

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER: AUTUMN 2022

SALERS YOUNG HANDLERS EXCEL IN INTERBREED COMPETITIONS!



WELSHPOOL AUTUMN SHOW & SALE

The Welshpool Autumn Show and Sale will take place at Welshpool Market on Saturday 8th October 2022 and will be judged by Mr Aaron Hughes, Mamol Salers, Caernarfon.

The sale will incorporate the dispersal of the 8 pedigree cows, 5 with calves at foot and 1 stock bull from Mr Carwyn Roberts.

Vendors please submit photos and text to be advertised on the website and social media.



PREMIER SHOW & SALE, CASTLE DOUGLAS

The deadline for entries is 16 September 2022

Timetable:

- 3 Nov 2022, 4pm – Inspection
- 4 Nov 2022, 11am – Show (Judge: Glen Welsh)
- 4 Nov 2022, 3pm – AGM (Sheep Ring)
- 4 Nov 2022, 7pm – Dinner (Ernespie House)
- 5 Nov 2022, 10am – Parade
- 5 Nov 2022, 11am – Sale

Vendors please submit photos and text to be advertised on the website and social media.



Stars of the Future Calf Show

Saturday 12th November 2022

United Auctions, Stirling

Friday 11th November 2022 – Young Handlers (11 – 21)

15 or more Salers entries will guarantee dedicated Salers classes

Entries are now open: <https://bit.ly/3QBo75v>



Other Events

Stirling Bull Sales - 16 - 18 October 2022

Dungannon A4 Club Sale - 21 October 2022

Four Breed Calf Show, Northern Ireland
- 26 November 2022



CASTLE DOUGLAS ACCOMMODATION

The Ernespie House Hotel

To book contact
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HERD VISIT ALLISON DEVEREUX FARMS

On Saturday 13th August 2022 the British Charolais Cattle Society in partnership with the Salers Cattle Society of the UK hosted a joint herd visit at Allison Devereux Farms Co. Durham, by kind permission of Paul Allison and Tanya Devereux. The event was sponsored by Robson Animal Health, Vickers and Barrass, Henderson Tractors, and Mole Country Stores.

The day started with an introduction to the farm and its policies from owner Paul Allison, followed by an introduction to the Charolais and Salers breed from Past President of the Salers Cattle Society, Terence Pye.

2019 Nuffield Scholar Sarah Pick took guests through her experiences whilst on her scholarship where she was lucky enough to travel to the USA, Canada, and Australia; as well as Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland. No matter which country she visited, it had been clear that the success of calving heifers at two had been determined by genetics, selection, and nutrition. Sarah had no doubt that calving at two years increased profitability but to be successful breeders needed to ensure they got their breeding policy; selection criteria and management correct. This involved a greater focus on maternal traits to ensure a functional suckler cow was created and because of this Sarah had been instrumental in establishing the AHDB 'Maternal Matters' campaign. Bess Jowsey LIC Pasture to Profit Consultant explained her principles to effective grazing and pasture management and how these techniques had been applied at Allison Devereux Farms. She believed optimising the growth and utilisation of pasture was key to a long-term resilient farming model in the UK, when combined with quality stock, and financial and people management skills. She had a keen interest in regenerative approaches and how these could be successfully applied in commercial farming. Rhidian Jones an independent livestock and grassland consultant with RJ Livestock Systems and 5 Agri after 9 years as a beef and sheep specialist with SAC Consulting, discussed outwintering

systems on beef and sheep farms and in particular related his findings back to Low Harperley Farm.

Following lunch provided by Lindsey Atkinson, the guests were given a tour of the farm which consisted of 97.5 ha (240 acres) grass, 8 ha (20 acres) winter forage crop (2021/2022 = ½ fodder beet, ½ grass) and 45 ha (137 acres) arable which included approximately 10 ha of oats for feed.

The soil types on the farm varied, mostly had tested as loams with good organic content, but with clay below the subsoil; water tended not to percolate downwards, but through subsoil. That made the farm appear heavier than soil classification would indicate.

The Harperley herd had been closed since 2017, the livestock policy was to calve at two years of age and Paul said, "Charolais / Salers herds are the only commercial crossing suckler herds to be found in France and there are a lot of reasons for that.... it just works!". 49 cows are put to Salers bulls, 56 cows run with Charolais bulls, and all heifers are bulled to a Salers. Cows runs for a maximum period of 12 weeks and heifers 6 weeks. For the last 3 weeks all cows except the first calvers group up with Charolais bulls.

Paul used rotational grazing as much as possible, but in early summer they had too many groups so the grazing pattern had not been as precise or controlled as he would have liked although from mid-August onward Paul explained, "get better control and that helps us graze later in the autumn than we used to".

Paul and his wife Tanya had been farming since 2013, both had non farming part time / contract work and admitted that almost all of the actual farming was done by Wayne and Graham, who had been on the farm a very long time, in fact they were inherited with the farm.



Cows to breed replacements were selected on calf birth weight, calving ease, locomotion, temperament, 200 DW (milk), EBVs and cow size. Charolais bulls were selected on direct calving ease, 400DW, EBVs temperament and locomotion. Paul had a strict cull policy of animals with undesirable traits and insisted that creep was not used.

Charolais cross heifers, the bottom 25% of Salers heifers and almost all of the bulls were sold as stores at around 12 months. Most breeding stock were sold off farm but Paul sold some in-calf 2 ½ year old females with calves at foot, and a couple of the bulls at the Premier Sale, Castle Douglas in November.

Both Societies would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Paul & Tanya for hosting the day and to Graham, Wayne, Natalia, Diana, Max and Denis for their work in the run up to and during the day. We are extremely grateful to all the sponsors and the speakers who made the event possible and provided some fabulous raffle prizes. A special thank you to Lindsey Atkinson and her team for providing an excellent BBQ and to Margaret Atkinson for running the raffle. The guess the weight of the stock bull and the raffle combined raised £200 which was donated to Durham City of Sanctuary a charity selected by hosts Paul and Tanya. Thank you also to the local young farmers who volunteered and helped with the car parking, Fiona Drysdale who worked tirelessly for two days helping to set up the venue and to Catherine MacGregor, for the professional photography.



SALE ENTRIES

We now have a new way for members to enter animals in the Society sales held at Welshpool and Castle Douglas. The form is online via the Salers website www.salers.uk and you can also submit your herd health declaration in the same way. Stirling entries will continue to be done directly with united auctions although you can send your herd health declaration for Stirling via our website.

The form(s) is automatically emailed to the Society office, a confirmation email will be sent to the breeder and copied straight to the market.

The pedigree form allows 5 entries per form. The number per form has been limited to 5 otherwise the form became far too long. If you have more than 5 entries, please submit 2 or 3 forms. The process is so easy it will save you time and money.

The benefits of this new system are:

- Forms can't get lost in the post
- The Society and the market are aware of entries at the same time
- Members receive confirmation that their entry has been received
- It saves money on postage

THE ULTIMATE SUCKLER BREED

PEDIGREE SALE ENTRY FORM

PEDIGREE SALERS ENTRY FORM

£50 per entry (£40 will be refunded on presentation of animal or veterinary certificate)

Sale Name & Date:

For example: WELSHPOOL, OCTOBER 2022

Name *

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PREMIER SALE - ENTRIES CLOSE 16 SEPTEMBER 2022

BACARDI MISS MONEYPENNY EARNS CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AT GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW

Tim Roberts was given the honour of judging a tremendous show of Salers at the Great Yorkshire Show 2022. Tim and his wife Lara tenant farm about 700 acres in East Herefordshire where they calve about 100 cows and lamb about 600 ewes. They currently have about 30 pedigree Salers and use AI and homebred stock bulls. Tim said, "we keep Salers because of their tremendous production and ease of calving" he added, "they are also nice to look at"!

Tim found his overall champion in the female champion, Bacardi Miss Moneypenny a 2017 born Gulliver sired cow with December born heifer calf at foot, Bacardi Rhea.

Bacardi Salers owned by father and son team, Roy and Adam Crockett from the Scottish Borders also brought out the reserve overall champion, male champion and junior champion, Bacardi Rodney bred the same way as the overall champion being sired by Gulliver and out of Cleuchhead Delilah 3rd.

Standing reserve in the male championship was Kaiburn Ronaldo from Edgerston Trading (20026) Ltd, a march 2021 born son by Bacardi Ladysman out of Oaklands Impulse. The reserve female champion also from Bacardi Salers was Bacardi Pearl a January 2020 senior heifer by Seawell Kitemark and out of the imported dam Lorette.

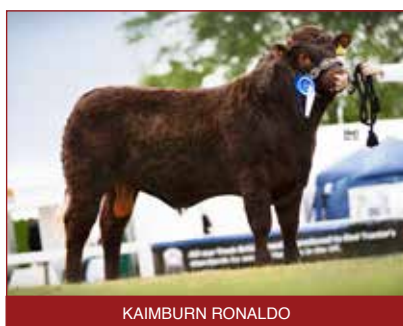
The senior bull class was won by Rigel Pedigree with March 2020 born Rigel Pemberley Poll who won the Arthur Beevers Cup for the best polled animal. In the junior section Bacardi Rodney was once again in the championship spotlight and standing reserve was Kaiburn Rosie a March 2021 heifer by Bacardi Ladysman and out of Oaklands Iona.



BACARDI MISS MONEYPENNY



BACARDI RODNEY



KAIBURN RONALDO



BACARDI PEARL



KAIBURN ROSIE

106 BULL, BORN BEFORE 1 JANUARY 2021 (1 ENTRY)

1st 828 - Rigel Pedigree, Rigel Pemberley Poll, 18/03/2020

107 BULL, BORN ON OR AFTER 1 JANUARY 2021 (11 ENTRIES)

1st 830 - Roy & Adam Crockett, Bacardi Rodney, 14/04/2021
 2nd 831 - Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd, Kaiburn Ronaldo, 08/03/2021
 3rd 838 - Gill & Malcolm Pye, Rednock Romeo, 05/04/2021
 4th 833 - Angus Gowthorpe, Approach Farm R2-D2, 19/02/2021
 5th 829 - C.B. Farms, Green's Park Raleigh, 01/02/2021
 6th 837 - Rigel Pedigree, Rigel Rockstar, 15/04/2021
 7th 836 - Rigel Pedigree, Rigel Regent Poll, 06/04/2021
 8th 839 - Farmstock Genetics, Cumbrian Rambo Poll, 14/05/2021

108 COW, BORN ON OR BEFORE 31 DECEMBER 2019, IN MILK OR IN CALF (7 ENTRIES)

1st 840 - Roy & Adam Crockett, Bacardi Miss Moneypenny, 03/04/2017
 2nd 841 - Bertrand Facon, Ombrelle, 09/12/2017
 3rd 842 - Carolyn Fox, Manor Lane Mischief, 01/03/2017
 4th 843 - Angus Gowthorpe, Approach Farm Mary, 01/03/2017

109 HEIFER, BORN ON OR AFTER 1 JANUARY 2020 (5 ENTRIES)

1st 848 - Roy & Adam Crockett, Bacardi Pearl, 20/01/2020
 2nd 849 - Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd, Kaiburn Precious, 13/03/2020
 3rd 851 - Gill & Malcolm Pye, Rednock Diana, 14/07/2020
 4th 850 - Carolyn Fox, Manor Lane Pandora, 17/02/2020

110 HEIFER, BORN ON OR AFTER 1 JANUARY 2021 (8 ENTRIES)

1st 853 - Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd, Kaiburn Rosie, 19/03/2021
 2nd 858 - Greg & Lewis Ralston, Jedforest Roxy, 24/03/2021
 3rd 852 - C.B. Farms, Green's Park Rita, 19/02/2021
 4th 854 - Bertrand Facon, Gentons Royale, 19/01/2021
 5th 857 - Gill & Malcolm Pye, Rednock Clemmy, 02/04/2021
 6th 856 - Angus Gowthorpe, Approach Farm Rosie, 02/02/2021
 7th 859 - Farmstock Genetics, Cumbrian Hyacinth 1240 Poll, 02/06/2021
 8th 852a - C.B. Farms, Green's Park Rina, 14/02/2021

111 GROUP OF THREE

- 1st Kaiburn Salers
- 2nd Rednock Salers
- 3rd Approach Farm Salers

112 PAIRS

- 1st Bacardi Salers
- 2nd Kaiburn Salers
- 3rd Rednock Salers
- 4th Approach Farm Salers
- 5th Rigel Pedigree

Male Champion (Watson Trophy)

830 Bacardi Rodney

Reserve Male Champion

831 Kaiburn Ronaldo

Female Champion (Bents Farm Trophy)

840 Bacardi Miss Money Penny

Reserve Female Champion

848 Bacardi Pearl

Junior Champion (Junior Champions Cup)

830 Bacardi Rodney

Reserve Junior Champion (Dennis White Cup)

853 Kaiburn Rosie

Overall Champion (Rigel Cordelia Cup)

840 Bacardi Miss Money Penny

Reserve Overall Champion (KW Alternative Farm Feeds Cup)

830 Bacardi Rodney

Best Polled Animal (Arthur Beevers Cup)

828 Rigel Pemberley Poll

Pairs (Jock Watson Trophy)

Bacardi Salers

Group of Three (I'Ansons Trophy)

Kaiburn Salers

Stockmans Shield

Miss Bronwyn Gowthorpe



Premier Sale Trophy Presentation & Dinner

The premier sale trophy presentation and dinner will take place at the Ernespie House Hotel, Castle Douglas on Friday 4th November 2022 at 7pm for 7.30pm.

Taxis will run once again from 7pm until 7.30pm from the back entrance of the Market Inn to the Ernespie House Hotel. Taxis will also run from the Ernespie House Hotel to the Market Inn between 11pm and 11.30pm. If you wish to be taken to a different location please book a separate taxi hire.

To book your place at the dinner please use our online form at www.salers.uk

To book accommodation at The Ernespie House Hotel, please phone Shashank on 07581 344957

PREMIER SALE DINNER

Premier Dinner Booking Form - Castle Douglas

Ernespie House Hotel Friday 4th November 2022 - 7.00pm for 7.30pm Tickets = £30 per person Please pay by bank transfer: Name of Account: Salers Cattle Soc UK Account: 11851110 Sort Code: 15-26-14 Please use your account letters as a reference

Name *

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SOCIETY ACCOUNT LETTERS

Usually three letters used on invoices and Society correspondence e.g. AAS

Address

A PRECIOUS WIN FOR KAIMBURN AT RHS '22

The much-anticipated return of the Royal Highland Show did not disappoint, the weather was kind, the ringside was full, and Mr Glen Welsh was given the difficult task of judging the Salers classes.

Glen, the farm manager at Garpel Farms for over 10 years, a farm covering over 6,500 acres of mostly hill ground with a cattle enterprise consisting of seventy predominantly Salers cross Galloway cows, with one or two pedigrees. A Salers bull is used to produce replacements and the rest are put to a Charolais. Glen has worked with Salers for twenty years, with the first 10 years spent showing and selling bulls in Castle Douglas, Stirling, and Welshpool, and latterly in the last 10 years, as a hill producer of suckler calves.

He found his overall champion in the overall female champion, Kaimburn Precious from Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd, brought out by the Ralston family, Neil, Fiona, Greg, and Lewis. Kaimburn Precious was a Cuil Marvin daughter out of Kaimburn Madonna, born on 13 March 2020.

In the junior female section Rednock Estates triumphed with Rednock Diana, a Drumglea Kes daughter out of Rednock Diaz, Diana was crowned junior female champion and later reserve overall junior champion. Lewis Ralston from Jedforest Livestock stood as reserve female junior champion with his homebred Cuil Marvin sired heifer, Jedforest Roxy out of Seamore Nicole Kidman, born on 24 March 2021.

The reserve female champion and reserve overall champion was Bacardi Miss Money Penny with her heifer calf at foot Bacardi Rhea. Miss Money Penny was born on 3rd April 2017 and out of Cleuchhead Delilah 3rd and sired by the 2013 RHS Champion, imported bull, Gulliver.

From the same herd, Mr Glen Welsh found his junior male champion, male champion, and overall junior champion in Bacardi Rodney from Roy & Adam Crockett. Bacardi Rodney was bred the same way as the reserve overall champion being sired by Gulliver and out of Cleuchhead Delilah 3rd. Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd also won the reserve junior male championship and stood as reserve male champion with Kaimburn Ronaldo, a Bacardi Ladysman sired bull out of Oaklands impulse.

The pairs competition was won by Kaimburn with the overall champion Kaimburn Precious and the reserve male champion Kaimburn Ronaldo. Cleuchhead took second spot in the pairs with Cleuchhead Rockefeller and Cleuchhead Ranger but took the spotlight in the group of three, winning with Cleuchhead Mhairi 1130, Cleuchhead Rockefeller and Cleuchhead Ranger.

In most judging scenarios the star of the show is generally the animal, the champion, but equally impressive on show day and indeed for the whole Royal Highland Show was, Lewis Ralston a young enthusiastic breeder who under his own 'jedforest' prefix brought out the reserve junior female champion, Jedforest Roxy, as well as the Champion for Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd and went on to win the 12-14 year old beef young handler section, the overall beef young handler competition and then took the Royal Highland Show Overall Young Handler title on Sunday 26 June 2022.

The Society would like to congratulate Lewis and all the Ralston family for such a tremendous achievement at the show, as well as congratulate and thank all the Salers exhibitors for a magnificent line-up of Salers cattle.



KAIMBURN PRECIOUS



REDNOCK DIANA



JEDFOREST ROXY



BACARDI MISS MONEYPENNY



BACARDI RODNEY



KAIMBURN RONALDO



REDNOCK CLEMMY

303 FEMALE BORN ON OR AFTER 1 APRIL 2021
 1st 3046 - Rednock Estate, Rednock Clemmy 02 April 2021
 2nd 3047 - Farmstock Genetics, Cumbrian Hyacinth 1240 Poll, 02 June 2021

304 FEMALE BORN ON OR BETWEEN 24TH JUNE 2020 AND 31ST MARCH 2021
 1st 3048 - Rednock Estate, Rednock Diana, 14 July 2020
 2nd 3053 - G & L Ralston, Jedforest Roxy, 24 March 2021
 3rd 3052 - Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd, Kaiburn Rosie, 19 March 2021
 4th 3051 - Bertie Facon, Gentons Royale, 19 January 2021

305 FEMALE BORN ON/AFTER 1ST JANUARY 2019 AND BEFORE 24TH JUNE 2020
 1st - 3056 - Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd, Kaiburn Precious, 13 March 2020
 2nd 3055 - R & A Crockett, Bacardi Pearl, 20 January 2020

306 FEMALE BORN BEFORE 1ST JANUARY 2019
 1st 3058 - R & A Crockett, Bacardi Miss Moneypenny, 03 April 2017
 2nd 3059 - Rednock Estate, Rednock America, 03 August 2017
 3rd 3057 - Livesey Farming, Cleuchhead Mhairi 1130, 20 March 2016
 4th 3060 - Bertie Facon, Ombrelle, 09 December 2017
 5th 3061 - Livesey Farming, Cleuchhead Mhairi 1308, 28 March 2018

307 BULL BORN AFTER 31ST MARCH 2021
 1st 3063 - R & A Crockett, Bacardi Rodney, 14 April 2021
 2nd 3062 - Rednock Estate, Rednock Rab, 07 April 2021
 3rd 3064 - Livesey Farming, Cleuchhead Rockefeller, 17 April 2021
 4th 3065 - Farmstock Genetics, Cumbrian Rambo Poll, 14 May 2021

308 BULL BORN BETWEEN 24TH JUNE 2020 AND 31ST MARCH 2021
 1st 3067 - Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd, Kaiburn Ronaldo, 08 March 2021
 2nd 3068 - Livesey Farming, Cleuchhead Ranger, 20 March 2021



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| Show Champion (SP14 & 16) | Swardsman Perpetual Trophy | Kaiburn Precious Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd |
| Reserve Show Champion (SP15) | The Salers Bell | Bacardi Miss Moneypenny R & A Crockett |
| Champion Female (SP4) | QET Perpetual Trophy | Kaiburn Precious Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd |
| Reserve Female | Champion (SP5) | Bacardi Miss Moneypenny R & A Crockett |
| Champion Bull & Junior Champion (SP12) | Rumenco Perpetual Trophy | Bacardi Rodney R & A Crockett |
| Junior Female Champion (SP1,2 & 13) | The Lochdougan Trophy | Rednock Diana Rednock Estates |
| Reserve Junior Female (SP3) | | Jedforest Roxy G & L Ralston |
| Junior Male Champion (SP6, 7 & 9) | The Cuil Claret Jug | Bacardi Rodney R & A Crockett |
| Reserve Junior Male Champion (SP8 & 10) | | Kaiburn Ronaldo Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd |
| Stockmans Cup | Plaque | Iain Alfie McGregor |
| Best Pair of Animals (SP17) | Wallets Marts 2018 | Kaiburn Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd |
| Best Group of Animals (SP18) | Dingwall & Highland Marts | Cleuchhead Livesey Farming |



OMBRELLE SHINES AT ROYAL WELSH '22

Ombrelle from Bertie Facon of Gentons Pedigree Livestock shone at the hottest Royal Welsh Show on record! The Salers classes held on Monday 18th July 2022 were kindly sponsored by Gamlins Law and the Society were delighted to welcome solicitor, Rachel Wynn Jones to present the prizes.

To mark the comeback of the show following covid restrictions, the Salers had 17 cattle forward, however predictions of soaring unprecedented heatwaves saw a reduced number of cattle present but that was not reflected in the quality of cattle put before Jennifer Davidson, Poldean to judge.

Jennifer has been involved the Salers breed since they were introduced to the Poldean herd in 1989. Along with her son and daughter-in-law, they farm at Moffat, in Southwest Scotland and run a herd of 300 Salers breeding cows and a flock of 500 breeding ewes.

Leading the way at the Royal Welsh was the imported cow Ombrelle from Bertie Facon, brought out by Ben Bellow. This Icare sired cow, born in December 2017, out of Energie was placed female champion and then took the overall championship title. Standing second in the cow class was Gwawr Griffiths' Felin Mona Mai, an Illimani sired cow out of Felin Elisha with her Preenbank Lord Bisto sired calf, Parys Sweetie-Pie, at foot. Felin Mona Mai won the best turned out animal at the show.

Winning the heifer class and standing junior female champion and reserve female champion was Gentons Royale from Bertie Facon. A January 2021 born daughter sired by Murphy and out of Olly.

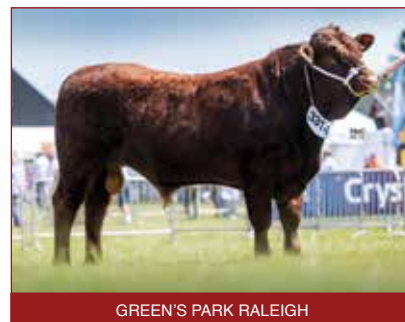
The male champion, best junior male and best opposite sex to the champion was Green's Park Raleigh by homebred Green's Park Gabriel out of Seawell Effie.

For the hard work and dedication displayed during the show, the special prize for the best stock person was awarded to Nick Sinden of Gentons Pedigree Livestock.

On Wednesday C B Farms were awarded reserve champion in the interbreed group of three with Green's Park Raleigh, Rita and Rina and later that same day Gwawr Griffiths and Tristan Edwards fought off all the competition in a hotly contested young handlers pairs interbreed.



OMBRELLE



GREEN'S PARK RALEIGH



RESERVE INTERBREED GROUP
OF 3 FROM C B FARMS



YOUNG HANDLER INTERBREED CHAMPIONS
GWAWR GRIFFITHS AND TRISTAN EDWARDS

596 BULL BORN ON OR AFTER 1 JANUARY 2021

1st C.B. Farms, Green's Park Raleigh

597 COW BORN ON OR BEFORE 31 DECEMBER 2019 IN CALF OR WITH CALF AT FOOT

1st Bertrand Facon, Ombrelle

2nd Gwawr Griffiths, Felin Mona Mai

598 HEIFER BORN ON OR AFTER 1 JANUARY 2021

1st Bertrand Facon, Gentons ROYALE

2nd C.B. Farms, Green's Park Rita

3rd C.B. Farms, Green's Park Rina

Salers Overall Champion (Campsmount Trophy)

Ombrelle, Bertie Facon

Salers Best Opposite Sex to the Champion (Hallows Trophy)

Green's Park Raleigh

Best Female Exhibit

Ombrelle, Bertie Facon

Best Junior Male (Franklin Shield)

Green's Park Raleigh, C B Farms

Best Junior Female (Morwenstow Trophy)

Genton Royale, Bertie Facon

Best Turned Out Animals (Henry Gibson Memorial Cup)

Felin Mona Mai, Gwawr Griffiths

Stockmans Shield

Nick Sinden, Genton Pedigree Livestock

JOINT HERD VISIT – TY’N HENDRE

The Salers Cattle Society of the UK and the British Charolais Cattle Society hosted a joint herd visit at Ty’n Hendre, Bangor by kind permission of Alun & Anita Thomas and family on Saturday 3rd September 2022.

The event attracted a massive audience that travelled from as far afield as Aberdeen and they witnessed for themselves the extreme versatility of both breeds.

Arwel Owen, British Charolais Cattle Society, opened the day by introducing both breeds and briefly described myostatin. John Richards, Hybu Cig Cymru one of the major event sponsors, discussed the current beef market and market requirements and Chris Duller guided participants through grassland management techniques in a beef system. Finally, Stefan Totir, Bodrwnsiwn Veterinary Practice, described the block calving system used at Ty’n Hendre and discussed cow fertility, before everyone embarked on the farm tour.



Farming 280 acres on a tenanted unit meant everything at Ty’n Hendre was carefully scrutinised and had to pay its way, the previous suckler herd of cross cows struggled to pay its way and caused too many issues.

Salers cows had made suckler farming more enjoyable for the family and these days the herd is largely served by Charolais bulls producing the much sought after ‘golden calf’. In recent years heifers have been bulled to calve at two years old, with both heifers and first calved cows put to Salers bulls and older cows all served by Charolais bulls. When it comes to sourcing Charolais bulls Alun paid close attention to both physical appearance and performance figures and genomic information, aiming to buy bulls with the ability to produce premium priced calves. Calving started in mid-February and lasted for 12 weeks; the aim was to have most of the herd calved in the first third of the calving period.

The calves, both heifers and steers were well sought after when they were sold as suckled calves each autumn. Repeat buyers tended to seek them out year after year for their quick growth and easy fleshing. They were sold in the first week of October, with a small amount of creep offered to calves pre-sale to help them adapt when they move on to a finisher, the family aim to sell them early to facilitate the wintering of cows more cheaply. The calves were sold in large groups, and they stood out for their evenness and uniformity.



Aside from a small amount of creep feed, no other feed was bought in for the herd, with cows wintered on grass silage and free access to rock salt. They all received a mineral drench ahead of calving which helped boost the quality of their colostrum.

Alun and family believed the Salers crossed with the Charolais was something that could not be rivalled.

Running alongside the event was an informal Young Farmers stock judging competition organised by Lora-Jên Pritchard, Huw Williams and Geraint Harper.

Results of the stock judging were as follows:

U10 SECTION

1. Gwern Hughes

U16 SECTION

1. Lora Jên Pritchard
2. William Roberts
3. Cian Rhys

U21 SECTION

1. Twm Tudor
2. Guto Pari
3. Morgan Hughes

U28 SECTION

1. Gethin Harper

There was also a raffle and 'guess the weight of the stock bull' competition which raised £700 for the local children hospice Tŷ Gobaith.

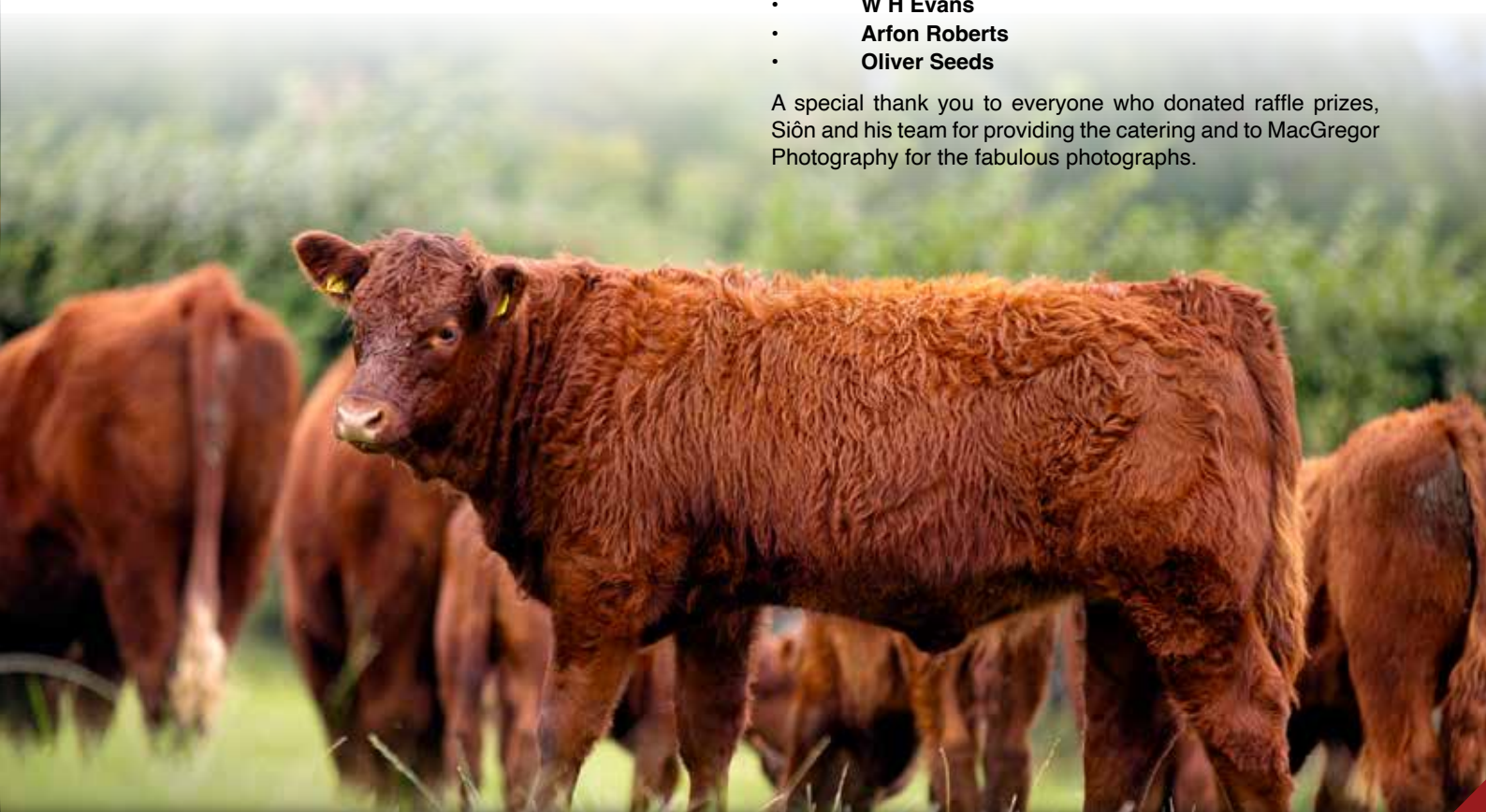
Both Societies would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to both Anita, Alun and their family for hosting the day.



We would also like to thank Arwel Owen, British Charolais Cattle Society, John Richards, Hybu Cig Cymru, Chris Duller and Stefan Totir, Bodrwnsiwn Veterinary Practice for speaking at the event and we are extremely grateful to the following sponsors:

- **Cybi Cyf & the Pritchard family**
- **Ruthin Market**
- **D W Williams Feeds**
- **Welshpool Livestock Services**
- **Emyr Evans**
- **Menai Tractors**
- **Lafan Cymru**
- **St Asaph Livestock Market**
- **Hybu Cig Cymru**
- **Agri Lloyd**
- **Aber Falls Distillery**
- **Mona Tractors**
- **Bodrwnsiwn Vets**
- **Farm Fencing Supplies**
- **W H Evans**
- **Arfon Roberts**
- **Oliver Seeds**

A special thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes, Siôn and his team for providing the catering and to MacGregor Photography for the fabulous photographs.



BREED JOURNAL 2023

THE ULTIMATE SUCKLER BREED



JOURNAL 2022
ISSUE 33

SALERS

Cattle Society
of the UK Ltd



Breed Journal 2023

Once again the prices to advertise in the 2023 journal will remain unchanged.

Please contact Sian on 07903 626249 to book your advert.

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The deadline for articles
and adverts: Friday
21st October 2022

PREMIER SALE

Castle Douglas
Entries close

16 SEPTEMBER
2022

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SOCIETY PIN BADGES



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2023 BULL CALVES

The year letter for bull
calves born in 2023 is

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SALERS CATTLE SOCIETY OF THE UK LTD

The 37th Annual General Meeting
will be in the Sheep Rings, Wallets
Marts, Castle Douglas on Friday
4th November 2022 at 3pm



ANIMAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Senior Champion and Junior
Champion in both the Male and
Female Section will win £250

Entries to be sent to Sian
by 15 October 2022

www.salers.uk/downloadable-forms

All the rules for the competition
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