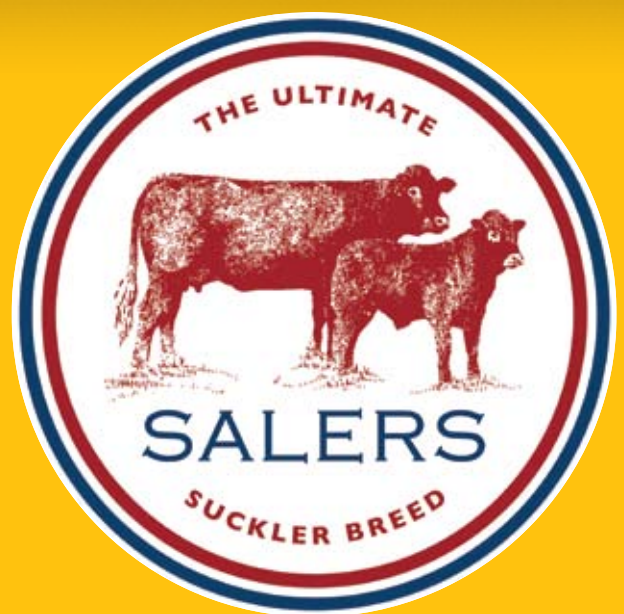


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Bacardi Herbie (pictured at 12 months old)

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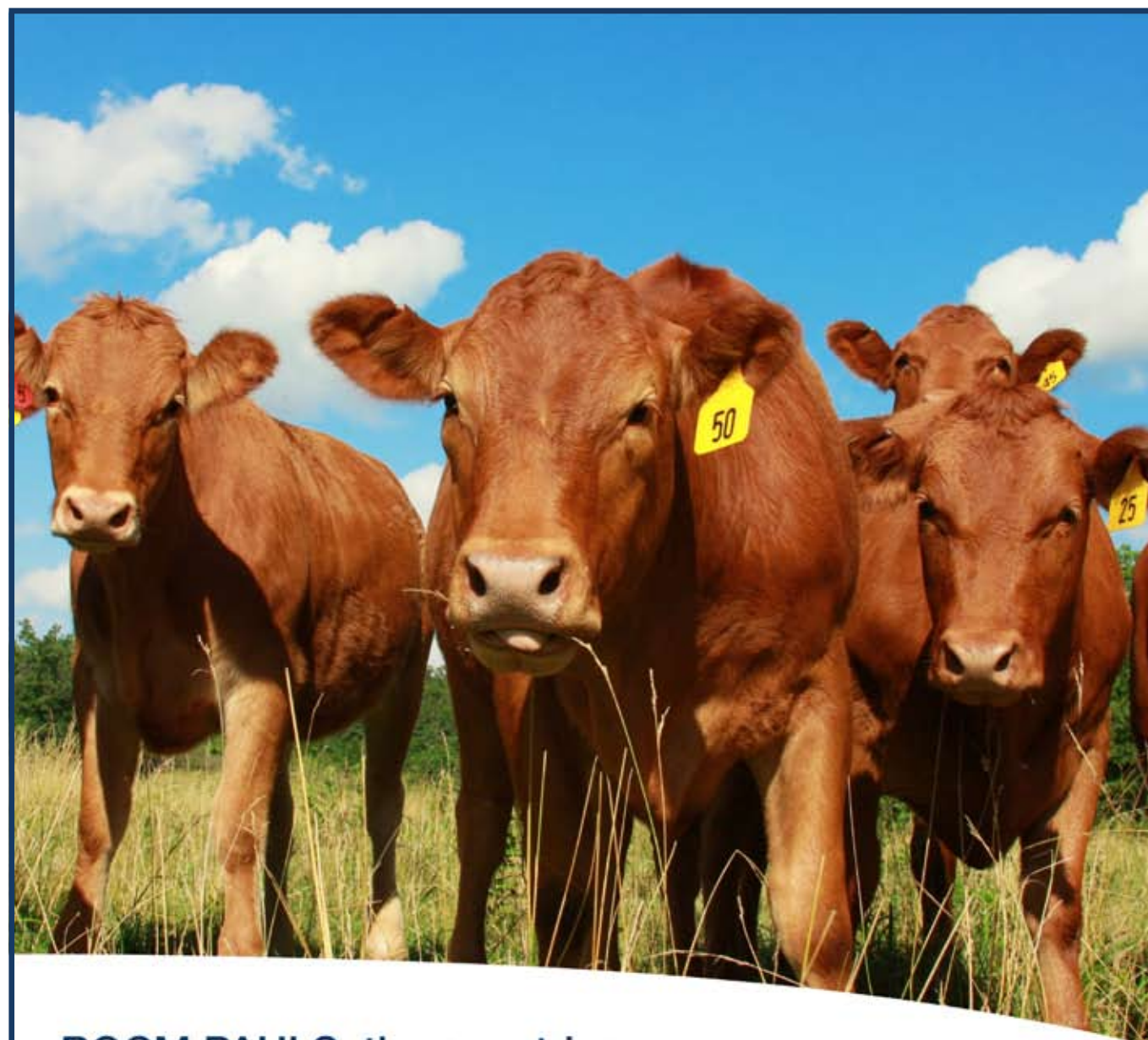


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## From the Herd Book: UK Bred Salers Bulls Longevity

The ever growing interest in the Salers breed in the UK is reflected in the continuing upwards trend in registrations of UK bred Salers, with the 1000 registrations milestone being surpassed by the registrations 2011 born calves. Approximately 60% of the registrations are sired by a UK bred bull, but the demand for new blood lines to expand the breed in the UK requires that a significant proportion are sired by imported bulls. The Registrations Trend chart shows the number of calves registered by year of birth, including a conservative estimate of registrations still to come in for 2012 and 2013. The lower line is the count of calves by a UK bred bull.

It is well known that the Salers bull can have a very long working life, not least due to their excellent legs and feet and robust good health. A dip into the Herd Book reveals that of the 100 or so UK bred sires working at the moment, almost 20% are aged 5 years or old. The oldest bull (so far) is Cumbria Fury who was over 15 when he settled his last cow that resulted in a registered calf. Of course many bulls will be sold on into commercial herds once they have finished their pedigree breeding duties, and so there will no doubt be some that continue working to even greater ages.

With a long working life comes the chance to sire many calves, and Rigel Othello Poll ET currently holds the top spot with 168 registered calves. In fact, Othello has 285 calves to his credit in the Rigel herd, and more in other herds.

The combination of a long working life, tremendous fertility and minimal maintenance makes a UK bred Salers bull a very cost effective option for producing beef calves. Add in a short gestation, slim calf conformation and consequently outstanding easy calving, no wonder the Salers bull is gaining in popularity.

Registrations Trend



Top 10 UK Bred Sires by their age at last service

	HB Number	Age (years)
Cumbria Fury	ACE90011	15.4
Rigel Othello ET	PYE97033	14.3
Cleuchhead McPhee	RAB97007	11.2
Whitebog Rabbie Burns of Whitebog	XHO96001	10.9
Cumbria Dan ET	ACE284	10.8
Mosstock Intouch	CDC93044	10.7
Cuil Madrid	MCC97004	10.4
Toft Green Prince	MOT2000008	10.4
Lowca Grandee	DNS91005	10.2
Cumbria Boyal ET	ACE104	9.8

Top 10 UK Bred Sires by Number of Registered Calves

	HB Number	No. Calves
Rigel Othello Poll ET	PYE97033	168
Mosstock Intouch	CDC93044	123
Cumbrian Thunderbird Poll ET	FSG95002	101
Oaklands Urgent	DIL2003011	87
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BRENDAN DONEY

## Northern Ireland Show Results 2013

**Area 4 - Northern Ireland** holds an annual Awards Night and Dinner Dance for all members. This year it was held in the Royal Hotel, Cookstown with over 90 breeders, family and friends attending. We were also delighted to be joined by the chairman of the Salers Cattle Society, Mr Harri Pritchard and his family. The dinner dance is a great opportunity for all the breeders to get together and talk 'Salers'

Salers beef was served on the menu and once again this year, the dinner was of top quality with full compliments to the chef and team at the Royal hotel.

Entertainment was performed in the form of a local three piece band and normally ends up in the early hours with Mr Millar and his harmonica.

The growth of the Salers breed in NI is noticeable in the new faces that turn up to this dinner every year.

We are also seeing a bigger interest in members wishing to show their cattle during the summer months. This can be seen in the spread of trophies given out to breeders this year. We hope to see the growth of the Salers breed in Northern Ireland continue year on year.



Members of Area 4 at their annual Dinner Dance in the Royal Hotel, Cookstown



Chairman George McCall  
with Harri Pritchard and Family



P.J. Maginn & Sons



New members who have joined this year



Seamus Connell

### BALMORAL SHOW 2013

This years Balmoral Show, the 145th year of the show, was the first to be held at it's new venue - Balmoral Park, at Maize Long Kesh outside Lisburn.

This historic move was greeted by three days of great weather, large crowds and an impressive show of stock from all breeds.

Salers were located prominently in the middle of the cattle hall and with over 30 Salers cattle in attendance an impressive sight greeted visitors to the show.

### SHOW RESULTS

#### Cow in Calf or With Calf at Foot

- 1st J. & E.A. Elliot
- 2nd G. McCall
- 3rd Seamus Connell
- 4th G. McCall

#### Heifer born on or before

- 31st December 2011
- 1st P.J. Maginn & Sons
- 2nd J. & E.A. Elliot
- 3rd Seamus Connell

#### Heifer born on or after

- 1st January 2012
- 1st G. McCall
- 2nd Seamus Connell
- 3rd Seamus Connell
- 4th J. & E.A. Elliot

#### Bull up to 2 years on day of show

- 1st J. & E.A. Elliot
- 2nd J. & E.A. Elliot

#### Bull over 2 years old on the day of show

- 1st P.J. Maginn & Sons
- 2nd J. & E.A. Elliot
- 3rd D. McClements & Sons

#### Pair of Animals, bona fide the property of one exhibitor

- 1st J. & E.A. Elliot
- 2nd J. & E.A. Elliot
- 3rd P.J. Maginn & Sons

#### Junior Breed Champion

- Champion - J. & E.A. Elliot
- Reserve Champion - George McCall

#### Show Champion

- The Highways Hotel Cup
- Champion - J. & E.A. Elliot
- Reserve Champion - P.J. Maginn & Sons

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# Northern Ireland Show Results 2013



Applying the finishing details at the Balmoral Show. This year, 2013, saw the first show to be held at Balmoral's new venue: Balmoral Park, Maize Long Kesh located outside Lisburn.

## BALLYMENA SHOW 2013

Judge: Mr Oliver Meade

**Champion** - Seamus Connell with 'Hongarie'  
**Reserve** - P.J. Maginn & Sons with 'Lisnamaul Eimear'

**Class No. 79. Bull or Heifer Calf, born on or after 1st September 2012**  
J. & E.A. Elliot with 'Drumlegagh Galaxy'

**Class No. 80. Cow in calf or with own calf at foot**  
J. & E.A. Elliot with 'Unity'

**Class No. 81. Heifer born on or before 31st December 2011**  
P.J. Maginn & Sons with 'Lisnamaul Eimear'

**Class No. 82. Heifer born after 1st January 2012 and before 31st August 2012**  
Seamus Connell with 'Hongarie'

**Class No. 83. Bull on or before 31st August 2012**  
J. & E.A. Elliot with 'Ferdinand'

**Class No. 84. Pair of Salers**  
J. & E.A. Elliot

## OMAGH SHOW 2013

**Bull - Any Age:**

1. K. Carrothers, Enniskillen
2. J. Elliott
3. P.J. Maginn, Downpatrick

**Cow, 3 years old and over:**

1. J. Elliott
2. J. Elliott
3. G. McCall, Armagh

**Heifer, born before 1st January 2012:**

1. J. Elliott
2. P.J. Maginn, Downpatrick

**Heifer, born after 1st January 2012:**

1. J. Elliott
2. G. McCall, Armagh
3. J. Elliott

**Pair of Animals:**

1. J. Elliott
2. P.J. Maginn, Downpatrick

## ARMAGH SHOW 2013



Salers judging in the sun at Armagh

**Champion:** Kenneth Carrothers  
**Reserve Champion:** P.J. Maginn & Sons  
**Calf born in 2013:** George McCaul  
**Bull - Any age:** Kenneth Carrothers  
**Cow:** George McCaul  
**Heifer:** P.J. Maginn & Sons

## SAINTFIELD SHOW 2013

Judge: Mr Brendan McAllister, Ballymena

**The Wilson Conservation Cup**  
**Champion Exhibit in the Saler Section**  
John Elliott - Unity

**The Wilson Conservation Cup**  
**Reserve Champion Exhibit in the Saler Section**  
John Elliott - Drumlegagh Ferdinand

**Class No. 215. Cow in calf or calf at foot**

- 1st John Elliott - Unity (11/02/03) S - Romauld D - Riquita
- 2nd George McCall, Armagh - Fiere (18/10/09) S - Caramel D - Comtesse
- 3rd George McCall, Armagh - Babette (30/01/06) S - Unkaei D - Orchidee

**Class No. 216. Heifer born on or before 31st Dec 2011**

- 1st John Elliott - Drumlegagh Elise (01/03/11) S - Blason D - Jenise
- 2nd P.J. Maginn & Sons, Downpatrick - Lisnamaul Eimear (30/03/11) S - Lisnamaul Aston D - Lisnamaul Barbie

**Class No. 217. Heifer born on or after 1st Jan 2012**

- 1st D. McClements & Sons, Portaferry - Emerald Indigo (08/01/12) S - Whitebog Convener D - Sligo Indigo
- 2nd Seamus Connell - Hongarie (01/03/12) S - Delgado D - Ethiopie
- 3rd George McCall, Armagh - Carrickview Heloise (15/02/12) S - Rio D - Clarine

**Class No. 218. Bull under 2 years**

- 1st John Elliott - Drumlegagh Ferdinand (01/01/12)

**Class No. 219. Bull any age**

- 1st P.J. Maginn & Sons, Downpatrick - Lisnamaul Buster (27/01/08)

## CLOUGH VALLEY

**Champion** George McCall

**Reserve Champion** Mr. Kenneth Carrothers

**Class No. 214. Saler Cow in Calf or with Calf at Foot**

- 1st George McCall
- 2nd J. & E.A. Elliot

**Class No. 215. Saler Bull Calf born in the year of show**

- 1st J. & E.A. Elliot
- 2nd Kenneth Carrothers

**Class No. 216. Saler Heifer born before 31st Dec 2012**

- 1st J. & E.A. Elliot
- 2nd P.J. Maginn & Sons

**Class No. 217. Saler Heifer before 1st Jan 2011**

- 1st George McCall
- 2nd P.J. Maginn & Sons

**Class No. 218. Saler Bull any age**

- 1st Kenneth Carrothers
- 2nd J. & E.A. Elliot

**Class 219. Salers Pair**

- 1st P.J. Maginn
- 2nd George McCall

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## CASTLEWELLAN SHOW 2013



'Lisnamaul Buster' Champion at Castlewellan.  
Reserve at Balmoral

**Champion:** P.J. Maginn  
**Reserve Champion:** D. McClements & Sons  
**Cow in calf or at foot:** J. Elliott  
**Heifer born before 2012:** J. Elliott  
**Heifer born in 2012:** D. McClements & Sons  
**Junior Bull born in 2011 or 2012:** J. Elliott  
**Senior Bull born before 2011:** P.J. Maginn & Sons  
**Bull of heifer calf born in 2013:** G. McCall  
**Pair of animals:** J. Elliott  
**Group of three:** J. Elliott



G. McCall with 'Heliose', Reserve Champion,  
Balmoral



Seamus Connell with 'Hongarie' Champion  
at Ballymena



Kenneth Carrothers with 'Ballyhill King'  
in Omagh



J. Elliott with 'Unity' in Castlewellan



Salers soak up the sun in front of  
Castlewellan Castle



P.J. Maginn & Sons 'Lisnamaul Eimear'



## Area 4 - 2013 in Pictures



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A small but select group of Salers were forward for a successful day at

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Overall Show Champion -

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Sire by Casimir out of Rigel Violet Poll

## SPRING SALE

7 Bulls averaged £4462.50. A top price of £5040 was paid for Seawell Gazette from P.M. & S.M. Donger. Gazette sired by Ultra, a French bred bull, produces excellent heifers, his male offspring are proving to be superb crossing bulls. He sold to Messrs Jones of Welshpool.

Cows and calves averaged £2397.50 seeing a top price of £3255 for Wilf & Christine Burrows Hampton Ivy bought by Aled Jenkins of Llandusul, Ceredigion.

In calf and bulling heifers averaged £2852.50, top price £3412.50 for in calf Hampton Faith again from Wilf & Christine Burrows, also bought by Aled Jenkins.



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Wallets Marts Castle Douglas Limited staged the 22nd Annual Premier Show and Sale of Pedigree and Commercial Salers Cattle under the auspices of the Salers Cattle Society. In general, trade for both pedigree and commercial females greatly exceeded expectations, whilst bulls met with a limited demand resulting in very selective bidding.

At the show on Friday the Judge, Mr Gerald Smith, Drumsleed, found his female champion in the form of Lot 4, a senior heifer Darnford Evita from David Watson, Banchory. Evita is by the French Sire Vaillante and out of Cuil Beauty, she was 5 months in-calf to Darnford Elton.

She went on to sell for 4000guineas finding a new home with J. Innes & Sons, Dunscoft, Huntly.

Darnford Evita



Male Champion of the show was Lot 43, Whitebog Hercules who went on to take Overall Champion and sold for 4200gns to Messrs Aitken, Carlopshill.

Whitebog Hercules



Reserve Overall Champion and Reserve Male Champion was Lot 31, Harestone General from Neil Barclay, Crathes, Banchory. General went on to sell for joint top price of 6000gns to Garpel Farms, Cumnock.

Harestone General



Darnford Earl also hit the high notes for David Watson selling for 6000gns to Messrs A. McConchie, Mains of Penninghame.

Darnford Earl



Top priced pedigree female was Lot 2, Cuil Eleanor from Graham and Colin McClymont, Cuil Palnue, which made 4400gns to Alan Howatson, Risk, Newton Stewart.

Cuil Eleanor



With a host of buyers forward from both the North of Scotland and Wales; the trade for the commercial section can only be described as electric. A pair of Salers X in-calf heifers from Mains of Penninghame topped thier section at £2250. This was followed at £1700 for a pen of three in-calf heifers from Stanbury Manor, Cornwall.

Champion pen of commerical heifers came from Cuil, with four bulling heifers which sold for £1700 to Messrs Guild Jones, Rhayader. Topping the yearling heifers and heifer stirk section at £1650 was a pen of six from Mains of Penninghame selling to Alex and Jonathan Wright, Pinmore Mains, Girvan.

### SALE AVERAGES:

#### Pedigree Cattle

8 In-Calf Heifers averaged £2862 -£349  
5 Bulling Heifers averaged £3381 +£433  
13 Bulls averaged £4361 +£780

#### Commercial Cattle

12 In-Calf Heifers averaged £1683.33 -£17  
86 Bulling Heifers averaged £1218.37 +£138  
95 Yearling Heifers averaged £1277.89 +£167



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## 2013 CASTLE DOUGLAS Spring Sale

There were 11 bulls forward for the Spring Sale on 4 May plus 2 females and 12 commercials.



**Seawell Garfield** (born 6/6/11) took the "prize bull" rosette in the bull parade prior to the sale and was top price in the sale ring at 4,200gns.

Sired by Seawell Extra out of imported dam Urne (breeder Duval Gerard). Seawell Extra is a home bred bull from the Dongers of Seawell Grounds, Foxley, Northants and is out of a heifer bought from the Bressons and is by Union. Extra was retained as a stock bull for his exceptional length and size. He is a long, clean bull. Heifers are calving very easy to him.

**Cleuchhead Boris** a young bull (12 months old) from Rob & Kath Livesey sired by Drumlegagh Brandon made 4,000gns. This promising, tidy young animal went to the Poldean herd at Moffatt.

**Seawell General**, sire Trafalgar out of Seawell Tribute made 3,800gns, bought by Steven White from West Yorkshire. Trafalgar is noted for producing tremendous females with plenty of milk and excellent mothering qualities. They have size and excellent temperaments with good growth rates.

The harsh winter weather conditions have taken its toll on the pocket of farmers this spring, however bulls averaged at 4,000gns with commercials averaging £610 for 10/12month old heifer stirks, £820 for 24month old bulling heifers.

SHOW RESULTS ?



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## 2014 Stirling Bull Sales



Whitebog Harvey



Seamore Hernot



Seamore Heavy Duty

Demand was strong for Salers bulls in Stirling, with a top price of 7800gns and an average of £4725 for seven bulls and £2153 for two females sold.

Sale leader was Whitebog Harvey from Alister MacKenzie. This April 2012-born Seawell Diplomat son stood first in his class in the pre-sale judging and is out of the Cumbria Fury daughter Whitebog Rosie. He heads to Orkney with K Harvey, Vestrafold Farm.

The champion Seamore Hernot from Seamore Farming sold for 5000gns to Terry Coghill, Birsay, Orkney. Sired by Seawell Viscount he is out of the Ultra daughter Seamore Dubai.

Seamore Farming then sold their reserve champion Seamore Heavy Duty at 4800gns. Also by Seawell Viscount he is out of Seawell Betty, a President daughter. He was purchased by R Garden, Culfosie, Echt.

Alister MacKenzie was back in the action again selling Whitebog Hulk for 4500gns to John Mitchell and Company, Rumbletonrig, Greenlaw, Duns. This one is a Seawell Diplomat son out of Whitebog Connie, a Uni daughter.

Making 4200gns was Graham and Colin McClymont's Cuil Fabergas. Born July 2012, he is by Ballygar Galway and out of the Bourbon daughter Cuil Daisy. He heads to Orkney with Messrs Sandison.

The first bull in the ring Rigel Monarch from Terence and Malcolm Pye sold for 3200gns to John Dickson, Rothsay, Bute. He is by Rigel Harry Poll and out of Rigel Melisande Poll, an Amazonien daughter.

Two in-calf heifers were forward from Terence and Malcolm Pye, their best price was 2100gns for Rigel Iowa. She is an Amazonien daughter out of Rigel Ino, a Crocodile Dundee daughter She sold in-calf to Casimir to Stephen Allardyce, Tarland, Aboyne.

The other Rigel Tibet sold for 2000gns to E Hourston, Swanney, Orkney. Sired by Casimir she is out of the Sagitaire daughter Rigel Tiber Poll. She is in-calf to the homozygous polled Rigel Unro Poll.

**SHOW RESULTS** The pre-sale show on Sunday afternoon was judged by Andrew Sleight, Tarves, Ellon.

### CLASS ONE

1st and champion,  
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by Seawell Viscount  
2nd and reserve,  
Seamore Farming's **SEAMORE HEAVY DUTY**,  
by Seawell Viscount  
3rd, Alister MacKenzie's **WHITEBOG HULK**,  
by Seawell Diplomat

### CLASS TWO

1st Alister MacKenzie's **WHITEBOG HARVEY**  
by Seawell Diplomat  
2nd Graham and Colin McClymont's  
**CUIL FABERGAS**  
by Ballygar Galway  
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## Salers prove the Right Breed for the Pye Family

PEDIGREE Salers cattle have proved to be the right choice of breed for the Pyes. Brothers Terence and Malcolm Pye and their respective wives, Jane and Gill, set up their farming partnership more than 20 years ago at Leven Fields Farm, Middleton-on-Leven, Yarm.

Both Terence and Malcolm worked for large multi-national companies and while Malcolm and Gill had commercial beef cattle on their farm in Nottinghamshire, Terence and Jane were newcomers to the industry.

"We both sold our properties and bought 90 acres here with buildings we were able to convert to accommodation for us. But Malcolm and I had to work full-time off the farm and we wanted cattle that would be easy to look after," said Terence.

"We also wanted a breed that would grow in numbers and be significant in the beef industry.

"We bought our first pedigree Salers in 1990 and, while numbers of the breed in the UK have increased and it is now our tenth largest beef breed, there is still huge potential."

Through embryo transfer and selective breeding, herd numbers have been built up – usually 120 are calved annually, although extra sales of females have reduced that number this year.

Leven Fields now runs to 350 acres, primarily grassland with an arable rotation of 45 acres of winter barley, 25 acres of winter wheat and 15 acres of oats.

The maternal attributes of the breed have helped sell cattle from the Rigel herd.

While newcomers to the breed may be sceptical, those who have bought the cattle have frequently come back for more or have been converted to starting their own pedigree or commercial herd.

"It's a more 'technical' sell than for terminal sire breeds.

When potential purchasers are looking at our bulls, they can't see that they will breed cows with a big pelvis for easy calving, good udders and longevity," said Terence, who is a former treasurer and a council member of the Salers Cattle Society.

While the society has no official scheme for performance- recording registered cattle, the Pyes have been weighing their cattle for many years and they adopt the US system of udder scoring.

Measurements are also made of the pelvic area, which no other UK beef breed includes in its recorded traits.

In the US, where the trait is measured, the



From left, Gill, Terence and Jane Pye with Rigel Hurricane, sired by Othello

Salers' pelvic area is said to be the largest of any beef breed.

Salers bulls are also easy calving when crossed with other breeds as they produce a long, slender calf with a short gestation period.

It was Malcolm who first spotted the breed while on a business trip to France. All the family is convinced they made the right choice of breed.

"When you look at what's happening with suckler production at the moment, a lot of other factors have been filling the picture – diseases such as BVD, IBR, Johnes – have all taken the focus off the genetics of the cattle and other efficiency factors," said Malcolm.

"Nutrition has become so important with the rising costs of inputs. Salers have emerged as the clear leader as the suckler man's breed of choice. The breed has found its place and it is growing, and big farming companies are now coming into the breed."

When the Rigel herd was started, it was early in the history of the breed in the UK.

The breed was first introduced to the UK in 1986 by Salers Ltd, founded by Canadian farmers who established an elite herd in Britain to be a source of top genetics for export to North America.



GOOD TRAITS: Rigel Athena and her calf, Ajax

This business venture was thwarted when BSE led to an export ban, and the Salers Ltd herd was progressively dispersed.

The Pyes were able to take advantage of the situation and bought some of the French imported females at the various dispersal sales. They also bought two older bulls, one of which was Bruno.

"He weighed 1,500kg at the age of three but he was a 'gentle giant' and bred some of the best cows in the Rigel herd," said Terence.

"He was very correct with good width and top line, excellent temperament and good growth rate. We still AI to him."

Bruno died a month before he was 14 and he was buried on the farm when it was still permitted.

One of his progeny, Rigel Cordelia was the first Salers female to win a major interbreed championship, topping the Royal Lancashire Show in 1997 when she was shown with twin heifer calves at foot, Mopsa and Dorcas.

There are several female lines in the Rigel herd which have a tendency to produce twins, and one year there were 16 sets of twins, achieving a 103 per cent weaning rate for the herd.

The overall rate for the herd for twins weaned is 1.6 calves per set of twins born.

The Pyes also bought the Salers Ltd semen marketing business which has 20-plus bulls on its books to suit both pedigree and commercial users.

Other herd sires used include Crocodile Dundee, out of the famous cow Sierra who won the Paris Show six times. She typified the qualities and maternal traits of the breed.

Crocodile Dundee had been bought in France by actor Mel Gibson for his Salers herd in Australia but once again, the BSE export ban trapped him in the UK.

Another sire, Rigel Othello, a black polled bull was 15 when he died. As a result, 20 per cent of the herd is polled.

The herd is split into four breeding groups, focusing on developing different traits.

Bulls are purchased when required at the sale at the French bull testing station where about 70 are on offer each year.

The herd is run with minimal inputs, with cows and stock bulls fed home-grown forage through the winter, with weaned bulls and heifers for sale being fed some concentrates formulated by local company l'Anson.

The herd is in the Biobest Hi Health Scheme and is accredited and vaccinated for BVD and IBR, Lepto and Johnes monitored.



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## 2013 Royal Highland Show

Harri Pritchard headed north from Wales to judge the Salers classes at the Royal Highland Show. Following a morning of judging he placed the show champion to French import Gulliver from the Crockett family, Hawick, Roxburghshire. This bull born February 2011, Sired by Uno out of Colette was bred by Gaec Du Cibial, France. The reserve went to Chapelpark Una a cow born 2004 Sired by Chapelpark Tyson, Dam Farr Margo bred by exhibitor Mr John Pirie from Kingussie, Invernesshire.



**Roy and Adam Crocketts Gulliver**



**John Pirie with Chapelpark Una**

### SHOW RESULTS

#### **Class 297 - Female born on or after 1st January 2012**

- 1st Cleuchhead Magalie 12th, R & K Livesey
- 2nd Barcardi Holly, R & A Crockett
- 3rd Cumbrian Pearl 584, B Walling
- 4th Cumbrian Cammella 298, B Walling

#### **Class 298 - Female born on or between 1st January and 31st December 2011**

- 1st Cumbrian Jolie 536, B Walling
- 2nd Whitebog Gingernut, A Mackenzie
- 3rd Cleuchhead Corolle 12th, R & K Livesey
- 4th Cleuchhead Delilah, R & A Crockett
- 5th Darnford Evita, D Watson
- 6th Cleuchhead Hope 12th, R & K Livesey

#### **Class 299 - Female born on or between 1st January and 31st December 2010**

- 1st Cleuchhead Mhairi 10th, R & K Livesey
- 2nd Cumbrian Volute, B Walling

#### **Class 300 - Female born on or after 31st December 2009**

- 1st Chapelpark Una, J Pirie

#### **Class 301 - Bull born on or after 31st March 2012**

- 1st Cleuchhead Brandy, R & K Livesey
- 2nd Cumbrian Jokit, B Walling

#### **Class 302 - Bull born on or between 1st January and 30th March 2012**

- 1st Whitebog Homer, A Mackenzie

#### **Class 303 - Bull born on or before 31st December 2011**

- 1st Gulliver, R & A Crockett
- 2nd Darnford Elton, D Watson
- 3rd Darnford Emerson, D Watson

**Best Female in class 297 -**  
Cleuchhead Magalie 12th,  
R & K Livesey - Lochdougan Trophy

**Best Junior Female -**  
Gingernut, A Mackenzie

**Best Female -**  
Chapelpark Una, J Pirie -  
Q E T Perpetual Trophy

#### **Reserve Female -**

Cleuchhead Mhairi 10th,  
R & K Livesey

**Best Male from class 301/302 -**  
Whitebog Homer, A Mackenzie -  
Cuil Claret Jug

#### **Best Junior Bull -**

Whitebog Homer, A Mackenzie

**Best Bull -** Gulliver, R & A Crockett -  
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#### **Reserve Bull -**

Whitebog Homer, A Mackenzie

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#### **Reserve Junior Champion -**

Whitebog Gingernut, A Mackenzie

#### **Show Champion -**

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#### **Reserve Show Champion -**

Chapelpark Una,  
J Pirie - The Salers Bull

**Best Animal Bred by Exhibitor -**  
Chapelpark Una, J Pirie

**Best Pair of Animals -** A. Mackenzie

**Best Group of Three -** B Walling



**Junior Bull Whitebog Homer - A. Mackenzie**



**Best Junior Female Class 297  
Cleuchhead Magalie 12th, R. & K. Livesey**





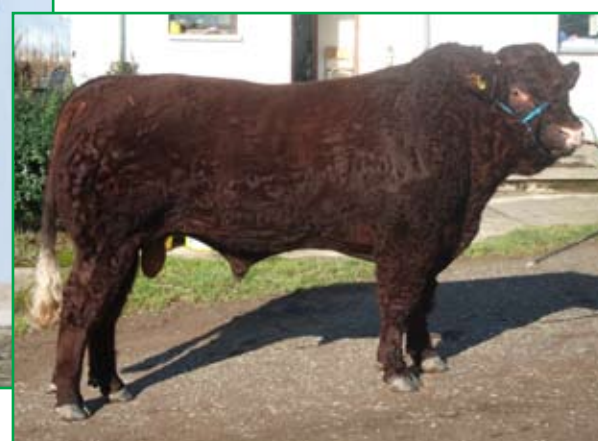
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## 2013 Great Yorkshire Show

Judge George McCall travelled from County Armagh, Northern Ireland to see a wonderful line up of Salers cattle at the 155th Great Yorkshire Agricultural Show in Harrogate. The sun shone brightly on proceedings and certainly shone down on Carolyn Fox who bred both the Show Champion Manor Lane Firework and the Reserve Champion Manor Lane Bracken, now owned by Angus and Kerry Gowthorpe.

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**Manor Lane Firework, C.A. Fox**

Reserve Breed Champion



**Manor Lane Bracken, A.&K. Gowthorpe**

### SHOW RESULTS

#### Bull born before 1 January 2012

1st Beeston Hall Egor, S & R Hallos

#### Bull born on or after 1 January 2012

1st Manor Lane Firework, C.A. Fox

2nd Seawell Halifax, P.M. Donger

3rd Seawell Houdini, P.M. Donger

4th Cumbrian Jokit, B. Walling

#### Cow born on or before 31 December 2010 in milk or calf

1st Manor Lane Bracken, P.W. Gowthorpe

2nd Cleuchhead Mhairi 10th, R. & .K Livesey

3rd Cumbrian Volute, B. Walling

4th Beeston Hall Dena, S. & R. Hallos

#### Heifer born on or after 1 January 2011

1st Seamore Glitter, P.W. Gowthorpe

2nd Beeston Hall Emma, S. & R. Hallos

3rd Cleuchhead Delilah 3rd, R. & A. Crockett

4th Cleuchhead Hope 12th, R. & K. Livesey

#### Heifer born on or after 1 January 2012

1st Manor Lane Frosty, C.A. Fox

2nd Bacardi Holly, R. & A. Crockett

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4th Approach Farm Fuschia, P.W. Gowthorpe

5th Beeston Hall Fern, S. & R. Hallos

6th Cumbrian Pearl, B. Walling

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## Improving Scale, Shape, & Conformation at **DARNFORD SALERS**

Five years on from purchasing his first pedigree Salers cow, **David Watson of Darnford, Banchory** enjoyed a bumper trade at the November 2013 Salers Cattle Society show and sale at Castle Douglas, jointly topping the sale with a price of 6000gns for the reserve senior champion **Darnford Earl**.

David also secured 5500gns for the bull Darnford Elite and picked up the overall female champion prize and 4000gns for **Darnford Evita**.

From the outset, it has been David's aim to concentrate on improving the quality of his cattle, rather than increasing numbers and the herd currently has 25 breeding cows.

"My aim is to improve the scale, shape and conformation of the cows but not at the expense of their easy-calving trait," says David.

The herd was founded with the purchase of Cuil Venice, who stood champion cow at the society show and sale in November 2008. Eight heifers from the McClymont's Cuil herd followed in the summer of 2009 along with a further 19 from John Elliott's Drumlegagh herd.

Until he had enough cattle to justify the purchase of a stock bull, AI was used and from the pool of genetics, David chose to serve the cows with Vaillant. A French bull owned by Brian Walling of Cumbrian Farmstock Genetics, Vaillant was overall Salers champion at the Paris Show in 2009 and has done 'very well' according to David.

Anything that does not hold to AI is covered by Chaplepark Ali, and in fact, the bulk of the pure cattle are to this bull.

David and his fiancée Lynne Brown travelled last October to the Sommet de l'Elevage in Clermont Ferrand to the Salers national show where the new stock bull Fangio was purchased privately.

"The quality of stock on show was fantastic; it was a good reminder to us that we still have a bit to go with our herd. The purchase of Fangio will hopefully keep us moving in the right direction," says David

The herd, which is part of the SRUC Premium Cattle Health Scheme, is vaccinated for BVD and leptospirosis.

The pedigree Salers are run alongside the commercial herd of 400 Saler cross cows. His pedigrees are run commercially until he selects the bulls, adding that "they're not mollycoddled". Of the females, only the very best are kept for the pedigrees with the remainder going into the commercial herd.

Spring calving takes place in January and February and the cows are supplemented with Harbro's Grampian Super Suckler SEC



David Watson & Lynne Brown

minerals pre- and post-calving, powdered minerals inside and as a molassed lick at grass.

Calves are turned out to grass in May/early June when they are introduced to creep feeding. The creep mix is based on Harbro's High Voltage concentrate and includes Maxammon treated barley, oats, Invercrombies and sugar beet pulp.

David, his father Pete and uncle Andrew who runs another suckler herd at Glasslaw, Stonehaven have a long established customer relationship with Harbro and in 2011, hosted a very successful and well attended farm walk.

David Watson started feeding High Voltage concentrate on the advice of Harbro sales manager David Mackenzie. David wanted to feed his cattle on a natural diet, which would utilise his home-grown cereals and other straights used on the farm. Importantly, the focus for the diet was rumen health, foot health and fertility and from the cereal point of view, risk-free from acidosis.

"The cattle are in much better health and bloom, they've got a much better shine on them. We've never had any problems with feet and health," says David Watson.

"Feeding High Voltage has given me peace of mind - there's a lot of good stuff to help with all the potential problems with bulls - feet and fertility," he added.

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**Darnford Earl**



**Darnford Elite**



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When weaned in late October/early November, the females and males are then housed separately with bulls going through the final selection in January. Any males not making the grade in David's eyes go for finishing.

Bulls that are destined for show and sales the following October are turned out in spring for three to four months before the final preparation for show and sale in October.

It is very much a family affair at Darnford where the majority of David's time is spent looking after the large suckler herd along with his father Pete and his brother Adam. At sale time, David's fiancée Lynne a beauty therapist by day, makes a great job of grooming and showing the bulls.

The saying 'beauty comes from within' springs to mind and the feeding regime at Darnford has most certainly had some influence on the bloom and condition of the stock.



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# Q&A: John's

**Q.** There is a widespread industry belief that the John's blood test is only 70% accurate.

**A.** This is a myth that must be dispelled. It is uncertain what is meant by 70%. One important measure of a test is the specificity and the specificity of the blood (antibody) test is 98%. This means that on average two of every 100 uninfected animals give a false positive result in the blood test. Faecal examination can then be used on these animals to determine if they are positive or negative. The second measure of a test is the sensitivity and this is a measure of the tests ability to detect infected animals as positive. For John's disease animals that are infected can be expected to test negative as they are yet to produce antibody to this disease. As they age they will test positive before they exhibit disease signs. They can then be culled at high value.

**Q.** It is thought that Risk Level 3 & 4 categories should be at 5% rather than 3%. Why was 3% decided on?

**A.** It is appreciated that more herds would be in Risk Level 3 if a 5% figure was adopted. However the aim of the programme is for herds to progress through the Risk Level categories and to offer cattle to the marketplace with a known (and low) level of disease risk. When the results for 1335 herds in PCHS were analysed it was found that 80% of herds had fewer than 5% positives in their first two years of testing and 68% had fewer than 3%. For a quality system it was felt that the lower cut-off was more realistic.

**Q.** The term 'reactors' and 'positives' are often applied in a confusing manner.

**A.** The CHeCS technical document is clear; all animals that test positive or inconclusive are termed as reactors until a faecal examination is undertaken. If they test negative on faeces they are no longer classed as reactors.

**Q.** Is it correct that herds of fewer than 33 animals are allowed one animal testing positive to be classed as Risk Level 3?

**A.** This is correct. More than 1 positive pushes them into Risk Level 4.

**Q.** Should terminology still be 'accredited'?

**A.** The programme is an accreditation process with herds accredited to a Risk Level. Accreditation means that they have adhered to the quality standards defined in the John's control programme.

**Q.** To get a Risk Level 1 need a John's Health Plan. Why?

**A.** It is often assumed that progress in eliminating the disease is made by culling all positive animals alone. However a plan has to be in place to reduce the risk of positive animals occurring. The health plan covers a list of essential and discretionary elements that need to be addressed in order to reduce the risk of disease becoming established in the herd and to reduce the spread of infection in a herd that already has the disease.

**Q.** I have been classed as Risk Level 5 even though I am testing for John's. Why?

**A.** If testing through CHeCS approved health scheme you will be afforded a Risk Level status based on the test results, provided that a health plan is in place. If no health plan is in place Risk Level 5 is awarded.

**Q.** Are there variations in test results (blood & faeces) between CHeCS health scheme providers?

**A.** Not all providers use the same test kits or provide the full range of tests and this may lead to slight variations in results. On the evidence available PCHS uses the best commercially available tests. All labs running CHeCS programmes must be accredited to ISO17025 standard for all primary tests used for accreditation. Part of this process involves ring testing of samples by all labs; that is all labs receive a set of the same samples on a regular basis to test and report back. The results of this external check show that all labs achieve the desired results. However there is an argument for making this external examination more extensive to ensure high standards are maintained across the CHeCS licensed labs.

**Q.** In TB1 areas are there likely to be more false positive results?

**A.** Yes, this is likely. The PCHS recommendation is to undertake the test for the health scheme at least three months after TB testing whenever possible. For many herds in regions of the country with annual or more frequent testing for TB then collection of blood samples on the first day of the TB test makes sense. The CHeCS technical document provides more advice.

**Q.** My herd is in Risk Level 1 but I want to buy a bull. What do I need to do?

**A.** Wherever possible only source animals from herds that also have a Risk Level 1 status. If animals from herds of a lower risk level are being brought-in, they must be tested using both blood and faecal samples irrespective of the age of animal. Animals must remain in the herd of origin, or in quarantine, until results are known and only when both results are negative can the animals be introduced to the herd.

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## Beeston Hall Salers Stephen & Rachel Hallos



**BEESTON Hall Farm is not the easiest unit to farm even without the limitations imposed by its owner Yorkshire Water. But it is home to a successful Salers-based suckler beef system.**

When West Yorkshire farmers Stephen and Rachel Hallos took part in a focus farm project, they did it with some trepidation.

Instead it has proved the basis for expanding their existing business and helping pave the way for the next generation to make their way in farming.

However, one key change the couple had already implemented was a switch from spring calving to mixed spring and autumn calving for their Salers beef suckler herd.

This allows better grazing management and scope to increase cow numbers from 80 to about 100, with potential cost savings on bought-in forage and expansion of the sheep enterprise.

**Restrictions** - These are all being achieved within restrictions imposed by their landlord, Yorkshire Water, keen to maintain the integrity of their water catchment area. Yorkshire Water's priority list also consists of conservation grazing management on the large moorland site of special scientific interest (SSSI), which forms part of Beeston Hall Farm, and linking with RSPB to preserve habitat for the rare twite bird.

Added to the mix their 16-year-old son Sam is keen to join the farm business when he leaves school and, all being well, will take up a home-based farm apprenticeship. His younger sister Anna, 13, is also keen to kick start a farming career. Plans are geared to be able to pay Sam a 'proper wage' when he leaves school, plus longer term provision for Anna if she too wants to join the business.

**Background** - Mr Hallos' parents came to 20-hectare (50-acre) Beeston Hall, Ripponden, in 1966. They ran the farm as a small dairy producer retailer business, typical of the South Pennines. In 1992, the family added the tenancy of the adjoining 728ha (1,800-acre) Batings Farm, also owned by Yorkshire Water. With the addition of other rented land, Mr and Mrs Hallos now farm a total of about 809ha (2,000 acres).

The Batings tenancy was taken for its limited amount of 'green' land for the dairy herd. The bulk of the farm is rough moorland, mostly molinia with some heather, rising to about 396m (1,300ft) above sea level.

Mr Hallos says: "Because Batings was taken for dairy grazing, the 580ha of moorland became increasingly wet, inaccessible and neglected. It

is exposed to every westerly wind which blows.

"All our moorland is now designated as an SSSI with grazing only allowed for three months of the year as part of a heather regeneration project. Sheep numbers were reduced and replaced with cattle as conservation bodies say cattle are more selective grazers than sheep.

**Reservoirs** - "An additional restriction is that much of this moorland is in the water catchment area for two reservoirs. This means we cannot have calves on the moorland because of the risks of cryptosporidium reaching water courses. Over the farm as a whole, we have to be careful to meet Yorkshire Water's requirements when applying farmyard manure to land.

"The milk retail business started to decline in the early 1990s and continued to fall making the dairy business less and less viable. Rachel and I took over the farm in the summer of 2000 and it was clear things had to change if we were to stay in business."

He says it soon became clear the family either had to invest heavily in dairying or get out of it and start with suckler beef and sheep.

Mr Hallos says: "The figures did not add up, but a link with the RSPB who were anxious to protect the moorland as a habitat for the Twite meant the farm became financially viable."

Mrs Hallos says they decided they needed a hardy beef cow which would not break down under the farm's hard conditions and was easy to manage.



**Income** - She says: "It had to fulfil our prescription under the stewardship agreement, which is a major source of income for the farm."

"We came across Salers purely by accident. We bought six in-calf females, five with calves at foot, from Rigel Pedigree. They happened to come with pedigree paperwork though we were buying them as purely commercial breeding animals. We now have about 80 spring calving cows and 40 autumn calvers, all of which are pure Salers.

"We also have about 300 mainly Blackface

ewes, which were put to Lonk tups, but more recently we have used Lleyns tups across all our sheep."

Mrs Hallos says Beeston Hall will always remain a commercial farm with pedigree cattle sales a 'cherry on the cake'.

All male calves are reared entire, with the best six retained as possible breeding animals and the rest sold at about 10 to 11 months old through Skipton market. All heifers are retained for herd replacements or for sale as breeding animals.

The family were asked by Steve Dunkley of Eblex to become a focus farm, and Mr Hallos says while he was unsure about it at the time, it has worked out well.

Mr Hallos says: "For a start, the idea of people coming to look round the farm got us tidying everything up, doing odd jobs which had just been left and cutting docks."

Mrs Hallos says: "Everything we do here is governed by our stewardship agreements and by the needs of our landlords, Yorkshire Water, which works to protect drinking water supplies.

"The farm lies between two reservoirs, meaning we can only put farmyard manure on our fields and cannot spread slurry as well as being very limited on the amount of fertiliser we can use.

"Those invited to the focus farm meetings thought we were crazy when they were told of our split calving herd. It doesn't seem a logical move on an upland farm but every farm is different and the change suits ours. We would like to think it made a few others think about it themselves."

### Beeston Hall Farm facts

- Future plans include expanding to about 100 cows plus about 300 mostly Blackface breeding ewes
- Mr and Mrs Hallos took part in an Eblex backed focus farm programme for the uplands

- The pedigree Salers herd are part of an Orkney-based high health scheme, Hi-Health, chosen because the scheme was developed and is run by farmers

- The Salers herd is weight recorded

- A small number of Blackface cross Lleyns are being run on the high moor to test hardiness of the in-lamb cross against the Blackface ewe

- The focus farm project highlighted cattle were given priority over sheep, sometimes to their detriment. Now the two are treated in exactly the same way.





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# AUSTRALIA and the ISF

The International Salers Federation (ISF) has been an important inspiration to Salers Breeders in Australia during 2013/2014. As many readers will be aware, we experienced one of the worst droughts in decades leading up to and during the past Summer and the cattle market here has been in the doldrums, particularly in the northern areas of the country where we have had a failed wet (monsoon) season for the second consecutive year. Of course, there will be a resurgence and in spite of the set-backs, great opportunities exist with the development of a breed such as Salers in the beef cattle herds in this country which number a total of 28 million head.

During the past 12 months, in view of our strong connections with and respect for the ISF, it has been a pleasure to have overseas visitors coming to see us and in particular, we mention Bruce Loewenberg and Gale Douglas of "Show-Me Salers", Missouri, U.S.A. and on another occasion Jesper Hildebrandt, President of the Danish Salers Society. As well, the writer had the privilege of attending the 2013 French Concours National Salers at the Sommet de l'Elevage in Clermont-Ferrand. At the Sommet it was wonderful to be with over 100 Foreign Salers Breeders who had come to France for this major event.

It is obvious that the ISF is an ideal vehicle for the development of communications between Salers Associations/Societies around the Globe and further expansion with the exchange of knowledge and ideas between Salers Breeders in various countries is paramount for the continuing domestic and international growth of the Salers Breed.

It is rewarding to see these positive developments and special mention must be made of the very worthwhile achievements of Salers Breeders in the United Kingdom and their Society.

**RON COOMBER, President**



Meeting at Salers Concours Stand  
(left to right): Alister (Bertie) Mackenzie-Scotland,  
Tony Robinson-England, Ron Coomber-Australia



Moree Flight with Jesper Hildebrandt (right)

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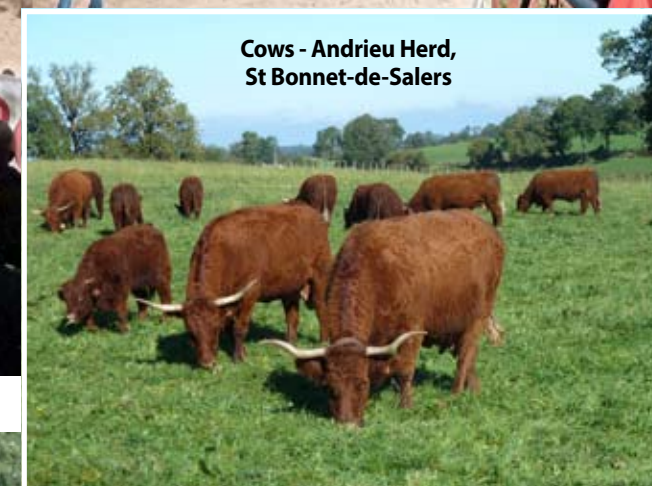
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in Sydney**





# Salers prove the ideal Breed at PINMORE MAINS

Since its introduction to the United Kingdom back in the early 1980s, the Salers breed has witnessed a slow but steady rise to fame. And it's the maternal abilities of the breed that have really pushed it onwards, proving to be an excellent suckler cow in both pure and cross-bred herds.

**And it's the ideal cow for the Wrights – Alex and Joan together with son Jonathon, his partner Toni and their two boys, six-year-old Deagan and Mason, three – who run a herd of 110 Salers cows and followers, of which 30 are bred pure to produce replacements while the remainder covered by a Charolais sire.**

Having moved to Pinmore Mains, near Girvan, from their native County Antrim, in Northern Ireland, back in 1995, the family have expanded their operations to include 510 acres between Pinmore Mains, Traboyack and Alton Albany, and rent a further 100 acres of grazing during the summer months.

Also kept are around 900 Texel cross ewes which are put to Beltex and Texel tups for producing fat lambs to sell through Newton Stewart where they often lie in the top three prices.

"We bought our first Salers cows back in 1998 at a sale at Castle Douglas," begins Jonathon, who has taken over the majority of the work on the farm.

"There, we bought Campsmount May, who has bred exceptionally well and is still going strong today, as well as Cuil Mona.

"Following those initial purchases, we bought Pennymydd Wedge for covering the commercial herd and a further 10 bulling heifers from the McClymonts at Cuil, Newton Stewart."

Each year roughly 10 females are bought in from some of the top herds around in the country, including the Risk, Poldean, Penningham Mains, Cuil and Whitebog herds.

And in 2006 the Wrights forked out 3600gns for the 2006 Castle Douglas champion, the Lascar-sired Whitebog Simon.

"Simon has really clicked with our cows and changed the stock here altogether. Sons of his have been sold locally with daughters selling well too," said Jonathon.

And up for offer at this year's Castle Douglas sale is Traboyack Optimus, a Simon son out of the Beeston Hall Camilla, a cow bought at Castle Douglas in 2006 for 2700gns.

"He's the best I've bred to date," said Jonathon. "He's a well made, strong and powerful bull with a really quiet nature."

But it's not just breeding pure stock that is reaping the returns for the Wrights as in 2008, following the private sale of several stock bulls, they invested in a Charolais bull for covering the bottom end of the herd.

"The resulting cross is an ideal commercial calf. They can be sold at any age, from one-day-old

to 30 months and the Salers mother retains the easy calving traits meaning I have no worries putting even bulling heifers to the Charolais bull.

"In fact, we have so little problems with the Salers that I'm more likely to stay with a lambing ewe than a cow during calving," he said, further explaining that both lambing and calving occur in a very compact period in the springtime.

"They're very quick to get up on the feet too, even the Charolais crosses, and are very quick to grow and simply bloom at speaning time when they're offered ad lib silage and introduced to a small amount of Whauphill cow mixture."

Each year around 20 of these cross-bred bullocks are retained to offer for sale the following year, as 18-month-olds, at Newton Stewart. This September, this batch of Charolais cross Salers sold at an average weight of 525kg and achieved 263p per kg or £1353 per head.

The remaining calves are sold straight off their mothers in the months of December and January through the store ring where, last year, bullocks cashed in to level at £810 and heifers at £720 aged between eight and nine months.

But to produce top end stock in the sales ring, Jonathon stresses that you've got to get the basics right.

"They've got to have plenty character and the conformation to match," he said. "After that, I look for depth, breadth, width and a good, dark red colour with the ability to breed good calves. After all, there's no point in buying a bad beast as you've got 14 years to look at it!"

"I'd expect a Salers cow to live to 13 or 14 years old, giving us 10 or 11 calves in a lifetime, not including twins!"

"I like to keep a tight calving period in March and April and so I'll be strict with any yeld cows and sell them on as they've got to pull their weight. Typically we can expect only 2% of the herd to be empty and so, last year, the only two cows yeld in the herd were a 14-year-old Cuil cow and one which had produced four sets of twins."

"And even though a Salers cow might be a bit slighter in frame than other continental breeds



such as the Limousin, Simmental and Charolais, they can still demand a good price in the cast ring – last year 14-year-olds fetched up to £1200."

But despite having all the qualities of great suckler cow, the breed still has a certain stigma associated with it which Jonathon is keen to put right.

"A lot of people seem to think that the breed has a mad streak through is but I don't see it. Our cattle are very canny as we're in about them every day and we've had a lot of buyers return for more stock as they're so impressed with the breed.

"As a relatively new breed to the UK, I think they've come a long way over recent years and can easily rival the commercial suckler cow for her calf rearing abilities.

"You can't compete with the fertility of the Salers and what's more is that the females have plenty of milk with very few health problems such as mastitis and milk fever. In fact, the last case of milk fever at Pinmore Mains occurred six years previously.

"They're the ideal breed for me as they give more calves with better health traits, resulting in more money," he concluded.



# Breeding Efficient Suckler Cows

By DONALD BIGGAR OBE, Farmer, Castle Douglas



Sustainable beef production will in future rely on low cost grass based systems using much less grain (less than half a tonne per unit of output) and successful development of low maintenance cow herds with low enough costs to leave a profit at current prices. Systems will compromise between market demands and efficient conversion of grass to protein.

Profitability of sucker enterprises is not so much influenced by the value of each calf sold but by the number of calves sold, less the cost of maintaining the cow herd. Ideally these calves will be sold at a premium for their eating quality.

## THE IDEAL COW?

What must she achieve? What are her characteristics? How do we breed such a cow? What tools are available to assist?

Cows in a profitable sucker enterprise should produce their first calf at two years of age. The increased number of calves produced more than justifies this policy. Maintaining heifers until they are older before they contribute to the herd output cannot be as economical as calving at two years old.

Ideally cows should produce and rear a calf each year thereafter for at least 8-10 years and the herd will thus have a low replacement rate.

Fewer heifers will be needed as replacements each year while greater selection pressure will ensure only the best are retained. As a result, more heifers will be available to sell each year perhaps even as replacement heifers to other breeders. Longevity and fertility are thus vital to keeping replacements rates and maintenance costs low. Efficient cows will gain condition at grass in summer, conceive their next calf, and then use some body reserves over winter before calving and returning to grass the

following year. Over wintering on 3.5 tonnes of silage or less without cereal supplementation should be achievable. Mineral supplementation should only be used where an identified deficiency exists and only small amounts of grain fed when a late spring delays grass growth.

Each cow should produce a calf whose 200 day weight equates to 40% of her weight (e.g. 232kg at 200 days from a 580kg cow). Such a heifer calf will have no difficulty in reaching desired weights for bulling at 15 months to calve down at 24 months. These performance weights are not extreme yet are sufficient to grow on and achieve a carcass weight of 320kg at 20 months following a second summer grazing. This production cycle therefore majors on grass and forage products and is thus, a more efficient means of production.



## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COW WHICH CAN ACHIEVE THIS LIFETIME PERFORMANCE

- **Early puberty**
- **Ease of calving**
- **Sound feet and leg structure**
- **Correct udder formation and teat structure, adequate milk**
- **Rumen capacity to convert roughage**
- **Medium frame size and weight of 550-600kg**
- **Docile and easily manageable**



## HOW DO WE BREED THIS COW?

Dam selection – where possible it is worth adopting a self-replacing policy even for health reasons alone. Replacement females should be bred from cows already performing well and where possible, from older cows that have survived a strict culling policy.

Sire selection – in selecting a sire for a suckler replacement breeding programme, there are several key considerations. First choose a breed of bull carefully. The breed should be strong on maternal characteristics. Select a bull with sound conformation and structure. Select from a herd with health scheme accreditation; avoiding diseases such as Johne's, IBR and BVD. EBV's are a subject of considerable debate, the stockman's eye remains his most important tool, yet any data which adds to his knowledge can only build and contribute to his success.

## CONCLUSION

Breeding a sustainable herd of cows takes at least ten years – the influence of successful cow herd selection will last a further decade. It only takes one bid or phone call to change the bull.

The challenge for the UK beef industry is to become more competitive though lower cost structure. In the end, we are farming our resources (principally grassland) rather than striving for the perfect product in the meat industry, which has little concern for its cost of production or the sustainability of its breeding systems. We have been led in the direction of increased costs and leaner products which the consumer has at last realised, is not the succulent beef they are once again beginning to appreciate.





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The Salers Cattle Society lost a dedicated member in 2013, **Philip Rettie**

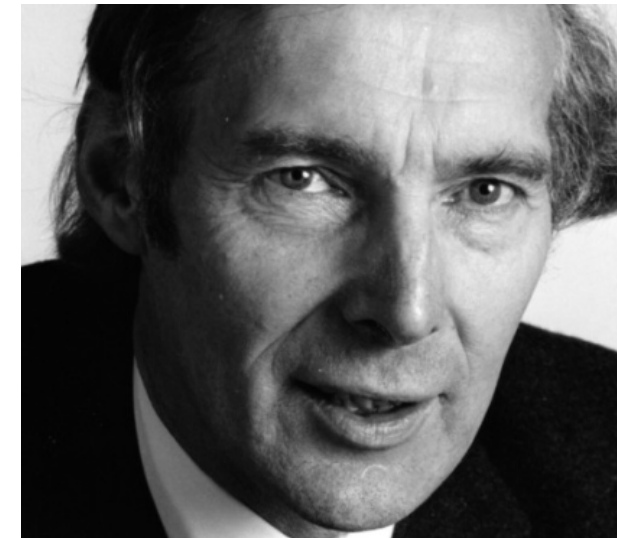
Philip and his wife Diane began with Salers back in 1989. Having seen the bull Bruno exhibited at the summer shows they headed off to the first ever Castle Douglas sale and "when a beautiful cow called Valognes" entered the ring Diane said to Philip "do get her". He did and she had a lovely heifer calf. The

following year they imported from M Dauzet and built their Ballindean Salers herd up for there.

His greatest passion was farming and he always proclaimed he was attracted to Salers by their hardiness and ease of calving. These factors and their milk production meant they were very well suited to producing and looking after calves in the Scottish climate. He wasn't a showman but did take his animals to help promote the breed. He was a member of council for many years and served as Honorary Treasurer from 1995-2004.

He showed cattle at the Royal Highland (on and off) for many years. Perhaps you could see if there is anything that could be included on this aspect. I wonder if Diane has a good photo of one of his show animals that could be included. He also was a stalwart of the Council, and I've drafted the following section which would fit above the section on his main business interests.

In addition to breeding and showing Salers cattle, Philip gave freely of his time and experience to the Council of the Society, first as an Area Representative (1991-1994), and then as our Treasurer (1995-2002). These were challenging times for the Society as the livestock industry was in a most difficult situation (BSE, F&MD etc.), and Philip's guiding



hand ensured that our very limited funds were used wisely, and that we remained solvent! Having handed on the financial baton, Philip was prevailed on to continue to serve the Council as a Co-opted Member until 2009. Throughout all his years on the Council, Philip was great company, his contributions to the

meetings were well thought out and to the point, and he was universally respected and so it was with great reluctance that Council finally acquiesced to his wish to stand down.

Philip was also a prolific business man. Born James Philip Rettie in Dundee, he served in the Royal Engineers in India and the UK from 1945-1948. Following his service he joined the family business of William Low and Company PLC (a supermarket chain later taken over in 1994 by Tesco) and became managing director in 1958 and chairman in 1980. His other business interests included being chairman of the Seafish Industry Authority (1981-1987), director, then chairman of Buist Spinning Company (jute spinners and linen manufacturers) in Dundee (1961-1979), director of the British Retailers Association (1975-1985) and on the Tayside board of Trustees Savings Bank (1970-1987). Mr Rettie was also on the board of governors of New Park School (1972-1981) and a member of the Stodart Committee of Enquiry into local government (1979-1980) and a trustee of the Scottish Civic Trust (1982-2002) and an honorary colonel of the TA (1982-1988).

Philip leaves wife Diane, children Andrew, Sarah and Simon, stepchildren Charles and Victoria and 16 grandchildren. A true gentleman who gave so much to so many.



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To register a calf got by embryo transplant, the Embryo Registration Form No. and Embryo Number (e.g. 186/3) need to be supplied, and its registered name will be followed by ET.

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	Dam	Grade C	Grade B	Grade A	Any
Sire	Female calves registered as				
Full Blood	Grade C	Grade C	Grade B	Grade A	
Purebred (31/32 or more)	Grade C	X	X	X	X

Following its first calving, a Grade C cow may be designated as Purebred and transferred to the Herd Book, subject to passing an inspection for conformity to Breed Standard. Application for inspection must be made in writing to the Secretary. On passing the inspection, to effect the transfer the original warranty and transfer fee must be forwarded to the Secretary. This cow's calves can then be registered as Purebred according to the table. Grade C cows are transferred as 7/8 PB no matter what % Salers blood they actually are.

	Dam	Full Blood	31/32 PB	15/16 PB	7/8 PB
Sire	Male & Female calves registered as				
Full Blood	Full Blood	63/64 PB	31/32 PB	15/16 PB	7/8 PB
Purebred (31/32)	63/64 PB	31/32 PB	15/16 PB	7/8 PB*	
Purebred (15/16)	31/32 PB	15/16 PB	7/8 PB*	X	

\* = female calves only

**UK HERD BOOK NUMBER** The format is XYZyyyyNNN, where XYZ is your three character herd id, yyyy is the year (eg 2014) and NNN is a three digit sequence number which must be unique for each registration in a given year. This should be the final three digits of your official UK ear tag number. For Northern Ireland ear tags, use the three digits preceding the checksum. For Grade animals only, append A, B or C accordingly.

	Female FB	31/32 PB	15/16 PB	7/8 PB	3/4	1/2
Male FB	FB	63/64 PB	31/32 PB	15/16 PB	7/8 PB	3/4
31/32 PB	63/64 PB	31/32 PB	15/16 PB+	15/16 PB	●	●
15/16 PB	31/32 PB	15/16 PB+	15/16 PB	●	●	●
7/8	●	●	●	●	●	●

FB = Fullblood- PB = Purebred -(FO) = Female only as 7/8  
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Warranty Numbers go as follows	Herd Letters	Year No.	Sequence No.	Grade Letter	
1st cross (1/2)	XYZ	2010	001	A	(XYZ 2010001A)
2nd cross (3/4)	XYZ	2010	002	B	(XYZ 2010002B)
3rd cross (7/8)	XYZ	2010	003	C	(XYZ 2010003C)

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As requirements of importation change CHECK WITH THE SECRETARY what is required when you start on the import of animals, semen or embryos. All imports must have a three generation pedigree certificate issued by the Society of the country of origin and a clear DNA Beta-mannosidosis test certificate. Imported in calf cattle must also have an official three generation pedigree certificate and a clear DNA Beta-mannosidosis test certificate for the sire of the invitro calf. Registration of imported cattle (not in calf) is £28+VAT, if registered within 3 months of import. For imported cattle, with an in vitro calf, registration is £43 + VAT, if registered within 3 months of import. Over 3 months late penalties will be incurred.

### SIRE CERTIFICATES

system has been set up for registering calves got by a non-owned sire. Service may either be by A.I. or natural. In these cases a Sire Certificate must be obtained from the owner of the bull/semen and forwarded with the registration form (and A.I. form if appropriate). The cost of the Sire Certificate is negotiable privately between the owners of the dam and the owners of the bull or semen. Sire certificates can be obtained from the secretary at the cost of £30 per 10 certificates. The secretary must be informed if the owner of a bull or semen wishes to use the sire certificate system (otherwise registrations may be accepted without a sire certificate and the owner would lose the service fee).

**EMBRYO TRANSPLANT PROGRAMME** Before embarking on an embryo transplant programme, please contact the secretary who will forward the relevant Salers Society forms. Minimum of £11 per animal flushed (up to 10 embryos) thereafter £1 per embryo. After 3 months minimum of £20 per animal flushed (up to 10 embryos) thereafter £2 per embryo. Remember to insert the ET Form No. and Embryo No. on the Calf Registration Form). £28 per Export Certificate plus embryo registration. One Export Certificate covers all embryos from one flush to the same purchaser. BOTH SIRE AND DAM IN AN EMBRYO PROGRAMME MUST BE BLOOD-TYPED and have a clear DNA Beta-Mannosidosis test certificate.

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Crocodile Dundee	279	6387062264	£40 + VAT	Rigel Pedigree	01642 590125	Non-Carrier
French Connection	IMP 90026	1590068366	£35 + VAT	Rigel Pedigree	01642 590125	Non-Carrier
Vainqueur	1	1584052218	£30 + VAT	Rigel Pedigree	01624 590125	Non-Carrier
Vauban	3	1584054531	£25 + VAT	Rigel Pedigree	01624 590125	Non-Carrier
Kracker	IMP 97053	6327580166	£40 + VAT	John Elliott	02881 661654	Non-Carrier
Drumlegagh Dennis	DRU2010017	63659800107	£40 + VAT	John Elliott	02881 661654	Non-Carrier
Oldcastle Polled Gemini	HBM2002001	160108300010	£30 no VAT	Arthur Beeves	075075 94416	Non-Carrier
Theoreme	IMP 2005020	5318070195	£25 + VAT	H.G.&S.G. Pritchard	01786 819159	Non-Carrier
Turbulent	IMP2007004	1522218702	£40 + VAT	Thomas Kely	07801 105655	Non-Carrier
<div>• Before any calves can be registered from the table above a Sire Certificate must be obtained from the owner and enclosed with the Birth Registration Form. • The late registration penalty will apply if time is taken to obtain the Sire Certificate.</div> <div>• Registration fees will apply on the date all paperwork is correctly supplied.</div> <div>• No advance payments will be accepted.</div>						

**AIM:**  
If a member has collected semen from a registered bull in his/her ownership, or has acquired the sole rights to semen in the UK, for imported or purchased semen and wishes to sell semen at commercial production prices to encourage commercial use, yet retain a higher return for pedigree use by charging a separate levy free on registration of pedigree calves, he/she can apply to the Society to register the bull as a Pedigree Registration Royalty Sire.

**INVOLVEMENT OF THE SOCIETY:**  
The Salers Society of the UK and its secretary will merely be the tools by which those calves gain their registration, in a Pedigree Registration Royalty Scheme, which is an arrangement between the vendor of the semen and the breeder who wishes to register a calf, which is the result of using this semen.

## CHARGES for 2013

	Charge	VAT 20%	TOTAL
<b>Registrations 1st &amp; 2nd Cross</b>			
up to 1 year	£12.00	£2.40	<b>£14.40</b>
over 1 year	£28.00	£5.60	<b>£33.60</b>
<b>Registrations All other calves (except ET)</b>			
up to 3 months	£28.00	£5.60	<b>£33.60</b>
3-6 months	£49.00	£9.80	<b>£58.80</b>
over 6 months	£91.00	£18.20	<b>£109.20</b>
<b>Registrations Embryo transplant calves</b>			
up to 3 months	£33.00	£6.60	<b>£39.60</b>
3-6 months	£59.00	£11.80	<b>£70.80</b>
over 6 months	£112.00	£22.40	<b>£134.40</b>
<b>Transfer of ownership</b>	£6.00	£1.20	<b>£7.20</b>
<b>Replacement Warranty</b>	£10.00	£2.00	<b>£12.00</b>
<b>Registration of Embryos (including imported)</b>			
Minimum per animal flushed (up to 10 embryos)	£11.00	£2.20	<b>£13.20</b>
Thereafter per embryo	£1.00	£0.20	<b>£1.20</b>
After 3 months-minimum per animal flushes (up to 10 embryos)	£21.00	£4.20	<b>£25.20</b>
Therafter per embryo	£2.00	£0.40	<b>£2.40</b>
<b>Subscription payable 1st January</b>	£55.00	£11.00	<b>£66.00</b>
if paid by standing order	£50.00	£10.00	<b>£60.00</b>
<b>Joining Fee and Registration of Heard Letter and Prefix</b>	£37.00	£7.40	<b>£44.40</b>
<b>Export Certificates</b>	£28.00	£5.60	<b>£33.60</b>
<b>Registration of Imported Cattle not in calf</b>			
up to 3 months from date of entry	£28.00	£5.60	<b>£33.60</b>
3-6 months	£54.00	£10.80	<b>£64.80</b>
over 6 months	£106.00	£21.20	<b>£127.20</b>
<b>Registration of Imported Cattle with in vitro calves</b>			
up to 3 months from date of entry	£43.00	£8.60	<b>£51.60</b>
3-6 months	£69.00	£13.80	<b>£82.80</b>
over 6 months	£122.00	£24.40	<b>£146.40</b>

All transactions are plus vat. No transactions complete until payment is received and paperwork correctly supplied.  
It is the responsibility of the member to get all relevant information to the Society office on time or late penalties will be incurred.

# BREED HISTORY and CHARACTERISTICS

### BREED ORIGIN AND HISTORY

Salers (pronounced Sa'lairs) originate in the Southern half of the Massif Central in the Auvergne region of France. It has a rough and variable climate, and though higher, 2000-6000 ft, is very similar to our Lake District and the Highlands of Scotland and Wales. The Salers is one of the oldest breeds in the world, with prehistoric cave paintings suggesting that a similar type of animal has been bred in the area for 7-10,000 years.

They appear to be closely related to the old Celtic breeds and the African breeds, and were probably located in the Massif Central when red cattle migrated from Africa through the Iberian Peninsular and on into northern Europe and the British Isles.

### BREED IMPROVEMENT

What is certain is that Devons, Durhams, (Shorthorns) and West Highland cattle were imported into the Salers area in the mid 19th Century with the intention of improving the breed. At the same time a M. Tyssandier D'Escous challenged the introduction of outside blood and set about improving the Salers by selecting from within the breed.

His method was considered most successful, and he became known as the Father of the Breed. A statue honouring his work stands in the middle of the small mediaeval town of Salers from which the breed takes its name.

From that time until well into the 20th century the breed was improved and developed as a triple purpose animal, Milk-Meat-Draught.

Traditionally, this involved the simultaneous production of milk for cheese and a calf for beef production. In 1925 milk recording became compulsory and weight recording started in 1962.

Resulting from all this improvement and recording has emerged the ideal suckler cow with bred-in foraging ability, able to utilise and thrive on native grasses and forage both summer and winter.

### BREED CHARACTERISTICS AND QUALITIES

The difficult environmental conditions where the Salers breed developed makes it ideal for the poorer areas of the British Isles and today's beef industry. Salers are generally horned and dark red, though there are a very small number of black animals. Polled animals in the full blood herd are very rare. However, a growing number of polled and black Salers are becoming available in the pure bred herd. The skin and pigmented membranes are brown and consequently few eye or udder problems occur. A good hair coat which becomes thick and curly in winter gives hardiness and adaptability to cold and heat.

Having roamed the mountains for centuries, and been draught animals they have developed strong legs and good feet with black hooves. Consequently the cattle can travel long distance over rough ground without developing foot problems. They are equally able to tolerate long periods inside on slats etc. Being one of the oldest and genetically most pure of the European breeds,

the Salers produces a positive effect on the predictability in crossbreeding programmes in a consistent increase in hybrid vigour.

The French National Institute of Agricultural Research has run trials that show that Salers cows and heifers are able to draw on their body reserves when food is scarce to produce sufficient milk for their calf, building them up again quickly when grazing is plentiful. The same trials show that Salers are only fully mature at 5 to 6 years of age.

### Measured on farm

Average weight of mature cows	650-850kg
Average weight of mature bulls	1000-1200kg
Average height of withers of cows	144cm
Average height of wither of bulls	154cm

### Measured at the Paris Show

Average weight of cows 5 years+	844kg
Average weight of bulls 4 years+	1209kg
Heaviest weight of cow	963kg
Heaviest weight of bull	1401kg

(Heavier weights have now been recorded in the U.K)

### MATERNAL INFLUENCE

Fixed through its heritage the Salers female displays exceptional maternal qualities of fertility, milking ability, calving ease, hardiness and longevity. High percentage calf crops resulting from the inherent fertility of Salers are realised through early puberty, quick rebreeding and high conception rates coupled with the breeds predictable calving ease and large pelvic structure. Further maternal advantage is realised through the Salers ability to wean a heavy calf and take care of herself. More kilograms at weaning result from the combination of good lactation and lean growth factors.

Suckler cow herd costs are minimised though the breeds foraging ability, winter hardiness and minimal feet, eye and udder problems. Salers are known for their longevity and "wearability" no doubt due to many of the factors stated, stress free calving, good feet and legs etc.

In a survey carried out in France, of over 100,000 Salers cows, 25.1% were 10 years old or over and the calving interval was 374 days.

Bulls are known for their ability to cover large numbers of females and in the ranching countries bull numbers have been halved and calving percentages have risen, another valuable saving on herd costs.

Salers are a unique breed that combine high carcass quality and fast growth rate yet calve easily.

More live calves per cow put to the bull means more £££'s and it all begins with a trouble free birth. Vigorous calves born with moderate birth weights and slender long foetal conformation have gained Salers a proven reputation for easy calving. Salers sired calves offer the cowman the unique combination of increased weaning weights with less management at calving.

The dam and the sire both influence the weight and shape of the calf at birth. Salers

calves are relatively light at birth, about 36 Kg for heifers and 38 Kg for bulls, they are also long and rather flat in shape, it is this feature which makes the Salers bull very popular for crossing with commercial and dairy heifers.

The Salers influence contributes a large pelvic area to cross bred replacement females and will allow commercial suckler cowmen to utilise heavily muscled terminal sires in a cross breeding programme with less concern about calving difficulties.

### FEEDING AND CARCASS

The final measurement of a breeds capabilities is the economic production of a lean, nutritious and palatable protein product. That is what beef production is all about, Salers consistently produce the product that the industry and consumer demand. Salers and their crosses are being proven both by the feeder and the butcher.

Competitive live weight gains and efficient feed conversion have been documented by the feeder, whilst the butcher appreciates carcasses that are of industry acceptable weight from approximately 10-16 months and producing top grades. Salers cattle are extremely flexible in the finishing yard enabling feeders to make the best of the markets highs and lows.

The Salers is a carcass breed that calves easily and consistently produces carcasses that are high in quality and lean in composition. Salers are producing an industry preferred product that is making the breeder, the feeder, the butcher, and the retailer take notice.

### THE BEGINNINGS OF SALERS IN THE U.K.

In the spring of 1984, a herd of Salers was founded in Cumbria - 60 females and 4 bulls with as wide a genetic base as possible. Consequently, heifers by 45 different sires and 4 bulls completely unrelated to each other were imported into the U.K. from France.

All the cattle were first choices. Growth rate, docility, femininity, straight top lines and correct legs were the main criteria for selection. All dams, and granddams where possible, were inspected and had to come up to the same standard. In that importation were two females carrying the poll factor. All lived up to expectations, bred and gave no calving problems whatsoever.

From the original importation Salers cattle quickly spread all over the British Isles from the Shetlands to Cornwall and Ireland. The Salers Cattle Society of the U.K. was formed by Bryan Walling, Robert Hudson, Fiona Walling, Thomas Dobson and Bruce Worsley of Crosthwaite, Kendal.

The first AGM was held in November 1986, at that point there were a mere 10 members. Bryan Walling was elected as first Chairman.

Since then the breed has continued to expand throughout 1000 Salers are being registered annually by 175 members.

The Society is divided into Areas and is governed by a Council made up from the Area Representatives.



# Membership Application Form

## I wish to become an Annual member of the Salers Cattle Society of the UK Ltd.

And hereby agree to abide by the Rules of the Society until the termination of the year in which I withdraw my membership by notice in writing.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Terms of Membership

Initial Joining Fee & Registration of Herd Prefix  
**£37.00 plus VAT @ 20%      Total = £44.40**

Annual Subscription  
**£55.00 plus VAT @ 20%      Total = £66.00**

**Total Initial Fee = £110.40**

**Please complete the following in block capital  
(except for email & website address)**

Membership Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

\*Salers Herd Prefix Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Salers Letters \_\_\_\_\_

\* Salers Herd Prefix Name – this can be any name you choose provided it is not already registered with the society.

\*\* Salers Letters – Select three letters of your choice which will be the society computer reference for your herd.

Return this form to the secretary:

**Liz Wilde**

**Smith Hill Farm,  
Bower Slack Lane, Triangle,  
Halifax HX6 3EZ**

## Payment Details

**A** Payment can be made by cheque made payable to Salers Cattle Society of the UK Ltd.

**B** Payment can be made direct into the society account, please pay RBS for the credit of the Salers Cattle Society of the UK Ltd.

**Account Number 11861110 Sort Code 16-26-14**

## Gift Aid

Gift Aid provides a great opportunity for you to increase the value of your donations and/or subscriptions to the Salers Cattle Society at no cost to yourselves. Provided you are a taxpayer we can claim from the Inland Revenue the basic rate tax paid on your donations/subscriptions, boosting them by 28%. So for every £10 we receive it is worth £12.80. All the society needs from you is a simple declaration saying that you want to use Gift Aid.

A declaration can cover one or more donations/subscriptions and can be made by filling in the form below.

**Name of Charity:      The Salers Cattle Society  
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**Charity Number:      1115115**

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**I would like all donations/membership  
subscriptions I have made since 6th April 2006  
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To qualify for Gift Aid you must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains in the tax year equal to the tax we reclaim from your donation.

# Salers Events 2014

## February 17th Stirling Bull Sales

United Auctions, Stirling

## May 3rd Newark Sale

Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

## May 14th-16th Balmoral Show

Balmoral, Northern Ireland

## May 15th Welshpool Show & Sale

Welshpool Livestock Centre

## May 22nd National Beef Expo

Hexham Market, Hexham

## June 5th-7th Royal Cornwall Show

Wadebridge, Cornwall

## June 19th-22nd Royal Highland Show

Ingleston, Edinburgh

## July 8th-10th Great Yorkshire Show

Harrogate Show Ground

## July 21st-24th Royal Welsh Show

Builth Wells

## October 31st Agri-Expo

Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

## October 31st-December 1st Premier Show and Sale

Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

## November 13th Beef South West

Westpoint, Exeter

## December 1st-2nd Royal Welsh Winter Fair

Builth Wells

**Council meetings take place on**

**March 2nd / June 1st / September 7th / December 7th**

**Annual General Meeting**

**31st October, Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas**

Events/dates may change, be added to or removed as applicable.

Salers can be seen at many other events around the UK

Your area representative will be able to inform you of events in your area.



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