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Coming up

Castle Douglas Sale 4 May

> Balmoral Show 15-17 May

Welshpool Sale 16 May

Beef Expo Malvern 23 May

Royal Cornwall 6-8 June

Royal Highland 20-23 June

Great Yorks Show 9-11 July

> Royal Welsh 22-25 July

If paying invoices via online banking please use your 3 digit herd reference!

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

NEWSLETTER

The weather has taken its toll this winter and I know many of you are suffering. With grass as yellow and brown as January with no sign of growth for months yet and crops left unseeded it doesn't bode well. However nature has a way of bouncing back and as those who work so closely with nature, I am sure you will all bounce back too.

Another show season looms ahead, I understand it may be difficult to get your show team ready with the constraints on feed and room, but please do make the effort. It is a great way of show casing your animals and promoting your farms and the society too. It is fun and a valuable source of information especially for those who have not done it before; everyone is friendly and willing to help.

The next event in the society calendar is the Castle Douglas Spring Sale on 4 May. At this sale we are to hold an Extra Ordinary General Meeting (EGM). Over the last six months the council has been reviewing the Articles of Association and the Soci-

ety Bye Laws. You will find an Agenda with this newsletter. The EGM meeting is to advise you of the changes proposed to Section 59. We hope the changes will help encourage more members to get involved and also clear up any anomalies in the current regulations. It is right that we should periodically re view the regulations to keep up to date

The 2013 Journal is at the printers and should be out before the end of the month. If anyone wants some to give out at shows around the country please do let me know. We did well last year and every Journal I had printed was given out, they are better out there in the world than sat in my shed!

Membership subscription still appears to be a problem, many of you have not updated your standing orders for years and it unfortunately means that you are paying the wrong amount of vat—the fees remain the same at £55 (£50 if you pay before 4 Jan) but VAT went up a couple of years ago so the vat element is £11 (or £10 if you pay before 4 Jan). Please, please amend your

standing order—I cannot do this for you, only you can via your bank.

Many of you have not yet returned your herd listing, this is part of the annual census to ensure our herd book is up to date, the deadline is 1st July. Failure to return this may result in you being unable to register cattle.

If you know of anyone who is willing to sponsor the society, ie to cover newsletter costs or perhaps advertise in next years Journal, or pay for rosettes etc. please pass on their details.

The next council meeting takes place 2nd June, we are looking into Breedplan, and would be interested to hear your thoughts on this. Please let your area representative know (or me) if you would be prepared to join Breedplan. We would need sufficient herds to take part to make the data obtained viable. Google Breedplan for more info.

I hope to see many of you at events this summer.

Best wishes,

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