



White Park Cattle Society

Autumn Newsletter

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Dear Member

Since the previous newsletter we have organised two well-attended events, our Bull Sale on 18 May saw all lots sold following keen bidding and on 15 June our AGM in Corfe Castle was a fantastic day in a beautiful area of the country. Reports on both events appear in the newsletter.

We have another sale coming up on 20 September – council member John Barker is retiring from farming and is selling his “Collegewood” herd via Thame Market. Early indications show that this will be a popular event amongst members and potential new members.

We will shortly be establishing a monthly email to members to include the link to the NARDIS parasite forecast plus any White Park news or industry news. If you have not yet forwarded your email address to the Society please do so to enable you to receive this update.

Finally, we are always pleased to hear from you with suggestions for articles for the newsletter – the article on page 7 and 8 was a suggestion from a member.

Best wishes

Jane

Jane Hampson
Breed Secretary

Bull Sale – 18 May - Worcester Livestock Market



We started the summer season with our pedigree sale at Worcester livestock market in mid-May. All 11 females and 7 bulls were sold following keen bidding. The highest price of the day of 2000 guineas was made by Ribblesdale Terminator, owned by David Graveston, who was bought by fellow member Frank Sutton.

The first three lots of the sale – three females with calves at foot - were bought by our newest members, Gareth and Kate Jones of Worcestershire, who are establishing a White Park herd for the first time.

We would like to think that this will become an annual event – if you have any comments please forward them to Jane at the office.

Opportunity for a young cattle handler

Do you know of a young person interested in working with cattle?

Do you know of a young person who is keen to enter the cattle industry but would like some more experience of handling stock?

White Park Council member David Graveston has offered to host a keen young person at his farm in Lancashire for a weekend in order to give them the opportunity to work with White Park cattle and try some halter training. It is possible that the visit could be arranged to co-incide with one of David's visits to a local show or sale.

If you would like more information please contact David on ribblepark@hotmail.co.uk

AGM – 15 June – Corfe Castle, Dorset

Corfe Castle on the Isle of Purbeck in Dorset was the beautiful setting for our AGM in mid-June. The village hall proved an excellent location for the morning meeting when over 40 members attended to take part in the open forum and listen to a presentation on managing a high health herd, given by David Coombs, a local vet.



Following the meeting members travelled a few miles up the road to visit the large Wytch herd own by Richard and Carol Pitman. We were treated to some fantastic views of the coastline as we toured part of the farm by trailer in bright sunshine. After returning to the farm yard Carol served a range of delicious home-made cakes and tea before we took part in a stock judging exercise run by David Graveston. David's view on the four young males and four females caused some debate amongst members!



The event was rounded off with an evening meal at the Isle of Purbeck golf club where we had a private three-course meal in the restaurant that overlooked the course. Once again the views of the coastline were breathtaking and as the sun set for the evening the deer came out to graze on the precious greens!



During the AGM members present were asked for their views about visiting Scotland for next year's meeting. It was suggested that we could tie in our visit with the Royal Highland Show during the third week of June. If you have any views on this suggestion please forward them to Jane at the office.



Once the final decision on the date and location of our AGM for 2014 is known this will be publicised to all members.





Council members for 2013

During the AGM it was announced that Debbie Dann and Jonathan Douglas-Hughes have decided not to stand for re-election to the Council due to time constraints.

We would like to pass on our thanks to Debbie and Jonathon for the time they have devoted to Council meetings over several years and for their informed contribution to debates.

John Barker and David Appleyard stood for re-election to Council and David Graveston was nominated as a full member following his co-option last year.

The members of Council for 2013/14 now comprise:

Alistair Black (Chairman)
Lawrence Alderson (President)
James Gill (Treasurer)
David Appleyard
John Barker
Anthony Milner
John Lean
David Bradley
John Carrick
Roy Critchlow
Frank Sutton
David Graveston

"Thank you to Debbie Dann and Jonathan Douglas Hughes for their contribution to Council proceedings over several years"

We still have one spare place on Council and would love to hear from a member who would be interested in joining the board. Three meetings a year are held in south Warwickshire (March, September and November) with the fourth meeting being held before the AGM.

Bulls for sale

Carmarthenshire

Gelli-Coed-Moonbeam - born July 2011, an excellent looking pedigree White Park Bull from an organically run, TB free farm. His sire is a Pass Plus graded bull named Gelli-Goed-Milo who is still on the farm.

For more information please contact Jeff Thomas on 075450 11130

Essex

Lowergreen Larch - born in March 2011 and sired by Hale Kenneth. Larch is a Pass Plus bull and is well marked.

For further information please telephone Mark McLoughlin on 01371 850446

East Lothian

Cadzow Hamish

Newly registered young bull, Pass+ Born 21/03/2011.

Sired by Bonaccord William, out of a good cow Cadzow Emily.

TB clear herd – tested every 4 years.

For further information please contact Keith Stuart 07836 695 954 or hfe.ltd@btinternet.com

Cheshire/Wales border

3 young newly registered bulls Teilo Cadwgan, Cadyryeith and Cadfan – all born mid-2011 and sired by Smoile Norman.

Also Bonaccord Ben – born May 2006, sired by Bonnaccord William. Ben will be available for sale or exchange as of 15th October 2013.

Viewing at Chirk Castle by appointment. Please contact Guy Myddelton on 07802 393002, or enquiries@myddelton-estates.com.

Dorset

A newly registered bull from the Broom herd. Born in May 2011. Sire is Hale Ferdinand and dam is Broom Iona. Please contact Dan Hunt on 07798 625545

Dispersal sale – Thame market – 20 September

Council member John Barker has decided that it is time to take life at a different pace and will be selling his entire herd of White Parks through Thame Market on Friday 20 September.



Collegewood Herd

The Collegewood herd comprises a stock bull (Catfield Ivan), 37 cows and heifers who have been run with the bull, 10 yearling heifers, 2 non registered heifers and 6 two year old steers.

The management policy has been to keep the cattle outdoors at all times. No concentrates have been fed - the herd's diet has been grazing with hay being fed between January and March. The selection policy has been based on the female's ability to cope with the regime and rear a calf on a regular basis. Since 2000 the herd has been resident in an old deer park on the Chilterns with weaned calves being reared on Thameside pastures.

This sale will be an exciting opportunity to buy up some quality stock so we hope that many members, and potential new members, will be in attendance with their cheque books.

New promotional leaflet



An updated A5 promotional leaflet on the White Park breed has just been produced. If you would like some copies to display at open days or at shows please contact Jane at the office. The leaflet can either be emailed to you or printed copies sent through the post.

Information on bulls available for AI

There are several White Park bulls whose semen is available for AI and some members have requested some background information on the bulls to enable them to make a more informed choice. Information on their parents, size and colour appears below, if you would like to receive a full pedigree on any of the bulls please contact Jane at the office.

Available from the White Park Cattle Society

Crane Majestic – born April 2009

Sire: Pike Betane

Dam: Crane Hermione

A pass plus bull, well marked and a good dual purpose bull



Dynevor Talisman – born August 1998

Sire: Dynevor Taoiseach

Dam: Dynevor Tawe 29

A big, long bull line bred to Torpedo. Pale in colour.

Available from the Rare Breeds Survival Trust

Tel: Clare Barber on 02476 698762

Dynevor Rampant – born June 1987

Sire: Dynevor Troubadour

Dam: Dynevor Rachel 30th

A big bull with a high rating; he was pale in colour (photo in "A Breed of Distinction" page 156).

Smoile Albert – born July 1990

Sire: Chartley Garth

Dam: Ash Satin

A medium-sized/small bull, well marked



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Smoile Butler – born March 1997

Sire: Tilgate Hector
Dam: Smoile Bubbles
A medium-sized bull, well marked

Nemea Albion – born April 1985

Sire: Chartley Gregory
Dam: Chartley Lottie
A rather heavy-fronted bull; good colour (photo in “A Breed of Distinction” page 49)

Toddington Daniel – born April 1984

Sire: RASE Brutus
Dam: Dynevor Tawe 9th
A medium/large long bull, pale in colour (photo in “A Breed of Distinction” page 49)

Toddington Adam – born May 1982

Sire: RASE Brutus
Dam: Appleby Anise
A medium-sized bull; pale but bred true for the WP colour pattern

And finally**Breeding advice**

The Society has just started offering a service to members to calculate inbreeding and founder effect, both essential procedures to assist selection of breeding stock and planning of matings. Please contact the office for further details if you wish to use this service.