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The landlords and neighbours of the farm at Hinwick were the Reeves family who farmed the Bromborough Estate. Kit Reeves was a past President of the Society and his son Dudley had the Hinwick prefix when the Hinwick herd was dispersed. Very kindly he gave it back to Virginia which was much appreciated and enabled her to restart the Hinwick herd. From day one we were helped by David and Lis Blunt who then started their own Red Poll herd. We bought one of their cows, Abbey Rosa, whose dam came from Rosemary Philipson-Stow. Rosa became the matriarch of our most successful bloodline using semen from an Australian bull Yongerellen Power Mover.

I knew next to nothing about cattle when we started, unlike my wife. However we joined three Red Poll conferences and tours and I learnt more on those trips from the likes of Alan Wilson, Murray Williams and Peter Fleming than I could have hoped to learn at home. They were also great fun and we made some good friends.

From 1990 onwards we did a lot of showing both of the sheep and cattle. The highlight of our year became The Royal Show. It was a bit daunting at first but we had our first winner in 1996 and later won two breed championships.

As the decade wore on I took over as Chairman from Tony Fletcher at quite a difficult time for the breed. I was sure we could correct this and I was greatly helped by Giles Crisp who was an excellent but firm treasurer, Tony Barratt, Diana Flack, Ben Woolf, the Prescotts and Terina Booker plus several long-standing members. The highlight of my time as Chairman was running and hosting the 13th World Congress. Besides myself we had an excellent steering committee with Terry Mancey, Terina and Stephen and Yvonne. We put together a great programme [at least I thought it was] and we were really grateful for the generosity of the hosts. It had its moments not least when the travel agent we had appointed went bust. Luckily we had not paid them anything and appointed an excellent replacement!

I think we did get things moving and provide a base for recovery of the Red Poll breed. I am optimistic about the future and I am sure we will benefit from the trend back to native breeds of cattle. Our herd continues to flourish and Virginia and I wish everyone good luck.

Richard Dawes
Red Polls, My Family and Me

There is no getting away from the fact that I am a townie! I was born in Bedford in 1942 at the height of the War and my early years were spent at my grandmother’s house in Chaucer Road whilst my Father was on active service in India. My earliest memories are of that time. Christmas in the blackout with second hand presents, waving flags on VE day, the model Spitfire an RAF pilot made me and father’s return from India. However the event that is still engraved on my mind is standing on the tennis court in granny’s garden, it must have been in late 1944 or early 1945, watching the planes from airfields around Bedford and East Anglia stack over Bedford until the sky was thick with RAF and USAF bombers. We watched as they moved off on operations over Germany but I was obviously too young to know that many would never return home.

As the war ended life changed and my lifelong interest in agriculture began. My parents had close friends who farmed just outside Bedford and their eldest son was, and still is, a good friend. The farm was a mixed one and reflected an industry on the cusp of change. I spent many happy days there. The farm still had a happy days there. The farm still had a flourishing Young Farmers Club and just before we left school the master-in-charge gave us some advice ‘what you boys should do is to marry a farmer’s daughter. There is plenty of brass around there’ I wonder if the advice would be the same today? I wanted to go into agriculture but my father was definite that I was expected to join him in the family firm! Thus I found myself working on the floor of the Stock Exchange. Not very different in fact from a livestock farm!

Most weekends I returned to Bedford to hunt with the North Bucks Beagles. In the mid sixties I joined the meet just as a most attractive girl turned up. Always keen on the main chance I asked a friend who she was. He told me her name was Virginia Drummond and she was from a farming family from Hinwick out Welliingborough way as he termed it. After consuming a large piece of chocolate cake at the post hunt tea I approached her and suggested we adjourned to the local pub for a sharpener. ‘Certainly not I’m busy and anyway I don’t know you’. The first part of her reply was probably true but the second bit demonstrated a degree of flexibility as we have now been married for 51 years!

It was Virginia who introduced me to Red Poll Cattle. Her Father had a herd [The Hinwick Herd] but sadly he had died several years previously and the herd was dispersed. However her godfather, Dennis Hutchinson, was a well known breeder of sheep and Red Polls [The Cransley Herd]. He was a council member in the 1960s and was a Society judge not only in the UK but also in Kenya and the Rand Show in Johannesburg. Shortly after we got engaged we went over to Sunday lunch after which Dennis asked me to come outside. I thought he was going to tell me to look after his goddaughter but we headed straight for the cattle sheds,

Annual Dinner 2018

This year’s Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, 3rd November 2018 at the Hunters Lodge Hotel, 296 Sydney Road, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 5LU 01270 539100 info@hunterslodge.co.uk., which is near the M6.

Helen and John Langley have kindly invited us to their Oaklands Herd at Bunbury, Cheshire on the Sunday, 4th November, with a burger/bap lunch provided.

Information on the Dinner and directions to the hotel are enclosed with this Newsletter, together with a booking form for the Dinner and Herd Visit.

If you have any queries, please let me know.

Terina Booker
Treasurer
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- news items
- amusing/interesting pictures
- regional tales
- handy tips or advice

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Many thanks, Sally

Terina Booker
Secretary’s Report—21st April 2018

There are no new members for election at this meeting. There are at present 383, since the last meeting there have been three resignations. Since the last meeting I have sent out seven information packs to persons enquiring about the Society. Semen sales are steady with 56 straws being sold since the last meeting, plus 30 Castlefields Nooky FOC to a dairy producer who wants to try crossing them as agreed at the last Council meeting. Two bulls have been inspected since the last meeting, both for Joy Broughton, the only ones so far this year, both are M0, they were inspected by John Butler. The inspection scores were 167 and 173. There have only been 26 heifer registrations so far this year but that is to be expected. Member visits have been minimal since the last meeting. I have been to four members inspecting cattle for the Melton sale, whilst carrying out these I visited five other members. I have attended a Publicity and a Finance meeting at Sarah Barnes’s and the Melton Mowbray sale. By the time of the meeting I will have attended the College training day at Shuttleworth. Cattle sales are slowly picking up, particularly for bulls, but the majority have been completed privately, albeit from input from myself and other Field Officers. There are several bunches of heifers for sale but I have to be honest, some of them are very plain and will be difficult to move. Others are of excellent quality but are in bTB1 areas which again are proving difficult to find new homes for. There is nothing to report regarding Probationary Judges.

Ray Bowler

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It is an interesting story how Mr Bailey came to introduce Red Poll milk to Norwich. Having as one of the most regular patrons of the Red Poll Sales, built up a herd of considerable size, which has been carried on in essentially commercial lines, Mr Bailey was minded to retail his own milk in Norwich. Purchasing a Morris-Oxford van his son and two daughters spent one morning in a comparatively small area of Norwich in the distribution of free gifts of all of the milk from the Weston herd that morning. In two days it was impossible to supply anything like the demand for the milk of which orders were received, and in consequence the herd is being gradually extended.

NINETEEN YEAR OLD RED POLL COW’S FINE RECORD

Major Ivor Buxton of Little Dunham, King’s Lynn possesses a Red Poll cow, Davy 295th, now nineteen years old. She bred her former owner, Mrs Herbert Hammond of Field Dalling, thirteen calves and since she has been owned by Major Buxton has had three more, making a total of sixteen. She is now in calf again. This cow well illustrates the merits of the Red Poll Breed for longevity, breeding qualities and milk persistency. Last year Davy 295th gave in her lactation period 9,715 lbs., which may be considered an extraordinary yield for a cow of that age. In her last lactation she has yielded 11,392 lbs in 42 weeks—not a bad performance for a 19-year-old cow.
DOCTOR’S PRAISE FOR RED POLLS

Not a little interest attaches to the reasons which accounted for the Norwich twins being given exclusive diet of Red Poll milk. The parents chanced to reside in a district in Norwich in which an enterprising breeder of Red Poll cattle—Mr W P Bailey of Weston—decided to retail direct from his farm all the milk his herd produced. The result to him was amazing; although his deliveries were confined to a comparatively small area, his supplies quickly fell short of the demand.

This Red Poll herd owner, who made a point of supplying milk direct from the cow, received what, to his mind, the best testimony for the Red Poll that could be imagined when informed of a doctor’s opinion on its value in preference to a manufactured food which had been recommended.

The mother of the Norwich twins, having tried some of the Red Poll milk, and the babies having improved on it, she arranged for a regular supply, and fed them on nothing else. The change was quite unknown to the doctor who had been regularly attending the infants.

The constant trouble with which these young infants were affected ceased; they soon commenced to thrive and to such an extent that not only were the parents pleased, but the doctor was surprised with the immediate progress of the babies. The latter, after an inspection of the milk, made the significant observation that it was a pity young children in the cities and towns could not have plentiful supplies of it.

Regional Field Officer Arrangements

The Society operates a system of Honorary Regional Field Officers, as it has become clear that it is very difficult for one individual to cover the whole country. The system is co-ordinated by our Secretary, Ray Bowler. A list of Regional Field Officers is given below with contact details:

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Area: Norfolk & North Suffolk.

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Area: Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire, Wales and (with the help of Stephen Prescott) the Northern Counties

Simon Phelps – 07855 345329  simon-phelps@hotmail.co.uk  
Area: Gloucestershire, Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Devon & Cornwall.

John Anderson – 07833 664121  borenichjohn@gmail.com  
Area: Scotland.

If you wish to buy or sell cattle you should contact Ray Bowler on 01245 600032 or secretary@redpoll.co.uk. Ray will pass the details to the relevant Regional Field Officer and arrange for inclusion on the website if you so desire. We hope that you will have the opportunity to meet your Regional Field Officer before too long.
The Red Poll Archive

Five members of parliament who are Red Poll breeders.
Centre—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, (*Photo Elliott & Fry*), who owns a herd in Kent.
Bottom—Mr L Forestier-Walker, Park House, Rhiwderin (*Photo Martin & Sallnow*), and Major J S Courtauld, Burton, Petworth, Sussex, represent constituencies in Monmouthshire and Sussex, counties in which they live and where they also have herds of the breed.

The Bury St Edmund’s twins being orphans from birth have been reared entirely on Red Poll milk from the herd of Mr David Smith of Chevington which is composed of well-bred cows typical of the breed in every way, and particularly in regard to the butter-fat content of the milk which averages four percent, a figure which is largely the average for herds of this old British breed.
Royal Cheshire Show 2018 Results—Judge Vivian Caust

Maiden heifer
1st Chorlton Lane Hokey Cokey – Helen Arthan
2nd Pear Tree Bunny – The Bickerton Family
3rd Pear Tree Maggie May – The Bickerton Family

In-calf heifer
1st Pear Tree Ruby - The Bickerton Family

Dry Cow
1st Marsh House Winifred’s Eliza – Pat McLaughlin
2nd Pear Tree Bella – The Bickerton Family
3rd Chorlton Lane Frankie – Helen Arthan

Cow in milk
No entries

Bull
1st Nobodys Jedi – Helen Arthan

Junior Champion
Chorlton Lane Hokey Cokey – Helen Arthan

Champion
Pear Tree Ruby - The Bickerton Family

Reserve Champion
Marsh House Winifred’s Eliza – Pat McLaughlin

Exhibitor bred Champion
Pear Tree Ruby - The Bickerton Family

Pairs
1st Pear Tree Ruby and Bella – The Bickerton Family
2nd Nobodys Jedi & Chorlton Lane Frankie – Helen Arthan

Shropshire Show 2018 Results—Judge Ray Bowler

Bull any age:
1st Moreton Forsbrook – Helen and Terry Mancey
2nd Pinguis Frederick – John Williams
3rd Pinguis Hector – John Williams

Cow in calf or with calf at foot:
1st Copperridge Alexa – John Williams
2nd Chorlton Lane Crystal – Helen Arthan
3rd Pinguis Emily 12th – John Williams
4th Pear Tree Ruby – Alan Bickerton

Heifer born in 2016:
1st Pinguis Emily 18th – John Williams
2nd Pochin Marefield – John Williams
3rd Pear Tree Maggi May – Alan Bickerton

Heifer born in 2017:
1st Pinguis Emily 19th – John Williams
2nd Chorlton Lane Hokey Cokey – Helen Arthan
3rd Moreton Baby Huia – Helen & Terry Mancey
4th Pinguis Caroline 14th – John Williams

Pairs:
1st John Williams
2nd Alan Bickerton
3rd John Williams

Male Champion – Moreton Forsbrook
Reserve – Pinguis Frederick

Female Champion – Copperridge Alexa
Reserve – Pinguis Emily 19th
Breed Champion – Moreton Forsbrook
Reserve – Copperridge Alexa
It was my great pleasure to be the last minute stand-in to judge at this year’s Shropshire Show. There were 15 animals forward. The first class was any age bulls, two x three year olds and one yearling. I placed Moreton Forsbrook first in the class due to his better topline, depth of body and mobility. He was a well balanced bull, not as big as second placed Pinguis Frederick but on the day a better balanced animal. Later on he was to become my Breed Champion.

In the cow class two cows with calves at foot and two dry cows. In first place I placed Copperidge Alexa, a well balanced cow with a deep body, excellent topline, walking well on good legs, only let down by a slightly uneven udder. She was suckling a very good six week old bull calf which assisted in her placing. Second place went to Chorlton Lane Crystal a very correct dry cow who, in my opinion, could do with a bit more size.

Seven year old cow Pinguis Emily 12th was third. She has been an excellent cow in her time but being freshly calved only a week, her udder let her down as did her feet.

In-calf heifers saw first place go to Pinguis Emily 18th, a well grown well balanced animal with lots of potential.

Yearling heifers saw another member of the Pinguis Emily family, Emily 19th to the fore. Another well-proportioned animal who walked well with lots of character.

As stated earlier I made Male Champion Moreton Forsbrook Champion with Female Champion Copperidge Alexa as reserve. The main reason for this was the balance that the bull showed together with my reservations about the cow’s udder.

I would like to thank the Shropshire Show for providing first class facilities and the exhibitors for making me welcome.

Ray Bowler

Breed Champion—Moreton Forsbrook with Terry Mancey and Ray Bowler
Red Poll breed classes had not been held at this show prior to this year but due to several of our local exhibitors supporting the mixed ‘any other’ breed classes in the past, the Hertfordshire County Show Association readily agreed to our request for them. On the day, we could have perhaps done with a few more animals forward, especially bulls, but this seems to be a national trend and we did manage as many entries as most of the other breeds. Next year this will be the venue for our own ‘National Show’ and from what I saw they look very well set up to accommodate us.

Yearling heifers were first into the ring. The class requires that these animals are born after 1st January 2017 and age is quite important with these youngsters. In this case there was almost six months difference between the youngest and oldest of the four animals forward. Whilst it is not necessarily the oldest that wins it always plays a part due to the size and maturity of them. My winning heifer here was Watergate Jaffa, January born and produced by the Hunt family and shown so professionally by Anna. A beautiful animal full of potential. (that’s the heifer and not Anna although come to think about it!)

The next class was senior heifer born in 2016. Age is not quite such an issue here as these older animals have had more time to grow on and mature. Again there were four animals forward and all of a good standard, but my winner was another animal from the Hunt family, the April born Watergate Impulse. Such a quality animal that will surely grow into a wonderful cow. I have always believed that the key to a good herd is breeding the heifers well. You can change your bull as often as you like but your heifers need to be right. When I started with my own herd, it took three years before I managed to breed heifers that I liked enough to keep for breeding!

The final female class caused me the most difficult decision to make. ‘Cow or heifer in calf or in milk’ can sometimes be tricky due to the obvious differences between a heifer with its first calf at foot and an older cow that has reared several calves. My winner here was Hinwick Bracken, owned by Virginia Dawes and ably shown by David Blunt. A wonderful older cow, perhaps slightly larger than average but just my type of Red Poll. Her udder lets her down a little, still functioning perfectly but losing its shape now but at seven years old and with her fifth calf at foot I can forgive her for that. In second place by a very close margin came Watergate Henrietta, a three year old first calf with an exceptional calf at foot, and a lovely udder but of course all first calvers should have one of these.

Only three yearling bulls were forward in the male classes but what a great young prospect the winner is. Nobodys Kingdom, bred by Joy Broughton and Trevor Jones and shown by Joy was quite an eye catcher. This January 2017 born son of Creeting Zeus is shaping up to be yet another tremendous bull from the ‘Nobodys’ stable and knowing how Joy rears her bulls he will not have been pushed hard on concentrates either. He comes from a long line of female talent, his mother being Nobodys Ecstasy who in turn was a daughter of the outstanding prizewinning cow ‘Coddenham Spice Girl’.

And so to the breed Championship. Four class winning females vied for the title of ‘best female’. Another tough call with all four of them being real quality animals, I chose the senior heifer, Watergate Impulse, such a super example of our breed with the senior cow Hinwick Bramble a very close reserve. As there was only one bull class the male champion was easy to award but the breed Champion was a very close thing between Impulse and Kingdom. I chose Kingdom as I thought he just had the edge. All in all a very enjoyable day with excellent hospitality.

Denis Jenkins
Royal Norfolk Show 2018 – Inter-College showing Competition – Results

1st Molly Bampton – Shuttleworth
2nd Alice Kennedy – Writtle
3rd Chloe Vincent – Capel Manor
4th Nikki Swann – Capel Manor

The John Plumb Memorial Trophy – Highest placed Red Poll Handler in the Beef Young handlers
Jasmine Gedney - Shuttleworth

Milly Bampton
Shuttleworth
Royal Norfolk Show

South Suffolk Youngstock Show Results
13th May 2018

Bull born in 2016
1st Hopeham Gusto – G&S Barnes
2nd Ladlers Gruffalo – shown by Writtle College

Heifer born between 1st January and 30th June 2016
1st Watergate Impulse – D Hunt
2nd Hopeham Cutter Belle – G&S Barnes
3rd Grafton Molly – Easton and Otley College

Heifer born between 1st January and 30th June 2017
1st Watergate Jaffa – D Hunt
2nd Watergate Joanna – D Hunt
3rd Ladlers Harmony – shown by Writtle College

Young Handler: Ellen Woodhouse

Ellen Woodhouse
South Suffolk Show - 2018

First I must say a big thank you to Ray, Terina and Joy who are always there to promote the Red Poll Society. Secondly it was so good to see lots of young people leading the cattle around the show ring and working so hard in the cattle lines to bring the cattle out to the ring in tip top order. Thanks must be given to the Youth Committee for their work it is bringing in excellent results.

First into the ring were the bulls Hopeham Gusto from Mr and Mrs Barnes and Ladlers Gruffalo from Writtle College. I awarded Gusto first prize, a fantastic young bull who went on to win the Overall Champion. This bull is just what the Red Poll Society needs. This bull needs to be seen around the show rings as it is one of the best examples of the breed, congratulations to the Barnes family. The first heifer class were the older ones, January to June 2016, Watergate Impulse from the Hunt Family, a very good strong heifer showing a good top line width and depth good udder with nicely placed teats, a very good winner. Next into the ring were the heifers, January to June 2017 born, a very nice group of heifers and very well led round, first and second prize went to the Hunts with Watergate Jaffa and Watergate Joanna, two lovely well grown heifers who walked well and both had a good presence in the show ring. The rest of the entries from Writtle and Easton and Otley Colleges were all very similar and very hard to place, all walked well around the ring and any of these animals will grow on to make good cows and build the quality of the Red Poll herd nationally. Thanks to all the competitors who entered some excellent stock and thanks to the other helpers who made the day run smoothly.

Andrew Kirk

Suffolk Show 2018

I would like to thank the Suffolk Show for inviting me to judge the Red Poll classes. The weather was perfect for the cattle and people attending the show. I had as my probationer judge Anthea Daw and I was delighted to have her with me and found we were on the same wavelength straight away.

The maiden heifer class born between 1 January and 31st February 2017 was split into two according to age. This is always a difficult class to judge, the quality of the cattle forward was good and made it difficult to judge. Shuttleworth Hereaux we put first and the next class Easton and Otley College came first in that section. Anthea and I found there was little to choose between all of them. One or two needed their rear feet trimming, and also some had fat round the tail head. The maiden heifer born on or between 1 January 2016 and December 2016. We put Lady Getty’s Lavenham Brook Starlight first a very nice heifer good conformation and a lovely deep red colour. She was the Best Maiden Heifer. The next class, Heifer in calf or with calf at foot (first calf) Mr and Mrs Hunt’s Watergate Henrietta with her calf which we placed first and her calf was the best suckled calf in that class, unfortunately only two entries. I was rather surprised there were no dry cows forward. Cow or heifer in milk or with calf at foot. There were only three entries and Lady Getty’s Lavenham Brook Kirstie had good conformation a good udder a good top line nice length to her and a lovely deep red and pared well, she came first and also had the best udder, then became our Champion Female, a worthy winner she had everything one would want in a Red Poll. Her calf was the best suckled calf in the class.

The Bull born on or after January 2017 we put Capel Manor College, Capel Manor Horace. He showed potential with good conformation and should go on to be a useful bull.

Bull born on or between 1 January and 31st was G and S Barnes’ Hopeham Gusto, a lovely bull nice top line, good back end and I would like to see him in a year’s time!

Bull born before 1 January 2016 G and S Barnes’ Hopeham Fauzie was a really lovely bull, good top line, good back end and a good length, walked well and a lovely colour and a lovely head, a very well proportioned bull, he was our Champion Bull, he also became our Breed Champion with Lady Getty’s Lavenham Brook Kirstie as our Reserve Champion.

The Best pair of animals we gave to Writtle College, we were looking for an almost identical pair, and we were not disappointed, in the group of three we also gave first place to Writtle, I remarked that I could put a ruler along their backs as they were so even in height and colour, one of the students said a spirit level would be best! I would like to congratulate all the exhibitors and handlers for all their hard work in preparing the cattle for the show, I know how time consuming it all takes and it was good to see so many students from the colleges taking part and hope they enjoyed themselves.

Thanks must also go to the stewards, both who kept the cattle flowing so there was very little hold up between classes. Lastly I would like to thank Anthea for her input in putting her views forward, it made a very interesting show.

Su Mahon
Suffolk Show results 2018

Maiden heifers – Born 2017

Split class. Group 1: 1st Jan – 9th March

1st Shuttleworth Hereaus – Shuttleworth College
2nd Lavenham Brook Hawthorn – Lady Getty
3rd Laders Hera – James Rea/Writtle College
4th Shuttleworth Honey – Shuttleworth College
5th Easton Otley Henrietta – Easton Otley College
6th Laders Harmonia - James Rea/Writtle College

Group 2: 10th March onwards

1st Easton Otley Harriet – Easton Otley College
2nd Laders Helga – James Rea/Writtle College
3rd Capel Manor Holly – Capel Manor College
4th Watergate Joanna – The Hunt Family
5th Laders Honey - James Rea/Writtle College
6th Shuttleworth Harley – Shuttleworth College
7th Shuttleworth Haho – Shuttleworth College
8th Capel manor Heather – Capel Manor College

Maiden heifer born 2016

1st Lavenham Brook Starlight – Lady Getty
2nd Watergate Impulse – The Hunt Family
3rd Capel Manor Greta – Capel Manor College
4th Appleton Susan 14th – Capel Manor College
5th Grafton Molly – Easton Otley College
6th Hopeham Glitter-belle – Gerald & Sarah Barnes

Heifer in-calf or with calf at foot

1st Watergate Henrietta – The Hunt Family
2nd Capel Manor Foxglove – Capel Manor College

Dry Cow

No Entries

Cow in-milk

1st Lavenham Brook Kirstie – Lady Getty

2nd Capel Manor Enya – Capel Manor College
3rd Laders Cameo – James Rea/Writtle College

Champion Heifer – Lavenham Brook
Starlight – Lady Getty

Reserve – Easton Otley Harriet – Easton Otley College

Champion Female – Lavenham Brook
Kirstie – Lady Getty

Reserve – Lavenham Brook Starlight – Lady Getty

Best Udder – Lavenham Brook Kirstie – Lady Getty

Reserve – Capel Manor Enya – Capel Manor College

Bull Born in 2017

1st – Capel Manor Horace – Capel Manor College
2nd – Capel Manor Hector – Capel Manor College

Bull born in 2016

1st – Hopeham Gusto – Gerald and Sarah Barnes
2nd – Laders Gruffalo - James Rea/ Writtle College

Senior Bull

1st – Hopeham Fauzie - Gerald and Sarah Barnes
2nd – Andrew Fredrick Eros – Peter and Tilly Grint

Champion Bull - Hopeham Fauzie - Gerald and Sarah Barnes

Reserve – Hopeham Gusto - Gerald and Sarah Barnes

Breed Champion - Hopeham Fauzie - Gerald and Sarah Barnes

Reserve – Lavenham Brook Kirstie – Lady Getty

Pairs

1st – James Rea / Writtle College
2nd – Easton Otley College
3rd – Capel Manor College
4th – The Hunt Family
5th – Lady Getty

Group of Three

1st – James Rea / Writtle College
2nd – Lady Getty
3rd – Capel Manor College
4th – The Hunt Family

Inter – College show results – Shuttleworth 19th April 2018

Judge David Hunt

Shuttleworth

1st – Amy Carter
2nd – Abbie Allen
3rd – Frank Burley
4th – Martha Racey

Others – Molly Brampton, Adam Bedford, Kyle Caitlin, Craig Hardwick

Writtle

1st – Megan Clifford
2nd – Alice Kennedy
3rd - Josh Ackland
4th – Amy Bridge

Others – Ed Candler, Harry Chandler, Regan Percy, Samantha Booth

Capel Manor

1st – Nikki Swann
2nd – Katie Eggleton
3rd – Sophie Webster
4th – Ellie Charalambous
5th – Gemma Bruno

Champion – Nikki Swann, Capel Manor College

Reserve – Megan Clifford, Writtle

Nikki Swann—Capel Manor Greta, Inter-college Day
In first place was Megan Clifford. Megan is a very experienced handler of cattle and of young handler competitions. She showed off the animal exceptionally and never once lost any concentration whilst in the ring. Alice Kennedy was second, Alice was again exceptional and was very unlucky to be up against Megan. Very little to choose between the first two and I know another day it could be Alice in first. Josh Ackland was a very keen handler, loads of enthusiasm and again will do well this summer at the shows. Amy Bridge was fourth and Ed Candler, Harry Chandler Regan Percy and Samantha Booth completed a very strong Writtle team.

Last but by no means least was Capel Manor. Paul Grainger and Elaine Watson bought along five students who were a great credit to them and were right on the money when they came into the ring. Some of the cattle were becoming slightly restless as it was very hot and it had been a long day for them, but the students showed their skills in dealing with tetchy situations with confidence and a smile. Although a smaller class than the previous two, it lacked nothing in the quality of handler and all of the competitors showed great confidence and knowledge and dressed very smartly. In first place I put Nikki Swann. Nikki was switched on the moment she entered the ring and showed the animal exceptionally well, always keeping the head up and the halters tidy. Her turnout was immaculate and her enthusiasm for showing was there for all to see. Second was Katie Eggleton. Katie was a great handler, smart and enthusiastic and very keen to do well only just behind Nikki. Third was Sophie Webster, a very good student who will do well. Fourth and fifth were so difficult to split. Very keen handlers who showed very confidently.

The first placed students from each college then competed for the championship—Champion Nikki Swann, Reserve Megan Clifford.

A wonderful day and a huge thanks to all involved organising what I hope will be an annual event. The overall standard of all the students was exceptional a real credit to them, I wish them great success in the future.

David Hunt

Showing Workshop – April 19th

"The Showing training workshop" hosted by Shuttleworth College and organised by the Red Poll Society was a great opportunity for the students. Not only did this support and underpin the knowledge and skills the students learn on their course it also extended these. They had the basic cattle handling experience but the workshop allowed them to expand their skills and understanding with relation to livestock showing. It enabled them to gain a better understanding of the Red Poll breed standards and transfer their newly learnt knowledge to the show ring. It gave them a great opportunity to see others in the show ring and to progress their handling skills and show etiquette further. A great day had by all.

Elaine Watson
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Capel Manor College
Report on The National Red Poll Show held at the Royal Three Counties Showground on 16th June 2018—Judge Su Mahon

On Friday 15th June we, my grandchildren William, Hannah and I travelled to Malvern to stay with their uncle and aunt as I had been invited to judge the National Red Poll Show at the Royal Three Counties Show on the Saturday. I felt very privileged to have the honour and was sad that I was replacing Rosemary Phillipson-Stow who was unfortunately unable to be there.

It rained overnight and remained cold and with showers on and off during the morning, but ideal weather for showing cattle.

My first class was amalgamated with the two Maiden heifer classes as only five forward. They were all fairly correct but different sizes, but Helen Arthan Chorlton Lane Hokey Cokey was my first choice as she had nice teat placings and a good colour. I put as my second Capel Manor College’s Capel Manor Heather, and it was good to see them supporting the National Show.

Unfortunately the next two classes of Maiden heifers were again amalgamated with heifers born from 1st January to 31st December 2106. There were seven in this class. I asked each exhibitor about their heifers age and found most of them had been running with the bull. Definition of a Maiden heifer SHE HAS NOT BEEN WITH THE BULL. This caused the whole class to be stopped, and the Head Cattle Steward to be sent for and eventually it was sorted out but took time, so I hope the exhibitors will take note for next year’s show or any other show they attend.

My first heifer in this class was David Blunt with Abbey Geum, a lovely heifer and a promising future. My second was S Tanner and J Davis’ Mendip Guinevere another stylish heifer, and Capel Manor College third with Capel Manor Greta. The heifers forward were quite difficult to judge but some very nice animals, makes judging a challenge! Heifer in calf or with first calf at foot, eight entries forward and some lovely quality heifers. Helen Arthan’s Chorlton Lane Fanilla took my eye a nice well grown animal, followed by David Blunt’s Abbey Fuscia, a stylish heifer and then Anthea and Jeff Daw’s Wheatfield Future—a lovely colour.

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Inter-College day 2018 - Judges report

It was a huge honour to be asked to judge the first Inter-college challenge on 19th April 2018. It was a very hot day at Shuttleworth and a real credit to Anne Marie Hamilton and her team to organise such a brilliant event.

Four colleges were represented on the day, Shuttleworth, Capel Manor, Writtle and Easton and Otley. Sadly due to time constraints Easton could not stay for the Showing competition in the afternoon but we had three colleges who had some exceptional students with great showmanship skills. Anne Marie and Shuttleworth provided all the cattle for the day which were very well halter trained.

The competition was to in the form of a traditional “Young Handlers” class which is very popular at most Agricultural shows, I was looking for skills in showing the animal but also how the handler presented themselves. Also I always feel it is important to see general knowledge of the animal and its management, and I am keen to see enthusiasm and enjoyment of showing manifest itself in the ring.

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Day 2 - Rare Breed Classes – Judge: Simon Phelps

Bull any age
1st Pinguis Fredrick – John Williams
2nd Moreton Forsbrook – Helen and Terry Mancey
3rd Wheatfield Kestrel – Anthea and Jeff Daw
4th Pinguis Hector – John Williams

Maiden heifer
1st Chorlton Lane Hokey Cokey – Helen Arthan
2nd Mendip Goody Goody Yum Yum – Susan Tanner and John Davies
3rd Pinguis Emily 19th – John Williams

In-calf or in-milk heifer
1st Wheatfield Future – Anthea and Jeff Daw
2nd Chorlton Lane Fanilla – Helen Arthan
3rd Pinguis Emily 18th – John Williams
4th Moreton Baby Golden Grove – Helen and Terry Mancey

Dry Cow
1st Pochin Illston – Anthea and Jeff Daw
2nd Moreton Lady Africa – Helen and Terry Mancey
3rd Marsh House Winifred’s Eliza – Pat McLaughlin
4th Pinguis Emily 15th – John Williams

Cow in milk
1st Morton Baby Drury – Helen and Terry Mancey
2nd Copperidge Alexa – John Williams
3rd Abbey Daffodil – David and Lis Blunt

Breed Champion
Pinguis Fredrick – John Williams

Reserve Champion
Wheatfield Future – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Dry cow Anthea and Jeff Daw’s Pochin Illston had a lovely wedge shape and a glorious deep red coat, she paraded well. She was followed by Terry and Helen Mancey’s Moreton Lady Africa not much to choose between them all. I was glad to have four dry cows to judge.

Cow with the Best udder Moreton Baby Drury, the Best suckled calf Chorlton Lane Fanilla, the Maiden heifer champion went to Abbey Geum.

The Best Female was Pochin Illston and Reserve Moreton Baby Drury.

Now we come to the Bulls born on or after 1 January 2017. All three were very useful animals, but Anthea and Jeff Daw’s Wheatfield Kestrel took the eye, lovely teat placings and again a deep red coat and a good hindquarters followed by John Williams’ Pingus Hector and then Terry and Helen Mancey’s Moreton Lord Harare. There were just two bulls born before 1st January 2016 and John Williams’ Pingus Frederick was a fine example of a mature bull, paraded well and again this bull had good teat placings and just seemed to know he was on show. There was plenty of length in him, good legs and muscles in shoulders and neck and good hindquarters. The best Junior Bull went to Anthea and Jeff Daw’s Wheatfield Kestrel, Reserve John Williams’ Pingus Hector and the Junior Champion went to Anthea and Jeff Daw’s Wheatfield Kestrel, Reserve David Blunt’s Abbey Geum. The Champion Male John Williams’ Pingus Frederick.

Now for the Overall Breed Champion. I did take rather a long time to decide and in the end I put John William’s Pingus Frederick with Reserve Anthea and Jeff Daw’s Pochin Illston, they were both very worthy winners and in the end I looked long and hard to find something … I then decided on one very small item, I would love to see Pochin Illston in milk and who knows what would have happened! The Best Pair bred and owned by the exhibitor John Williams and Reserve Terry and Helen Mancey. Best Group of three owned and bred by the exhibitor Capel Manor College, Reserve John Williams. Best Progeny Group Capel Manor College.

My grandchildren and I enjoyed the show immensely and thank everyone, exhibitors for bringing their cattle, some travelling from a long way to take part in the National Show, Stewards and especially Mrs Susan Harris who marked up my catalogue, and for the other stewards who kept the flow of cattle moving to and fro, but of course credit goes to the cattle themselves some really good examples of the Red Poll breed. Whilst we were enjoying our lunch in the marquee by the Grand ring we heard the Red Devils Display Team from the Parachute Regiment were just about to perform. We left our lunch and went outside to see the parachutists landing in the ring. It brought back such memories as my son was in the Red Devils for three years and I had only seen him parachute into the Royal Norfolk Show twice, so very exciting and really made my visit even more special… we then went and finished our lunch.
Maiden Heifer born in 2017
1st Chorlton Lane Hokey Cokey – Helen Arthan
2nd Capel Manor Holly – Capel Manor College
3rd Pinguis Emily 19th – John Williams
4th Capel Manor Heather – Capel Manor College

Maiden Heifer born in 2016
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2nd Mendip Guinevere – Susan Tanner and John Davies
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Breed Champion Pinguis Frederick with J & S Williams

Bull born in 2017
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2nd Pinguis Hector – John Williams
3rd Moreton Lord Harare – Helen and Terry Mancey

Bull born in 2016
Senior Bull
1st Pinguis Frederick – John Williams
2nd Moreton Forsbrook – Helen and Terry Mancey

Suckling calf
Calf suckling Chorlton Lane Fanilla – Helen Arthan

Best Udder
Moreton Baby Drury – Helen and Terry Mancey

Champion Maiden Heifer
Abbey Geum – David and Lis Blunt

Champion Junior Bull
Wheatfield Kestrel – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Junior Champion
Wheatfield Kestrel – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Female Champion
Pochin Illston – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Male Champion
Pinguis Frederick – John Williams

Champion Red Poll
Pinguis Frederick – John Williams

Reserve Champion
Pochin Illston – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Best Pair
Pinguis Frederick and Hector – John Williams

Group of Three
Capel Manor Holly, Heather and Greta – Capel Manor College

Progeny Group
Capel Manor Holly, Heather and Greta – Capel Manor College

Young Handlers
1st Ellie Charalambous – Capel Manor College
2nd Stephen Williams
3rd Nikki Swann – Capel Manor College
4th Chloe Vincent – Capel Manor College