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Year Letter

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Registration Fees

Heifer in the Herd Book of year of birth £13.50

Heifer outside the Herd Book of year of birth £25

Bull £80 Transfer of ownership £10 Birth Notification £10

Please note that the Herd Book closes at the end of January for entries from the preceding year. When you sell a Red Poll, please return the pedigree certificate to the office. The certificate will be sent to the new owner on payment, by the buyer or seller, of the transfer fee.

Advertising in Red Poll News

As a member, you can take a full page advertisement for £25. The rate for non members is £50. Half pages are priced pro rata.

Copy dates; February 19th, June 19th, October 16th

For livestock sales, please contact the Secretary, Ray Bowler, at the office. Steers are always wanted.

Membership Subscriptions as from 1st January 2019

Registering: £50

Associate: £25

Overseas: £30 in sterling

Life Registering Member: £750

Life Associate Member: £300

Secretary's Report—2nd November 2019

There is only one new member for election at this meeting, who is a registering member, the same at this meeting last year. There are 400 members – 402 at this meeting last year. There has been one resignation since the last meeting and one death. This means that there have been 36 new members joining the Society in 2018, 36 in 2017. The Society membership is therefore made up of: 260 Registering and Registering Life, 82 Associate, 6 Overseas and 52 Students and Juniors.

There are 13 outstanding memberships for 2019 for which Terina has sent out invoices on several occasions. I have tried to contact all of them, in addition to this there are still several members who haven't paid the increased membership fees, they paid their old SO but no balance despite several reminders from Terina. I feel once these members have been chased again we may lose even more members.

Since the last meeting I have sent out eight information packs to persons enquiring about the Society.

Semen sales have been steady since the last meeting, there have been 355 for the year, 309 last year, however it must be noted that 80 of these were FOC to dairy farmers who wished to try Red Polls with the view to keeping the heifers and milking them. 18 straws were also give FOC for use on selected heifers in the hope of producing a bull suitable for semen collection.

There has only been one bull inspection since the last meeting which is an M0. There have been 16 bull registrations so far this year, 26 last year. 8 x M0 and 8 x M1. The point scores for these bulls have averaged 171 points, the highest being Nobodys King Midas with 187 points. I have carried out five of the inspections, Joy Broughton three, Andrew Kirk and Dick Smith carrying out two with Mark Cheetham, Denis Jenkins, John Williams and David Hunt one each.

As is usual at this time of year registrations are coming in steadily; so far this year 210 females, a few more than the 180 last year. This is from 38 breeders, compared to 49 last year. It is a good thing that new member Daniel Powell has registered 28. It appears that members are leaving it later and later in the year to register their animals, I really have to start chasing from now on, it was a struggle last year to get as many registrations as we did, I feel it is going to be even harder this year.

Since the last meeting I haven't been out an about much what with holidays, but I have been to the Southern area Herd Competition presentation in Wiltshire, the Northern area in Cheshire, the Eastern area locally and the Midlands Area in Rugby which tied in with the Annual Dinner.. I have attended various committee meetings at Rugby, the Judges day at Capel Manor and a meeting with the SAA in Ipswich to discuss next year's National Show. I have visited a few members locally but nowhere outside the Essex/South Suffolk area.

I have to report on the Probationary Judges. There is nothing to report on this at this meeting.

Cattle sales continue to be steady with a few small deals being done, there is plenty of stock available, all of which are advertised on the website. We did manage to finally sell the majority of the Underhill herd to new member Nigel Walters in Wiltshire. Several cattle have also been sold from the Lagan herd to a new member in Gloucestershire, Richard Hale, who also purchased several heifers from the Underhill herd.

As I said this time last year if there is anything else that you would like me to report on in future reports then please let me know as I feel this report consists of all the same things, just with different statistics.

Ray Bowler

Obituary - Simon Ernest William Temple

Simon was born on the 6th September 1950 on the family farm at Halton Lancaster, he was educated in St. Bees in Cumbria before attending University at Keele, Staffordshire where he and Sally met. He graduated with a degree in law. He became a barrister initially in London before moving to the northern circuit upon the retirement of his father who had been a judge on that circuit, retiring himself in 1999 due to ill health.

Simon was not one to allow ill health to stop him, so he expended his energies with his cattle and sheep enterprises.

He had been a member of the Rare Breed Survival Trust since 1985 and of the Red Poll Cattle Society since 1990. He obtained his foundation stock from the Kemerton Herd of Adrian Darby, and followed it up with the purchase of bulls from that herd notably Kemerton Tiwi, who had a big influence on Simon's herd.

In Autumn 2005 Diana Flack nominated Simon as President elect for the Society, I remember someone saying "Who is Simon Temple?" Diana's reply was simply "He is an influential breeder in the north and doing good work promoting the breed there." He was duly elected and became a hugely influential member of Council during which time he tightened up on procedures to comply with Charity Commission rules and improved operating procedures where his legal skills shone. He stood down in 2018 but his legacy will be felt there for many years to come.

He has a uniform herd of Red Poll cattle, that have done well on marginal grazing. His stewardship on the land has promoted the cattle as conservation grazers.

In many ways, he was like a gentleman farmer of old who actively promoted the breed above any immediate commercial return to himself.

He was very keen on recording the performance of the cattle on all sorts of attributes. The performance recording would appeal to his rational mind; he was instrumental in encouraging the Red Poll Cattle Society to do this and to take semen from performance recorded bulls to move the breed forward.

He was very keen on showing his cattle at Agricultural Shows up and down the country. He encouraged others by example and he got classes started at Westmorland Show for Red Poll cattle. The cake, beer and whisky celebratory element of these events was enjoyed by Simon, but not necessarily in that order.

Some of his notable cattle were Bowland Yolande, an amazing cow, and the bull Bowland Zeus. Bowland Yolande became National Show Supreme Champion in 2015.

Semen from Bowland Zeus, Bowland Vincentio and Bowland Ferdinand has been exported worldwide.

Our lives became intertwined as we have travelled abroad together for the International Red Poll Cattle Congresses in Jamaica, Australia, New Zealand and the USA. We had some wonderful times with lots of laughter and learning. Who knew that



he was a past thespian and could sing as Elvis as displayed suddenly on a coach in Jamaica one day singing 'Return to Sender' in fantastic dulcet tones!

There is a tremendous amount of respect for Simon in the cattle world, both at home and internationally, for his expertise and his engaging character. A fantastic friend, and a fantastic man.

He died peacefully at home on the 14th August 2019 and is survived by his wife Sally, four daughters and many grandchildren.

Simon Temple with Bowland Yolande

Terry Mancey

Judges Standardisation Day 2019

On the 29th September, by kind invitation of Paul Grainger, Capel Manor College, Enfield, eight of our Society judges met for our Annual Standardisation day. Also attending were four members who were hoping to become Probationary Judges. To remain on the Society Judges Panel, judges must attend a least one of these events every three years, although it is recommended that panel members try to attend every event.

The event is designed so that all judges are looking for basically the same things when in the show ring. There will always be individual judge's preferences, which is to be encouraged, as long as the main breed points are adhered to.

Capel Manor provided four cows and five heifers for the judges to assess and to give their placings. One of the heifers had some white on its udder which continued for some way along its underline. There was much discussion as to whether this was part of the udder or that it stretched too far. It was decided that as the breed standard stands at present the wording was ambiguous and that it needed clarifying, this would be put on the agenda for the next Breeding Committee meeting.



There was much discussion about the cattle with everyone contributing fully to the task in-hand.

The cattle were impeccably behaved and were excellently lead by College staff and students, a very big thank you them all.

Lunch was an excellent barbecue, organised by Paul.

After lunch a more formal discussion took place on a wide range of issues to do with showing ranging from: Show ring etiquette for both judges and exhibitors, judge's feedback to exhibitors, the use of a ring microphone, report writing and the general responsibilities of the judge.

The plan was to have look at the rest of the Capel Manor Herd but the weather interfered with this. We had done well to dodge the rain all day, so as the time was 3.30pm it was decided to end what was an excellent day.

Ray Bowler

Southern Area Herd Competition 2019—Report

Sally and myself were blessed with warm and sunny weather when we gathered at Quentin and Maggie Edwards's at East Knoyle for the Southern Region presentation and herd walk results day.

Cools Farm is situated in a stunning location in Wiltshire and we were treated to a very comprehensive farm walk where we had a good chance to see the winning herd at close hand.

The cattle were very quiet and allowed us very close contact and it was very apparent that these cattle were very typical of the docile Red Polls that we all love.

After a long walk we retired back to the farmhouse and were treated to a superb lunch of roast Red Poll beef, cooked to perfection, followed by apple and blackberry crumble.

I did comment on the way home that as a Society we really ought to be showing this herd to the wider beef cattle audience as I truly believe the herd would have impressed any beef breeder.

It was such a nice day that we decided to move the trophies outside and do the presentations out in the warm autumn sunshine.

It was a real privilege to be asked to judge the southern herd competition, 11 herds stretching from Roger Thomas in Carmarthenshire, West Wales down to Chumleigh, Devon and as far up as Newbury, Berkshire.

I was very impressed everywhere visited to see excellent cattle managed by people with a real passion for Red Polls. It turned out to be a really difficult task!

In the large herd category I placed the Cools Herd in first place, I found this a very complete herd in every sense. Quentin and Maggie Edwards have developed a fantastic herd of very even cows with very good udders and extremely good tail settings. This herd is managed organically and a large percentage of the beef is sold through a boxed beef scheme or local Farmers Markets with the rest sold through ABP. I was very impressed





*Quentin and Maggie Edwards
with Judge David Hunt*

with the overall management of this herd and the deep interest and passion for constantly improving the herd was very evident. The Cools Herd also triumphed with best pure bred steer and best progeny group.

In second place was the Kemerton Herd of Adrian Darby, this was a fine herd expertly managed by Peter Doble. This was a very large herd of 56 cows, some of the herd are being bred pure and some are being crossed with a Charolais bull. It was a great example of the qualities of the breed as a milky suckler cow that it could produce and feed a wonderful cross bred calf. I enjoyed seeing a really well managed herd with a real eye on producing good stock.

In third place was the Fordscroft Herd of Peter Irish. This is a newish herd managed extremely well with foundation stock from John Reading and Quentin Edwards. I was treated

to some spectacular views as we looked at the cattle in a most picturesque part of Somerset. Peter decided to only enter the herd and not the individual classes, I can only say he had some very nice animals and will do well in the future.

In the small herd section again there were many excellent herds in fact all were a real credit to their owners. The Boames Herd stood out as a herd looked after and managed with real passion and love by David Tompkins and family. These were cattle which came to his call and wanted to get to know you. David knew his cattle and they knew him. A real pleasure to share a couple of hours with a genuine champion of the breed. This herd also had first prize for the best youngstock and home bred heifer.

In second place was Rebecca Charley and her Ruscombe Herd. Rebecca had a lovely herd of 12 cows

Northern Area Herd Competition 2019 Results – Judge: Anthea Daw

Champion Herd—Helen and John Langley—Oaklands Herd

Large Herd —Helen and John Langley—Oaklands Herd

Small Herd

1. Helen Arthan—Chorlton Lane Herd
2. Helen and Terry Mancey—Moreton Herd
3. John Williams—Pinguis Herd

Class 3 (Youngstock)

1. Helen and John Langley—Oaklands Herd
2. Helen Arthan—Chorlton Lane Herd
3. Helen and Terry Mancey—Moreton Herd

Class 4 (Registered Stock Bull)

1. Pinguis Frederick—John Williams
2. Moreton Forsbrook—Helen and Terry Mancey
3. Lavenham Sir Constantine—Sarah Marsden and Michael Paddock

Class 5 (Senior homebred cow)

1. Tatton Zara—Cheshire East Council, Tatton Park
2. Marsh House Ruby's Winifred—Pat McLaughlin
3. Chorlton Lane Thyme—Helen Arthan

Class 6 (Junior cow)

1. Chorlton Lane Fanilla—Helen Arthan
2. Bowland Flame—Simon Temple
3. Tatton Bluebell—Cheshire East Council, Tatton Park

Class 7 (Best homebred heifer)

1. Chorlton Lane Hokey Cokey—Helen Arthan
2. Morton Baby Huia—Helen and Terry Mancey
3. Pinguis Sandra 3rd—John Williams

Class 8 (Best progeny group)

1. Nobodys Eclipse—Chorlton Lane Herd, Helen Arthan
2. Nobodys Eclipse—Pinguis Herd, John Williams
3. Lane Albert—Eaves Herd, Sarah Marsden and Mick Paddock

Class 9 (3 Related females)

1. Marsh House Ruby's, Elisa and Beatrice—Pat McLaughlin
2. Chorlton Lane Zappy, Hokey Cokey and I—I—Helen Arthan
3. Moreton Lady Africa, Lady Blyth and Lady Great Bridgeford—Helen and Terry Mancey

Class 10 (Best pure bred steer)

1. Moreton Steer—Helen and Terry Mancey
2. Chorlton Lane Steer—Helen Arthan
3. Pear Tree Steer—Alan Bickerton

Class 11 (Best suckling calf)

1. Calf in the Pinguis Herd—John Williams
2. Calf in the Oaklands Herd—Helen and John Langley
3. Calf in the Chorlton Lane Herd—Helen Arthan

The Northern Area Herd Competition Report

Firstly I would like to thank the Northern Area and the Red Poll Society for asking me to judge this competition. Jeff and I really enjoyed our weekend away, the hospitality was second to none! It was fantastic seeing old friends, making new friends and spending our time with fellow Red Poll enthusiasts and breeders.

I was incredibly impressed with the quality of the cattle, from the young stock, through to the senior animals. The standard was high throughout all classes within the competition. It was good to see high amounts of entries, displaying the breed standards as a dual purpose animal.

My champion herd displayed all the qualities I want to see in the breed. Such as, strong udder attachments, tracking well on good legs and feet, fantastic maternal qualities and uniformity throughout. When judging the cattle, it was fantastic to see quality home bred animals and quality brought in animals. Helen and John clearly have a fantastic eye and full understanding of the breed. As well as a clear view of where the Red Poll lies within the red meat industry. I wish them all the best representing the Northern Area by going forward in the national herd competition. Additionally, I would like to thank all the competitors within the competition. All the cattle presented to me were turned out in top condition. I would like to congratulate and thank each and every one of you, the stock were a credit to their owners. I look forward to catching up with everyone at the annual dinner and presentation evening.

Anthea Daw



Above: Appleton Okavango

Below: John Williams presenting Helen Arthan with the Small Herd Salver



Above: John Williams presenting trophy to the Large Herd Winner, Helen and John Langley

Below: Oaklands Herd



superbly managed with passion. It was again nice to see different management to suit situations and Rebecca, through The Pasture Fed Association, sells all of her beef through boxed beef schemes.

In third place was John Reading's East Knoyle Herd. John really does have a special herd and now is looking to cross his cows with a Red Angus bull. The calves I looked at were from Appleton King Edward which left some absolutely superb calves. John won the best suckled calf and also the best progeny group by that bull.

The best stock bull, Woldsman Brigadier, who has been awarded this accolade for the past four years, best senior cow Abbeyvale Gentian and three related females all came from Roger Thomas's Abbeyvale herd. I really enjoyed visiting Roger in West Wales's wonderful countryside and a great herd of well managed cattle.

Eve won the best junior homebred cow from the HBC herd of Liz and Malcolm Burbridge, what a treat to visit such a nice herd of cows in deepest Devon, it did take a bit of finding but after arriving, thanks to Malcolm meeting us on the roadside, a very warm welcome and a privilege to be shown around this well managed herd of 11 cows.

Anthea and Jeff Daw's herd are managed by Alan Trimble at Cirencester as they live in Wales. This herd is small but lacks nothing in quality as shown in the show ring this summer. Again Anthea is demonstrating just what a good suckler cow the Red Poll can be and I had no hesitation in awarding her

Hereford cross steer first prize in its class.

The Mendip Herd of Susan Tanner and John Davis was a great advert for the breed we saw many good animals and their youngstock in particular caught my eye.

My last visit was to the Wellshead Herd of Lord Huntingdon. This herd, managed by Brian Coventry was correct in every way and had some really good examples of the breed, some very well fed suckling calves and a good stock bull, overall a very good herd.

It was refreshing to see Red Poll cattle in such good numbers and so well managed, it was a real joy to see.

I would like to thank everyone for showing us around their cattle and affording us kindness and hospitality, you all make us very welcome.

It is so important for the breed for members cattle to be seen and I hope it has been good for members to get some feedback from the Society. Many thanks, and finally many thanks to my wife Sally for doing all the driving!

David Hunt



Quentin and Maggie Edwards

Southern Area Herd Competition Results 2019 Judge: David Hunt

Large Herd—Kemerton Cup

1. Cools—Quentin and Maggie Edwards
2. Kemerton—Adrian Darby
3. Fordscroft—Peter Irish

Small Herd—Philip Caddy Memorial Trophy

1. Boames—David and Simon Tompkins
2. Ruscombe—Rebecca Charley
3. East Knoyle—Caddy and Reading

Overall Winner—Hartswell Perpetual Cup

Cools Herd—Quentin and Maggie Edwards

Youngstock—Lagan Farm Trophy

1. Boames—David and Simon Tompkins
2. Cools—Quentin and Maggie Edwards
3. Mendip—Susan Tanner and John Davies

Registered Stock Bull—East Beere Bowl

1. Woldsman Brigadier—Roger Thomas
2. Hepworth Conker—Rebecca Charley
3. Wheatfield Kestrel—Lord Huntingdon

Senior Homebred Cow—Barkham Square Shield

1. Abbeyvale Gentian—Roger Thomas
2. Wellshead Dubonnet—Lord Huntingdon
3. Ruscombe Woodsia—Rebecca Charley

Junior Homebred Cow—The Bowler Barrel

1. Les Troupeaux Des Deux Manors Eve – Liz Burbridge
2. Wheatfield Future—Anthea and Jeff Daw
3. Cools Margo—Quentin and Maggie Edwards

Homebred 2017 born heifer—Abbeyvale Tankard

1. Boames Holly—David and Simon Tompkins
2. Cools January—Quentin and Maggie Edwards
3. Kemerton Hiphop—Adrian Darby

Progeny Group—Hurst Salva

1. Cools Herd—Underhills Debonair—Quentin and Maggie Edwards
2. Boames—Appleton Barratt—David and Simon Tompkins
3. East Knoyle—Appleton King Edward – Caddy and Reading

Three Related Females—Underhills Gold Cup

1. Abbeyvale Gentian, Hebe and Hibiscus – Roger Thomas
2. Wheatfield—Pochin Haltwhistle, Wheatfield Future and Wheatfield Imogen's Lark—Anthea and Jeff Daw
3. Cools—Vera, Medley and Georgina—Quentin and Maggie Edwards

Purebred Steer—Cools Cup

1. Cools 200348—Quentin and Maggie Edwards
2. Mendip Henry—Susan Tanner and John Davies
3. Boames 400013—David and Simon Tompkins

Suckling Calf—Penn Cup

1. East Knoyle 200641—Caddy and Reading
2. Kemerton 1106—Adrian Darby
3. Wellshead 400101 – Lord Huntingdon

Crossbred Steer—Mendip Salver

1. Wheatfield 300952 – Hereford Cross—Anthea and Jeff Daw
2. East Knoyle 300628—Red Angus Cross – Caddy and Reading

Cross Bred Suckling Calf—Huntingdon Trophy

1. Kemerton Charolais Cross 1110 – Adrian Darby
2. Wheatfield Hereford Cross—Anthea and Jeff Daw



Appleton Solstice

Genetic relations between milk and beef characters in dual-purpose breeds

(from an article in *spring* 1964)

It is estimated that about 70% of beef stores bred in Britain are out of dairy cows. Some 30-40% of them are by beef bulls, so that about 40-50% slaughtered for beef are of pure dairy breeding.

To see if it was possible to obtain any estimate of the genetic correlation between milk and beef characters from commercial (as distinct from experimental) cattle, an investigation was carried out recently by the ARC Unit of Animal Genetics of Edinburgh. This was reported in the February issue of *Animal Production* by Mr Ian Mason of the Institute of Animal Genetics.

Purebred Cattle

The records were obtained from private herds of purebred cattle in England and Wales which were producing milk and also rearing steer calves for beef. All the herds were milk recorded and were either pedigree or grading up. All were using their own bulls, but an occasional animal got by AI was included. All steers were artificially reared on the bucket or on nurse cows, and not on their own dams. Most of the animals were fattened on grass and slaughtered in the autumn. No show cattle or any specially treated were included in the analysis.

Since the steers were reared under commercial conditions they were sent to slaughter when considered sufficiently fat. This led to a wide variation in age and weight at slaughter. In order to get a rough measure of rate of gain, therefore, the liveweight was divided by the age at slaughter (to the nearest week) to give the 'liveweight-for-age'.

Of major economic importance is the carcass weight-for-age. This measure

has the advantage of including the influence of dressing-out percentage and of being measured much more accurately than liveweight. However, it was subsequently found that liveweight-for-age and carcass weight-for-age were very close correlated and gave almost the same results in the genetical analyses.

The table shown at the end of this article lists the averages for these characters in the Red Poll and Dairy Shorthorn breeds and shows the total number of steers investigated.

Five Characters

The characters finally chosen for genetical analysis were; liveweight-for-age and carcass weight-for-age (as measures of rate of gain), age at slaughter and dressing-out percentage (a rough-and-ready indication of carcass quality, ie amount of fat and flesh).

Milk yields of female relatives of nearly all the steers were obtained. The minimum aimed at was the first lactation milk yield and butterfat percentage of their dams. Wherever possible, similar records were obtained for maternal half and full sisters. Only lactations made in the steer's herd were used. Normally the 305-day lactation record was used, although for a few early years only the 365-day yields (or complete lactations) were available. These were reduced to 305 days using appropriate correction factors.

Milk yields of paternal half-sisters were also obtained. Those used for calculating heritability of first lactation yield and butterfat percentage were from the same herds and years as the steer records. 'Contemporary comparisons' of the sires were supplied by the Milk Board.

In order to eliminate variation due to differences between herds and between years, all analyses were done within herds and within half-years.

Heritability Estimates

Animals born within the same six months (Oct-Feb and March-Sept) and on the same farm were counted as contemporaries and contemporary comparisons of the (natural service) bulls used were calculated for the liveweight-for-age, carcass weight-for-age, age at slaughter and dressing-out percentage of their steer progeny.

Variance between contemporary comparisons yielded heritability estimates for these four characters of 0.27, 0.38, 0.08 and 0.05 respectively.

The estimate for heritability of age at slaughter was low. Age was used in this investigation in the hope that it might give some indication of rate of maturity (ie fattening ability). However, says the report, it is difficult to believe that rate of fattening is not heritable—the successful selection for early maturity in the British beef breeds shows the opposite. It therefore seems more likely that age is a poor index of fattening ability in this material.

Genetic Correlations

The report states that it seems safe to

conclude that the genetic correlations between the beef and milk characters investigated cannot be large—whether positive or negative. This, adds Mr Mason, is very satisfactory from a practical point of view in a country of dual-purpose cattle where a large proportion of beef comes, directly or indirectly, from the dairy herd.

However, he continues, in view of the possibility that the higher standard errors conceal small negative genetic correlations it would be advisable at some time to consider the beef characters of dual-purpose bulls. But the milk characters must be given priority.

Surprising Result

It is surprising, states the report, that no positive correlation was found between milk yield and weight-for-age. Insofar as weight-for-age is a measure of either size or efficiency of food conversion, a positive connection would be expected.

In future work of this subject, concludes the report, it seems important to use large numbers of animals, to maintain them under conditions better controlled than on a commercial farm and to measure characteristics which enable body size to be distinguished from fatness.

Breed averages for growth and carcass characters of all steer recorded

	Dairy	
	Red Poll	Shorthorn
Number of herds	25	18
Number of steers	952	649
Age at slaughter (months)	35.5	35.2
Liveweight (lb)	1196	1246
Liveweight-for-age (lb/day)	1.16	1.19
Live grade (1-10 scale)	7.6	6.8
Number of carcasses	610	455
Carcass weight (lb)	686	682
Carcass weight-for-age (ilb/day)	0.65	0.64
Dressing-out percentage	56.4	54.7

Red Poll Cattle Society National Herd Com

I would like to start by saying how honoured I was to be asked to judge the National Herd Competition. I would also like to thank the four breeders for spending time showing me around their herds, everyone was very enthusiastic about the Red Poll breed and all the stock I visited, without exception, were of the highest standard which made my job very difficult. All four herds were very different and managed in different systems, but all were outstanding in their own systems.

The first herd I visited was the Cools herd owned by Quentin and Maggie Edwards, the Southern area herd winner. The herd was based on a fully organic ring fenced grass only farm.

The first field I saw was cows and older calves all in very good condition, next bulling heifers, a lovely bunch of animals with a new bull which had just arrived and what a bull possibly the best bull I have seen all year – Appleton Solstice. We then saw some newly calved cows and calves. The yearling heifers and fattening beef stock were next, some of the heifers were to be kept to go with the new bull which should produce some excellent animals, the rest to be fattened. All grass fed in summer grazing and the winter months on the best organic hay I have seen. The steers are sold via a box scheme, local Farmers Markets with surplus going to ABP. Looking at the stock they should sell extremely well. An excellent Red Poll herd and it set the standard for the rest to match.

The next herd on my journey was the Northern winners John and Helen

Langley the proud owners of the Oaklands Herd both very passionate about Red Polls and their wonderful herd. A relatively new herd as the first cows only arrived in 2010. All the stock were in excellent condition, a very



Cools Herd showing the new young b



Oaklands Herd showing some outstanding cattle

Competition 2019 Judges Report—Andrew Kirk



Full Appleton Solstice

placid herd with good feet and udders and a very even sized herd with a lovely deep red colour. There was an excellent calving field where the mothers and offspring could bond together before joining the main herd. The fattening field was run on a paddock grazing system with fresh grass every day for the fatteners and the dry cows following up to graze the next day. This was an excellent fattening system with some top quality animals produced. The final product was marketed via their own box scheme also to local shops and restaurants. This herd I thought was a fantastic herd a credit to the Red Poll breed.

The third herd was Mark and Gill Martin's Lawford Herd winner of the Midland area. The biggest herd we saw almost too many cows to count, this must be one of the largest Red Poll herd in the UK. The Lawford Herd breed pedigree Red Polls for replacement cows for the Red Poll herd and also replacements for a cross bred herd. The cross bred herd are all served by Blonde bulls this produced a fantastic cross and the resulting calves are great. The finished animal is outstanding, a larger, faster growing and better grading animal than a pure bred, the Red Poll mothers are perfect for this system. Good mothers with lots of milk, this surely is the way forward if you want to sell into the main stream commercial market. The main Red Poll herd had good strong cows and bulls with calves. The cows a mixture of young and old, good udders, sound legs and size producing some wonderful calves. It must take a lot of time, effort and skill to run such a large herd.

The last herd I visited was the Stapleford Herd owned by James Stygal, the winner of the Eastern area. Farming on the urban fringe. A



Lawford Herd showing Red Poll cows with some excellent cross bred calves

small but excellent herd, fields spread over a wide area but it showed what can be done with Red Poll cattle and a bit of pasture, some good strong cows and calves running with a very good bull in a field next to the M25 the animals were moving faster than the traffic. In another field some ready to calve heifers that look like they will be a great addition to the Stapleford Herd. Some fattening cattle fed on waste bread and brewers grains both sourced locally, showed good potential. Cattle are marketed locally. Last but not least Baby Belle and Poppy two hand reared heifers next to Stapleford airfield both there showing everybody who visits what a brilliant breed the Red Poll is. Congratulations to James on a well-run herd fitting the cattle in around his other commitments.

Now for the results a very difficult job as all the herds visited were regional winners and of a very high standard and I am not allowed to award four first prizes. So I award the winner of the large herd to the Oaklands Herd. I thought it a very even herd in size and colour and to me it seemed to be a near perfect Red Poll Herd, managed with great skill. The winner of the small herd I gave to the Stapleford herd this herd contains stock of a very high standard and is enthusiastically run by James, this could be a herd to look out for in the future. The overall winner I had no hesitation in giving to John and Helen Langley with the Oaklands Herd. Finally I would like to thank all the herd owners who welcomed myself and Janet to see their wonderful cattle and to the Red Poll Cattle Society for asking me to judge.



Stapleford Herd two young heifers having a slice of bread for dinner

Midlands Area Herd Competition – Results 2019

Large Herd

1. Martin Holdings—Lawford
2. A N Foster Partners—Canute
3. Sam Taylor, Little Linton Farms – Little Linton

Small Herd

1. David and Lis Blunt—Abbey
2. Joy Broughton—Nobodys
3. Peter Bowman—Everdon

Overall

Champion—Martin Holdings—
Lawford

Youngstock

1. Canute—A N Foster Partners
2. Abbey—David and Lis Blunt
3. Everdon—Peter Bowman

Registered Stock Bull

1. Little Linton Ferdinand—Sam Taylor
2. Chorlton Lane Fella—A N Foster Partners
3. Nobodys Kingdom—The Hunt Family

Senior Cow

1. Nobodys Orange Breeze—Joy Broughton
2. Abbey Blackberry—David and Lis Blunt
3. Nobodys Ecstasy—Joy Broughton

Junior Cow

1. Everdon Hera—Peter Bowman
2. Nobodys Freya—Joy Broughton
3. Watergate Henrietta – The Hunt Family

2017 born Heifer

1. Belsar Helen—Ted and Sarah Clover
2. Everdon Kira—Peter Bowman
3. Lawford Hatsy—Martin Holdings

Progeny Group

1. Heathgate Duke—Shuttleworth Holly, Honey and Heureux, Shuttleworth Colledge
2. Admergill Duke—Canute Jet, Jane and Jenna, A N Foster Partners

3. Canute Orange Bombadier—Everdon Light, Leap and Lima, Peter Bowman

3 Related Females

1. Everdon, Peter Bowman—Nobodys Echo, Everdon Hera and Kera
2. Little Linton, Sam Taylor—Woldsman Yellowhammer, Drayton and Little Linton Fraggles
3. Hollingmarsh, Martin and Caroline Kellner—Nobodys Ismene, Hollingmarsh Isobel and Joy

Purebred Steer

1. Belsar Steer—Ted and Sarah Clover
2. Lawford No 300802—Martin Holdings
3. Shuttleworth No 20071—Shuttleworth College

Cross bred Steer

1. Lawford Blonde X No 400991—Martin Holdings
2. Lawford Blonde X No 700813 —Martin Holdings

Purebred Suckling Calf

1. Horningfold Boudica—Will and Gemma Kirby
2. Little Linton Jolene—Sam Taylor
3. Hollingmarsh Joy—Martin and Caroline Kellner

Crossbred Suckling Calf

1. Hollingmarsh Jack, Charolais X —Martin and Caroline Kellner
2. Lawford No 600833, Blonde X —Martin Holdings
3. Watergate Leroy, Angus X—The Hunt Family

Purebred Dairy Cow

1. Ironstone Hilary 8th—Newhaven, Jenny Bellamy
2. Ironstone Rosebud 3rd—Newhaven, Jenny Bellamy
3. Ironstone Sycamore 2nd —Newhaven, Jenny Bellamy

Cross bred Dairy Cow

1. Ironstone Myra 5th—Newhaven, Jenny Bellamy

Midlands Area Herd Competition Report 2019

I must start this report by thanking the Red Poll Cattle Society for inviting me to judge the Midlands region. It is a privilege to visit the many breeders and their herds and talk about something we have in common: our excellent breed of cattle. Thank you to the Midlands competitors for your company, time and hospitality. I am grateful also to Andrew Kirk and Mr. Pochin for a visit to the Pochin Herd which I had not seen before. As Andrew was judging the National, the Pochin Herd was not entered in the competition, and, without their kind invitation, I would have missed seeing these prize-winning cattle

I would especially like to thank Joy Broughton who not only showed me around her herd but also worked out an itinerary and schedule for my visits and came with me to make sure I didn't get lost and wasn't late (I am good at both). She also kindly took photographs of the cattle, which were an invaluable aide memoire when it came to placing the animals in the various classes. As a matter of interest, it was Joy who originally started the Red Poll Herd Competition by holding a Midlands event. This proved so successful that competitions were arranged for the North, South and East as well with the winners going through to the National, as is the case today. Yet one more reason for thanking Joy: she collates the results for all the regions and produces the all certificates.

The main part of the competition is the herd classes: large and small. In the large herd category, there were seven herds with cow numbers ranging from 26 to 50. My first placed herd in this class was the Lawford Herd of Mark Martin with 50 cows. The Lawford cows are deep bodied animals with tidy udders and in good condition. As a group, they were very even in type which is why I placed them first. In second place, was the Canute Herd of Alec Foster with 33 cows. This is another herd of super cows with good conformation and notably excellent temperaments, just not quite as uniform as the Lawford cows. In third place was the Little Linton Herd of Sam Taylor. This is a herd of 26 really good cows with large frames and lots of capacity; once again, not quite as uniform as the Canute cattle.

In the small herd class were seven herds varying in size from four cows to 15 cows. My winning herd in this category was the Abbey Herd of David and Lis Blunt. The Abbey cattle are an even bunch of very feminine cattle with lovely temperaments. They were grazing in parkland with public access, and their quietness and docility demonstrate how perfect the Red Poll cattle are for this kind of situation. My second placed herd was the Nobody's Herd of Joy Broughton and Trevor Jones. There are five cows in the herd, all very good individuals, all homebred but placed below the Abbey cattle because as a whole, they were not quite as uniform. In third place was the Everdon Herd of Peter Bowman. There are 14 cows in this herd: nice cattle with good udders but rather more varied in conformation.

I found it very hard to compare the winners of the large herd and small herd competition to find an overall winner: rather like comparing the best kept city to the best kept village. In the end, I decided on the Lawford herd. Seeing the cows, shining deep red with the sun on their backs, moving together as a herd in juxtaposition to the enormous and rather grim cement works a few fields behind them was a memorable image. Congratulations on building such a good herd, Mark.

The winner of the Youngstock class was an easy choice. The Canute Herd has a very even set of smart little heifers and a good crop of sturdy calves, their mothers obviously doing them very well. I placed the Abbey youngstock second: a group of heifers with nice clean lines and and some very bonny calves. In third place was the Everdon youngstock with some very sweet heifers, not quite as even in condition as the Abbey heifers, and some younger calves.

On to the Bull class which was slightly contentious for me as I had bred one of the animals forward. Fortunately, I had another judge, Joy, with me, and she agreed that she too would place this bull amongst the winners. I chose three youngish, definitely dual purpose bulls. In first place was Little Linton Ferdinand in the Little Linton Herd. He is a handsome, deep red bull out of a very good Woldsman cow in the Little Linton Herd. He has oodles of presence and was showing himself off in front of a sweet little heifer far too young for his attentions. My second choice was Chorlton Lane Fella in the Canute Herd. Since I last saw him, this bull has matured well. He is well muscled with a good topline and a superb temperament. In third place was Nobody's Kingdom in the Watergate Herd of the Hunt family: a sturdy bull with good locomotion who has proved his quality many times in the show ring.

The winner of the Senior Cow class was Nobody's Orange Breeze. This cow had her 8th calf at foot; she has a good udder and lots of capacity. In second place was Abbey Blackberry, a lovely feminine cow with a good topline. It was hard to choose between these two. In third place was Nobody's Ecstasy, a very nice cow with a fairly recent calf at foot which she didn't want me near!

The Junior Cow class was won by Everdon Hira, a cow with a nice udder, a good straight back and good tail setting. In second place was Nobody's Freya, a feminine, deep bodied, well balanced cow. Watergate Henrietta was my third placed cow: a dark animal with clean lines and depth, she was doing her calf really well.

The Heifer class was won by Belsar Helen owned by Ted Clover. It was not just the name that appealed! She was an elegant heifer with clean lines and a feminine head, very pretty. In second place was Everdon Kira, a heifer that stood proudly. She was in fine condition and had a nice straight back. In third place was Lawford 723 (I'm sure she has another name), she had a pretty head, good condition and stood out from the rest.

The winner of the Progeny Group was a group of three heifers from the Shuttleworth Herd: Holly, Honey and Heureux. These were part of the college's show team and the bull, Heathgate Duke, had definitely put his stamp on them. In second place, were Canute Jet, Jane and Jenna by Admergill Duke in the Canute Herd. These were a very nice, even group of heifers. In fact, the Canute Herd could probably have made a group of ten or more, all evenly matched. In the third place were three heifers from the Everdon Herd: Light, Leap and Lima. They made a good group but one heifer had more condition than the other two.

The Three Related Females class was won easily by Nobody's Echo, Everdon Hira and Everdon Kira (dam, daughter and granddaughter) from the Everdon Herd. These three were out of the same mould: lovely straight backs and



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correct tail settings. You could hardly tell them apart. In second place were another dam, daughter, granddaughter group in the Little Linton Herd. Woldsman Yellowhammer and Drayton and Little Linton Fraggles are three nice, deep bodied animals with good stature; not quite as close in appearance as the Everdon group. In third place was a dam and two daughters group from the Hollingmarsh Herd of Caroline and Martin Kellner. These three animals were very well matched, there was just a greater size and age difference between them.

In the Pure Bred Steer class, a Belsar steer from Ted Clover caught my eye. He was 18 months old, a good shape and well balanced. My second placed steer was a 15 month old from the Lawford Herd (802), not quite as clean lines as the Belsar bullock but a sturdy animal. In third place was a Shuttleworth steer (71), a plainer animal but with a good frame.

The Cross Bred Steer class had two animals from the Lawford Herd. Lawford 991, a Blonde cross was my winner: a well grown bullock with a good thigh and wide loin. Lawford 813 was a younger steer, not fleshed out so well yet.

I wanted to take home with me all the winners from the Suckling Calf class! They were three gorgeous little heifers, all deep red in colour with great conformation. In first place, I put Horninghold Boudica from Will Kirby and Gemma Fox. She stood four square, upright, head in the air saying look at me! In second place, I chose Little Linton Jolene, the pretty heifer that Little Linton Ferdinand had his eye on but she was far too young for him. In third place was Hollingmarsh Joy who was a bit younger than the other two; she had a lovely proud carriage and a sweet temperament too.

The winner of the Cross Bred Suckling Calf was Hollingmarsh Jack, a Blonde cross with some length and good width across the loin. My second placed calf was Lawford 833, a sturdy calf rather younger than the winner. In third place was Watergate Leroy, a smart little Angus cross with a good rump.

The Pure Bred Dairy Cow in Milk class featured three Ironstone animals owned by Jenny Bellamy. It was great to see them running with the Jersey milking herd where Jenny works. My first prize went to Ironstone Hilary 8th, a first calver with good udder attachment, giving 15/16k a day. (I hope I have got my figures right, Jenny; my apologies if not). In second place stood Ironstone Rosebud 3rd, a second calver, who had plenty of capacity and good conformation. In third place was Ironstone Sycamore 2nd, another second calver whose udder was not quite as neat and perhaps her locomotion not as good although they were all skidding about a bit in the collecting yard.

The last class was the Cross Bred Dairy Cow in Milk which was won by Ironstone Myra 5th, owned by Jenny. She is a third calver, a strong cow giving 17/18k per day.

After three packed days driving from herd to herd in the hot sunshine, I drove back to Cheshire exhausted, my mind overflowing with images of lovely, large red beasts, feeling blessed to have spent time with so many friendly fellow Red Poll breeders and their fine cattle. Thank you for the experience.

Helen Arthan

Eastern Region Herd Competition – Results 2019
Judge – John Butler

Large Herd – The Bridgham Perpetual Trophy

1. Sarah and Gerald Barnes—Hopeham
2. The Countess of Euston—Grafton
3. James Forrest—Stonham

Small Herd – The Appleton Plaque

1. James Stygal—Stapleford
2. Denis Jenkins—Heathgate
3. Richard Brookes—Hepworth

Overall – The Mr and Mrs Nicholas Thomson Silver Tray

1. Champion – James Stygal—Stapleford

Youngstock – The Heathgate Cup

1. James Stygal—Stapleford
2. Denis Jenkins—Heathgate
3. The Countess of Euston—Grafton

Registered Stock Bull – The Andrew Fredrick Shield

1. Nobodys King Midas—Denis Jenkins, Heathgate Herd
2. Hopeham Absolute—James Forrest, Stonham Herd
3. Hopeham Georgic—Sarah and Gerald Barnes

Senior Cow – The Countess of Euston Perpetual Rose Bowl

1. Hopeham Claribell—Sarah and Gerald Barnes
2. Grafton Gretchen—The Countess of Euston
3. Stonham Cowslip—James Forrest

Junior Cow – The Hepworth Bowl

1. Stapleford Blush—James Stygal
2. Hopeham Elegant—Sarah and Gerald Barnes
3. Heathgate Esme—Denis Jenkins

2017 born Heifer – The Booker Salver

1. Stapleford Crimson—James Stygal
2. Hopeham Harmony—Sarah and Gerald Barnes
3. Hepworth Yolande—Richard Brookes

Progeny Group – The Raimsmere Jug

1. Hopeham Enhance—James Stygal, cattle in the Stapleford Herd
2. Hepworth Rocket—Richard Brookes, cattle in the Hepworth Herd
3. Hopeham Absolute—James Forrest, cattle in the Stonham Herd

Three Related Females – The Hopeham Tankard

1. Sarah and Gerald Barnes—Hopeham Gloria, Glorianna and Jemila
2. Denis Jenkins—Lark Valley Ameretto, Heathgate Freya and Grainne
3. James Forrest—Creeting Alle, Stonham Daisy and Iris

Steer – The Suffolk Food Hall Tankard

1. James Forrest—Stonham 200036
2. Dr Mike Lynch—Loudham 300145
3. Denis Jenkins—Heathgate 300047

Suckling Calf – The Foxearth Plate

1. Sarah and Gerald Barnes—Hopeham Bull calf 100413
2. Dr Mike Lynch—Loudham 300166
3. Sarah and Gerald Barnes—Hopeham Jinglebell 400402

Crossbred Steer – The Loudham Tray

1. Sarah and Gerald Barnes—Lincoln Red X

Eastern Area Herd Competition Report 2019

With a total of thirteen entries on our first day we inspected three herds. First was Thornage Hall. A small herd with lovely quite cattle, ideal for the students to work with, fully organic a very nice herd. Next was the Hopeham Herd of Sarah and Gerald Barnes. This consisted of a major tour of Norfolk, the herd being in five different places with four different bulls in with the breeding groups. All the animals were so quiet and obviously used to the sound of the vehicle horn and the bag of food that followed. Back in the yard in Tasburgh we found of group of nearly finished bullocks which were all bound for the recently purchased butchers shop. One animal stood out, a Lincoln Red X steer which won the cross bred steer class. All the cattle viewed were in really good condition, there was certainly no shortage of grass in front of them. Having been there for nearly four hours we eventually moved on to the Hepworth Herd of Richard Brookes. These again were lovey quiet cattle, the stock bull Hepworth Osier looked good as did a really nice group of heifers.

Day two saw the first visit to the Ladlers Herd of James Rea in Hatfield Forest. 36 cows and calves and associated youngstock, a nice herd but difficult to really judge the cattle as they were milling around in a pen, it may have been better to leave them in the forest. Next was Jonathan Clarke's Canfield Bury Herd. Again difficult to view as they kept running away, however bull Kirton Retailer looked good. We then moved onto the Stapleford Herd of James Stygal. A small herd of 14 cows and youngstock together with stock bull Appleton Hercules. Two groups of really smart heifers complemented the main herd of cows which were very tidy and like peas in a pod. Final call of the day was to the Capel Manor Herd at Capel Manor College, Enfield. Another organic herd consisting of 12 very tidy cows with calves at foot. The cows were obviously working hard as the calves looked well despite the lack of grazing.

Day three started with a visit to view the Grafton Herd of Euston Estate. Consisting of 60 plus cows and followers with steers finished on farm and sold locally, the herd is well managed with all stock looking well. Next was the Heathgate Herd of Denis Jenkins. These cattle live outside all year round, another well managed herd with stock bull Nobodys King Midas looking particularly good.

Day four saw us first visit the Bulcamp Herd of Simon Roberts which is another herd which live outside all the time. This herd consists of strong, large framed cattle, which looked a picture in the sunshine. The group of steers looked very well on the marsh being finished on grass. Next was the Seahawk Herd of Ed Turner and Sally Grimwood. Viewed on the marshes they were running with a Salers bull. A short drive saw us at the Loudham Herd, consisting of 26 cows and calves, again kept outdoors all the year around, they really looked the part and were doing well. Next visit was to the Stonham Herd of James Forrest. 36 cows and two bulls, the senior of which was Hopeham Absolute, a fantastic bull leaving excellent animals. A very well managed herd with a real future in the breed.

I awarded the winning herd to the Stapleford Herd due them looking very uniform, in ideal condition with an outstanding group of heifers coming through for the future.

It was a pleasure to view the herds and for allowing me to visit, keep entering the competition, all your herds are a credit to yourselves.





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Herd visit 20th October at James Stygal's the Stapleford Herd and Eastern Area Herd Competition Presentation

I'm Lara Cakebread and on Sunday the 20th October I attended the Red Poll Cattle Society Herd Competition Presentation for the Eastern Area along with Sarah and Gerald Barnes from the Hopeham Herd in South Norfolk. The event was hosted by the very welcoming James Stygal and his family at their home on the Stapleford airfield near London. James is the owner of competition winning Stapleford Herd of pedigree Red Polls.

The day started with meeting at the James' house for tea and coffee. Once everyone had arrived James gave a small talk about why he has Red Polls and what he does with them. Next we went to the cattle which were a five minute drive away in a unique location on the edge of the M25. When we arrived the cattle started to run towards the cars which is unusual as on some herd visits all you see is tails running away. James put some bread down for the cattle so they would stick around. You could see why they won overall best herd, they are all even, good looking cattle and they all had good top lines. You couldn't pick a bad one out of the bunch.

After looking at the cattle we returned to James' house for lunch which was Red Poll steak pie, roast potatoes and assorted vegetables with some of James' sausages from his own pigs. This was all absolutely delicious. After lunch the presentation awards were read out by Ray Bowler and presented by Terina Booker.

Overall the day was excellent and a good trip to see excellent representation of the breed. I think everyone would like to say thank you to the hosts for a terrific day and amazing meal.

Lara Cakebread



Viewing the Stapleford Herd of James Stygal, winners of the Eastern Region Herd Competition. Different experience looking at the cattle whilst the traffic thunders by on the M25. The bull is Appleton Hercules.

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This year's dinner was held in Leicestershire at the Ullesthorpe Hotel, where we were well catered for with delicious Red Poll beef supplied by Mark Martin Holdings. Terina held a very successful raffle with some wonderful prizes donated by those attending and those who couldn't make it. As usual after the dinner the winner of the National Herd Competition was announced by this year's judge, Andrew Kirk. His full report is in this newsletter.

The winner of the large herd was the Oakland Herd of Helen and John Langley and the small herd was won by the Stapleford Herd of James Stygal. The overall winner was the Oakland Herd.

Presentations of prizes from the National Show were also presented.



Sally Hunt with John Williams. Anthea Daw. Joy Broughton with the Bledisloe Salver



The herd visit on Sunday was to Mark and Gill Martin's Lawford Herd with the Midland Area Presentations after lunch.

After a very wet few days the sun came out and with blue skies a good tour and delicious lunch was enjoyed by all who attended.



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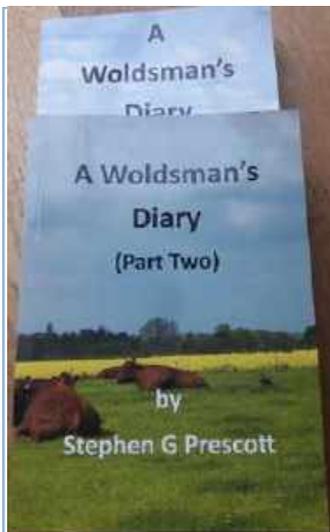
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