



WOLDSMAN RED POLLS

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[Born 02/02/2015]

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EBVs [11/04/2016]	200 Day	400 Day	Muscle Depth	Beef Value	Mat. Prod. Value
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Avg. RP	12	19	1.6	16	7

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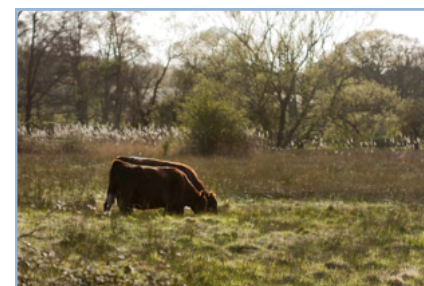
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To advertise your Red Poll products on the website, please contact Sarah Barnes on 01508 470413 or sarah@gpbarnes.net

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

Advertisements are posted on the website for a month. They may be renewed after this time

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

NORTHERN HERD COMPETITION - 2016

Class 1-LARGE HERD

- 1st Simon Temple – Bowland Herd
- 2nd Rob and Claire Bower – Diamond B Herd

Class 2-SMALL HERD

- 1st Terry and Helen Mancey – Moreton Herd
- 2nd Alan Bickerton – Pear Tree Herd

Class 3-YOUNGSTOCK

- 1st Mark Cheetham – Longdendale Herd
- 2nd Terry and Helen Mancey – Moreton Herd
- 3rd Simon Temple – Bowland Herd

Class 4- REGISTERED STOCK BULL

- 1st John Williams – Pinguis Duke
- 2nd M Paddock and S Marsden – Chorlton Lane Albert
- 3rd Helen Arthan – Chorlton Lane Fella

Class 5-BEST SENIOR HOMEBRED COW

- 1st Terry and Helen Mancey – Moreton Lady Selina
- 2nd Simon Temple – Bowland Yolande
- 3rd Pat McLaughlin – Marsh House Ruby's Winifred

Class 6-BEST JUNIOR HOMEBRED COW

- 1st M Paddock and S Marsden – Eaves Anemone
- 2nd John Williams – Pinguis Emily 12th
- 3rd Terry and Helen Mancey – Moreton Yarrow

Class 7-BEST HOMEBRED HEIFER

- 1st Simon Temple – Bowlands Evita
- 2nd Helen Arthan – Chorlton Lane Evanesca
- 3rd Pat McLaughlin – Marsh House Winifred Eliza

Class 8-BEST PROGENY GROUP

- 1st Simon Temple – Bowland Banquo
- 2nd Rob and Claire Bower – Bowland Admiral
- 3rd John Williams – Kemerton Zetland

Class 9-3 RELATED FEMALES

- 1st Terry and Helen Mancey – Moreton Lady Selina, Lady Africa, Lady Blythe
- 2nd Pat McLaughlin – Marsh House Ruby's Winifred, Winifred Beatrice, Winifred Eliza
- 3rd Simon Temple – Bowland Timandra, Yolande, Evita

Class 10-BEST PURE STEER

- 1st Rob and Claire Bower
- 2nd Helen Arthan
- 3rd Pat McLaughlin

Class 11-BEST SUCKLING CALF

- 1st John Williams
- 2nd Helen Arthan
- 3rd Simon Temple

Class 12b-BEST CROSS BRED DAIRY COW IN MILK

- 1st Mark Cheetham - 9090

OVERALL WINNER BETWEEN LARGE AND SMALL HERD

Small Herd – Terry and Helen Mancey - Moreton Herd

Year Letter

The year letter for 2016 registrations is G

Registration Fees

Heifer in the Herd Book of year of birth £12

Heifer outside the Herd Book of year of birth £24

Bull £80 Transfer of ownership £10

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

Advertising in Red Poll News

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

For livestock sales, please contact the Secretary, Ray Bowler, at the office.

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Membership Subscriptions as from 1st January 2016

Registering:	£50
Associate:	£25
Overseas:	£30 in sterling
Life Registering Member:	£750
Life Associate Member:	£300
Life Overseas Member:	£500



Six Christmas Cards (in full colour) £5 per pack plus p&p, available on the website or phone Sally 07780964978.

SECRETARY'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2016

There are two new members for election at this meeting, six last year. There are 384 members – 386 at this meeting last year. Four members have cancelled their membership since the last meeting.

New Members for election: Both are Registering members.

Suzy Driscoll, Earls Hall Farm, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 0JD

Daniel Smith, Richdon Farm, Tye Common Road, Little Burstead, Billericay, Essex CM1 9DS.

The above were elected into the Society on the proposal of Miss Broughton, seconded by Mrs Barnes.

Since the last meeting I have sent out 14 information packs to persons enquiring about the Society.

Since the last meeting I went down south to visit members in Berkshire, Hampshire, Wiltshire, Dorset and Somerset. I visited 12 breeders over the three days. Four of these were new members. It is vitally important to keep contact with the membership, without exception all were pleased to see me.

We held the Field day at Shuttleworth College which was well attended, a big thank you to Anne-Marie and her team for hosting a very interesting and pleasant day.

I have attended a Breeding Committee meeting at Sandringham, a Show and Livestock Sales

Committee at Brogborough and a Youth Committee meeting at Barton Mills.

Semen sales continue to be very steady with 24 straws being sold since the last meeting, 15 of these being to Cheshire East Council – Tatton Park. This compares to 47 this time last year. The total for this year is 127 compared to 300 last year, a worrying trend I fear.

As requested by Council I have to report on the inspection and registration of bulls since the last meeting. There haven't been any although there are two in the pipeline. To date there have been 23 carried out in 2016.

Heifer registrations are coming in slowly with 208 so far this year this is from 49 breeders, very similar to last year so I'm not worried at present!

Cattle sales have been steady with a few sales going through. There are plenty of animals for sale on the website. Merna Merrett has decided to disperse her Seafeld herd. We placed an advert in the Farmers Guardian for her herd but as yet have no firm offers.

Mr Prescott said that he had heard that Richard Dunn's wife had died a couple of weeks ago. They were members before emigrating to France a few years ago.

Ray Bowler

The fourth class was for any bull over 18 months of age, there was only Pinguis Duke in this class, but was a worthy winner. The female, and breed champion was Pinguis Emily 3rd, with Chorlton Lane Evanescence reserve female champion. Reserve breed champion and male champion, was Pinguis Duke.

After all the beef breed classes were completed, all the breed judges had to judge all the breed champions. This was a most interesting experience, each judge was not allowed to judge their own breed, which made it a lot fairer, and easier so far as I was concerned. Your first choice animal got a maximum of 10 marks, then downwards. I placed them in the following order:

<i>Breed</i>	<i>My mark</i>	<i>Overall mark</i>	<i>Overall placing</i>	<i>Animal</i>
Simmental	10	61	2	Cow with calf at foot
Limousin	9	65	1	Young bull
South Devon	8	50	4	2yr old heifer
British Blonde	7	40	7	Young bull
Hereford	6	46	5	2yr old heifer
Charolais	5	43	6	Senior bull
British Blue	4	53	3	Dry cow
Red Poll		21	8	Cow with calf at foot

After judging each breed steward would hold up his judge's marks for the various breeds when called. When my steward held up my mark of four for the British Blue, there was an audible gasp went round the quite large crowd which had gathered. But so far as I was concerned this animal did not look like a cow, never mind being able to produce a calf.

The Bledisloe Salver

This year the Bledisloe Salver has been awarded to Moreton Percy, registered by Terry Mancey. This is awarded to the sire whose progeny gained the most points during a year's showing.

Please remember to send in your registrations for this year – don't leave it 'till the last minute and do it now! It would be a great help to the Secretary. If you have any queries or need information on sending in the forms please contact Ray Bowler through the Red Poll Cattle Society office.

All information for the calving survey would be gratefully received, please complete the form or ask for another, again through the office.

NANTWICH SHOW 27TH July 2016 – Stephen Prescott

The Showground at Nantwich is very attractive, and having gone round it the night prior to the Show, trying to find the chief cattle steward, to collect entry tickets, badge, etc. I was very pleased and proud to note that the Stockmen were having a BBQ and that the beef burgers were supplied and produced by Helen Langley – very good publicity for the breed, then, and during judging when the Chief Stock Steward, Jonny Dymond, apologised for the mix up with the tickets etc. and stated that the BBQ was Red Poll beef he mentioned this during the interbreed judging as well he came up trumps in the end – thank you Helen Langley, top marks!

There were four breeders exhibiting, Helen Arthan, Alan Bickerton, Terry and Helen Mancey and John Williams; showing 12 animals and four calves.

The first class was for Maiden heifer, born after the 1st January, 2015. I placed Pinguis Emily 15th First, she was well grown and a very well presented heifer, who showed herself well and was correct in every way, and had a very fine skin. Second I placed Pear Tree Zara, the youngest heifer in the class and very well grown, but not quite so fine as the first heifer. Third I placed Moreton Baby Falmouth, she was a more mature looking heifer, but was showing patchiness round her tail head.

The second class was for maiden or in calf heifers, born before the 31st December, 2014. I placed Chorlton Lane Evanesca first, 2 years 3½ months old, a very neat heifer and well presented, walking well with a nice fine skin. Second I placed Moreton Fiona 3rd, very similar age to the first heifer, but not quite as balanced, but had good capacity. Third I placed Pinguis Caroline 12th, she gave away a little in age to the other two, and had not the capacity, but was a fine, well grown heifer.

The third class was for cow in calf or with calf at foot, born before 31st December, 2013. There were four entries in this class, and as I said, when giving my reasons, four different judges could place them in four different orders. However, I placed them in the order First, Pinguis Emily 12th, I thought she was the best balanced cow overall, although her udder was partly milked out, it was very silky and the teats were well placed, the udder was well attached both at the front and at the rear. Second I placed Pear Tree Sherry, a slightly bigger cow than the first cow, but had a better length of body, but not quite so fine in the skin. Her udder was very full of milk, which did not tend to show it as well as it would have done if it had not been so tight. Third was Moreton Baby Clarendon, not quite so big a cow the previous two. My main reason for placing her down was because her udder was not so well attached as the other two, and again her udder was very full of milk which would have looked more natural not so full. The fourth animal was Chorlton Lane Yasmin, this was an eight year old cow, and had produced six calves, she was correct in all aspects, and her udder was more natural and was still well attached, but her age was against her, with three much younger cows. I mention the fourth here as I thought it was a really good class and worthy of a mention.

REPORT FOR FIELD DAY – 2016 SHUTTLEWORTH COLLEGE

On a lovely hot and sunny day 45 members, friends and families, met for the annual summer Field Day which this year was at Shuttleworth College, Bedfordshire.

We gathered at King's Hill Farm for coffee where we were welcomed by Anne-Marie Hamilton, Head of Agriculture. She explained how the herd has to fit into the curriculum teaching of the students.

We took a short pleasant walk past a pine forest to the field where the cattle were. They had just been put in there so there was grass in abundance! The field was surrounded by native woodland which gave for a spectacular setting. There we saw the 20 cows with March 2016 born calves and recently purchased bull Heathgate Duke. Duke, a 2013 born son of Seahawk Vimto, was bred by Denis Jenkins and has seen various show successes during 2014 and 2015. His dam is East Beere Zula a Woldsman Leonard daughter.

The Shuttleworth Herd was founded in 2007 with six yearling heifers from the Lordship Herd of Writtle College, additional stock being purchased from Peter and Tilly Grint's Andrew Fredrick Herd. Home bred heifers make up the remainder of the herd. The homebred animals are by the previous herd sire Hinwick Zulu, a Hinwick Napoleon son, bred by Richard and Virginia Dawes.

Steer calves are sold as yearlings, this year being purchased by Mark Martin. This policy may change as a new cattle building is in the process of being built which will mean cattle can

be finished in the future.

Cattle are housed in the winter at King's Hill Farm, being fed haylage plus a little concentrates around calving time, which takes place during March. Some showing is carried out with some success, this greatly benefits the student's education and provides fun along the way.

We then all boarded the tractor and trailer for the short journey to view the youngstock, grazing meadows at the main entrance to the College. These looked well and will make very good herd replacements. Following on from this we travelled across the park where we had a buffet lunch. Set in the Mansion House grounds is a beautiful thatched pavilion and it was here that we had lunch in a beautiful relaxed atmosphere under the trees and around the pond. After short speeches, the vote of thanks given by President Elect Dick Smith, upstaged by Luke the Collie jumping into the pond to cool off. Members could either make their way home or visit the other attractions that Shuttleworth has on offer.

Shuttleworth Park, also known as Old Warden Park, consists of 172 hectares, a 19th century garden and 4 hectares of woodland laid out in 1800 – 1805. The principal building is the Mansion house built by Joseph Shuttleworth, a Grade 2 listed building dating from 1875 – 1880. The building is dominated by a massive four stage clock tower, three stories high, in the Tudor style and built of Ashlar stone.

The Swiss garden and Cottage were created by the 3rd Lord Ongley in the 1820s and 30s. The garden has an undulating terrain, meandering paths and separate vistas achieved by shrubs and mature trees. There is an interesting sunken grotto and fernery decorated with Pulhamite rockwork from the 1870's. The Swiss Cottage, an ornate two-storey octagonal building with a thatched roof stands on a knoll overlooking the entire garden.

The Old Warden Aviation Museum, established in 1928 by its founder, aviator Richard Ormond Shuttleworth, who unfortunately was killed in action on 2nd August 1940. His mother formed the collection and trust in his memory. The collection

puts emphasis on restoring as many aircraft as possible to flying condition. Maintenance and restoration are carried out by nine full time staff and volunteer engineers. 12 air shows are held annually with many of the exhibits regularly flying including the famous Moth.

There was much to see and do from farming to flying to gardens and gossip. On behalf of the Red Poll Cattle Society I would like to thank all at Shuttleworth for an interesting, informative and well organised day in an historic setting in a lovely part of the country. Thank you.

Susanne Bowler



SOUTHERN AREA RED POLL HERD COMPETITION - 2016

LARGE HERD

Underhills – Rosemary Philipson-Stow

Lagan – Lagan Farms Ltd.

Kemerton – Adrian Darby / Boseley – Simon Phelps (Tied)

SMALL HERD

Ruscombe – Rebecca Charley

Mendip – Susan Tanner and John Davies

Misty – David and Michelle Wootton

OVERALL CHAMPION

Underhills – Rosemary Philipson-Stow

YOUNG STOCK

1. Boseley – Simon Phelps

2. East Knoyle – John Reading

3. Lagan – Lagan Farms Ltd.

STOCK BULL

1. Woldsman Brigadier – Roger Thomas

2. Bridgham Lancelot – Lagan Farms Ltd.

3. Kemerton Athlone – Adrian Darby

SENIOR HOMEBRED COW

1. Abbeyvale Carnation – Roger Thomas

2. Cools Trixi – Quentin and Maggie Edwards

3. Kemerton Toucan – Adrian Darby

JUNIOR HOMEBRED COW

1. Kemerton Bundaburg – Adrian Darby

2. Lagan Plentifull – Lagan Farms Ltd.

3. Barkham Square Dusk – Barkham Square Farm

BEST HOMEBRED HEIFER

1. Kemerton Enchantress – Adrian Darby

2. Mendip Esmerelda - Susan Tanner and John Davies

3. Cools Veronica - Quentin and Maggie Edwards

BEST PROGENY GROUP

1. John Reading – Appleton Poseidon

2. Adrian Darby – Kemerton Athlone

3. Barkham Square – Warren Victor

3 RELATED FEMALES

1. Lagan Farms – Lagan Olwyn, Tabitha and Angelica

2. John Reading – East Knoyle Elderberry, Hilda & Gloria

3. David & Michelle Wootton – Lavalsa Lady Doune 4th, Katie 3rd & Katie 5th

PURE BRED STEER

1. Rebecca Charley - Ruscombe

2. Lagan Farms Ltd. - Lagan

3. John Reading – East Knoyle

BEST SUCKLING CALF

1. Susan Tanner and John Davies - Mendip

2. Simon Phelps - Boseley

3. Earl of Huntingdon - Wellshead

Southern Area – Farm walk, lunch and presentation 30th October 2016

On a lovely autumn day we gathered at Barlands Farm, Pendock, Worcestershire, the home of Rosemary Philipson-Stow, for the presentation of the Southern area Herd Competition trophies and certificates. The Underhills Herd is the oldest herd in the Society still breeding and registering cattle. Rosemary's father, Major G. Philipson-Stow, founded the herd in 1946 as a dairy herd. The herd continued to be milked until 15 years ago when it was decided, for economic reason and creeping age! to cease milking and manage the herd as a suckler herd. Today the herd consists of 30 cows and followers. Steer calves are sold as stores at about 15 months of age, heifers are retained for breeding or sold as mainly in-calf heifers, although some are sold as yearlings. Cattle graze in the summer on excellent quality grass land. Big bale silage is made for winter forage with very little supplementary feed being given. A muck for straw arrangement is in place with a neighbouring farmer.

On arrival we were warmly welcomed and suitably refreshed before going to view the herd.

The yearling youngstock had recently been housed and although reticent at first to show themselves, with the encouragement of some concentrates they came forward. They were a very even group of quality cattle, all sired by East Beere Concorde, a bull purchased from Nicola Seaton in Devon.

We then moved into the field where the cows and this year's calves were grazing. With 20 persons descending on them they disappeared to the far end of the field but after a few minutes curiosity got the better of them and they came back to us. It is easy to see why the herd not only won the Southern Area but the National Herd Competition as well. They are large capacious cattle who really take your eye. The herd is very even with not one that you could say is a poor animal. The current stock bull, Canute Darwin, purchased last year from Adrian Darby, who had purchased the bull a few years earlier from Alec Foster, is an excellent example of the breed who will continue to breed stock to continue this excellent herd of cattle, as can be seen by this year's calves.

We then went down the road to Rosemary's brother's house where an excellent buffet lunch was provided. John Williams, who judged the area competition then gave his report (copy elsewhere in the Newsletter) and presented the various trophies and certificates. Rosemary's Farm Secretary, Ann, had compiled an excellent display of information, photographs and general information about the history of the herd which made for fascinating reading.

One of the important aspects of these events is for members to meet up and have a chat about the breed, breeding, stock for sale and general discussion about the industry. It all makes for a very enjoyable and informative day. Thank you very much to Rosemary, her family and helpers for hosting the event.

Ray Bowler

From the Chairman ...

Having been brought up with grandparents on a small farm and being introduced to animals at a young age, I decided to breed pigs and Aberdeen Angus cross cattle.

On leaving school, I started to work for the Milk Marketing Board, then a large meat wholesalers. Eventually I started part time at a local funeral directors. In the late 1970s everything changed when I started my own funeral business.

I was still interested in farming and decided to diversify from the pigs to breeding pedigree Dexter cattle. In the early 1990s I changed from Dexters to breeding Red Polls. The first two cattle I purchased were from a farm in Leicestershire—one was a Longendale and the other was Shotwick Caroline. I eventually bought Marsh House Emily from Pat McLaughlin in Staffordshire, I am still breeding descendants from Caroline and Emily.



As my herd increased I decided I wanted a stock bull. I took a trip to Driffild, Yorkshire, and met the Prescott family and purchased Woldsman King.

Today I have 12 breeding females and two stock bulls, Nobodys Eclipse and Pinguis Duke. The heifers I breed are kept on the farm or sold to other breeders. The steers are sold on as store cattle.

I have now sold my funeral business and I am semi-retired but I have recently bought land which is adjacent to the farm and have decided to increase the herd. The cattle are shown at my local and County shows on the west side of the country. I think this is one of the most important ways of promoting the breed.

I am often asked why the herd is called Pinguis. This is the field name which the cattle graze on—it means rich and fertile.

John Williams

What Is *Neospora*?

Neospora caninum is a parasite that infects cattle and can cause abortion. Cattle can become infected in two ways:

- By eating *Neospora* oocysts (eggs) from the environment along with food or water.
- As an unborn calf when *Neospora* crosses the placenta from an infected cow.

Infection can arrive on farm by several routes:

- Via purchase of an infected cow.
- Via recently infected dogs.
- In feed or water contaminated by dog faeces.

Dogs are a vital part of the *Neospora* story. They become infected by eating *Neospora* infected placenta, foetuses, calves or wildlife. The parasite multiplies in their intestine and oocysts are passed in faeces for 2 to 3 weeks. After this the dog is immune and no longer a risk. As oocysts are only shed when the dog is infected for the first time this is most likely to occur in pups or young dogs. The oocysts are thought to survive in the environment for many months. After being eaten by a cow the oocysts multiply and then become dormant within tissue cysts. This has no ill effects on the cow which continues to appear healthy. The danger comes during pregnancy when the parasite re-activates and travels to the placenta and unborn calf. What happens next can include:

- Abortion - abortion storms can occur when infection is introduced to a herd for the first time.
- The birth of a healthy, but infected, calf which may go on to abort during its first pregnancy.
- The birth of a calf showing signs of nervous disease. This is uncommon.

Infected cows remain infected for life and maintain *Neospora* in the herd by giving birth to infected heifer replacements. There is no evidence of direct cow to cow spread.

- Not all infected cows will abort but they are three to seven times more likely to abort than uninfected cattle.
- Abortions are most common in heifers and in recently infected cows.
- It is estimated that, if retained in the herd, around 5% of infected cows will abort again.
- The best way to screen cows for *Neospora* is by testing a blood sample collected either after abortion or in late pregnancy.
- To confirm that an abortion has been caused by *Neospora*, the full foetus and placenta need examined at a Disease Surveillance Centre.

WESTMORLAND SHOW 2016 RESULTS

BULL ANY AGE

4 entries 3 forward

1 ST Bowland Ferdinand	Simon Temple
2 ND Pinguis Frederick	John Williams
3 RD Chorlton Lane Fella	Helen Arthan

COW IN MILK OR IN CALF BORN BEFORE 1-1-14

4 entries 2 forward

1 ST Bowland Yolande	Simon Temple
2 ND Pinguis Emily 12 TH	John Williams

FEMALE BORN IN 2014

6 entries 6 forward

1 ST Marsh House Winifred's Eliza	Pat Mc Laughlin
2 ND Chorlton Lane Evanesca	Helen Arthan
3 RD Moreton Baby Drury	Terry Mancey
4 TH Pinguis Caroline 12 TH	John Williams
5 TH Bowland Evita	Simon Temple
6 TH Bowland Ebony	Simon Temple

HEIFER BORN IN 2015

4 entries 4 forward

1 ST Pinguis Emily 15 TH	John Williams
2 ND Bowland Francesca	Simon Temple
3 RD Moreton Baby Falmouth	Terry Mancey

PAIRS

4 entries 3 forward

1 ST TEAM John Williams
2 ND TEAM Helen Arthan
3 RD TEAM Simon Temple

BREED CHAMPION	Bowland Yolande	Simon Temple
RESERVE	Pinguis Emily 15 TH	John Williams



Prints available (full colour) A3 and A4 size—£5, A2 size—£15 plus p&p.

EASTERN AREA REPORT – 2016

I am very sorry and apologise that I was unable to be at the Eastern Region Herd presentation of Trophies but unfortunately I was in Malvern for the whole weekend attending the All Britain All Breeds Calf show. It is sad that the dates clashed, but I had been committed to be there since last year.

I felt very honoured to be asked to judge the herds in the region, all 15 of them, but only had three small herds to judge, all the rest were large. I do think that the small herds should be 20 animals and under, but that is my opinion so hope Council will give this some thought at one of their many meetings! I do know that this is brought up time and time again so it's up to the policy makers.

I had a most interesting time going round and seeing everyone's herds, all so diverse, couldn't believe how many fields each member had cattle grazing on, but the distances from field to field were unusual to say the least. I did say to one member that I felt I was going on a mystery tour at each place I visited, and would never have seen such countryside if I hadn't judged the competition.

I was most impressed with the standard of the cattle I saw which made my task of judging them difficult, but on the whole some of the cattle I saw were just a bit better than some of the others. I decided before I started I would judge them out of 10, and I had several who scored 9 and then had to think who should have whichever trophy for the category they were entered in.

I saw some lovely bulls and young stock, some equally good cows and heifers, suckling calves and steers. I spent 4½ days judging and am very grateful to all the members who took time to show me round, and it was lovely to see how some had Red Polls because their families used to have them way back. I would like to thank those who fed and watered me, much appreciated. I was so looking forward to seeing all the members who had entered the competition and I hope you all enjoyed your visit to James and the weather was kind.

Su Mahon



*Above is the winner of the senior cow, Ed Turner of the Seahawk Herd.
Below is the small herd winner, Craig Smith, with St. Mary's Herd.
Presentations by Tony Barratt.*



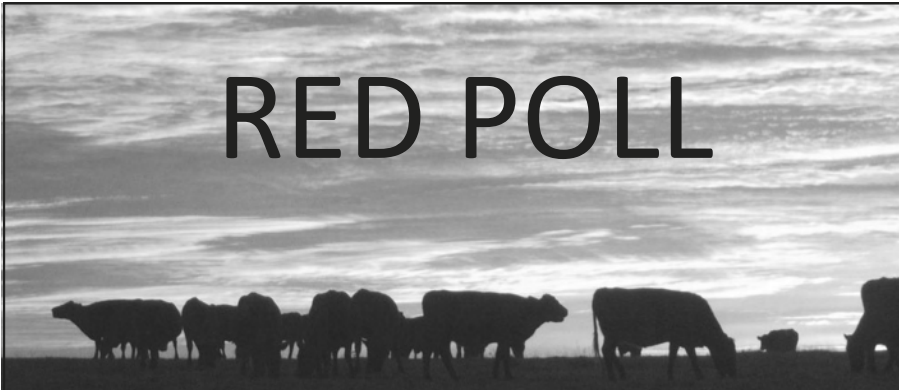
- Testing can be carried out and progress monitored through **SAC Consulting Veterinary Services Premium Cattle Health Scheme (PCHS)**.
- Within CHeCS the testing protocols and rules for attaining status are currently being reviewed. Please contact your PCHS office (01835 822456) if you wish to discuss testing further.

The following control measures should be considered:

- Discuss selective breeding of known infected cows with your vet. This is to ensure infected heifers are not kept as breeding replacements.
- Do not allow dogs to eat dead calves/placentae or raw meat.
- Do not allow dogs to defecate in pens and other areas where cattle food or water could become contaminated. Footpaths are a possible risk.
- Dispose of dog faeces hygienically.
- Good rodent control.
- Maintain a closed herd.

Article prepared by Helen Carty, BVM&S, MRCVS, of SAC PCHS.

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JUDGES STANDARDISATION DAY 2016

On the 23rd October, by kind invitation of John Williams, 14 of our Society judges met for our Annual Standardisation day. To remain on the Society Judges Panel, Judges must attend a least one of these events every three years, although it is recommended that panel members try to attend every event.

The event is designed to let all panel members have their say, and give their reasons, for their placement of three classes of stock, bulls, cows and heifers. A Master Judge is appointed for the day, on this occasion it was Mark Cheetham.

John Williams provided two bulls, one a senior sire, the other an up and coming youngster. This provoked a good deal of discussion between the merits of both and in the overall placement of them. Four cows were presented for judging, two suckling calves and two dry cows. Once again the merits, or

otherwise, of each were discussed in great detail, of particular interest was the discussion about speckled noses. Four maiden heifers were presented. These were perhaps the most difficult to place as although they were all maidens, they were of differing ages from weanlings to bulling heifers. Two of them had spare teats and two were of a slightly paler colour. There was much discussion about these with everyone present having their say. Mark finally had his say which the majority agreed more or less with.

We then went to the local church hall for an excellent buffet lunch very kindly provided by John.

Following lunch we had an open forum to discuss such things as report writing, feedback to exhibitors, feedback to the public over the ring microphone, an aspect which is becoming more common, and in ring management.

Overall the day was excellent with all participants gaining invaluable information and guidance.

Thank you Mark for being Master Judge and to John and his family for hosting the event.



Back row: Ray Bowler, Andrew Kirk, Denis Jenkins, Terry Mancey, Mark Cheetham, Philip Ryder-Davis, Roger Clark, David Hunt.
Front row: Joy Broughton, Mark Martin, Helen Arthan, Simon Phelps, John Williams, Helen Mancey.

Ray Bowler



The Eastern region herd presentation day was held at the National Trust's office in Hatfield Forest as James Rae with his Ladlers Herd was the overall winner in the region. We met for coffee and then a short walk to see the herd which James had collected into the holding pen as otherwise we

might have spent the rest of the day looking for them as they roam over several miles!

We came back to the offices for a lunch of delicious and substantial Red Poll burgers followed by the presentation of the cups and trophies of which James won six! Well-deserved and the rest of us will have to try harder next year!

For those of us who could stay we went into the further part of the forest and with the help of their owners Tim Hazlem and Jonathan Clarke we tracked down some of their herd relaxing amongst the fallen leaves and logs. It was very picturesque and the cattle are obviously very used to people, dogs, and aircraft (Stanstead is next door) a good endorsement for the breed.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable day with plenty of autumn sunshine and good company. Many thanks to all who organised it.

Sally Grimwood



James Rae



EASTERN REGION RED POLL HERD COMPETITION - 2016

LARGE HERD

Ladlers—James Rea
Hopeham - Sarah Barnes
Seahawk—Ed Turner and Sally Grimwood

SMALL HERD

St Mary's—Craig Smith
Capel Manor—Capel Manor College
Thornage—Camphill Communities

OVERALL CHAMPION

Ladlers—James Rea

Young Stock

1. Ladlers—James Rea
2. Grafton—Euston Farms
3. Hopeham—Sarah Barnes

STOCK BULL

1. Lavenham Sir Lancelot—James Rea
2. Hopeham Absolute—James Forrest
3. Appleton Supreme Duke—Sarah Barnes
3. Canute Cromwell—Craig Smith

SENIOR HOMEBRED COW

1. Seahawk Treasure—Ed Turner and Sally Grimwood
2. Grafton Dionne—Euston Farms
3. Hopeham Aruna—Sarah Barnes

JUNIOR HOMEBRED COW

1. Heathgate Clover—Denis Jenkins
2. Seahawk Bacarra—Ed Turner and Sally Grimwood
3. Hopeham Alatia—Sarah Barnes

BEST HOMEBRED HEIFER

1. Hopeham Euphoria—Sarah Barnes
2. Heathgate Eliza—Denis Jenkins
3. Ladlers Edith—James Rea

BEST PROGENY GROUP

1. James Rea—Lavenham Sir Lancelot—Ladlers Guinever and bull calves 69 and 70
2. Lady Getty—Lavenham Sir Caradoc—Lavenham Sunrise, Lavenham Penny Black, Lavenham Brook Princess
3. Denis Jenkins—Bridgham Lancelot—Heathgate Daphne, Heathgate Duchess, Heathgate Freda

THREE RELATED FEMALES

1. Sarah Barnes—Hollban Nigella, Hopeham Aruna, Hopeham Euphoria
2. Denis Jenkins—Heathgate Amaretto, Heathgate Daphne, Heathgate Freya
3. Ed Turner and Sally Grimwood—Seahawk Unique, Seahawk Delight, Seahawk Gala

PURE BRED STEER

1. Lady Getty—Lavenham Brook
2. Grafton—Euston Estate
3. Richard Brookes-Hepworth

BEST SUCKLING CALF

1. James Rea—Ladlers—No 69
2. Denis Jenkins—Heathgate Gunther
3. James Forrest—Stonham—No 07

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Joining all the other farmers in the scheme and working to achieve BVD free status means your herd will be recognised as BVDFree; a great way to differentiate yourself in the marketplace.

To join you can either:

complete the form included with this newsletter, or

visit the website www.bvdfree.org.uk and click on 'Join the scheme'

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3RD Abbey Herd 3 X Beasthorpe Major

3 RELATED FEMALES

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2ND Hinwick Herd – Rosa 2ND Bracken, Anastasia

3RD Pochin Herd – Dean Gunthorpe, Killiecrankie

PUREBRED STEER

1ST Abbey Herd No 62

2ND Ockley Brook Herd No 53

3RD Little Linton Herd No19

SUCKLING CALF

1ST Pochin Herd - No 398

2ND Lawford Herd - No 577

3RD Horninghold Herd - Lancelot

PURE DAIRY COW

1ST Ironstone Della

2ND Victor Sylvia 5TH

X-BRED DAIRY COW

1ST Victor Katie 19TH

2ND Ironstone Myra 5TH



Richard and Virginia Dawes



Midland Presentation Day

HERD COMPETITION RESULTS 2016 – MIDLANDS

LARGE HERD (9 HERDS)

- 1ST Pochin Herd
- 2ND Lawford Herd
- 3RD Watergate Herd

SMALL HERD (7 HERDS)

- 1ST Hinwick Herd
- 2ND Abbey Herd
- 3RD Nobody Herd

OVERALL

- 1ST Hinwick Herd
- 2ND Pochin Herd

YOUNGSTOCK

- 1ST Hinwick Herd
- 2ND Pochin Herd
- 3RD Abbey Herd

REGISTERED BULL

- 1ST Royal Roseman (Pochin Herd)
- 2ND Lawford Cobbler (Lawford Herd)
- 3RD Nobodys Orange Chilli (Hollingmarsh Herd)

SENIOR HOMEBRED COW

- 1ST Ironstone Della
- 2ND Pochin Foxton
- 3RD Nobodys Allspice

JUNIOR HOMEBRED COW

- 1ST Hinwick Anastasia
- 2ND Nobodys Diadem
- 3RD Watergate Emma

HOMEBRED HEIFER

- 1ST Abbey Erica
- 2ND Canute Gloria
- 3RD Ockley Brook Delilah



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Red Poll Cattle Society, National Herd Competition 2016

Report by Philip Dale

First of all I would like to say how pleased and honoured I was to be asked to judge the competition. I would also like to state my thanks to all of the eight breeders who I visited for making me so welcome and spending the time to show me their herds. Everyone, without exception, was very enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the breed and in what they were doing. I have to say that I have judged a few competitions over the years but this was by far the most interesting, and in the end the most difficult decision to make.

All the cattle, without exception, were of excellent quality which represented a true reflection of the breed. I suppose I shouldn't have been surprised at this as these were already winners in their own areas. The herds that I visited were all managed differently, were in differing climatic conditions and kept in different environments but the quality came through in all of them, whatever the management system employed.

However one herd stood out for me and that was the Underhills Herd of Rosemary Philipson-Stow. They were an excellent, even herd of cows, strong, long, rangy cows with excellent udders and the uniformity of the herd was un-paralleled. The calves were very shapely, the youngstock outstanding and the bull, Canute Darwin, of excellent type as well. Rosemary had a very quiet, relaxed presence with the cattle which, complemented by plenty of

excellent grazing, made the herd what it is. Everywhere else where I went I couldn't get these cattle out of my mind. Therefore I award the Large Herds, and Overall Herd Competition, winner to the Underhills Herd.

The reserve in the Large Herds was the Bowland Herd of Simon Temple. This herd, managed in a completely different environment, consisted of a herd of excellent shapely cows with good udders. The calves were exceptional, the young bull, Bowland Ferdinand, I was very impressed with. It will be interesting to see how he matures as he has the making of a really good sire of the future. The way the cattle perform, in this somewhat harsh environment, is a credit to Simon and his stockman. Simon is obviously very positive and knowledgeable about recording schemes and is only keeping the best heifers for himself. He markets his surplus stock mainly in local markets, which is doing an excellent advertising job for the breed in the North West. He attends many shows which also does an excellent job in promoting the breed.

The other large herds, the Ladlers Herd of James Rea, and the Pochin Herd of John Pochin, both had some excellent animals, with differing management systems. James's running on conservation grazing in Hatfield Forest, and the Pochin Herd on beautiful park land. These two management systems, combined with differing outlets for the steers, made for a fascinating comparison, both

into the orchard where a few freshly calved cows were, they looked great hiding amongst the trees. The main point of discussion here though wasn't the cattle but the trees. The apple varieties are among the oldest known, the pear trees were full of fruit as well.

Following on from here we went to view the main herd. These were an excellent example of the breed. Very quiet and easy to walk among, they were deep bodied, dark coloured with excellent udders, although Simon did admit they had culled quite harshly on udders. The calves looked a good even batch and growing well.

We then went into another orchard where Burgundy was with a batch of heifers, he wasn't too impressed with having his Sunday morning siesta disturbed, however he looked a very good example of the breed.

We then went to view Buccaneer who was in the bull pen. He is a big strong bull with a good depth of body and first class top line, perhaps lacking in the hindquarters though.

We then went back to the village hall for an excellent lunch provided by Caroline, daughter Jemima and village friends.

Thank you to Simon, Caroline and family for hosting the event.



Boseley Herd Visit – 9th October 2016

On the Sunday morning following the Annual dinner 35 members made the 40 minute drive to view the Boseley Herd of Simon and Caroline Phelps. As you will be aware Simon is the year's Society President.

We first went to local village hall for refreshments and an introduction about the herd.

The Boseley Herd was founded in 1953 with some of the original cows purchased by

Simon's father, Humphrey Phelps, from Colonel Darby of Kemerton Court. The cows were milked up until 2012 when it was decided to cease milking and to manage the herd as a suckler herd.

The cows have generally settled

into the system well, the younger ones certainly have, a few of the older members of the herd have been culled though. Present numbers are about 60 breeding cows with associate youngstock. Heifers are kept as replacements whilst steers are general finished, however of late a good trade has been found for stores.

Grazed in the summer, loose housed and fed big bale silage in the winter the system is as straightforward as you can get. Calving is all year round but the plan is to condense it to spring calving in the future. Two home bred bulls, Boseley Burgundy, a Foxearth Claret son, and Boseley Buccaneer, a Mistley Linking Licias son are the current herd sires. These were kept for their milking lines but, in future, bulls will be bred to increase the beef value of the cattle. AI is used for breeding bulls to bring in different bloodlines.

Once the introduction was over we travelled down the road to view the herd. The sun was shining, it was a truly glorious autumn day. First we went



having merits. However as I said earlier I couldn't get Rosemary's cattle out of my mind.

In the Small Herds category I found the competition even harder as all four herds comprised of very good quality cattle, managed on completely differing systems but all having their attributes. Craig Smith's St Mary's Herd, fairly new to the breed and with the future in mind, selling to local retailers and looking to expand, breeding very good animals and very positive about the breed, Terry and Helen Mancey's Moreton Herd, grazing land on the edge of the Peak District, and Trentham Gardens with some first class cattle doing a very good job. They also do a good promotional job for the breed by showing locally.

Rebecca Charley's Ruscombe Herd, comprised of good strong cows with first class udders, selling the beef locally in boxes and being really enthusiastic about the breed.

However my winning herd for the Small Herds is the Hinwick Herd of Virginia and Richard Dawes. This herd comprised of large big framed cows, once more with good udders, and suckling excellent calves. The herd were grazing on first class pasture. There were some excellent steers ready for slaughter, they also carry out some showing which assists in the promotion of the breed. These things combined just about gave them the nod over the second placed Ruscombe Herd.

As I have already stated it was an honour to judge the competition and

thank you to the Society for asking me. The Society offered to pay my expenses however Mr Paul Rackham has kindly agreed to sponsor my expenses so thank you to him as well. As this report has been a bit rushed I will write a full report which I understand will be published in the next Newsletter.



The Underhills Herd



The Annual Dinner and Herd Competition Presentation

Overall Herd Competition Winner
for 2016 Underhill Herd
Rosemary Philipson-Stow with
The President Simon Phelps.



A bright sunny day added to the pleasure of travelling to the beautiful county of Gloucestershire for the Annual Red Poll Dinner, held this year at the Gables Hotel, Falfield, Nr. Bristol, in a beautiful rural area it was a very suitable location for the event. We had a warm and friendly welcome from the staff. Fifty seven members and friends gathered in a pleasant conference room, circular tables, flowers, name tabs and menu choices added to the welcome. The meal was pleasant and well cooked, the staff efficient and friendly.

Lively, happy conversation buzzed around the room, mostly about the merits or otherwise of various bloodlines, which is the best winter feed and how stock should be winter housed. There was also a lot of happy anticipation about the visit to the Boseley herd the following day.

After a loyal toast to the Queen, our Patron, speeches and presentations followed with photos ably taken by Joy Broughton.

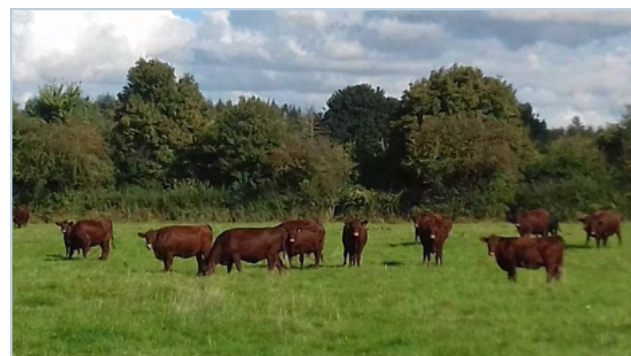
The announcement of the winner of the National Herds Competition was greeted to great applause, Rosemary Philipson-Stow's Underhills Herd. She was presented with the Sybil Glead Perpetual Trophy by our President Simon Phelps. The National Judge, Philip Dale, unfortunately couldn't attend so his report was read out by Ray Bowler. Rosemary also won the Large Herds with the Small Herds being won by Virginia and Richard Dawes Hinwick Herd.

National Show Judge, Ernest Mackey, had made the journey from Ireland to present to National Show trophies to the various recipients. Following his explanatory speech he presented the various silverware which culminated the Breed Championship being awarded to the Hunt family for Watergate Foxglove.

After the raffle Tony Barratt closed the proceedings with a lively auction of a Picnic Hamper, contents included, from the Patron's Lunch on the Mall in London in celebration of her Majesty's 90th birthday, kindly donated by Terina Booker, Heather Taylor successfully being the top bidder.

A very happy group then retired to the bar for more discussion and merriment.

Susanne Bowler



Caroline, Jemima and Simon Phelps



Terina Booker 'modelling'
the poncho from the
Patron's Lunch held on a
wet June day on The Mall.
This was auctioned with
the picnic basket.

