



## MEMBERS NEWSLETTER: WINTER 2020



Congratulations to Pat & Judith Boyd who topped the 2020 Premier Sale of Pedigree and Commercial Cattle at Castle Douglas with Drumaglea Nuggett, who sold for 10,000 guineas to Trayboyack Salers.



WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY,  
HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR



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# DISPERSAL OF THE

## AIDANSFIELD HERD OF PEDIGREE SALERS

TB4, BVD ACCREDITED, JOHNES LEVEL 1



## UNITED AUCTIONS, STIRLING

### SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021 - 12 NOON

**130 x IN CALF FEMALES**

**4 x STOCK BULLS**

**12-15 x MAIDEN HEIFERS**

The dispersal of the remaining young stock will follow at a Society sale in late spring

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### DISPERSAL SALE 9 JAN 2021 12 NOON

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 12 Noon, United Auctions, Stirling will host the dispersal of the breeding stock of Aidansfield Salers, consisting of 130 in-calf pedigree females, 4 stock bulls and 12 – 15 maiden heifers. The remaining young stock will be dispersed at a Society Sale later in the Spring. To view the online catalogue please visit [www.salers.uk](http://www.salers.uk) or contact UA on 01786 473055 for further information.

### COUNCIL BUSINESS

A Council meeting was held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 10am via zoom. During that meeting they agreed to circulate a DRAFT copy of the AGM minutes to all members. Therefore, please find attached a DRAFT copy that will be ratified at the next AGM.

The Society byelaws have been amended slightly to comply with 3<sup>rd</sup> Country listing to enable the Society to continue to trade with the EU from 1 January 2021. The latest copy can be found on the website [www.salers.uk](http://www.salers.uk)

### EVENTS

The majority of the large agricultural shows have postponed making any decision about whether they will go ahead in 2021 until January. Please check the Society website for details.

### NEWARK SALE ALTERNATIVE

Since the untimely closure of Newark market last year Council have been actively seeking alternative sale locations. They have decided to join the Aberdeen Angus, Simmental, Beef Shorthorns and Lincoln Red Society at a multibreed sale in Melton Mowbray on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

The schedule, timetable and entry forms are available to download from the Society website. The deadline for entries will be 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021. All normal Society sale rules will apply.

### SEMEN FOR SALE

#### SOCIETY SEMEN FOR SALE


Whether you are choosing your next herd sire or selecting semen to put across particular dams this is an important decision and shouldn't be rushed. Every option should be explored and whilst doing this do not forget the Society has semen for sale from Vanloogy and from Ugolin. Both are stored at: UK Sire Services Ltd, Venton Stud, Tigley, Devon TQ9 6DP Tel: 01803 863560



**07**  
Jan

January 7, 2020

**SOCIETY SEMEN FOR SALE  
UGOLIN**



**04**  
Jan

January 4, 2020

**SOCIETY SEMEN FOR SALE  
VANLOOGY**

### BREEDPLAN MEETING

Following concerns from a member raised at the AGM over the accuracy of the 200 Day Milk EBV, an open Breedplan technical meeting with Barbara Webster of Pedigree Cattle Services has been agreed. It will take place for all members via zoom on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7pm. Any member who wishes to join should contact Sian by email [secretary@salers.uk](mailto:secretary@salers.uk) Generic questions should be submitted to Sian in writing by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. If you have specific questions about your herd or particular animals in your herd, you should contact Barbara direct: [barbara@breedplan.co.uk](mailto:barbara@breedplan.co.uk)



## OCTOBER 2020 - STIRLING BULL SALES

Topping the Salers trade at Stirling Bull Sales on Sunday 18th October 2020 was Lot 302, Cammock Nova, for Niall and Katie Blair. Cammock Nova is a September 2018 born son by Bacardi Herbie out of Cammock Libra, a Gulliver sired daughter. Cammock Nova sold to W S L Muir, Upper Onston, Stenness, Orkney for 5500gns. Next to sell was Lot 304 from Murray Lyle, Strathallan Orateur sired by Seawell Kawasaki the sire of the February 2020 Salers Stirling Bull Sales Champion. Strathallan Orateur sold for 4500gns to Q. Limond for his 120 head herd at Barskelly Farm, Ayrshire. Rigel Pedigree sold Lot 301 Rigel Newton, a Lascaux son out of a 12-year-old Othello bred cow Rigel Pascal Poll. At 3000gns, Rigel Newton joined Cammock Nova on the boat to Orkney as he travelled to his new home of Millburn Farm, Harray, owned by Steven Sandison. Three bulls sold out of the six bulls present to an average of 4333gns, £4550.



## OCTOBER 2020 - WELSHPOOL AUTUMN SALE

The Welshpool autumn sale of pedigree and commercial Salers took place on Saturday 10th October 2020. The market was a much quieter affair than normal due to the Covid-19 restrictions with only vendors and buyers being allowed to attend the market. Leading the trade at 4000gns was Rigel Optimus Prime, a March 2019 born bull out of Cleuchhead Gentle by Noble. Optimus had strong conformation and an excellent growth rate. His sire, Noble (origin Fournet) descended from Beguin and Variegeois, two very influential French bulls. His dam was purchased from Messrs Livesey and was chosen for the strength of her female traits. Both Optimus Prime and his dam have milk EBVs in the top 5% of the breed. The commercial section averaged £1184.38 for 16 animals sold and had a healthy clearance rate of 84% which was £105.38 a head up on 2019. A & M Austin had a steady and consistent trade and commanded a top price of £1800 for lot 4 an 18-month-old in-calf heifer which sold to D J Nightingale, Ashover. They also achieved the 2nd and 3rd highest prices in this section with £1600 and £1400 for two other 18mth old incalf heifers which travelled to the same home of J S Abel, Llanidloes, Powys. The pedigree female average was also up £383.27 per head on 2019 with 11 out of 18 females selling to a top of £2415 (2300gns) for P M & S Donger's, Seawell Orma, an Iron Man sired female out of Seawell Fanny and PD'd in-calf to Norbert. She went home to BJ & MY Davies, Gorse Farm Rhayader, who also purchased lot 30 from PM & S Donger, Seawell Okama, a Landmark daughter out of Seawell Kama and again PD'd in calf to Norbert. Topping the production sale from J F Robinson and Sons was lot 35 Cuil Kylie born in 2015 by Ballymackeogh Leo ET out of Cuil Eileen. Kylie was bought by Edward Bros, Glashirfryn, Oswestry who also purchased one of the Seawell female consignments. Mick Dumbreck put forward the only led pedigree female heifer lot 22, Crowgarth Orchid, a February 2019 born heifer by Baron and out of Cuil Klot. Orchid was purchased by R A Watson, Woodcock Farm, Asbourne for 1300gns (£1365).



## NOVEMBER 2020 – PREMIER SALE, CASTLE DOUGLAS

Pedigree female Salers were in high demand at the 29<sup>th</sup> Premier sale of pedigree and commercial Salers at Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas on Saturday 7th November 2020.

Mr Patrick Boyd led both the pedigree male and female sale. First with Drumaglea Nymph, a May 2018 born heifer, in calf to Cantal, sired by Bronson and out of Drumaglea Arabella. Her dam also produced Drumaglea Kes who sold at Stirling for 12,000gns. Drumaglea Nymph found her new home at Trayboyack Salers owned by A & J Wright based at Pinmore Mains, Ayrshire.

Rednock Estate added four females to their Stirlingshire based herd. Drumaglea Naomi an April 2018 born heifer by Halley out of Cumbrian Rouge 472 was secured at 4000gns, Drumaglea Nubile another Halley sired female born in May 2018 out of a Ringo sired dam, joined Rednock for 3400gns. Gill & Malcolm Pye also purchased Drumaglea Nevus, a September 2018 heifer in-calf to Django for 3000gns and paid 2800gns for Drumaglea Nougatine again another Halley sired daughter this time out of the milky dam, Drumaglea Kay. Topping the Cuil production females was Cuil Nesta a November 2018 born female by Knottown Nector out of Cuil Daisy and guaranteed in-calf to Cuil Nero. Nesta heads home to Cammock Salers owned by Niall & Katie Blair. Andrew Tullie bought Drumaglea Nippy and John Martin & Sons bought Drumaglea Nan both paying 3600gns each. D Anderson, Strocherie Farm purchased the second highest price Cuil production female, with Cuil Nadia an October 2018 born female out of Cuil Gin, making 3100gns. Trayboyack Salers purchased a Halley sired female, Drumaglea Nimbale born in May 2018 and in-calf to Baron for 2800gns and Northern Ireland breeder David Boyd secured two Cuil heifers at 2400gns and 2600gns respectively for Cuil Natalie and Cuil Needy for his Knockagh herd. The final Drumaglea heifer from a line that goes back to Vendee was sold to Mr A Henry, Knockallan for 2200gns. 13 females sold with 100% clearance at an average of

3408gns / £3578.08 and increase of £1189.33 on 2019.



DRUMAGLEA NUGGETT – 10,000 GNS



CUIL OSLO – 6,000 GNS



TOLQUHON NAPOLEON – 5,000 GNS



## NOVEMBER 2020 – PREMIER SALE, CASTLE DOUGLAS

Trayboyack Salers had to bid to 10,000 guineas to secure their pick of the bulls Drumaglea Nuggett, a Halley sired son born in September 2018, out of Drumaglea Chelsea. Nuggett joined the two Drumaglea females Nymph and Nimbale on the short journey home to Ayrshire. N & D Austin, Boreland of Girthon purchased Cuil Oslo for 6000gns. Oslo was sired by Drumaglea Kingpin, out of Cuil Flo and took the second highest bull price of the day. Jack Sleight and Sons sold Tolquhon Napoleon a Sligo Ohmy son to Aidansfield Salers for 5500gns and Murray Lyle sold Strathallan Optimal a Seamore Kawasaki sired bull to John Mitchell, Greenlaw for 4000gns. Seamore Kawasaki was also the sire of the Breed Champion at Stirling Bull Sales, February 2020. Mr D Grant, Kirriemuir headed home with Rigel Nebraksa Poll a May 2018 born Rigel Byron Poll son for 3800gns. Donald Gilder, Cheltenham purchased Rednock Otto Poll for 3700gns, whose sire Rednock Lagerfeld was placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the Royal Highland Show. The Aitken's at Carlopshills took home Drumaglea Napoleon for 3500gns and William and Michael Aitken purchased Drumaglea Neptune for 3400gns for their herd at Scotstounbank, Blyth Bridge. Douglas Brown selected Cumbrian Odeon Poll for his females at home at Mosshall, Lockerbie for 3000gns and Angus Fettes of Essil Salers purchased Kaimburn Ozzie and Bacardi Orly for 2000gns each. 11 bulls sold with a clearance of 84.62% and averaged 4263gns / £4476.82, up £268.07 on 2019. Mr J Wright of Trayboyack Salers had been asked to judge the commercial pens of four Salers or more and his Champion and winner of the Willie Davidson Memorial Trophy along with his Reserve Champion ticket both went to Colin McClymont and family for Lots 6 and Lots 4 respectively. The McClymont's also topped the commercial bulling heifers' section, realising £1820. Leading the in-calf heifer section was A R Lee of Lumbylaw who sold four incalf heifers to J R Graham for £2000 apiece. 32 in-calf heifers were sold at an average of £1554.69 and 168 bulling heifers were sold at an average of £1165.60.



STRATHALLAN OPTIMAL – 4,000 GNS

Finally, in the absence of a show and the normal presentation dinner, a special announcement was made in the sale ring. Vice-Chair of the Salers Cattle Society of the UK Andrew Sleight, awarded fellow Council Member, breeder and exhibitor, Alan Howatson the coveted Cuil Salver donated by the McClymont family in recognition of the enormous contribution made by a member to inspire, encourage and promote the Salers breed and the Society.



ALAN HOWATSON RECEIVING THE CUIL SALVER

## EORI NUMBER

You need an EORI number to move goods between the UK and non-EU countries.

From 1 January 2021 you will need one to move goods between Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and the EU. You may also need one if you move goods to or from Northern Ireland.

If you do not have an EORI, you may have increased costs and delays. For example, if HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) cannot clear your goods you may have to pay storage fees.

You'll not usually need an EORI number if you only:

- provide services
- move goods between Northern Ireland and Ireland

If you use a post or parcel company they'll tell you if you need an EORI number.

You'll need an EORI number from an EU country if your business will be making declarations or getting a customs decision in the EU. Get this from the customs authority in the EU country where you submit your first declaration or request your first decision.

To apply for an EORI number follow this link to the government website:

Before you apply

To apply you need your:

- VAT number and effective date of registration - these are on your VAT registration certificate
- National Insurance number - if you're an individual or a sole trader
- Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR) - find your UTR if you do not know it
- business start date and Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code - these are in the Companies House register
- Government Gateway user ID and password

If you need a Government Gateway user ID, use either:

- the one for your business or organisation
- your own if you're applying as an individual

If you do not already have a user ID, you'll be able to create one when you apply.

Apply for an EORI number

Use this service to apply for an EORI number that starts with GB. It takes 5 to 10 minutes to apply. You'll get it either:

- straight away
- within 5 working days (if HMRC needs to make more checks)

<https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/customs/register-for-cds/vat-group>

## CONSULTATION: IMPROVEMENTS TO ANIMAL WELFARE IN TRANSPORT

As you may be aware there is a proposal to ban live exports in England and Wales, this legislation is in the consultation phase at the moment giving anyone who would like to the chance to have an input into the changes.

Visit <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/transforming-farm-animal-health-and-welfare-team/improvements-to-animal-welfare-in-transport/>

to find out more information on how to have your say if this change will affect you and your business.

The deadline for consultation is 28 January 2021.

## EXPORT - LIVE ANIMALS AND GERMINAL PRODUCTS

From January 2021, live animals and germinal products being exported from GB to EU will be subject to new export controls. These include the requirement for health certification, import pre-notifications and entry via a Border Control Post.

From January 2021, new import requirements will apply to exports of live animals and germinal products from GB to the EU.

This includes the requirement for

- goods to be accompanied by an EHC.
- EU import pre-notifications submitted by the EU importer at least one working day in advance of arrival.
- entry via an EU BCP, where goods will undergo documentary, identity and physical checks.

All goods will need to be accompanied by an EHC; this will need to be secured by the exporter from APHA and completed by an Official Veterinarian / Inspector verifying that the animals meet the health conditions as outlined in EU regulation and stipulated on the certificate.

For England, Scotland and Wales, exporters can apply for their health certificates on EHC Online (EHCO) and further information on EHCs can be found here. EHCO is a new digital online application service for EHCs that has been developed by Defra and APHA.

By early 2021, EHCO will have replaced the current manual PDF process for applying for non-EU EHCs. If no EHC currently exists for the country of destination, the GB exporter should contact CITC for further information. All goods will need to enter the EU via a BCP designated for that commodity in order for the goods to be checked. The original physical copy of the EHC must be presented on arrival at the BCP for inspection by EU authorities.

The EU importer will also need to submit pre-notifications to the relevant BCP via TRACES NT. This will need to be done at least one working day in advance of the goods' arrival.

Depending on the type of animal, specific welfare requirements may apply including the need for specifically approved transportation vehicles, and certificates or authorisations for the drivers and handlers of the animals. Depending on the length of the journey, a journey log would also need to be submitted to APHA and the EU MS CA and the approved Log must accompany the consignment.

Live animals and germinal products will need to enter the EU via a suitable BCP in order for the animals to be checked. Upon arrival at the BCP, the animals will be subject to documentary, identity, and physical checks. This entails an examination of the official documents which are required to accompany the consignment and a visual inspection to verify the content of the consignment corresponds to the official documents. A physical check means a check on, as appropriate, the means of transport, the condition of the animal and may include sampling for analysis.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND IMPLEMENTATION DATES OF THE ABOVE MEASURES PLEASE GO TO:**  
<https://www.gov.uk/transition>



## IMPORT - LIVE ANIMALS AND GERMINAL PRODUCTS

From January 2021, live animals and germinal products imported from the EU will be subject to new import controls. These include the requirement for health certification and import pre-notifications. The requirement for most live animals and germinal products to enter GB via an established point of entry with an appropriate Border Control Post will not come into force until July 2021.

From January 2021, new import requirements will apply to live animals and germinal products from the EU.

These include the requirement for:

- goods to be accompanied by an Export Health Certificate (EHC).
- import pre-notifications submitted by the importer via IPAFFS at least one working day before the expected time of arrival at the point of entry. This does not include the requirement for entry via an established point of entry with an appropriate Border Control Post (BCP); this will not come into force until July 2021

From January 2021, all live animals and germinal products will need to be accompanied by an EHC; this will need to be secured by the exporter from the EU country of origin's competent authority. These certificates will be substantially the same as the existing EU certificates for RoW imports, but will instead relate to imports into GB. Where EU health certificates for live animals and germinal products exist, they will be transcribed into domestic versions. Traders intending to export to GB should use the existing certification as guidance on what will be required.

The GB importer will also need to submit a notification via the Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS) at least one working day before the expected time of arrival at the point of entry.

For live animals and germinal products, the GB importer will need to supply the EU exporter/Official Veterinarian (OV) with the unique notification number (UNN) that is produced when the importer notifies APHA about the import. The exporter must add the UNN to the commercial documentation or health certificate (if one is required).

From July 2021, new import requirements will apply to live animals and germinal products from the EU. This includes the requirement for:

- goods to be accompanied by an Export Health Certificate (EHC).
- import pre-notifications submitted by the importer in advance of arrival.
- entry via an established point of entry with an appropriate BCP in order for goods to be made available for documentary, identity and physical checks

The UK Government is currently exploring options to build more BCPs and to provide targeted support to ports to do so. Therefore, this list will likely change to include further sites. These changes will be made public in order for traders to prepare accordingly.

The GB importer will also need to submit a pre-notification to the relevant BCP via the Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS) in advance of the goods' arrival.

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# TAGGING REQUIREMENTS & SEMEN COLLECTION

## EXPORTING OR MOVING GB LIVESTOCK TO THE EU OR NORTHERN IRELAND FROM 1 JANUARY 2021

From 1 January 2021 the UK will trade with the EU as a third country. New rules for entry into the EU of certain animals and products from third countries including livestock will apply in 2021. Under the Northern Ireland Protocol of the EU Withdrawal Agreement, the same requirements will apply for these live animal movements from Great Britain to Northern Ireland.

This means that we will have to use a two-letter ISO[1] country code 'GB' to identify livestock exported to EU Member States or moved to Northern Ireland. The UK currently uses the identifier 'UK' in accordance with EU rules for Member States. From 2021, we will need to include a visual identifier which displays GB for animals intended for exported or moved to the EU or moved to Northern Ireland.

The following paragraphs explain the export tagging options for different species and would also apply when tagging animals for movement to Northern Ireland. You should confirm with the importer that your exported animals are identified by an acceptable method.

Further details can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-animals-and-animal-products-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021>

## MOVING ANIMALS TO GB FROM NI

You can continue to use existing UK tags to move animals from NI to GB after 1 January 2021. Read more information about moving goods under the NI Protocol.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/moving-goods-under-the-northern-ireland-protocol>

## SEMEN COLLECTION

It is highly likely that the point of control for ensuring semen has been collected in accordance with the prevailing legislation will become the responsibility of individual breed Societies. There are three types of semen collection in the UK/GB:

- 1- On farm collection with pre-collection health tests for bTB, Brucellosis and EBL, with collection allowed for three months. This semen can be used within GB, but not in Northern Ireland. This semen can be sent to a processing centre (2 below) for processing.
- 2- Collection in a domestic centre with regular tests for the above diseases, this semen can be used within GB but not in Northern Ireland.
- 3- Collection in an EU-licensed centre with regular tests for the above diseases as well as some others BVD, IBE, IPV, Trichomoniasis, Campylobacteriosis, this is eligible for use in all accepting countries and also for use in Northern Ireland.

To ensure we are not faced with a situation whereby Trading Standards may remove cattle - and any progeny produced with semen that was technically not eligible for export, from 1 Jan 2021 the registration of an AI sires must be accompanied with documentation showing where the semen was collected, and that the collection was done in accordance with the prevailing legislation to ensure eligibility for that semen to be used in the UK or for export to or from the UK as appropriate.

## Conor Colgan

Conor Colgan died suddenly on his farm on Friday 27th November on his 42nd birthday. Conor was a remarkable person; driven, ambitious and pioneering. Originally from Northern Ireland, in 2002 Conor's family settled in Lowick Northumberland on a mixed arable and grassland farm. Overcoming a severe horse racing injury and the premature death of his father Aidan, Conor set about putting his own stamp on the family farming business. He had refined his business thinking whilst studying for an MBA in Advanced Farm Management and incorporated the principles of Lean management into the practical operation of the farm. The state-of-the-art greenfield Aidansfield farmstead that Conor built over recent years included grain drying and storage facilities and cattle housing but was much more than an ambitious conventional commercial farm. Remarkably, Conor developed a state-of-the-art research station focused on feed efficiency, genetic improvement, and carbon reduction, becoming a livestock research contractor running trials for diverse scientific and commercial organisations. His commitment to the future of the farming industry and his willingness to speak plainly did not go unnoticed. He was serving as a board member of AHDB Beef and Lamb and had been a council member of the Institute of Agricultural Management. Conor loved cattle and had a great eye for stock. He carefully developed the Salers herd, introducing exceptional bulls from the UK and from France. I travelled to France with Conor a couple of times as bagman / translator. On one occasion, we found ourselves in conversation with Herdbook officials at the Paris show; Conor explained that he was vaguely interested in finding a bull for export. They asked him what type of bull he was looking for and he pointed at the Grand Champion and said, "How much for that one?" It was that moment when you walk into a saloon and the piano player suddenly stops. Conor will be remembered for many things. I will remember idle hours leaning on a rail looking at cows and particularly his tendency to wander off in airports at critical moments. Conor will be terribly missed by his family and friends. Our thoughts are with his beloved young children, Alphy and Sophia.

Paul Allison,  
Harperley Salers





## Tudor Jones

Tudor Francis-Jones, Glyn Farm, Llanidloes passed away on Saturday 28th November at the age of 49, after an eight-year battle with ill health.

Tudor was born in Llanidloes in 1970 and was the fourth generation of his family to farm at the Glyn.

Tudor was a keen rugby player having gained a Welsh District Cap in 1998. He was a real country man, enjoying his shooting and other outdoor pursuits.

Salers were introduced to the Glyn herd in the mid 1990's under the prefix Glynne Hall. When Tudor took over the running of the farm, he focused more on the Salers breed. In May 2012 he produced and brought out the Champion Bull at the Welshpool Spring Show and Sale, with Glynne Hall Dynamite.

The annual Salers sale in Castle Douglas was a favourite trip of Tudors, as much for the socialising as the sale itself. On one occasion, much to his amusement, he ended up in a Halloween Party. He didn't know anyone but still had a great time!

Our thoughts are with all his family and friends at this time and in particular, his wife Angela, son James and daughter Maria.



Phil Abel



The Society has been running website and social media features of members and their herds over the month of May. In each newsletter one of the profiles will be published, to ensure those of you who don't have access to the internet, do not miss out. The Society is enormously grateful to those who have taken part so far and encourages any member who wishes to feature, to send their story, along with at least three photographs to [secretary@salers.uk](mailto:secretary@salers.uk)

### KAIMBURN SALERS



Kaimburn Salers are owned by Mr & Mrs J A de Gier under the name of Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd and managed by Neil Ralston. Neil moved with his parents from a dairy farm in Campbeltown to a farm near Morebattle in 1989. He is married to Fiona and they have two sons, Greg and Lewis. When Neil started as manager of Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd in 2008 the enterprise ran 1,350 sheep and no cattle over Edgerston Home Farm and Overton Bush totalling just over 1,400 acres lying close to the English border at Carter Bar.

In 2009 4 highland cows were purchased then in 2010 a further 6 highland cows were purchased but these were for decorative purposes. Neil knew that by only having sheep all his eggs were in the one basket so decided it was time to add some 'proper' cattle to the equation. After consultation with his employers, he was given the go ahead to purchase cattle with the one proviso, 'it didn't look like a field of liquorice allsorts' so Neil's hunt began. After looking at Stabalisers, Sim/Luings and Shorthorns Neil hadn't found what he was looking for. Roy Crockett invited him to look at his Salers and as soon as Neil saw them all looking the same and heard about their ease of calving, he knew that they fitted what he was looking for. By the end of 2014 Kaimburn Salers were up and running having purchased 24 pedigree females from Ian Livingston, 15 commercial females from John Aitken and 8 commercial females from Roy & Adam Crockett together with a bull, Seawell Highlander, purchased from the Dongers. Neil was soon convinced he had made the right choice and by the end of 2015 further females purchased from Ian Livingstone and there were 75 females on the ground.

To date all females have been retained to increase numbers, the best bulls are selected for showing and sale and the remainder of the bulls are kept entire and sold as bull beef. Neil's goal was to get to 100 cows which he has pretty much reached with 97 cows, 24 heifers and followers therefore bulling heifers will be available for sale next year.



## KAIMBURN SALERS: Member Profile 2020







## CHRISTMAS 2020

The office will be closed from Monday 21st December 2020 until Tuesday 5th January 2021.

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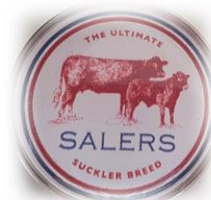
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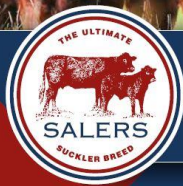
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- Salers Cattle Society 2021 Calendar £7.50 plus P&P
- Air fresheners £2.50 plus P&P
- Society ties £15.00 plus P&P
- Society pin badges £3.50 plus P&P
- Face masks £5.00 plus P&P

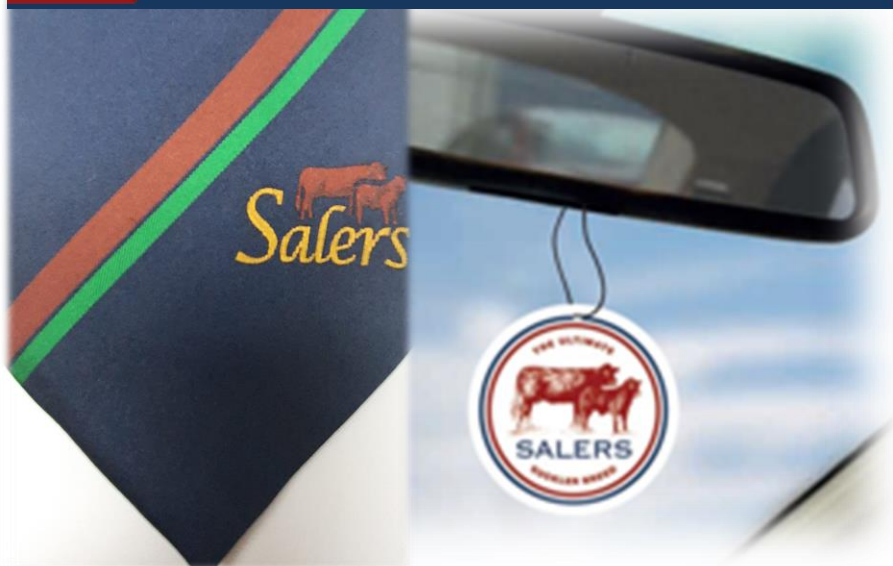
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## THE ULTIMATE SUCKLER BREED



# CALENDAR 2021





Date: .....

Signed:.....

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF**  
**Salers Cattle Society of the UK**  
**20 November 2020**  
**Electronically via zoom at 3pm**  
**Chair – T Walling**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

David Watson, Neil Austin, Conor Colgan, George McCall and John Gregg

**2. Minutes of the last AGM**

Circulated - minutes proposed by R Hallos and seconded by H Pritchard.

**3. Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Financial Report**

The accounts summary for 2019 (circulated). Income total is £103,727 with expenditure totalling £106,999 with net gains on investments of £3042 gave a deficit of £230.

The treasurer was thanked by the Chairman.

**5. Appointment of Accountants**

It was agreed that Gall Robertson CA, Galashiels would continue as the society accountants for 2020. Proposed by T Pye, seconded by R Hallos. K Livesey agreed to negotiate fees with Gall Robertson CA in 2020.

**6. Chairman's Report – T Walling**

See report attached.

**7. Secretary's Report – S Sharp**

See report attached.

**8. Annual update on marketing and membership trends – T Pye**

See report attached.

**9. Ratification of Area Council Members, Areas 3, 7 & 8**

In accordance with the Articles of Association, H Pritchard (Area 3) and B Robinson (Area 7) retire having served their elected appointment to Council. Both of them had served two terms of office and were not eligible for re-election. Malcolm Light has been serving Area 8 as a caretaker following the resignation of S Simmons. There were no postal nominations for the areas.

T Walling stands as President, A Sleigh as Chair, A Powell as Vice-Chair, A Jones and A Powell stand for Area 3, J Hallett stands for Area 7 and Malcolm Light stands for Area 8.

The following were co-opted to the Council for their expertise and experience:

T Pye, R Hallos, A Howatson and R Livesey.

H Pritchard remains the ISF representative and K Livesey the Treasurer.

T Pye proposed, A Gowthorpe seconded. Decision ratified.

Control of the Chair passed to A Sleigh.



## **10. Any Other Business**

### **10.1 Concerns over the accuracy of the Breedplan results for our herd. - G & O Lawrenson, Parkfield Salers**

G & O Lawrenson was not present, but a letter from them was read out on their behalf. This raised their concerns over accuracy of the 200 Day Milk EBV in respect of some of their cows which have negative EBVs even though they observe that they are very milky cows.

In response, a Breedplan technical meeting with B Webster of Pedigree Cattle Services has been agreed, to take place in 2021 and open to any member who wishes to raise concerns or otherwise improve their understanding of what Breedplan EBVs mean and how they are calculated.

T Pye reminded the meeting that EBVs express variation around the breed average for a trait. The Salers is a very milky breed, so the average cow will be very milky and therefore cows that have slightly negative milk EBVs are nevertheless still milky cows.

### **10.2 Request for the trial evidence on Salers cattle throughout the UK on the use of the F94L Gene. – Selection of breeders from Area 4**

A letter from several Area 4 members was read out in their absence. This asked for trial evidence on the effect of the F94L myostatin gene in Salers, stating that their position was that it was needed in the breed for commercial reasons based on the effects seen in other breeds citing three references. The letter called for a change to the decisions made by Council in March '19 in respect of the timetable for eradicating the F94L variant of the myostatin gene mutations

A Sleight said the attached would be discussed at the Board Meeting.

M Durno expressed his wish to discuss the matter and voice his opinion. R Hallos explained the decision of myostatin had been considered by Council over a long period of time and the final decision had been made to protect the integrity of the breed by way of protecting the female maternal traits and the unique selling point of the breed. M Pye stated a lot of the views on myostatin had been made by those with a vested interest or who were pursuing different objectives. He said the female Salers and her ease of calving were key, and the Society had an important role to do anything and everything they could to protect that. M Pye added a lot of the views on the so called 'profit gene' i.e. the F94L were no more than hearsay and mainly came from terminal sire breeders who were looking solely at terminal sire and beef traits.

M Durno stated the Salers had built their maternal trait reputation with myostatin in the breed, so asked why Council would change the policy now. H Prichard challenged the widespread prevalence of the F94L gene in the breed and asked how many UK Salers were known to have the F94L mutation. S Sharp said there were currently 37 known F94L carriers, which are the descendants of just one imported bull and one other cow.

T Pye cautioned members and reminded them that the French Society had also taken the decision to eradicate myostatin from the breed and F94L animals are not eligible for registration on the French herd book.

M Durno intimated his wish for F94L to be retained but publicised on certificates so buyers could make the decision. M Pye re-iterated that the introduction of any myostatin gene was a risk not only to compromise the calving ease but other traits within the breed and it may not be apparent immediately but would impact in the long term.

M Durno stated that myostatin had a miniscule effect on animals and believed it posed no detrimental risk.





T Walling explained that Council did a lot of research over a number of meetings and consulted with members before coming to a decision. He added the UK Society wished to keep in line with the French Society as this was the home of the breed. The French Society started eliminating myostatin over ten years ago, they test their bulls at 18 months old and carriers cannot be registered, and are advised to be slaughtered. He said one of the main reasons we made the decision was to give customers the confidence to buy Salers knowing they were myostatin free without the expense of a test. Even though there has not been much research done on the F94L gene vets had expressed their concern over the risk it would pose. T Walling added that in one of the links provided in the letter it states the F94L gene produces 20% reduction in intramuscular fat and 30% reduction in external fat. He said he strongly believed the Salers needed this fat not only to finish and keep the quality of the meat but also to maintain their body through the winter as they are known as a hardy breed that could outwinter. M Pye added the mutation is known to be glycolytic and therefore F94L animals would need more carbohydrate / concentrate to finish and stated the Salers breed did not need this as it needed to do well off forage. He also said it effected skeletal size within the womb which would bound to impact calving ease and stated all the science on the mutation pointed to muscle growth, power and terminal traits which would negatively impact the maternal breed. He said the UK Society must stay in line with the French Society.

A Sleight stated the Society could not afford to pursue myostatin and must align with the French.

A Powell told members of his negative experience of myostatin carriers and supported the eradication from the herd book.

H Pritchard stated many other breeds would have liked to have adopted this policy but had gone too far down the road and would have to de-register 50% of their herd book. He said the Salers were in a fortunate position to be able to capitalise on this policy and Council should stick to its original decision.

M Light stated the Council was duty bound to protect the herd book. He said the industry was moving to more sustainable lower cost methods of finishing cattle from forage whilst looking for hardy durable animals and the introduction of myostatin would compromise this.

The Council's decision to continue to eradicate the myostatin from the Salers Cattle Society of the UK herd book was supported by an overwhelming majority in the meeting.

#### **11. Date of next AGM**

5 November 2021 – Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

The meeting was brought to a close, the chairman thanked all concerned.