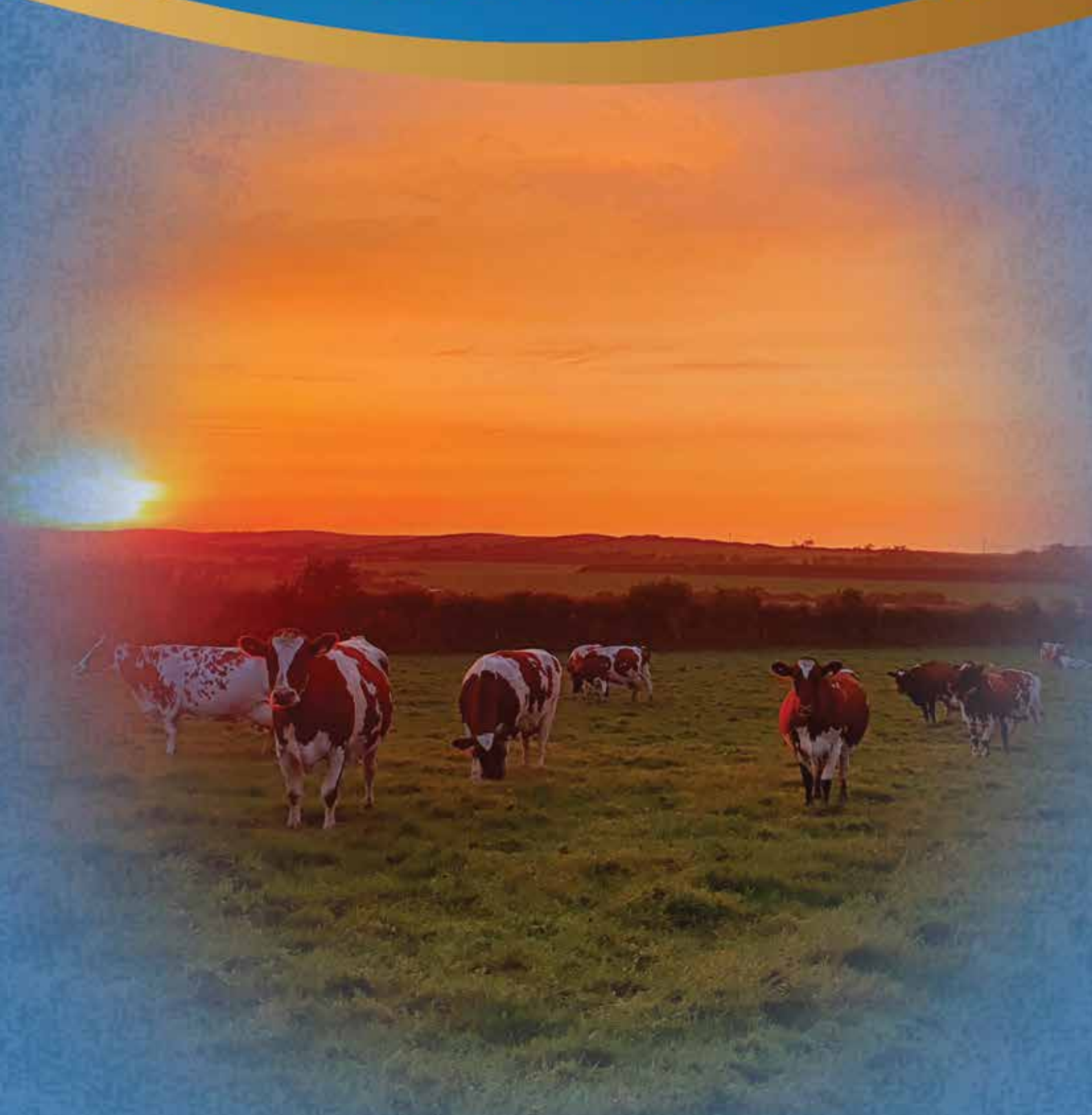


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Welcome..

2021/22 President Steve Bailey



Isn't it great to see things getting back to some sort of normality with the roll out of the vaccination programme. The first chance we had to meet properly was at Michael's conference and although a smaller event than usual we saw two great herds of cows, at Morwick and Marleycote.

With the length of time since we last met up a lot of time was spent chatting and catching up with everyone, and all done in the lovely Northumbrian sunshine!

A judging school was held at Michael's with some excellent CSA animals on display and then we finished off with a 'party' in a brewery at the Rigg & Furrow!

Dairy Day was back, and what a display Ayrshire breeders put on, being by far the largest number of quality cows and heifers of any breed. Thanks to all the members that sent their cows to the show, and what a great job the Young Breeders team did looking after the stock and showing them in such a professional manner. John Suffern did a great job judging, with his champion and reserve both coming from the Mattinson's Troutbeck herd in Cumbria.

With such a terrific exhibition of Ayrshires it was a great pity that two of our Honorary Presidents, Jim Lawrie from Cuthill Towers and Edward Evans of Cattle Services, could not be there to see what their cheerful hard work had helped to achieve, they will both be greatly missed by many of us.

The latest event to be held was the All Breeds Calf Show in Peterborough. Here again it was the younger members that were out in force and what a credit they are to the Society. The handling classes were first, with Stuart Williams as judge, after some fierce competition Enfys Wheeler was the winner who didn't put a foot wrong all day. In the calf classes James Lawrie was our judge, and from the wonderful line up of calves he found his winner in Knowe B-King Dainty Lass 2, a superb heifer shown by S Esquirdo and A Struthers.

Back home the maize has been harvested, which must mean that winter is only just around the corner, let's hope for one with few problems and a decent milk price!

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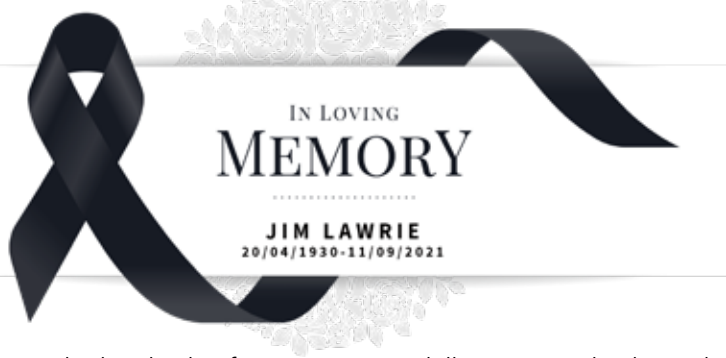
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With the death of Jim Lawrie, Cuthill Towers, Milnathort, the Ayrshire Cattle Society lost one of its stalwarts whose contributions to the breed over a long period of time were many and varied. Jim was born in 1930 and brought up on the family farm of Kessington, Bearsden, near Glasgow, and like many children of dairy farmers in those days, he helped out on the milk round with his brother Gavin before heading off school.

As a young man, Jim was an active member of Loch Lomond YFC and enjoyed socialising with fellow young farmers. He claimed he had been popular mainly because he was able to source fuel through a slightly dubious source during petrol rationing. This made his farm cattle float a very popular taxi service to YF meetings and events.

Jim met Jessie Templeton at a YFC dance in the Grand Hall, in Kilmarnock, and they married in June 1955, before settling down to life at Cuthill Towers.

In the spring of 1964 Jim spent a lengthy period in hospital with a back problem, eventually being discharged in a wheelchair. However, through sheer grit and determination he walked again and had a very full and active working life, even managing to play a mean game of golf.



As well as being in demand as a judge at most of the main shows in the UK and Ireland, he attended and helped organise Ayrshire Cattle Society conferences.

He was also an enthusiastic exhibitor of his Cuthill Towers prefixed cattle, and over the years since he started the herd in 1955, he picked up many of the top awards at the Royal Show, Royal Highland, the National Dairy Event and AgriScot. The main factor in his success was an incredible ability to identify cow families that would improve the herd. Initially he brought together bloodlines from the renowned Carnell and Kessington herds.

One of his early purchases was Snowhill Quaker Lilly, which went on to give him his first Highland Show champion in 1963. He went on to win the Highland on another four occasions.

Other notable families bought in by Jim were the Ray, Miss Barbour,

"A man among men"

Written by the Lawrie family.

Autumn Beauty and Snowdrop. Poignantly, his favourite Snowdrop cow left a fitting tribute on the day of his funeral, giving birth to a heifer calf.

In the mid-1970s, whilst in Canada, he identified the potential of Balquidder Maple Sugar, one of the first Canadian Ayrshire genetics to be imported in the UK.

In 1983, he travelled down to the Royal with a strong team. On the first day, he was first and second in the cows in-milk, and went on to take the championship in the Ayrshires.

On the second day, both animals were selected to represent the Ayrshires in the Burke Trophy, which they won. That was the first time that two home-bred animals from the same sire and herd had ever won the famous Burke Trophy.

Jim liked nothing better than giving guided tours round the herd at Cuthill Towers, with parties coming from all round the world to see the quality stock. He was a great ambassador for the Young Farmers movement, and was a regular host and trainer for many successful stockjudging teams.

At his local show, Kinross, he liked nothing better than seeing youngsters parade their calves. Through his encouragement, there would often be a full ring of exhibitors in the young handlers' classes and his passion for his local show was evidenced a few years ago with reports of a gentleman trundling along the A91 in his disability scooter. When asked where he was going, Jim replied 'home.' He had been at Kinross Show and had not been ready to go home when his family had suggested the idea.

In 2018, he was appointed as one of the Society's honorary presidents. This honour followed him being president some 30 years earlier.

His enthusiasm for life saw him become involved in a whole range of local organisations, including, along with Jessie, Milnathort Bridge Club.

Jessie passed away last year and they are survived by sons, Arthur and George, and daughters, Jen and Irene, their spouses, eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



HQ CATCH-UP

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



I think I say this every journal, but time is flying by, the year has gone so quick! I am so glad we have been able to produce two journals this year, packed with articles, adverts and information for our members. I am also pleased that we have produced another calendar that I hope you enjoy, please remember throughout the year to take pictures so we can make the calendar an annual production.

Unfortunately, the Society has lost another Honorary

President, Jim Lawrie. He was always a welcome face to the Society stand at the Highland Show and Agriscot, the funeral service at Cuthill Towers was a lovely tribute to a true gentleman.

Reminder

2022 is the last year of the three year price increase for registrations so please get up to date by the end of the year to ensure you are charged at the current rate.

Council and Presidents met in November with lots of agenda items for discussion, if anyone wishes more information, please contact your regional representative and they can update you. Council nomination forms for 2022/2023 will be posted early 2022, along with a booking form for the conference and your membership subscription invoice. The 2022 conference organisation is well underway, and we will be based at the impressive Rookery Hall in Nantwich. Booking will also be available online in early 2022.

The Young Breeders weekend will also open for booking in January 2022."

The World Federation mid-term meeting was due to be hosted by Canada in 2022, however they have pulled out, it will now be hosted by the United States Ayrshire Breeders Association at World Dairy Expo in October 2022. The committee are well on the way to agreeing a route for the 2024 World Ayrshire Federation conference and will be releasing branding and a booking form in 2022.

For data protection purposes, it is important we have the most up to date contact details for our members. Please go to the link below and submit your details.

<https://www.ayrshirescs.org/ayrshires-cattle-society/society/membership/update-details/>

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Please do not hesitate to contact Amy or myself at the office with any queries. We will be closed on 24th – 27th December and 31st – 4th January. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

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Total	957

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Diary Dates

2022

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NEW NORMALITY

Ayrshire Breed Manager Alan Timbrell.

Well, we have reached the final month of 2021 and with a touch of the new normality of the world with us. Some shows have been running and it's been great to catch up with so many members. The Society had a great National Ayrshire show at UK Dairy Day with entries well up on 2019. The Ayrshire breed had the largest number of entries at the show and there were many great

a great credit everyone.

I travelled to Northern Ireland in late September to judge the dairy classes at the Balmoral Show, which had been cancelled in Spring 2020 and Spring 2021. This was the first time one judge had judged all the dairy breed classes and Interbreeds at the Balmoral Show. This year, because of covid restrictions, no animals from south of the border were able to travel to compete at the event, which was a huge shame for all concerned.

Many people are genomic testing their heifers and we have spoken to Cogent to see if we could get a better price made available. Cogent have agreed to reduce the price by £2 per animal to £27 for a 70K test, which is the most accurate test available.

BREED
MANAGER'S
REPORT

comments on the quality of animals forward. A full report is in this publication.

The Society would like to thank the Young Breeders team, who looked after and showed 32 of the 61 entries, for their complete professionalism that they showed throughout the event. They were the envy of all the other breeds and

With many commercial dairy farmers looking for stock, their first question to me is what is the BVD status of the animals for sale. We would like to encourage all members to start Tag & Testing for BVD as we feel that this will become compulsory very soon, and we as a breed would like to be at the forefront to say our breed is BVD free.

The National Calf Show entries were back on numbers this year because some breeders were closed with TB, and because of new health legislation in Northern Ireland calves were unable to travel. We hope to welcome everyone back in 2022.

The Society has received many communications regarding the rule that the Society allows 100% Holstein females with a 01 registration number into the Ayrshire Blended herd book.

As of 1st January 2022, this will no longer happen. Also, after the 1st January 2022 all animals competing in any Ayrshire Blended competitions will need to have a 14-registration number, this also includes the All Britain and Ireland Photographic competition.

We have been looking into running a National herds competition, the logistics of which are still being finalised, but from the discussions on this subject at our recent council meeting an idea was tabled by the Derbyshire club that we have a bull progeny competition, for four cows by one sire from the Cattle Services stud. The format will be done virtually with three overseas judges being asked to place the entries that are to be shown in a video format.

Rules for entry to the Ayrshire Cattle Society bull progeny team of four females:

Entries to reach the Society office by 31st March 2022.

Each team, of four females, must be from one herd.

All animals to be registered with the Ayrshire Cattle Society.

All animals entered must be by Cattle Services sires.

All animals are to be Red & White in colour.

Herds may enter up to two teams of four animals, but each team must be by a different sire.

All animals are to be shown on a video that is to be no longer than three minutes in length.

All animals to be shown on a hard standing.

Each animal to be shown individually and in the team on the video. No people, farm banners or commentary on the video.

“the aim is to be at the forefront to say our breed is BVD free”

We are sure most of you by now have heard of the genetic recessive that has been found in the Ayrshire breed, called Curly Calf Syndrome, tracing back to the Scandinavian Ayrshire sire Peterslund. We can confirm that we can test your animals if you require this on your potentially positive animals. If you are not sure if your animal traces to Peterslund then please contact the office or myself for help. The cost of the test will be in the region of 36 euros per animal. The bulls we know that have daughters registered in the UK at this moment are VR Lazer, Cock Rond Kilovolt, Margot Player, La Croisee Yukon, Des Cretes Fantastic and Kamouraska Rockstar, and, although at the time

of publication Rockstar has not had a positive test himself, he has several sons who have tested positive and therefore we feel you should treat him that he is a positive carrier of Curly Calf Syndrome. If you wish to read more about the recessive, please go to the website and a full explanation is available there, or contact me with any of your concerns.

It is proposed to have two judging seminars in 2022, which are going to be in Northern Ireland and the central belt of England.

The Society have been in further talks with AHDB on readdressing the Type formula for the Ayrshire breed and we are pleased to say hopefully this will all be sorted for the new year.

A DNA sample was taken from Allstar Triclo Joybell that stated Sandyford Triclo was her sire.

We would like to invite breeders from around the UK to offer calves for auction to help with the funding of the World Ayrshire Conference in 2024. If you would like to get involved with supplying a calf for auction, with at least 50% of the proceeds going to the Conference fund, please get in contact with us.

Thanks to all of you that have shown me such great hospitality in the past year and hopefully, if covid allows, I will catch up with more of you in 2022. Have a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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Young Breeder Q&A

Here we speak to Jake Sayer and Megan Stratton, two previous winners of the Young Breeders competition weekend on what being a young member means to them, along with how it felt to win the prestigious Hugh Stevenson and John Cochrane awards in Cornwall 2019.



Jake Sayer

1. Where was your first YB Weekend?
Loughborough in 2014.

2. Apart from cows, what are your hobbies?

Very little besides cows, though before I moved north I was an active member of Bridgewater YFC and was South West Area Chairman 2018/2019. I do try to watch as many Liverpool games as I can.

3. Apart from winning, what is your best YB memory?

Well, this is a trick question... meeting Amy obviously!

4. In your opinion, what is the best thing about the YB weekends?

The best thing about YB weekends is coming together with young breeders from all over the country, I've always liked that we are one big group rather than within area clubs. Along with meeting new people, there is a great team of experienced young members willing to teach younger members new skills.

5. What did it mean to you to win the Hugh Stevenson trophy?

Winning the Hugh Stevenson trophy is definitely one of my biggest achievements, it's something I'd always hoped I could do but didn't think I would. Getting the opportunity to go to Australia on the back of winning was an experience I will never forget.

6. What would you say to anyone unsure about coming to the Yorkshire weekend?

That they shouldn't hesitate, there's no reason not to. We are a very inclusive bunch of keen, like-minded young members. There something for everyone to get involved with. If they let me in, they'll have anyone!

Megan Stratton

1. Where was your first YB Weekend?
Derbyshire in 2007.

2. Apart from cows, what are your hobbies?

I am a keen St Columb YFC member and recently competed for Cornwall in various National YFC finals, including dairy stock judging, floral art, and cooking. I also enjoy sewing and crafts.

3. In your opinion, what is the best thing about the YB weekends?

Building friendships and having a platform to train, compete, discuss & promote the Ayrshire breed.

4. What did it mean to you to win the John Cochrane trophy?

I was honoured to win The John Cochrane Award in 2019. John was the main driver of the YB weekends when I first attended in 2007, and is someone I always looked up to and been encouraged by. The win made more special by being in Cornwall, when my family & club were present at the Awards Evening, Grumpy even shed a tear!

5. What skills have you gained by being a young member?

Confidence in myself to express opinions, knowledge, practical skills - clipping, handling, sire selection etc., but most importantly friends and peers with the same interest and will to compete as myself.

6. What would you say to anyone unsure about coming to the Yorkshire weekend?

Come and have a go, everyone is welcome at Ayrshire Young Breeders Gatherings, whatever your experience, there is always someone to offer guidance. But most importantly for the FUN & CAMARADERIE.

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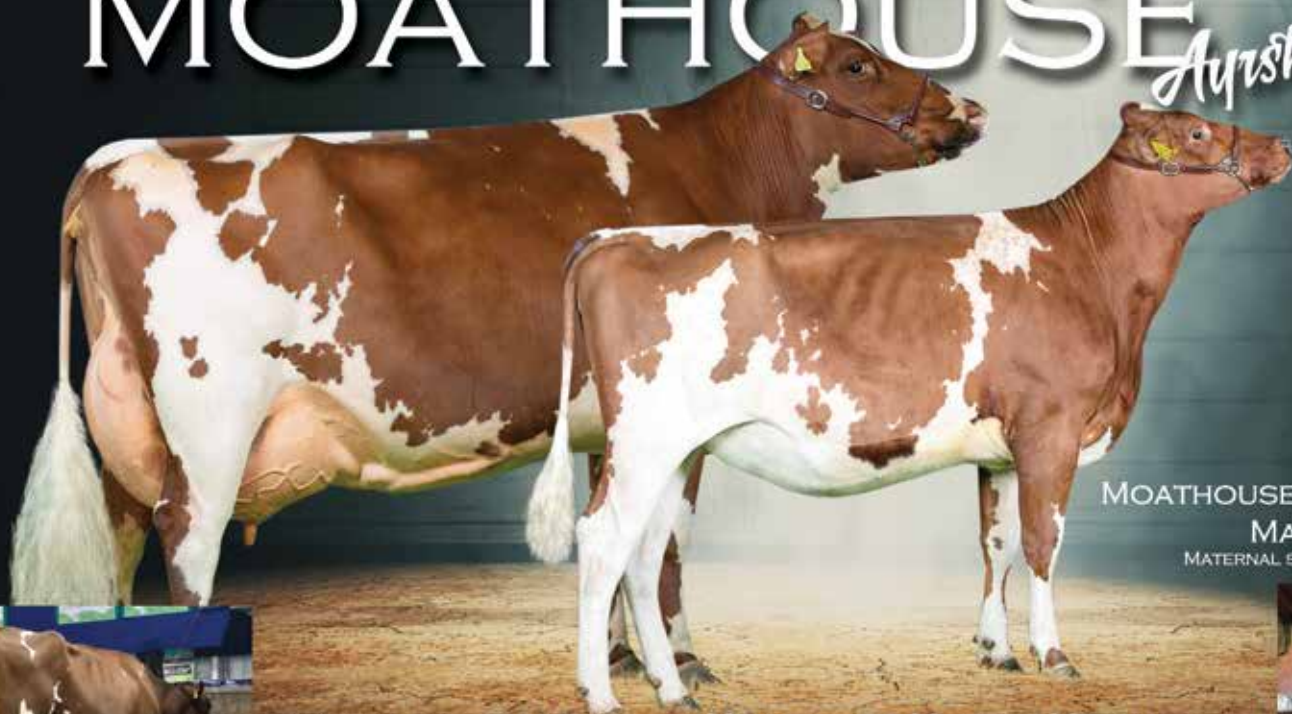


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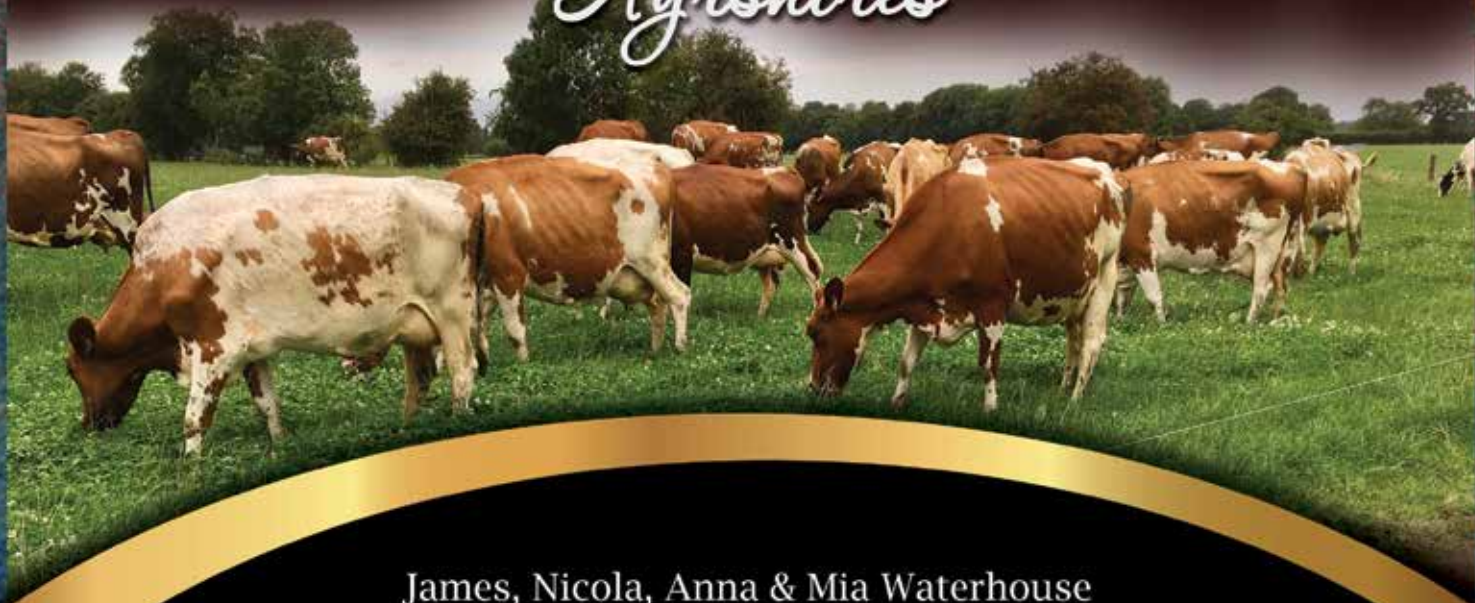
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Another New Venture at Halmyre



I'm not quite sure how I qualify to be writing this blog, but as I'm sure many of you know when Claire asks you to do something before you know where you are you have agreed, and then there's no going back.

My name is Jane and I'm married to Keith Davidson, who was fortunate to be President of the Society back

in 2018/2019 before the Covid Pandemic hit and changed our lives to a new kind of normal. We farm at Halmyre, in partnership with our son Colin, just outside the market town of Castle Douglas in the southwest of Scotland, a hidden gem in Scotland's beautiful landscape.

Ayrshires have been part of both our families' history for generations. In our kitchen hangs a plaque, which was won by my grandfather, for being Ayrshire Premier Exhibitor at Minnesota State Fair in 1937. Sadly, both Keith's parents have passed away since his conference in Dumfries in May 2019, and it was while clearing the farmhouse in spring of this year we were reminded by three, large, mounted photographs of his father's entries in the Jacob Murray Competition, a national trophy which he won outright after winning it in three consecutive years, for a team of ten by the one sire, a fantastic achievement.

With the farmhouse lying empty, my husband thought it would be a good idea to cash in on the 'staycation' phenomenon sweeping the country and holiday let it. My heart did sink a little, all I could see was painting, decorating, furnishing and a lot of organising needing to be done before we would be 'open for business', but not one to be put off by a challenge we got set to and, with the help of Fiona from Cottages.com and Riddicks, our local builder and joiner firm from the village, we were ready for our first holiday guests towards the end of June, and we haven't had a vacant week since. The house sleeps eight and, with the help of my sister, the change overs on a Friday have all gone smoothly so far, although those five hours of cleaning from 10am until 3pm are often the quickest in the week.



Lockdown for us, as for most, has had immense challenges and brought about many changes. We are on a Graham's contract and while we weren't allowed to expand and increase our output with the Ayrshires, Graham's were keen to acquire more Jersey litres which has brought about the purchase of a small herd of Jersey Cattle from the Pye family in Lancashire. Their arrival in 2020 coincided with our wedding anniversary, which let Keith off the hook yet again with the absence of a bouquet of flowers. They have settled in nicely and are run completely separately from the rest of the dairy herd.

Their introduction has meant a slightly earlier start to the day for everyone, and hence to help sustain the troops my day now begins earlier too. I'm out with their coffee and bacon rolls for 5am to keep them going until breakfast. I get involved where necessary whether it's doing cow beds, helping with milking but mainly feeding calves.

I'm responsible for the production of our Ice cream which goes under the name 'Glen Urr'. This was established in 2008, but has been hit hard with the cancellation of all events and bookings for 2020 and the majority of events for 2021. The only upside is that with so much else going on it has given me a bit of a breather, before things hopefully return to some kind of normality in 2022.

Our other diversification business was the acquisition of The Toffee Shop, in our local town in 2009, to be our main outlet for our ice cream. It too has been hit hard by lockdown and restrictions, but the biggest blow came when our landlord sent an e-mail on Christmas Eve 2020 to let us know, in plenty of time, that he wanted to take back ownership of the shop for his own new business in June 2021. Keith and I spent the first couple of months of 2021 searching the town looking for premises to suit the business, it was a struggle. Not what we planned, but we now have two properties in the town, but that saga is probably best kept for another day!

A trip to Glasgow tomorrow to the sweetie wholesaler is on the cards, with my two year old grandson, Arran, who I have the absolute delight of looking after on a Wednesday and Thursday while his mummy, Nicola, works at Threave Vets. On our last trip we came back with an extra box of After Eight Mints, which weren't on my list but somehow landed on my barrow. I wonder what will take his fancy tomorrow when Granny's back is turned?



National Ayrshire Show 2021

*held at
UK Dairy Day*



John Suffern

Our National Show was again held UK Dairy Day, with the highest entry of any breeds at the event. Judge for the day was John Suffern, Ravenhill from Northern Ireland.

The first class was the Junior Heifer with seven forward, top of the line was Morwick Gwen 35, by Willhome Pams Horizon, from M A Howie & Son; second was Sanderson Champ Miss Modern, by Sanderson Champ, owned by David & Christine Sanderson and third place went to Changue Petula 106, by Changue Tryst, owned by G G Baynes & Son & Robert Stevenson.



In the Senior Heifer class there were nine forward, and it was Halmyre Urr Mayflower 302, by Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette, from L Davidson & Sons who was placed first; second was Heydale Wingman Bronara, by Heydale Wingman, from D W Berresford & Son and taking third spot was Wroughton Stripe, by Lessard Jumper, from M & R Windel.

Champion Ayrshire Heifer was Morwick Gwen 35 with Reserve going to Halmyre Urr Mayflower 302 and Honourable Mention going to Heydale Wingman Bronara. The judge commented that the champion was everything he wanted in an Ayrshire heifer, great dairy quality throughout and a superb udder.





In the Ayrshire Hybrid Championship, it was Hunnington Fragy 16 that rose to the top, with John saying she was a tremendous cow for having had seven calves and still looking so youthful.

In the Ayrshire Junior Cow class there were eleven forward - the biggest class of the day from all breeds. In first place was Swaites Rosie 2, by Swaites Norbrook, owned by John Adamson & Son; second was Troutbeck Diamonds Sybil, by Troutbeck King of Diamonds, owned by FJ & M Mattinson & Sons and in third was Hunnington Fragy 29, by Hunnington Jester, owned by L & C Window.

This year the Ayrshire Hybrid animals had their own classes, in the heifer class it was Whiteflat Jordy Lizzie Red, by Jordy Red, from Mungo & Callum Bryson who took first place with Morwick Tulip 140, by West Mossgiel Modern Class, from M A Howie & Son in second and third going to Knowe Candy 27, by Bruchag Starman, owned by Stuart Mullan & G G Baynes & Son.

In the Hybrid Cow class there were six forward, in first place was Hunnington Fragy 16, by April-Day Wisconsin Red, from L & C Window; second was Beeline Texas Swan 2, by Texas Red, owned by S N Bailey & Partners with Middle Jessie EMJ 5, by Middle Emjest, from J Whiteford & Sons in third.



For the Intermediate Cow Class there were ten forward,



first was Willowfields Winnie 3, by Harperfield Nyjinski, owned by L&H Batty & the Firm of D M Lindsay; second was Morwick Reality Emerald, by West Mossgiel Modern Reality, owned by M A Howie & Son; third was Denmans Supreme Cherry Pie, by Sandyford Supreme, owned by H M Sayer & Son.

The Senior Cow class well supported with ten forward. First and second in this class went to two homebred cows from FJ & M Mattinson & Sons. It took our judge quite a while to split the two animals as they were both on top form. After a tough deliberation John decided on first to Troutbeck Skyfall Peony Rose, by Troutbeck Skyfall, and second to Troutbeck Burdette Jess 3, by Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette, with third place going to Hunnington Wren 7, by Rosehill Prestige, from L & C Window.

In the Ayrshire Championship it was the two senior cows Troutbeck Skyfall Peony Rose & Troutbeck Burdette Jess 3 that were made Champion and Reserve with Honourable



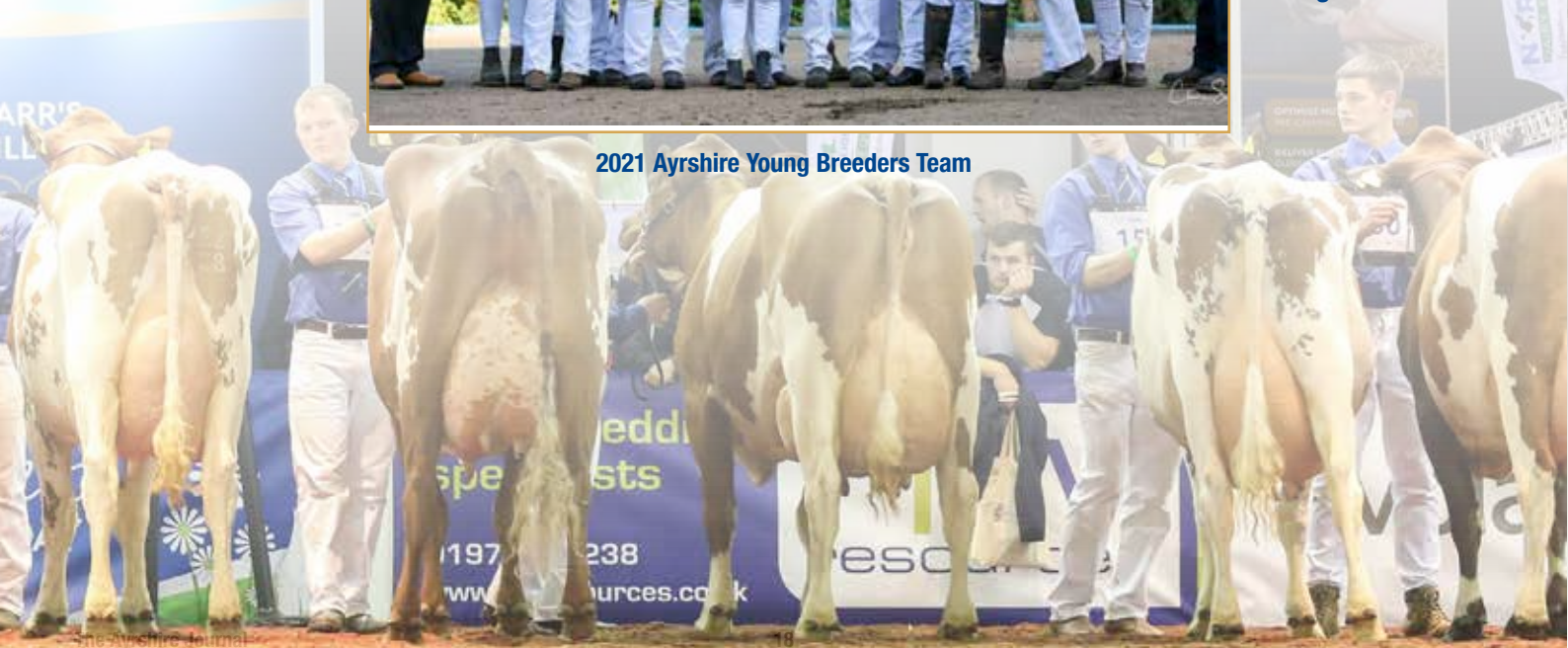
2021 Ayrshire Young Breeders Team

Mention going to Willowfields Winnie 3.

FJ & M Mattinson & Sons had a fantastic day, also winning the Gordon Timbrell Shield for the best Group of three animals and the Chris Window Cup for the Premier Exhibitor of the show. What a great show for the Mattinson family and a spectacular showcase for the Ayrshire Breed.

The show would not have been such a success without our members sending their animals for the young breeder team to look after, so thank you to those members for your support. The young breeder team who looked after over half of the Ayrshire cattle at the show did a fantastic job, worked so well together and yet again let people know that the breed has a bright future.

UK Dairy Day returns on Wednesday 14th September in 2022 and we are already looking forward to



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- Troutbeck Ayrshires
- Herd size 330
- Average yield 8515 4.67bf 3.46p
- Calving interval 379 days
- 500 acres
- Established 2001

FARM FEATURE

Brothers Philip and James Mattinson farm in partnership with their parents, Frank and Margaret, at Rosewain Farm Wigton Cumbria, which is home to the Troutbeck herd. The family are recent recipients of Premier Exhibitor of the Show at the National Ayrshire Show, held at UK Dairy Day, after securing both champion and reserve champion at this prestigious

event. This accolade coincides with the herds twentieth anniversary this autumn. "There was a fantastic show of Ayrshires at the national show, and it was a huge privilege to be stood with two cows at the top of the Championship" James added.

Milk is sold through Arla on the 360 scheme with a dedicated Aldi supply with cow welfare and efficiency being key. The new farm steading at Bridge House and the feeding robot ticked a lot of boxes when entering this contract.

The Troutbeck herd was established in 2001, after

Foot and Mouth disease, with cows from Lew Morrell's Upperwoodhead herd. Frank and Margaret chose the Ayrshire breed for long life and healthy cows and still this is probably even more relevant twenty years later, "with rising costs in every aspect of the farm enterprise, having efficient cows

is key and we strongly believe we have the right breed".

The herd is grazed from the start of April until late October - weather permitting, the cows being housed at night and buffer fed in the summer months. The cows are fed TMR of grass silage, wholecrop, peas and fodder beet as well as concentrates.

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Their favourite cow family on the farm has to be the Jess family, they are productive and also very pleasing on the eye, there's never a bad one. Bulls currently used are Troutbeck Progress, Harperfield Sands of Time, Margot Player, Blue Spruce Ringer, Halmyre Urr Lieutenant and Ardmore Jeepers Creepers.

Whilst calving all year round, they have recently been calving heifers by home bred bull Troutbeck Trump (Troutbeck Jess EX96 x Halmyre Urr Lieutenant). These have been entering the herd with perfect udders and "we are extremely pleased with them" stated James and Philip. "These are the type of cattle we will hopefully breed in the future".

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By Will Astley, Cogent Breeding



TECHNICAL FEATURE

With an estimated 30,000 pedigree Ayrshire cattle in the UK, the gene pool is limited and as a result finding the right sires to mate your herd to is becoming increasingly difficult. However genomic evaluations could provide the answer to the diversity of the breed in years to come.

Genomic evaluations of Ayrshire cattle have been available since 2013 and as the number of tests increase, so does the reliability of the data they provide.

This increase in reliability has continued to improve the relevance of data and ultimately increased the value you can get from genomic testing.

If we think about this from a different viewpoint; imagine investing in a new tractor. Before you purchase that tractor, you will do as much research as possible to make sure you make the correct decision and ensure your costs are kept to a minimum with regards to repairs and day-to-day running of the machine. If we apply this to genomic testing the premise is similar, you are investing in your animals in order to ensure you get the best return possible.

Genomic testing is an investment made to futureproof the genetics of your herd. It ensures herd progression is made through evidence-based decisions.

The test is the first step; however, the important aspect is how we use the data we get back from genomic evaluations.

In the case of the tractor, to extract the highest value from your investment, it is vital you are selecting a tractor which is suitable for the farm environment it will be used on. Similarly, to see the value in your investment in genomic testing the data must be used to make informed breeding decisions and build a herd which is suited to your individual farm.

However, while a tractor will depreciate in value, a group of animals has the ability to add value through improved genetic potential which will result in higher income levels through increased production, health and functional type.

Consider the two animals in table 1, it is clear Animal A outperforms Animal B based on genomic predictions however phenotypically both animals may appear similar. Based on this data, we can make a more informed decision on which to breed the most superior replacements from.

The reliability of genomic data from Ayrshire cattle is between 48 and 52% compared with a reliability of 19 to 22% when based solely on parent averages.

Not only can this increase in reliable information benefit you, it also has the ability to benefit the breed as a whole, allowing the Ayrshire Cattle Society to find the best females in order to breed the next generation of bulls. This will help further genetic progression, giving you more choice in genetics and ultimately improves the performance of not just cows on individual farms, but the entire breed.

Your farm's requirement for the number of heifer replacements will dictate the level of selection intensity needed when choosing animals to breed replacements from. However, by using genomic data to pinpoint the highest genetic merit animals in the herd, an opportunity arises to compliment this with the use of beef semen.

This means you are able to add value through two income streams: increasing the genetic potential and therefore performance of the milking herd while also adding value through a reduction in dairy bull calves and an increase in higher value beef-sired progeny.

PTA	ANIMAL A	ANIMAL B
PLI(£)	187	46
MILK (KG)	145	-50
COMBINED FAT & PROTEIN (KG)	15.5	2.1
FERTILITY	1	-0.7
SOMATIC CELL COUNT	-7	0
TYPE MERIT	0.6	0.2
MAMMARY	0.7	0.2

Table 1: Examples of Predicted Transmitting Ability (PTA) scores of two similar heifers established using genomic testing.



All Breeds CALF SHOW

What a great National calf show we had with calves and handlers coming from England, Scotland, and Wales, but unfortunately our breeders from Ireland were unable to travel, because of the new animal health regulations. The first day saw the handler competition and this year the Coloured Breeds Judge was Stuart Williams from Willhome Ayrshires, and he did an exceptional job.



In the first handling class, we had the youngest competitors enter the ring in the under 12-year-old class. Representing the Ayrshire Breed was Isla Davidson and at only five years old she did a tremendous job of showing her calf, Isla showed true determination and independence and we are positive she is a future champion handler.



In the 13–15-year-old class it was Enfys Wheeler who won the class against all the other coloured breed handlers with what the judge commented as a faultless display of handling of her own home bred Ayrshire calf. Also qualifying for the Ayrshire Championship from this class was Jack King. The next class was the 16–20-year-old class, and the top Ayrshire handler was Millie Tomlinson who finished second in a class of fourteen, with Katie Gordon also qualifying for the Ayrshire Champion handler from this class.

In the 21–27-year-old class it was a win for Alison Hunter who won the largest class of the day, with twenty-two forward, Amy Armstrong also qualified for the Ayrshire Championship from this class.

The Championship class saw a ring of terrific handlers from all ages and Stuart commented that he was so impressed with the standard in front of him. Stuart's Champion was Enfys Wheeler, and, in Stuart's words, the handler and calf were always in perfect union. His reserve champion was Alison Hunter and Honourable Mention was Millie Tomlinson. Congratulations to all who competed in the handler's competition, you were a real credit to the breed.

The second day it was the calves turn and right from the start the quality of calves shone through. The judge for the calves was James Lawrie, Cuthill Towers.





All Britain Calf Show 2021

In the first class with six calves forward first and second places went to Creech Hill Farm Partnership, first was Creech Hill Hawaiian Blossom, by Pam Ayrs Hawaiian, second was Creech Hill Rebel Zara, by Marleycote Rebel, with third going to Halmyre Urr Ladybird 564, by Pam Ayrs Hawaiian, from L Davidson & Sons.

The next class had eight forward and it was a win for Beca Hawaiian Waiola, by Pam Ayrs Hawaiian, from JM, LMJ & JBJ Wheeler, second was Holmeswood Segway Clover, by Des Fleurs Saguenay, from A & L Rimmer and in third was Wigboro Wick Hawaiian Helena, by Pam Ayrs Hawaiian, from John Smith.

With Seven calves forward in the next class it was a win for Knowe B-King Dainty Lass 2, by De La Plaine B-King, from Salvador Esquirdo & Andrew Struthers. Second was Marleycote Sea Lily 32, by Troutbeck Skyfall, from G Baynes & Son and Adam Smith, and third went to Marleycote Bess, by Changue Cadel, from G Baynes & Son.

The second to last class of the day was for calves born between the 1st of May and the 31st of Aug 2020. The winner was from Creech Hill Farm Partnership - Creech Hill Rebel Irene, by Marleycote Rebel, and second was Halmyre Urr Magic Angelina, by Brieryside Magic, from L Davidson & Sons.

In the final last class of the day it was Brieryside Magic Sea Baby, by Brieryside Magic, from M/s G Lawrie & Sons who was placed first with JD & BF Broadley & Sons' Whitecroft Emerald 7, by Troutbeck Skyfall, and Whitecroft Emmie 150, by Whitecroft Panell, in second and third places.

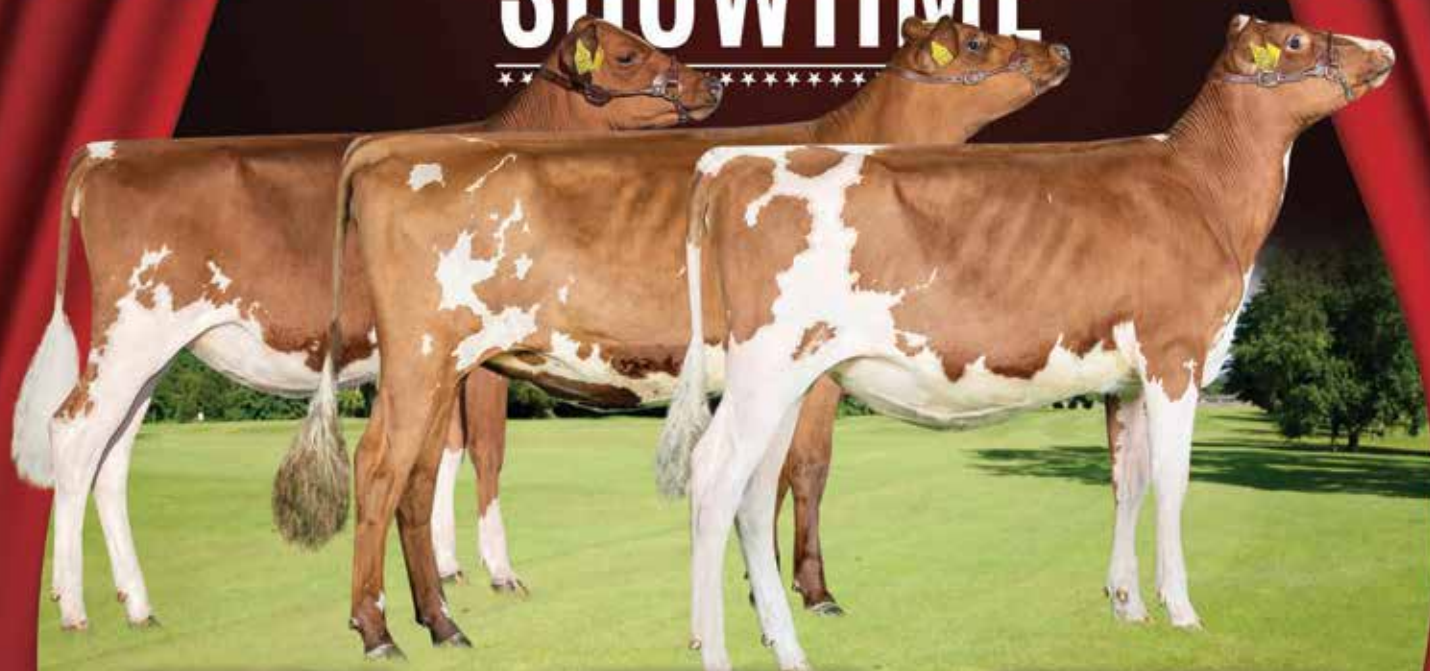
The Championship line up was truly outstanding and such a great advert for the Breed. Champion went to Knowe B-King Dainty Lass 2 with Reserve going Brieryside Magic Sea Baby, Creech Hill Hawaiian Blossom from Creech Hill Farm Partnership took Honourable Mention.

The outstanding sire of the show was Pam Ayrs Hawaiian. Congratulations to all the exhibitors in both the handling and calf classes and thank you to all our Young Members for making it such a great event.

Finally, we must thank James for an excellent job judging the quality calves on show.



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Robert Gilmour was born in Eaglesham, on 20th April 1922, second child of Hugh & Martha (nee Rodger) and younger brother to Jessie. He was not given a middle name as the doctors thought he may not survive - how many times throughout his long life did he survive when others thought he would not.

In 1925 the family moved to Moffat in Dumfriesshire, Moffat was probably Dad's last memory of Scotland as a child, Moffat toffee was one of his weaknesses, always sourced while in Scotland on visits over many years.

Our grandfather was advised by his doctor to leave Scotland and move south if he wished to resume farming, which he did until he was 92. In 1929 the family moved from Scotland to Church Farm, South Cove. Ayrshire cows were bought from Scotland and travelled by train from Dumfries to Beccles, the Gilmour's farmed there breeding Ayrshires with the South Cove prefix until 1944. At that time many Scottish farmers moved south to East Anglia.

In October 1944 Church Farm was requisitioned by the air ministry and the Gilmours had six weeks to find another farm. Park Farm, Old Buckenham was bought in 1944 and has remained in the family ever since. The Buckenham herd of pedigree Ayrshires was set up at this time with heifers brought from South Cove. The female bloodlines of the original cows brought to England remained as strong cow families until the herd was sold in 2001.

Dad's life revolved around the farm and his family, he was a farmer and it was his way of life and no job was ever too physical or too



A tribute to Robert Gilmour, read out at his thanksgiving service by his daughters, Ann Wood and Janet Gilmour.

challenging. A mixed farm gave Dad the opportunity to work the land, he relished harvest time, and of course the pride he had in his Ayrshire cattle - the brown and white cows characterised by their straight backs and square udders, many years were spent competing with other local breeders, including the Patersons and Harveys, at the Royal Norfolk and Aylsham Shows.

The world opened up to our parents as life members of the Ayrshire Cattle Society. In that capacity they travelled the world meeting other breeders in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Kenya, The States, Canada, Iceland and many other destinations. This introduced them to a love of travel which we too were able to enjoy as a family.

The family are indebted to his carers who looked after him so well at home over his last years and months, they thought of him as a charming gentleman, always very polite but equally stubborn. Dad retained his Scottish accent throughout his life. He was determined, positive thinking, resilient, didn't suffer fools, a man of habit, reserved and quietly spoken but always appreciative, kind and polite, a loyal and loving father, grandfather, great grandfather and father in law. How blessed we were to have had him in our lives for so long.

A truly remarkable man.

South West Dairy Show

There were no milkers this year, meaning numbers were back on previous years. The Ayrshire calves were included in the Any Other Breeds Section and judge for the day was Duncan Hunter.

In the calves born after the 1st of January 2021 class, it was Creech Hill Farm Partnership with Creech Hill Hawaiian Blossom by Pam Ayr's Hawaiian who was tapped out in first place, in second was David Honeybun with a calf he had recently purchased from the Cornish family's Butterbesley Herd, Butterbesley Jamanji Tulip, by Tristar Jumanji. Third was another calf from the Creech Hill Farm Partnership, Creech Hill Rebel Zara by Marleycote Rebel.

In the heifer class for animals born in 2020 it was another win for Creech Hill Farm Partnership with Creech Hill Rebel Irene by Marleycote Rebel.

In the in-calf heifer class it was West Park Farms Alaska Pansy (by Palmyra Burdette Alaska) who triumphed for Amy Wonnacott.



Any Other Breed Champion South West: West Park Farms Alaska Pansy

South West Scotland Show

South West Scotland Dairy Show took place at Wallets Mart, Castle Douglas on Wednesday 27th October with 47 head of dairy cattle forward representing three breeds. The show was enthusiastically supported and enjoyed by exhibitors, spectators, and sponsors.

Officiating the show was Robbie Scott from the Nethervalley herd, Ayrshire. Five-year-old Isla Davidson triumphed in the junior showmanship class.

Securing the Ayrshire Championship was Allan Clark from Glenluce on the halter of Fineview Indy. This Fineview Thunder daughter calved her third in April and is due again in March. She is giving 31 litres a day at 5.12%bf and 3.73%p, projected to give 9388 litres.

Reserve went to a non-pedigree entry from W P Callander, Crocketford. This second calver is sired by Rockstar.



Champion South West Dairy Show: Fineview Indy

AUTUMN SHOWS 2021

Balmoral Show

For the first time ever the Balmoral Show was held in September, and not in its usual May date, due to Covid. Although numbers were back on normal years the quality was very high throughout all the classes and the five exhibitors must be thanked for their great support and the advert they put on for the Ayrshire Breed. Right from the first class of the day with the largest entry, heifer born after 1st Jan 2020, the quality showed with the winning heifer from the Paul family, Slatabogie Hector Alice, a tremendous young heifer by the Cattle Services bull Biddesden Hector, following closely in second was Stewart & Nyree Baxter's Erne Bigtime Pretty, by Marbrae Bigtime.

Stewart & Nyree had first and second in the next class, for animals expecting their first calf before three years of age. First was Erne Platinum Opal, by Tristar Platinum, as she was a little cleaner through the front end than the heifer in second, Erne Blink Sea Lily by De La Plain Blink.

In the first of the milking classes there was only one heifer forward, but this heifer has real class. Beechmount Marie Girl 23, by Marbrae Bigtime, owned by the McConnell family from Templepatrick, is no stranger to the ring. She was shown very successfully when she was a calf, both in Northern Ireland and at the 2019 ABAB calf show where she won her class.

In the second calver class it was a one - two for the Denomona herd of Tommy & Alan Irwin, who were returning to showing Ayrshires at Balmoral for the first time in ten years. First was Denomona Clever Lassie who was deeper through her body and higher in the rear udder than the second placed animal, Denomona Clever Mayflower, both by the stock bull Sandyford Clever Dick.

For the in-calf cow class it was a win for the McConnell family with Beechmount Hester 14, by Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette, a cow that had such balance and cleanliness of bone that placed her over the second cow Erne Famous Opal, by Hunnington Famous, from Stewart & Nyree Baxter.



Champion Balmoral Show: Denomona Clever Lassie

In the Senior cow class, again it was a win for Tommy & Alan Irwin with Denomona Clever Rebecca, another daughter of Sandyford Clever Dick. The High Production class was won by Grove Dewdrop 48, by Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette, from Thomas Gordon, she had the advantage over the second place animal Beechmount Peggy 14, by Lagace Ristourn, through the bone quality and locomotion.

Champion Ayrshire was Denomona Clever Lassie who was also Honourable Mention in the Interbreed Dairy Championship, Reserve Champion Ayrshire was Beechmount Marie Girl 23 and Honourable Mention was Denomona Clever Rebecca. Congratulations to the Irwin family and to all exhibitors on showing such great animals in these Covid times.

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| 2. 3/10 | 5/7/2017 | 9478 | 285 | 4.34% | 3.36% | Ayrshire Champion at the Royal Highland Show |
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| 4. 5/8 | 9/5/2019 | 9843 | 305 | 4.25% | 3.19% | Great Yorkshire Show Both in 2018 |
| 5. 6/10 | 19/7/2020 | 8455 | 288 | 4.00% | 3.29% | Dam of Harperfield Wind in the Willows |
| 6. 7/9 | 19/6/2021 | proj.. | 8535 | ...due with 7th on 15/5/22note her calving index... | | |



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| 1. 2/10 | 19/5/2019 | 7651 | 305 | 4.53% | 3.13% | Dam of Willowfields Harperfield Watership Down |
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CATTLE SERVICES NEWS

It was great to be back at the All Breeds All Britain Calf show in October and see some tremendous calves sired by Cattle Services sires. Pam Ayrs Hawaiian was the premier sire of the show with two class winners, and the Reserve Champion calf was a daughter of Brieryside Magic. Also on show were daughters of Heydale White Willow,

Sandyford Supreme, Troutbeck Skyfall and Whitecroft Panell. Congratulations to all the young breeders for putting on a great show.

2021 sales have been at their highest for a long time. At home SEXED ULTRA 4M straws have sold very well, with these sales totalling 50% of the total sales. Brieryside Hail, Hunnington Fantasy and Moathouse Monopoly have all sold very well. Exports are also very good with straws being sent to Australia, Canada, Russia and South Africa this summer. Interest in UK genetics continues to be as strong as it has been for some time.

On farm it is great to see daughters of Cattle Services bulls calving in so well; Lyner Oblique Focus daughters have superb frames with well attached udders, and the Brieryside Magic daughters are correct heifers who have great feet and legs, alongside udders that are high and wide in the rear udder. In the calf pens the Brieryside Hail calves continue to impress me, they are calves that are born easily and then grow into superb calves.

This winter Cattle Services will be releasing Royal Flush Sea King in both SEXED ULTRA 4M and conventional straws, to find out more about him please read the family feature on the Sea Lily Family.

With the rise in sales of SEXED ULTRA 4M straws I just wanted to give you some points on the best use for the product so that you then achieve the best results. In the past the use of Sexed semen has mostly been used on maiden heifers as they have been deemed more fertile than older cows. With the advances in SEXED ULTRA 4M it is now possible to use the product on cows as well as heifers. When using SEXED ULTRA 4M you should still be selective on which animals you use it on –

- When using on maiden heifers make sure that they are well grown and in good condition.
- Use on cows that have no history of poor uterine health (metritis) or history of cysts.
- Aim for no more than two services per cow or heifer, if she is not getting in calf is she a cow that you want to be breeding a replacement from?

The time of breeding an animal with SEXED ULTRA 4M is also a little different from the time of breeding with conventional semen, this is due to conventional semen being frozen

quickly after collection whereas SEXED ULTRA 4M straws have a 12-hour processing time, so the

sperm cells are further developed so they have a shorter window for successful insemination. This means that you can breed animals from 18 -24 hours after the onset of standing heat.

Other factors to consider to increase conception rates are the correct heat detection and then the handling of the straws correctly.

- Make sure you have a semen chart so that you know where the straws are in the flask so that you minimise handling straws and lifting canisters out of the flask.
- Always use tweezers, do not handle with your fingers....
- Thaw the straws out for a minimum of 40 seconds at a temperature of 37°C, ideally have an electric thaw unit to do this with.
- Make sure that the AI gun is also warm.
- Only load two straws at once and then complete the insemination within ten minutes of the start of the thawing process.

This hopefully gives a quick overview on the best practices when using SEXED ULTRA 4M straws.

Currently Cattle Services have the following sires available in SEXED ULTRA 4M straws – Ardmore Jeepers Creepers, Brieryside Magic, Cuthill Towers Buster, Heydale White Willow and Hunnington Fantasy. Looking into 2022 six new sires are being tested to go onto the sexing machines, more details will follow on these once straws are available.

Please keep checking Facebook and the website for updates and do not forget to contact myself or one of the directors if you have a special cow that we should be looking at.



Brieryside Magic Sea Baby



Beca Hawaiian Waiola



Marleycote Sea Lily 32



Creechill Hawaiian Blossom

The SEA-LILY Family

FAMILY FOCUS

This winter, Cattle Services Ayr Ltd will be releasing a young sire from the amazing Sea Lily family at Marleycote.

Richard Baynes describes the family as being: "Just so special" and this is why:

The story of the Sea Lily family at Marleycote started when Richard attended an Ayrshire sale at Carlisle - it was the first time he was

allowed to go shopping with the farm cheque book! He purchased a milking heifer for 1080 gns - McCornick Sea Lily 10 who was sired by Rulesmains Border Revier. Sea Lily 10 classified H280 and her best lactation was her second when she produced 6,238KG in 305 days with components of 3.78% fat and 3.44% protein.

Richard then bred her to Cuthill Towers Autumn Gold which produced Marleycote Sea Lily who classified EX93(3). She completed seven lactations at Marleycote and bred two EX daughters (Marleycote Sea Lily 4 EX93(3) and Marleycote Sea Lily 5 EX90(2)) as well as three VG daughters which included Marleycote Sea Lily 2 VG 88, who was sired by the Holstein sire Horizon Ranger Red. Sea Lily 2 was a big production cow at Marleycote, completing six lactations with her best yield being her fifth lactation where she produced 9,190 KG at 4.1% Fat and 3.23% Protein. Richard bred Sea Lily 2 to Des Prairies Potter which produced Marleycote Sea Lily 14 EX94(2) - Richard described her as the cow who had given him the most publicity.

Sea Lily 14 was Champion Heifer at the Great Yorkshire Show in 2012 and she was sold to the McLean family in Northern Ireland. It was by chance that they saw her freshly calved with her second calf when they went to Richard's to look at his Champion Shorthorn from the UK Dairy Expo. The McLean's asked to buy both cows and sealed a deal for Sea Lily 14 to go to Northern Ireland and join the Priestland herd.

Although Richard was reluctant to sell her, he had some eggs in the flask from her, so he let her go. She enjoyed considerable success in the show ring for the McLean family: winning Champion at the Balmoral show in 2015 and 2016; Reserve Champion at the Royal Ulster Winter Fair in 2013 and going one better to get Champion at the same event in 2014.

Not only was she a great show cow, but she was also a fantastic production cow, who produced over 12,000KG in three of her lactations. As a prolific flush cow, the McLean family sold eggs from her to the Flintstone and Sandyford herds. It was one of the eggs kept by Richard that established the next line in this amazing family: Marleycote Sea Lily 23 ET EX92(3), sired by De La Plaine Prime, and she followed in her mother's footsteps by winning the Heifer Championship at the Great Yorkshire Show in 2017, and then in 2019 she went all the way by winning the Ayrshire

Championship. Not only inheriting the family's good looks, she is also a fantastic production cow with her second lactation totalling

11,127KG at 5.24% fat and 3.53% protein.

Richard's link with the Dairy Shorthorn breed then led to Adam Smith (Royal Flush prefix) buying into the Sea Lily family. Adam was visiting Marleycote (with Shorthorn breeder John Osborne) when he took a fancy to a Changue Stadium calf in the hutches. It turned out to be Marleycote Sea Lily 29. Richard knew Adam would show the calf and it would be more advertising for Marleycote and the Sea Lily family, so he sold her. Adam enjoyed remarkable success with Sea Lily 29 which included the Honourable mention title at the All Breeds All Britain Calf Show in 2019; that same day her cousin Sandyford Supreme Sea Lily was the Champion calf. Sea Lily 29 calved in and classified VG86 as a two-year-old. As a maiden heifer, she was flushed to Troutbeck Skyfall and West Mossziel Modern Class. This produced two heifers by Skyfall - one of which was recently placed second at the All Breeds All Britain Calf Show - and a bull by West Mossziel Modern Class who is Royal Flush Sea King.

Sadly, only a couple of weeks after classifying VG86, Sea Lily 29 broke her leg and she had to be put to sleep. Luckily, this great line will continue through her daughters and her exciting son - Royal Flush Sea King.

Royal Flush Sea King will be available this winter in both SEXED ULTRA 4M and conventional straws. He will offer breeders the opportunity to use a sire who combines type and fantastic production. As Richard says, it is the most consistent family that he has and if you look at the classifications, they consistently read VG or EX and there is also plenty of milk in the family.



MARLEYCOTE SEA LILY EX93 3E



MARLEYCOTE SEA LILY 14 EX94 2E



MARLEYCOTE SEA LILY 23 EX92 3E



MARLEYCOTE SEA LILY 29 VG86 2YR

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NUTRITIONAL MANAGEMENT OF MORWICK

I qualified as a vet in 1999 and, having worked in mainly farm animal practice for 12 years, left to follow a career advising and providing technical support in health and nutrition to vets, feed advisers and farmers. I had a particular interest in whole farm management and infectious diseases which led to me completing a number of nutrition courses and beginning work reviewing and advising farmers on diets for beef and sheep and then dairy animals. I left practise in 2011 and worked with Advanced Nutrition and latterly Phileo, where I further developed my nutrition knowledge and understanding on other input and potential on farm issues, including the use of additives and function of rumen microflora. I now work for Dugdale Nutrition as their Veterinary Technical Manager, supporting the sales team on farm as well as developing the product range available from the company. I also work with AHDB Beef and Lamb with their Strategic Farm Project and other projects such as Action Johnes. I am also currently undertaking a MSc in One Health.

As I thought about writing this article, I considered some of what you describe on the Ayrshire Cattle Society Website. The typical Ayrshire cow is an alert, vigorous animal showing strong character and mild temperament. She is the ultimate, economic dairy cow, characterised by high quality, longevity, ease of management and overall good health. The breed can efficiently produce large quantities of high-quality milk from forage.

Interestingly, I would approach most dairy farms with the attitude that we should be focusing on the breed we are feeding and managing to get the best from the cows. However, regardless of breed every dairy farm should be aiming to optimise milk from forage. Making good quality forage and balancing this well is key to animal health and performance. When approaching forage harvesting it is vital to check soil nutrition and feed the soil if any deficiencies are present, particularly with pH, calcium, magnesium, phosphate, or potassium. Good soil management will then help to optimise growth and quality at harvest. Careful clamp and bale management with good consolidation to remove as much air as possible will help keeping quality and reduce losses, this will also enhance palatability to optimise dry matter intake when fed.

When I started working with the Howie family I was presented with a well-managed farm with a healthy, productive herd of cows. One of the biggest challenges was making more from grazing and home-grown feeds to allow the herd to become less reliant on purchased feeds. With the farm having an arable enterprise and the ability to grow maize, beans, wheat, barley as well as grass there is plenty of opportunity to progress and become more efficient.

The starting point was to make better utilisation from grazing and to allow the cows to graze for as long a season as possible. Each year this poses its own challenges depending on the season, temperature, and rainfall but we implemented strip grazing with back-fencing to ensure grazing was available when we required it. This allowed us to manage the grazing and make better utilisation of the grass as it was eaten more efficiently when offered fresh each end of the day. The cows do receive buffer feed at night during the summer with a mixture of maize and wholecrop cereals along with a small amount of rape/soya and home-grown cereals, however, managing the grass has reduced the quantity of buffer required.



Deborah Brown
BVMS GPcertFAP MRCVS



During the winter months the key is to make as much from home grown forage and cereal as possible. The challenge initially was whether we could make enough grass silage to feed alongside the cereal wholecrop and maize silage. Over the years the Howie family have invested in rotational cropping which has allowed for grassland areas to be improved and become more productive. This year we have more forage available than in any previous year which sets us up well for the coming winter. There are beans available as a good protein and starch substrate and barley and wheat from the arable crops available to use. Sugar beet pulp and rape are purchased to balance the diet.

Over the 5 years I have worked with the Howie family milk from forage has increased from 30% to 42% by making as much home-grown feed as possible. Milk price has increased but purchased feed cost/litre has stayed the same, even with increasing raw material prices resulting in a much higher margin over purchased feed per cow.

Milk quality is excellent, with butterfat over 4.5% and protein 3.7% with yields averaging between 28 and 30 litres, providing a perfect base for the ice-cream and milk vending machine, as well as ensuring a good milk price from ARLA. Work has been done to optimise the diet to maintain milk quality without extra additives being required, this will support the bottom line especially this winter when fats are at a premium price.

The priority for all herds must be health and fertility and ensuring the cow's needs are met with optimal management and nutrition is key. Targeting management, attention to detail and regular discussions with the team and important to ensure fertility is optimised, vaccinations are used as required to minimise losses, and issues such as lameness and mastitis are monitored closely to keep levels low and under control.



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MILK RECORDING A VITAL INGREDIENT OF PROGRESSIVE HERD MANAGEMENT



Andy Warne
NMR Managing Director

Measuring yield, quality and somatic cell count is still the core function of milk recording. But the feeding in of this information into comprehensive dairy management systems and its links with on-farm technology and beyond are just some of the reasons few progressive dairy farmers manage without, particularly as they strive to improve their herd's efficiency and meet milk buyer and industry requirements.

According to NMR's managing director Andy Warne, a greater proportion of the UK dairy herd is now officially milk recorded compared to the early 2000s. He attributes this to more technology on-farm, such as parlour systems and activity monitors, and in the milk recording sector.

"Advancements in the wider offering from the UK's milk recording organisations (MROs) and the ability to integrate data with other sources is probably the core of our increasing role," he says. "Not only is data collected and milk analysed, but many producers now take advantage of results being fed to third parties and used in systems, such as InterHerd and Uniform, to analyse, in multiple ways, for management purposes."

In simple terms, it allows data to be entered and stored in one place, so reducing the risk of errors, eliminating duplications and allowing far better analysis and management reports.

In these time-pressed days, where producers are required to meet production standards and to demonstrate this through recognised systems, a more integrated and efficient recording and management system pays off.

"New technology definitely has a role to play in driving the efficiency of a modern dairy farm, but it does rely on a data framework that is provided through milk recording. Without this, its use, in many instances, is limited," adds Mr Warne.

But he adds that milk recording isn't a 'quick fix'. "Precision in decision making requires good quality data and, at some point in the operation, it requires a sense check by a skilled operator that is part of the milk recording operation. The 'machine' cannot fully replace the person here."

He adds that a good example of new technology and recording working together is in genomics. This relatively new technology needs a large pool of phenotypic data (in other words the physical traits of the animals) to produce the genomic key used to predict traits in cows and heifers.

Health tests

A key development – led by MROs and, particularly, NMR – has been routine animal health testing, including surveillance testing for diseases like Johne's and BVD.

"These cost-effective, time-saving and reliable services have

replaced ad-hoc vet tests, which were used to treat a problem rather than preempt a problem.

"MROs brought economies of scale and the ability to mass test, making vital surveillance programmes possible."



Milk samples taken at milk recording can be used for milk quality, somatic cell count and disease and pregnancy testing – all this management information from one sample



UNIFORM dairy software includes a phone app so data can be inputted and added to NMR milk records to provide improved management reports.

NMR, working with a Danish MRO, pioneered the use of repeated milk recording samples for Johne's surveillance in 2007, which resulted in the launch of the first Johne's screening service for dairy herds in the UK in 2008. "The outlook for managing this disease, which has no treatment and was increasing in prevalence in our herds, was looking grim until NMR became involved.

"Surveillance, vaccination and disease prevention is very much in line with the new animal health strategies being deployed by vets to replace the older-style diagnosis and treatment tactics. NMR's surveillance service provision has enabled better 'information partnerships' with vets and other advisers." And this will continue.

"We now have a service that uses accurate cow cell counts to identify individual cow dry cow therapy requirements. This is seen as the next step in our offering of services, and it will play a significant part in the drive to reduce antibiotic use in our dairy herds," he says. NMR's Genocells measures individual somatic cell counts and is being piloted now.

MROs play a vital part in providing independent and accurate 'core' milk data, so it is no surprise that retailers, such as Tesco and Sainsbury's, cite official milk recording as one of their key requirements on direct supply pools of herds in their quest for sustainable and reliable milk supply.

"And their advisers are fully engaged with the value of milk recording in order to bench-mark herd performance and manage these herds as they progress to increasingly sustainable production.

"The old adage that you 'can't manage what you can't measure' applies in these retailer provenance schemes, just as much as it does in day-to-day cow management. Core milk recording will continue to drive improved cow care, improved herd management and the provision of high quality milk off the farm.

"Production, fertility, health and sustainability go hand-in-hand and milk records have helped drive these improvements."

Brian came from a farming family who had a herd of Jersey cattle, and while working on his family's farm, near Windsor, he met Libby when she was a relief milker. While in a relationship they worked together as farm managers for approximately four years, during which time they saved up to buy Warmhill, which they did in 1981. They were unsure what breed of cows they wanted, but after seeing an advert in the Farmers Weekly for a whole Ayrshire herd they decided to go for it and bought the herd of thirty animals. Freddie and Adrienne Bosher stepped in to help, enabling them to top up the herd, selling them some nice Hitcham animals and lending them Hitcham Jumping Jack (who left many good animals) and also finding them a few very nice Elstead animals, some from Monty Stallard's Hartley herd, and one from the Cooper's Chaddleshall herd. One of the first judging seminars was held at Warmhill in the early 1990s.

Libby soon became interested in showing Ayrshires, with Brian very reluctantly going along with the decision. He soon found enjoyment at the shows, chatting with the public and encouraging the younger generation to interact with the animals. From starting from scratch Brian and Libby impressively bred Warmhill Hatshepsut who went on to be Breed Champion at Devon County Show as a heifer, they also bred Warmhill Georgette, Warmhill Gladioli, and many other memory making animals.

Besides farming Brian enjoyed helping with his favourite charities, one of which was Farm Africa, and almost twenty years ago he was invited to Ethiopia to see their projects, he greatly enjoyed this and carried on giving



presentations to schools and groups right until his passing. Brian also was a keen member of his local church and started a group of bell ringers to repair the bell tower, along with being part of the churchyard maintenance crew. Brian was a school governor for several years at the local primary school and started a nature trail,

Open Farm Sunday, Children's Country Holidays, and organised groups of school children, from the local Farm Study Centre, to watch Libby milking.

Brian was good at spotting a need and, although he often left Libby to get on with preparation and showing of their own animals, he was invaluable to other people and was very enthusiastic to others, especially children. Both Brian and Libby have been members of Devon Ayrshire Club for many years with Brian being the chairman and treasurer of the club, and Libby being secretary, and representing the region on the Society council.

Brian and Libby have always been very hospitable, hosting many herd judges and presidents of the Society, this involved taking them around local Ayrshire breeder's herds to which their knowledge of was invaluable. Brian was very devoted to the Ayrshire breed, as is Libby who is still milking and, along with her children, is very much involved with the running of the farm today.

Grove
Get Into The

GROVE DEWDROP 48 EX92 (2)
3 lactation average -
7699ltrs 4.65% fat 3.51% protein 58 SCC
Sired by Palmyra Tristar Burdette
Daughters by Heydale White Willow
and Lyner Oblique Focus

Balmoral Show 2021
2nd Ayrshire senior cow
1st Ayrshire production cow

Interbreed Handlers Class 16-20yrs - 2nd Katie Gordon

NI Multi-Breed Dairy Calf Show 2021
Showmanship
8-15yrs 2nd Matthew Gordon
16-26yrs 2nd Katie Gordon and Honourable Mention.

LP100 COWS

WHITECROFT BELLA 32 EX92 4E LP100 – MESSRS JD & BF BROADLEY & SONS
Whitecroft Bella 32 EX92 4E has achieved her LP100 award in eleven lactations, with her best lactation being her ninth when she calved on her eleventh birthday and produced 11,036 kgs at 4.43% BF & 3.32% Pro in 305 days. She is by the homebred bull Whitecroft Jacob, a son of Ravenhill Cracker, and her dam was Whitecroft Bella 31.

BIDDESSEN PAULINE 88 LP100 – BIDDESSEN FARM PARTNERSHIP
Biddessen Pauline 88, by Changue Back Up, has reached her LP100 award in ten lactations, with her highest yield being in her seventh, producing 11,843kgs 4.15% BF & 3.23% Pro at eight years and two months. Her dam was Biddessen Pauline 82 by McCornick Nelson.

RAVENHILL ETHEL 394 EX95 8E 1 STAR, LP100 – JOHN SUFFERN
Ravenhill Ethel 394 EX95 8E 1 Star, by Ravenhill Enterprise, completes a family trio by reaching LP100 status as did her dam, Ravenhill Ethel 200 EX92 4E 10-star brood cow, and her sister, Ravenhill Ethel 393 EX95 8E. Her best yield to date was 13,765kgs 3.71% BF & 3.00% Pro in her sixth lactation at eight years and two months of age. To our knowledge this is a first for any cow family to have two EX95 8E sisters achieve LP100 status in the same year.

SANDERSFARMS ARABELLA SNOWDROP EX92 3E LP100 – SANDERS FARMS LIMITED

Sandersfarms Arabella Snowdrop EX92 3E, by B-Jurist, reached her LP100 award in her eleventh lactation with her best lactation being her fifth with a yield of 10,734kgs at 3.66% BF & 3.51% Pro at six years and three months.

BELLFIELD BRIGHT PEARL 150 LP100 – THE COWHILL TRUST

Bellfield Bright Pearl 150, by the home bred bull Bellfield Happy Spirit, out of Bellfield Bright Pearl 106, reached her LP100 award in twelve lactations, with her ninth lactation being her highest with a yield of 10,235kgs at 3.71% BF 3.14% Pro.

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Club News



Cumberland

Our club like many others have put our activities on hold during the last couple of years, so we decided to share some club members news with you.

Firstly at the end of August Michael from the Armstrong family at Plaskettlands married Megan. This was the third date they had for the wedding and it was definitely 3rd time lucky. It was a glorious sunny day in a stunning venue. The table names came from the long standing cow families at Plaskettlands and of course the tatties had to get in there too, even in the table arrangements. The following week, the second club member to tie the knot was James from the Troutbeck Herd. He married Helene in the beautiful village of Caldbeck. The days celebrations also included a boat trip in the Lake District for guests. Club members would like to wish Michael and Megan Armstrong, and James and Helene Mattinson all the best for their futures together.

In September the Westmorland Show was held. We would like to congratulate David and Christine Sanderson on their success.

WESTMORLAND SHOW RESULTS

Heifer in calf under 3 years of age

1st Plaskett Miss Norma 32 M/S Armstrong

Heifer in milk calved under 3 years

1st Sanderson Champ Miss Modern D&C Sanderson

2nd Harperfield Dairy Queen DM Lindsay

Dry Cow

1st Harperfield Peach 50th DM Lindsay

Cow in milk having calved twice

1st Harperfield Peach 57th DM Lindsay

2nd Harperfield Garnet 56th DM Lindsay

Cow in milk having calved 3 times or more

1st Harperfield Sandy Rose DM Lindsay

2nd Plaskett Lucky Charm 303 M/S Armstrong



3rd Harperfield Irene 52 DM Lindsay

4th Sanderson SS Miss Modern D&C Sanderson

Pair of Females

1st DM Lindsay

2nd DM Lindsay

3rd D&C Sanderson

Champion: Sanderson Champ Miss Modern D&C Sanderson

Reserve: Harperfield Sandy Rose DM Lindsay

Honourable Mention: Plaskett Lucky Charm 303 M/S Armstrong

Best Exhibitor Bred: Sanderson Champ Miss Modern D&C Sanderson

Best Udder: Sanderson Champ Miss Modern D&C Sanderson

Junior Champion: Sanderson Champ Miss Modern D&C Sanderson

Junior Reserve: Harperfield Dairy Queen DM Lindsay

The club would also like to pass their congratulations onto Philip and James Mattinson for their success at Dairy Day with their cattle, and to other club members who provided cattle for the Young Breeders to exhibit.

Wigtownshire

On Tuesday 21st of September we held our Autumn Herds Competition. Thank you to everyone who took part and huge thank you to our judge Andrew Struthers from Boylston Farm, New Cumnock.

Full Herd

1st Clark, Fineview

2nd Service, Moorpark

3rd McWilliam, Colfin

50 tonne Cow

1st McWilliam, Colfin

2nd Service, Moorpark

3rd Watson, High Mark

Individual Cow

1st Service, Knockbrex

2nd Service, Moorpark

3rd Clark, Fineview

Our next competition will be our winter Heifer competition which will take place in December.



Club News



Ulster

The Ulster Ayrshire Cattle Club's Annual Herds Competition resumed this year at the beginning of August, after a break last year due to the pandemic. As in previous years, the competition was very kindly sponsored by Danske Bank, to whom the Club is indebted for their continued support.

In light of the restrictions, it was felt that it would be irresponsible to hold the usual results and stockjudging evening, but it is hoped to hold this in the not too distant future. This year we were extremely fortunate to have the services of Ian Hutchinson and James Waterhouse as the competition judges. Both Ian and James are from Yorkshire and own the renowned herds, Tontine and Fourth Milestone respectively. Their herds have enjoyed much success in the show ring.

There was a record entry of herds this year and the Judges spent three full days travelling around the country, viewing all the herds, and trying to select their various class and overall winners. They did state that it was an extremely difficult task, and they were impressed by both the quantity and quality of the entries which had exceeded their expectations. They enjoyed their trip to the province and we appreciate them giving up their time so willingly. Thanks must also go to Stewart Baxter, Thomas Gordon and John Suffern who also gave up their time to drive the Judges around the various herds, literally from one end of the province to the other!

This year the top honours went to the well-known Ravenhill Herd of John and Caroline Suffern. The Ravenhill herd is a long established herd that has enjoyed numerous successes over the years and it is a credit to the management and progressive thinking of John that the herd has been at the top of the game for so long.

The winner of the Small Herds section was the Mullindavert Herd owned by Raymond King from Drumquin, Co Tyrone. This is the first time Raymond has won this competition and he was delighted with the result. Club Chairman, Stewart Baxter, on behalf of the club, thanked Danske Bank for their continued and generous sponsorship, without which these events would be difficult to run. Congratulations to all the Winners and those placed, as the competition was closely fought.



SMALL HERD

- 1st – Mullindavert, Raymond King
- 2nd – Kirkinriola, R & M King
- 3rd – Trewmount, Richard Emerson
- 4th – Beechmount, R & C McConnell

LARGE HERD

- 1st – Ravenhill, John Suffern
- 2nd – Ardmore, J & M Hunter
- 3rd – Grove, Thomas Gordon
- 4th – Mossburnhill, Robert Fleming

OVERALL HERD

- Ravenhill – John Suffern

INDIVIDUAL COW SMALL HERD

- 1st – Priestland Gibbs Dea, McClean Family
- 2nd – Trewmount Lark 15, Richard Emerson
- 3rd – Bruchag Starman Ella, R & M King
- 4th – Beechmount Marie Girl 11, R & C McConnell

INDIVIDUAL COW LARGE HERD

- 1st – Ardmore Dorothy 103, J & M Hunter
- 2nd – Fortfield Crystal 93, Raymond Stewart
- 3rd – Oakfield Gigi 7, John Suffern
- 4th – Grove Crocus 17, Thomas Gordon

OVERALL INDIVIDUAL COW

- Ardmore Dorothy 103 – J & M Hunter

INDIVIDUAL HEIFER SMALL HERD

- 1st – Inch Hatrick Joan, Inch Genetics
- 2nd – Trewmount Victoria 147, Richard Emerson
- 3rd – Craigtown Lady 13, R & E Irwin
- 4th – Beechmount Marie Girl 23, R & C McConnell

INDIVIDUAL HEIFER LARGE HERD

- 1st – Ardmore Jessica 20, J & M Hunter
- 2nd – Brackley Rose 24, John Suffern
- 3rd – Burnview Sarah 12, George Currie
- 4th – Grove Dusk 16, Thomas Gordon

OVERALL INDIVIDUAL HEIFER

- Inch Hatrick Joan – James Morrison

VETERAN COW SMALL HERD

- 1st – Craigtown Lady 12, R & E Irwin
- 2nd – Orlands Mill Peter Frida 2, Linda Campbell
- 3rd – Trewmount Snow Girl 11, Richard Emmerson
- 4th – Beechmount Queenie, R & C McConnell

VETERAN COW LARGE HERD

- 1st – Sandyford Honest Blizzard, J & M Hunter
- 2nd – Ballynahone Dolores, William Henderson
- 3rd – Oakfield Gigi 7, John Suffern
- 4th – Cottown Emma 7, Drummond Family

OVERALL VETERAN COW

- Sandyford Honest Blizzard – J & M Hunter

COW FAMILY SMALL HERD

- 1st – Kirkinriola Velma, R & M King
- 2nd – Beechmount Marie Girl, R & C McConnell
- 3rd – Trewmount Snow Girl, Richard Emerson
- 4th – Orlands Mill Kate Linn, Linda Campbell

COW FAMILY LARGE HERD

- 1st – Ardmore Janet, J & M Hunter
- 2nd – Ravenhill Queen, John Suffern
- 3rd – Grove Crocus, Thomas Gordon
- 4th – Fortfield Katie, Raymond Stewart

OVERALL COW FAMILY

- Ardmore Janet – J & M Hunter

PRODUCTION / INSPECTION GROUP OF THREE

- 1st – McLean Family
- 2nd – John Suffern
- 3rd – Drummond Family
- 4th – Linda Campbell

Club News



Derbyshire

It has been great to get the club together again face to face. Over the past few months, we have held a couple of stock judging events. The first held by the Broadley family at Whitecroft where Ben did a marvellous job of selecting and presenting two fabulous classes of cattle. It was a well attended evening with over eighty people judging. Wendy Young was the master judge, with David and Charlotte Gibson doing a great job with the catering.

Results:

Juniors 1st Lucy Burt 2nd Mark Temperton 3rd Andrew Temperton
Ladies 1st= Maggie Gallimore & Libby Turner 3rd Fiona Kent & Meg Spencer
Gents 1st Shan Goodwin 2nd Tom Gallimore 3rd = Matthew Needham & Robert Gratton

Our second judging event was held at Bigginvale. The master judge was Brian Moorhouse, Moorside Ayrshires, who had the hard task of judging two very strong classes put forward. It was a lovely sunny Sunday and members enjoyed a catch up while munching on a BBQ of Bigginvale organic lamb.

Results:

Juniors - 1st Arran Davidson 2nd Tom Corbridge 3rd Angus Redfern
Ladies - 1st Kelly Bryan 2nd Sue Timbrell & Nicola Davidson
Gents - 1st Alan Timbrell 2nd Asher Seddon & Peter Berresford

We have recently held our youngstock and herd competitions, after the presentation evening, the results will be in the next journal's club news.

Bigginvale also hosted the National Young Farmers Stockman and Young Stockman of the Year competition. Young farmers travelled from all areas Northumberland, Wales, Devon and everywhere in between. A great day was had judging a selection of Ayrshires, Native breeds beef cattle and several classes of breeding ewes and fat lambs. Congratulations to all the competitors.



North East

We were pleased to be able to hold our cow family's competition again this year. Thank you to our judge, James Mattinson, of Troutbeck, Ayrshires for taking the time to come over to judge the competition. Results are as below.

Herd Inspection and Production/Inspection

	Inspection	Production	Total	No of Cows
1. R Baynes	2300	2579	4879	102
2. R Danforth	2100	2225	4325	45
3. I Hutchinson	2000	2108	4108	140

Cow Family

1.	Queen family	R Baynes
2.	Barbara family	R Danforth
3.	Hortense family	JG Waterhouse
4.	Stella family	I Hutchinson

Youngstock

1.	R Baynes
2.	JG Waterhouse
3.	R Danforth
4.	I Hutchinson

Individual Cow

1.	West Mossgiel Mayflower	R Baynes
2.	Bruchag Starman Miss Ella	R Danforth
3.	Fourth Milestone Wanita	JG Waterhouse
4.	Moathouse Barbara	R Danforth
5.	Tontine Tig Brown Lady	I Hutchinson

Individual Heifer

1.	Moathouse Vicking Miss Ella	R Danforth
2.	Knowe Candy	R Baynes
3.	Fourth Milestone Fortune	JG Waterhouse
4.	Tontine Chelyote Jive	I Hutchinson

Congratulations also to JG Waterhouse who took champion Ayrshire calf at the North East All Breeds Dairy Calf Show, judged by Sam Wake.

Cornwall

Mrs Eileen Roskilly (Devas Ayrshires), passed away at home and the funeral was held at Stithians Chapel.

The herd Competition Judging and awards evening were enjoyed by all in November.

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