



CENTRE RECORD AT WELSHPOOL



PREENBANK ORSINO - 8,500gns

bred by Fred & Bryn Robinson, purchased by Sioned, Harri & Lora Jen Pritchard for their Felin & Nebo herds of pedigree Salers

DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEES

From 1 January 2022, the Society will reduce the cost of female under 3 months registrations, that have a **known myostatin status** at the time of registration.

2022

Those registrations that meet the criteria above, born between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022 will be charged the discounted rate of £10.00 plus vat per registration.

2023

Those registrations that meet the criteria above, born between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023 will be charged the discounted rate of £20.00 plus vat per registration.

Females born in 2022 & 2023 with an unknown myostatin status will be charged the normal registration fee. The registration fees will revert to normal on 1 January 2024.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

A Council meeting was held on Sunday 6th June 2021 at 10am via zoom.

MEMBERSHIP

Thirteen new members have joined the Salers Cattle Society since 1 January 2021 and the Council wish to extend them a very warm welcome. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact the Society office, your area representative or any of the council members. Contact details can be found on the Salers website www.salers.uk

MYOSTATIN TESTING FOR SOCIETY SALES

As an incentive to encourage all members to continue to test their breeding females as well reducing the cost to vendors, the Council have decided that as of 6 June 2021 all females with a known myostatin status of MOP will not require a DNA test to enter the pedigree or production sections of Society sales. Females that have an unknown status MU will still need to be tested as will all bulls.

TISSUE TAGS

Our lab can now accept tissue tags to perform DNA and myostatin testing. **PLEASE NOTE – these MUST NOT BE BVD tags** but genomic sampling tags. The lab have confirmed that success rates are higher with samples that have not been stored for long periods and re-tests would be conducted using the traditional hair sample however if members already use tissue tags and would like to send DNA samples using this method then they can. **Samples MUST be sent alongside a completed DNA form which can be downloaded from our website www.salers.uk** otherwise they will be returned to the member. Members will be charged for testing on receipt of the sample. Please also ensure you apply the correct postage to DNA samples.

MOVING ANIMALS FROM GB TO NI

We are continuing to lobby against the re-tagging of GB cattle once they reach Northern Ireland and have where possible stalled the re-tagging process asking DEARA to only consider re-tagging, if the animals move off the holding or go to slaughter. Work also continues to re-introduce a short-term licence for cattle from NI to come and return home from sales and shows in GB.

AREA ELECTIONS

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the following Council Members retire having served their elected appointment to the Council of Management.

Area 2, Southwest Scotland	Neil Austin
Area 4, Northern Ireland	Seamus Connell
Area 6, Lancs, Yorks etc.	Angus Gowthorpe

*All three area representatives have served two terms of office. Therefore, they are not eligible for re-election.

Members in these area will shortly receive a nomination form, via email, for replacement nominees for the vacancies which must be correctly completed and returned to the Secretary NOT LATER THAN 31st July 2021. In the event of more than one nominee per vacancy a postal vote, respective to the individual region's vacancy will be held. If you would like a paper copy of the notice and the nomination form, please contact Sian on 07903 626249

An area representative appointment is for a term of three years and is open to any fully paid-up member of the society. Proposers, Seconders and Nominees are confirmed to the Region in which their address is registered with the society.

A member shall not be eligible to hold office as a member of Council if that member is:

- A director or the holder of any office of employment in any other company, society or organisation established for the promotion of any beef or any dual-purpose breed of cattle other than Pedigree Salers cattle.
- Not either personally, the owner of Pedigree Salers cattle, or partner in a partnership firm or a share director of a company which firm or company is the owner of Pedigree Salers cattle.

CHeCS – CHANGES TO JOHNES TESTING PROTOCOL

Following the announcement by the CHeCS board on the 30th of April 2021 of changes in the protocols affecting the Johnes testing programme from 1st July 2021, there has been a very vocal reaction from many of our members against the changes.

The key concern is the change means follow up testing using dung samples will no longer be allowed if more than 2% animals are positive on blood test. Under the current rules, follow up testing is allowed irrespective of the number of blood positive animals, however under the new rules herds that are free of Johnes disease will nevertheless find it harder to achieve and maintain their Johnes 1 status because the reliance on the blood test which is recognised as being vulnerable to false positive results.

The Pedigree Breed Societies met via Zoom and unanimously agreed the rule change had significant negative consequences for our members and the whole industry, as it failed to recognise the substantial issue of false positive Johnes blood testing due to cross reactions with related bacteria, in particular Avian TB, and with Bovine TB testing. The rule change also does not give any second chance to an animal who may show a positive test through human error which is accepted can happen. We believe many healthy cattle will be taken out of production because of the inability to retest and it will have a detrimental effect on the control of Johnes.

We unanimously agreed this decision was a substantial disincentive to our members to continue being part of a CHeCS programme for Johnes. The sole purpose of health accreditation is to encourage farmers to look for and therefore tackle this kind of damaging disease. We believe this change will have the exact opposite effect and damage the credibility and good sense behind health screening / testing more widely.

Therefore, the Pedigree Breed Societies have jointly written to the CHeCS board strongly protesting both the new ruling, and the manner in which the decision was taken (i.e. lack of consultation). In addition, we have written to the National Beef Association, outlining our concerns and our disappointment with the NBA too over the lack of consultation on the matter and the failure by the NBA to notify breed societies in advance of the rule change and announcement.

The CEO of the NBA is quoted in the CHeCS announcement,

“Neil Shand, CEO of the National Beef Association, said the clarity would build confidence, help gain better control of Johnes disease, and aid moves towards eradication”.

This statement of support by the NBA is very much contrary to the outcry that has been voiced by the membership of all the Pedigree Breeds Societies and this has been raised with the organisation. The main health scheme providers also oppose these changes, except for SAC who have not explained why they support these new changes.

To strengthen our argument and to encourage the CHeCS board to revisit this matter, we urge all members of the SAC Premium Cattle Health Scheme to write as soon as possible to SAC PCHS and robustly protest these new rules, outline the consequences, and make clear to them that this will affect their ongoing membership of the scheme. Please copy your letter to the society.

SRUC Veterinary Services, Greycrook, St Boswells, TD6 0EQ. Email: animalhealthschemes@gmail.com

Members are encouraged to contact the Society if they have any questions or worries or need more information on this very important issue.

POTENTIAL PROJECT TO HELP DEVELOP A MORE MODERN BEEF INDUSTRY IN CHINA

On 28th May 2021 we were presented with an opportunity to be part of a group of Breed Societies involved in helping develop a more modern beef industry in China. This opportunity may come to nothing however we wanted to demonstrate our enthusiasm as a Society to cooperate with some of the other breeds, whilst showcasing our own. Our submission is below:

Salers genetics fit the bill to enable long term improvements in beef production in China

It is said that “the bull is half the herd”, but it is equally important to have the right cows that are capable of calving and efficiently rearing calves that achieve the full potential of their paternal and maternal genetics. Efficient beef production requires the crossbreeding of bulls of one breed that have been bred for their specific terminal traits with cows of a second breed that have been bred for their specific maternal traits, this also maximises hybrid vigour. The realisation of this over the last decade has seen a major shift in suckler cow genetics in the UK towards maternally focussed breeds, of which the Salers breed figures strongly because it has the unique combination of unrivalled calving ease, plentiful milk, strong growth rates, and is a low maintenance long-lived cow that yields a calf with a high value carcass of high-quality meat on a 100% forage diet. From a small start, the Salers is now the 8th largest suckler cow breed in the UK, and still growing rapidly.

Salers suitable for China: The breed thrives in a wide range of environments, from the mountains of France to the hill pastures of the UK and New Zealand, to the extensive grassland ranches of the USA, Canada, Mexico, Namibia, and Australia. Having roamed the mountains of central France for centuries, they have developed strong legs and feet, and can travel long distances over rough ground in search of forage. They have a good coat, which becomes thick and curly in winter, giving hardiness and adaptability to cold and heat. Research shows that Salers cows draw on their body reserves when food is scarce to continue to produce sufficient milk for their calf, building them up again quickly when grazing is plentiful.

Salers cows exceptional maternal qualities: demonstrated calving ease through low birth weight and large pelvic area (US research confirms the Salers has the largest pelvic area of the major beef breeds), fertility, milking ability, foraging ability, hardiness, and longevity. Their inherent fertility, realised through early puberty, quick rebreeding, and high conception rates results in more live calves weaned per cow put to the bull.

Salers carcass: Whether kept pure or crossed with a terminal sire breed such as the Charolais or Simmental, the Salers consistently produces carcasses that are high in quality and lean in composition. These carcasses can be achieved on ‘Pasture for Life’ systems, with an average growth of 1.02kg/day live weight gain on a grass only diet. Salers are the ultimate suckler breed in a carbon free world.

Salers Society: We welcome this opportunity to positively promote the Salers breed and its capabilities for the Chinese market and can arrange visits to members herds in a diverse range of farming systems and locations.

Of particular relevance, we have members that,

- have fully performance recorded herds
- have achieved high herd health status to meet the requirement for exports
- have diverse genetics to offer, including polled Salers
- have current export experience.

The Salers Society is halfway through a five-year program to safeguard our maternal attributes via a myostatin free herd book, and we have a wealth of cattle import and export experience. We look forward to sharing our breed and its qualities with you, and to helping you bring British bovine genetics to China.

MYOSTATIN FREE BY 1 JAN 2024 – WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR MEMBERS?

Every calf from 1 January 2024 whether male or female must be either tested free of myostatin (M0) or be myostatin free by parentage (MOP) to enter the Salers Cattle Society of the UK herd book.

WHY?

The Council took the decision in March 2019 to eradicate the myostatin gene from the herd book to protect the maternal traits of the breed.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- Use a bull that has been tested myostatin free (M0)
- DNA test your breeding females to understand their myostatin status.
[Remember if you test your older females first and they are myostatin free, provided they were put to a bull that was free of myostatin also, then their progeny will be myostatin free by parentage (MOP)]

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Myostatin free females put to a myostatin free bull will give you progeny that is myostatin free by parentage (MOP).
- Myostatin free animals are automatically eligible to enter the herd book from 1 Jan 2024 without any further DNA test. This is the case for both males and females.
- Testing will continue to be required for all bulls and MU females entered in the pedigree / production sections of Society sales, for bulls to be used as a sire of registered calves and ad-hoc DNA profiling initiated by yourselves or to satisfy a member or Society query.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I DO NOT TEST MY BREEDING FEMALES BEFORE 2024

If you do nothing, your costs will increase significantly from 1 January 2024. This is because you will need to DNA test all male and female calves to establish their myostatin status before they can be registered with the Society. The table below demonstrates the increase from 2024 onwards of registering 10 females and 2 male calves each year if the myostatin status of the cows is unknown.

	No of Cows	No. of calves to register	DNA Cost	Registration cost U3mths	Total Cost
2021 registrations	20	12	£50	£336	£386
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2024 registrations	20	12	£300	£336	£636

SOCIETY ASSISTANCE

From 1 January 2022, the Society will reduce the cost of female, under 3 months registrations, that have a known myostatin status, at the time of registration. Those registrations that meet the criteria, born between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022 will be charged £10.00 plus vat per registration. Calves born in 2023 that meet the criteria will be charged £20.00 plus vat per registration and the registration fee will revert to the normal rate on 1 January 2024. Females with an unknown myostatin status will be charged the normal registration fee e.g. Under 3 months = £28.00 plus vat.

MELTON MOWBRAY MULTIBREED SALE – 27 MARCH 2021

Melton Mowbray Market hosted a Multibreed sale on Saturday 27th March 2021 which saw 3 Salers bulls sell to a top price of 3666gns (male average £3453) and the female trade hit 2700gns. In total 14 Salers sold to an average of £1914 with a clearance rate of 88%. The event was held under strict COVID-19 restrictions where all attendees wore face masks and adhered to the 2m social distancing regulations. There was a parade that was judged by R McInnes earlier in the day and the sale was streamed live via Marteye where online bidding facilities were available. Taking the Overall Championship was Angus Gowthorpe from Approach Farm with Approach Farm Oak, a February 2019 bull sired by Seawell Lithium and out of Approach Farm Kara. Approach Farm Oak sold for 3000gns to A F & R Stannage, Tilton on the Hill, Leicester to put over dairy heifers for female replacements to start a new beef enterprise. The Reserve Overall Championship was awarded to Rigel O'Toole Blk from Rigel Pedigree, a black April born bull sired by Lascaux, a grandson of Variegeois. W Bothwell purchased Rigel O'Toole Blk for 3200gns for his herd at Stretton, Rutland. Sale leader was Rigel Old Spice one of only two sons of Byron left in the Rigel herd. Old Spice sold for 3666gns to D Barton, Middle Duntisbourne, Gloucester.

Bull Class

1st & Overall Champion – Approach Farm Oak, Angus Gowthorpe

2nd & Reserve Overall Champion – Rigel O'Toole Blk, Rigel Pedigree

3rd - Rigel Old Spice, Rigel Pedigree



Approach Farm Oak – 3,000gns



Rigel O'Toole – 3200gns

Leading the females in the show and sale ring was Manor Lane Orchid a strong dark heifer out of a top show cow from quality breeding lines. Her sire Manor Lane Krypton was sold to Cogent, and she was available for sale PD'd in-calf to Manor Lane Napoleon who was polled and by the French bull Beguin. Manor Lane Orchid joined Brian Jones' herd in Diss, Norfolk for 2700gns. From the same home, Manor Lane Orchid Blk, realised 1850gns and went home with Mr S Crossland and partner Emily, East Bridgeford, Nottinghamshire. Emily had followed this heifer Manor Lane Poppy Blk from birth and not content with one Poppy she also paid 1100gns for one of Mark Howkin's production draft females Peggy Poppy.

Female Class

- 1st – Manor Lane Orchid, Carolyn Fox
 2nd – Manor Lane Poppy Blk, Carolyn Fox
 3rd – Green's Park Perdita, C B Farms
 4th – Green's Park Phillipa, C B Farms

Four production females from Malcolm Light's, Ashbury Salers herd, topped at 1500gns for Ashbury Jill 42nd Poll, Ashbury Hosanna 35th Polled realised 1450gns followed by Ashbury Rhoda 10th Polled and Ashbury Emma 29th Polled both selling for 1400gns a piece. All these heifers joined Manor Lane Orchid at the home of B Jones, Diss Norfolk.



Manor Lane Orchid – 2,700gns

Mark Howkins had a strong pen of five production females which peaked at 1400gns for Peggy Orchid, who was purchased by pedigree breeder Mr D Nightingale, Ashover, Derbyshire. Peggy Poppy sold for 1100gns, and A J Geary of Milton Keynes purchased Peggy Polly, Peggy Pimms and Peggy Phoenix for 1000gns, 950gns and 900gns respectively.

Production Females

- 1st – Pen of four production females from Malcolm Light, Ashbury Salers
 2nd – Pen of five production females from Mark Howkins, Peggy Salers

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2022 JOURNAL ADVERT

Once again the prices to advertise in the 2022 journal will remain the same. Please contact Sian on 07903 626249 to book your advert.

MEMBERS PRICE

FULL PAGE --£300 plus vat
 ½ PAGE --£200 plus vat

NON MEMBERS PRICE

FULL PAGE --£395 plus vat
 ½ PAGE --£275 plus vat

The deadline for articles and adverts:
Friday 15th October 2021.

STIRLING BULL SALES – 3 MAY 2021, UNITED AUCTIONS

United Auctions held the Spring Stirling Bull Sales bull sales on Monday 3rd May 2021, the sale also hosted the final draft of 31 maiden heifers and one cow and calf from Aidansfield Salers on behalf of the Colgan family.

Three Salers bulls sold to a top price of 5,200gns with an average of £4,550, up £525 on 2020. The female dispersal trade hit 2500gns twice with 31 lots selling to an average of £1657. Topping the bull trade was Rigel Ozzie Poll an April born bull sired by the famous Lascaux renowned for his conformation and shape. Rigel Ozzie Poll is out of Rigel Opaline Poll a growthy, easy fleshing cow and headed home to pedigree breeder J Gillies, Taynuilt, Argyll for their Curacao herd for 5200gns.



Rigel Ozzie Poll – 5,200gn



Rednock Orson Poll – 4,800gns

Rednock Orson Poll by Rigel Munro out of Rigel Ord was semen tested and ready to work and was purchased by I & L Buchanan from Lendalfoot, Girvan for 4800gns. The final Salers bull through the ring was Strathallan Outback a Seamore Kawasaki sired bull out of Strathallan Lucky and went home with W B Erskine, Linlithgow for 3000gns.

Topping the heifer trade was Aidansfield Kylie who had been tested free of myostatin and sired by Cleuchhead Kingpin out of Lowick Hall Gucci she was purchased by pedigree breeder Mr D Watson for his Darnford herd of Salers based in Banchory, Aberdeenshire. Aidansfield Kilt a Gourmand sired heifer out of the French dam Nature made 1850gns and accompanied Aidansfield Kin for 1650gns to the home of D S Hylop, Lowick, Northumberland. Pedigree breeder J Martin & Sons, Swinlees, Ayrshire paid 1800gns for Aidansfield Kindness a Gourmand sired heifer out of Lowick Hall Gratitude and he also purchased the cow and calf unit for 2500gns, Aidansfield Jasmine with her heifer calf at foot Aidansfield Lucky. Murray Lyle purchased Aidansfield Kerry for 1700gns for his Strathallan herd of Salers and two other heifers made 1700gns a piece, Aidansfield Kit-Kat a Cleuchhead Kingpin daughter was purchased by new breeder Sam Donnan of Beoch Farms, Stranraer who also purchased Aidansfield Kaitlyn for 1500gns and Aidansfield Kiss for 1650gns. Robert Mackie bid to 1700gns for Aidansfield Kismet a Tolquhon Bonaparte daughter out of Lowick Hall Alexandra.

WELSHPOOL SPRING SALE – 20 MAY 2021

Father and son team, Fred and Bryn Robinson triumphed at Welshpool Livestock Market on Thursday 20th May 2021 with a new centre record of 8,500gns, for their homebred Salers bull Preenbank Orsino. The March 2019 born bull, sired by the imported bull Jalabert and out of Preenbank Ismina captured the eye of pedigree breeders, Harri, Sioned and Lora Jen Pritchard for their Felin & Nebo herds of Salers based at Llangybi, Pwllheli.



Preenbank Orsino – 8,500gns



Rigel Omega Poll – 5,000gns

Salers bulls were in strong demand, D L Williams and son from Tonyrefail, Mid Glamorgan paid 5,000gns for Rigel Omega Poll, a fleshy young bull from a milky cow family bred by Rigel Pedigree. From the same home Rigel Octane Blk Poll an Amazonien and Sagitaire descendant born in July 2017 was sold to pedigree breeder M Evans for his Ebnal herd of Salers based in Oswestry, Shropshire. P M & S M Donger sold Seawell Olympian, an Iron Man son born in February 2019 to pedigree breeder, W S Thomas, Pontllytyn, Mid Glamorgan for their Troedrhwyfych herd of Salers and the youngest Salers bull in the market again from the Robinson family, Preenbank Prince born in January 2020 sold to Owen Bros, Llandrindod Wells, Powys for 3,000gns. Mr & Mrs M Light's Ashbury Olafhoustonsonn was purchased by H Smith, Eye, Leominster for 2381gns. Six Salers bulls were sold to an average of £4897, with a clearance rate of 75%.

J F Robinson & Sons also led the commercial female trade. An April 2013 born cow with a heifer calf at foot, sired by Preenbank Oggy-Oggy, was purchased by P & M Davies, Sennybridge, Brecon for £1,850 and Mr H Hughes, Llanwrin, Machynlleth bought five females on the day, his top price of £1,850 was paid for a February 2018 born cow and her Jalabert sired heifer calf at foot. At £1,750 Mr Hughes also secured a March 2016 cow with a Jalabert sired bull calf at foot and he paid £1,600 for a March 2013 born cow with a Preenbank Oggy-Oggy sired bull calf at foot. Commercial bulling heifers topped at £1000 for three lots from the Robinson family and Angus Gowthorpe sold three commercial bulling heifers to a top of £980. There was 100% clearance in the commercial female section which saw 14 lots average £1325.

Leading the pedigree female trade was Preenbank Lola, a Seawell Frazer sired cow with a bull calf at foot bought from the Robinson family by P & M Davies, Sennybridge, Brecon for 1,900gns. D & G Andrew, Meifod, Powys secured Preenbank Naomi and her bull calf at foot for 1,820gns and pedigree breeders J B Morris purchased Preenbank KKimmy and the Jalabert sired bull calf at foot for 1,700gns for their Litton herd of pedigree Salers. Preenbank Nemma and her bull calf made 1,620gns, which sold to H Hughes, Llanwrin, Machynlleth and D & G Andrew, Meifod, Powys paid 1,600gns for Preenbank Nina and her bull calf. There was an 87% clearance in the Pedigree female section with 20 females selling to an average of £1593.

RYAN O'NEILL – NORTHERN IRELAND

What first attracted me to the breed was their unrivalled calving ease, maternal traits and mothering abilities. I am a self-employed plasterer /dry liner working away long hours off farm and as farming only on a part time basis needed something that would calf itself 99% of the time. So, after running the first Salers bull, that I bought onto 14 heavily muscled cows with mostly blue and Charolais breeding in them, 13 of them calved completely unassisted.



I knew then that this could be a system that could work for me. I have since bought in 8 pedigree registered Salers females and I am currently in the process of registering as a pedigree breeder with the society under the prefix 'Hollyhill' Salers.

Most of these heifers are sired by Manor Lane Krypton and Bacardi Herbie, both well noted bulls and are due to calf shortly to the AI Charolais bull Fiston which should prove a good combination.

Eight of last year's commercial heifer calves have also been retained for breeding. Most of which have some serious style and colour from their top-quality mothers and should make great cows in time. My plan going forward, is to build the numbers of both Pedigree and Commercial Salers sired Females, crossing them back to Salers and terminal Charolais and Blue sires whilst phasing out my original cows. I would also like to point out that the long running stereotype on docility associated with the breed has proved to be untrue in my experience, with my Salers bred cows being some of the quietest cows on the farm. Many of which are like pets they are so quiet.

I'm looking forward to seeing this year's Fiston Charolais calves from my Pedigree Salers cows which will hopefully result in a few Golden calves, which have proven time and time again to be top sellers in any weanling ring.





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2021 Bull Calves

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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 Vanlooy and from Ugolin. Both are stored at: UK Sire Services Ltd. Please contact the Society office for further details: 07903 626249 or email: secretary@salers.uk



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**SOCIETY SEMEN FOR SALE
UGOLIN**



📅 January 4, 2020

**SOCIETY SEMEN FOR SALE
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