

# SIMMENTAL

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS – JULY 2020

July 2020 sees the fiftieth anniversary of the first Simmental cattle imports into the UK, and the foundation of the British Simmental Cattle Society. To mark this important milestone, a programme of celebration events is planned:

### WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020

All day - Commercial open day –David and Rosemary Cornthwaite, Lockerbie.

### THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020

4.00pm – Exhibitor farm walk, Newbiemains Farm  
7.00pm – Barbecue and party, Newbiemains Farm

### FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2020

11am – 12 midday (time to be confirmed) – 50th Anniversary Show, Carlisle Market  
7.30 FOR 8.00pm – Dinner Dance at The Shepherd's Inn, Carlisle.

### SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2020

10.30am - Leading Ladies Sale

### COMMERCIAL OPEN DAY

By kind invitation of David and Rosemary Cornthwaite, Balgray Hill, LOCKERBIE. DG11 2JT.



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### EXHIBITOR FARM WALK & BBQ

By kind invitation of Jim and Patricia Goldie, Newbiemains Farm, ANNAN. DG12 5QY

4.00pm – Farm walk  
7.00pm onwards - barbecue and evening party  
It is hoped to lay on buses from the local Premier Inn and from the market to Newbiemains.



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# FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

**T**he Show and subsequent Leading Ladies Sale will be held at Carlisle Livestock Market. Carlisle has been chosen as a location that is easy to reach by road, is a reasonable distance from all four member countries, and can host a show, dinner dance and sale. A market location will also eliminate any complications with regard to changing TB regulations, and allow fair and free entry to all breeders.

**For this one-off event, only animals whose first point of registration is the UK Herd Book will be eligible for entry. This applies to both the Show and the Sale.**

**Where female entries to the classes are shown with a calf at foot, the calf must be under 300 days old on the day of the show.**

**All sale cattle will be inspected by the Society vet, which may result in rejection of a successful show animal. Any sale animal which fails the inspection will also be removed from the showing section.**

**Entry to the show will be free, unless the animal is also offered for sale.**

The show schedule and entry forms will be available from March 2020, and will be sent out with the spring newsletter. These will also be available on our website, via a link on Facebook and Twitter, and by post for those who request it.

Animals will arrive at the market from 10.30am on Thursday 30th July. Sponsored refreshments will be available for all

exhibitors and staff, and a dedicated team will help you unload, locate your pens, carry your kit and organise your paperwork.

Breakfast will be sponsored for all exhibitors on show day. Breakfast tickets will be supplied based on the number of animals forward.

The official Society photographers will be in attendance on all four days, and it is expected that the whole show will be streamed live to Facebook; class winners and photographs will be posted to the Facebook page.

Judging will take place in the large Exhibition Hall, which has grandstand seating and plenty of room for appropriate decoration. There is a balcony, which will be used exclusively as a Sponsors lounge. Sponsor opportunities are available - if you would like to sponsor an aspect of the show, please contact the office.

The ring will be decorated with canvas banners, which will be printed by the office. These will detail animals of particular importance over the last 50 years – high sale value, prize winners etc – to be sponsored by the breeder concerned. They will have the logo, 50th anniversary, a picture of the animal, the achievement, name of breeder and/or purchaser, the date and contact details if required. We estimate the ring will take between 30 and 40 banners. Anyone wishing to sponsor a banner should contact the office with details of the animal in question.





EXAMPLE  
OF RING  
BANNER

It is expected that judging will commence between 11.00am and midday, to be confirmed when number of entries are known. The main classes will be followed by the young handlers classes.

## CLASSES

Main classes are listed herewith:

- Heifer, born on or after 1st April 2019
- Heifer, born on or between 1st January and 31st March 2019
- Heifer, born on or between 1st August and 31st December 2018
- Heifer, born on or between 1st April and 31st July 2018
- Heifer, born on or between 1st January and 31st March 2018
- Cow or Heifer, born in 2017 in-milk with calf at foot or certified in calf and due to calve before 3 years of age
- Cow, born in 2015 or 2016 in-milk or certified in calf at the time of the Show
- Cow, born before 1st January 2015 in-milk or certified in calf at the time of the Show
- Bull, born on or after 1st April 2019
- Bull, born or between 1st January and 31st March 2019
- Bull, born in 2018
- Bull, born on or before 31st December 2017

**Young handlers classes** – will be split into two age groups

- Under 21 on 1st January 2020
- 21-30 on 1st January 2020

## JUDGES

Judges for the event are as follows:

- Bull classes: Robin Boyd (Slievenagh)
- Female classes: Robert Macgregor (Team)
- Young handler classes: Judy Borlase (Sacombe)

## PRIZES

**MONEY** – The prize money has been set at a level that reflects the stature of the event.

- Prizes for the twelve classes as per the table below –

PLACING	PRIZE
1 <sup>ST</sup>	£250
2 <sup>ND</sup>	£175
3 <sup>RD</sup>	£100
4 <sup>TH</sup>	£75
5 <sup>TH</sup>	£50
6 <sup>TH</sup>	£40

- 2 x Reserve Overall Champions (Male and Female)- £750
- 2 x Overall Champions (Male and Female) - £1000
- Young handlers - £25 per entrant
- All class entrants not placed 1-6 to receive £30.

Total prize fund is £13,720.00

## TROPHIES

- 12 class first prize winners will be awarded an engraved crystal vase
- 4 Champions – Senior male, senior female, junior male and junior female, and their corresponding reserves, will each win a crystal comport
- 2 Overall champions – male and female, and their reserves will win large crystal comports
- The overall young handlers winner will receive a crystal comport

All exhibitors with at least one animal forward will receive a commemorative engraved crystal tumbler. All crystal will be engraved with the 50th anniversary logo, and will be a one-off piece to keep. Rosettes and sashes will also be one-off pieces.

People's Champion – the Overall Champion will be a head-to-head competition between the male and female champion, and will be voted for by the crowd around the judging ring in a secret ballot. The winner will be announced at the evening dinner dance.



## DINNER DANCE

The evening dinner dance will be held at The Shepherd's Inn, which is within walking distance of the market. The dinner dance will be a three-course meal, followed by presentations and dancing. Dress code is to be a minimum of lounge suit, and the venue will be dressed accordingly. Dancing will be to Highly Strung, a band with a varied repertoire and a great reputation. Ticket price is £45 per head. Numbers are limited to a maximum of 340; it is anticipated that the dinner will sell out quickly and you are advised to book early. Please contact the office with your required numbers.

The anticipated schedule is as follows:

**7.30pm** – Arrival at front entrance of Shepherd's Inn. The official photographers will be on hand to photograph everyone as they arrive. There will be a champagne reception.

**8.00pm** – Sit down for dinner

**10.00pm** – Coffee and mints

Presentation of main prizes

Reveal People's Champion

Dedication of Presidents' Roll of Honour

Speaker

Heads or Tails

**10.45pm** – Dancing

Bar licence until 12.30am, music finishes at 1.00am, carriages at 1.30am.



## LEADING LADIES SALE

Will be held at the market on Saturday at 10.30am. Usual Society Sale rules will apply, although there will be no on-farm inspection or EBV requirements.

## DUNGANNON SPRING SALE

Top price of 4200 gns was claimed by Castlemount Modesty, who was sold with her heifer calf at foot. Bred by Duncan McDowell, Newtownards, she was purchased by Chris Traynor, Armagh. (Kilmore)



**KILBRIDE FARM IMPACT 17** - The male and supreme Overall Champion achieved the second highest price of the day. Bred by WH Robson and Sons, he was sold for 3,300 gns to John Hawthorne, County Armagh.



**BRIDGEWATER FARM JEZZA 18** - Second highest bull price of 3,200gns was paid to Mr JN Glasgow, Cookstown for his first prize winner. He sold to WE Carson, County Down.



## WORCESTER MAY SALE

16 bulls sold through the ring to an average of £4010, achieving a clearance rate of 85%.



**LOPEMEDE IDAHO 17 (PP)** - topped the day's trade at 8,400gns. Bred by Mr J Rixon, Thame, and purchased by Mr Patmore, Saffron Waldon. (Norman)



**CWARRE IDAHO 17** - second top price bull, bred by Richard Cummings, Camarthen. Sold for 6,800gns to Mr CM Mercer, Leominster. (Bowley)

## STIRLING MAY SALE

29 bulls sold through the ring to an average of £4439, achieving a clearance rate of 83%.



**JAW INSTAGRAM 17** - the Reserve Overall Champion topped the sale at 8,500gns. Bred by John Maxwell, Fintry, he was purchased by CMR Soutar, Arbroath. (Peasiehill)



**FINLARG IVAN 17** - second highest price, bred by Kate and Alan McNee, Dundee, was sold for 6000gns, and goes to the Isle of Islay.

## ROYAL ULSTER SHOW



**RANFURLY JAMESON J2 18** - Junior, Male and Overall Champion - bred by Mr WD Hazelton



**BRIDGEWATER FARM JED 18** - Reserve Male and Reserve Overall Champion - bred by Mr JN Glasgow



## ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW



**CORSKIE DISCO** - Female and Overall Champion. Bred by Mr WJ & J Green.



**STERLING FCUK IMPULS** - Reserve Female and Reserve Overall Champion. Bred by Boddington Estates, exhibited by Reece and Andrew Simmers

## ENGLISH NATIONAL SHOW - ROYAL NORFOLK SHOW



**SACOMBE DANDELION OMA** - Female and Overall Champion. Bred by J & B Borlase



**HEATHBROW IMPORTANT 17** - Male and Reserve Breed Champion, Interbreed Beef Champion. Bred by DA and LA Sapsed.

## NORTHERN IRELAND NATIONAL SHOW – OMAGH SHOW



**RANFURLY JAMESON J2 18** - Junior, Male and Overall Breed Champion, and Interbreed Beef Champion. Bred by WD Hazelton.



**RANFURLY WEIKEL 18TH** - Female and Reserve Overall Champion. Bred by WD Hazelton



# ROYAL WELSH SHOW



**SACOMBE DANDELION OMA** - Female and Overall Breed Champion, Interbreed Beef Champion, and Reserve Champion of Champions. Bred by J & B Borlase



**SACOMBE JOKER** - Male and Reserve Overall Champion, Interbreed Reserve Junior Champion. Bred by J & B Borlase

## UPCOMING SALES

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the date for the first autumn Worcester sale has changed. The new date will be 28th September. Entry forms have been sent out, and the closing date is 16th August 2019.

**Stirling** – 20th – 22nd October 2019

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 23.08.19 - Young Members Trip

#### Itinerary

- Friday 23rd August -3pm - meet at Westridge Farm. Farm tour, stock judging demonstration and classes to judge, followed by a BBQ.
- Saturday 24th August -11am - meet at Overhill House Farm. Stock judging competition, farm tour, cattle dressing demonstration, followed by the evening presentation.
- Sunday 25th August - return home.  
Those young members wishing to attend should register interest with the Society office by the 9th August.

**13.09.19 – meeting of Future's Group** – Carlisle. Further details to follow.

**22.09.19 – OPEN DAY** - Pool Farm, Silver Moor Lane, Banwell. BS29 6LG  
Courtesy of David and Kath Edwards and family.

The Edwards family farm a spring-calving herd of around 70 Simmental cows, running with Simmental bulls. They have a pelvic measurement programme in place for replacement heifers, and have found a definite improvement in calving ease amongst this group. Their vet will be on hand to explain



the benefits of pelvic measuring, and to give a demonstration. Other topics will include a talk about sustainability in beef production and its effect on the climate. There will be a barbecue and refreshments, as well as stock judging and guess the weight. Please contact the office to confirm your attendance.

**21.10.19 – The British Simmental Cattle Society AGM.**  
Commences at 9.30am in the Lomond Suite at United Auctions, Stirling.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

**CLASSIFICATION** - Anyone wishing to have their herd classified should contact the office.

**BULL CALF REGISTRATIONS** - The first bull calf using the current numbering system, Skerrington Alpha Skya1 was registered on 25.06.71. The 100,000th male calf will be registered later this year, and his registration will be free of charge.

**NEW ADDRESS** - Transfer to the new office commenced at the beginning of June, and we are now working out of the new premises. Phone numbers remain unchanged. The new address is:  
BRITISH SIMMENTAL CATTLE SOCIETY, CATTLE PAVILION,  
STONELEIGH PARK, KENILWORTH. CV8 2RG. Mail will continue to be diverted from the old address until the end of 2019.

**LINDE GENERAL** - Straws of Linde General semen have now been delivered to UK Sire Services. There are still straws available. Please contact the office to place your order.

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Council members retiring at the next AGM in October are:  
Iain Green (Scotland)  
David Donnelly (England)  
Peter Burgess (England)

**SIMMENTAL ANNUAL REVIEW 2019** - In order to meet printing deadlines, all adverts and club reports for the 2019 Review need to be signed off no later than November 15th. Please ensure that the office has received everything well ahead of this date.



## CLUB NEWS

**Cornwall Club** – 16.10.19 - Lodge and Thomas will be holding the 2nd special Simmental-sired suckler calf judged prize sale at Truro Livestock Market. Four classes sharing £600 prize money. Sponsored by the British Simmental Cattle Society and the Cornwall Simmental Club.

**North East Club** – 01.09.19 - The Club will be visiting the Goskins herd of David and Elizabeth Greensit, Goskins Farm, Hackforth, Bedale. DL8 1PW. The herd was overall winner of the Club's herd competition last year. Cattle are run commercially, so it will be a very interesting visit.

**South West Club** - Herd Competition in early September. Judge - R Grenham. Email [brynsworthy.farm@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brynsworthy.farm@yahoo.co.uk) for an entry form.

**Welsh Club** – 13.08.19 – The Welsh National Show will be held at Pembrokeshire County Show.



# Heathbrow **IMPORTANT (P)**



**Interbreed Champion:**

Herts Show

**Interbreed Champion:**

Suffolk Show

**Interbreed Champion:**

Royal Norfolk Show

**Interbreed Champion:**

Great Yorkshire Show

He has been sold to Anne MacPherson of the noted Blackford herd.

His sire, HEATHBROW GRAND SLAM (P) EX93, senior stock bull at Heathbrow, is consistently breeding prize winners.

Semen is available at £20 per straw, no levy.

Visitors always welcome.

David & Lesley Sapsed

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## CAPTION COMPETITION.



Please send your caption to [information@britishsimmental.co.uk](mailto:information@britishsimmental.co.uk) by the 31st August 2019.

The best caption wins a Simmental jacket.

# OFFICE UPDATES & REMINDERS

**SOCIETY SALES** - DNA & Health Declarations. It is disappointing that members are still late in getting DNA and Herd Health Declarations to the office by the close of entry for Society sales. This holds up production of the catalogue and its publication online, which is to the detriment of those members who do submit on time. Late submission of DNA gives no leeway should the test fail, and animals will not be allowed forward without a valid verification. Details of requirements for society sales are on pages 11-12 of this newsletter. All members who sell at Society sales should ensure they are familiar with the rules and regulations.

**GDPR** - The law now requires that in order for us to publish details of show or sale winners on the website or in the Annual Review we must have received your GDPR form. As from this year's Annual Review, if we do not have a form on record, your victories and sale successes will not be documented. If you haven't done so already, please sign a form and send it back to the office as soon as possible. A copy of the form can be downloaded from the website.

**EMAIL ADDRESSES** - A large proportion of correspondence is undertaken by e-mail – it saves time, money and is environmentally friendly. Please ensure the Society holds a valid email address for you. New addresses can be emailed to [information@britishsimmental.co.uk](mailto:information@britishsimmental.co.uk).

**PRIVATE ANIMAL TRANSFERS** – Vendors - please ensure that the back of the pedigree certificate is completed before the sale, and hand the certificate to the buyer. Purchasers - please complete your part of the form and return it to the office. A new certificate will be issued in your name, and the animal will be added to your herd list.

**REGISTRATION OF NEW CALVES WITH UNCERTAIN PARENTAGE** - for those members who register online, please note that calves awaiting DNA results for sire verification where there are two or more possible sires, should be registered without a sire. This will put the calf into query, and the certificate will be held until the sire is verified. It will not affect the fee you pay, as long as the calf is registered on time as usual.

## SUMMARY POINTS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY 2019

### Society Sales

- From October 2019, our Society vet, Gareth Boyes, will be looking at locomotion of animals forward for sale. Gareth will have the right to reject animals from the sale if the locomotion doesn't meet required minimum standards.
- With immediate effect, the Society will be collecting DNA from all animals forward at Society sales. A percentage of these will be processed, and the remainder stored in case they are required in future.
- The Society currently contributes towards the cost of having bulls semen tested for Society sales - a £50 credit per bull is issued for members who have sent in certification from their vets. This will be reduced to £25 from the 1st January 2020, and will expire at the end of 2020.

### DNA

- As from the 1st January 2020, first-calved heifers must be sire verified. The DNA processing cost (for females only) will be reduced to £20+VAT. The Council is currently considering the viability of fully parent verifying first-calved heifers from 2021.

### Membership and registration fees

- It was decided to freeze fees for 2020 while the new policy for first-calved heifers is being introduced.

### English National Show 2021

- The 2021 English National Show will be held at the Great Yorkshire Show

### Carlisle sale

- Current market stability has contributed to poor sales at Carlisle. Council have decided to revert to a single sale until this improves. Date is expected to be in May, to be confirmed.

### Paperless Pedigrees

- The Council discussed ways in which the society could reduce its carbon footprint. One way was to make a move away from paper, in particular pedigree certificates. It was suggested that these could be emailed to members as a PDF file to be printed if required.

### Social Media Policy

- Council determined that a Social Media Policy is required to be put in place. This is with the Society's solicitors.





## REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING BULLS TO A SOCIETY SALE

- **DNA** - MUST be submitted to the office before the closing date of the sale. All bulls must be sire verified.
- **Herd Health Declarations** - MUST be submitted to the office before the closing date of the sale.
- **Health scheme** - MUST be a member of a CheCS approved health scheme.
- **Johnes** - MUST be herd screening for Johnes, and a risk level included on the health declaration.
- **BVD** - Bulls which are not part of a BVD accredited-free herd must be tested BVD negative.
- **Vaccinations** - All bulls must be vaccinated for BVD, and vaccine dates documented on the Herd Health Declaration.
- **EBVs** - will only be printed in the catalogue for animals that are scanned and have an authenticated weight recorded.
- **Semen testing** - All bulls listed in the catalogue (or on the pen gates) as semen tested must have official certification. A copy must be sent to the market office with the animal's passport.

**FAILURE TO SUBMIT EITHER DNA OR A CORRECTLY COMPLETED HERD HEALTH DECLARATION BY THE CLOSING DATE OF THE SALE MAY RESULT IN YOUR ENTRY BEING WITHDRAWN**



# REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING HEIFERS\* TO A SOCIETY SALE

\*For the purposes of a Society sale, a heifer is defined as a young female who has not had a calf. Calved heifers are exempt.

- **DNA** - MUST be submitted to the office before the closing date of the sale. All heifers must be sire verified.
- **Herd Health Declarations** - MUST be submitted to the office before the closing date of the sale.
- **Health scheme** – MUST be a member of a CheCS approved health scheme.
- **Johnes** - MUST be herd screening for Johnes, and a risk level included on the health declaration.
- **BVD** - Heifers which are not part of a BVD accredited-free herd must be tested BVD negative.
- **IBR** – All heifers which are not part of an IBR accredited-free herd must be isolated for a minimum of seven days, and tested IBR-negative before vaccination. A copy of the laboratory report must be attached to the Health Declaration.
- **Vaccinations** - All heifers must be vaccinated for BVD, and for IBR using a marker vaccine, and vaccine dates documented on the Herd Health Declaration.
- Comprehensive IBR guidelines and sale rules are detailed on pages 10-11 of the 2018 Annual Review.

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