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NEW CARLISLE SALE A SUCCESS

Following strong demand from breeders the Society, in conjunction with Harrison & Hetherington, organised a spring sale at Borderway Mart, Carlisle which took place on 18th May 2013. A show was held prior to the sale, which was judged by Roger Robson (Castlefield herd), who chose Liz Wilkinson's young bull, Poplar Osprey, for his champion. Reserve Champion was Carolyn Fletcher's in calf heifer Barwise Magic Mischief, which also went on to top the sale at 2,800 guineas. Of the 22 top quality cattle which were on offer 20 were sold, with senior heifers averaging 2,225 guineas, bulling heifers averaging 1,137 guineas (top 1,300) and bulls averaging 1,890 guineas (top 2,200). The event was judged a great success, and hopefully more breeders will enter cattle in future at this popular venue.



Liz Wilkinson's red and white bull, Poplar Onthered, takes the ring at Carlisle to make the top price for a bull at 2,200 guineas.

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COUNCIL LOOKS AT OFFICIAL SALE RULES

At its May meeting Council discussed the rules governing Official Society sales. These are over and above the normal conditions of sale under which all marts operate. Two main issues arose from the discussion. Firstly, a decision was taken to clarify the position with regard to Dispersal, Reduction and Production sales. A dispersal sale means that every animal in the herd must be offered for sale – *i.e. none can be kept back*. It also means that after the dispersal sale *the herd prefix can no longer be used by anyone* under any circumstances, except with the express permission of Council. Furthermore, because Dispersal, Reduction and Production sales receive special extra publicity no cattle entered in such a sale may compete in a pre-sale show. The only exception to this would be if the animal is entered in the main sale catalogue and not in the special section.

Health Status of sale cattle

The second issue concerns herd health schemes and official sales, and on this matter Council would like to canvass members' views. There is a growing body of opinion which would like all cattle entered in official sales to be of high health status and many members believe the Society ought to be taking a lead in promoting good practice with regard to herd health. This would make life simpler for buyers who are already in health schemes and would also mean that vendors who are in a health scheme would not be compromised if they needed to take an unsold animal back home. The disadvantage is that testing is expensive and for this reason Council would be reluctant to insist that a vendor's whole herd must be of high health status. A suitable compromise would be the requirement only for cattle actually entered in an official sale to be tested. This would be Council's favoured option, but it is keen to hear members' views before taking a decision at its July meeting. If you have strong opinions either way please let us know before then.

Inspecting sale cattle

Many members will be aware of incidents at official Society sales recently where cattle have appeared in the sale ring which fall short of the expected standard for a variety of reasons. When this happens it can be difficult to correct things after the event with the result that there is dissatisfaction all round. One way to prevent this occurring would be to introduce a requirement for all cattle entered in an official Society sale to be subject to an inspection by the Society before they go through the ring. Many other breeds do this as a matter of course – it is in the interests of the Society and its members alike, and this is another issue which will be discussed by Council.

CHANGES TO THE TRANSFER RULES

Council debated the transfer system at its May meeting and has decided on some important changes to the way it operates. Firstly, because many cattle are sold to non-members the current system of purchaser paying the transfer means that many transfers are never paid for. Accordingly, Council has decided that in future the vendor will be responsible for notifying a transfer to the Society and for paying the transfer fee in all cases. The system for payment will be the same as it is now – i.e. when a transfer is notified to the Secretary an invoice will be raised which will be sent to the vendor

Secondly, it was pointed out that the transfer fee has not been reviewed for at least 25 years, and the level of fees has fallen far behind many other breeds. Council decided to increase the fee to £10.00 plus V.A.T. Both changes to the system will take effect from 1st July 2013.

To sum up:-

From 1st July 2013 vendors will be responsible for paying transfer fees.

From 1st July 2013 transfer fees will go up to £10.00 plus V.A.T. per head (Total £12.00)



*Left : Carlisle show and sale 25th May 2013
Judge Roger Robson with Liz Wilkinson's Overall Champion
bull and Carolyn Fletcher's Reserve Champion heifer*

NEW LOOK ANNUAL MAGAZINE

Your annual yearbook is enclosed with this letter and you will notice a few changes this time. The idea is to make it more of a handy reference book, so as well as all the articles and reports it contains a lot of information which you will hopefully find useful, including the entire lists of registrations for 2012. We will do this every year from now on, so that in time you will build up a collection of herd books. The magazine is more substantial and therefore more expensive, but this has been offset by an increase in advertising and reductions in the postage costs. We hope you like it and, as ever, we will welcome your comments and suggestions.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Cash flow is always a problem in these difficult times, but Council is becoming increasingly concerned about the amount of outstanding invoices due from members. Most members pay promptly for the services of the Society, and it is unfair on them for a minority to delay settling their accounts. Council has therefore decided that, with immediate effect, all birth notifications, registrations and transfers will be processed as usual, but if a member has an overdue balance then the certificates will not be sent out until the account is settled in full.

DON'T FORGET to visit the Society's stand at the Royal Highland Show 20-23 June and the Great Yorkshire Show 9-11 July. Both stands are adjacent to the cattle judging rings.
SEE YOU THERE!

CATTLE FOR SALE

The Society maintains a listing of cattle for sale or wanted on its website www.beltedgalloways.co.uk

Belted & White Galloway heifers for sale in Northumberland. Contact Tim Oliver 07885 672382
olivereastfarm@btinternet.com

High health status Belted breeding stock (all ages) and young bull for sale in Cumbria.
Contact Michael Wentworth Waites 07747 010027

Belted heifers and young bulls for sale in Worcestershire Contact Deborah Powell 01886 812377
deborahpowell111@btinternet.com

Belted bull for hire and yearling bullocks for sale in Cumbria. Contact Natalie Bell 01228 675637
wbrightenflatt@gmail.com

Young bulls and breeding stock for sale – Kirkcudbright Semen also available.
Contact John & Sandra Corrie 01557 820232 j.corrie126@btinternet.com

Belted heifers for sale – Dartmoor Contact Charles Godfrey 07786 061094 charleswgodfrey@msn.com

Belted bull for sale – North Yorkshire Contact Patrick Reeve 01642 778000 urraestate@gmail.com

Young Belted bulls – Dumfriesshire Contact Richard Wilson 07919 185272 raw12b@hotmail.com