

SIMMENTAL

Our sale season started with a cracker at Stirling on the 15th of February. 122 bulls sold through the ring to average £5675, an increase of £711 on the year and an 80% clearance.

For the first time in many many years we sold more bulls through the ring than Charolais and more in total. So far this year that is the best clearance and the most improved average, there was absolutely no sign of a

shortage of money when our breed was being sold!!

You, the breeders deserve the upmost credit for the improvement in the breed in the last 5-10 years, let's keep it up and remember if they're not good enough beef them.

We take the spin off from the first sale of the year into our remaining Spring sales with confidence and optimism.

Neil Shand

STIRLING BULL SALES 14TH & 15TH FEBRUARY 2016

Averages 122 @ £5675 up £711 on the year with an 80% clearance



KILBRIDE FARM FOREMAN 14

Reserve Overall Champion & Intermediate Champion, bred by W H Robson & Sons, sold for 22,000gns to Mr D C Houldey (Manor Park)



Simmental
British Simmental Cattle Society



**WOLFSTAR
FLYING
SCOTSMAN
14**

2nd Top
Price Bull,
bred by Mr A
King, sold for
17,000gns to
Mr D Lowry
(Keeldrum)
& Bridget
Borlase
(Perrywood)



ISLAVALE FERRARI 14

Senior Champion, bred by Mr W S Stronach, sold for 16,000gns
to Mrs A Jukes (Swallowhill)



SLIEVENAGH FLIRT - Female Champion, bred by Mr R J Boyd,
sold for 3,900gns to Mr J N Glasgow (Bridgewater Farm)

SALE OF THE COMPLETE ADULT PORTION OF THE BROOMBRAE HERD (MR G CLARK)

27 cows @ £3481, 4 cows & calves @
£2809, 7 young bulls @ £2595

BROOMBRAE SNOWDROP A20 sold for
7000gns to WJ & J Green (Corskie)



ABERDEEN & NORTHERN MARTS 24TH FEBRUARY 2016

Averages 7 @ £3855 with a 78% clearance



CORSKIE FITZROY 14 RESERVE CHAMPION - Bred by W J & J Green sold for 6000gns



CORSKIE FALDO 14 CHAMPION - Bred by W J & J Green, sold for 4500gns

COUNCIL UPDATES

- **De-registration** - a de-registration option was discussed at the last Council meeting in December and it was decided that this will not be implemented at the moment as we intend to look in to this further.
- **Female classification** - trials will now take place in the early Spring.
- **Failed DNA** - it has been decided to ensure the breed is as correct as possible that members with a failed sample will have to check one calf either side of the failed animal at their own cost. This will come in to effect as of the 1st April 2016
- **Scanning credits** - It was agreed that scanning credits to PR members are to remain in place.
- **Performance Recording** - The reduced rate of Performance Recording since taking breedplan in-house will also remain in place.
- **Locomotion panels** - A series of assessors appointed by the Society will independently assess the locomotion/feet/legs of cattle at Society Sales, good locomotion is very important when trying to sell cattle.
- **Membership Annual subscription** - will increase by £5.00 in August 2016 for members who pay by direct debit and £10.00 for members who are not on a direct debit payment system.
- **Birth notifications** - will be increasing to £8+VAT from 1st August 2016, please note that to birth notify an animal requires the same amount of work as a standard registration, other than no Pedigree is issued.
- **Society office** - Discussions will continue regarding the future of the office at Stoneleigh, all possibilities will be considered.
- **Penny Lally** - has been co-opted on to the Council, ensuring the membership has a female point of contact within Council if required.
- **Carlisle Sales Programme**. We are planning to cease Sales at Carlisle in November and move to two sales in the Spring, this year's sale on November 4th will take place but there will be no sale in November 2017 and then two Sales in the Spring of 2018. This will be a more effective fit to the buying patterns of Commercial customers.

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.

It was with great sadness to hear of the recent deaths of John Thornhill (Poynton herd) who passed away on the 2nd January.

Brian Phillips (Hollywood herd) who passed away on the 19th February, a service was held in Staffordshire on the 10th March.

David Bell (Crackley herd) who passed away on the 21st February, David's funeral will be held on Monday 21st March - 3pm at Canley Crematorium, Cannonhill Road, Coventry, CV4 7DF, in the Cannon Hill Chapel. The family have asked for no flowers but donations if desired can be made to RABI.

Robert Carter (Gerrard herd) who passed away on the 4th March, a service was held in Wigton on the 10th March.

Our thoughts and condolences go to all the families and friends during these difficult times.

SOCIETY FLAGS

It has been agreed that each club will be provided with 2 x Society flags to use at shows and events, we are currently in the process of sourcing these and you will receive them in due course. Any replacement flags will need to be funded by the club.



OFFICE UPDATES/ REMINDERS

- **Society Sales** - A reminder that from October 2016 - all heifers entered for Society Sales will need to be tested clear for IBR and marker vaccinated.
- **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.**
- **Embryos** - As a reminder all donor cows must have a DNA profile before embryo calves can be registered.
- **ET1 & ET2 forms** - Please ensure that the year the recipient dam was born is included on the ET1 & ET2 forms.

FORTHCOMING SALES:

Carlisle & the Leading Ladies sale 22nd April

Entries close 18th March

Stirling May sale 2nd May

Entries close 25th March

Worcester sale 7th May

Entries close 8th April

YOUNG MEMBER TOUR 2016

Wednesday 10th August

- Evening Arrival in Norfolk

Thursday 11th August

- AM - Judging on the hoof and on the hook at HG Blake Abattoir
- PM - Herd visit to Williams herd, Andrew & Hayley Clarke

Friday 12th August

- AM - Visit to Paul Gunther, Cattle, contracting & Agricultural business.
- PM - Visit to monitor farm in Nottingham - Ian Willison

Saturday 13th August

- Stock Judging Competition and herd tour courtesy of Michael Barlow & Family, followed by social evening.

Sunday 14th August

- AM - Visit to the Blackpool herd, David & Christine Loftus.
- PM - Depart home.

Please note - this is an extensive trip this year and depending on the amount of participants, some costs towards accommodation maybe required. Adults are welcome to join the trip at full cost and children under 16 years old must be accompanied by a parent/adult.

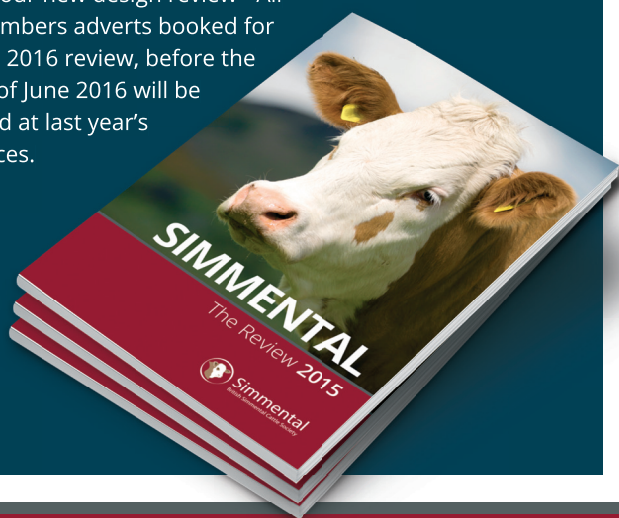
Last date for booking on to the Young member's trip will be Friday the 10th June 2016

OPEN DAYS IN 2016

Mr R & J Cook, Hillside Home, Ryall, Bridport, Dorset
3rd September 2016

Mr & Mrs Ward, West Mains Farm, Newbigging, Carnwath, Lanarkshire
17th September 2016

We have had some excellent feedback on our new design review - All members adverts booked for the 2016 review, before the 1st of June 2016 will be held at last year's prices.



Please continue to follow Ian Willison's Monitor farm story in the Farmers Weekly.

British Simmental Cattle Society Ltd
NAC Stoneleigh Park,
Warwickshire
CV8 2LG

Registration line for All Registration related calls: 0800 505 3954

General Enquiries: 02476 696513

Email: information@britishsimmental.co.uk

Web: www.britishsimmental.co.uk