

Salers Cattle Society of the UK Ltd

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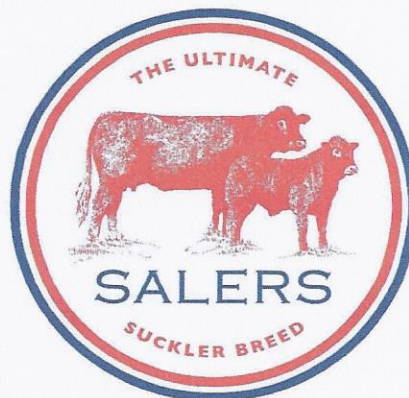
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**Autumn
2015**

NEWSLETTER

Coming up in 2015

Welshpool Sale

17 October

Agri Expo Carlisle

30 October

Castle Douglas Sale

6-7 November

Beef South West

11 November

Beef N/Ireland

14 November

Welsh Winter Fair

30 Nov-1 Dec

**AGM
IN THE
MARKET CAFÉ
CASTLE DOUGLAS
3 PM, 6 NOVEMBER**

**GET YOUR
TICKETS TO THE
ANNUAL
PRESENTATION
DINNER
6 NOVEMBER
HELD AT THE
MARKET INN
CASTLE DOUGLAS**

**Info & reminders
are now being sent
via email, if you
don't want to miss
out on this service
let me have your
details!**

**You can pay on line
now, use your herd
ref as the reference
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A strange year weather wise, but what a tremendous year for Salers. The cattle are now growing in popularity and are no longer "unheard" of.

Salers are bucking the trend and increasing throughout the UK. The figures prove it! More on this at our AGM.

Another successful round of events in 2015. It has been wonderful to meet past, current and new members. As always we appreciate the time and effort of our members at these events, without them we cannot showcase the breed.

The council continues to work hard to promote the breed and with lots of success. So keep breeding those cattle, we know heifers are wanted but to create decent heifers you need good bulls—don't forget from January 2016 all stock bulls must be DNA tested (test kits via the secretary). Calves born in 2016 will need to be from a tested bull for registration purposes.

Please support the events coming up, especially the autumn sales at Welshpool and Castle Douglas.

Now for an update on Breedplan.....

IMPROVEMENTS TO BREEDPLAN

From Terence Pye

Firstly, we can tell you that a good proportion of members are now using the online system for their registrations. We are grateful for the feedback we've had from members which has enabled us to make some improvements. Please continue to let Liz know if you experience any problems or have a suggestion for an improvement. The user guide on the Society website has been updated accordingly, so please take another look at it.

The number of members using the system to intimate their commercial calves (or dead calves) is also increasing. Though we won't see the benefits of this for some time, the potential power of this information to make very favourable comparisons with other breeds is enormous, and the more we have a complete calving history of our registered cows, the sooner we can turn this information to advantage.

Herd Book Number:

Before the advent of BCMS, passports etc., breed societies were obliged to create unique herd book numbers for each register animal. Now that each animal has a unique official ear tag, the need for a separate reference number has become redundant, and several other breed societies have already changed to using the official tag number as the animals herd book number. Following a decision by Council and with immediate effect, we also will cease to create a separate herd book number, and will use the official ear tag for this purpose.

Sire DNA testing:

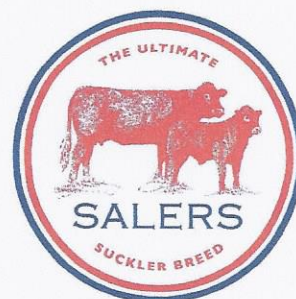
Members are already submitting samples for DNA parentage profiling so that they will be ready to meet our new rule requiring all registered calves to have a sire with a DNA test on file. Once these have been notified to our Secretary, the information is recorded in Breedplan, and members can check if a particular bull already has a DNA test by looking for the DNA Case No line on the Animal Enquiry screen, see overleaf. If the bull hasn't got a DNA test recorded with the Society, then this line will not appear.

**WELSHPOOL SHOW AND SALE 17 OCTOBER—01938 553438 FOR INFO/CATALOGUE
CASTLE DOUGLAS SHOW AND SALE 6-7 NOVEMBER—01556 502381 FOR INFO/CATALOGUE
HERD HEALTH APPLIES TO BOTH SALES
BVD FREE, JOHNES MONITORING, HERD HEALTH MEMBER**

**Adverts required for the 2016 Journal
deadline 31 December.**

**If you have any articles for submission then please
forward them as soon as possible.**

**Don't forget the annual dinner 6 November,
tickets from the secretary.**



UK Salers Animal Details

Rigel Orlando

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HB No.:	PYE2008071
Official Tag:	UK122086100978
Sex:	Male
Birth Date:	04/06/2008
Registration Status:	Registered
Animal Status:	Active
Grade:	Full Blood
Breeder:	Rigel Pedigree
Current Owner:	Mr. & Mrs. M. Light
Colour:	Red
Horn:	Horned
DNA Case No.:	112713025226
BetaM Status:	NP
Progeny:	[54 - View] [View by Herd]

If you wish to join the Performance Recording Scheme and haven't received anything from Barbara, then please contact her on 01738 622478 or by email barbara@breedplan.co.uk to get involved.

Don't forget, even if you don't want to join the Performance Recording Scheme, you can still make a very important contribution by ensuring that all calvings from your registered females are recorded via an intimation or a registration, AND that for each calving you record the birth weight and calving ease.

Finally, now we have Breedplan, we have the technology to make the next significant step in the advancement of the breed. Success depends on gaining widespread involvement from our members, so don't hesitate to contact either Barbara or Liz or me if you have any queries or wish to discuss any aspect of Breedplan and/or Performance Recording. Terence Pye Sept 2015

AGM

The annual general meeting of the Salers Society of the UK takes place on 6 November at 3pm in the Market Café at Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas. Please find enclosed with this newsletter the papers for this meeting. A full set of accounts is available on the Charities Commission website www.charity-commission.gov.uk charity number 1115115 or by request of the secretary.

Annual Presentation Dinner

Please advise if you will be attending the dinner at the Market Inn on Friday evening 6 November. There is limited seating and tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis. At this event we will announce the winners of the Animals of the Year (forms enclosed) so if you have taken animals to shows this year then fill in the form and send it off.

PERFORMANCE RECORDING

The strength of demand for Salers that we have enjoyed in recent years is a reflection of the great efforts of the Society and the members to make British suckler and dairy farmers aware of the unique benefits our breed offers. To reinforce this success we now need to be able to provide much more hard data on the performance of our breed and also generate EBVs to assist our breeders and our customers select the right animals for their enterprise. To this end, we need to gather a significant number of weighing from across our membership to allow the Breedplan system to produce reliable EBVs.

Our goal is to have EBVs available for the Spring Sales next year. The end of November is the deadline to collect and submit as much data as we can to give ABRI time to process and analyse this.

Those members who have previously indicated their interest in joining the Performance Recording Scheme operated by Pedigree Cattle Services for the Society will have recently received weigh sheets and a guide to completing them from Barbara Webster. Barbara will input your weights from previous years to give us the best chance of creating reliable EBVs. She has sent out

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**DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE 4 JANUARY 2016 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
THE REDUCED AMOUNT OF £60; PAYMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE ARE NORMAL RATE £66.
CHECK YOUR STANDING ORDERS ARE THE RIGHT AMOUNT.**