

BELTED GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY



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SUMMER
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From the secretary:-

We are coming up to a busy time of the year for the Society in what has been an eventful year. On 30th August our Chair, Liz Wilkinson, and I fly out to Denmark to represent the Society at the bi-annual World Galloway Conference. This is an important occasion for meeting our colleagues abroad and will provide an opportunity to visit herds in Denmark and see how the breed is progressing elsewhere. Next month sees the A.G.M. and sale at Castle Douglas, which are mentioned in this newsletter, and we shall also be asking for material for inclusion in next year's Annual News. After this year's late mailing we hope to return to a more timely publication to co-incide with the subscription invoices going out by February. The membership survey I sent out has been a tremendous success, with around 200 forms returned – a very creditable rate. It has allowed me to update members' details on our database and delete the odd one who is no longer active. I am grateful to all of you who have participated. I am also grateful to all of you who have sent your subscriptions in and in many cases filled out standing order forms. At this point I would like to gently remind those who have not paid this year's sub. that you run the risk of not being able to register any cattle. Members who are two years in arrears will automatically be removed from the database, will no longer be able to register cattle and will receive no mailings. Council may well impose a joining fee on anyone who lapses then re-joins, so please settle your subscription invoice if you wish to remain in membership.

Ian Sutherland

SHOW ROUNDUP

Congratulations are due to Society Vice Chairman John Corrie, whose bull Park Perseus not only took the honours at the Royal Highland Show, but also triumphed at Stranraer and was reserve champion at Wigtown. A creditable performance all round.



**John Corrie and Park Perseus
at the Royal Highland**

Perseus faced some stiff competition, however, from Mochrum Lila, David Bertie's cow, which took the champion's rosette at Wigtown and the reserve champion at Stranraer. The Mochrum herd was on form again at Straiton, where their heifer Mochrum Kestie 2nd pipped Jane Landers' junior heifer Whitepool Melody. Meanwhile, a good turnout of Belties impressed a large crowd around the ring at the Great Yorkshire Show. Mochrum Kestie 2nd again prevailed, taking the champion's position in front of Sir Martin Arbib's bull Howemill See the Sky, which took the reserve championship.

**Judge Robin Murray with John
McTurk and Mochrum Kestie 2nd**

WEBSITE READY SOON

After a long wait the Society's new website is nearing completion, with Galloway based designers www.purplethistlepr.co.uk making good progress with the content and structure. It is hoped the site will be live around mid-September, and, as well as the usual background information about the breed and its history, the site should provide members with a useful tool for interacting with the Society. Members will be able to advertise on the site, download forms for registering animals and other activities, and, eventually will be able to access the data the Society uses in the Grassroots programme for information about cattle. This will ultimately lead to online registrations with no paperwork at all, a prospect welcomed by many members.

ADVERTS REQUIRED

It was clear from the old website that its most popular function was advertising cattle for sale or wanted. The new site will offer an improved facility for this. A prominent link on the front page will lead to the sales/wants section, where an abbreviated list of adverts will appear. Each line in this list will form a link to a full page advert, so people browsing down the list will be able to access any adverts which catch their eye. It will also allow the advertiser to go into much more detail than previously, and will even allow photos of the animals to be displayed. In order to cover the costs of this facility, and to keep the advert section fresh and current, Council has decided that each advert will cost £10 and will be displayed for one month only. The advert will, of course be maintained for a second and subsequent months if the advertiser decides to pay accordingly. In this way out of date adverts will be avoided.

Orders for website adverts are being taken now, so please give the Secretary the details you would like posted, preferably no more than 200 words, together with any photos you would like displayed.

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BELTED GALLOWAY NEWS – 2011 EDITION

The Belted Galloway News is not only a record of the Show Rings, and an advertisement for the breed, but it is also the annual get-together of members of the society from all regions of the British Isles, and all corners of the world. We want to hear from you! Please send photographs of cattle, people and places; anecdotes, cartoons, snippets, gossip, oddities; information and opinion; advertisements; articles on any Beltie related topic.

Our ambition is to write as little as possible, but to let the magazine reflect the members' interests and the state of the breed. Text on memory stick or by e-mail would be helpful, and paper is welcome too. Please help us to make the magazine a wonderful advert for a wonderful breed at a time when its popularity is surging forward. **PLEASE SEND MATERIAL BY END OF NOVEMBER TO THE SECRETARY.**

An advertisement in The Belted Galloway News, which is sent out free to all members, is the sure way to make you and your herd widely known. In addition, extra copies are printed to distribute to potential customers when they make enquiries about the breed, so your advert could be working for you throughout 2011/12. The magazine is a good place to advertise holiday accommodation, animal requisites, beltie art, and agricultural services.

The News is in full colour throughout, and advertising costs have been held. If you wish to advertise, please let the Secretary know your intention by **30 November 2009**. Please send your order with photographs (disk or print, NOT email attachment), wording to the Secretary. You will be invoiced for your advert as follows:-

Colour:- One full page £100; A half page £60 Black/white:- One full page £60; Half page £40

NO-ONE KNOWS YOU'RE THERE UNLESS YOU TELL THEM

V.A.T.

Just a brief reminder that the Society has now registered for V.A.T. and will begin adding V.A.T. to all its invoices from **1st October 2010**. From this date members who are registered for V.A.T. will be able to claim back the tax. Those who are not will unfortunately face a slight increase in their fees, but this will be balanced by the thousands of pounds the Society will save, which will in turn be used for the members' benefit.

Birth notification

Another reminder that, starting from **1st January 2011**, the Society, in common with many other breeds, will operate a birth notification scheme. This means that every calf of both sexes must be notified to the Society before it is two months old. The fee for birth notification will be £5/head, which will be refunded if the animal is subsequently registered as pedigree. Still births and post-natal deaths should still be notified, but will attract no fee. All members will receive notification forms by the end of this year. You may recall that notification will help with verification for T.B. compensation, upland environmental schemes and direct selling of Beltie beef.

CASTLE DOUGLAS SALE

Walleys Marts will once again host the Society's main annual sale on **Friday 22nd October**, and there will no doubt be another excellent entry. Schedules are available either from the market (Tel. 01556 502381) or from the Secretary. The pre-sale show will take place at 9.30 a.m. All show cattle must be halter led, as must all sale bulls (except dispersals). Vendors wishing to export cattle are reminded to familiarize themselves with export requirements, which can be obtained from the market. Entries must be with the market by **17th September 2010**, but late entries will be accepted until 25th September on payment of a £58.75 per head penalty fee. After that no entries will be accepted. Members are reminded that pedigree certificates must accompany every entry. If any members are waiting for certificates for animals which will be entered in the sale they are urged to contact the secretary immediately and their certificates will be dealt with straightaway.

A.G.M./ANNUAL DINNER

Once again the Annual General meeting of the Society will take place at the Urr Valley Hotel in Castle Douglas at 6.30 p.m. on **Thursday 21st October 2010**, the evening before the annual sale. The meeting will be followed by the annual dinner at 8.00 p.m., and, following the success of last year's event, members are advised to order their tickets as soon as possible after they become available at the end of September.

SALES & WANTS

(Apologies in advance to any members who have filled their requirements and shouldn't be on this list)

FOR SALE:- Mrs. J. Eden, Askerton, Cumbria 01697 73332 Bulling heifers for sale.

Mrs. P. Withall, Castle Douglas. 01557 650237 Bullocks for sale.

Mr. R. Warner, Oxfordshire. 01993 822761 / 07810 723313. Cows for sale, 3 – 8 yrs old, dun & white and black & white.

Mr. P. Colbear, Appleby, Cumbria. 01768 985247. High health status bull for sale or swap.

Mrs. J. Taylor, Ayr. 01292 591247. 2 yr old in calf heifer and young bull for sale.

Mr. H. Aye, Germany. 0049 4848 413. 4 fully pedigreed red & white belted bulls.

Mr. A. Crossley, Hertfordshire. 01297 816500. Pedigree heifer for sale.

Mr. D. Henry, Ballymena. Bull, Forthill Buster for sale. Contact Richard Creith 02820 731297.

Mrs. B. Galloway, Gloucestershire. 01454 294825. Bull, Steen Knightrider for sale.

Mr. F. Charlton, Northumberland. 07855 293882. Heifers, cows and young bulls for sale.

Mrs. C. Hawkins, Wiltshire. 01380 828925 Bull for sale.

WANTED:- Mr. J. Harding, Leicestershire. 07788 870855 Bull wanted to buy or hire.

Miss K. Sloan, Aberdeenshire. 01651 806850. High health status bull wanted

Messrs. H. & N. Sloan, Lauder. 01578 750232. Bull wanted.

Mr. Squire, Leicestershire. 01162 598375. Beltie steers wanted.

Mr. P. Whitcher, York. White Galloway bull wanted. Please contact Secretary.

Mrs. J. Hallam, Crewe. 07767 460287. Good quality bull and females wanted.

Mr. R. Andrews, Orkney. Randrandrews@aol.com Two young heifers wanted. Orkney, Caithness or Aberdeenshire.

Remember to place your order for an advert on the new website with the Secretary now. The site will be live in September. Adverts will cost £10 per month and can include a reasonable amount of text describing the animals, as well as photos.