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# RED POLL

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## **A Presidential Year (so far)**

I have slowly come to terms with the delight and honour of being elected President of a Society with which I have worked for over 25 years and I have tried to get to as many events and to see as many “Red Pollers” (four and two legged) as possible. As always, I am amazed at the efforts to which exhibitors go to put their Red Polls in front of an often admiring public. When the sun shines on them, there is nothing finer.

The Suffolk Show hosted the inaugural National Show, which will travel around the country to those shows that have Red Poll classes. The Three Counties, as always, is a delightful site and it was good to see Viv and Audrey Caust in such good spirits. Sadly I was not able to make it to the Royal Norfolk due to immovable family and horticultural commitments (many will know of my attendance at Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows). A first was a visit to Cheshire County Show, where our second National Show will be held in 2016. A lovely, traditional Field Day at Park Farm, Gillingham in Dorset was enjoyed by all those present, especially the delicious lunch with an abundance of meats. Ron Clarke has very generously donated the guests’ payments to the Society, for which, as Treasurer, I am very grateful.

Ahead is the Melton Mowbray Show & Sale, the Annual Dinner in Staffordshire and the Smithfield Festival in Peterborough.

I am thoroughly enjoying my year, which is all going by far too quickly, and which is made possible by Edward’s support, who never once in those 25 years has said “Not another Red Poll”.

*Terina Booker  
President & Treasurer*

## **THE ANNUAL DINNER**

is being held at Tillington Hall, Stafford on 31st October.  
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## Secretary's Report – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015

There are four new members for election at this meeting, four last year. There are 393 members – 399 at this meeting last year. Since the last meeting I have sent out nine information packs to persons enquiring about the Society, including one to France and one to Ireland. I have also had an enquiry about exporting semen to Canada.

I haven't been visiting many members recently due to the time of year, 14 in fact, however, those whom I have been to, mainly local in Essex and Suffolk, are always pleased to see me to discuss the breed, farming etc. Several of the visits have been to view stock for sale which hopefully will result in sales through the Society. Sales are steady but are slowly starting to pick up. A few deals have gone through and there are several in the pipeline. Cattle have been purchased for the Essex Grazing project which goes from strength to strength with the Council now owning in excess of 100 cattle.

Myself and Tony Barratt went to Prescotts' to select stock for the Beef Expo stand, and whilst I was in Norfolk I took the opportunity to visit new member G.T. Goff Ltd. This is a truly impressive business, the new cattle enterprise now consists of 58 females to go to the bull this year and three young bulls. Females have been purchased from the Brook Hall, Uggeshall, Cools, Fletchers, Netherglade & Appleton herds with the bulls also coming from Appleton.

I also had an unexpected but rewarding trip to Stoneleigh to collect the RASE trophies, whilst in the area I took the opportunity to visit three members.

As requested by Council I have to report the inspection and registration of bulls since the last meeting. There have been four, one x M0, one x M1, the other two awaiting results. The point scores for these bulls have been 169, 177, 174, & 179.

Semen sales are very steady with 40 straws being sold since the last meeting, 160 for the year so far. 20 Bowland Zeus to Dennington Hall and 20 Fedw Tomos to new member Anthony Kinns.

I will be attending several shows and events over the coming few months so will hopefully catch up with a lot of members then.

Southern area members are requesting that I visit them again, however I will tie it in when we go to the field day and when I am judging rare breeds at the Mid-Somerset show in August.

*Ray Bowler*

## Secretary's Report – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015

There are two new members for election at this meeting, seven last year. There are 394 members – 406 at this meeting last year.

Since the last meeting I have sent out 14 information packs to persons enquiring about the Society, the majority of these coming from enquiries at Beef Expo, however nothing has come from any of them as yet.

Semen sales continue to be steady with 253 distributed so far this year, 281 at this time last year.

Heifer registrations are coming in steadily with 92 so far.

Bull registrations so far this year are 17 with three more in the pipeline. Since the last meeting there have been nine, five of these took place at the Suffolk Show, four x M0, four x M1, the other one awaiting results. The point scores for these bulls have been 170, 164, 171, 154, 178, 172, 167, 176 & 171.

I have been to Beef Expo in York which I feel was a very worthwhile event to attend, however a little disappointed that nothing has so far come from the enquiries that were taken. A big thank you Stephen and Yvonne for supplying the stock and for putting up with me for three nights!

The Suffolk Show, incorporating our National Show, was well attended with some excellent stock on display. Congratulations to Simon Temple for being Champion.

I have attended the Cheshire & Norfolk shows, congratulations to Terry and Helen Mancey and to Lady Getty for respective Championships.

By the time you read this I will have been to the Livestock Event which hopefully will be as successful as last year. Other visits have been limited but I have had plenty of conversations on the phone and by email.

Southern area members are requesting that I visit them again, however I will tie it in when we go to the Field day and when I am judging Rare Breeds at the Mid-Somerset show in August.

Cattle sales have been steady with a few deals going through and a few in the pipeline. Members have a lot of heifers for sale which seems more than in previous years but are generally proving difficult to move on. Commission to the Society has been just shy of £600 since the last meeting.

*Ray Bowler*



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### **At that Point in Time**

*Having been a member of a CHECS scheme since 2007 it has become very obvious that my accreditation is only as good as the day of my test and I suppose that is true for all tests. I have also realised that what happens on my own farm is under my control mostly, but what happens over the fence is largely outside my control. This does not mean that I would ever stop testing as the test is one of my best management tools and helps me to make, in conjunction with my vet, informed decisions. The story below helps to highlight some of the issues I have encountered on my own farm but may help you to understand some of the internal and external issues surrounding the management of my herd since 2007.*

In 2007 I had a closed herd of pedigree South Devon cows and when I joined the CHECS scheme I was advised never to buy from a sale and to buy directly from the farm, to isolate all animals bought in for one month and to test them for BVD, Johnes Disease, IBR and Leptospirosis, I now also test for Neo-spora Caninum. This would not be a problem as the only animals bought in would be a bull. In 2007 I bought in 2 bulls and both directly from the farm one was a South Devon and the other a Red Poll.

Both which were bought separately, were isolated and blood tested and both had a clean bill of health and introduced to their relevant sectors of the herd. Everything was going well until the National Trust (NT) advertised the land on the farm next door for let. The previous tenant who had been in the farm all of his life had never been a problem his fencing was good and he was extremely selective with his choice of animals buying directly from the producer and never overstocking. The new tenant is a cattle and sheep dealer whose cattle and sheep are bought in the market and distributed through several lots of land in the area. It followed that animals which were used to being mobile were also mobile from the land they were put into and it was not long before they ran out of grass on their side of the fence and were into the grass on my side and with my animals. Within 5 months of the introduction of these cattle we went down with TB within 18 months we were having calves born with BVD and cows with Johnes. All of this may be coincidental but my neighbour on the other side who keeps a closed herd of Blonde Cattle has had similar problems when previously he was clear. Up until the arrival of the cattle next door we had always had healthy badgers. Now we started picking up diseased dead badgers. External influences beyond our control and a certain sympathy with the NT who need to let their land at a commercial rent but in their policies they state with a view to sustainable environmentally sensitive farming. That argument can go on for a long discussion but as they are also my landlords then it is probably best left as a private argument.

TB left us with some difficult decisions as in the first batch I lost 26 cows and several followers and some young steers. We took a decision to

buy in some animals. We bought in some cows from a South Devon reduction sale actually on the farm and from a prize winning herd and in accordance with best practice they were isolated and tested. We bought two South Devon heifers from the Society Show and Sale at the market and because of the higher risk, these were isolated on our Arable farm where no cattle have been for over 30 years and finally we so liked our Red Poll Bull we bought 4 Red Poll heifers from a very distinguished breeder. Of these animals the first to go were the two South Devon Heifers who even though they came as TB free and were isolated on our Arable farm kept indoors and never mixed with any of our animals went down with TB thus the test is only as good as that period in time. All of the cows from the reduction sale have gone through one reason or another and we have two of the four Red Poll heifers left who have been fantastic the other two went because of temperament issues. We therefore took the decision not to buy in any more animals except bulls. Over time a further 16 cows went with TB but we are now clear again at this point in time. The South Devon and the Red Poll bulls bought in 2007 both sadly went with TB so we went to a very high value South Devon Bull and back to the same breeder as our original Red Poll bull for our new Red Poll bull which we still have. Both bulls were tested for all of our disease profile, isolated for a month and both clear. The breeder of the South Devon bull has never had an incidence of Johnnes and I was confident that no such incident could occur and as I was adopting a policy of culling all animals which tested positive in the blood test and putting their offspring into the meat chain I was confident to get rid of Johnnes. As we farm four farms we also took the decision to get as many animals as possible away from the home farm and the risk of mixing with the dealers cattle next door was reduced. We also realised that we would also have to vaccinate all of our cows twice a year for BVD so they are vaccinated just before going to the bull and 2 months prior to calving.

We were now feeling pretty confident with BVD until our test this year when young stock tested positive under the CHECS scheme only two but two too many. We were able to determine that they were from a small group of Spring calvers, running with our Red Poll bull and that was the group that our dealer neighbours' s cattle managed to get in with last autumn.

Johnnes has proved much more difficult and is a huge problem throughout the whole of the national bovine herd and is a bigger cost to the farmers than TB as there is no compensation. It is a form of TB known as Para tuberculosis and is a chronic infection of the small and large intestines. I have just had to cull my first Red Poll heifer with the disease and there has not been any history of the disease in the group she has been with or her parents so every theory on the disease and control systems seem to be inadequate in my case. I have made mistakes and probably the biggest is

being sentimental. I had a lovely South Devon heifer born from AI and prepared for show. I could walk up to her in any field and give her a big cuddle. As a two year old heifer she was diagnosed with Johnes something which I considered impossible as her mother had never had the disease and she seemed in such great condition. Instead of sticking to my principles I kept her and subsequent years she always tested negative for Johnes. She produced 3 heifer calves for me as well as some bulls before going down with TB. Those three heifers two of which were cows all went last month as Johnes positive. Luckily their offspring are all males and so that line is no longer with me. The South Devon bull which I bought from a breeder who has never had any incidence of Johnes tested positive and also went down with TB. The next bull from the same breeder who has still never at his own farm ever had a case of Johnes tested positive for Johnes and has been culled. I am assured by the experts that there is no vertical transmission from the bull. Anything which shows positive in the test as a Johnes reactor we isolate and keep them separate until such times as we can sell them into the meat chain so this year was a big surprise when we found we had three positive blood tests one of which was my Red Poll heifer. We took the decision to wean the calves and get rid of them immediately with the others from last year which had been separated.

Earlier this week I had my annual meeting with the vets to review my animal health plans and during the discussion came one of the biggest problems. If I decided to sell my herd tomorrow and asked if I am a member of the CHECS Scheme I would answer yes and when asked if any of my cows were tested positive for Johnes I could answer none of them are positive and I would be telling the truth because according to the test my herd is Johnes negative the positive animals has been disposed of. Having a PhD in science I am well used to research and science research. From all of the testing I have found that there is no definitive answer and so manage my risk using all of the tools over which I have control. BVD I can largely manage, Johnes is more difficult but the one which is largely outside of my control is Neo-spora caninum and whilst I may only have 1 or 2 cases per year having so many footpaths and dog walkers on the farm puts it outside of my control. Blood testing is a vital tool and whilst it is expensive being part of a CHECS scheme it does help me work with my vets to find solutions. I can manage risk and this helps in managing herd health and in the end my “bottom line”. From all of this and many of you will disagree, I do not support live markets for my breeding stock, I do not support shows and sales and would not buy from a show and sale and finally I will not show cattle. This is all because of the experiences of annual testing and carrying out a scientific risk on my business. I am really pleased we are all different.

*Mike Amos*

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**Three Counties Results**  
**Red Poll Classes judged by Mr. R.J. Clark**

*Bull any age*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Appleton Claudius – Mrs. M.V. Dawes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Abbey Ceasar – Blunt Farming
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pinguis Duke – J.R. Williams

*Maiden Heifer, not less than 10mths and not more than 20mths old on 1.6.15*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chorlton Lane Evanesca – Miss H.R. Arthan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Abbey Daffodil - Blunt Farming
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Moreton Fiona 3<sup>rd</sup> – Moreton Red Polls
- 4<sup>th</sup> Pinguis Emily 14<sup>th</sup> - J.R. Williams
- 5<sup>th</sup> Pinguis Caroline 11<sup>th</sup> - J.R. Williams
- 6<sup>th</sup> Abbey Erica - Blunt Farming
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bowland Evita – S.E.W. Temple

*Heifer in-calf or in-milk for 1st calving, under 3 years of age at date of calving*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton Baby Clarendon - Moreton Red Polls
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Copperidge Alexa - J.R. Williams
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hinwick Clementine – Mrs. M.V. Dawes
- 4<sup>th</sup> Abbey Crocus - Blunt Farming
- 5<sup>th</sup> Choprlton Lane Cariad - Miss H.R. Arthan

*Cow, dry, any age*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton Lady Africa - Moreton Red Polls
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hinwick Rosa 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mrs. M.V. Dawes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bowland XI - S.E.W. Temple
- 4<sup>th</sup> Pinguis Caroline 8<sup>th</sup> - J.R. Williams

*Cow, in-milk, any age*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hinwick Bracken - Mrs. M.V. Dawes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Moreton Baby Bluff - Moreton Red Polls
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bowland Yolande - S.E.W. Temple
- 4<sup>th</sup> Hinwick Buddleia - Blunt Farming

*Best Heifer:* Moreton Baby Clarendon - Moreton Red Polls

*Reserve:* Copperidge Alexa - J.R. Williams

*Reserve:* Moreton Lady Africa - Moreton Red Polls

*Supreme Champion, Interbreed Dual Purpose Championship*

Appleton Claudius – Mrs. M.V. Dawes

*Open Dual Purpose Pairs Championship*

Moreton Baby Bluff—Moreton Red Polls

Bracken – Mrs. M.V. Dawes

*Dual Purpose Cow and Calf Championship*

Bowland Yolande—S.E.W. Temple

Moreton Baby Bluff - Moreton Red Polls

*Dual Purpose Exhibitor Pairs Championship*

Moreton Baby Bluff - Moreton Red Polls

## The Inaugural National Show

### *Maiden Heifer born on or after 1st Jan 2014*

- 1 Hopeham Eliora—Sarah Barnes
- 2 Lawford Edith—Mark Martin
- 3 Lavenham Kirstie—Lady Getty

### *Maiden Heifer born on or after 1st Jan 2014*

- 1 Heathgate Eliza—Denis Jenkins
- 2 Capel Manor Elsie—Capel Manor College
- 3 Hopeham Essence—Sarah Barnes

### *Maiden Heifer born on or between 1st Jan & 31st Dec*

- 1 Watergate Foxglove—The Hunt Family
- 2 Morton Baby Drury—Terry Mancy
- 3 Shuttleworth Dippy—Shuttleworth College

### *Maiden Heifer. As above 2nd split*

- 1 Heathgate Delilah—Denis Jenkins
- 2 Lavenham Foxglove—Lady Getty
- 3 Heathgate Duchess—Denis Jenkins

### *Heifer in calf or with first calf at foot*

- 1 Watergate Emma—The Hunt Family
- 2 Oakhouse Dahlia—Ben Woolf
- 3 Ironstone Hilary—Capel Manor

### *Dry Cow*

- 1 Oakhouse Wanda—Ben Woolf
- 2 Bowland Xi—Simon Temple

### *Cow in milk or with calf at foot*

- 1 Bowland Yolande—Simon Temple
- 2 Lavenham May Queen—Lady Getty
- 3 Hopeham Atalia—Sarah Barnes.

### *Best Suckling Calf*

- 1 UK 225791 500205 (from Lavenham May Queen)
- 2 UK 220696 100196 (from Hopeham Atalia)

### *Cow with best udder*

- 1 Bowland Yolande
- 2 Lavenham May Queen

### *Bull born after 1st Jan 2014*

- 1 Hopeham Ego—Sarah Barnes
- 2 Heathgate Edric—Denis Jenkins
- 3 Hopeham Ever Ready—Sarah Barnes

### *Bull born but 1st Jan & 31st Dec 2013*

None forwards

### *Bull born before 1st Jan 2013*

- 1 Bridgham Lancelot—Denis Jenkins
- 2 Lavenham Sir Caradoc—Lady Getty

*Best pair bred by and property of the exhibitor*

1 The Hunt Family

2 Terry Mancy

*Group of three bred by and property of the same exhibitor*

1 Sarah Barnes

2 Ben Woolf

3 Denis Jenkins

*Group of three by the same bull mixed ownership*

1 Lady Getty

2 Sarah Barnes

*Champion Female*

Bowland Yolande—Simon Temple

*Reserve*

Watergate Emma—The Hunt family

*Champion Male*

Bridgham Lancelot.—Denis Jenkins

*Reserve*

Hopeham Ego—Sarah Barnes

*Best Maiden Heifer*

Watergate Foxglove—The Hunt family

*Reserve*

Heathgate Delilah—Denis Jenkins

*Breed Champion*

Bowland Yolande

*Reserve*

Brigham Lancelot



## Suffolk Show—27th/28th June—Judge's Report

It was an honour and a great privilege to be invited to judge at this year's Suffolk Show. This was the Red Poll Cattle Society's Inaugural National Show and was well supported by many breeders. The weather played its part and the sun shone for two days on very attractive show grounds.

The show started with the maiden heifer classes—24 entries in all, all of a high standard. The heifer that stood out was Watergate Foxglove (John and Anna Hunt), a very correct heifer that was hard to fault. The heifer with calf at foot was a class of six entries, won by Watergate Emma (John and Anna Hunt). This heifer had a very good udder and it was a pity she was not eligible for the Cow with best udder class. The cow with calf at foot class was again of high standard and it was no easy task to choose a winner. Simon Temple's Bowland Yolande took the winner's rosette—a cow with plenty of length and capacity and a good udder. She went on to win Champion Female (ahead of Watergate Emma) and Breed Champion.

The yearling bulls, a class of nine, were rather disappointing in quality—testicle displacement and some unsound feet were evident. Hopeham Ego (GP & SJ Barnes) justifiably won this class—a quality young bull who went on to become Reserve Champion Bull was Bridgham Lancelot (D M Jenkins), a big strong bull—good over the back end with good feet.

On the second day, I had the pleasure of judging the young handlers classes. There was only two entries in the under 14 year-old class, but about eight entries in the 14 and over class who all showed promise. Two very good handlers stood out—John and Anna Hunt. John won this class ahead of his sister, Anna, but they are both great ambassadors for our breed and I will be watching their progress with interest.

Thanks again for the invitation to judge at the home of Red Polls. The hospitality my wife, Anne, and I experienced was amazing.

*Mike McSweeney (NZ)*



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## Summer Mastitis in Cattle

Summer mastitis is usually a disease of nonlactating cows and heifers during the summer months. It also occurs occasionally in the rudimentary udders of young heifers, bulls and steers. In beef cows, summer mastitis is often seen when barren spring calving cows are kept for later breeding (e.g. transferred from the spring herd to the autumn-calving herd on the farm). It is important to note that some beef cows may stop lactating before the calf has been removed from its dam. There is a wide regional variation in its incidence in the UK.



*Sick cow caused by summer mastitis.*



*In beef cows, summer mastitis is often seen when barren spring calving cows are kept for latter breeding. Note the swollen fore teat and gland*



*Sick cow caused by summer mastitis. Note the swollen right fore teat and gland.*

Bacterial causes include *Arcanobacterium pyogenes*, *Peptostreptococcus indolicus*, *Streptococcus dysgalactiae* which act synergistically to cause summer mastitis. Transmission of infection is thought to be by the head fly (*Hydroteia irritans*). These flies live in bushes and trees, and can only fly during mild, damp humid conditions and low wind speeds thus cases tend to be associated with "problem fields" next to woods and high hedges.



*Transmission of infection is thought to be by the head fly*



*Note the huge number of flies surrounding the teat orifice*

## Clinical presentation

Supervision of maiden and in-calf heifers and dry cows at pasture during the summer months is often sporadic due to other commitments on the farm and therefore mastitis may be well advanced before clinical signs are noted. During the early stages of the disease, a diligent stockman will notice gradual enlargement, both in length and diameter of the teat(s) of the affected gland(s), for up to one week before the heifer/cow becomes sick. Often large numbers of flies cluster around the affected teat orifice causing considerable irritation with frequent kicking. Obvious swelling of the affected quarter is associated with development of more generalised signs of illness including isolation from the group, stiffness and reluctance to walk, lack of grazing giving a gaunt appearance, joint distension of the fetlock and hock joints and rapid loss of body condition. Veterinary treatment is essential for these sick cattle.

The affected quarter is swollen, hard, painful and hot, with a grossly enlarged teat. The udder secretion is thick and clotted (like grains of rice) with foul-smelling green/yellow pus. Affected animals may abort and may die if prompt treatment is not administered. Even after prompt treatment, the



*The affected quarter is swollen, hard, painful and hot, with a grossly enlarged teat.*



*Colostrum from another cow is strongly recommended for weakly calves born to cows with severe summer mastitis.*

affected quarter is permanently damaged. Illness leads to the birth of weakly calves which have a high mortality rate. Colostrum from another cow is strongly recommended for these calves.

## Diagnosis

Diagnosis is based upon finding of a swollen and oedematous quarter(s) with a characteristic foul discharge; bacteriology is rarely undertaken.

## Treatment

Your veterinary surgeon will consider various drugs including parenteral antibiotic injections such as procaine penicillin, potentiated sulphonamides or tylosin, and intermammary antibiotics (penicillin or intermammary erythromycin tubes). Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID injections) for three consecutive days reduce pyrexia, swelling and pain; corticosteroids reduce joint effusions much more effectively but will induce abortion and therefore should not be used.

Stripping of the udder should be undertaken as often as is practical but is resented by the

animal due to the painful and oedematous teat/gland and kicking is common. Amputation of the affected teat is often requested by farmers to facilitate drainage but there is the risk of considerable haemorrhage and the teat amputation site rapidly seals over.

### **Prevention control measures**

Reduce exposure by grazing cows away from susceptible fields. Higher, more exposed pastures are to be preferred away from clumps of trees or high hedges. Fly control measures (usually synthetic pyrethroids) include methods such as impregnated fly tags, pour-on preparations and sprays.

Dry cow therapy remains the most effective means of preventing summer mastitis both in cows at drying-off, and in susceptible pregnant heifers during the summer months. As a general rule, the longer duration dry cow antibiotic preparations should be used but only after consultation with your veterinary surgeon. In herds with a severe summer mastitis challenge re-tubing cows, or more commonly at-risk heifers, at three week intervals has proven successful but is considered cost-prohibitive in beef cattle. Care must be exercised when infusing intramammary antibiotic preparations in heifers whereby the nozzle of the tube is held at the teat orifice, but not forced into the teat canal lest damage occurs. The teats must be swabbed with surgical spirit before tubing and a teat dip used afterwards. Cattle should not be tubed in wet weather or in unhygienic conditions because of increased risks from introducing infection into the udder. If in any doubt, consult your veterinary surgeon regarding this important aspect of dry cow management.

Sealing the teat canal, using physical barriers such as micro pore/adhesive tape and external teat sealants, has been used to good effect. Weekly application of Stockholm tar to the teats is still practiced by some older farmers during risk periods but needs to be reapplied more frequently in areas of high rainfall. Remove affected cow from other cows as the affected cow is a potential source of infection.

**Economics**  
Loss of an affected quarter reduces future milk production by around 10 per cent and affected cows command poor sale prices. Convalescence is extended and cattle may lose 50-100 kg liveweight.



*Fly control measures (usually synthetic pyrethroids) include methods such as impregnated fly tags, pour-on preparations and sprays. (Note the trauma caused to the teat by the cow repeatedly licking the teat due to irritation from flies).*

## Youngstock Show 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### *Class 1*

- 1 Pinguis Duke—John William
- 2 Admergill Duke—Mr & Mrs R Clowes

### *Class 2*

- 1 Hopeham Ego—Mrs S Barnes
2. Nobody's. Hector—Ms J Broughton
3. Appleton Romulus—T Barratt
4. Dyffryn Edgar—R Bowler

### *Class 3*

1. Heathgate Duchess—D Jenkins
2. Heathgate. Delilah—D Jenkins
3. Copperidge Alexa—J Williams
4. Pear Tree Maggie—A Bickerton

### *Class 4*

1. Abbey Daffodil—Mr & Mrs D Blunt
2. Pear Tree Bella—A Bickerton

### *Class 5a*

1. Hopeham Elegant—Mrs S Barnes
2. LawfordEdith—M Martin
3. Lawford Eva—M Martin
4. Pinguis Emily 14th—J Williams

### *Class 5b*

1. Hopeham Essence—Mrs S Barnes
2. Hopeham Eliora—Mrs.S. Barnes
3. Lawford Ella—M Martin
4. Heathgate Eliza—D Jenkins

### *Class 6*

- 1.Fauls Green Melanie—C Millward

### *Class 7*

1. Team Heathgate—D Jenkins
2. Team Pear Tree—A Bickerton

### *Class 8*

1. Team Hopeham—Mrs. S. Barnes
2. Team Lawford—M Martin

### *Class 9. u 14*

1. Lara Cakebread
2. Taylor Clowes

### *Class 10. o. 14*

- 1 Jason Millward
2. Edward Remer
3. Stephen Williams
4. Ellen Bickerton  
Megan Bailey  
Heather Taylor

### *CHAMPION*

Pinguis Duke—J Williams

### *RESERVE*

Hopeham Ego—Mrs S Barnes



## **RPCS Youngstock Spring Show, Rugby Farmers Auction Market, 9th May 2015**

First of all, it was a pleasure to see such a good turnout of young stock for this event. This is a very good 'pre show season' experience for both cattle and handlers to get used to the show ring. There was a good attendance both from exhibitors and public. It was also a pleasure to have Helen Anthan doing her probationary judging with me, we got on very well, it was also very good both for myself and helpful to the exhibitors and the crowd to explain our reasons for placing the animals in the order that we did. I think it is an essential part of judging explain to the general public who possibly don't know a thing about animals, why they have been placed as they have.

The general overall appearance of the animals was certainly very encouraging, and much better than some years. It is no use bringing cattle to a show if they are not in show condition and are not properly trained and able to be handled.

The first class for a bull born in 2013 was fairly easy to judge the two bulls, the first one Pinguis Duke, who was shown last year, and had show ring experience, was an easy winner, although he was a little high on the tail head. He went on to be Overall Champion. The second bull was a very well made bull, but was giving away quite a bit to age and experience, but was a very well made bull and showed a lot of potential.

The second class, a bull born in 2014, there were six very good entries forward. This was an excellent class to give reasons on, which I hope the breeders and public understood. The first bull was in my opinion easily the best bull, being correct in all aspect. The second bull was very similar, but not quite as well furnished as the first. The third bull was the contentious one, in my opinion, by far and away the biggest bull in the class, but unfortunately he walked badly and was sickle hocked. The fourth bull was much smaller, and tended to be double muscled, and was short on the leg. He did not have the length that the first two had, 5th and 6th had not the condition capacity of chest or spring of rib that the other bulls had. They were also giving away a bit of age. The bull which we placed last possibly had the best 'plates' in the whole class.

The heifer born in the first half of 2013, there were four entries, again all in good condition, the class divided itself into the first two animals and the last two, the first heifer certainly had more capacity than the rest of the class. The second heifer had not quite the growth or size of the 1st heifer, but was a good heifer nevertheless. The 3rd and 4th animals again had not the capacity of the first two and lacked a little bit of condition in that respect.

The 4th class, there were only two animals forward, again the first one having a better growth rate than the 2nd one, and was correct in all department.

Heifers born in the first half of 2014, there were six entries, the first heifer was a worthy winner of this class of good heifers, she showed quite a bit of potential, and was the youngest in the class. This class was a good test for Helen, which was better to explain the differences and why. Also paraded in this class, for convenience, was the only entry in the youngest heifer class, which, being the only animal, was a worthy winner and credit must go to the handler here for getting such a young animal to exhibit so well, especially at only six months old.

As I said previously, the champion was the bull from class 1, and the reserve was the bull from class 2. Again maturity and size must give way to potential. Both the pairs classes were well matched pairs, but again condition of the animals was paramount.

In the Young Handlers competition there was only two entries in the class for under 14 years of age, it is very difficult to discourage enthusiastic parents from allowing a very small child to lead any animal, however well behaved at home, anything can startle even the best of animals, and the handler would be in sole control. There was just the one obvious winner.

In the Young Handler Over 14 years, in our opinion the winner in this class was the handler who knew everything about his animal and had trained the animal from the beginning, he was in complete control and did an excellent job. There were five entries in this class and they all handled their animals correctly, but at the bottom of the class the handlers had little knowledge of the animals they were leading.

Overall a very worthwhile event, with which both Helen and I enjoyed exhibitors and public understood our decisions.

*Stephen Prescott*

**J**ane and Alan Hewson have won gold at the International Cheese Awards in Nantwich for their Rutland Slipcote soft cheese with rind [non blue and non smoked] and Silver for the Colwick soft cheese

without rind [non blue and non smoked]. Slipcote

is a white mould-ripened cheese and is delightfully pungent and gooey when ripe. The Hewsons make their cheeses with milk from their rare breed Red Poll and Blue Albion cattle.



### **New Members for election to membership – 9<sup>th</sup> May**

*Peter Ewin*

Rookery Farm, Great Ellingham,  
Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1LB

*Natasha Fountain*

West Farm, 21 Carlow Road, Ringstead,  
Kettering, Northants, NN14 4DW

*Anthony Kinns*

The Granary, Wharley End Farm,  
Cranfield, Beds, MK43 0AW

*George Hartley-Webb*

1 Windmill Cottage, The Street,  
Lavenham, Bury St Edmunds, IP28 6DA  
All are registering members.

### **New Members for election to membership – 11<sup>th</sup> July**

*James Gibson*

Millrise Farm, 15 Orford Road, Endon,  
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, ST9 9DX

Registering

*Heather Taylor*

2 Clay Hill, Enfield, EN2 9AA  
Associate

### **Subscriptions**

These became due on 1st January 2015  
and are as follows:

Annual registering	£35
Annual associate	£20
Annual overseas	£30
Annual student	£8
Annual juniorfree	
Life registering	£500
Life associate	£250
Life overseas	£250

### **Breed Data Subsidies**

To encourage the collection of breed data, which is so important in promoting the breed, the Society offers an annual subsidy to members who join the Signet Beef Recording Scheme and to those who undertake milk recording with NMR. Please contact the office for details.

### **Year Letter**

The year letter for 2015 registrations is F.

### **Registration Fees**

Heifer in the Herd Book of year of birth  
£12

Heifer outside the Herd Book of year of birth  
£24

Bull £80

Transfer of ownership £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.

### **Bull semen**

List 1 (members) £12.50

List 1 (non members) £17.50

List £32

### **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.

### **Dates for your Diary**

*5th September:*

Council Meeting

*11th & 12th September:*

Official Show & Sale at Melton  
Mowbray. Traditional and Native  
Breeds Show & Sale

*31st October:*

Annual Dinner at Tillington Hall Hotel

*7th November:*

Council Meeting at Stoneleigh

*Thurs 27th & Fri 28th November:*

The Smithfield Festival 2015

[www.eoesmithfield.co.uk](http://www.eoesmithfield.co.uk).

Please contact Joy Broughton for more info 07961428431 or [zulu623@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:zulu623@hotmail.co.uk) (please note new email). New for this year is a calf sale. We did well with the ribs last year so if you have something to kill at the beginning of November please consider entering. Anyone with beefy or doubled muscled animals please consider putting them forward and speak to Joy for further advice.

## National Rare and Minority Breeds Show judged by Mr. W.V. Caust

### *Bull any age*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Appleton Claudius – Mrs. M.V. Dawes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pinguis Duke – J.R. Williams
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Abbey Ceasar – Blunt Farming

### *Maiden Heifer, not less than 10 months and not more than 20 months old on 1.6.15*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Abbey Daffodil - Blunt Farming
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marsh House Winifred's Eliza – Mrs. P.A. McLaughlin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pinguis Emily 14<sup>th</sup> - J.R. Williams
- 4<sup>th</sup> Moreton Fiona 3<sup>rd</sup> – Moreton Red Polls
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ridge House Esmeralda – J. Salt
- 6<sup>th</sup> Abbey Erica - Blunt Farming
- 7<sup>th</sup> Chorlton Lane Evanesca – Miss H.R. Arthan

### *Heifer in-calf or in-milk for first calving, under 3 years of age at date of calving*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton Baby Clarendon - Moreton Red Polls
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Copperidge Alexa - J.R. Williams
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Abbey Crocus - Blunt Farming
- 4<sup>th</sup> Hinwick Clementine – Mrs. M.V. Dawes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Chorlton Lane Cariad - Miss H.R. Arthan

### *Cow, dry, any age*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hinwick Rosa 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mrs. M.V. Dawes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pinguis Caroline 8<sup>th</sup> - J.R. Williams
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Moreton Lady Africa - Moreton Red Polls
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bowland XI - S.E.W. Temple

### *Cow, in-milk, any age*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bowland Yolande - S.E.W. Temple
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hinwick Bracken - Mrs. M.V. Dawes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Julaw Kite - J.R. Williams
- 4<sup>th</sup> Moreton Baby Bluff - Moreton Red Polls

### *Champion*

Appleton Claudius – Mrs. M.V. Dawes

### *Reserve*

Hinwick Rosa 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mrs. M.V. Dawes

**Royal Norfolk Show 1st & 2nd July 2015**  
**Judged by Mr M Cheetham**

*Heifer born on or after Jan 1st 2014*

- 1st Heathgate Eliza—D Jenkins
- 2nd Hopeham Essence—G & S Barnes
- 3rd Lavenham Kirsty—Lady Getty

*Heifer born on or between 1st Jan 2013 & 31st Dec 2013*

- 1st Heathgate Duchess—D Jenkins
- 2nd Lavenham Foxglove—Lady Getty
- 3rd Heathgate Delilah—D Jenkins

*Heifer with calf at foot*

- 1st Heathgate Clover—D Jenkins

*Cow in milk, in calf, or with calf at foot born before 1st Jan 2013*

- 1st Lavenham Rhiannon—Lady Getty
- 2nd East Beere Zita—D Jenkins
- 3rd Hopeham Atalia—G & S Barnes

*Bull born after 1st Jan 2014*

- 1st Heathgate Edric—D Jenkins
- 2nd Wickham Whirlwind - P Rackham
- 3rd Dyffryn Edwin—T & A Barratt

*Bull born prior to 1st January 2014*

- 1st Lavenham Sir Caradoc—Lady Getty
- 2nd Bridgham Lancelot—D Jenkins

*Female Champion*

Lavenham Rhiannon—Lady Getty

*Reserve*

Heathgate Clover—D Jenkins

*Male Champion*

Lavenham Sir Caradoc—Lady Getty

*Reserve*

Bridgham Lancelot—D Jenkins

*Breed Champion*

Lavenham Sir Caradoc—Lady Getty

*Reserve*

Lavenham Rhiannon—Lady Getty

*Best animal owned & bred by exhibitor resident in Norfolk*

Bridgham Lancelot—D Jenkins

*Reserve*

Heathgate Clover—D Jenkins

*Best group of 3 owned & bred by exhibitor*

D Jenkins

*Reserve*

G & S Barnes



*Mr Cheetham with  
Lavenham Sir Caradoc*

## Fedw Stig 26877



*Sire: Fedw Tomos*

*Dam: Fedw Crag*

*Born: 26:2:2002*

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*January 2009 1150kg*

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## Cheshire Show results 2015

### HEIFER UNDER 22 MONTHS

1. Oaklands Bonnie.—Helen Langley
2. Moreton Fiona 3rd—Terry Mancey
3. Chorlton Lane Evanesca—Helen Arthan
4. Marsh House Winifreds Eliza—Pat Mclaughlin
5. Oaklands Dinky—Helen Langley
6. Pear Tree Nellie—Alan Bickerton

### HEIFER IN CALF

1. Moreton Baby Drury—Terry Mancey
2. Pear Tree Bella—Alan Bickerton
3. Pear Tree Maggie—Alan Bickerton

### COW OR HEIFER IN MILK

1. Moreton Lady Blythe—Terry Mancey
2. Chorlton Lane Crystal—Helen Arthan
3. Oaklands Pendleton—Helen Langley
4. Pear Tree Sherry—Alan Bickerton

### BULL ANY AGE

1. Hopeham Bobstar—Helen Langley

### EXHIBITOR BRED CHAMPION

Moreton Lady Blythe—Terry Mancey  
Reserve. Oaklands Bonnie—Helen Langley

### BREED CHAMPION

Moreton Lady Blythe—Terry Mancey  
Reserve Hopeham Bobstar.—Helen Langley

