



Highland Cattle Society

Spring 2016

Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Chelford Spring Show & Sale 30 April 2016
Wright Marshall, Chelford, SK11 9AX
Show 9am, Sale 11am

Native Breed Sale to include Highland Cattle
-1st May 2016, Sale – 2nd May 2016
United Auctions, Stirling, FK9 4RN

Sheffield Highland Fling 1st & 2nd May 2016
Graves Park Sheffield 07816 345774

East of Scotland Club Day Trip 7th May 2016
Visit to Highland Wagyu 07585 007594

Midlands & South Club 25th Anniversary
7th May 2016
Visit to Matlock Bath, Lunch at Alison House
Hotel 01989 750233

RWAS Spring Festival 21st – 22nd May 2016
Highland Cattle Club of Wales Stand at Builth
Wells 07979 150278

East of Scotland Club – Club Show
29th May 2016
Lawrie & Symington, Forfar Mart
01307 462 651

North of Scotland Club – Club Show
5th June 2016
Leys Castle Inverness 07508 830593

The Royal Highland Show 23rd – 26th
June 2016
HCS and East of Scotland Stand
07825 232092

Midlands & South Club – Club Show
10th July 2016
Ashby Show E: kingsmill@talktalk.net

The Great Yorkshire Show
12th – 14th July 2016
HCS and North of England Club Stand
07825 232092

North of Scotland visit to Royal Welsh
17th – 20th July 2016
North of Scotland Club at RWAS, Builth Wells
E: northhcc@googlemail.com

The Royal Welsh Show 18th – 21st July
2016
HCS and Highland Cattle Club of Wales Stand
07825 232092

East of Scotland Treasure Hunt 24th July
2016
Hosted by John & Jenne Singer 01561 320 717

East of Scotland Weekend Away
19th – 21st August 2016
Visit to West Edmondsley Fold &
the Seam Fold 07585 007594

Welcome



As I write, I wonder, is it really March? The sun is shining brightly and the temperature is positively 'balmy', it comes in stark contrast to the wild, unpredictable, winter we have all experienced. I hope all of our members are safe and well following the severe weather of 2015 /16.

Also in stark contrast, visually at least, are the pictures of myself and my predecessor, the very first Highland Cattle Society Breed Secretary Mr. Duncan Shaw Esq. The photograph was kindly sent in by Mr. Angus MacKay pictured with myself at the 125th Annual Spring Show and Sale at Oban where Angus entertained the crowds with his knowledgeable, witty and sometimes 'cheeky' commentary.

February was a month of 'firsts' for me. My first catalogue, my first annual report, my first Council election, my first AGM and my first show and sale flying solo. I had a busy but thoroughly enjoyable time which was made even more memorable with Andrew & Sheena Cameron winning the 'Andrew Morrow' award and Andy Smith and John Crilley receiving honorary memberships.



This spring newsletter contains a lot of useful and interesting articles. I am extremely grateful to Sheila Eggleston, Eggs-port, for writing some very useful notes for potential exporters. Complimenting this is an article from Ken and Lesley Matheson, Brue Highlanders, who have documented their experience of exporting cattle to Finland. I would like to thank Susan Duthie, Veterinary Manager at Biobest for an extremely helpful article regarding Johnes and I would also like to thank Kate Sutton for providing us with an update from Dovecote Park.

Inside you will find pictures of our new President, Tom Thomson, Vice-president, Gordon McConachie and new council members, Sir James Paice (Jim), Robert Tedbury, Angus MacGillivray and John Singer.

Finally, I would like to thank Tom Nelson, Colin MacPhail, Robin Chilton, Robert Phillip and Stephen Hunter for all their help since I started in October.

Animal Registrations

Have you done yours?

Contact the office on 01786 446866 to get details on how to register animals online or alternatively download the forms at www.highlandcattlesociety.com





The 'Andrew Morrow' Award

Two remarkable people, Andrew & Sheena Cameron of Culduthel, Inverness, were rewarded by the Highland Cattle Society with the Andrew Morrow Trophy.

The award is presented every three years and is designed for people who have given great commitment to the breed and have supported and assisted the members.

Andrew and Sheena are very active members of The Highland Cattle Society. Andrew is a judge and attends a lot of shows and sales. He also encourages new people, young and old, to become involved in the Highland breed.

The Tordarroch Fold of Pedigree Highland Cattle started in 1994 with the purchase of 5 heifers and a bull Dalriada of Ballyheather. This bull, from Northern Ireland, was selected by the renowned stockman Donald MacDiarmid (BEM) who saw something that others didn't on the day of the sale.



Winners of the 'Andrew Morrow' Award

farming industry. Their success together with that of Tordarroch is history.

Working as a team in 1996 Tordarroch were the United Kingdom small fold show champions

championships straight off, breeding great calves many of which went on themselves to win show awards.

In 1999 Andrew was seriously ill and this is when Sheena came to the fore. With true grit and support she

One member wrote "Andrew has done more than most for the breed with Sheena by his side. I think they are more than suitable for the Andrew Morrow award. Both have a wealth of knowledge and they are not afraid to share it".

Andrew and Sheena went to work at Tordarroch in 1995 having previously worked at

Glendoe Estate and prior to that Kilniver Estate.

They soon adapted themselves to working with this small fold and working with somebody new to the

and in 1997 Tordarroch won the United Kingdom large fold show championship by a record margin of points which has never been achieved by any fold since.

Andrew and Sheena with patience, dedication and determination made Dalriada of Ballyheather into a fantastic show champion. He won 13

organised the folds continuation, ensuring the well-being of the cattle and farm. Fortunately Andrew "returned to the fold" and continued with Sheena until their retirement in 2006.

John Cooper
Tordarroch

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The Inland Revenue has come to the aid of non-profit-making organisations like ours with a scheme for charities that will allow us to treat you as a donor in respect of your donation / subscription. Moreover, we can benefit from all donations / subscriptions paid in the last 4 years, and into the future as the law stands now.

In practice this means that for every £1.00 donated through Gift Aid we can claim back 25p, so by using Gift Aid every pound you give helps your donation go further. Gifting your donation could hardly be easier - just contact the office on 01786 446866. A significant number of our current annual and associate members are not signed up for Gift Aid resulting in a potential loss of upwards of £3k to the Society.



Dovecote Park Highland Cattle Scheme

We launched our first Highland beef products for Christmas 2008 in the Waitrose Christmas customer order and entertaining ranges, these include Wing Rib, Fore rib of Beef, Sirloin, Fillet, Rolled Rump and Corner cut of Topside.

In the beginning we struggled to source the cattle to fit our criteria which was further complicated by the fact we wanted them at a time of year that didn't really fit with the breeding season! We started with small number of Highland sired cattle from a few producers. Seven years on, the Highland products have proved very popular with the consumers and we now have a small cluster of regular loyal suppliers who have worked together with Mark Blakey our field's person, to grow their numbers, and improve carcass weights and grades.

We have always recognised that Highland Cattle are slower maturing animals and to achieve the best quality we took them up to 40 months of age, which is outside our standard policy of 30 months, this allowed the animal to grow and finish properly meeting the ideal weight and finish level.

Last year we made the decision bring the Highland back in line with our standard policy but in order to maintain availability and consistency of product we have reviewed that decision and continue with the 40 month upper age limit for Highlands only. This helps ensure the consumers enjoy their Highland Beef for Christmas and New Year and keeps them coming back for more!

Over the years we have developed and extended our Highland product range at Christmas time to assist us with carcass balance and include a prepack range of Highland top rump, topside and burgers.

Last year, we welcomed a few of the suppliers and some Society members to a visit to Dovecote Park to see and understand what happens beyond the farm gate, which was enjoyed by all those that attended.

Kate Sutton



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Highland Cattle Society?

There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. Join.

Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hcsociety/> and sign up for free.

2. Shop.

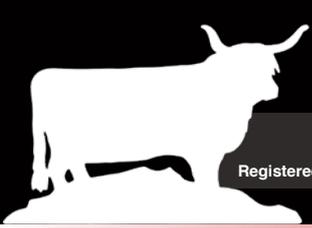
Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.

3. Raise.

After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

Alternatively If you think you might forget to shop each time via easyfundraising then the Donation Reminder will help you. It provides a little reminder every time you shop online. <https://new.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder/>

There are no catches or hidden charges and Highland Cattle Society will be really grateful for your donations.



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NOTES FOR POTENTIAL EXPORTERS

Overseas markets can appear very attractive and readily available, however due to extensive veterinary regulations which vary from country to country, shipping livestock can be particularly onerous and complicated.

The problem is that the rules and regulations differ from one country to another and can be subject to change quickly. This is why it is difficult to "make one size fit all" when it comes to a herd health status to allow exporting to be straightforward.

A first step would be to know the health status of your own cattle, whether these are vaccinated, non-vaccinated or monitored through vaccination. The main diseases importing countries are concerned

about are TB, IBR, BVD and leptospirosis. Johnes accreditation status is also becoming frequently requested.

There are a number of supervised herd health schemes in place although these also vary greatly. A first port of call would be your own veterinary surgeon who will be familiar with your herd status.

Depending on the buyer, some countries demand that cattle are free of vaccination; others can benefit from the protection of vaccinated cattle. Very broadly, the main EU and Scandinavian countries usually ask for non-vaccinated animals as disease – free schemes are in place there; other areas are happy with vaccinated cattle. However a breeder should check specifics before agreeing any sales.

As well as passing blood and TB tests, there is a requirement for a general veterinary health check within 24 hours of the cattle leaving.

To comply animals obviously must be free from any signs of disease and virus. This includes skin conditions such as warts, ringworm, etc.

Exporting will involve at least three visits from your veterinary surgeon, possibly more, together with the costs of the blood tests and documentation, so remember to take this into consideration before making any agreements with potential buyers.

Years' of experience has taught us that every export is different and will come with a "hic" of some description. It may be worthwhile to discuss any potential project with proven exporters first to avoid falling into the hidden traps of shipping and expenses.

Sheila Eggleston
29th Feb 2016

"We have worked with Eggs-Port on a number of projects exporting live cattle to mainland Europe and importing embryos from Canada and New Zealand. The advice received from Eggs-Port along with their ability and knowledge to deal with procedures and protocols has been invaluable. Working with Eggs-Port has been a pleasant experience and of great benefit to our business."

J Playfair, Tofts

Directory of Abattoirs (Horned Cattle)

Our members have expressed difficulties in finding outlets for horned cattle. I would like therefore to collate a directory of Abattoirs or Procurement Officers who are prepared to take horned cattle and advertise this within the members zone on our website. If you have any information that may be useful please contact Sian.
E: sian@highlandcattlesociety.com

Registering Online - Tutorials

This year we aim to run short tutorials at the National Shows (RHS, GYS & RWAS) for members who would like to start registering animals online.
Please ask for a demonstration at the Society stand.



Health Update

Susan Duthie, Veterinary Manager,
Biobest

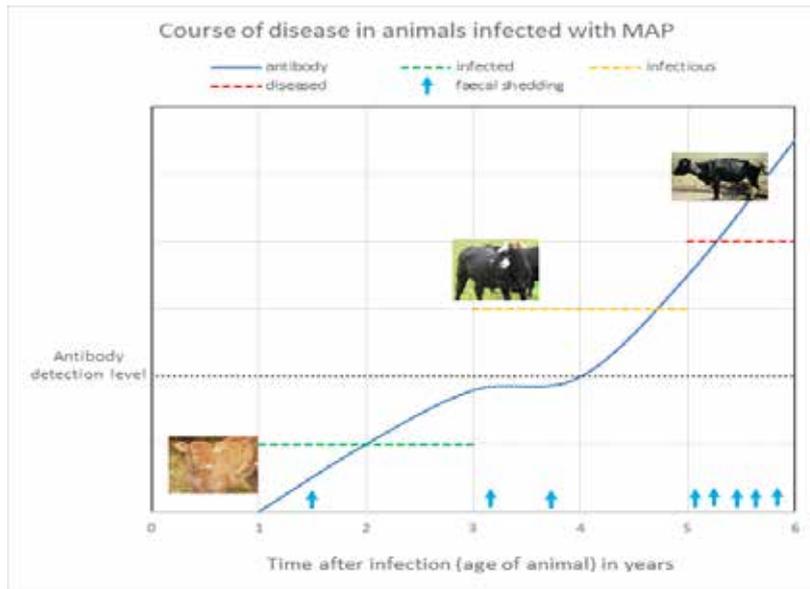
Johne's Disease

The typical presentation of an animal with Johne's disease is of a bright animal that is eating well, but losing condition and has watery 'hose pipe' diarrhoea. By the time they develop clinical signs, infected animals are highly infectious, and shed large quantities of the bacteria that causes the disease, **Map (Mycobacterium avium paratuberculosis)**, into the environment. For each animal in the herd that has this typical presentation, there will be further infected animals that have not yet progressed to this stage.

The graph gives a broad outline of what happens when an animal is infected with MAP.

Most animals that develop clinical Johne's disease as adults are thought to have been **infected as calves** (before year 1 on the graph). The bacteria 'hide' in infected cattle for a number of years. After a period of time, generally years, and possibly precipitated by a stressful event, the bacteria start to 'escape'. The infected animal responds by producing antibodies. Infected animals also shed the bacteria in their dung on an intermittent basis. Antibody levels rise and eventually cross the detection level; it is at this point that an animal tests positive.

The tests that are currently available are for antibodies to MAP in blood or milk samples and for the organism MAP in dung samples. These tests cannot detect infected animals if they have not yet developed detectable antibodies (the blue line on the graph) or are not currently shedding Map (intermittent shedding indicated by the blue arrows on the graph). Infected animals that are antibody negative (in the time period shown by the green dotted line) are not considered to be as important in the spread of the disease as they are less likely to be shedding MAP, however, once they become



antibody positive, they are more likely to be infectious (time period covered by the orange dotted line). In a disease reduction programme, infectious animals are identified by antibody testing and removed from the herd, along with their current calves. Production losses are associated with infectious animals, even though they do not appear to be 'Johne's cases'. As part of disease control, clinical cases should be prevented by removing infectious animals before they progress; by the time an animal has hose pipe diarrhoea, it is shedding millions of bacteria into the environment creating a source of infection for others.

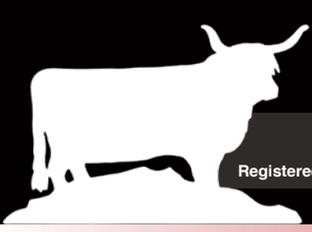
CHeCS Johne's Programme

The CHeCS Johne's programme aims to provide a degree of assessment of animal status for herds selling breeding stock, and contains protocols for reducing disease in infected herds. All herds participating in the CHeCS programme are required to have a Johne's health plan in place covering control of the disease within the herd. As outlined above, a negative antibody result in an individual animal gives little indication that the animal is clear of infection. For this reason, a whole herd screen is necessary to determine the likelihood of an individual being infected. A **whole herd screen** is carried out on all animals of 2 years and over in a herd.

Johne's risk levels

If no antibody positives are detected in a whole herd screen, the herd is awarded 'risk level 2' status. Three clear consecutive annual tests allow the herd to progress to 'risk level 1'. Infected herds are likely to have test positives in a whole herd screen. The proportion of positives determines whether the herd is given risk level 3 or 4.

Herd Status	Definition
Risk Level 1:	Herd has at least 3 clear consecutive annual tests. Level 1 status is associated with the lowest risk source when buying in stock.
Risk Level 2:	Herds with Level 2 status have had one or two clear consecutive herd tests.
Risk Level 3:	Herds with Level 3 status have reactors identified at the annual herd test, but these are no more than 3% of the animals tested.
Risk Level 4:	Herds with Level 4 status have reactors identified at the annual herd test, and these amount to more than 3% of the animals tested.
Risk Level 5:	Any herd that is not carrying out the required testing or does not have a suitable health plan in place automatically falls into this category. Level 5 status is considered to be the greatest risk source when buying in stock.



125th Annual Spring Show & Sale, Oban,

The 125th anniversary show and sale of Highland Cattle attracted a significant audience from both the UK and Europe.

This year's judge was Mr Donald MacNaughton, a well-known and respected stockman who wasted no time in sifting through the show classes and selecting his Champions. The steady trade on Monday saw 20% of the animals sold head to Germany and a further 4 animals went to Denmark, 3 animals headed to Estonia and 2 animals made their way to Italy.

Overall Champion & Two Year Old Champion and winner of the Craig Sellar Trophy and W.Pearson Brown Memorial Trophy for best two year old bull was Coirneal of Balmoral, from

H. M. The Queen, Balmoral Estates. Coirneal is by Prionnsa Dubh of Craigowmill and out of Phiobadh 93rd of Balmoral. This bull achieved the second highest bid of the day, with Tom Nelson, the recently retired Highland Cattle Society President securing the bull for his Glengorm Fold for 7000 guineas. The Roy Cruickshank Goblet awarded to the stockman bringing out Champion animal was Mr Fearghus Ormiston.

Reserve Overall Champion & Reserve Two year old Champion and winner of the Caledonian Marts (Stirling) Trophy was Campbell of Tilbouries, from J & L Fraser & Son. Campbell is the first exhibit from the Fraser family at Oban and was sired by James Beusach of An Sidhean and out of Diorbhail of Oliver. Mrs Jon H Strickland paid the top price of the day, of 9000 guineas to secure this bull for the Cladich Fold.

Overall Female Champion, Senior Heifer Champion & winner of DM Stewart Memorial Trophy was Susan 19th of Ormsary from Sir William J Lithgow, Bt & Son (Ormsary). Susan is by Callum 2nd of Goldenberry and out of Susan 11th of Ormsary. She was sold in-calf to Padruaig of Gildenvale and topped the female trade at 5000 guineas to Mr David Smith of Fraserburgh. The Angus W MacGillivray Memorial Quaich for the stockman bringing out the Champion female was awarded to Mr Alan Bosomworth.

Reserve Overall and Three Year Old Heifer Champion Hazel 15th of Knockendon from Ronald & Frances Fergie. Hazel is by James Beusach of An Sidhean and out of Hazel 5th of Knockendon. She went to the same home as the Overall Champion, Mr David Smith, for 1500 guineas.

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Overall Champion Coirneal of Balmoral, sold for 7000 guineas



Reserve Overall Champion Campbell of Tilbouries, sold for 9000 guineas



Overall Female Champion, Susan 19th of Ormsary, sold for 5000 guineas



Cathag Dubh of Craigowmill, sold for 5000 guineas



Class Results

Aged Bulls – sponsored by The Farmers Guardian\

Section 1, Class 1

1st & Best Aged bull, EGIN MHOR 11TH OF MOTTISTONE from Mr Michael Poland sold to Sir James Paice for 3000 guineas. 2nd & Reserve Aged Bull, ANGUS MOR OF GLENGOYNE bred by Mr Ewan MacKay and owned by Mr Angus MacKay, he went to Mr Parkinson for 1500 guineas. 3rd, CEANNARD 5TH OF GLENGORM from Sydney & Maureen O'Hara, unsold. 4th, ADHAMH 1ST OF ACHNACROISH from Sydney & Maureen O'Hara, sold to Manfred Ruser of Germany.

Senior Bulls – sponsored by The Farmers Guardian

Section2, Class 2

1st & Best Senior Bull, JOCK OF RHUDLE bred by Mr John Warmerdam and owned by Mr Duncan Buchanan sold to Rossal Estate for 1500 guineas. 2nd & Reserve Senior Bull, IAIN DUBH OF GLEANN DAIDH from Grace Noble, unsold. 3rd, IAIN OF MOTTISTONE from Mr Michael Poland, unsold. 4th, HAMISH OF KNOCKENDON from Ronald & Frances Fergie, sold to Mr John Cooper from Tordarroch Estate for 1800 guineas.

Sale Averages

Bulls

- 3 - Aged Bulls - £1925
- 4 – Senior Bulls - £2048
- 18 – 2yr Old Bulls - £2561
- 11 – Yearling Bulls - £726

Females

- 4 - Senior Females - £2573
- 7 – 3yr Old Heifers - £1118
- 10 – 2yr Old Heifers - £1145
- 21 – Yearling Heifers - £750
- 1 – Unaltered female - £200

Two Year Old Bulls – sponsored by MacPhee & Partners

Section 3, Class 3

1st , Two Year Old Champion and Overall Male Champion, COIRNEAL OF BALMORAL from H.M. The Queen, Balmoral Estates, sold to Glengorm for 7000 guineas. 2nd, CALLUM 10TH OF GOLDENBERRY from Mr Alan Kennedy, unsold. 3rd, COINNEACH 2ND OF CORNTOWN from Mr Ron MacLean, sold to Mr Grant from Aviemore for 1000 guineas. 4th, EGIN MHOR 14TH OF MOTTISTONE from Mr Alan Kennedy, bred by Mr Michael Poland, sold for 2000 guineas to Lorne Nelson at Achnacloch.

Section 3, Class 4

1st, Reserve Overall Male Champion and Reserve Two Year Old Champion, CAMPBELL OF TILBOURIES from J & L Fraser & Son who sold for 9000 guineas to Mrs John H Strickland of Cladich. 2nd, CATHAG DUBH OF CRAIGOWMILL from Messrs Brown who sold for 5000 guineas to Leys Estate, Inverness. 3rd, FERGUS RUADH 5TH OF KNOCKENDON from Ronald & Frances Fergie who sold for 1800 guineas to Mr D Fountain, Lockerbie. 4th, STRUAN OF GLENKINGLASS from Mr R D Schuster, withdrawn from sale.

Section 3, Class 5

1st, JAMIE OF CRAIGLUSCAR from Hamish E T Irvine, sold for 2200 guineas to Martin Kock of Germany. 2nd, JOCK 2ND OF ISLE OF BUTE from R & E McMillan, unsold. 3rd, CALUM OF CRAIGLUSCAR from Hamish E T Irvine, sold for 2200 guineas to Euch Estates. 4th, TORRIDON OF GLEANN DAIDH from Grace Noble, sold to Society President Mr Tom Thomson, Woodneuk for 1000 guineas.



Iain Mohr 11th of Mottistone, sold for 3000 guineas



Leumadair of Glengorm, sold for 2500 guineas



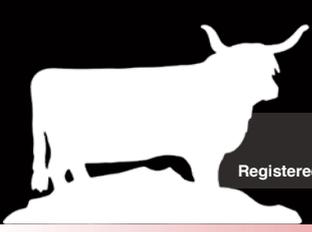
McLatchie Ruadh of Ardbhan, sold for 2000 guineas



Donald Dubh of Cailiach, sold for 2500 guineas



Ceilidh of Mortimers, sold for 1800 guineas



Yearling Bulls—sponsored by MacPhee & Partners

Section 4, Class 6

1st , Best Yearling Bull and Winner of the Dounside Challenge Bowl, CEILIDH OF MORTIMERS from Mortimers Farm Ltd, sold for 1800 guineas to Willi Bange & Sons & H Hoof, Germany. 2nd & Reserve Yearling Bull, BOND OF MOTTISTONE from Mr Michael Poland, sold to Mr Kairo Pilviste from Estonia for 1000 guineas. 3rd, CHALLENGER 4TH OF MOTTISTONE from Mr Michael Poland, unsold. 4th, MACSAUL OF ACHNACROISH from S & I McKay, unsold.

Senior Heifers – sponsored by CKD Galbraith

Section 5, Class 7

1st, Best Senior Heifer and Overall Female Champion, SUSAN 19TH OF ORMSARY from Sir William J Lithgow, Bt & Son (Ormsary), sold to Mr David Smith of Fraserburgh for 5000 guineas. 2nd & Reserve Senior Heifer, PEIGI DUBH 8TH OF INVER from Mr John A Lithgow, sold to Mr Graham for 1600 guineas. 3rd, GRUAGACH 48TH OF ORMSARY from Sir William J Lithgow, Bt & Son (Ormsary), sold to Mrs J C Whitehouse, Sussex for 2000 guineas. 4th,- SUSAN 18TH OF ORMSARY from Sir William J Lithgow, Bt & Son (Ormsary), unsold.

Three Year Old Heifers - sponsored by CKD Galbraith

Section 6, Class 8

1st & Reserve Three Year Old Heifer, UNA RUADH 48TH OF POLLOK from Glasgow City Council, sold to Mr David Smith of Fraserburgh for 1200 guineas. 2nd, RICHENDA 18TH OF ASHMORE from Ashmore and Strone Estate Ltd, unsold. 3rd, BARABAL 9TH OF POLLOK from Glasgow City Council, sold to Woodneuk Farms Ltd for 850 guineas. 4th, JENNY 4TH OF MOTTISTONE from Mr Michael Poland, sold to Mr Grant for 1000 guineas.

Section 6, Class 9

1st, Overall Three Year Old Heifer Champion & Reserve Overall Female Champion, HAZEL 15TH OF KNOCKENDON from Ronald & Frances Fergie sold for 1500 guineas to Mr David Smith of Fraserburgh. 2nd, PRIMROSE 11TH OF KNOCKENDON from Ronald & Frances Fergie, sold to Mr David Smith of Fraserburgh for 1600 guineas.

Two Year Old Heifers - sponsored by CKD Galbraith

Section 7, Class 10

1st & Reserve Two Year Old Heifer, PHIобаIDH 109TH OF BALMORAL from H.M. The Queen, Balmoral Estates, withdrawn from sale. 2nd, LORRAINE OF BALNABROICH from Michael & Sally Nairn sold to Mr Christoph Klinger of Norfolk for 700 guineas. 3rd, SAMANTHA TERESA 2ND OF BORLAND from Mr K Howman, unsold. 4th, SASKIA OF ALLANFEARN from Maureen MacArthur & John Ashton, unsold.

Section 7, Class 11

1st & Best Two Year Old Heifer, ALIS 3RD OF BORLAND from Mr K Howman, sold for 2500 guineas to Mr David Smith of Fraserburgh. 2nd, AMY BELLE OF ALLANFEARN from Maureen MacArthur & John Ashton and sold to North of Scotland Highland Cattle Club Secretary Mrs Veronica Thomson for 1200 guineas. 3rd, CLAIRE 2ND OF BALNABROICH from Michael & Sally Nairn, sold to Manfred Ruser, Germany for 700 guineas. 4th, BEAN RUADH 2ND OF DAMS from Mr & Mrs C W Wilson, sold to Manfred Ruser, Germany for 600 guineas.





Yearling Heifers - sponsored by CKD Galbraith

Section 8, Class 12

1st, Overall Yearling Champion and winner of the Y W Mok Trophy, MILIS 1ST OF SEAM from Mr & Mrs Simon Haley, withdrawn from sale. 2nd, LIZZIE 3RD OF SEAM from Mr & Mrs Simon Haley, unsold. 3rd - IONA RUADH OF CEANNACROIC from Dunlossit (Farming) Ltd, sold to Manfred Ruser, Germany for 500 guineas. 4th, FRAOCH OF SHELLACHAN bred by Lt Col Colin Stewart Winter, vendor, Mr D Dempster, sold to Manfred Ruser of Germany for 800 guineas.

Section 8, Class 13

1st, Reserve Overall Yearling Heifer, EVE 6TH OF BORLAND from Mr K Howman, sold to Manfred Ruser, Germany for 900 guineas. 2nd, BANARACH OF SHELLACHAN from Lt Col Colin Stewart Winter, sold to Mr J Uhre from Denmark for 2000 guineas. 3rd, FRAOCHAN OF TORRIE from Mrs H Barker, sold to Mr Christoph Klinger, Norfolk for 800 Guineas. 4th, TEE PEE HARRIS 2ND OF ARDBHAN from Mr & Mrs A A MacDonald, sold to Mr J Uhre, Denmark for 1200 guineas.

Section 8, Class 14

1st, BROOKE RUADH OF CEANNACROIC from Dunlossit

(Farming) Ltd, sold to Mr A Hyslop & Son for 500 guineas. 2nd, ANNIE 7TH OF KYNEDOR from C.P & M.P Bruce, sold to Mr A Hyslop & Son for 600 guineas. 3rd, PENNY DUBH OF MOSSCAIRN from Archie & Kay Aitchison, sold to Mr & Mrs D Crane, West Linton for 650 guineas. 4th, RAONAI D RIABHAG 1ST OF ARDBHAN from Mr & Mrs A A MacDonald, sold to Manfred Ruser, Germany for 800 guineas.

Cows - sponsored by CKD Galbraith

Section 9, Class 15

1st & Best Cow, ALICE SEONAG 5TH OF GLENGORM from Mr & Mrs Simon Haley, bred by Glengorm – unsold.

Unaltered Females - sponsored by CKD Galbraith

1st, CRUINNEAG 2ND OF ARDORAN from Ardoran Marine, sold to Mr T A Groves for 200 guineas.

Best Pair of Females of Any Age

1st – Maureen MacArthur & John Ashton (Allanfearn), 2nd, Sir William J Lithgow, Bt & Son (Ormsary), 3rd, Michael & Sally Nairn (Balnabroich), 4th, Mr Donald Dempster (Teaghlach)

Young Handlers Class – sponsored by Allflex & Fearing Judge – Mrs Catherine McKechnie

1st – Emily Armstrong, aged 10
2nd – Jayden McLachlan, aged 8
3rd – Donald MacLean, aged 16
4th – Beth Noble, aged 13

Other Leading Prices

Lot 11 - LEUMADAIR OF GLENGORM from Glengorm, sold to Mr J Uhre from Denmark for 2500 guineas

Lot 13 - MCLATCHIE RUADH OF ARDBHAN from Mr & Mrs A A MacDonald, sold to Mr K Hillborn for 2000 guineas.

Lot 20 - DONALD DUBH OF CAILAICH from R & S Strachan, sold to Mr H Hoof, Germany for 2500 guineas

Lot 28 - TOMINTOUL 1ST OF GLENGORM from Glengorm, sold to Mr H MacPhail, Isle of Mull for 2200 guineas

Lot 30 - LACHLAN OF EILEAN MOR from Karen & Michael Macgregor, sold to T A Groves, Dunoon for 2400 guineas

Lot 41 - BRAVEHEART OF MORTIMERS from Mortimers Farm Ltd, sold for 1200 guineas to Blairlogan Highlanders

Lot 53 - MAIRINA EALASAI D 9TH OF GLENGORM from Glengorm, sold for 1200 guineas to Mr David Smith of Fraserburgh

Lot 69 - SGUILLIN 3RD OF MOTTISTONE from Mr Michael Poland, sold for 1200 guineas to Mr David Smith of Fraserburgh

Lot 73 - EILEEN SEAN OF KILLOCHRIES, from Killochries Fold, sold for 1100 guineas to Mr B Wainwright

Lot 77 - BESS SEAN 2ND OF KILLOCHRIES from Killochries Fold, sold for 1400 guineas to Mr B Wainwright

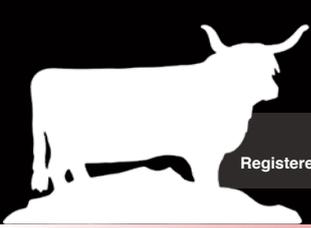
Lot 102 - SEONAI D SINEAG GHEAL 1ST OF ARDBHAN from Mr & Mrs A A MacDonald, sold for 1200 guineas to Mrs D Acella, Italy



Banarach of Shellachan, sold for 2000 guineas.



Young Handlers Class Winner, Emily Armstrong, aged 10



Dochy Ormiston receiving the Craig Sellar Trophy for Overall Male Champion on behalf of H.M. The Queen, Balmoral Estates.



Dochy Ormiston receiving the W Pearson Brown Memorial Trophy for the Two Year Old Bull Champion



Fearghus Ormiston receiving Roy Cruikshank Goblet for Stock Man bringing out the Male Champion



Jim Fraser receiving Caledonian Marts Stirling Trophy for the Overall Reserve Male Champion



Archie MacArthur receiving the D M Stewart Memorial Trophy for the Overall Champion on behalf of Sir William Lithgow of Ormsary



Alan Bosomworth receiving the Angus MacGillivray Memorial Quaich for stock person bringing out the Female Champion



Maureen MacArthur and John Ashton receiving the MacLean of Duart Perpetual Trophy for the Best Female Pairs of Any Age



Charlie MacLean receiving the Dounside Challenge Bow for the Yearling Bull Champion on behalf of Mortimers Farm



Chloe Roberts receiving the Y W Mok Trophy for the Best Yearling Heifer on behalf of Mr and Mrs Haley

Honorary Membership of the Highland Cattle Society



Andy Smith and John Crilley were awarded honorary membership of the Highland Cattle Society at their AGM in February 2016. David Dickson addressed the members with humorous accounts of John and Andy visiting Peebles Show and Balmoral. He summarised John and Andy as great stockmen with a good eye for a beast and would always show something to its best advantage. He said they were great ambassadors for the breed, always encouraged new members and offered help and advice..



National Fold Competition

Following feedback from members and clubs the National Fold Competition has been simplified and the idea of an open day at the winning fold(s) has been removed.

The Breed Development committee have agreed for the competition to go ahead on a Regional basis with 2 categories, a large fold competition for folds with a total of 21 or more animals and a small fold competition for folds with a total number of 20 animals or less.

There will be no entry fee to the Highland Cattle Society and each regional winner of the 2 categories will be judged by the two national judges for 2016, Mr Charlie Bruce and Mr Tom Thomson.

As a club you can run the Regional fold competition as you see fit, selecting your own judge etc. The only parameters are the 2 categories and their size and the results should be sent to the Society by 10 September 2016.



Scotland - Beef Efficiency Scheme

The Highland Cattle Society are encouraging members to take up this scheme in Scotland as it is rumoured that the funding stream may be moved to other sectors if not used. Below is a summary of the scheme.

The objective of the Beef Efficiency Scheme is to assist in the development of your suckler herd to become as efficient as possible. Increasing efficiency will reduce the emissions from beef production and also improve overall herd

profitability making your herd more sustainable both economically and environmentally. This is a five-year scheme which will contribute to a range of improvements focusing on cattle genetics and management practice on-farm. The full impact of the scheme will not be realised for several years. We would expect the principal impacts to be improved genetic selection in respect of growth rates, feed conversion, maternal behaviour, and nutrition practice and disease resistance. Importantly, these improvements will all be cumulative. In recognition of the extra work involved in collecting and entering data, the Beef Efficiency Scheme will pay you, as a participating suckled calf producer, a payment equivalent to approximately £30 per calf each year for the first three years. This will be paid on an area basis. You will also be able to access a free advisory service to assist you in developing your suckler herd and in making the national herd as efficient as possible. To register please go to: ~ <https://www.scoteid.com/bes>

General News Sale Regulations

In line with other breed societies and markets the sale conditions will be publicised on the Highland Cattle Society website and will no longer be printed in the catalogue. This will reduce the size of the catalogue, minimise printing errors, facilitate quicker updates to sale regulations and reduce printing costs.

Herd Books

The office staff undertook the huge task of clearing out the store room in Stirling. During this exercise we discovered a large amount of spare herd books. Please contact the office if you would like to obtain a particular volume. These books cost a lot of money to produce, therefore I would ask that members who wish to obtain a particular volume send a sealed bid to the Society.

Photographs, Paintings and Prints

In the store room in Stirling there are a number of paintings, prints and photographs. It is our intention to advertise these pictures on the website in time and again we would ask any members who wish to purchase a photograph, print or painting to submit a sealed bid and the member with the highest bid will get the item.

Annual Census and Member Update

In order to reduce costs the census and membership update will be issued with the 2016 / 2017 membership invoice along with the newsletter in September. In the meantime if anyone would like any information held by the Society updated please contact the office.

National Shows

The summer shows are fast approaching. Please be reminded that all entries in the National Shows (RHS, GYS & RWAS) must be accepted for entry in the herd book and all pedigree cattle exhibitors must be the bone fide owner.

Entry Deadlines for Society Sales

Please note the following deadlines for entries to Society Sales. Entries will not be accepted after the deadline.

Chelford – 30 April 2016
(deadline 04/04/2016)

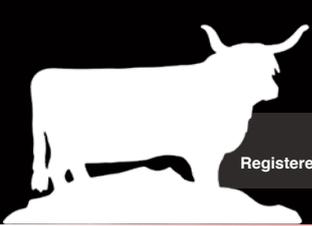
Stirling – 1 / 2 May 2016
(deadline 25/03/2016)

Oban – 9 / 10 Oct 2016
(deadline 02/09/2016)

Chelford – 14 Nov 2016
(deadline – 07/10/2016)

Oban – 12 / 13 Feb 2017
(deadline 16/12/16)

Chelford – 29 April 2017
(deadline 30/03/17)



Pedigree Plus – System Updates

There are a number of changes that have been made to the Pedigree Plus system since November 2015 to improve effectiveness and efficiency and to reduce costs.

Correspondence via Email

Our key objective is to reduce administrative costs. A major annual cost is postage. In the past we have asked members if they would be prepared to receive correspondence by email however we have never had the capability to record this information. Pedigree Plus now allows the Society to record who would like their correspondence by email.

Bulls Eligible for Registration

Some of the entries at the Spring Show & Sale were not birth notified and some of the bulls had not undergone the necessary vet and DNA check. This made meeting the 7 day catalogue printing deadline particularly hard. Pedigree Plus has been updated to identify those males who reach 14 months of age from 1 January 2016 onwards. This means the Society can periodically send members a list via email of male birth notifications that are eligible for full registrations. Similarly the system has been updated to notify the Society of those bulls that have passed the DNA check. This information will allow the Society to contact breeders to ask if they would like a voluntary bull assessment.

Pedigree Certificates

The Pedigree Certificate has been updated to include the DNA reference number. This will give breeders confidence and traceability. Over the last 6 months there have been frequent naming errors e.g. registering Ceit 5th before Ceit 4th etc. Additionally the Society receives numerous phone calls from members

The screenshot displays the Pedigree Plus system interface with the following sections:

- Animals:**

Status	Qty
Total animals	99,091
Registered last 12 months	1,424
Added last 12 months	2,077
Registered in herd book 2014	1,346
Registered in herd book 2013	2
- Today:**

Status	Qty
Animals Registered	0
Animals Added	0
Animals Amended	1
- DNA Check:**

Status	Qty
DNA Check Required	40
Awaiting Results	6
- Online Registrations:**

Status	Qty
Members with registrations	0
Total registrations	0
- Version:** You are running version 2016.1.0. Latest version already installed.
- Members:**

Status	Qty
Total members	4096
Registering members (0-2 years)	370
Active members	968
Non-members	3128
Council members	14
- Judges:**

Status	Qty
Judges	80
Approaching Term End	0
- Member Types:**

Status	Qty
Annual members	702
Life members	138
Associate Members	28
Honourary Members	100
- Bull Assessments:**

Status	Qty
Eligible for Assessment	92
Awaiting Results	1

asking whether they have birth notified particular animals. To alleviate both these issues the Pedigree Plus system will now produce electronic Birth Notification only Certificates which will remain on the system until the animal is fully registered and issued with a full Certificate of Pedigree. These birth notifications clearly state Birth Notification Only and will only ever be emailed to breeders so will not contain a Highland Cattle Society Stamp.

Club Eligibility

Although a lot of our breeders are members of more than one Highland Cattle Breeding club, some breeders are not a member of any club. Work is continuing on the system to ensure all area codes are up-to-date and correct to allow the Society to identify which club the member is eligible to join. This will allow the clubs greater access to breeders and members in their area, hopefully boosting club membership, giving members greater exposure to local Highland activity and acting as an aid to club and Society membership retention.

Consistent recording of Health Status

One of the major updates that is in progress is for the system to accurately record the Health Status of a fold. Currently there is a text field which is not sufficient, or accurate and can lead to misleading data that is presented at the front of a sale catalogue. Pedigree Plus will, by the autumn, be able to differentiate between those who Privately Test, those who are a member of a CHCS approved scheme and those members who are a member of a scheme for some Health Tests e.g. BVD and privately test for other diseases.

Directory of Butchers

The Highland Cattle Society wishes to update their list of 'Where to Buy Highland Beef'. I should be grateful if members would send the contact details of any butcher who currently supplies Highland Beef or would like to supply Highland Beef to Sian. sian@highlandcattlesociety.com



Highland Cattle Club of Wales

The Highland Cattle Club of Wales would like to invite you to the following forthcoming events for 2016:

- Nefyn show on 2 May 2016 (Highland classes).
- RWAS Spring Festival, Builth Wells on 21st & 22 May 2016 where the Highland Club of Wales will host a stand.
- Shropshire County Show on 28 May 2016 (Highland Classes).
- Aberystwyth show on 11 June 2016.
- The Three Counties Show on 17 June 2016.
- Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells - 18-21/7/2016 (HCS stand at this show)
- Oswestry Show on 6th August 2016 (Highland Classes)
- Lampeter Show on 14th August 2016 (Highland Classes)
- Meirionnydd County Show on 31st August 2016.

The Highland Cattle Club of Wales welcomes you to all their calendar events and they will host a dinner on the Monday evening at the RWAS for members of HCS.

There will be other social events throughout the year as well, a fold visit – to be arranged in the summer with a picnic. At the end of the year there will be the AGM and Christmas dinner as well which is always a good night.

The North of Scotland Highland Cattle Club

The North of Scotland Highland Cattle Club was formed in 1992 by people of Grampian and the Highlands of Scotland with an interest in Highland Cattle. As well as being a social club it is a network for advice help and information on Highland cattle. Since its formation the club has kept a membership of over 100 members

from all over the world. The club organises trips and visits that are both fun and informative and is represented at many agricultural shows in the North of Scotland. New members who are interested in this wonderful breed are always welcome and what better way to see them, at our Club Show & BBQ on Sunday 5th June 2016 at Leys Castle Inverness.

Our AGM was held on Sunday 21st February. Thank you to all members, Sian Sharp & Tom Thomson who took the time to attend the AGM. Our 2016 Committee was voted & confirmed: Past Chairperson Charles Bruce, Kynedor Fold, Chairperson Jim Fraser, Tilbouries Fold, Vice Chair Hugh Sagggers, Leys Fold, Treasurer Sheila Fraser, Tilbouries Fold, Secretary Veronica Thomson, ClackRiach Fold. Committee members: John Singer Kintore Castle Fold, Jan Alder Craigeray Fold, Kerry McConachie, Culfoich Fold, Dale Scott, Leys Fold, Bruce McConachie Culfoich Fold, John Ashton, Allanfean Fold & Gordon McConachie, Culfoich Vice President of Highland Cattle Society.

With only a limited amount of seats & accommodation available for our trip to The Royal Welsh Show please get in touch if you are wanting to join us on what's sure to be a great memory making trip from the entertainment on the coach to the show itself. Call John Ashton on: 07768 234589

Congratulations to club members Sheena & Andrew Cameron on their well-deserved win of the Andrew Morrow Trophy.

The East of Scotland Highland Cattle Club

The East of Scotland Highland Cattle club held their AGM on Sunday 17th January 2016. Sian kindly attended to meet the club and it's members, she discussed her role with enthusiasm and the focus of the society over the coming months. We look forward to hearing more from Sian in the future.

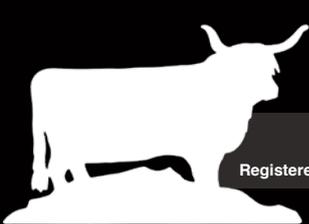
The committee members elected and posts filled for 2016 are as follows:

- John Singer (Chair)
- Bryon MacNaughton (Vice Chair)
- Grace Noble (Secretary)
- Margaret McGowan (Treasurer)
- Dochy Ormiston
- Donald McNaughton
- Ian Adams
- Ian Rimmer
- James Cameron
- James McGowan
- John Lacey

The committee held its first business meeting on Tuesday 22nd February 2016 and have approved a number of events to keep our members socialising and sharing our common interest of Highland Cattle.

East Club events and dates are as follows:

- Club Day Trip – Saturday 7th May 2016
- A visit to Highland Waghu at Dunblane hosted by Mohsin Altajiv and Martine Chapman and onwards to visit a nearby Highland Cattle fold yet to be confirmed. The first 25 members to book will visit Highland Waghu as there is a number restriction per tour.
- Club Show – Sunday 29th May 2016 at Forfar Mart
- Royal Highland Show – Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th June 2016
- The East Club are hosting the Highland Cattle Society stand this year and thereby we are looking for plenty volunteers for the rota and your donations of home baking will also be gratefully received. We will be in touch soon to look for support with the rota, however please contact Grace if you are available to offer assistance.
- Treasure Hunt – Sunday 24th July 2016 at Kintore Castle Fold, Aberdeenshire hosted by John and Jenne Singer.
- Weekend Trip – Friday 19th to Sunday 21st August 2016 Visiting West Edmondsley Fold in Sunderland hosted by the



Braines Family and touring the Seam Fold in Eggleston hosted by Simon and Emma Haley

- Annual Dinner Dance – Saturday 19th November 2016 Venue Red House Hotel, Couper Angus

The East Club looks forward to hosting the Highland Cattle Society stand this year and to meeting up with fellow Highland Cattle owners and breeders. Please get in touch with our Secretary Grace noble gracenoble@btinternet.com if you are interested in becoming an East Club member and joining in with our fun and social events. Annual membership fee is £10pp.

The club also wishes to congratulate our Chair, John Singer of Kintore Castle Fold on his appointment to the Highland Cattle Society Council. We are sure John will be a valuable voice for our club and its member's to assimilate society and club matters. Good luck John in your new role.

We also wish to congratulate our fellow East Club members who recently exhibited at Oban Highland Cattle Society Show and Sale 2016.

The Midlands and South Highland Cattle Club

The first event of the year will be a 25th celebration that the committee is putting together.

The Club Show will be held in conjunction with the Ashby Show-July 10th 2016-Refreshments will be provided by Robert and Sandra Tedbury.

The club will visit the Oakwood Fold in Staffordshire at the end of September.

The Fold competition will be completed by mid-September; the winner will go forward to national competition.

Mr. Poland offered a fold visit to the Isle of Wight as it is nine years since the club made its last visit.

Large Fold Winner: Sandie Tedbury-Hardham Highlands: runner-up T.P.Radford

Medium Fold Winner: Robert Wain-Rose Fold: runner-up Lynsey Trees-Grafton Fold

Small Fold Winner: Emma Dale and Fiona Cox-Chater Fold

The North of England Highland Cattle Club

The following positions were voted for at the North of England Highland Cattle Club:

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Highland Cattle Society 2016 Spring Shows & Sales



Chelford

8th Spring Show & Sale

Wright Marshall,
Chelford Agricultural Centre,
Chelford,
SK11 9AX

01625 861122 / 01786 446866

Saturday 30th April 2016

Show starts at 9am, Sale at 11am

Judge: Mr S Campbell, Cladich

Stirling

Native Breed Show & Sale

United Auctions,
Stirling Agricultural Centre,
Stirling, FK9 4RN

01786 473055 / 01786 446866

Show: Sunday 1st May 2016

Sale: Monday 2nd May 2016

Judge: Mr J.A. McMillan, Brechin, Angus

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Brue Highlanders, Isle of Lewis, Export to Finland!

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The Spring 2015 Highland Cattle Society Newsletter carried an article written by Finnish Highland Cattle Breeder, Riikka Palonen, who owns the Brunnila Pedigree Highland Fold, in Köyliö, in south-west Finland. The article highlighted that since 1994,

through traditional auction sales and all private purchases can only be from elite health folds which are then subjected to strict export quarantine procedures involving rigorous disease testing and detailed travel regulations.

After Kenny and Lesley Matheson, Brue Highlanders, Isle of Lewis,

Said Lesley Matheson of the Brue Fold, 'It is amazing to see the young bulls, after over two months of quarantine and testing, followed by a 3-day sea journey from Hull, across the North Sea and up through the Baltic Sea to Helsinki, and a final 3 hour road trip to Riikka's farm in Köyliö, looking so clean, relaxed and

Riikka Palonen with her 3 young Brue bulls on her farm in Finland in early March 2016!



the number of Finnish Highland Cattle Folds had risen from nil to 450 and rising. This high demand for the breed presented an urgent challenge to source new bloodlines to maintain the high health and vigour of the nation's Highland cattle stock.

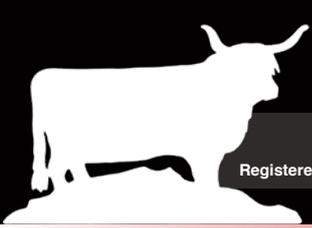
Finland has an extremely high animal health reputation and requires all stock imports to be scrutinised very closely and the importer is held personally and financially responsible to the Finnish state for the health of imported stock. This means that, presently, Finns are unable to purchase stock

contacted Riikka, she travelled to Lewis to see the stock they had for sale for herself, and the deal was done. A future article will tell the story of what was required to successfully manage the export. It involved the UK quarantine holding of Simon and Emma Haley, Seam Fold, Co Durham, local and ministry vets and export personnel, 5 road section journeys, 2 ferry trips, one overnight rest stop (Scotland) and one rest stop (Finland), three stock handlers/transporters with bio security vigilance a constant requirement every mile of the way.

munching away happily on the best of Finnish meadow hay. We have no concerns for their future welfare as they have gone to an experienced breeder and we look forward to receiving reports on their progress.'

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Sell your animals on the Society Website
£10 plus vat for text
£15 plus vat for text and photo
email Helen on
info@highlandcattlesociety.com
Please note payment must be received prior to the advert going live



Lottery Winner

The winner of the Highland Cattle Society Lottery prize of £1000 is Mr J G Mitchell of Idvies Estate, 6 Braehead Road, Letham, Forfar.

Autumn Workshop

The Highland Cattle Society will hold an Autumn workshop for all members in early September 2016. The aim of the day is to focus on two or three current topics such as Health, DNA capabilities and The Future of Beef.

Further information will be posted on the Highland Cattle Society website and emailed to members.

New Council Members

Four new members were elected to Council in February 2016. Sir James Paice (Jim), Mr Robert Tedbury, Mr John Singer and Mr Angus MacGillivray.



New Council Members: Angus MacGillivray, Robert Tedbury, Jim Paice and John Singer



Retired Council Members: Colin MacPhail, Stephen Hunter, Robert Phillip and Robin Chilton

Retiring Council Members

Colin MacPhail, Robert Phillip, Robin Chilton and Stephen Hunter retired from council in 2016. The Society would like to thank them for all their hard work during their term of office.

Judges Reports

Please could all judges send their 2015 show reports for the Journal to the office by 15 April 2016.



Vice President Gordon McConachie & President Tom Thomson

New President & Vice-President

At the AGM held on Saturday 13th February 2016 Mr Tom Nelson of Glengorm handed over the reins to Mr Tom Thomson of Woodneuk. Tom is the 3rd member of the Thomson family to hold the position of President of the Highland Cattle Society. Duly elected to Vice-President is Mr Gordon McConachie of Insch, Aberdeenshire



Major sponsor of the Highland Cattle Society in 2016