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COUNCIL MEETING

Council had an additional meeting in July 2020 to discuss the arrangements for the Autumn sales and met for the official Council meeting on 6 September 2020.

WELSHPOOL

The Autumn sale in Welshpool will take place on Saturday 10th October 2020. There will be a vet inspection between 7.00am and 8.00am. The sale will commence at 11.00am. The catalogue is now available to view online. Potential purchasers MUST REGISTER with Welshpool Livestock Sales Ltd prior to the sale and again upon entry to the market Tel: 01938 553 438 or email:

info@welshpoolsmithfield.co.uk Please remember that purchaser spaces will be limited, so only ONE person per business will be allowed entry. Children under 16 years old are NOT permitted to attend the sales and this must be strictly adhered to as entry will be refused. Pregnant ladies must NOT attend the sale and 2m social distancing must be observed. Viewing will be regulated by a social distancing policy and entry to the mart is to be permitted for registered buyers only. Face coverings must be worn by all customers (buyers & sellers) attending the indoor areas of our market. If you are found not complying with the rules, you will be asked to leave. To facilitate the Test and Trace system, all customers/visitors will be

required to sign into the market. This process will include a declaration that they have not been in contact with anyone displaying symptoms of COVID-19, nor are displaying symptoms personally. Hand sanitiser stations will be available throughout the mart; however, it is strongly recommended that both consignors and buyers have an adequate personal supply and to use it regularly. Finally there will be NO private videoing/broadcasting on social media, or phones etc. in the pens or the sale ring.

CASTLE DOUGLAS

It is highly likely similar COVID-19 regulations will be adopted at Castle Douglas; these will be advertised nearer the time. The vet and society inspection will take place at 4pm on Friday 6th November 2020. On Saturday 7th November 2020 commercials will be judged in the pens at 8.30am. There will be a class by class parade at 10.00am and the sale will commence at 11.00am. Please note there will be a small break between the end of the commercial sale and start of the pedigree sale to maximise room for buyers in the sale ring and tic tac areas.

AGM

The current COVID-19 regulations in Scotland may force Council to find an alternative method of hosting the AGM which had been provisionally scheduled for

6th November 2020 at 2pm. As regulations are changing frequently the Society will not formally call the AGM until the latest possible date. In the meantime if you have any other business items for the AGM please send these to the society by post or via email: secretary@salers.uk

MYOSTATIN

We wish to eradicate myostatin from the Salers breed as soon as possible and market this, as a key strength of the Salers breed. As breeders and members, one of the most effective methods you can adopt to ensure the animals you wish to register, are free from the myostatin gene by 1 January 2024 is to:

1. only use bulls that have a myostatin status of M0 or M0P;
 2. to establish the myostatin status of the females in your herd, with a view to breeding and registering pedigree animals from those that have a myostatin status of M0 or M0P.
- The combination of the above will ensure that all offspring from these animals will have a myostatin status of M0P. The added benefit of this course of action is the ongoing cost saving from not having to test all offspring from 1 Jan 2024. At that stage, the only requirements for DNA testing, would be to establish a DNA profile for a sire, entry to Society sales or ad-hoc DNA testing initiated by yourselves or to satisfy a member or Society query

AUTUMN SHOW CUPS

As things currently stand shows are not permitted. However please ensure your cups have been engraved, cleaned and are returned to the Society as normal. If at any point regulations change the Society will do its utmost to host as normal an event as possible. If a show can not be held the cups will be retained by the Secretary until next year.

ADVERTISING STOCK FOR SALE

There is only limited viewing for buyers only permitted at livestock auction mart. The Society would like to ensure that members get every opportunity to advertise and promote their stock for sale.

Please send photographs, to Sian via www.wetransfer.com

- Click the free option
- Add your photographs & videos
- Enter the Society email address secretary@salers.uk
- Enter your email address
- Hit the SEND button

Videos should be short and sweet and uploaded to your favourite platform e.g. facebook, youtube, vimeo etc. Please send a link to the video to Sian via email secretary@salers.uk This will be embedded on the Society website and shared on social media.

2021 JOURNAL



We hope to issue the 2021 Journal in January 2021.

In order for this to happen we need to send the Journal to print immediately after the Premier Sale at Castle Douglas in November.

Therefore the deadline for advertisements and articles is **Friday 16th October 2020.**

This gives the Society two weeks to proofread and paginate the journal before inserting the report from Castle Douglas and sending it to print.

If you would like to place an advert the cost of advertising remains the same as in 2020.

MEMBERS PRICE

- FULL PAGE - £300 plus vat
- ½ PAGE - £200 plus vat

NON- MEMBERS PRICE

- FULL PAGE - £395 plus vat
- ½ PAGE - £275 plus vat

DNA SAMPLES

All DNA samples must be returned to the office as soon as possible and each sample must be accompanied by a completed DNA sample form.

If any sample is received without the form, there will be a delay in sending the sample to the lab. It is the responsibility of the member to determine what tests are performed on the samples at the lab.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Bryn and Lillian Robinson (Preenbank) who tied the knot on 21 August 2020.



BIRTHS

On 20th June 2020 James & Lucy Heard of the Yes Tor herd of Salers, had a beautiful daughter Jessica Ann Heard, a little sister for Emily.



BIRTHS

Rob & Kath Livesey were proud to introduce two new grandchildren in September 2020. The first to make an appearance on 10th September 2020 was Struan Angus Livesey a first son for Kim and Rory.



Iain and Sarah Livesey's baby daughter, Skye Rosina Livesey arrived on Sunday 20th September 2020, 8lb 2oz.



As promised here is another of our member profiles that featured on social media earlier in the year. If you would like to feature your herd please contact Sian 07903 626249, secretary@salers.uk

MICKLETONMILL SALERS

Mickletonmill Salers run by Thomas and Catherine Atkinson. Thomas's dad used to be more involved but has since retired. Both grew up on upland family farms. Thomas worked at home since leaving school, has also worked on dairy farm and done contracting work. Catherine studied Agriculture at uni, and used to teach, but now works at home full time.

Farm location, size, type, other stock / breeds and history

140 acres owned grassland. Upland SDA farm. Majority of grassland is reseeded into 7yr leys. Also have a small, commercial sheep flock of North of England Mules put to Texel tups. Used to previously run commercial suckler herd, with replacements bought in from the dairy industry and put to Charolais bulls. Sold all cattle in 2017 and moved to Salers.

The Salers herd, size, foundation cattle, what you look for in your ideal animal

Had a handful of Salers for around 10 years now, before going fully into only Salers in 2017. 125 breeding cattle going to the bull this year. 50/50 pedigree/commercial. Salers and Charolais bulls. Foundation female cattle were bought from Bacardi Salers, Seamore Salers, Harperley Salers, Parkfield Salers, Approach Farm Salers and commercials imported from France.

Ideal female animal: High milk EBV, large pelvic measurement, good temperament, tidy bag, mature weight of around 600-700kg. Basically, able to wean a calf at 200 days that weighs around 50% of mature weight.

Ideal male animal: Got a range of different bulls, as we sell all of our young bull's fat under 16 months so need something with good growth rates. All stock bulls need to have good feet/legs, be fertile and bull cows quickly, thick topline/back and good depth, good fat covering so progeny finish fast and kill out well. For stock bulls used to breed replacement females, we also require that bulls have a large pelvic area, and small birth weights.



MICKLETONMILL SALERS CONTINUED...

Why Salers?

Able to calf without assistance, and calf guaranteed to be up and feeding within 20 minutes. Very good quality colostrum meaning healthy calves. Our medicine usage (other than preventative) is almost nothing on farm now. Able to calf at 2 years old, usually weaning first calf at 70% of heifer weight, and still reach good mature weights. Exceptionally fertile. In 2019 we had 100% of 104 cows/heifers put to bull in calf from running with bulls for 9 weeks. Able to keep a closed herd and retain good quality breeding females. Fewer problems with cattle in general, so reduced amount of time managing cattle herd, so our time can be spent elsewhere.

End markets – breeding and commercial stock, prices, grades, DLWGs

All females sold for breeding. Anything that doesn't make the grade is sold fat. Majority of bulls are sold deadweight to ABP. May retain 2/3 bulls per year to sell if we think they are good enough for breeding. Everything kept entire, nothing fattened as steers. Average bull grades R+/3. DLWG bulls range from 1.18kg/day to 1.4kg/day over first year. DLWG heifers range from 0.77kg/day to 1.11kg/day over first year. Don't breed from anything with a DLWG of under 0.8kg/day. Average birth weights: heifers 34kg and bulls 38kg

Our Salers ambition

Increase average finishing weights of bulls to around 700kg across the whole group before 16 months of age. Increase DLWG in bulling heifers off forage-based diet, so they reach an average bulling weight of 450kg.





MEMBERS NEWSLETTER: AUTUMN 2020

MERCHANDISE

Order now to secure the perfect stocking fillers for Christmas.

- 📅 Salers Cattle Society 2021 Calendar £7.50 plus P&P
- 🌬️ Air fresheners £2.50 plus P&P
- 👕 Society ties £15.00 plus P&P
- 📌 Society pin badges £3.50 plus P&P

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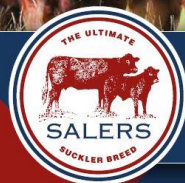
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