

SIMMENTAL

NEWARK SALE



BURGHBRIDGE FLEMING 14 - Top Price Bull, bred By Mr C J G Clarke, sold for 4000gns to Peter & Andrea Booth (Barleyclose)



BURGHBRIDGE FIGARO 14 - Joint Top Price Bull, bred By Mr C J G Clarke, sold for 4000gns to R M & J E Brown (Lynn)

CARLISLE SALE



MIDHOPE FARMER'S FRIEND 14 - Top Price Bull & Overall Champion, bred By Mr W J Hollingsworth, sold for 4700gns to Auchencheyne Limited



CORSKIE FLYNN 14 - Second Top Price Bull, bred By Mr WJ & J Green, sold for 4600gns to Newbottle Estate Farms



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LEADING LADIES



CORSKIE ENITA - Joint Top Price Female & Leading Ladies Champion, bred By Mr WJ & J Green, sold for 5000gns to Mr D C Houldey (Manor Park)



MIDHOPE ENTISE - Joint Top Price Female & Reserve Champion, bred By Mr W J Hollingsworth, sold for 5000gns to Mr P V Jolliffe (Stargreen)

STIRLING MAY SALE



AULTMORE FRANCO 14 - Top Price Bull & Overall Champion, bred By W M Patterson & Son, sold for 7800gns to Mr WJ & J Green (Corskie)



CORSKIE FREDDO 14 - Second Top Price Bull, bred By Mr WJ & J Green sold for 7200gns to Mr Meikle

WORCESTER SALE



ALCHESTER FRANKLYN 14 - Top Price Bull & Overall Champion, bred By Mr J Shouler sold for 4550gns to Mr T E G Meddins



HEYWOOD FLINTOFF 14 - Second Top Price Bull, bred By Mr D M Barker, sold for 4000gns to Mr C M Mercer (Bowley)

ROYAL ULSTER SHOW



TAWLEY GRETTA - Supreme Champion, Female Champion and Junior Champion, bred by Kieran Mullarkey



LISGLASS FABULOUS - Reserve Supreme Champion and Reserve Female Champion, bred by J L & C J Weatherup

ENGLISH NATIONAL SHOW – ROYAL THREE COUNTIES



MIDHOPE BRIGHT LIGHT - Supreme Champion and Female Champion, bred by Mr W J Hollingsworth



POPES PRINCESS CLEO - Reserve Supreme Champion and Reserve Female Champion, bred by M/S J H & V G Wood

ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW



AUROCH EVE - Supreme Champion and Female Champion, bred by Mr M A Barlow



POPES PRINCESS CLEO - Reserve Supreme Champion, bred by M/S J H & V G Wood

ROYAL WELSH SHOW



POPES PRINCESS CLEO - Supreme Champion and Female Champion, bred by M/S J H & V G Wood



STERLING CELIA'S FIFI - Reserve Supreme Champion and Reserve Female Champion, bred by Boddington Estates Ltd

UPCOMING EVENTS/SALES

3rd SEPTEMBER 2016 - Ballinalare Farm & Ranfurly Production sale to be held at Dungannon Farmers Mart. Ballinalare 31 head & Ranfurly 15 head forward.

3rd SEPTEMBER 2016 - R & J Cook of Hillside Home, Ryall, Bridport, Dorset, will be hosting an open day.

17th SEPTEMBER 2016 - Mr & Mrs Ward & Sons of West Mains Farm, Newbigging, Carnwath, Lanarkshire, will be hosting an open day.

27th SEPTEMBER 2016 - Major reduction of the Redhill Herd on behalf of Mr D Leslie, Redhill, Mosstowie, Elgin, to be held at Thainstone Agricultural Centre, Inverurie,

STIRLING BULL SALES 16th - 18th October, United Auctions Stirling. Entries Close 12th August please ensure DNA & Health Declarations are sent to the office by no later than this date. Scanning must be in by the end of August to ensure figures are included in the sale catalogue.

18th OCTOBER 2016 - Dispersal of the entire Spring Calving portion of the Woodhall herd on behalf of Mr Hector Macaskill, to be held at United Auctions, Stirling.

4th NOVEMBER 2016 - Carlisle Sale, entries close 30th September 2016 please ensure DNA & Health Declarations are sent to the office by no later than the closing date. Scanning must also be in the Society by 30th September to ensure figures are included in the sale catalogue.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Peter Burgess (England), Stewart Stronach Jnr (Scotland) and Iain Green (Scotland) are due for re-election this year – Election papers will be sent out in due course.

SOCIETY AGM

The Society AGM will be held on Monday 17th October at 11am in the Lomond Suite at United Auctions, Stirling.

OFFICE REMINDERS & UPDATES

- **Society Sales** - Please ensure that DNA and Health declarations are sent to the office by no later than the closing date of the sale. Any DNA received after the closing date will be subject to late fees of up to £200. **Any DNA and Health declarations received after 5 days of the closing date will automatically be rejected from the sale.**
- **Failed DNA** - To ensure the breed is as correct as possible, members with a failed sample will have to check one calf either side of the failed animal at their own cost. This came in to effect as of the 1st April 2016.
- **Freemartin DNA** - We are pleased to announce that we now offer a DNA test for twin to males (freemartins) which can test their capability to breed using a combination of testing both blood and hair samples. Please contact the office for further information.
- **Private Transfers** - Vendors/Purchasers, please ensure the back of the pedigree of the animal being sold has been signed and dated.
- **Spreading the Cost for larger herds** - The Society can now offer a facility for larger herds who would like to spread the cost of their transactions over the year. Please contact the office for further information.
- **Photos on the on-line database** - pictures of your cattle can now be linked to the online database.

IBR POLICY FOR THE BREED

Moving forward we are introducing a voluntary IBR policy for the breed, although the rule becoming effective in October 2016 that all Heifers are pre-sale tested clear and marker vaccinated remains compulsory.

- The society believes IBR should be the next disease to be tackled, we actively encourage breeders to establish their IBR status.
- All vaccination dates and the type of vaccine used need to be clearly stated on your HHD.
- We would encourage all cattle presented for sale to be vaccinated with dead IBR marker vaccine where appropriate.
- As of October 2016, all heifers need to be isolated at least seven days prior to testing clear and vaccination with an inactivated IBR marker vaccine. Entries from Accredited herds need only to be vaccinated.
- It is the purchaser's responsibility to ensure that the health status of the cattle purchased meet the criteria of their existing herd health scheme.
- Contact your vet, our Society vet or your CHecs health scheme for further information.

BREEDPLAN/TECHNICAL

The following changes will be implemented/ applied

- **Age slicing**- we are currently on 60 day age slicing, the average size of our herds and calving patterns are such that 90 days slicing would bring more cattle into contemporary groups- We are again going to push this with ABRI.
- The new graph will be removed from all sale catalogues with immediate effect and we are to make the Pencard graphs slightly larger.
- We are seeing clear resistance from buyers to purchase animals at Society Sales which do not have EBV's in the catalogue as a result of not being scanned, with effect from 2017 vendors presenting Bulls at Society Sales which have not been scanned will lose their scanning credit.
- **The milk figure** will be referred to as Maternal from 2017 although the word milk in brackets will still be included for the foreseeable future to allow education.
- **Fat EBV**- we are to reverse the target on this, at the moment we are chasing lean cattle, this will be reversed to encourage a little more fat cover to ensure we continue to hit the new carcase targets at abattoirs.
- **Semen** tested Bulls at Society sales- with immediate effect vendors must provide the auctioneers with certified results from a Veterinary or Industry Professional.

FEMALE CLASSIFICATION.

- A voluntary Female Classification scheme is being launched with immediate effect. Classification will be carried out by Holstein UK, all enquiries must be made through the BSCS Office. This scheme will allow herds of all sizes to get an independent evaluation on their breeding females adding substance to the decisions on which females to retain and from what cow lines to retain females from.
- Members have the option to classify their complete herd or start with heifers, all animals need to be in milk at time of classification.
- The assessment will be broken into four categories, Body confirmation, Beef character, Legs and feet and Mammary, resulting in an overall score for the female ranging from poor to excellent.
- The data will be uploaded on to the ABRI data base and Classification scores added to pencards and pedigrees within sale catalogues.
- The cost will be £6.50 per head or £100 for the first 15 animals, minimum visit fee will cover 15 animals. £80 for the next 15 etc. A full breakdown of the scheme will be available on the website in the coming weeks.
- In the meantime for more information contact the office.

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COUNCIL UPDATES

- **SOCIETY SALES** - With immediate effect all vendors HHD will be verified by the individual health scheme provider to ascertain accuracy of information provided in relation to Society sale rules.

SOCIETY VET

The Society is pleased to announce that Gareth Boyes BVMS DBR MRCVS has been appointed to become our Society vet.

Gareth specialises in farm animal medicine and surgery in particular bovine reproduction. Gareth obtained his Diploma in Bovine Reproduction in 2009.

Gareth can be a point of contact for Society members or members vets should they wish to discuss anything. Gareth can be contacted on: gwbeyes@hotmail.com



MODIFICATIONS TO THE LEADING LADIES ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AS HIGHLIGHTED BELOW:

- All entries first point of registration must have been the BSCS herdbook.
- Heifers to have calved prior to reaching 3 years of age.
- Entries accepted for females up to 5 years old on the day of the sale.
- Heifers with calves at foot must be sold as units and calves must be no older than 10 months old.
- Calves at foot must be registered in the BSCS herdbook.
- In calf heifers- calf sire must be DNA typed.
- Health Status- as existing sale rules.
- All entries from Performance recording herds, all heifers under 3 years of age on the day of the sale to be scanned, this rule does not apply for animals between 3 and under 5 years old on the day of the sale.
- EBV's- minimum of +66 on Self Replacing Index **only** as of 1st January 2017.
- Entries will be Vet inspected at the Sale venue.
- **All entries will be on-farm inspected.**
- All females are to be sired verified through DNA
- For further information/or if in doubt contact the office.

Please contact the Society to book your advert in our Annual Review 2016.

ALL FULL PAGE ADVERTS WILL BE ADVERTISED ON THE WEBSITE FOR A YEAR FREE OF CHARGE.

