in our breed - Cochranes Revolution Present VG87 by Des Coteaux Revolution out Cochranes Oblique Present EX92 with a PLI of 355. In fact Revolution Present completes seven generations of VG or EX with great production too. This family traces back to Meikle Laught and was bred by John Cochrane. Revolution Present is in calf to Moathouse Monopoly and due in September, having given 11,298kgs 4.69% fat & 3.62% pro in 300 days.

In the evening I travelled the short distance to the Ardmore Herd of John and Michael Hunter. On arrival it was my pleasure to present them with their award for winning the 6 & 7 year old class in the 2019 photographic competition with Ardmore Janet 110 EX94 4E PLI 213 by De La Plaine Prime. Later in the herd visit I saw Janet 110 and she looked every bit her EX94 score, and she is breeding tremendously well, with daughters Janet 136 VG88 by Sandyford Supreme and Janet 141 VG86 by Haresfoot Simply Perfek. Janet 110 is also the dam of the young bull Ardmore Jeppers Creepers being sold jointly by Cattle Services and Cogent.

The following day my first visit was to Vera and Sammy Allen's Droghed herd, and I am probably the last person they wanted to see that day as the weather was perfect and they were about to start their first cut silage. But a warm welcome was given, and a lovely breakfast was had. Sammy showed me around the herd, and they looked in top form with many of them tracing back to the young stock that were purchased from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's

Windsor herd. The standout cow for me was Droghed Ella 4 by Haresfoot Elton.

I made a fleeting visit to Iain and Joyce Mclean's Priestland herd to see their small herd of Ayrshires. A cow at the top of her game was Priestland Gibbs Dea ET EX90, purchased as an embryo from Grand-View Ayrshires in the USA. Her dam is Grand-View Calimero Dea and her sire is Palmyra Reality Gibbs. She calved twin heifers, by Palmyra Power Remsberg, that also looked very promising. From there I travelled North to visit Ronnie and Elaine Irwin's Craigtown herd. Elaine showed me around some wonderful freshly calved heifers with strength and dairyness and above all wonderful udders. A real standout at this visit was the calves, mostly by Lyner Oblique Focus, they were a real picture.

My next port of call was Martin and Jacqueline King's Kirkinriola Herd, and again great cows that were on their game. The standout cow for me was a full ET sister to the animal at Priestland that I saw earlier in the day, Kirkinriola PRG Dea VG86 and she was very fresh with her second calf. I also saw some exceptional youngstock and especially a super group of in calf heifers that I'm sure anyone would love to own. After leaving Martin I headed to Willie Henderson's, to see his Ballynahone herd, they were a truly outstanding group of milky cows that were averaging over 33 litres a day and I am sure they are a pleasure to milk. There were several cows by Haresfoot Panache and Hilltown Oblique that caught the eye, but my favourite cow was Ballynahone Ethel 17 an Ardrossan EV Kates Trident, in her second lactation, tracing back to the Ethels at Ravenhill.

I then met up with Stewart Baxter to view his Erne herd, which is milked by robots within the Slatabogie Herd of Alan and Leanne Paul. Although Stewart and Nyree only have a few Ayrshires, Stewart has gathered some outstanding pedigree Ayrshire animals with real depth of breeding. The families that he has bought

into are the Francines from Mapleburn, Magentas from Rosehill, Deas from Grand View and Opals from Faucher. The youngstock especially were the pick. I spent the night with Stewart and Nyree at their new house just outside Cookstown and I weighed at least a stone heavier on leaving.

The next day I visited Alfie and Richard Emerson's Trewmount herd which are housed all the time on Lely Robots. In the spring of 2003 Alfie & Richard purchased 33 animals from my father and I to start the nucleus of their herd and it was nice to see many of the families still there such as Larks, Bridget', Nessies, Jacquelines, and



Cochranes Revolution Present

Maggies from Millford and from the Templetons of Willoxton there was Ringlets and Quaker Girls. Trewmount Ranger has made a big influence in this herd, and he is out of Willoxton Ringlet 5 EX92 2E and by Trewmount Blackness who was a Rosehill Blackthorn out of Trewmount Nessie VG89.

My next stop was to Alan and Tommy Irwin's Denamona herd, near Clogher, and what a sight they were out at grazing. Cows with real capacity and dairyness and uniformity right the way through. Alan has used bulls predominantly with purchases from top Ayrshire herds. The bull that has made the biggest influence on the herd is Sandyford Clever Dick who is still in the bull pen at nearly nine years of age. He is a Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette out of the great Sandyford Clover 10 EX97 8E. He has also purchased Gwynnog Pulsar by Boldview Obliques Far out of Haresfoot Napier Punch EX94 5E and he is a great looking bull.

I then travelled a short distance to visit Raymond King's Mullindavart herd and what a gem of a herd this is, full of cows with tremendous udders and true Ayrshire type. A bull that had made a big impression here was Hunnington Romeo out of Hunnington Brown Julia EX90 and by McCornick Nelson. Here I found a cow that was everything I wanted in a true type Ayrshire cow, Mullindavart Tia Maria for me was pure class, a cow with real quality. She is by Ravenhill Try Again who was a son of Ballyclan First Command and out of Ballyclan Tulip 204 VG86 LP60 6 star brood cow.

On leaving Raymond's I travelled to a new member Andrew Mackey to view his herd. He had purchased some really nice milking cows from Trevor Brown's Oakfield herd and also just recently purchased an Excellent cow from Phillip Kelly's Brackley herd dispersal. Brackley Faith 9 EX90 out of Brackley Faith 6 EX92 3E and by Des Prairies Potter.

My next call was with James Brown to view his Seaview herd, and I must say it's always good to visit James as he is a wealth of knowledge which I hope he will be writing about in further issues of our journal. Some of the outstanding stock on show were by Hilltown Oblique and Haresfoot Panache.

Almost next door to James is a new herd owned by Keith and Kelly Gunning. Their Drumlin herd is in its infancy, with animals purchased from around the province, with some guidance from Raymond Stewart, Fortfield. We wish Keith, Kelly and their son Jake all the best for their future with Ayrshire cows. Onward I travelled to Peter Drummond's Cottown herd and was met with great cows all the way through. The Drummond family milk around 240 cows, half through two Lely Robots and the others through a herringbone parlour. Some of the outstanding animals' families on display were the Ruths, Rachael's and not forgetting the Emmas. I was really pleased to see Cottown Feton Emma GP83 2yr 355 PLI by VR Feton out of Cottown Emma 7 EX94 7E, she had just completed her first lactation with 7409kgs 5.26% fat 3.31% pro and a PI of 126.

A herd I knew very little about before travelling to Northern Ireland was that of Jim Morrison's Inch herd. Jim has purchased some outstanding families from Sweden, many with pure Ayrshire blood lines, and has bred several high indexing animals with some of the resulting bulls going into AI. The herd had real uniformity to it and great udders.

I had tremendous weather for three days of my trip and then it was payback, with torrential rain when visiting Robert Fleming's Mossburnhill herd. The cows I saw before the rain got so bad were of tremendous strength and power. Robert, Raymond Stewart and Thomas Gordon regularly purchase bulls between them to use across their herds with what I could see a lot of success. Their latest acquisition is Whitecroft Captain Tom, by Whitecroft Panell, out of Whitecroft Emmie 102 EX94 4E.



Mullinadavart Tia Maria

The rain was still coming down like cats and dogs on arriving at Linda Campbell's Orlands Mill herd. There were many great young cows in the field but for me it was the youngstock that really caught the eye, and I am sure they will have a big future. Linda has become a new member of council and we are sure she will do a great job. On leaving Linda's it a short drive to Thomas Gordon's Grove herd and because of the weather they were viewed inside. This herd has really developed over the last fifteen years since I first visited, and I

must say there are some great individuals, but what really catches the eye is the balance and quality of a fine Ayrshire herd, of course the Rosie family stood out to, especially Grove Rosie 5 EX95 8E.

Raymond Stewart's Fortfield herd was my last call of the day and still the rain came down. Again, I saw the cows in the cubicles which was not easy, but daughters of West Mossgiel Modern Reality, Cuthill Towers Magic Rock and Whitecroft Glen Nevis stood out. Many of the new members I met on my travels have commented how helpful Raymond had been to them, and may we say a big thankyou from the Society also for his outstanding help.

My last farm visited was to the McConnell family's Beechmount Herd and what a wealth of milky balanced and powerful cows they are. Housed all the time and milked through Fullwood Merlin robots. There were some great cows here but for me the Marie Girl family is top notch. The matriarch of the family at present is Beechmount Marie Girl 6 EX92 4E by Carnell Tristan, and her daughter, Marie Girl 11 EX93 3E 226PLI, by Haresfoot Panache has really pushed the family on. In her last lactation she gave 9995kgs 4.1%fat 3.5% pro and is the dam of a future Cattle Services bull Beechmount Magic Mike.

Well, the end of my trip had come but the weather had the last say as I sat at Larne port for six hours waiting for the ferries to restart after the high winds and torrential rain. I must say a big thankyou to all the farms visited for their hospitality and a special mention to everyone that provided me with such wonderful food and accommodation on my trip. It was much appreciated, and as usual Northern Ireland Ayrshire Cattle did not disappoint me.

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G R YORKSHIRE



At the Great Yorkshire Show entries were about on par to previous years and the quality right through the classes was top class. The Judge was David Christophers from Cornwall.



In the first class of the day the standard was set with four truly outstanding calves forward. Winning the class was Holmeswood Supreme Bella (by Sandyford Supreme) closely followed by her stable mate Holmeswood Segway Clover (Des Fleurs Saguenay).

In the heifer in calf class there was only one entry, Whitecroft Mojo 33, by Cuthill Towers Madison, a beautifully put together heifer with great potential.

The milk heifer class followed with seven well put together dairy heifers, and at the top of the class was Cuthill Towers Stadium Raffia (Changue Stadium) followed by her herd mate Cuthill Towers Buster Bramble (Cuthill Towers Buster) with Marleycote Celandine (Ardrossan EV Kates Trident) in third.



The Junior cow class had seven forward and it was Heydale Winsome 183 (Duo Star Gentleman) taking the honours with Middle Jean CTHD (Cuthill Towers Highland Dream) in second place.

The Intermediate cows also had seven entries forward in a very strong class. The winner was Hilltower Modern Marcy (West Mossgiel Modern Reality) with Harperfield Queen Elizabeth 2 (Harperfield Sands of Time) in second.

EAT SHOW 2021

The Senior cows saw three cows come forward and this class showed all the qualities that true Ayrshire cows have, longevity, dairyness and style, with the eventual winner in this hotly contested class being Fourth Milestone Wanita 2 (Ardmore Crown Napier). In second was Cuthill Towers Highland Bloom (Cuthill Towers Highland Dream) and in third Harperfield Sandy Rose by Harperfield Coral Reef.

The Judge, selected his champion from the intermediate cow class. Hilltower Modern Marcy, owned by A&S Lawrie, in David's words was a strong powerful dairy cow with great feet and legs. Reserve was Harperfield Queen Elizabeth 2, from D M Lindsay, and Honourable Mention was Fourth Milestone Wanita, from James & Nicola Waterhouse. Harperfield Queen Elizabeth 2 and Harperfield Irene 53 also won the Interbreed exhibitor bred pairs for D M Lindsay, and later in the day the Champion, Modern Marcy, and Reserve, Queen Elizabeth 2, won the Blythwood Interbreed pairs with the Shorthorns from Ian Collins in Reserve.

Also presented at the show was the Michael Spink Memorial Trophy in memory of Michael, a great Ayrshire enthusiast, who tragically died in New Zealand in 2016 at the age of twenty four while on work placement. The Trophy presented by his sister was for the Ayrshire junior heifer champion and it went to Holmeswood Supreme Bella, from Andrew and Laura Rimmer, shown by Laura Partington.



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FOUR BROTHERS CHEESE BIDDESSEN DAIRY



Biddesden Dairy was started in 1930 by the Guinness family, who chose the Ayrshire breed based on the aesthetic and nature of the cows, as well as the merits of the milk they produce. Catriona Guinness, who took over the

After six tough months of trial and error the first cheese, Pippin, reached shop shelves. It is a brandy washed soft cheese made using a traditional technique and french cultures, and was named after one of the cows at the dairy. This was followed six months later by the second cheese, Bryony, which is a feta equivalent with a salty bite and nutty aftertaste, suspended in cold pressed rapeseed oil, which picked up an award at the Artisan Cheese Awards in July 2021.

management of the 600 acre farm in 1981, runs the high welfare dairy with the help of three others. She has continued the tradition of naming each of the cows at the dairy herself and keeping handwritten records in the farm office.

Currently almost all of the milk from the dairy goes to Muller but, as of 2019, a small portion of the milk goes to a new diversification project that was started by Catriona's nephews, Hector, Arthur, Matthew and Sam. They grew up on another family farm about five miles from Biddesden Dairy, and they had always dreamed of starting a cheese business together, but it wasn't until the youngest brother, Sam, visited a cheesemaker in Oxfordshire in 2015, while studying for a degree in agriculture at The Royal Agricultural University, that the plan was put into action.

After his degree and a brief foray into the world of cooking, Sam got a job making the award winning Renegade Monk, a soft ale-washed blue cheese, for a young cheese startup in Somerset. After a year of industry experience, which included visiting many other cheesemakers, a small outbuilding was renovated into a cheese room and Four Brothers Cheese was launched.



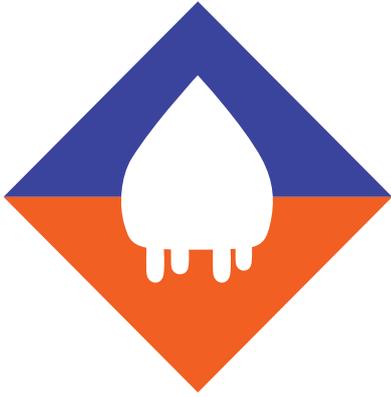
Sam is currently experimenting with a semi hard cheese variety, that will hopefully come into being in late 2021. With a foothold in the market and access to such high quality milk, the opportunities for further diversifications are endless.

Sam also runs a small pig enterprise alongside the cheese, which have a mutualistic relationship through the whey that is extracted through the cheesemaking process. Around 80% of the volume of milk is converted into liquid whey which is transported straight to the very grateful pigs. Along with other steps taken to avoid waste throughout the business, this makes the entire process zero waste.



Four Brothers Cheese now supplies around ten shops and restaurants in the Wiltshire and Hampshire area, as well as some local farmers markets. There are several more shops and wholesalers lined up for when the business grows to the next stage of production.





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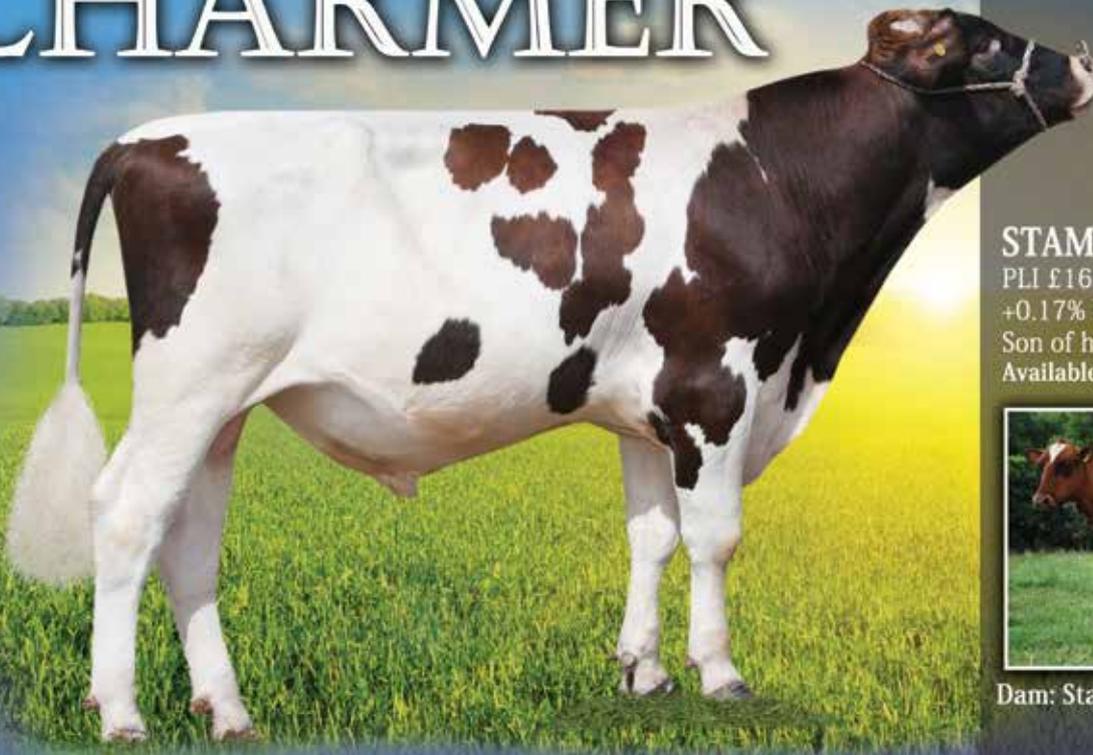
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RAVENHILL ETHEL 393 EX95 8E LP100

Ethel 393 by McCornick Nelson has achieved LP100 status in ten lactations, with her highest record being 11,483kgs 3.95% bf and 3.35% pro in 305 days. Her dam was Ethel 200 EX92 4E 10 Star Brood cow by Ballyclan First Command. She has bred one EX daughter by Changeu Tryst and many sons who have been stock bulls for breeders in Northern Ireland.

Club News

Ayr

The Club held their Annual Herds Competition on Thursday 29th July 2021. The judge for the day was Michael Howie and the competition was sponsored by John D Laird Agricultural Contractors, Semex UK, Quest Farm Supplies, Carrs Billington, Nithsdale Vets, William Yuille Ltd and S & J Allan.

The results were as follows:

Best Overall Herd and Challenge Trophy
G & R Templeton, Pocknave

LARGE HERD
1st and Bargower Cup: J & G Lawrie, Sandyford
2nd: G & G Templeton, Knowe

SMALL HERD
1st and Pant Trophy: G & R Templeton, Pocknave
2nd: J & A Struthers, Boylston
3rd: W & J McHarg, Crofthead

COW FAMILY
1st and Wheatrig Trophy: J & A Struthers, Boylston - Pansy family
2nd: G & R Templeton, Pocknave - Carnell Peg family
3rd: G & G Templeton, Knowe - Knowe Irnola family

INDIVIDUAL COW
1st and Stoneleigh Trophy:
Brieryside Respect Sandy Rose (Brieryside Respect) J & G Lawrie, Sandyford
2nd: Catcraig Supreme Evelyn VG89 (Sandyford Supreme) J Brown, Catcraig
3rd: Carnell Peg 192 VG89 (Haresfoot Simply Perfek) G & R Templeton, Pocknave

PROGENY GROUP
1st and Howie Cup: Croftside Calico, W & J McHarg, Crofthead
2nd: Brieryside Respect, J & G Lawrie, Sandyford
3rd: Gen-I-Beq Attico, G & G Templeton, Knowe



INDIVIDUAL HEIFER

1st and Davie Laird Cup: Knowe Buttergirl 242 (Gen-I-Beq Attico) G & G Templeton, Knowe
2nd: Carnell Snowdrop 477 (Sandyford Supreme) G & R Templeton, Pocknave
3rd: Brieryside Fusion Wren (Brieryside Fusion) J & G Lawrie, Sandyford

PURE COW OR HEIFER (min 87.5% Ayrshire)

1st: Croftside Angeline 64 (Croftside Calico) W & J McHarg, Crofthead
2nd: Syke Glencairn Lolita (Ardmore Crown Napier) J & A Struthers, Boylston

RED & WHITE COW OR HEIFER (less than 25% Ayrshire)

1st: Brieryside Awesome Pear (Luck-E Awesome Red) J & G Lawrie, Sandyford
2nd: Glenmuir Attico Jodie (Gen-I-Beq Attico) J & A Struthers, Boylston

BEST 40,000kg MILK COW:

1st: Brieryside Respect Sandy Rose (Brieryside Respect) J & G Lawrie, Sandyford
2nd: Knowe Irnola 24 EX90 (Caldervale Realisation) G & G Templeton, Knowe
3rd: Croftside Orange Blossom 29 (Croftside Jonah) W & J McHarg, Crofthead

That evening the club held their Presentation Dinner for the Annual Herds Competition at Enterkine House where we had a very enjoyable meal and an excellent after dinner speaker, Jimmy Warnock. Thanks must go to our Herds Competition sponsors mentioned above for their continued support.

Forthcoming Event:

13 October 2021

West of Scotland Dairy Show

Club News



Lancashire

Judge Linda Batty
(Willowfield)

Herd Production Inspection Class
Fred Cornall Challenge Cup

Scale of points
As for County
Championship

Competitor	Lacts	CI	Yield	PLI	Cells	Fat %	Prot %	Wt F+P	Insp.Pts	Total
1 Cowell & Moore	34	424	9764	-8	173	4.99	3.30	809	1350	2739
2 J.E.&S.M. Seedall	124	384	7897	68	100	4.04	3.32	581	1400	2562
3 H. & J.E. Watson	96	418	6302	-10	98	4.28	3.40	484	1450	2274
4 Whitegate Ayr	101	420	6322	-94	228	4.18	3.33	475	1500	2060
5 M.&H.Hayhurst	34	462	8115	28	362	4.67	3.37	652	1350	2034

Wheatrigg Challenge Cup - Champion Animal on Production and Inspection

Competitor	Animal	Yield	Fat %	Prot %	Wt F+P	Ins Pts	Total
1 Cowell & Moore	Newsham Hall Molly	11007	5.14	3.48	948	950	1898
2 J.E.&S.M. Seedall	Jamara Classic Gladys	10768	3.48	3.13	714	1000	1714
3 H. & J.E. Watson	New Close Lisa 25	8571	4.65	3.46	695	975	1670
4 M.&H.Hayhurst	B'side Tristan Cherry	5321	5.09	3.13	438	925	1363

Stanley Challenge Cup (Milking Herd)

1. Whitegate Ayrshires
2. H&J.E. Watson, New Close Herd
3. JE & SM Seedall, Jamara Herd
- 4=MWD & HA Hayhurst, Riverlee Herd & Cowell & Moore, Newsham Herd

Nobel Challenge Cup (In-Milk Heifers)

1. Cowell & Moore, Newsham Herd
2. H&JE Watson, New Close Herd
3. MWD & HA Hayhurst, Riverlee Herd
4. Whitegate Ayrshires
5. JE & SM Seedall, Jamara Herd

Constantine Challenge Cup (Cow Family Group)

1. JE & SM Seedall, Jamara Gladys
2. H&JE Watson, New Close Champagne
3. Whitegate Ayrshires, Whitegate Florence
4. Cowell & Moore, Newsham Hall Delilah

Houghs Farm Feeds Challenge Trophy (Best Cow)

1. JE & SM Seedall, Jamara Nickle Gladys
2. Whitegate Ayrshires, Whitegate Julia
3. MWD & HA Hayhurst, Line No 102
4. Cowell & Moore, Newsham Hall Molly
5. H&JE Watson, New Close Countess 7

Miller Challenge Trophy (Best Heifer)

1. Whitegate Ayrshires, Whitegate Flora 6
2. MWD & HA Hayhurst, Line No 112
3. H&JE Watson, New Close Avril Red 153
4. Cowell & Moore, Newsham Hall Daydream 2
5. JE & SM Seedall, Jamara Magic Brenda

Wigtownshire

On Friday the 4th June we held our Spring herds competition (judged by Robert McColm from High Boreland Farm, Stranraer) in the glorious sunshine. It was lovely to see everyone gather for the AGM and results later that night at High Mark Farm, by kind permission of the Watson Family.

The Results are as follows-

Best Individual Heifer

- 1st - H.M Model Mayflower 2 (Carnell Perfect Model) - Watson, High Mark
- 2nd - a Carsenaw heifer (East Drumlemble Jester) - Service, Moorpark
- 3rd - Culroy Oblique Amey (Oblique) - McDowall, Culroy

Progeny Team

- 1st - Fineview Thunder - Clark, Fineview
- 2nd - Cuthill Towers Roderick - Service, Moorpark
- 3rd - Garthland Lancaster - McColm, Garthland

18kg Cow

- 1st - Kilhilt Fair Jessie (Muirston Fair Trade) - Alison Clark, Meikle Glengyre
- 2nd - Fineview Ristourn April Ex91 (Lagace Ristourn) - Clark, Fineview
- 3rd - Knockbrev Pippa (Brocklehill Eldorado) - Service, Knockbrev

Mother & Daughter

- 1st - Carsenaw Eunice 68 - 8th Lactation (Willsbro Red Razzle) and Carsenaw Eunice 95 - 4th lactation (Caldervale Realisation) - Service, Moorpark

- 2nd - Fineview Skyfall April - 4th Lactation- (Troutbeck Skyfall) and Fineview Talent April (West Mossgiel Modern Talent) - Clark, Fineview

- 3rd - Colfin Milkshake 21 -5th lactation (Garthland Joseph) and Milkshake 34 - 2nd lactation (Genibeq Attico Red) - McWilliam, Colfin

Best Dry cow

- 1st Colfin Lady Dunn 16 (Garthland Joseph) - McWilliam, Colfin
- 2nd Fineview Magic Mona Ex91 (Muir Mr Magic) - Clark, Fineview
- 3rd Garthland Barbette (Garthland Lancaster) - McColm, Garthland

Best pure bred Ayrshire

- 1st - Carsenaw Pamela 28 (Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette) - Service, Moorpark
- 2nd - Watson High Mark

Best Red & White cow

- 1st Buchanan, Laigh Kilphin
- 2nd Stevensons Susi 48 (Cuthill Towers Roderick) - Stevenson, Kirminnoch
- 3rd Fineview Floyd Sandra Red (You tube Floyd) - Clark, Fineview

Thank you to Robert McColm for judging and everyone who took part.



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