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If you have any problems or queries please feel free to contact: John Williams (Chairman) 07860269044 jrw2@btinternet.com

We hope that you will have the opportunity to meet your Regional Field Officer before too long.

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The Archive

The Society has an extensive archive of herd books, papers, silverware and paintings which are being curated by Joy Broughton. At present we do not have an exhibition space but we have lent some paintings to The Museum of East Anglian Life in Stowmarket, Suffolk. This is an excellent exhibition and well worth a visit if you are in the vicinity.





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Year Letter

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Registration Fees

Heifer in the Herd Book of year of birth £13.50

Heifer outside the Herd Book of year of birth £25

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

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

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

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

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

Membership Subscriptions as from 1st January 2019

Registering:	£50
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Life Overseas Member:	£500

Report of the Red Poll Calf Show

Winter Stock Festival 1st December 2018

I would like to thank the Red Poll Cattle Society for inviting me to judge at this event. Also to thank the Competitors for attending and putting their animals forward at this busy time of year.

Fifteen cattle were put forward, all good quality stock.

I would like to encourage members to attend this show and bring their young stock for what will be a first time out for most of them as an individual animal, it would be great to see more competition.

There were two classes for the bulls, all good conformation with some growing to do for the younger ones. The winner for the first class was Nobodys Legacy and the winner for the younger bulls was Pinguis Ivan.

The first heifer class winner was Appleton Susan 15th. She took my eye when she walked into the ring. She was a very good example of a Red Poll female, feminine, with a deep body, fine skin and a quiet, intelligent eye. This was no detriment to the other three animals in the class who all had good structure and were well grown.

The next heifer class had two females, the winner, Watergate Kit Kat, was a finer animal to my second place Appleton Linda 5th, who was showing some heavier muscle type.

The five youngest heifers were all similar, fine little animals and I had to line them up against the wall sideways to determine my winner and followers. It was a challenge to assess mobility and to see any udder conformation due to them being a little excited in the ring. The winner was Capel Manor Isla.

The Breed Champion was the Heifer Appleton Susan 15th

The Reserve Champion was the Bull Nobodys Legacy .

Spring Festival, Builth Wells

A very successful event for the Society with plenty of interest over the two days. Anthea Daw, Helen Arthan, Thomas Ball and John Williams attended on behalf of the Society. Helen Arthan provided a cow and calf for the stand which together with the pull up displays provided a very good stand which was awarded the prize for the best Breed Society stand, the prize being a very nice cut glass bowl. Helen also showed a heifer in the cattle classes.

The two days were very busy which resulted in me sending out 26 information packs to people who enquired about the breed. It has been agreed that we should attend in future.

Ray Bowler



Suffolk Show 2019 – Inter-College Challenge

Judge – Fiona Reynolds

Capel Manor

- 1st – Lou Drury
- 2nd – Emily Miskin
- 3rd – Ella Cohen
- 4th – Naomi Robbins

Shuttleworth

- 1st – Molly Bampton
- 2nd – Emily Carter
- 3rd – Martha Racey

Otley

- 1st – Iona Cooper
- 2nd – Oliver Johnston
- 3rd – Angus Rumball
- 4th – Michael Ball

Easton

- 1st – Lara Cakebread
- 2nd – Julie Davy
- 3rd – Olivia Hinds
- 4th – Jasmine Easy



Inter-College Finalist

Overall

Champion – Lou Drury, Capel Manor

Reserve – Lara Cakebred, Easton

Shropshire Show 2019 – Results

Judge Vivian Caust

Bull

- 1st Pinguis Frederick – John Williams
- 2nd Moreton Forsbrook – Helen and Terry Mancey

Cow in calf or with calf at foot

- 1st Copperidge Alexa – John Williams
- 2nd Pinguis Emily 15th – John Williams
- 3rd Pear Tree Ruby – Alan Bickerton

Heifer born in 2017

- 1st Chorlton Lane Hokey Cokey – Helen Arthan
- 2nd Moreton Baby Huia – Helen and Terry Mancey
- 3rd Pinguis Emily 19th – John Williams

Heifer born in 2018

- 1st Moreton Imyra – Helen and Terry Mancey
- 2nd Chorlton Lane I Bright – Helen Arthan
- 3rd Pinguis Emily 21st – John Williams

Pair

John Williams – Heifers
John Williams – Cow and Bull
Alan Bickerton – Heifers

Champion – Pinguis Frederick – John Williams

Reserve – Copperidge Alexa – John Williams

Secretary's Report from meeting 27th April 2019

There are three new members for election at this meeting—Charlie Douglas, 13 Garret Road, Little Canfield, Dunmow, CM6 1PN Student member; Tom Marsh, 38 New Street, Great Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1BH Associate member; Sally Hemsell, 8 Millthrop, Sedbergh, Cumbria, LA10 5SP Registering member. Miss Arthan proposed, seconded by Mr Martin with all in agreement these persons be accepted as members of the Society.

There are at present 376 members. Since the last meeting there have been four resignations and I have sent out 11 information packs to persons enquiring about the Society.

Semen sales are poor with only 20 straws being sold since the last meeting.

Five bulls have been inspected since the last meeting, two by Joy Broughton, and three by myself whilst I was in the south west. Average score has been 170 points. One is M0, and one M1 with the other three results not yet known.

Full Igenity Beef Profiles have been carried out on all AI bulls plus all bulls registered in 2018. Beef profiles have also been carried out on some potential heifers for contract mating.

There have only been 21 heifer registrations so far this year but that is to be expected.

I have been down to the West Country for two days visiting two new members and five existing ones, inspecting three bulls whilst there. I have been to three members inspecting cattle for the Melton sale and whilst carrying out these I visited several other members. I have attended a Publicity meeting at Tilly Grint's and a Show and Sale meeting at the Hunts. We held a very good day at Writtle College meeting college staff and having a training session with Action2 and some students. By the time of the meeting I will have attended the Inter-College training day at Shuttleworth.

Cattle sales are slowly picking up, particularly for bulls. The majority have been completed privately, albeit from input from myself and other Field Officers. There are several bunches of cattle, particularly 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. Daniel Powell in Shropshire has bought all Mark Cheetham's and Duncan Pickering's cattle as Mark is selling up and Duncan is going out of cattle. He was also going to have Rosemary Philipson-Stow's cattle but unfortunately when the pre-movement TB test was carried out they had an in-conclusive so have been shut down for the time being.

Melton Mowbray sale was well supported with most vendors being reasonably happy, albeit not the best prices being achieved but a fair price for the present trade.

There is nothing to report regarding Probationary Judges.

Ray Bowler

Secretary – Red Poll Cattle Society

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Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner will be on Saturday 26th October 2019 at Ullesthorpe Country Hotel and Golf Club, Ullesthorpe, Leicestershire. Details will be available shortly.

My travels May – June 2019

Similar to last year these six weeks were very busy what with shows, visiting members together with a visit into Scotland. I don't propose to do a diary as last year but rather a summary of where I went and who I visited with specific detail as required.

Starting with Wednesday May 15th I drove up to Ayr in Scotland picking up Joy Broughton and Mark Martin on the way. The reason for the visit was to accept an invitation by Neogen Europe to visit their laboratory and office facility and to look around and hear about the Igenity Beef Profile scheme that we are evaluating all our bulls by. There were 12 members of the Society attending who all had a fascinating day coming away with a far better understanding of the scheme. Neogen were excellent hosts as was the weather in Ayr as after the day at Neogen we were able to have a walk along the sea front, harbour and into the town for a drink in the Robbie Burns pub the Tam O'Shanter Inn. Friday saw the drive home which, including dropping off Mark and Joy, took me just over 12hrs, oh what fun our motorway system is at times.

Monday 20th saw me driving back up north again to attend Beef Expo at Junction 36 Auction Mart, Kendal. This was on the Thursday but I went early to enable me to visit members in the area who I don't get to see very often. Leaving home at 8.00am I called in to visit Nick and Su Holsey, Hepworth, Huddersfield. They milk about 70 Ayrshire and Ayrshire Cross Red Polls together with a small suckler herd of cross bred cattle, again mainly Red Poll crosses. A few of the milking cows are now 100% Red Polls. AI has been used in the past but they are now looking for a Red Poll bull to use on the sucklers and to be a sweeper bull on the dairy cows. The cows are milked through a robot milking machine, cubicle housed and fed mainly

forage with concentrates fed in the parlour according to yield. In the summer the cows have access to grazing between morning milking and about lunch time.



The herd averages just over 7,000 litres per cow but what I was particularly impressed with were the yields of the Red Polls which were up to average with one pure-bred cow having achieved over 8,500 litres in her previous lactation, her sire being Bowland Zeus who we consider being one of our more beefier bulls, the dual purpose characteristics certainly coming through. Thank you to Nick and Su for lunch, much appreciated. Monday evening saw me with Simon and Sally Temple, who were providing the cattle for the stand at Beef Expo. Simon is cutting numbers back due to various health issues, however the quality of the retained stock is of a very high standard. It was a pleasure to walk around the stock in the evening sunlight and to have a fantastic evening meal, thank you.

Tuesday 21st saw me travel to the farm of Peter Fowler situated in the Yorkshire Dales between Sedburgh and Dent. I have met Peter on several occasions but had never been to his farm, the farm is managed on a day to day basis by Kevin Milburn who has been born and bred in the area. It is a typical Dales farm with a mixture of hill and moorland. It is harsh country but the cattle thrive up there. The herd consists of 15 cows plus followers together with a flock of about 150 Dales-bred ewes. Nobodys Eclipse has been the herd sire for the past three years but now

Suffolk Show Results 2019 – Judge, Terry Mancey

Maiden heifers – Born 2018

- 1st Easton Otley Iona – Easton Otley College
- 2nd Nobodys Labise – Joy Broughton
- 3rd Watergate Kit Kat – The Hunt Family
- 4th Hopeham Ideana – Sarah and Gerald Barnes
- 5th Lavenham Brook Agrotera – Lady Getty
- 6th Easton Otley Emily – Easton Otley College

Maiden heifer born 2017

- 1st Watergate Joanna – The Hunt Family
- 2nd Lavenham Brook Hawthorn – Lady Getty
- 3rd Shuttleworth Heurekaux – Shuttleworth College
- 4th Hopeham Harmony – Sarah and Gerald Barnes
- 5th Shuttleworth Honey – Shuttleworth College
- 6th Watergate Kimberley – The Hunt Family

Heifer in-calf or with calf at foot

- 1st Watergate Iris – The Hunt Family
- 2nd Hopeham Glorianna – Sarah and Gerald Barnes
- 3rd Easton Otley Henrietta – Easton Otley College
- 4th Capel Manor Greta – Capel Manor College

Best Calf from above class – Calf suckling Watergate Iris – The Hunt Family

Reserve – Calf suckling Hopeham Glorianna – Sarah and Gerald Barnes

Dry Cow

- 1st Watergate India – The Hunt Family

Cow in-milk

- 1st Lavenham Brook Kirstie – Lady Getty
- 2nd Capel Manor Enya – Capel Manor College
- 3rd Grafton Molly – Easton Otley College
- 4th Nobodys Ecstasy – Joy Broughton
- 5th Ironstone Hilary 3rd – Capel Manor College

Best Calf from above class Calf suckling Nobodys Ecstasy – Joy Broughton

Reserve Calf suckling Grafton Molly – Easton Otley College

Champion Heifer Watergate Joanna – The Hunt Family

Reserve Easton Otley Iona – Easton Otley College

Champion Female Lavenham Brook Kirstie – Lady Getty

Reserve Watergate Joanna – The Hunt Family

Best Udder Lavenham Brook Kirstie – Lady Getty

Reserve Capel Manor Enya – Capel Manor College

Bull Born in 2018

- 1st Nobodys Legacy – Joy Broughton
- 2nd Capel Manor Icarus – Capel Manor College

Bull born in 2017

- 1st Nobodys Kingdom – Joy Broughton
- 2nd Nobodys King Midas – Joy Broughton
- 3rd Capel Manor Horace – Capel Manor College

Senior Bull

- 1st Hopeham Fauzie – Sarah and Gerald Barnes

Champion Bull Hopeham Fauzie – Sarah and Gerald Barnes

Reserve Nobodys Kingdom – Joy Broughton

Breed Champion Lavenham Brook Kirstie – Lady Getty

Reserve Hopeham Fauzie – Sarah and Gerald Barnes

Pairs

- 1st Shuttleworth College
- 2nd Capel Manor College

Group of Three

- 1st The Hunt Family
- 2nd Lady Getty



Watergate Iris



Hopeham Fauzie



Suffolk Show 2019 – Judges Report

It was an honour to be asked to judge what I think is one of the most prestigious shows for Red Poll cattle, being in the homeland of the breed, and it was no surprise to be presented with so many excellent examples of the breed.

A total of 32 animals were presented for inspection in the various classes together with calves at foot.

We started with the junior heifer class with eight animals forward when they walked into the ring my initial reaction was they were all the same, I later discovered that four were by the same sire however with closer inspection I was able to pick a winner but it was a close thing, the full results will be appended hereto and I will refrain from doubling up the information.

We continued with the next heifer classes, with eight maiden heifers and four in calf or with calf at foot, it did not get any easier, I was not being disappointed with the cattle on show. I chose my champion maiden heifer as Watergate Joanna from the Hunt family, and the reserve going to Easton and Otley College Iona.

There was only one dry cow entered but she was plenty good enough to take the red rosette, and then it was on to the cows in milk. Five cows forward all with calves at foot, three of the entries were from colleges. I wonder if the National Show being held only four days earlier had prevented others attending? All entries were good, however I chose Lavenham Brook Kirstie as first place and later she became female champion and subsequently breed champion. She was only four weeks calved with a really well connected and supported udder, she is a large frame cow. With the breed standard saying mature cows to be 600kgs, she was all of that and more, but she moved really well on strong legs and feet.

There were fewer bulls forward than I expected but there were some good examples of the breed. As they say “the bull is half the herd” so it is paramount that any bull meets breed specification and is structurally correct, unfortunately not all were, this is something our bull inspectors need to be aware of. However of the few bulls present there was a clear winner of the bull championship with Hopeham Fauzie who

later became reserve breed champion, he is bull with great frame, balance and symmetry an excellent example of the breed. I was sorry I did not see all the exhibitors in the lines after judging but my time was limited as I had to get back to Stafford Show where my cattle were being ably shown by Stephen Williams and Callum Griffiths so thank you to them for allowing me the time to be at Suffolk Show and thanks to The Suffolk Show Society for the excellent hospitality.

Terry Mancey



*Champion Lady Getty's Lavenham Brook Kirstie
with Denise Thomas and Emily Groom*



Nobodys Eclipse

needs moving on as his daughters are coming into the herd, hopefully I will be able to sell him. Peter has recently purchased a new bull, Appleton Huggabull from Tony Barratt, he will start work immediately, let's hope he gets his mountaineering legs as he will have to walk and climb long distances to catch his ladies! The weather was perfect for me, I walked up the hill onto the moor in glorious sunshine to view the cattle in a stunning surrounding, however I wouldn't want to be there when it rains, as it frequently does, but on that day fantastic. People ask me what I like about the job, well on days like that you don't need to ask.

In the afternoon I went to Richard and Rachel Clowes farm in Blacko, again what a place to visit in the sunshine. I have been there a few times before, in fact we had a Field Day there a few years ago. Nothing much has changed there apart from a percentage of the herd has been mated with a Bazadaise bull to produce a beefier calf for sale as weanlings. Richard is very happy with the maternal traits of the cows but for sale locally needs a continental cross calf. So far he is very impressed with the calves.

Wednesday 22nd saw me visiting the Limestones Herd of Bill Grayson. Bill grazes his cattle on numerous sites for the Lancashire and Cumbria Wildlife Trusts together with several sites for the National Trust. Recently he has gone into partnership with Sally Hemsall, who has

been assisting him run the sites for several years but is now taking over more responsibility particularly for the cattle that graze the famous Ingleborough Hill. Again what glorious weather for walking in this splendid countryside. I did wonder at times if we would ever find the cattle on the hill tops but sure enough there they were as happy as Larry very content in their environment. Apparently according to Sally by the time we got back to Bill's for lunch we had walked some 10 miles up hill and down dale, not something us southern softies are used to, well yours truly in any case.



12 Year old Appleton Viscount

I collected Mark Martin from Arnside train station, Mark had come up to assist me in setting up and manning the stand at Beef Expo the following day. We all went to view a selection of Bill's cows and calves that were grazing land overlooking the marshes and Morecombe Bay. Later in the season the cattle will go onto the marshes to graze but not until the calves are big enough to look after themselves a bit as they can soon be lost down there.

4.00pm saw us arrive at Junction 36 Market to set up the stand and settle in the cattle which had been delivered by Simon's stock-lady, Nicole. That was easier said than done as the Society has a new display stand for this year and it was the first time we had put it up, I think we should have had a run through beforehand as it wasn't as easy as we thought



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enthusiasm for showing off her animal to its best. I placed her first. Lou Drury handled well, knew all about how to prepare an animal for showing and was only just behind Emily to be placed second.

Ella Cohen impressed me with her showmanship and was third There was very little to choose between Alisha Macklin and Jennifer Monehen who came fourth and fifth.

The final Capel Manor team again were very impressive, five extremely competent handlers who performed really well, all having very little experience, some none at all, in the ring. Deniz Yazgan caught my eye she had confidence and good rope skills and showed her heifer to its best. Second place I gave to Samantha Milne she excelled in confidence and presented the heifer to its best, another day I am sure she will get the red rosette. Third was Madison Bridge, I was really impressed that with so little ring practice how well she understood cattle showing and will be winning classes in the future. Very little to choose between Konnor Boothby and Aimee Ruffell who I placed fourth and fifth.

We then asked all the five first prize winners to come back for the Championship which was won by Lois Honeywell from Shuttleworth College, with Emily Miskin of Capel Manor in reserve.

The day was a joy to be part of, and a day I was very proud to see the continuing involvement of the Red Poll Cattle Society in encouraging so many young stockpersons to improve their skills and confidence. An excellent day all round, long may it continue.

David Hunt

Inter-College Training Day – Shuttleworth 25th April 2019 – Results

Shuttleworth

- 1st Lois Honeywell
- 2nd Daniel Swanson
- 3rd Emily Janes
- 4th Ethan Francis
- 5th Emma Hill

Writtle

- 1st Josh Ackland
- 2nd Briony Balcombe
- 3rd Nadia Boxall
- 4th Charlie Douglas
- 5th Charles Clack

Capel Manor A

- 1st Kyle Brown
- 2nd Naomi Robins
- 3rd Marc Sturman
- 4th Dominic Sieniawski
- 5th Matthew McCarthy

Capel Manor B

- 1st Emily Miskin
- 2nd Lou Drury
- 3rd Ella Cohen
- 4th Alisha Macklin
- 5th Jennifer Monehen

Capel Manor C

- 1st Deniz Yazgan

- 2nd Samantha Milne
- 3rd Madison Bridge
- 4th Konnor Boothby
- 5th Aimee Ruffell

Overall Champion Lois Honeywell – Shuttleworth. Photo'd with Judge David Hunt



Reserve Champion – Emily Miskin – Capel Manor. Photo'd in the background

Inter-College Day, Shuttleworth College 2019 – Judges Report

It was my great pleasure to be invited to judge the 2019 inter-college challenge on 25th April.

Firstly I must on behalf of the Society thank Shuttleworth College for hosting this competition again and in particular Anne-Marie Hamilton and her team for the work organising and supplying halter trained cattle for the students to use.

The morning session consisted of a series of workshops where students from Shuttleworth, Writtle and Capel Manor had the chance to halter up, groom, learn some of the skill of preparing animals for the show ring and in ring craft whilst showing the cattle.

After a tasty barbecue lunch it was the turn of the students to compete against each other in the show ring. There were five teams of five students each, one from Shuttleworth, one from Writtle and three teams from Capel Manor. It was clear from the outset that these students were keen to do well and certainly had received some very good training by their respective tutors.

First team forward was Shuttleworth, five well turned out students who immediately caught my eye. They all showed their animals extremely well and all were very attentive to me as the judge. In first place I placed Lois Honeywell, Lois had a smile on her face for all the time she was in the ring was in complete control of her heifer and looked very relaxed which I am sure helped calm her animal. Daniel Swanson I placed second, another fine student he showed his animal well and surely will do well in the showing this summer. Emily Janes third and Ethan Francis and Emma Hill fourth and fifth will do very well on another day.

Next in was Writtle College, a great credit to India Wellings for her great coaching, five really talented students some who had been in the showing last summer. A really difficult class to judge, all showing really well and very aware of ring etiquette. Several handlers set up their animals every time they were asked to pause around the ring. I placed Josh Ackland first, a very accomplished student in complete control of his animal and very aware of the best way to show his heifer at her best, also skilled at setting her up with her feet square. Briony Balcombe I placed second, again a very accomplished student, smartly dressed and very aware of the best way to show her heifer. Third was Nadia Boxall, fourth Charlie Douglas and fifth Charles Clack, very little to separate these three and on another day I am sure could well be at the top end of the line.

Finally we had three teams from Capel Manor College, I must say how impressed I was with all of these young handlers. Paul Grainger deserves huge credit for bringing along such a talented and enthusiastic group of students and they all should make him very proud with the way they showed their heifers.

First in was a very enthusiastic group who had very little, if any, experience of cattle handling prior to the day. They were very confident, very capable and very impressive. Another difficult class to judge and very little to separate them.

Kyle Brown excelled in every department. His enthusiasm was infectious and I learnt that he had 10 minutes experience before entering the ring, It did not show and he was a worthy winner. Naomi Roberts second, not far behind, very smartly turned out and again, with next to no practice, extremely competent. I look forward to seeing her gaining a first place this summer. Marc Sturman, Dominic Sieniewski and Mathew McCarthy showed their cattle well and will impress many judges when they show again.

The second Capel team had some more experienced handlers, they all knew the skills required and handled the heifers very professionally. Emily Miskin had a very difficult heifer to show, the animal was quite headstrong and a lesser handler would have struggled. I was really impressed that Emily retained her composure for the duration of the competition and always maintained a smile and never ever lost her

and took a few attempts to get it correct – I'm getting expert at it now having put it up and down on several occasions now.

Beef Expo. A very busy and bustling day talking to numerous persons about the breed. Our pitch was on the main walkway into the show which was good as everyone had to pass by. The cattle were first class with a pen of two 18 month old steers creating lot of attention. In the other pen was Bowland Yolande



and her three month old calf. She is an outstanding cow and still looks impressive despite her 11 years. She has won numerous championships at various shows through the years with probably her best accolade being Breed Champion at the National Show at Suffolk in 2015.

John Williams also came up to assist on the stand but if I'm honest it was disappointing that no other members attended the event. This is the showpiece event for the industry, we must continue to attend. We may not get any new members on the day but it's surprising how many new members we get from the event even several years down the line. As you know the event moves around the country so that everyone has the chance to attend at some time. Thank you to Mark and John for assisting with stand duty and for Simon for providing the cattle and attending on the day to give his support.

Friday 24th saw me driving back south to set up the stand at the Hertfordshire Show, St Albans as this year it was our National Show. I dropped Mark off on the way, a big thank you to Gill Martin

for providing me with an excellent lunch. I'm not going to say much about the National Show as a report on that will be elsewhere in this Newsletter but what a fantastic event it was culminating with Sam Taylor and Little Linton Ferdinand being named Breed Champion who also went on to become Inter-breed Champion the next day. The whole weekend was excellent. Thank you to Terina and Joy for organising the marquee and to Sally

Grimwood for doing sterling work in providing light refreshments the whole time. Also thank you to all the exhibitors for attending, with I feel a particular thanks to Anthea and Jeff Daw and to John and Sandy Davies for coming all the way from Somerset to exhibit. Also thanks to Mark Cheetham for judging.

One day at home and then it was off to the Suffolk Show on Tuesday 28th May. Again I'm not going to go into

any detail about the show as it will be reported on elsewhere. There were 38 quality animals forward with congratulations going to Lady Getty, and Denise Thomas and her team for being Champion with Lavenham Kirstie. A big thank you to Terry Mancey for judging. The 29th and 30th were taken up at the show meeting and greeting various members and potential new ones, a very successful and worthwhile event. As at the Hertfordshire Show it was very pleasing to see such a good number of animals show by the Colleges, the students are certainly doing an excellent job, it's a pity Writtle didn't attend this year but hopefully they will be back next year.

A couple of weeks off from travelling now to catch up on office work and teaching commitments at Writtle but Thursday 13th June soon came around which saw me travelling to Malvern to the Three Counties Show. Wow what a journey, torrential rain all the way which was still coming down when I arrived. The show ground was awash, it's good

that there are many roadways there or else it could be horrendous. The three day show was spoilt by the atrocious weather, it didn't actually rain for the judging but made up for it at other times.

Congratulations to Anthea and Jeff Daw for being Champion in the main show with Wheatfield Future, shown suckling her 2nd calf and to Pat McLaughlin with Marsh House Winifred's Eliza being Champion in the Rare Breed Classes the following day. A few weeks previously Pat had rang me to ask if I could show Eliza for her, I said of course I could, I didn't expect to win at all so it was a real surprise to become Champion. To cap it off Stephen Williams, with Pinguis Frederick, teamed up with me in the Interbreed pairs and we were made Champions of that, great news for all concerned and for the breed in general.

Thank you all who exhibited and to Andrew Kirk for judging the first day and John Butler for judging day two.

Monday 17th June saw me on my way to visit Daniel Powell at Halfway House, Shrewsbury. Daniel is a new member who has gone into the breed in a big way. He has previously had a suckler herd of some 100 Simmentals and up to 500 Angus finishing cattle. However due to difficulties with calving and the price of concentrate feed Daniel has decided to go organic and to rear all the cattle on forage only. He did his research and has decided that Red Polls are the way forward as the maternal animal with the Angus as the terminal sire. However at present he is building up his numbers so is breeding everything pure. 48 cows calved this spring with a further 25 bulling heifers going to the bull as well, his aim being to have about 160 suckler cows in 3 years' time. 36 heifer calves have been born this spring so he is well on the way. Cattle have been purchased from the dispersed Dodds, Quidney and Longdendale Herds together with bulling heifers from the Dodds and Pochin Herds. The cattle graze on re-seeded fields plus some

excellent permanent pasture which are herb and clover rich. Electric strip fencing is moved twice daily to provide an abundance of fresh grass with excellent quality silage made for the winter. The aim is for no concentrates to be fed. Recently purchased Woldsman Freddie had been running with the herd but a very unfortunate injury to one of his feet had meant he had had to be slaughtered. Two young Angus bulls from the fattening yard were running with the herd at present but a Red Poll replacement bull was hoped to be purchased in the near future. Subsequent to my visit Daniel has purchased Nobodys Eclipse from Peter Fowler.

This herd is an exciting prospect for the future of the breed, it will be very interesting to see how the enterprise progresses.

On my way to the Cheshire Show later in the afternoon, I called in to see John William's cattle, in particular Boseley Poppy 44th who was purchased by John at the Boseley dispersal sale. Poppy has very interesting blood lines which the Breeding



Interbreed Dual Purpose Competition with Gloucester and Dexter Cattle

Champion

Wheatfield Future – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Cow and Calf Champions

Wheatfield Future – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Exhibitor Bred Pair Champions

Wheatfield Imogen's Lark and Wheatfield Immy's Osprey – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Day 2 - Rare Breed Classes – Judge: John Butler

Bull any age

1st Pinguis Fredrick – John Williams

2nd Moreton Forsbrook – Helen and Terry Mancey

3rd Wheatfield Immy's Osprey – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Maiden heifer

1st Wheatfield Imogen's Lark – Anthea and Jeff Daw

2nd Pinguis Emily 21st – John Williams

3rd Moreton Imyra - Helen and Terry Mancey

4th Mendip Ivy - Susan Tanner and John Davies

In-calf or in-milk heifer

1st Pinguis Emily 19th – John Williams

2nd Mendip Guinevere – Susan Tanner and John Davies

3rd Moreton Lady Great Bridgeford – Helen and Terry Mancey

4th Pinguis Sandra 3rd – John Williams

Cow in milk

1st Wheatfield Future – Anthea and Jeff Daw

2nd Moreton Lady Blyth - Helen and Terry Mancey

3rd Copperidge Alexa – John Williams

Dry Cow

1st Marsh House Winifred's Eliza – Pat McLaughlin

2nd Pochin Illston - Anthea and Jeff Daw

3rd Pinguis Emily 15th – John Williams

Breed Champion

Marsh House Winifred's Eliza – Pat McLaughlin

Reserve Champion

Pinguis Frederick – John Williams

Rare Breed Interbreed Classes

Pairs Champions – Marsh House Winifred's Eliza and Pinguis Frederick – John Williams



Royal Three Counties Show – Results 2019 - Judge: Andrew Kirk

Maiden heifer

- 1st Wheatfield Imogen's Lark – Anthea and Jeff Daw
- 2nd Pinguis Emily 21st – John Williams
- 3rd Moreton Imyra – Helen and Terry Mancey
- 4th Mendip Ivy - Susan Tanner and John Davies

In-calf or in-milk heifer

- 1st Pinguis Emily 19th – John Williams
- 2nd Mendip Hope – Susan Tanner and John Davies
- 3rd Pinguis Sandra 3rd – John Williams
- 4th Moreton Lady Great Bridgeford - Helen and Terry Mancey

Cow in milk

- 1st Wheatfield Future –Anthea and Jeff Daw
- 2nd Moreton Lady Blyth – Helen and Terry Mancey
- 3rd Copperidge Alexa – John Williams

Dry Cow

- 1st Marsh House Winifred's Eliza – Pat McLaughlin
- 2nd Pochin Illston – Anthea and Jeff Daw
- 3rd Pinguis Emily 15th – John Williams

Bull any age

- 1st Wheatfield Immy's Osprey – Anthea and Jeff Daw
- 2nd Moreton Forsbrook – Helen and Terry Mancey
- 3rd Pinguis Fredrick – John Williams

Champion Bull

Wheatfield Immy's Osprey – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Champion Maiden Heifer

Wheatfield Imogen's Lark – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Champion Female

Wheatfield Future – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Breed Champion

Wheatfield Future – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Reserve Champion

Wheatfield Imogen's Lark – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Wheatfield Future



Marsh House Winifred Eliza



Interbreed Pairs Champions



Winners Anthea and Jeff Daw

Committee thought should be preserved so John purchased her. She has calved a very nice bull calf, Pinguis Jacob, whose sire is Boseley Buccaneer, a Mistley Linking Licias son, who again the Breeding Committee thought had interesting blood lines. The idea is that Jacob will have semen collected from him, as long as he is of a good type and passes inspection, which can then be used by Society members through AI. It has been decided that Poppy will be inseminated with Kirton Controller semen who once more the Breeding Committee thought should have blood lines preserved from. It was thought that we didn't have any more semen from Controller. However with the dispersal of the Boseley Herd last autumn, Simon Phelps had some in his flask which he donated to the Society together with numerous straws of other semen which we had limited stocks of. It will be interesting to see how young Jacob develops, at present he has had an excellent start in life so watch this space.

I then went to the Cheshire Show at Knutsford to set up for the show the following two days. I should have said that all day on the Monday it had continued to rain heavily and wow what a state the show ground was, mud everywhere, vehicles getting stuck getting onto the ground it was carnage—it really was.

Tuesday 18th show day, it finally stopped raining for the actual judging. The rings were very wet but actual showing went very well. Congratulations to John Williams and Pinguis Frederick for becoming Champion, thank you to Joy Broughton for judging. A steady number of members to talk to but the weather had certainly put the public attendance down considerably.

Wednesday 19th and oh my, the weather was awful, it had started raining during the night and hadn't stopped, everywhere was awash with mud like you've never

seen. Still the show must go on, in fact it stopped raining again for the actual showing on day two. The second day of the show is Rare Breed day which is great for us as we get a second chance in the show ring. Helen Arthan had asked me if I would take her yearling heifer, Chorlton Lane I – I into the ring as she had played up the previous day, I think she may have been bulling, anyway I said I would. Amazingly she was 1st in the heifer class, then Female Champion and then Breed Champion and to cap it off she was Reserve Inter-Breed Champion as well. What a fantastic result for Helen and for yours truly but to be honest all I did was to take her into the ring, admittedly I did show her off well though.

Well after a very wet and soggy two days I then went to stay with my Brother, just outside Halifax, for a couple of nights R and R.

Friday 21st saw me start on my journey south. On the way I called in to see Ebony Prior, Worksop. Ebony has only been a member for just over a year purchasing two in-calf cows, suckling heifer calves from the Prescotts last year and four animals at the Melton Sale in the autumn. Ebony's parents used to milk Red Polls up until about 15 years ago when they retired. Ebony has now taken over the farm and wanted to start keeping Red Polls again. At present the small herd looks well, it will be interesting to see how things progress over the next few years.

Next port of call were new members Paul and Alison Wisden, Braunston-in-Rutland. They recently purchased 11 heifers at the Melton spring sale. Previously having a herd of pedigree Herefords they have decided to go onto a forage based system but have found that the Hereford can't do this, they need to have some concentrates to finish so after much research have decided to try the Red Polls. Four of the heifers purchased were in-calf for autumn calving, the

others being bulling heifers requiring a bull. They wanted a quiet, halter trained youngster, Capel Manor Horace fitted the bill, he will certainly be in his element in his new home. The plan is to have a herd of about 25 cows producing forage reared beef for sale to local restaurants, another project which will be interesting to follow in the coming years.

Tuesday 25th June, up to Norwich to the Norfolk Show for the next two days. I'm not going to go into too much detail as that will appear elsewhere but what a pleasant change to have glorious weather. Congratulations to Sarah and Gerald Barnes and assistants Lara Cakebread and Amber-Marie Adams for winning the Breed Championship for the 3rd time

running with Hopeham Fauzie. What an impressive bull he is. Well done to Lara for winning the College Challenge and to Emily Groom for being best Red Poll Young handler in the Open Beef Young handler classes. A very good entry of 34 animals forward, thank you to Denis Jenkins for judging.

Two days talking to members, new and old, brought to an end a very busy period for me but all very satisfying and rewarding doing what I love to do visiting farms, talking to members, viewing fantastic cattle many in some of the most glorious parts of the country. Long may it continue.

Ray Bowler



Kemerton Digger, presently with Simon Temple

South Suffolk Show 2019 Results RPCS Youngstock Show

Class 147... Bull born in 2017

1st Nobodys King Midas - Joy Broughton

Class 148 ... Bull born in 2018

1st Nobodys Legacy - Joy Broughton

Class 149 ... Heifer born between 1st Jan and 30th June 2017

1st Hopeham Harmony - Mr and Mrs G Barnes

Class 150 ...Heifer born between 1st July and 31st December 2017

1st Watergate Kimberly - J and A Hunt

2nd Watergate Katie - J and A Hunt

Class 151 ...Heifer born between 1st Jan and 30th June 2018

1st Watergate Kit Kat - J and A Hunt

2nd Hopeham Idean - Mr and Mrs G Barnes

3rd Easton & Otley Bess - Easton & Otley College



Nobodys King Midas

Royal Cheshire Show Results – 2019 Judge: Joy Broughton

Maiden heifer

- 1st Chorlton Lane Ibright – Helen Arthan
- 2nd Moreton Imyra – Helen and Terry Mancey
- 3rd Pinguis Emily 21st – John Williams
- 4th Chorlton Lane I – I – Helen Mancey

In-calf heifer

- 1st Chorlton Lane Hokey Cokey - Helen Arthan
- 2nd Pinguis Emily 19th – John Williams
- 3rd Moreton Lady Great Bridgford - Helen and Terry Mancey
- 4th Pear Tree Kimberley – The Bickerton Family

Dry Cow

- 1st Marsh House Winifred's Eliza – Pat McLaughlin
- 2nd Pinguis Emily 15th – John Williams
- 3rd Pear Tree Ruby – The Bickerton Family

Cow in milk

- 1st Moreton Lady Blyth – Helen and Terry Mancey
- 2nd Chorlton Lane Diamond - Helen Arthan
- 3rd Pear Tree Bunny– The Bickerton Family

Bull

- 1st Pinguis Frederick – John Williams

Junior Champion

Chorlton Lane Ibright – Helen Arthan

Champion

Pinguis Frederick – John Williams

Reserve Champion

Chorlton Lane Hokey Cokey - Helen Arthan

Exhibitor bred Champion

Pinguis Frederick – John Williams

Pairs

- 1st John Williams
- 2nd Helen Arthan
- 3rd The Bickerton Family

Dual Purpose Cattle – Day 2 – Judge, Joshua Briggs

Cow

- 1st Moreton Lady Blyth – Helen and Terry Mancey
- 2nd Chorlton Lane Diamond - Helen Arthan
- 3rd Pinguis Emily 15th – John Williams
- 4th Marsh House Winifred's Eliza – Pat McLaughlin

In-calf heifer

- 1st Chorlton Lane Hokey Cokey - Helen Arthan
- 2nd Pinguis Emily 19th – John Williams
- 3rd Moreton Lady Great Bridgford - Helen and Terry Mancey
- 4th Pear Tree Kimberley – The Bickerton Family

Maiden heifer

- 1st Chorlton Lane I - I – Helen Arthan
- 2nd Pinguis Emily 21st – John Williams
- 3rd Chorlton Lane Ibright – Helen Arthan
- 4th Moreton Imyra – Helen and Terry Mancey

Bull

- 1st Pinguis Frederick – John Williams

Champion

Chorlton Lane I-I – Helen Arthan

Reserve

Chorlton Lane Hokey Cokey - Helen Arthan



Pinguis Frederick with John Williams and Joy Broughton

Fieldtrip to England 8th to 11th February 2019



Society Secretary

Finally, the day had come to travel for a fieldtrip to see the Red Poll Cattle in England. 100 years ago, Red Poll was imported from England to Aas Gaard in Hakadal, by then landowner Frithjof Young. The English Red Poll Cattle Society has their archives in full order, and could immediately tell us what animals that were imported.

Mr Young did not succeed in convincing the Norwegian Red Poll Society that the introducing English animals would be the solution for the our breed, so this was not adopted as part of the breeding strategy.

Animals with English ancestry were not recognized in exhibitions, and therefore also not taken into the pedigree books. It is still natural to expect that farm bulls were sold to the nearby breeders, and that it was therefore still influenced by the imported animals.

To see with your own eyes what Frithjof Young was fascinated by, we decided therefore to make the fieldtrip to England, and Joy Broughton in the Red Poll Cattle Society set up a great travel plan for us, with six farm visits in various herds.

Friday 8th February

We landed in Manchester, after some complications with snow and closed airports and roads at home in Norway. Well in place in two rental cars we made ready to drive on the opposite (wrong) side of the road.

Our first visit was to the chairman of the English Red Poll Cattle Society, Mr John Williams. He showed us his herd, and we were immediately amazed at how

uniform his flock was.

He regretted that the animals were not at their best this time of year, but we could clearly see the results of long term and steady breeding. The animals demonstrated that they had ability for more meat than we know from home, while some of the individuals with calves at foot looked more like a Norwegian Red Poll.

They all had a very deep red colour, this we should see again in all the farm visits this weekend. Williams thought it had to do with the soil and mineral composition in the grass, and it was the uniform color on all the animals we saw in this area.



After a lot of nice talk and studies we were invited into what was presented as "light refreshments". There was a smorgasbord of delicious sandwiches, cheese, biscuits, sweets, cakes, coffee and tea. It felt good to be Norwegian in England, we felt very



welcome and we chatted on with Joy.

Williams told that he had opportunities to deliver sperm to Norway, from his bull Fedw Stig.

We thanked the Williams family for an enjoyable visit, taking such good care of us, and then travelled on to The Castle Hotel in Kirby Muxloe. Nice staff and a very busy pub and restaurant promised well as the setting for our base for the



weekend.

Saturday, 9th. February

We started the day with breakfast at the hotel, with a solid “full English”, eggs, bacon, beans, and sausage. It's some meal for us Vikings!

Then we drove for today's first visit, to Jane and Alan Hewson in Eastwell. When we planned the trip, they had a herd of about 40 milking Red Poll, and some other heritage cattle. All was processed through Belvoir Ridge Creamery, as local cheese and other dairy



products.

Unfortunately, they had realized that they had to choose a different path for

farm operations to come. As Jane said, "We've been busy farming every day for five years, no time for anything else." They have a grandchild with a need for extra follow-up, and the time was right to do something else.



Some of the Red Polls had been sold to other dairy herds, the rest of the herd were now feeding the calves. Here there was much greater diversity in how the animals presented themselves, and they had distinct dairy cow appearance, much like our own Red Poll.

We were invited in to sample two types of cheese they still had in stock, and it tasted wonderful!

Then the trip went to Mr John Pochin, in the manor house Barkby Hall. John acquired 14 pregnant Red Polls in 2003, the herd now counting 150 animals all in all. The cattle operation are cared for by Andrew Kirk, and most of the Red Poll



Champion Hopeham Fauzie with Sarah Barnes and Judge Denis Jenkins

Royal Norfolk Show 2019 – Inter-College Competition – Results

Team

1st Shuttleworth College

2nd Easton College

3rd Capel Manor

4th Otley College

Individual

1st Lara Cakebread - Easton

2nd Jasmine Gedney - Shuttleworth



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

Emily Groom – Assisting Denise Thomas with Lady Getty's cattle



Heygate Trophy entrants

Royal Norfolk Show 2019 – Results Judge: Denis Jenkins

Heifer born in 2018

- 1st Lavenham Brook Agrotera - Lady Getty
- 2nd Easton Otley Iona – Easton and Otley College
- 3rd Nobodys La Bise – Joy Broughton
- 4th Abbey Iris – David and Lis Blunt

Heifer born in 2017

- 1st Shuttleworth Hereux – Shuttleworth College
- 2nd Easton Otley Jo – Easton and Otley College
- 3rd Watergate Joanna – The Hunt Family
- 4th Shuttleworth Holly – Shuttleworth College

Heifer with calf at foot

- 1st Lavenham Brook Starlight – Lady Getty
- 2nd Abbey Gilia – David and Lis Blunt
- 3rd Watergate Iris – The Hunt Family
- 4th Hopeham Glorianna – Sarah and Gerald Barnes

Cow with calf at foot

- 1st Lavenham Kirstie – Lady Getty
- 2nd Nobodys Ecstasy – Joy Broughton
- 3rd Abbey Erica – David and Lis Blunt
- 4th Capel Manor Enya – Capel Manor College

Champion Female

Lavenham Kirstie – Lady Getty

Reserve Champion Female

Nobodys Ecstasy – Joy Broughton

Bull born in 2018

- 1st Hopeham Iron-Ore - Sarah and Gerald Barnes
- 2nd Nobodys Legacy – Joy Broughton
- 3rd Capel Manor Icarus – Capel Manor College

Bull born before 2018

- 1st Hopehan Fauzie – Sarah and Gerald Barnes
- 2nd Nobodys King Midas – Joy Broughton
- 3rd Hopeham Heritage - Sarah and Gerald Barnes
- 4th Capel Manor Horace – Capel Manor College

Male Champion

Hopehan Fauzie – Sarah and Gerald Barnes

Reserve Male Champion

Nobodys King Midas – Joy Broughton

Breed Champion

Hopehan Fauzie – Sarah and Gerald Barnes

Reserve Breed Champion

Lavenham Kirstie – Lady Getty

Group of Three

- 1st Easton and Otley College
- 2nd Shuttleworth College
- 3rd Capel Manor – Capel Manor College

bulls are neutered and reared to slaughter, together with purchased calves of other breeds.

Pochin is dedicated in the conservation work, but he revealed that choosing the Red Poll also had great aesthetic significance. He thought the dark red animals looked amazing when grazing in the parklands around the main building on the estate. He actually delivered one of two Red Polls which were presented as a gift to Queen Elizabeth on her 80th birthday in 2007, and then he received her first calf as a return gift, which he of course was proud of. The Queen is the patron of the Red Poll Cattle Society in



England.

The herd looked great, a few were grazing, the rest in various barns, and we were once again amazed at how uniform this breed presents itself. A good adult bull showed us another very positive feature of the English Red Poll, a wonderful temper. Often it is mentioned



that our animals are fairly awake and driven by instinct. During the visits this weekend we got to see many examples of calm and cooperating animals. Now, admittedly, several of the breeders take their animals to different shows, so the handling experience is important, both for man and beast. But it was an active breeding effort to cultivate calm and trusting animals. Another positive thing was birth weights, usually between 25 and 35 kilograms. Just as we know from back home.

We got to see a total of about 1000 animals cared for by the brothers Kirk, they also had a dairy herd based on about 130 Friesians, and some Red Polls actually. In addition, they produced and sold hay and straw, and produced grain, on a total of 2000 acres.

After this eventful day we were looking forward to lunch. The Kirk family had prepared wonderful Cottage Pie, and we sat down with the whole family and Mr. Pochin, and had a very enjoyable time together. The dessert was crumble with



warm custard, wonderful!

After lunch we stretched our legs, and got a tour of the park by Barkby Hall, and in the nearby church. Odd Roar Stenby felt the call, and ascended the speakers chair and performed the poem “Stønna”, with continuous translation into English. Great success!

It was time to say goodbye, and even though we had only known these people for a few hours, we were already on hugs and kisses. It's amazing how nice it is to

be with and get to know other farmers!

Back at the hotel, we enjoyed our Red Poll talk and good English supper. All the events during the day made sure there was no late night for any of us, we went nicely in for landing almost right after food.



Sunday, 10th. February
Sunday breakfast at the hotel, and ready for a packed Red Poll day. We started visiting Jenny Bellamy. She is looked after the Jersey dairy herd at Galliards Farm. These had been of great interest

to the Lady of the estate, and she had been actively involved in the decisions concerning the breeding program until



her death fairly recently. Jenny worked in the dairy industry alongside looking after the Jerseys, and she had recently acquired 4 Red Polls from Alan and Jane. These were included as part of the herd and milked alongside the Jerseys.

The milk yield was nothing to complain about. The herd was managed on a rather light feed ration, and the Jerseys milked on average 19 kg a day, with 18 kg for the Red Polls. This was very positive for

the Red Poll, as a breed that has in the near past mainly been kept in suckler herds.

Next stop was at Watergate Farm, and Sally and David Hunt. They have a small herd of Red Polls used in landscaping projects. We got to see wonderful English landscapes adjoining a golf course, and here the Red Polls grazed all winter. In the herd we could point out a couple of very muscular and slightly smaller animals than the others. They were examples of a Red Poll type that you don't want to breed from, as they have more muscle development than you would for a combination breed. All bulls taken into breeding programs are being DNA tested, to avoid these undesired genes spreading out.



Watergate is a farm with great diversity, a total of 1500 acres cultivated land, a large herd of 2000 sheep and, among other things, a production of 7000 turkeys for Christmas, mainly for direct sales. Here we were also invited to a delightful meal. The Sunday luncheon was roast of turkey, with all English accessories. It tasted superb and we could only once again be overwhelmed by the hospitality we had been met with. We were also treated with wonderful crumble for dessert. Thank you again!

We then went to Shuttleworth College. They have a beautiful herd of Red Polls, and is one of the agricultural schools that the Red Poll Cattle Society has helped to promote the breed, both through encouraging student showing Red Polls,

It will be exciting to see if any of this can be of help to us here at home. As it looks now, using semen from English Red Polls will be considered as crossbreeding with a different breed, and so the offspring will not be regarded as the purebred Norwegian Eastern Red Poll before the 3rd generation offspring. Because this is not seen as part of the preservation work, it will also not be possible to get the subsidy for the conservation of endangered native breed. The Board of Directors will review what we have learned and make a plan for possible use of English semen.

Ray and Joy handed out "candy bags" with information about the Red Poll Cattle Society, about the bulls and some got their very own Red Poll Calendar. It turns out that Red Polls in the UK counts a total of 12800 registered animals, of which 8500 females. 10% of these are in dairy herds. Average performance of around 4500 kg of milk, but large variations in the breed there as well.

We could in no way be able to repay all the work the RPCS have done in order to

realize our study trip, we still believe we were able to express our gratitude, and Joy and Ray received a little something with Norwegian flavours and a Norwegian Native Cattle calendar.

We found our way back to the hotel for the last time, dinner was tasty as always, and we turned in right after a nightcap.

Monday, 11th. February was going home day, early morning for some to avoid trouble in rush hour traffic into Manchester.

Then it was good to come home again, but filled with wonderful experiences and memories of great animals and nice people we have met. We also have had refills and new thoughts when back in our own barns, and perhaps we have been inspired to do something different, better, something new? Time will tell.

Thanks to England for this time!

Kristin and Erik, Grethe, Gunhild and Bent, Odd Roar, Bjørn, Erling, Tomas and Kjell





*Lavenham Sir Galahad
– from suckler herd*

*Fedw Stig – from
suckler herd*



*Bowland Zeus – from
suckler herd*



*All pictures of the bulls
from the uksiresdirect.com*

and to show the breed's great qualities for the students through teaching.

Anne-Marie Hamilton and Richard Hellyer Showed us around the school.



They had just moved the cattle to a new, airy barn building.

The meat was sold through a special agreement with Marks & Spencer, and they were well pleased to show students what the Red Polls were good for in the production. Because of RPCS' efforts and financial encouragement many students were participating in showing Red Polls. They had a special training area to accustom the animals to everything that takes place in a showing, and almost entirely from birth, the animals were trained with a halter.

Anne-Marie was soon to be giving birth herself, but it was hard to make her to stay away from the farm and the animals, her colleague Richard told us. As always,

it was very nice to meet these committed people, sharing our passion.



After the tour of the farm it was time to round off the magnificent weekend that Joy had arranged for us. The Secretary of the RPCS, Ray, had been with us this day, and he would gladly present what they could help us with for future breeding. In total, there was semen from five bulls available that were approved for export. Three of these were held by the Society, the last two being privately owned.

The Bulls are called



Castlefields Nooky – from dairy herd



Castlefields Nu Duke – from dairy herd

Hertfordshire Show 2019 – National Show Results



Maiden Heifer born between 1st Jan – 31st March 2018

- 1st Wheatfields Imogen Lark – Anthea and Jeff Daw
- 2nd Abbey Iris - David and Lis Blunt
- 3rd Watergate Kit Kat – The Hunt Family

Maiden Heifer born between 1st April – 31st December 2018

- 1st Nobodys Labise – Joy Broughton
- 2nd Watergate Lavender – The Hunt Family
- 3rd Mendip Ivy - Susan Tanner and John Davies
- 4th Abbey Iberis – David and Lis Blunt

Heifer born between 1st Jan – 31st March 2017

- 1st Watergate Joanna – The Hunt Family
- 2nd Shuttleworth Honey – Shuttleworth College
- 3rd Abbey Honeysuckle – David and Lis Blunt
- 4th Shuttleworth Heureux – Shuttleworth College

Heifer born between 1st April – 31st December 2017

- 1st Mendip Hope – Susan Tanner and John Davies
- 2nd Watergate Katie – The Hunt Family
- 3rd Watergate Kimberley – The Hunt Family
- 4th Shuttleworth Holly – Shuttleworth College

In-calf heifer or with 1st calf at foot born in 2016

- 1st Watergate Iris – The Hunt Family
- 2nd Abbey Gilia – David and Lis Blunt
- 3rd Capel Manor Greta – Capel Manor College

Cow in milk

- 1st Wheatfield Future – Anthea and Jeff Daw
- 2nd Capel Manor Enya – Capel Manor College
- 3rd Nobodys Ecstasy – Joy Broughton
- 4th Abbey Erica – David and Lis Blunt
- 5th Ironstone Hilary – Capel Manor College

Dry Cow

- 1st Pochin Illston – Anthea and Jeff Daw
- 2nd Watergate India – The Hunt Family

Suckling calf

- 1st Calf suckling Abbey Erica – David and Lis Blunt
- 2nd Calf suckling Abbey Gilia – David and Lis Blunt

Bull born in 2018

- 1st Wheatfield Immy's Osprey – Anthea and Jeff Daw
- 2nd Nobodys Legacy – Joy Broughton
- 3rd Mendip Icon – Susan Tanner and John Davies
- 4th Capel Manor Icarus – Capel Manor College

Bull born in 2017

- 1st Nobodys Kingdom – Joy Broughton
- 2nd Nobodys King Midas – Joy Broughton
- 3rd Capel Manor Horace – Capel Manor College

Sam Taylor with Champion Little Linton Ferdinand. Judge Mark Cheetham



Wheatfield Immy's Osprey



Wheatfield Future



Nobodys Team



Senior Bull

- 1st Little Linton Ferdinand – Sam Taylor

Best Udder

- 1st Wheatfields Future – Anthea and Jeff Daw
- 2nd Abbey Erica – David and Lis Blunt

Champion Maiden Heifer

- Watergate Joanna – The Hunt Family
- Reserve - Wheatfields Imogen Lark – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Champion Junior Bull

- Nobodys Kingdom – Joy Broughton
- Reserve - Wheatfield Immy's Osprey – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Junior Champion

- Nobodys Kingdom – Joy Broughton
- Reserve - Watergate Joanna – The Hunt Family

Female Champion

- Pochin Illston – Anthea and Jeff Daw
- Reserve - Wheatfields Future – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Male Champion

- Little Linton Ferdinand – Sam Taylor
- Reserve – Nobodys Kingdom – Joy Broughton

Champion Red Poll

- Little Linton Ferdinand – Sam Taylor

Reserve Champion

- Pochin Illston – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Best Pair

- Pochin Illston and Wheatfields Future – Anthea and Jeff Daw

Group of Three

- Abbey Erica, Gilia and Honeysuckle – David and Lis Blunt

Progeny Group

- Nobodys Kingdom, King Midas and Legacy – Joy Broughton

Young Handlers

- 1st Molly Bampton – Shuttleworth College
- 2nd Jasmin Gendy – Shuttleworth College
- 3rd Martha Racey – Shuttleworth College
- 4th Ella Cohen – Capel Manor College

Young Handlers



Abbey Team



Watergate Team

