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useful, and ensured that we were ready for the show.

On the day of the show we were overjoyed to be awarded 1st and 2nd in both the junior bulls and maiden heifer classes, a result we could never have imagined at the start of the exercise. The animals behaved impeccably which certainly showed all the preparation work had paid off.

The Young handler classes were held on the second day, once more tensions were high as it had been decided to hold an inter-college competition between ourselves, Easton/Otley, Shuttleworth and Capel Manor Colleges. The judge really put us through our paces, I'm happy to report that we won, yeh Writtle to the fore, and that I personally gained the Champion College Young Handler.

This was a fantastic experience for all concerned and I would like to thank everyone at the College for letting us compete and with all the exhibitors who made us all feel very welcome and part of the Society.

Megan Clifford



Easton and Otley Show Team

Colleges at the Suffolk Show

Writtle University College took four beasts to the recent Suffolk Show, which included two Junior bulls and two Maiden heifers. The team was made up of students with a range of livestock experience, many of the members had never touched a cow, let alone show one off in the ring.

The bulls were given to us well in advance for training, which enabled us to take it slow and introduce them to as many 'scary things' as possible. It was all going well until one lecturer decided to take the bulls out, without their rings in, and being attached to a group of trembling teenagers... as you can imagine this experience was not the best and ended up with two kids in the muck heap, one flat on their face and another flung into the barn after being run around the yard. After the initial trouble, the boys quickly calmed down and were so good a baby could walk them.

The heifers were chosen to be on the show team rather late in many people's eyes, but with a strong and determined team behind me we ramped up the training regime, meeting the cows every day washing and walking to give them as much chance to bond as possible.

When show time finally arrived, we loaded up the truck and headed to the show with nerves reaching through the roof both from handlers and the Farm Manager.



As soon as we arrived at the show, we were welcomed with open arms and quickly formed a bond with the Hunts, Watergate herd of Red polls opposite us. The evening before, with many nervous handlers, we were overjoyed to hear that a practise handling class would be taking place with a Judge giving personal critique to increase our handling prospects. Many thanks to David Hunt for being the Judge and Ray Bowler for organising and managing this. The knowledge and help which we were given was unimaginable

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Year Letter

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Registration Fees

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born in 2016, Creting Gus taking my choice from Creting Gary. He had superior growth and better shape to his hind-quarters. The following class for bulls born 2015 had three entries which was more closely contested, but the two year old Hopeham Fauzie I thought stood out—a very well turned out and balanced bull with an excellent top line. He had a very good coat with excellent colour. The Grint's bull, Andrew Frederick Eros had superior length and muscular development, but judging for the dual purpose attributes, Fauzie had the edge.

There was only one entry in the senior bull class, Lavenham Sir Caradoc, a very well-grown mature bull with good length.

When it came to the Champion Female, I gave this to the heifer Lavenham Brook Primrose over the older cow Lavenham Rhianon. I believe that this heifer has the potential whilst Rhianon is just beginning to show decline in her udder attachment.

The Champion Bull, without any hesitation, I gave to Hopeham Fauzie owned by GP & SJ Barnes. When it came to deciding on the breed champion he was the obvious winner.

The final classes of pairs and groups of three bred by the same exhibitor were of real class. I gave the pairs to Writtle for their condition, and for the trio the Lavenham group which showed the type of animals coming out of that herd, although it was a difficult choice from the Hunts' trio of virtually identical animals.

Congratulations to all the exhibitors and handlers for all their work and time spent getting such a good show of Red Poll cattle. In conclusion, a successful show with good heifer entries but unfortunately a lack of adult cows, but probably best of all had to be the input from the Colleges' young handlers. Well done to them all.

Dick Smith



Hopeham Fauzie Show Champion

Suffolk Show 2017

I was very pleased to be asked to judge the Red Poll classes at this year's Suffolk Show. This was the best show we have had for many years with an estimated 90,000 people attending the two days. The weather was ideal for both the people and the livestock. This was after one of the worst springs we have had in East Anglia with virtually no rain from February to May, and this did show in some of the cattle on display being just a little backward in condition and with an element of foot trouble, sand cracks appearing in a couple of the entries. Apart from these I thought the Red Poll entry was very good with notably a large number in the heifer classes, and a very encouraging number of young handlers involved managing their lively heifers very well.

The first class for heifers had a large entry of 15 so this class was split into two according to age. In fact this very first class for heifers born between 1st January to 29th February 2016 was of a high standard throughout and on reflection was the most difficult group to judge. The winner of this group Creeping Galleon was I thought the best



grown for her age but little to choose from others in the group. The next class of heifers, born 1st March to 30th May, was not so even and I placed first Hopeham Glitterbell who was clearly the best not just in size but in her body conformation. I placed Hepworth Mulberry second, although smaller she was two months younger and I thought she was a classic young heifer who should grow on well. The heifer classes continued with maidens born in 2015. These were all well grown and again an excellent class, but the one which stood out for me was Lavenham Brook Primrose having excellent shape and depth of body. She was my choice to be champion of all the maiden heifers. In the following class with heifers in calf or with calf at foot Lady Getty's entry with Lavenham Kirstie took my first prize having a really nice calf at foot.

Following these well supported entries there was a massive drop in entries for the adult cows, there being only three entries in the dry cow class, and not surprisingly Lavenham Rhiannon took first prize from the Hunts' entry Watgate Erin. Rhiannon at 10 years of age was still in excellent shape and for her age her udder was holding up very well. The cow in milk class had only one entry, Capel Manor's Ironstone Hilary 3, which was a great pity as this class also carried prizes for the best udder and the best suckled calf. The cow in milk class does provide the best chance to assess the cow for her performance and to demonstrate the potential for the breed.

Moving on to the bull classes, although again not very many entries there were some good animals on display. Thanks to Writtle College there were two entries

Council Members



John Williams, Chairman, (Pinguis Herd) presenting Joy Broughton (Nobodys Herd) with the Diana Flack Memorial Shield



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David Hunt (Watgate Herd)



Tilly Grint (Woodbastwick Herd)



Peter Grint (Woodbastwick Herd)

Secretary's Report

There are 30 new members for election at this meeting, six last year, however it must be remembered that 24 of these are students at Writtle, Capel Manor and Easton/Otley Colleges, Shuttleworth students were already members. Therefore there are six traditional members the same as last year. There are therefore 387 members – 386 at this meeting last year. Four members have cancelled their membership since the last meeting, this is due to them no longer keeping cattle. Two long standing Life Registering members have sadly died recently, Alan Cheetham and Isobel Vaughan-Morgan.

I have sent out 40 information packs since the last meeting to persons enquiring about the Society. This was boosted by 18 very positive enquiries at the Smallholders Show at Ardingly.

Since the last meeting the majority of my time for the Society has been taken up with attending shows, along with the other normal day to day administration work. Shows attended being: Beef Expo at Stoneleigh, The Youngstock Show at The South Suffolk Show, where I was Judge, Suffolk, Three Counties, Cheshire, the National Show at Norfolk and the Smallholders show at Ardingly. On my way home for a holiday in Whitby I called into the Prescotts to inspect a couple of bulls which were being collected the following week. It has been pleasing to catch up with many members at the shows together with getting a few new names which

hopefully will result in new members and cattle sales in the future. As I have said on numerous occasions it is as important to keep contact with existing members as it is to get new ones. I haven't been visiting too many members but have been to a few in Essex and South Suffolk. I have been to the four colleges involved in the College initiative to give some instruction on showing and to introduce the students to the Society, all of which has been very beneficial. Last week I attended the funeral of Isobel Vaughan-Morgan, together with John Williams, to represent the Society. Whilst in the area I used my time to visit a couple of members.

I have also attended the Shropshire & Tendring Shows in the capacity of being Judge for the Rare and Native Breed classes.

I have been to a Breeding Committee meeting at Sandringham and a Youth and Show and Livestock Sales Committee at Brogborough.

Bull inspecting and registration since the last meeting: there have been eight, two x M0, five x M1 with the other one awaiting results. The point scores for these bulls have been 162, 172, 172, 175, 162, 171, 157 and 185. I have carried out four of the inspections, two by Denis Jenkins with Dick Smith and Stephen Prescott carrying out one each, the latter being the Junior Champion, Hopeham Gusto, at the Norfolk Show.

Semen sales have been buoyant with 155 straws being sold since the

Best Maiden Heifer

Hopeham Glitter-bell—Sarah Barnes

Reserve

Creting Gallium—Roger Beecroft (Shown by Writtle College)

Bull born in 2016

1st Creting Gus—Roger Beecroft (Shown by Writtle College)

2nd Creting Gary—Roger Beecroft (Shown by Writtle College)

Bull born in 2015

1st Hopeham Fauzie—Sarah Barnes

2nd Heathgate Frank—Easton / Otley College

3rd Andrew Fredrick Eros—Peter & Tilly Grint

Senior Bull

1st Lavenham Sir Caradoc—Lady Getty

Champion Bull

Hopeham Fauzie—Sarah Barnes

Reserve

Lavenham Sir Caradoc—Lady Getty

BREED CHAMPION

Hopeham Fauzie—Sarah Barnes

RESERVE BREED CHAMPION

Lavenham Brook Primrose—Lady Getty

Best Pair

1st Heifers form Writtle

2nd Heifers from The Hunt Family

Best Group of three

1st Trio from Lavenham

2nd Trio from The Hunt Family

3rd Trio from Writtle



The Grand Parade

Suffolk Show results 2017 – Judge R Smith

Maiden Heifer born after 1st January 2016

Split class – 1st Group (1st January–29th February)

- 1st Creting Gallium—Roger Beecroft (Shown by Writtle College)
- 2nd Creting Gypsy—Roger Beecroft (Shown by Writtle College)
- 3rd Watergate Isla—The Hunt Family
- 4th Watergate India—The Hunt Family
- 5th Watergate Ivy—The Hunt Family
- 6th Grafton Molly—Easton/Otley College
- 7th Grafton Milly—Easton/Otley College
- 8th Shuttleworth Genevieve—Shuttleworth College

Group 2 1st March–31st December)

- 1st Hopeham Glitter-bell—Sarah Barnes
- 2nd Hepworth Mulberry—Richard Brookes
- 3rd Shuttleworth Gwendaline – Shuttleworth College
- 4th Watergate Impulse—The Hunt Family
- 5th Capel Manor Greta—Capel Manor College
- 6th Lavenham Brook Starlight—Lady Getty
- 7th Appleton Susan 14th—Capel Manor College

Maiden Heifer born in 2015

- 1st Lavenham Brook Primrose—Lady Getty
- 2nd Shuttleworth Freya—Shuttleworth College
- 3rd Watergate Hazel—The Hunt Family
- 4th Grafton Linda—Easton/Otley College
- 5th Hopeham Flirty—Sarah Barnes
- 6th Grafton Lana—Easton/Otley College

Heifer in-calf or with calf at foot

- 1st – Lavenham Kirstie—Lady Getty
- 2nd Capel Manor Enya—Capel Manor College
- 3rd Ironstone Liquorice 2nd—Capel Manor College

Suckled calf from above class

- 1st Calf from Lavenham Kirstie—Lady Getty
- 2nd Calf from Capel Manor Enya—Capel Manor College

Dry Cow

- 1st Lavenham Rhiannon—Lady Getty
- 2nd Watergate Erin—The Hunt Family
- 3rd Hepworth Tansy—Richard Brookes

In milk Cow

- 1st Ironstone Hilary 3rd—Capel Manor College

Suckled calf form above class

- 1st Calf from Ironstone Hilary 3rd—Capel Manor College

Best Udder from above class

- 1st Ironstone Hilary 3rd—Capel Manor College

Champion Female

- Lavenham Brook Primrose—Lady Getty

Reserve

- Lavenham Rhiannon—Lady Getty

last meeting, of which 60 were to Charles Drake – 15 Fedw Tomos and 45 Lavenham Sir Galahad, Nick Holsey had 20 Bowland Zeus, Old Hall Community 20 Castlefields Nu Duke and Bindwell Ltd 27, 14 Onenfawr Prince and 13 Bowland Ferdinand. Luke Paterson has taken over from his father Alister Paterson and has decided to breed their own replacements again having used an Aberdeen Angus bull on the cows for the past few years, and the herd getting older.

Cattle sales have been steady with a few sales going through. New member Colin Bogie has purchased bulling heifers from Lavenham Brook and Tony Barratt together with a young bull from Tony. Potential New member, William Laird from Scotland, has bought cows and calves from Chris Green & Sarah Barnes. Heifers from Rosemary Philipson-Stow have been sold to potential new member Lionel Mann in Cornwall and to another potential new member Nigel Walters in Salisbury. Essex

County Council's Grazing Project purchased numerous cattle during the spring, this project now has nearly 300 Red Polls grazing conservation sites throughout the county.

Herd Competition entries have been coming in steadily, I have had to chase members in my area, I know that other Field Officers have done the same.

David Hunt attended the Cheshire Show as his second Probationary Judge role. Simon Phelps attended his Probationary Judge appointment at the Three Counties Show. Anthea and Jeff Daw have both asked about being Society Judges. Both have extensive experience of judging cattle, particularly dairy cattle, at County shows and specialist events throughout the UK and in fact America and Canada. They would make excellent additions to the Society's Judges list.

As usual, if there is anything else you would like me to report about then please let me know.

Ray Bowler

I could do with a hand sometimes!



- ♦ Articles
- ♦ Points of interest
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- ♦ Regional tales
- ♦ Handy tips or advice



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

Thanks,
Sally

Cheshire Show results – 2017 Judge: David Blunt

Maiden heifer

- 1st Pear Tree Maggie May – The Bickerton Family
- 2nd Pear Tree Kara – The Bickerton Family

In-calf heifer

- 1st Pear Tree Ruby - The Bickerton Family
- 2nd Pear Tree Victoria - The Bickerton Family

Bull

- 1st Chorlton Lane Fella – Helen Arthan
- 2nd Chorlton Lane Albert – Mick Paddock & Sarah Marsden

Champion

Chorlton Lane Fella – Helen Arthan

Reserve Champion

Chorlton Lane Albert – Mick Paddock & Sarah Marsden

Exhibitor bred Champion

Chorlton Lane Fella – Helen Arthan

Exhibitor bred Reserve

Pear Tree Ruby - The Bickerton Family

Dual Purpose – Rare Breeds - Day 2

Heifer born in 2015

- 1st Pear Tree Kara – The Bickerton Family
- 2nd Pear Tree Ruby - The Bickerton Family
- 3rd Pear Tree Victoria - The Bickerton Family

Heifer born in 2016

- 1st Pear Tree Maggie May – The Bickerton Family

Bull

- 1st Chorlton Lane Fella – Helen Arthan
- 2nd Chorlton Lane Albert – Mick Paddock & Sarah Marsden

Champion

Pear Tree Kara – The Bickerton Family

Reserve

Pear Tree Maggie May – The Bickerton Family

Interbreed

Reserve Champion

Pear Tree Kara – The Bickerton Family

Junior Heifer

Pear Tree Maggie May – The Bickerton Family

Youngstock Show 2017 – Results

Bull born in 2015

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

Bull born in 2016

- 1st Nobodys Jupiter – Joy Broughton
- 2nd Nobodys Jumble – Joy Broughton
- 3rd Nobodys Jedi – Joy Broughton

Heifer born 1st January–30th June 2015

- 1st Grafton Linda – Easton/Otley College
- 2nd Watergate Hazel – The Hunt Family
- 3rd Shuttleworth Freya – Shuttleworth College
- 4th Shuttleworth Florence – Shuttleworth College

Heifer born 1st July 2015–31st December 2015

- 1st Nobodys Inkling – Joy Broughton
- 2nd Hepworth Hazel – Richard Brookes

Heifer born 1st January–30th June 2016

- 1st Hopeham Glitter-Belle – Sarah Barnes
- 2nd Shuttleworth Genevieve – Shuttleworth College
- 3rd Watergate Ivy – The Hunt Family
- 4th Watergate Impala – The Hunt Family

Heifer born 1st July–31st December 2016

No entries

Pair born in 2015

- 1st Shuttleworth College
- 2nd Easton/Otley College

Pair born in 2016

No entries

Champion

Hopeham Fauzie – Sarah Barnes

Reserve Champion

Grafton Linda – Easton/Otley College

Young Handler

Abby Puddlefoot – Shuttleworth College/
The Hunt Family
Lara Cakebread – Sarah Barnes
Raegan Winter-Smith – Shuttleworth College
Amber-Marie Adams – Sarah Barnes



Youngstock Show 2017 – South Suffolk Show, 14th May

It was with pleasure that I was asked to judge the 2017 Youngstock show. This was the first year it was held at the South Suffolk Show. The venue was excellent, albeit helped by the glorious weather.

The first class into the ring was the bull born in 2015. Only two present but both were of good quality, however I preferred Hopeham Fauzie to Andrew Fredrick Eros. Fauzie had more presence, was well grown, walked well and had a great deep body with superb topline. Eros wasn't far behind but didn't walk well on the day.

The second class was for bulls born in 2016. Here Joy Broughton had all three entries. I finally went for Nobodys Jupiter as he was slightly older and was of more substance than the other two, both of which I'm sure will grow on into decent animals.

Heifers born in the first half of 2015. A very good class of senior maiden heifers, I placed Grafton Linda, recently purchased by Easton/Otley College, first. She was a stylish well grown heifer which walked well, had an excellent topline and tail set and just stood out over the others in the class. Second I placed Watergate Hazel from the Hunt Family, again a very well grown stylish heifer but not quite of the quality of the first. Third and fourth places were taken by heifers from Shuttleworth College. These were big strong heifers but a little coarse in my opinion and were spoilt by having several supernumery teats.

Only two forward for the younger 2015 born heifers. This class was won by Nobodys Inkling. She walked well, has a first class body and shows herself off. Second in the class was Hepworth Hazel, from Richard Brookes. Another good heifer with potential but on the day not showing herself off to her best ability.

2016 heifers. A very good class of junior heifers headed by Hopeham Glitter-Belle. This is an animal with, in my opinion, an excellent future in the show ring. She has no faults, shows herself off and has a real presence in the ring. Second was Shuttleworth Genevieve, another good heifer but not just having the quality of the first placed. Third and fourth were two heifers from the Hunt family, once more very good heifers but just not there on the day.

I found my Champion in the senior bull Hopeham Fauzie, with the reserve Grafton Linda.

The Young handler class was well represented with students from Shuttleworth and Easton/Otley Colleges together with Sarah Barnes' handlers. It was excellent to see nine handlers in the ring. They all paraded their animals well and were a credit to themselves, however on questioning some were far more knowledgeable and erudite than others. After initially parading and lining up their own animals I got them all to swap animals around and then parade which is always a good way to sort out the placings.

In the end I gave first place to Abby Puddlefoot from Shuttleworth College, who also shows for the Hunt family. Not only was she very confident in presenting her own heifer but wasn't fazed when asked to parade the bull, her knowledge and understanding under questioning was also excellent.

Second place I gave to Lara Cakebread, leading cattle for Sarah Barnes, third place to Raegan Winter-Smith, another Shuttleworth Student with Amber-Marie Adams in fourth place. Amber had the responsibility of parading the Champion bull both in the main classes and the Young Handlers, which she did expertly, however she was let down by her lack of knowledge under questioning, something I have spoken to her about and I'm sure will improve over the season.

Ray Bowler

Here is my report on the Cheshire show.

Firstly I would like to thank the Cheshire Agricultural Society for asking me to judge the Red Poll classes for 2017. With me was David Hunt as a probationary judge and we both enjoyed the sunshine this year.

It is a shame we did not have more entries to judge but it seems that the World Congress took one or two competitors away this year.

First was the Maiden Heifer class in which I put Pear tree Maggie May first, a very correct young heifer and Pear Tree Karen second. Next class was the older heifers where I put Pear Tree Ruby first and Pear Tree Victoria second.

Final class was the Bulls where I put Chorlton Lane Fella first owned by Helen Arthan and second was Chorlton Lane Albert owned by Paddock and Marsden.

My champion on the day was Chorlton Lane Fella, a very nice young bull and reserve was Chorlton Lane Albert.

I would like to congratulate all those competitors that entered the show for bringing good quality stock to be judged.

David Blunt



Congratulations to the Bickerton Family for being Champion and Reserve Champion in the Rare Breeds Classes. Pear Tree Kara was Champion and Reserve Champion was Pear Tree Maggie May.

Congratulations to Helen Arthan with Chorlton Lane Fella for being Champion at the Cheshire Show. Pictured with Judge David Blunt and Probationary Judge David Hunt. Well done to everyone else for exhibiting.



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.

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The Shropshire Show

It was an honour to judge the Red Poll cattle at the Shropshire show, the first time the Red Polls have had their own classes at the show for over 10 years. The first to come into the ring were the bulls, one from John Williams and one from Helen Arthan. Helen's bull, Chorlton Lane Fella was a very good bull, two years old, well presented and near perfect on the day. Not only did this bull win this class but went on to win male champion and breed champion—congratulations to Helen. The next class cows, three in this class the winner John Williams with Copperridge Alexa a big strong cow showing a good top line with and depth and a very good udder with teats nicely placed a worthy winner. The next class heifers born in 2015, four in this class very hard to judge I gave it to Laurence Dixon with Julaw Poppy. This heifer was a wonderful example of the Red Poll breed, big and strong and not too fat, walked well and had a good presence in the show ring. This heifer was as good as I have seen for a long time, it went on to be female champion only to be placed second by a whisker to the bull for the breed champion. The other heifers in this class were very good and hard to place but finally I placed Pingus Emily second, third place went to Pear Tree Ruby and fourth to Pear Tree Kara both owned by Alan Bickerton. The next class, heifers born in 2016, three in this class all very good but different in many ways but they will all go on to be very good cows. John Williams' heifer Pingus Emily, I placed first, a very strong heifer walked well and was well grown for its age, good udder and a good show ring presence I expect to hear of this heifer in years to come winning prizes. Second place went to Pear Tree Maggie May and third Julaw Quince both good young heifers. The final class, the pairs, four in this class, how nice to see eight Red Polls in the ring together, the winner John

Williams, second Alan Bickerton, third Helen Arthan and Fourth Laurence Dixon. Thanks to the Shropshire show, hopefully this is the start of Red Poll cattle at the show every year.

Andrew Kirk



Three Counties Show – Results 2017

Bull any age

- 1st Chorlton Lane Fella – H Arthan
2nd Pinguis Fredrick – J Williams

Maiden heifer

- 1st Pinguis Emily 18th – J Williams
2nd Abbey Galaxy – Blunt Farming
3rd Mendip Grace – S Tanner & J Davies

In-calf or in-milk heifer

- 1st Pinguis Emily 15th – J Williams
2nd Wheatfield Future – J & A Daw
3rd Mendip Florentine – S Tanner & J Davies
4th Mendip Ffion – S Tanner & J Davies

Cow in milk

- 1st Pochin Illston – J & A Daw
2nd Copperidge Alexa – J Williams
3rd Abbey Blackberry – Blunt Farming
4th Abbey Crocus – Blunt Farming

Champion Bull

Chorlton Lane Fella – H Arthan

Champion Maiden Heifer

Pinguis Emily 15th – J Williams

Champion Female

Pochin Illston – J & A Daw

Breed Champion

Pochin Illston – J & A Daw

Reserve Champion

Pinguis Emily 15th – J Williams

Interbreed Dual Purpose Competition with Gloucester & Dexter cattle

Champion

Pochin Illston – J & A Daw

Pairs Champions

Chorlton Lane Fella – H Arthan
Pinguis Emily 18th – J Williams

Cow & Calf Champions

Abbey Blackberry – Blunt Farming

Exhibitor Bred Pair Champions

Abbey Blackberry & Abbey Crocus – Blunt Farming

Judge: Denis Jenkins

Day 2 - Rare Breed Classes

Bull any age

- 1st Pinguis Fredrick – J Williams
2nd Chorlton Lane Fella – H Arthan

Maiden heifer

- 1st Abbey Galaxy – Bunt Farming
2nd Pinguis Emily 18th – J Williams
3rd Mendip Grace – S Tanner & J Davies

In-calf or in-milk heifer

- 1st Pinguis Emily 15th – J Williams
2nd Wheatfield Future – J & A Daw
3rd Mendip Florentine – S Tanner & J Davies
4th Mendip Ffion - S Tanner & J Davies

Cow in milk

- 1st Pochin Illston – J & A Daw
2nd Copperidge Alexa – J Williams
3rd Abbey Blackberry – Blunt Farming
4th Abbey Crocus – Blunt Farming

Breed Champion

Pochin Illston – J & A Daw

Reserve Champion

Pinguis Emily 15th – J Williams

Rare Breed Interbreed Classes

Reserve Champions

Pochin Illston – J & A Daw

Judge: Joy Broughton

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The RED POLL COW

COLOUR	Red, deep red for preference, though white on the udder is permissible. A sandy colour or any white hairs are an objection. A white tail switch is considered normal.	TAIL	Long and thin and set on level with the back.
HEAD	Forehead broad, face of medium length, muzzle wide and nostrils large. Eyes bright but placid, ears of medium size.	SKIN	Fine and soft to the touch.
NOSE	Flesh coloured. Black or blue spots or markings are an objection.	UDDER	Long, wide, deep but not pendulous or fleshy. It should be firmly attached to the body extending well up behind and far forward. Quarters even, the side being level and not excessively indented between the teats. The milk well and veins well developed.
NECK	Clean and blending smoothly with the shoulders.	TEATS	Of medium size, neither too long nor too short, very slightly tapering and set evenly on the four lower corners of the udder and pointing to the ground.
SHOULDERS	Smooth and sloping and not open at the top.	LEGS	Front legs straight, short and set well apart. Hind legs—hocks set well apart and not inclining towards each other. Shanks—perpendicular from hocks to feet.
BODY	Deep with the ribs well sprung. The back should be long and level with a strong loin.	CARRIAGE AND MOVEMENT	The cow should be an active mover, true and free in her walk.
HIND QUARTERS	Long and well filled from hip to sitch bone and not jointy at the rump end, the buttocks being deep and well fleshed down to the hocks. The hips should be evenly rounded, not too prominent and sitch bones wide apart.	SIZE	The animal should be of medium size, and showing quality.

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daughter out of Pochin Foxton. What a fantastic result for the 'Wheatfield' herd on its return to the show ring after an 18 year absence!

Reserve breed champion was again quite a tough one to call. We were once again spoilt for choice between the two year olds, both fantastic examples of the breed and both that wonderful rich colour that is so much a part of our breed. We chose John Williams' in calf heifer as our reserve Breed Champion, but it was very close.

Simon and I felt very privileged to have been able to judge such a quality show of Red Polls and our thanks must go to all of you who exhibited and to the Royal Three Counties association for their warm hospitality.

Denis Jenkins



Anthea and Jeff Daw winners of the Red Poll breed Champion with Pochin Illston. First show for the Wheatfield herd since 1999 pictured with Simon Phelps, probationary judge and judge Denis Jenkins.



The Daw family once more with Breed Champion in the Rare Breeds Red Poll classes at the Three Counties Show. Photo with judge Joy Broughton

Royal Three Counties Show 2017 Judges Report

I love judging, it is always an honour to be invited, especially when it is with my own breed. As an exhibitor I know very well the amount of time effort and expense that goes into producing these quality cattle which are such a good advertisement for the breed when turned out looking so well. I was accompanied by Simon Phelps who was there to complete his probationary judging and we managed to agree on almost everything although the quality in all the classes was so good that there was very little to choose between them and we could easily have disagreed on the odd placing and both been right!

There were only two bulls forward in the first class for 'bull any age' but what a very good pair they were. Both just turned two years old and although different, they both were very hard to fault. We decided on Chorlton Lane Fella bred by Helen Arthan. A little longer in the back but not quite as muscled in the shoulder as the slightly older Pinguis Frederick bred by John Williams.

Three heifers were presented in the 'Maiden Heifer' class. Again we had three lovely animals forward, John Williams' Pinguis Emily 18th stood out, John has such a deep red colour in his cattle.

The class for Heifer in calf or in milk had six entries forward and once again we were spoilt for choice with such a display of quality. Again it was very difficult to find faults but again one heifer stood out. Pinguis Emily 15th bred by John Williams was for me near perfect. At 29 months old and PD'd to calve in 3 months she was the picture of good health and breeding.

There were no dry cows forward so the next class was for 'Cows in milk, any age' and what a class it was. Seven cows and calves graced the ring and they all looked fantastic. Some very different types of Red Polls with a considerable variation in size and colour but all good. I am always hard on udder quality, although hardly anyone milks Red Polls now the quantity and quality of their milk still remains a vital part of the breed, especially at a time when quite a few of the beef breeds are struggling to maintain their milk. The 'stand out' cow was Pochin Illston owned and exhibited by Jeff and Anthea Daw. A wonderful animal with such strength and depth, a big cow with a well balanced bag and so correct in all departments.

The male championship sorted itself out with only the two bulls entered and the winning bull, Chorlton Lane Fella was by Heathgate Caradoc and out of Chorlton Lane Yasmin.

The female championship was not so straightforward. Simon and I both really liked the in calf heifer of John Williams' and it was a close decision but we settled on the Daws' cow as she was clearly already producing the goods and the heifer merely had great potential to do so. The Breed Championship was a little easier to decide with the Daws family taking the title with Pochin Illston This was one of their foundation cows purchased as a heifer from the famous herd in Leicestershire belonging to John Pochin. A Grafton Lucky Jim

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both animals were good, but both had faults I placed Watergate Erin first and Lavenham Rhiannon second.

All the females were good animals, but I have not gone into a lot of detail as it would be too boring! The female championship went to the Hunts' Watergate Erin,

The Bull classes started off with the junior bulls, born after 1st January 2016, again a very good, strong class with five bulls forward. First prize going to Hopeham Gusto, a very nice well turned out young bull, a very good colour and length with good hind quarters. Second place went to Nobodys Jedi, and third prize to Heathgate Gunther. There were five bulls in this class. Again, very pleasing to the eye.

The Bull born between the 1st January and 31st December, 2015. There were five bulls forward for this class, first prize going to Hopeham Fauzie, who also went on to be the reserve Breed Champion, second prize going to Pinguis Frederick, third going to Peter and Tilly Grints' Andrew Frederick, and fourth going to Helen Arthan's Chorlton Lane Fella.

The Senior Bull born before the 1st January 2015. There were four bulls forward in this class, again a very good strong class. Gerald and Sarah Barnes' bull Hopeham Ego was first, and went on to become the Male Champion, and breed champion overall a very good example of the breed, and showed himself extremely well. Second was Denis Jenkins', Bridgeham Lancelot and third went to Lady Getty's Lavenham Sir Caradoc. Fourth went to Sarah Marsden's Chorlton Lane Albert.

It was gratifying to note here that the standard of all the bulls was much stronger than usual, in this respect I think it makes for the breed moving forward positively. Overall the show was a very pleasing example of the breed, and in spite of the weather it drew a good deal

of crowd interest, the breed had more animals forward than any other bovine breed, and has already proved its worth by some of our breeders selling quite a few animals because of this showing to potential new breeders. The Red Poll marquee had very good attendance, and proved to be very hospitable in the evening especially when Sally Grimwood and company put on an excellent BBQ, enjoyed by breeders, friends and interested people. Our secretary Ray Bowler and Joy Broughton sorted out all the prize certificates and these were presented to the various breeders, which added interest during the evening. Our treasurer, Terina Booker did stalwart work in manning the marquee, and selling breed merchandise.



Tom Daley with judge Jonathan Lyon. Inter College Handlers Competition

Judge's Report from the National Show

It was a great privilege to be asked to Judge at the National Red Poll Show at the Royal Norfolk on the 28th June, 2017. The Royal Norfolk Association pre show arrangements and their hospitality before and during the Show was exemplary.

Thanks must also go to our Red Poll cattle stewards, who kept all the entries coming forward in clockwork order. There were ten classes, nearly all the animals were forward on the day of the show. It started to rain in the early hours of the morning, and never ceased all day. I had breakfast with Yvonne and my chief steward on the showground, and, on the way to the Red Poll marquee, the chief steward stopped to buy a long waterproof coat. I realised it was going to be good investment and followed suit!

We started judging at 8.30 am and it was 12.45 pm before I finished judging all the classes. I can honestly say that no time was wasted waiting for animals to come into the ring, sometimes the next class was coming into the ring as the last one was going out! All the judging slips were completed in the dry in the Red Poll marquee after judging as we had 38mm of rain that day - driving rain!

The first class certainly filled the ring, there were 11 animals forward and, at first glance, it was going to be a problem. Anyway, after a couple of circuits of the ring, then handling and close inspection, I sorted them out into the right order - as I saw it! First was Denis Jenkins', Heathgate Grainne, who was a very well grown heifer, and a worthy winner of the Maiden Heifer one year to 15 months old. Second was Gerald and Sarah Barnes' Hopeham Glitter Bell a close runner up. Third was John and Anna Hunt's Watergate India, ably shown by their mother! Prizes were awarded to the sixth place in the class. I feel it is unfair to place the lower end of the class in any specific order, it is 60 years since I saw as many Red Polls in one class.

The Maiden Heifer class 1st April to 31st December, 2016, a class of seven entries. I placed Heathgate Georgia first, with the Hunts Watergate Impulse second, and John Williams' Pinguis Emily 18th taking third place. Again, a very strong class.

Again Maiden Heifers born between 1st January and 31st March, 2015, seven entries forward. A new breeder, Lady Getty, came first with Lavenham Primrose. Second place went to Shuttleworth College Farms, with Shuttleworth Freya, and third to Easton and Otley College with Grafton Linda. Maiden Heifer born between the 1st April and the 31st of December, 2015. First was Watergate Hazel, second was Heathgate Flora and third was Pinguis Sandra 2nd. There were five entries in this class. It is good to note here all these young females coming forward, a lot of them possibly on their first outing, to get experience in the Show ring, it is also gratifying to see such strong classes with no poor animals coming forward.

The Heifer in Calf or with Calf at Foot. First went to Lavenham Kirstey, second to Capel Manor College with Capel Manor Enya, and third to Pinguis Emily 15th. It is good to see these colleges showing interest in training their students in good stockmanship and bringing animals forward. There were eight animals forward in this class.

The next class was Cow in Milk, or with Calf at Foot. First place went to Mr Brookes' Hepworth Willow, a good nine year old cow, and still wearing very well, who went on to get the special prize for the cow with the best udder. Second was Joy Broughtons' Nobodys Ecstasy, third was Heathgate Duchess and fourth was Capel Manor College with Ironstone Hilary 3rd.

The Dry Cow class. There were only two entries forward, and proved to be one of the most difficult classes to judge, as

Results of The National Show held at The Royal Norfolk Show 2017

Maiden Heifer, born between 1st January & 31st March 2016

1st Heathgate Grannie
2nd Hopeham Glitterbell
3rd Watergate India

Maiden Heifer, born between 1st April & 31st December 2016

1st Heathgate Georgia
2nd Watergate Impulse
3rd Pinguis Emily 18th

Maiden Heifer, born between 1st January & 31st March 2015

1st Lavenham Primrose
2nd Shuttleworth Freya
3rd Grafton Linda

Maiden Heifer, born between 1st April & 31st December 2015

1st Watergate Hazel
2nd Heathgate Flora
3rd Pinguis Sandra

Heifer in calf or calf at foot

1st Lavenham Kirstey
2nd Capel Manor Enya
3rd Pinguis Emily 15th

Cow, in milk, in calf or with calf at foot

1st Hepworth Willow
2nd Nobodys Ecstasy
3rd Heathgate Duchess,
4th Ironstone Hilary 3rd

Dry Cow

1st Watergate Erin
2nd Lavenham Rhiannon

Bull, born on or after 1st January 2016

1st Hopeham Gusto
2nd Nobodys Jedi
3rd Heathgate Gunther

Bull, born between 1st January and 31st December 2015

1st Hopeham Fauzie
2nd Pinguis Frederick
3rd Andrew Frederick Eros

Bull, born prior to 1st January 2015

1st Hopeham Ego
2nd Bridgham Lancelot
3rd Lavenham Sir Caradoc
4th Chorton Lane Fella

Best Suckling Calf The Red Poll Cattle Society Silver Salver

Lavenham Kirstie

Cow with the Best Udder. The East Midlands Trophy

Hepworth Willow

Best Maiden Heifer The Oaklands Trophy, kindly donated by Mrs Helen Langley

Lavenham Brook Willow

Best Junior Bull The Montrose Perpetual Challenge Cup

Hopeham Fauzie

Champion Junior Animal, judged from Best Maiden Heifer and Best Junior Bull. The Sheila Clarke Memorial Trophy, kindly donated by Mr R Clark

Hopeham Fauzie

Championship Rosette & Card and Reserve Championship Rosette & Card for the Best Red Poll Cow or Heifer. The Central Counties Red Poll Breeders Association Cup

Champion: Watergate Erin,
Reserve: Lavenham Kirstie

Championship Rosette & Card and Reserve Championship Rosette & Card for the Best Red Poll Bull. The Perpetual Challenge Cup

Champion: Hopeham Ego,
Reserve: Hopeham Fauzie



The National Show at The Royal Norfolk Show, 2017

Results

Young handler competition

Norfolk Show 2017

- 1st Tom Davey (Easton / Otley)
- 2nd Anna Hunt
- 3rd Thomas Dain (Easton / Otley)
- 4th Amy Carter (Shuttleworth)
- 5th Abby Puddefoot (Shuttleworth)

Inter College competition

Capel Manor – Nikki Swann
 Easton / Otley – Tom Davey
 Shuttleworth – Amy Carter
 Writtle – Megan Clifford

Overall College

- 1st Tom Davey
- 2nd Megan Clifford
- 3rd Nikki Swann
- 4th Amy Carter



Megan Clifford with judge
 Melissa Irvine at Royal
 Norfolk Show



National Show Champion Bull

