



# BELTED GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY

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## SALES NEWS

The Society's spring sales are underway, and by the time you get this letter the **Carlisle** sale will have taken place on **16<sup>th</sup> May**. Next on the agenda is our return to **Worcester** on **23<sup>rd</sup> May**, and with a good entry there should be something for everyone.

## CASTLE DOUGLAS

Just a reminder for those breeders who are thinking of entering cattle for the sale at Castle Douglas to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October this year. You were informed in the January newsletter that **all** entries for the sale must have had a **full course of BVD vaccination** and, if not from a BVD accredited herd, must have blood tested antigen negative. As it is desirable to have females vaccinated prior to going to the bull you may wish to organise this now. If in doubt please consult your vet. All vendors will be required to return a BVD certificate with the entry forms. Persistently Infected animals ("P.I.s") are not eligible for Society sales and should be slaughtered.

A further reminder from the January newsletter – one or two breeders missed entry deadlines last year because they were expecting a schedule in the post. Markets are only mailing to the previous year's vendors and buyers, but in any case don't assume you'll get one. Contact the market or the Secretary in good time if you plan to consign animals for the sale. Similarly, if you have any animals you are thinking of entering for the sale which have not yet been registered you are strongly advised to do it **NOW**. Registrations which are submitted a short time before the entry deadline will not be allowed to jump the queue and will run the risk of not being registered in time for the entry deadline. **The market will adhere strictly to the entry deadline**, so any animals which haven't been registered by then won't be in the sale. You have been warned.

## SHOW SEASON

Once again the show season is upon us, and as usual this will provide many opportunities not only to compete and place the breed firmly in public view, but also to meet up with friends and fellow breeders for a catch up session. Good luck to all of you who will be taking part.

As usual the Society will be having its stand at the **Royal Highland Show** from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June. We will occupy our prestigious location overlooking the cattle judging rings, and everyone is welcome to call in for refreshments, a chat and a bite to eat. Immediately following the Beltie judging on the Thursday afternoon the Chairman will be delighted to welcome you onto the stand for a drink.

Following the Highland Show we up sticks and transfer to Harrogate for the **Great Yorkshire Show** from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Again, we will have our usual prime location overlooking the cattle judging ring and everyone is more than welcome to call in for refreshments and a chat.

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Great Yorkshire Show  
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Richard Wilson and the Adams girls wait their turn in front of the Society's stand (left) and the Countess of Wessex chats to Judge Roger Robson during her visit to the Beltie ring (right).



# NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

## New Midlands group

Another regional breeders' club has been successfully inaugurated, and we are delighted to welcome the Midlands Belted Galloway Breeders' Group. The first meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> February and Robert Helliwell of the Edale herd in Derbyshire, was elected Chairman. Jo Adams has been appointed Secretary. Jo runs the Bigginvale herd, also in Derbyshire, with her father Robert, who is on Council. 23 members attended the meeting, with a further 10 expressing an interest, which is a good start. Among other things discussed relating to the aims of the club were ways to provide a local point of contact for people enquiring about the breed and to assist breeders with information and demonstrations.

Local shows were also high on the agenda, with the aim of encouraging more shows to provide classes, thereby helping to promote the breed. Communication is also important, and it is hoped a regular local newsletter, together with a Facebook page, will help to keep Midlands breeders in the loop. Funding is available from the Society to help regional groups with publicity and show materials, and the Irish breeders Group has already done this to great effect at the local shows which it attends. The Midlands Group hopes to organise classes at Moor Green show on 6<sup>th</sup> September

Finally an **Open day** is to be held by the Midlands Group, to which all interested people are welcome to come. The event will visit Robert Helliwell's farm and the Adams' farm, and will take place on **12<sup>th</sup> September**. Watch the website for further details or contact Robert or Jo for more information.

Robert Helliwell – Tel: 01433 670250 Email: rahelliwell@me.com

Jo Adams – Tel: 07855 814291 Email: jojo.adams@btconnect.com

## Southern Breeders Group to hold Open day

Following its successful inauguration last November the Southern Breeders Group is well and truly up and running, and has plans to attend local shows and to organise events for the benefit of members in the South and in Wales. Among these will be an **Open day on 1<sup>st</sup> August**. This will be held on Dartmoor, and will visit two farms – John Hodge's Halstock herd at Park Farm near Okehampton and Anton and Alison Coaker's Sherberton herd near Yelverton. This will be a great opportunity to view Belties in their natural environment and all interested friends and members are welcome. Contacts for the Southern Group are:-

Chairman- Jeremy Loxton Tel: 07775 943732 Email: meadowhill@jeremyloxton.com

Secretary – Alison Bunning Tel: 01398 351165 Email: alison.bunning@btinternet.com

## Scottish group

The next region to take the plunge will be the Scots. An inaugural meeting aimed at setting up the Scottish Belted and White Galloway Club will be held at the **Royal Highland Show at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**. All interested Scottish members are invited to meet at the Society's stand overlooking the cattle judging ring. The Beltie judging will have already taken place, so it is an ideal opportunity to attend the meeting and to take part in the establishment of the latest regional group to be formed. Refreshments will be available at the stand and we look forward to seeing you there.

Please contact the Society Secretary for further information on the Scottish Group.

## YEARBOOK

Your Yearbook is enclosed with this letter, and we hope you find it useful. Thanks are due to the members who have contributed some very good articles and there is a lot of reference material to help with matters relating to breed standards, registrations etc.

We are also grateful to all the breeders who have taken out adverts in the book – this helps to defray the cost of printing, and Council is keen to cast the net wider to attract adverts from outside the Society, such as ancillary trades. A couple of dozen more adverts and the book will be self-financing. As ever, the secretary will be happy to receive comments/suggestions/brickbats on ways to improve the book.