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October 2013

Coming up

Agri Expo, Carlisle 1 November

Premier Show & Sale
Castle Douglas
1-2 November

Welsh Winter Fair 2-3 December

Please support fellow members at events.

Don't Forget!

To get your copy of the sale catalogue for the Castle Douglas sale from Wallets Marts 01556 502381!

To send back your annual dinner ticket reservation form

To send back your Annual Awards form

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

What a difference a year makes! The show season is just about over and we have had a wonderful season weather wise! Congratulations to all those who showed Salers this year, although the good weather this summer was a bonus the winter did make things difficult for feeding and preparing animals for the show ring and tested everyone's resolve. Overall we had some great success.

It is the Sommet D'Elvage Show this October and we are despatching some members across the waters to this superb event, as are our Irish counterparts. This year it is the Salers turn to host it so those attending should expect a great show of Salers cattle, with farm visits planned and tickets to the Salers dinner it sounds as though it will be a "good do" we look forward to some good reports and photos!

The Castle Douglas Show & Sale is coming up in November and I remind you of the **health status** for **society sales**. Please

ensure you abide by the society health rules to prevent you not being able to proceed at the sale. You will also need pen cards from your health scheme provider to be displayed on your pens on market day. Catalogues will be available direct from Wallets Marts if you don't get one then please get in touch with them on 01556 502381, or email

walletsmarts@auctionmarts.com

This year the annual dinner takes place at the Market Inn in Castle Douglas. Tickets for this years dinner will be issued at £25 per person. Please find enclosed a booking form. We have had sell outs over the last few years so reserve your place now! You may also want to book your accommodation too as this can be difficult to find at short notice. I know some hotels are booked up alreadv.

Please remember that at the dinner we shall have the Animals of the Year Awards, so make sure you enter your 2013 show team on the enclosed forms, you never know you may take the title! We will also have the results from the photo competition.

AGM 1st November Castle Douglas

Enclosed you will find the Agenda, last years minutes and the Annual Report for 2012 in preparation for the AGM. You can receive a full copy of the accounts by request from the secretary or alternatively they can be found on the Charities Commission website

www.charitycommission.gov.uk

use the charity number to search for the correct information (1115115).

If you wish to add anything to Any Other Business in the Agenda then please inform the secretary in writing before 25 October.

CASTLE DOUGLAS SHOW & SALE 1/2 NOVEMBER—YOU SHOULD RECEIVE A CATALOGUE FROM THE MARKET, IF YOU DON'T AND NEED ONE RING THE MARKET ON 01556 502381 I WILL EMAIL THOSE I HAVE EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR ONCE IT IS AVAILABLE.

SALERS FOR

Easy Calving—Prolific Stock Bulls—Good Foragers Milky Mothers—Longevity—Good Growth Rates

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BREEDPLAN

A decision has been made by council to link up with Breedplan to record figures for Salers; you don't have to take part but Breedplan UK will be contacting you to offer the service and we hope many of you will take the opportunity. In today's market more and more people are looking for facts and figures on livestock and although those who have Salers knows their benefits it is hard to relay this to others without facts to back up what we all know. The council feel this will help promote Salers as the ultimate suckler breed in the commercial markets. A technical committee has been working on this project over the summer months and are confident that recording will provide the right information to take the breed forward.

BREEDPLAN UK is

pleased to welcome the Salers Cattle Society to performance recording with BREEDPLAN which is a modern genetic evaluation system for beef cattle. Using Best Linear Unbiased Prediction (BLUP) technology, BREEDPLAN produces Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) for cattle for a range of important production traits.

if you want to find out more or want to record your herd please contact

Pedigree Cattle Services, Pedigree House, 6 Kings Place, Perth PH2 8AD Tel 01738 622478 Email barbara@breedplan.co.uk

DNA

Some discussion has taken place about DNA testing stock bulls, if you would like to do this please contact the secretary; if we get sufficient interest then we may be able to set up a society databank with Weatherbys which would be a useful tool for all, plus we should be able to negotiate on the price for testing.

EVENTS 2013/014

Please do come along to society events and say hello and help on the stand if you can, it is always a great way to get to know one another and also for you to get business and help promote Salers all at the same time! We all need to work together to promote the breed.

Great Christmas Presents!

Aguarian Embroidery, hold the Salers logo, which can be reproduced on any product along with your herd/farm name as required. Brian and Deborah are there to help with your requirements, just contact them on 01317 860350 or check out their website:aguarianembroidery@ .co.uk

Also don't forget your society tie £12 each, available from the secretary

Finally can I remind everyone that the annual subscription for society membership is £66 but if received before 4 January £60 (prices inc VAT). Please check your standing orders to make sure they are correct and not at the old rate. (prior to the vat increase)

I hope to see many of you at Castle Douglas.

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If you wish to advertise in the newsletter, the Journal or the website then please get in touch, the newsletter goes out

April / July / Oct / Dec

If you can put me in touch with anyone who would be willing to sponsor the newsletter in return for the circulation of flyers then let me know. (£90 would cover postage!)

The 2013 Journal will be prepared during the winter months so if you intend to advertise or know a company who may wish to advertise and/or have any news to contribute then please make sure I have copy by

31st December.

CASTLE DOUGLAS PREMIER SHOW & SALE—-1ST TO 2ND NOVEMBER, Contact 01556 502381 for more details