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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
Secretary’s Report – 9th 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 – 11th 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 Johnes 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 Johnes. 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.

Johnes 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
1st  Appleton Claudius – Mrs. M.V. Dawes
2nd  Abbey Caesar – Blunt Farming
3rd  Pinguis Duke – J.R. Williams

Maiden Heifer, not less than 10mths and not more than 20mths old on 1st June 2015
1st  Chorlton Lane Evanesca – Miss H.R. Arthan
2nd  Abbey Daffodil - Blunt Farming
3rd  Moreton Fiona 3rd – Moreton Red Polls
4th  Pinguis Emily 14th - J.R. Williams
5th  Pinguis Caroline 11th - J.R. Williams
6th  Abbey Erica - Blunt Farming
7th  Bowland Evita – S.E.W. Temple

Heifer in-calf or in-milk for 1st calving, under 3 years of age at date of calving
1st  Moreton Baby Clarendon - Moreton Red Polls
2nd  Copperidge Alexa - J.R. Williams
3rd  Hinwick Clementine – Mrs. M.V. Dawes
4th  Abbey Crocus - Blunt Farming
5th  Choprlton Lane Cariad - Miss H.R. Arthan

Cow, dry, any age
1st  Moreton Lady Africa - Moreton Red Polls
2nd  Hinwick Rosa 2nd - Mrs. M.V. Dawes
3rd  Bowland XI - S.E.W. Temple
4th  Pinguis Caroline 8th - J.R. Williams

Cow, in-milk, any age
1st  Hinwick Bracken - Mrs. M.V. Dawes
2nd  Moreton Baby Bluff - Moreton Red Polls
3rd  Bowland Yolande - S.E.W. Temple
4th  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
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
Bridgham 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)
Appleton Herd of Red Polls

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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.

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 (Hydrotea 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.
**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 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 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.

*From NADIS Information Bulletin 2015*
Youngstock Show 9th 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. Lawford Edith—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 – 9th May
Peter Ewin
Rookery Farm, Great Ellingham,
Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1LB
Natasha Fountain
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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 – 11th July
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Millrise Farm, 15 Orford Road, Endon,
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, ST9 9DX
Registering
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2 Clay Hill, Enfield, EN2 9AA
Associate

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and are as follows:
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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
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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
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birth £24
Bull £80
Transfer of ownership £10
Please note that the Herd Book closes at
the end of January for entries from the
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Poll, please return the pedigree
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Dates for your Diary
5th September:
Council Meeting
11th & 12th September:
Official Show & Sale at Melton
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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.
Please contact Joy Broughton for more
info 07961428431 or
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
1st Appleton Claudius – Mrs. M.V. Dawes
2nd Pinguis Duke – J.R. Williams
3rd Abbey Ceasar – Blunt Farming

Maiden Heifer, not less than 10 months and not more than 20 months old on 1.6.15
1st Abbey Daffodil - Blunt Farming
2nd Marsh House Winifred’s Eliza – Mrs. P.A. McLaughlin
3rd Pinguis Emily 14th - J.R. Williams
4th Moreton Fiona 3rd – Moreton Red Polls
5th Ridge House Esmeralda – J. Salt
6th Abbey Erica - Blunt Farming
7th 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
1st Moreton Baby Clarendon - Moreton Red Polls
2nd Copperidge Alexa - J.R. Williams
3rd Abbey Crocus - Blunt Farming
4th Hinwick Clementine – Mrs. M.V. Dawes
5th Chorlton Lane Cariad - Miss H.R. Arthan

Cow, dry, any age
1st Hinwick Rosa 2nd - Mrs. M.V. Dawes
2nd Pinguis Caroline 8th - J.R. Williams
3rd Moreton Lady Africa - Moreton Red Polls
4th Bowland XI - S.E.W. Temple

Cow, in-milk, any age
1st Bowland Yolande - S.E.W. Temple
2nd Hinwick Bracken - Mrs. M.V. Dawes
3rd Julaw Kite - J.R. Williams
4th Moreton Baby Bluff - Moreton Red Polls

Champion
Appleton Claudius – Mrs. M.V. Dawes

Reserve
Hinwick Rosa 2nd - 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
Fedw Stig 26877

Sire: Fedw Tomos  Dam: Fedw Crag
Born: 26:2:2002       Weight: June 2003 606kg  January 2009 1150kg

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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

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Moreton Lady Blythe—Terry Mancey
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