

# SIMMENTAL

## STIRLING FEBRUARY BULLS SALES 19TH – 20TH FEBRUARY 2017

120 Bulls sold through the ring to average £6066, 75% clearance, which was an increase of £391 on the year.

**A total of 14 bulls commanded 5 figure prices of 10,000gns or above, which is a breed record.**



**OVERHILL HOUSE GUINNESS 15** - Reserve Senior Champion topped the trade on the day, bred by Richard McCulloch, sold for 21,000gns to A Thomson & Partners



**DIRNANEAN GRAFTER 15** - Reserve Overall & Intermediate Champion and 2nd top price of the day, bred by FJ McGowan, exhibited by N Shand, sold for 20,000gns to A Ivory (Strathisla)



**AULTMORE GOLIATH 15** - Junior Champion and 3rd top price bull, bred by W M Patterson & Son, sold for 16,000gns to Richard McCulloch (Overhill House)



**WOLFSTAR GOLD DIGGER 15** - bred by Mr A King sold for 15,000gns to MR & MT Quarm (Annick)



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**DENIZES GALLANT 15** - bred by Mr M A Barlow also sold for 15,000gns to R & P McAlister (Bruchag)



**SKERRINGTON RHONA 42ND** - top price female, bred by Mr W Young sold for 7800gns to B Chadwick (Chadston)

## ABERDEEN & NORTHERN MARTS SALE 1ST MARCH 2017

Bulls sold to average £4147.50 89% Clearance



**CORSKIE GLOW 15** - Champion and top price bull, bred by WJ&J Green sold for 5500gns to AJ Blackhall



**TILLYEVE GRAINGER 15** - Reserve Champion and 2nd top price bull, bred by Messrs C & M Bruce sold for 4200gns to H J Arnott

### UPCOMING SALES

**CARLISLE SALE** - including the Leading Ladies and the major reduction sale of the Caistor herd on behalf of Mr B Lundy - 21st April 2017

**STIRLING MAY SALE** - 1st May 2017

**WORCESTER SALE** - 6th May 2017

**DISPERSAL OF THE DEERHURST HERD** - on behalf of Mr Van Der Gucht 23rd September 2017

**DISPERSAL OF THE STERLING HERD** - on behalf of Boddington Estates 23rd & 24th October 2017

### ENGLISH NATIONAL SHOW TB UPDATE

Last year we had a 48 hour exemption licence at our National Show to allow cattle from Low Risk Areas (LRA) to return home and not be placed on a standstill, this year there is no 48 hour licence available. There would have been a 24 hour licence available however the Three Counties Show have decided not to apply for one as they do not believe it fits their objectives. Therefore, cattle attending the English National Show from LRA will not be able to attend any other shows for 60 days after the English National Show.



## OFFICE UPDATES/REMINDERS

- **DNA** – Weatherbys have changed their pricing policy. With immediate effect; standard pedigree verification - a maximum of three nominated sire/dams will be accepted at the time of initial submission and at the current rate of £23.10 + VAT. In cases where additional testing is required, each subsequent submission will be charged at £8 + VAT per sire/dam.
- **Life Membership** – The cost of Life Membership will be increasing to £850 as of August, 1st 2017
- **Scanning Credits** – A reminder that from January 2017, all members who present Bulls for Society sales which have not been scanned will lose their scanning credit.
- **Members must advise the Society** and the sale market/auctioneers if their own herd health status changes between the close of entry date and the sale date.
- **Female Classifications** are going well and we are seeing more and more interest coming through. Get in touch if you are interested.

## AZORES

**T**he largest exportation of British Simmental Cattle left on the 7th February 2017 for the Azores. The Azores, composed of nine volcanic islands in the North Atlantic Ocean about 1,360 km (850 mi) west of continental Portugal.

The exportation consisted of consignments from Mr & Mrs Moffat, Innerwick Farm, Innerwick, Dunbar, East Lothian, EH42 1SE, Mr Richard McCulloch, Over Hill House, Armadale, West

Lothian, EH48 3AR – managed by John Hughes and J C McLaren & Partners, Knox House, Coldwells Road, Crieff, Perthshire, PH7 4BB – managed by Tom Henderson.

In total 13 heifers and 3 bulls were exported to the Azores and we are pleased to say they all arrived safely and have settled in well.





## YOUNG MEMBERS TRIP 25TH - 27TH AUGUST 2017

**A**re you a Young Member of the Society? If not, why not join, a non-registering Young Member can join for just £5.25 a year. It's a great way to get involved, meet new people, learn a great deal, attend Young Members stock

judging, events and more.

For an application form or for more information contact the Society office on 02476 696513 or Emma McInnes 07920 485059

# YOUNG MEMBERS TRIP

## 25TH-27TH AUGUST 2017

### Friday 25th

- Arrive in Lancashire late afternoon, Social night and quiz.

### Saturday 26th

- Visit to the Denizes herd and Barlow Brothers Trailers, courtesy of the Barlow family.
- Stock judging competition & BBQ

### Sunday 27th

- Visit to the Blackpool herd, courtesy of David and Christine Loftus
- Depart home

### \*\*\*NEW for 2017\*\*\*

The highest placed individuals from each country will qualify for a trip to visit the National Show in Denmark in 2018 - courtesy of the Society.





## COUNCIL UPDATES

- **As from Spring 2017 Society Sales** will have an inspection panel observing locomotion and feet. Members will be notified by letter if the inspection panel felt the quality wasn't good enough, this is to try and improve the quality of cattle forward for our sales in the future.
- **Interbeef – International beef genetic evaluations** – EBV's that can be used at a European level are being launched and managed by the SRUC. The Council feel the individual cost of each EBV makes this project unviable for the breed at this time.
- **Office Lease** – The Society has been working closely with our solicitors who are actively advising us of our best options. The membership will be informed of any future developments.
- **IBR policy** – please see pages 10 & 11 of the Review 2016 for the latest update.
- **Society Vet** – There are still members getting poor advice from their own vets regarding health scheme matters. Should anyone want clarification on any health-related matters please contact the office or our Society vet.
- **Society Council** – Edward Mountain (Scotland) resigned from his post in January this year. The vacancy will be left open until the Elections take place later in the year. We would like to thank Edward for all his help and support during his time on Council.

## MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE

**D**uring 2016 the Society raised £3176.80 which we have donated to the Midlands Air Ambulance. A cheque presentation was held on the 8th March at their Strensam Airbase, in attendance on the day were Jimmy

McMillan with a cow & calf from Boddingtons Estates, Neil Shand, Mark Dennis (pilot), Rob Hewlett & paramedics Julian Spiers & Colin Apps. They were very grateful for our donation and a big thank you goes to everyone involved.





# THE REST OF OUR 10,000GNS & ABOVE RECORD BREAKING BULLS FROM STIRLING FEBRUARY



**ISLAVALE GAMBLER 15** - Overall & Senior Champion, bred by Mr W S Stronach, sold for 13,000gns to Backmuir Trading Ltd



**KILBRIDE FARM GOLDSTAR** - bred W H Robson & Sons, sold for 12,000gns to B Grant (Dellfield)



**DRUMACRITTEN GEORGE** - bred by Mr WE Nelson & Mr GE Nelson, sold for 11,000gns to Mr J Jeffrey (Kersknowe)



**DELLFIELD GOLDENEYE** - Reserve Junior Champion, bred by Mr B Grant, sold for 11,000gns to H Duff (Pitmuddie)



**CORSKIE GRANTOWN** - bred by WJ& J Green, sold for 11,000gns to J Innes & Sons



**WOLFSTAR GORDY** - bred by Mr A King, sold for 11,000gns to Mr G W Smith (Drumslead)





**ISLAVALE GOLDEN BOY** - bred by Mr W S Stronach, sold for 10,000gns to H Duff (Pitmudie)



**KILBRIDE FARM GREGOR** - bred by WH Robson & Sons, sold for 10,000gns to the Maesquoy Farms



**KILBRIDE FARM GRUFFALO** - bred by W H Robson & Sons, sold for 10,000gns to Messrs Sutherland of Sibminster & Stainland Farms - Caithness



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## TICKING ALL THE BOXES:



CALVING  
EASE



FERTILITY



MILK = CALF  
GROWTH



CARCASE  
WEIGHTS



DOCILITY





# REDHILL REDUCTION SALE 27TH SEPTEMBER 2016

The Redhill Herd was founded in 1992 with foundation cows from various herds including Bonlea, Dirnanean, Kair, Innerwick, Sapling and South Park. Over time the herd built up to 100 head and is based on the outskirts of Elgin in Morayshire.

Prior to returning to their roots in farming, Danny followed a career in aviation technology and Daisy in retail, they both ran a fuel station in Elgin and were also major suppliers locally of propane and butane gas.

In the Autumn of 2015 Danny was diagnosed with bone marrow cancer, a life changing period for the whole family as son Ian came home to the farm to help Daisy, taking time out from his position with SGRPID.

The haematology staff at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and at the Beatson Hospital in Glasgow have been wonderful and health is now good again following a stem cell transplant. Anthony Nolan were successful in finding a stem cell donor in Germany. At Danny and Daisy's wedding anniversary they raised £2970 for Anthony Nolan.

Danny is presently Chairman of the Scottish Club.

To ease pressure a reduction of the herd took place on the 27th September 2016.

Top price on the day was 2900gns for Redhill Maisie, a Hiltonstown Valentino daughter out of a Woodhall Nando daughter, purchased by Andrew Anderson, Smallburn Farms, Plewlands, Duffus, Moray.

Second top price was 2800gns for Redhill Dixie, a Woodhall Brandon daughter out of a Woodhall Nando daughter, purchased by M/S Gill & Co, Brucefield, Portmahomack, Ross-shire.



Redhill Maisie sold for 2900gns

Two lots traded at 2650gns:-

First, was Redhill Glenda, a Woodhall Brandon daughter out of a Woodhall Nando daughter, purchased by G Morrison, Inchbruch Farm, Cornhill, Banff.

At the same price was Redhill Tiffany, a Hiltonstown Valentino daughter out of a Derrycallaghan Tick-Tack daughter, was also purchased by M/S Gill & Co, Brucefield, Portmahomack, Ross-shire.

## Averages:

Cows and bull calves £2378.50

Cows and heifer calves £2467.50

Bull calves £1890

In calf heifer £2100

In calf cows £1478.15

## FUTURES GROUP

The Council have agreed to an inaugural meeting of the Futures Group aimed at getting highly active breeders involved at regional sales as per page 25 of the Review 2016.

