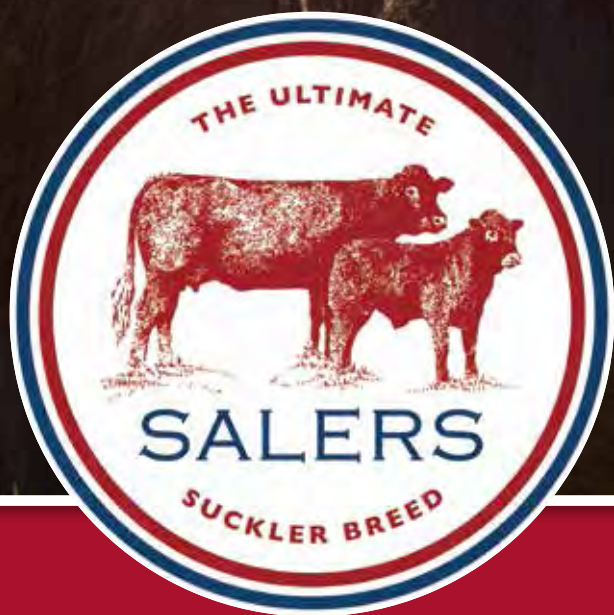


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# Chairman's Report 2016

As Outgoing Chairman I would publicly like to thank all those that helped me and the Society to a very successful past 2 years.

I thank Liz for her attention to detail and interaction with us all both handling the paper work and procedures surrounding everything from cattle registrations to show classes, for judges at shows and "manning" the stand at shows and events.

To my Vice Chairman Terence and President Harri thank you for your help and support; to the Council for your scrutiny and ideas throughout my chairmanship and finally the members for your continued support and enthusiasm for the breed.

We have seen the demand for the breed steadily increase against the trend of decreasing profitability in the beef industry.

The highlights for me were to see prestigious beef awards going to commercial breeders for their examples of sound commercial and profit driven businesses using Salers cows as their cow of choice.

The Watson family at Darnford, Banchory, Aberdeenshire won the Scottish Beef

Farmers of the year at the end of 2015, followed by a tremendous open day in July 2016 where over 450 people attended. It gave me and the Watsons an opportunity to tell others of the breeds' attributes, "**she is the cow that lays the golden eggs**" (Charolais X calves). The farm was a picture with fields of red cows and golden Charolais calves and youngstock. The Watsons were fantastic hosts and had put a lot of work into the event.

The Farmers Weekly Beef Farmer of the year 2016 was awarded to Richard Tudor, Llysun Farm, Llanerfyl, Welshpool, Powys who uses the Salers breed widely in his farming system, achieving some fantastic performance, I'm sure we will see and hear more from Richard in the coming years.

Both the above are National Awards and do a tremendous amount to raise the profile of the breed as a serious contender to provide many of the answers for beef production as we enter a very uncertain time in the farming industry. So let's see more of you have a go at entering these competitions. It takes courage to enter the tough competitions and face the scrutiny



Rob Livesey

and limelight but it is fantastic promotion for both the farmers and the breed.

The introduction of Breedplan over the past 2 years has been an important milestone for the breed. Although not universally adopted by all breeders I'm sure it will become an important tool so long as we remember it is only a tool to help decision making not the answer to all our breed selection challenges.

Lastly I would like to wish Terence the best of luck as Chairman and look forward to working with you, Liz, Vice Chair Tom and the Council in expanding the breeds influence further.

**ROB LIVESEY**

## Incoming Chairman's Report *Terence Pye*



Terence Pye

### Looking to the Future

As the newly elected Chairman of the Salers Society, I am acutely aware that the next two years promise to be a period of dramatic changes for farming in the UK. This is a challenging prospect, but we have a strong hand to play. At the core of my confidence is our breed, the Salers, which because of its unique set of qualities, not least its unrivalled easy calving, will play a significant role in ensuring that UK suckler farmers not only survive but prosper through the next few years.

We are fortunate to have many practical and commercially minded members who commit their time and energy to promoting the breed, and from this group we have an active and talented Council representing all parts of the UK, and spanning a wide range of experience and backgrounds. We are ready to push the breed forward through the uncertain times ahead.

Under the stewardship of my predecessor Rob Livesey and previous Chairmen, the Council has put in place a range of schemes to support the Salers as one of the mainstream breeds. These include a demanding cattle health scheme for entries to Society sales,

a refreshed and improved website, a robust breed database and registration system (Breedplan), an expansion of the number of Society sales, and a performance recording scheme so that we have EBVs for our animals. Our competitors aren't sitting on their hands, so there will always be more to do, but we have the building blocks in place.

The Society exists to promote the Salers breed in the UK. Ours is a practical breed, so the best promotion is done on a farmer to farmer basis by members sharing the great improvements they have experienced from switching to Salers. The Society encourages members to participate in local farmer discussion groups, or hold a farm open day, or join other members on the Society stand at Beef Events and the like, or enter cattle to Society sales, or exhibit their best stock at local shows or the major shows. If you are a member, then get involved. Talk to our Secretary for advice and support. If you aren't a member and want to learn more about the breed, our Secretary will provide information or contact with members according to your wishes. We are a friendly society, so get in touch.

The Society also exists to protect the breed, and it does this through maintaining the Herdbook, and through inspection of animals forward to Society sales and by requiring standards of herd health at our sales. With the availability of reliable EBVs, all members can play an important role in protecting our breed's unique ease of calving. The Salers bull sires calves with a slender conformation and low birth weights compared to the other major breeds. The birth weight EBV is an important guide for members when selecting new herd sires and

replacement heifers to ensure that future Salers calves weigh the same as they did in the past. In support of this, the Society requests members to;

weigh all their calves at birth (including commercial and dead calves)

register or birth notify all their calves (including commercial and dead calves)

submit the birth weights with the registration or birth notification

2016 continued the upward trend in membership of the Salers Society, which was accompanied by another record number of registrations. All this is driven by the success of the breed in the wider market, with a record number of Salers bulls working and a record number of Salers sired suckler cows breeding (per data from BCMS). Salers and SalersX heifers for the commercial herd are greatly sought after, so if you have good heifers in excess of your own needs, the Society can help you sell them (let the Secretary know).

Searching for Salers heifers? Our Secretary can help find some. Don't hesitate to ask us.

Despite the uncertainties facing our industry for the coming years, the growth of the breed looks set to continue. This growth is not based on hype or fashion, but because the Salers simply demonstrates the commercial performance needed to be successful in today's market. High value calves, low cost of production, and less hassle, all begin with an effortless calving.

**Terence Pye**

# Deputy Chairman's Report



*Tom Walling*

I'm very excited to be elected Vice Chairman for the Salers Cattle Society in such an exciting time for the breed. My father, Bryan Walling, introduced Salers to the UK when I was still a toddler and so I was lucky to grow up with the breed. I still remember the excitement when the lorries arrived from France, quite often in the

middle of the night, watching these deep red cattle step off. Over the last 30 or so years I have seen the breed establish itself in the British Beef Industry and evolve through this process. Of particular personal interest has been the development of the poll genes, again making them more attractive to the commercial market.

Having worked on numerous farms, with numerous breeds of cattle, I'm grateful I can now work at home knowing I can sleep easy with Salers in the field. The easy calving ability of the Salers is one of their prime attributes and it is important, with the development and progression of EBV's, that this is prioritised over traits that more traditional commercial breeds may value.

I truly believe that the Salers breed is in a great place, with high clearances at all their sales. The averages are

also high, and the record bull price has been broken for the last two years running. Quality of stock at the sales has been increasing over the years and is now at a high standard. This is one of our prime shop windows and so it is important breeders try and support sales to show good numbers of quality cattle.

We also need to keep supporting the summer shows, numbers are essential - especially at the big show so we can keep our classes. If you would like to start showing your cattle don't hesitate to ask for advice from breeders already showing. We are a friendly group, shows are great social events to get together and promote our breed.

I look forward to meeting more of you in 2017 and remember Sleep Easy Breed Salers.

**Tom Walling**  
*Deputy Chairman*





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# Graham Scott McClymont



**Graham Scott McClymont who has died aged 75, was one of Scotland's best known Salers cattle and Blackface sheep breeders.**

Born at The Cuil, Newton Stewart in March 1941, he enjoyed many happy years on the family farm which was later to become his life's work. His love of livestock emerged at a young age and, while he embarked on a course to study agriculture at Barony College, Dumfries, he opted out just two weeks after it began. He hitched a lift home to the Cuil only to arrive with the postman who was delivering a telegram from the college to say he had gone missing.

An active member of the local YFC Stewartry Western, he came through the ranks to take on the role of chairman. A true "kenner" of livestock, he triumphed in local and national stockjudging events, and won the overall Scottish National Stockjudging at the Royal Highland Show in 1966. He enjoyed all YFC events, though, and also won the National Speechmaking Competition, sheep shearing and local root and produce shows, where he exhibited sticks – a hobby which he kept up to the end, with many beech head "Cuil sticks" seen at many sales.

Socially what he enjoyed most was dancing and that was where he met his wife to be, Christine Milligan. They married in 1967 and in the following years Patsy, Shona and Colin were born.

Besides 'Tine and the family, the farm and pedigree livestock were his lifelong passion. In his early farming years he enjoyed notable success at the Hereford cattle sales in Edinburgh and took the male championship with Cuil Klunk which went on to sell for 2,000 guineas in the 1970s. Blackface sheep were his passion though, and after many years striving to improve the flock's genetics, he produced the first five figure priced ram at Newton Stewart in 1976, and a new world record for a sheep, when the shearling ram Cuil Superstar, sold £13,000 to Larg, Creetown.

One of his most successful years, in 1984, saw the three Cuil shearlings, Beetle, Patrick

and M and B, sell for £19,000, £17,000 and £11,000. Eleven years later and Quickstep, Foxtrot and Delboy realised £36,000, £35,000 and £10,000.

Meanwhile, tup lambs sold off Clanary hit a top of £35,000 for The Captain to secure a new breed record for a lamb. Cuil draft ewes also met a ready demand and, for 17 years in succession, topped the market at Newton Stewart with a pen of 45, which in those days also saw the flock hit a breed record of £146

Local agricultural shows were close to his heart and his sheep regularly won the breed section at Wigtown, Stranraer, Dumfries and Stewartry in the 1980s and 1990s with Herefords and Salers not far behind.

An avid fan of the Hereford, he never-the-less saw the need for a change in his cattle and as a result was the first to import Salers into Scotland in 1986. He had seen them originally at a Paris Show in the early 1980s and he started visiting France regularly to import bulls and females. Initially his purchases were mainly female but over the years he bought in 24 bulls. The bulls were all used initially at home but were sought after by pedigree and commercial breeders from all over Britain. He also instigated classes for the breed at The Royal Highland Show and went on to win many of the sections. In 1990 Domino won the Salers championship and went on to be 3rd in the Beef Interbreed.

In 1985 when the Salers Society was formed, Bryan Walling was elected 1st Chairman of the society with Graham as the 1st Vice Chairman and he then went on to be Chairman and President. He continued to be an active and regular attending member of the Council. His knowledge and contacts from being on other committees was very valuable. He was the driving force to get the Castle Douglas Sale up and running and later pushed hard to develop the commercial side. The family still dominate this section.

A keen showman, his advice was well sought after and freely given and he was a popular choice as a judge both locally and nationally. Believed to be the only person to judge the interbreed sheep and several

years later the overall beef championship at the Royal Highland, he also put the Blackface breed and the Bleu du Maine sheep through their paces at Ingliston. He also judged the interbreed sheep and Salers cattle at Balmoral and the Salers at The Great Yorkshire and Royal Welsh. In previous years he also judged the Hereford breed at the Royal Welsh.

An associate and fellow of the Royal Agricultural Societies, he was presented with the Sir William Young Award for his services to the industry in 1998. But the award which touched him most was when his fellow Blackie breeders presented him with the Connachan Salver in 2012.

Despite his achievements, Graham was always happiest at home as he loved the countryside, birds and wildlife and cared particularly for smaller birds with a major concern for him being the huge increase in predators.

Graham cared for his fellow man and was always ready to help if he could. He made time to chat with neighbours and was always on the phone with friends and family. A modest man, always with a ready smile, his only boast would be how many moles he had caught this year!

He was retired but remained actively involved in the farm until the end, enjoying nothing better than a run round his Cairnsmore hirsle and, of course, his garden where he spent many hours. He is survived by his beloved wife, his three children and grandchildren Scott, Finlay, Ellie and Angus.

## Stirling May Bull Sale – 9000 gns Centre Record

The numbers of Salers bulls forward to the May Bull Sale has built up over by an expanding group of breeders, with May 2016 being the most successful sale yet.



Rigel Rhett

The first bull into the ring set a new Stirling centre record for the breed selling for 9000 guineas to Messrs Duncan & Co, East Lediken, Inch, Aberdeen for their 300 cow suckler herd. This bull, Rigel Rhett, was bred by Rigel Pedigree from Yarm, North Yorkshire. Rhett was sired by Rigel Byron Poll, who was by Rigel Othello Poll ET. Othello progeny have been exported to France, Germany and Ireland. Rhett's dam is the Casimir sired Rigel Rhiannon Poll.

Tom and Ian Walling from Selkirk, sold their bull, Cumbrian Hya, to the Scottish Government for 4500 guineas. With an average of £4529, there was a 100% clearance of the 7 bulls forward. **From May 2017 on, this will be an official Society sale.**

Leading prices:

- Rigel Rhett, Rigel Pedigree, 9000 gns
- Cumbrian Hya, Farmstock Genetics, 4500 gns
- Rigel Viggo Poll, Rigel Pedigree, 3500 gns
- Corrichie Fernando, John C McIntyre & Son, 3500 gns

# Stirling Bull Sales 15 February 2016



**Judge:** Neil Austin,  
Boreland of Girthon, Gatehouse of Fleet.

A strong turnout of quality stock at the Society Spring Sale, brought potential buyers from around the UK to United Auctions Stirling Bull Sales. There was a real buzz of interest along the cattle lines reflecting the growing demand for the breed primarily from commercial farmers. This ensured excellent prices and a clearance rate of 87% for the bulls (13 out of 15 sold including three to the Scottish Government). The bulls averages £5109.

At the pre-sale show, Colin and Graham McClymont's bull, Cuil Herbie, sired by Cumbrian Jonnie, a Vaillant son out of home bred Cuil Eliza took the overall championship and went on to sell for the top price of 8000 guineas to Fred and Bryn Robinson, Preenbank Salers, Shropshire.

The second highest price of the day was 6800 guineas for Alister MacKenzie's bull Whitebog James, sired by Bijou, and sold to Vestrafiold Farm, Orkney. In all, 6 out of 7 Whitebog bulls sold to achieve an average of £5189.

Also having a successful day, was longstanding breeder Patrick Boyd from Tiree, who sold both his bulls. Drumaglea Jack the Lad made 5500 guineas and Drumaglea Jackpot sold for 5000 guineas.

Pedigree females sold to 2500 guineas. This was for Cumbrian Veritable 701, a Lataster Hector daughter, bred by Tom and Ian Walling, Farmstock Genetics, and sold to Murray Lyle for his Strathallan herd of pedigree Salers. The female champion was bred by Messrs P J Maginn & Son from Northern Ireland. She was the in-calf heifer, Lisnamaul Gaga, a Seawell Fitzpatrick daughter, who remained unsold. Heifers averaged £2205.

A draft of maiden heifers from Farmstock Genetics achieved an average of £1956 for eight heifers sold, and with a top price of 2100gns.



## SHOW RESULTS

### Class 1 – Bulls born between 24 Sept 2013 – 9 April 2014

- 1st Whitebog Joe, Mr A MacKenzie (sold for 5000gns)
- 2nd Drumaglea Jack the Lad, Mr P Boyd (sold for 5500gns)
- 3rd Whitebog John, Mr A MacKenzie (sold for 4000gns)
- 4th Rigel Pericles, Rigel Pedigree (sold for 3200gns)
- 5th Kaimburn Joker, Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd (sold for 4000gns)

### Class 2 – Bulls born on or after 19 April 2014

- 1st Cuil Herbie, Mr G S McClymont (sold for 8000gns)
- 2nd Drumaglea Jackpot, Mr P Boyd (sold for 5000gns)
- 3rd Whitebog Jack, Mr A MacKenzie (no sale)
- 4th Whitebog James, Mr A MacKenzie (sold for 6800gns)
- 5th Whitebog Jeff, Mr A MacKenzie (sold for 5000gns)

### Class 3, Heifers born on or after 22 July 2013

- 1st Lisnamaul Gaga, P J Maginn & Sons (no sale)
- 2nd Cumbrian Veritable 701, Farmstock Genetics (sold for 2500gns)
- 3rd Beeston Hall Hattie, Beeston Hall Farms Ltd (sold for 1700gns)



Champion Bull Cuil Herbie from G S McClymont also top price at 8,000gns



Champion Female Lisnamaul Gaga from P J Maginn & Sons

*Thank you to all exhibitors, vendors, purchases  
and United Auctions.*



# 2016 Newark Society Sale

There was a small but select offering of Salers at the English Premier Pedigree Show and Sale at Newark Livestock Market on Saturday 12th March.

The pre-sale show was judged by Mr Ian McNee from Doncaster.

In the bull class Ian had four to select from and picked out Seawell Jeremiah as the male champion and the overall champion. Jeremiah, born 13/3/14, is sired by French Import Casper, out of French import Duchesse, unfortunately he didn't make the reserve in the sale ring and returned home to the Donger's at Seawell, Towcester.

Seawell bull Jethro sold for £3150. A Cammel sired animal born 10/2/14 out of home bred Seawell Francesca. Cammel is responsible for some excellent animals. He is heading to Peter Hawes, Essex.

Female champion went to Manor Lane Freya (from Carolyn Fox) a young powerful cow with calf at foot (sired by Cogent sire Gulliver). Freya is sired by semen import Ferdinand, out of home bred Manor Lane Jemma. The pair sold to Aled Jones in Wales for £2,415.

Approach Farm Heaven born 8/2/14 sold for £1680, daughter of Seawell Franko out of Approach Farm Eclipse is off to Salers breeder Messrs Howkins, Leicester.

## SHOW RESULTS

### Bulls

1st	Seawell Jeremiah	PM & SM Donger	No sale
2nd	Rigel Tango	Rigel Pedigree	No sale
3rd	Seawell Jethro	PM & SM Donger	£3150
4th	Seawell Joker	PM & SM Donger	No sale

### Females

1st	Manor Lane Freya	C Fox	£2415
2nd	Approach Farm Heaven	A & K Gowthorpe	£1680



Show Champion Seawell Jeremiah



Champion Female and Reserve Overall Manor Lane Freya

# 2016 Welshpool Spring Sale

A good show of pedigree Salers at Welshpool stood before judge Benoit David who travelled to Wales from Normandy. Benoit's family have a successful herd of pedigree Salers in Normandy, France.

Benoit and girlfriend Charlotte Martin enjoyed their experience and we enjoyed their company.

A good sale of commercial cattle followed judging with averages of £1088 topping at £1764 for a an in calf 24month old heifer from TT Jones & Son, Llanidloes, Powys.

Pedigrees were a little slow in the ring with only one female Lot 152 from JF Robinson, Church Stretton selling at £1596 to A & E Jones, Chwillog, Pwllheli. Other pedigrees didn't make the reserves but a few were sold outside the ring with 4 bulls finding new homes and another heifer.

Lot 153, Preenbank KKhosha a 13 month old heifer from JF Robinson & Son sold for £1338 to R Evans, Oswestry.

Lot 164, Ashbury Egore, dob 15/5/14 from M Light, Okehampton sold for £2730 to WJ Jenkins of Machynlleth.

Lot 165, Glynne Hall Ivan, dob 3/8/14 from TT Jones & Son, Llanidloes sold for £2500 to AJ & JA Powell, Knighton.

Lot 166, Preenbank KKinto, dob 12/1/15 from JF Robinson & Son sold for £3150 to Caerhays Estates, Cornwall.

Lot 168, Preenbank Kin Zoro, dob 26/2/15 from JF Robinson & Son sol for £2730 to JR Saunders, Caerphilly

Females averaged £1467, topping at £1596

Males averaged £2777, topping at £3150

## SHOW RESULTS

Judge Benoit David, Normandy, France

### Class 1 Females

1st	F Robinson, Preenbank KKizzy	S: Gulliver D: Preenbank Fizzy
2nd	F Robinson, Preenbank KKrissy	S: Preenbank Kojak D: Preenbank Isabel
3rd	F Robinson, Preenbank KKiara	S: Preenbank Kojak D: Preenbank Iona
4th	F Robinson, Preenbank KKhosha	S: Preenbank Jumbo D: Preenbank Glossy

### Class 2 Senior Bulls

1st	PM & S Donger, Seawell Josh	S: Denver D: Seawell Daphine
2nd	PM & S Donger, Seawell Jack Daniels	S: Domino D: Virginie
3rd	PM & S Donger, Seawell Jetset	S: Seawell Governor D: Seawell Flora
4th	Mr & Mrs M Light, Ashbury Egore	S: Ashbury Revolution D: Caerhays Emma
5th	T T Jones & Son, Glynne Hall Ivan	S: Preenbank Goliath D: Rigel Pepita

### Class 3 Junior Bulls

1st	F Robinson, Preenbank KKinto	S: Lowick Hall Cuthbert D: Preenbank Justina
2nd	F Robinson, Preenbank King Zoro	S: Preenbank Jumbo D: Preenbank Edwina
3rd	F Robinson, Preenbank King James	S: Preenbank Jumbo D: Preenbank Finesse

**Female Champion:** F Robinson, Preenbank KKizzy S: Gulliver D: Preenbank Fizzy

**Reserve Female Champion:** F Robinson, Preenbank KKrissy S: Preenbank Kojak D: Preenbank Isabel

**Male Champion:** PM & SM Donger, Seawell Josh S: Denver D: Seawell Daphin

**Reserve Male Champion:** PM & SM Donger, Seawell Jack Daniels S: Domino D: Virginie

**Overall Champion:** PM & SM Donger, Seawell Josh S: Denver D: Seawell Daphine

**Overall Reserve Champion:** PM & SM Donger, Seawell Jack Daniels S: Domino D: Virginie



Champion: Seawell Josh - PM & SM Donger

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# COLIN PUGH



ONE family with a deep seated commitment to the development and success of both the Royal Welsh Show and the Welsh Winter Fair are the Pughs of Cwm Whitton.

The late Verney Pugh, a former Royal Welsh president, was one of the handful of the event's founders. His son, Colin, has been a senior steward ever since he was a youngster and his son, Gareth, is also following the family's dedication.

Colin is well-known among exhibitors for his stewarding of the keenly contested carcass competitions, a role he relishes given his own beef and lamb producing mainstay enterprises.

Together with his wife, Phyllis, he has developed an award-winning livestock and arable unit consisting of 214 ha (530 acres) owned and 190 ha (470 acres) of mostly adjoining rented ground.



Rising from 600 feet in the valley of the River Lugg, the land rises to over 1,300 feet on top of the hill near to Offa's Dyke, not far from the Wales-England border at Knighton, Powys.

As well as cattle and sheep, the farm is also noted for its seed potatoes – this year scoring a first for Wales in sending some to Scotland.

Annual average rainfall stands at 38 inches and the soil type is a medium loam, with the flatter parts in the valley bottoms and tops of the hills divided by steep sides.

Several farm roads were constructed in the 1970s to improve access and livestock shelter belts planted in the 1940s have been added to or replanted.

Colin's grandfather took over the tenancy of Cwm Whitton in 1914 before purchasing it in 1922 and over the years the farming system has changed from breeding Kerry Hills and selling rams, ewes and store lambs to finishing all the lambs from Texel cross ewes.

Producing weaned calves from Hereford cross cows has also been replaced by finishing all the progeny from Salers crosses, while back in 1964 when a 30-cow dairy herd, supported by a milk round in local towns, was sold in came the seed potato enterprise.

The Hereford cross cows were initially partly replaced with Welsh Blacks put to a Charolais bull until 1992 when a Salers bull was used to produce an easy calving suckler cow crossed again with a Charolais.

Today's 150 predominantly Salers single suckler cows go to British Blue, Charolais or Salers bulls and are split into autumn and spring calvers.

All the calves are finished on farm, being sold direct to ABP Shrewsbury or through Ludlow market. Salers heifers are retained for herd replacements.

On the sheep side some 850 Texel cross Mule and Aberdale breeding ewes go to Texel, Bluefaced Leicester or Aberdale rams.

Around 200 ewe lambs are kept for replacements with all the other lambs sold finished mainly through Ludlow. Romney ewes have also recently arrived at the farm.

The 65 ha (160 acres) or so of cereals and root crops are down to winter wheat, winter barley, spring oats, spring barley and fodder beet, followed by long-term clover leys and ryegrass mixtures.

The seed potato operation has grown over the years and now supplies commercial growers all over the country, with Puffin Potatoes in Pembrokeshire one of the main outlets. Larger potatoes are sold mainly locally in carry-home bags.

Over the past 10 years there has been a significant capital investment with a new 800-tonne refrigerated potato box store replacing two older ambient stores, along with a new grain and potato holding store, a new cattle handling system, a 105 foot by 65 foot silage-crimp-maize store and a 50kw solar panel installation to reduce power usage in the cold store.

In addition to family members the farm employs two full and one part-time workers, as well as casual staff at harvest and potato grading times.

*"We aim to be as self-sufficient as possible in all aspects of the farm, from rearing our own replacements for both sheep and cattle to providing all our own forage and feed, except for proteins – although we have grown lupins and beans in recent years," says Colin.*

*"The 200 solar panels on the roofs of two stores reduce power needs substantially and most of the water comes from springs and streams, being pumped to the hill by a Hydram and to the other land by an electric pump."*

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## SALERS MAKE HISTORY AT THE ROYAL ULSTER SHOW



The Winning Pair Drumlegagh Galaxy and Drumlegagh Hamish

For the first time Salers cattle dominated the Interbreed Pairs Championship at the recent Royal Ulster Show with judge Neil Lloyd describing them as “In a league of their own”.

The winning pair was Drumlegagh Galaxy and Drumlegagh Hamish brought out by the Elliott family, Newtownstewart. The tremendous young cow which formed part of the top duo was also tapped out breed champion under the expert eye of judge Carolyn Fox, from Newark, Nottinghamshire.

Both of these prize winners are owned by Kirsten and Ryan Elliott, and father John couldn't be happier on how his children's cattle performed.

*“Winning the Salers Championship in itself is a great achievement, but to then stand top of the line in the highly sought after Interbreed Pairs line up is a dream come true. The Salers breed has so much to offer, and the feedback we received at the Show was the best ever.”*

The Supreme Champion, Drumlegagh Galaxy is a rising three year old home bred cow with full French breeding on both sides of her pedigree, being out of the award winning cow Unity and sired by Fanfan.

Standing in the Reserve Championship spot was Robert Miller, Larne with a super young bull from his Ballywillan herd, Ballywillan Birrick. This November 2014 born entry is sired by Horace, and out of the imported Haiti.

The Junior Championship was picked up by “Drumlegagh Kyra” from J & EA Elliott. Fanfan was also the sire of this well-made January heifer, out of the homebred Drumlegagh Elise.

Ernest Gregg was awarded the Reserve Junior Championship with Ballybollen Kyle, a February born son of Houblon from his Ballybollen herd based at Ballymena. The Gregg Family enjoyed a great show also securing a red ticket with their five year old stock bull “Monanaleen Lolly”.

One of the highlights of the three day show, which is the highlight of the Northern Ireland Agricultural Calendar, was the grand parade which saw a large number of Salers cattle make their way to the main arena where they were admired by thousands of viewers.

*Report by Libby Clarke and photos by Alfie Shaw @ agriimages.*

# 2016 Royal Ulster Show continued...

## SHOW RESULTS

### COW, in calf or with calf at foot

- 1st Drumlegagh Galaxy, J & EA Elliott
- 2nd Lisnamaul Gaga, P J Maginn and Sons
- 3rd Babette, G McCall
- 4th Glycine, R Millar
- 5th Indiana, S Connell

### HEIFER, born on or before 31st December 2014

- 1st Drumlegagh Gabriella, J & EA Elliott
- 2nd Jina, S Connell
- 3rd Carrick View Jasmine, G McCall
- 4th Joice, E Gregg
- 5th Ivoire, E Gregg
- 6th Jelly, E Gregg
- 7th Carrick View Juliette, G McCall
- 8th Ballywillan Glycine 2nd, R Millar
- 9th Ballywillan Clycine 1st, R Millar

### HEIFER, born on or after 1st January 2015

- 1st Drumlegagh Kyra, J & EA Elliott
- 2nd Carrick View Kitty, G McCall
- 3rd Carrick View Kiss, G McCall
- 4th Ballybollen Kanye, E Gregg
- 5th Ballykeel Lollipop, S Connell

### BULL, up to 2 years old on day of Show

- 1st Ballywillan Birrick, R Millar
- 2nd Ballybollen Kyle, E Gregg
- 3rd Carrick View Keith Lemon ET, G McCall
- 4th Ballybollen Kim, E Gregg
- 5th Lisnamaul Cracker, P J Maginn & Sons
- 6th Ballykeel King, S Connell

### BULL, over 2 years old on day of Show.

- 1st Monanaleen Lolly, E Gregg
- 2nd Drumlegagh Hamish, J & EA Elliott
- 3rd Fidele, G McCall

## TROPHY WINNERS

### BEST PAIR OF ANIMALS (Salers Cattle Society Cup)

J & EA Elliott – Drumleagh Hamish & Drumlegagh Galaxy

### BEST TRIO OF ANIMALS

J & EA Elliott - Drumleagh Hamish, Drumlegagh Galaxy & Drumleagh Gabriella

### SHOW CHAMPION (Highways Hotel Cup) & BEST HOME BRED ANIMAL (Wallets Marts Shield)

Drumlegagh Galaxy – J & EA Elliott

### RESERVE SHOW CHAMPION (Highways Hotel Cup)

Ballywillan Birrick – R Millar

### JUNIOR SHOW CHAMPION

Drumlegagh Kyra – J & EA Elliott

### RESERVE JUNIOR SHOW CHAMPION

Ballybollen Kyle – E Gregg



Supreme Champion – Drumlegagh Galaxy



Reserve Champion – Ballywillan Birrick



Junior Champion – Drumlegagh Kyra



Reserve Junior Champion – Ballybollen Kyle



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# 2016 Royal Highland Show

It was a successful trip across the Irish sea for J & EA Elliott and their show team; they took the Show Champion with Drumlegagh Galaxy who also took the championship at the Royal Ulster Show in May and Reserve Show Champion with Drumlegagh Hamish under Judge Neil Barclay from Harestone, Aberdeenshire. The youngest member of the show team Drumlegagh Kyra was placed Junior Female Champion with the Junior Male Champion going to R & K Livesey with Cleuchhead Knight.

There was an impressive show of Salers especially females and young bulls.

Newtownstewart based Salers breeder J and EA Elliott were delighted with the results at the show and the array of awards for their team of homebred cattle.

## SHOW RESULTS

### Female born after 31st March 2015

- 1st Whitebog Kim, A Mackenzie
- 2nd Strathallen Karma, D M Lyle
- 3rd Cumbrian Jasmin 769, Messrs T & I Walling
- 4th Bacardi Keisha, R & A Crockett

### Female born on or between 24 June 2014 and 31st March 2015

- 1st Drumlegagh Kyra, J & EA Elliott
- 2nd Cumbrian Vermille 756, Messrs T & I Walling

### Female born on/after 1st January 2013 or before 24th June 2014

- 1st Drumlegagh Galaxy, J & EA Elliott
- 2nd Drumlegagh Gabriella, J & EA Elliott
- 3rd Bacardi J-Lo, R & A Crockett
- 4th Cleuchhead Mhairi 18th, R & K Livesey
- 5th Cleuchhead Magalie 14th, R & K Livesey
- 6th Cumbrian Hyacinth 692, Messrs T & I Walling

### Female born before 1st January 2013

- 1st Cleuchhead Mhairi 10th, R & K Livesey
- 2nd Drumlegagh Elise, J & EA Elliott

### Bull born after 31st March 2015

- 1st Cleuchhead Knight, R & K Livesey
- 2nd Whitebog Krone, A Mackenzie
- 3rd Strathallen Klondyke, D M Lyle
- 4th Whitebog Kremlin, A Mackenzie

### Bull born between 24th June 2015 and 31st March 2015

- 1st Cleuchhead Kingpin, R & K Livesey
- 2nd Whitebog Kuhn, A Mackenzie

### Bull born before 24th June

- 1st Drumlegagh Hamish, J & EA Elliott

**Stockmans Trophy** - Kim Taylor

**Best Pair of Salers** - J & EA Elliott

**Best Group of Salers** - A Mackenzie

## TROPHY WINNERS

### Junior Female Champion (Lochdougan Trophy)

J & EA Elliott Drumlegagh Kyra

### Junior Male Champion (Cuil Claret Jug)

R & K Livesey Cleuchhead Knight

### Champion Female (QET Trophy)

J & EA Elliott Drumlegagh Galaxy

### Champion Bull (Rumenco Trophy)

J & EA Elliott Drumlegagh Hamish

### Show Reserve Champion (The Salers Bell)

J & EA Elliott Drumlegagh Hamish

### Show Champion (Swardsman Trophy)

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# 2016 Great Yorkshire Show

Andrew Sleigh from Ellon, Aberdeenshire, travelled to Yorkshire to judge this year's entry of Salers. He had a good selection of females to choose from, and it was the females that took the top two spots.

The Salers Breed Champion Trophy went to Rob and Kath Livesey, Melrose, Scottish Borders with Cleuchhead Mhairi 10th, born May 2010, with an April born calf at foot. A good strong, milky mother with a good well- formed bull calf showed this maternal breed at its best. Mhairi 10th sired by Valentin has finished her showing career on a high.

Reserve Champion went to Roy and Adam Crocketts Bacardi J-Lo, born April 2014 sired by Gulliver. J-Lo is an excellent heifer which has lots of scope in the showing ring for years to come.



Cleuchhead Mhairi 10th, Cleuchhead Salers, R & K Livesey, Overall Champion



Bacardi J-Lo, Bacardi Salers, R & A Crockett, Reserve Overall Champion

## SHOW RESULTS

### Bull Born on or after 1 January 2015

- 1st Approach Farm Krugger, A & K Gowthorpe
- 2nd Cleuchhead Kudos, R & K Livesey

### Cow born on or before 31 December 2013, in milk or in calf

- 1st Cleuchhead Mhairi 10th, R & K Livesey
- 2nd Manor Lane Diva, Mrs C A Fox
- 3rd Beeston Hall Floss, S & R Hallos
- 4th Cleuchhead Magalie 14th, R & K Livesey

### Heifer born on or after 1 January 2014

- 1st Bacardi J-Lo, R & A Crockett
- 2nd Cumbrian Vermille 756, Mr B Walling
- 3rd Manor Lane Hope, Mrs C A Fox
- 4th Beeston Hall Honor, S & R Hallos

### Heifer born on or after 1 January 2015

- 1st Cumbrian Jasmine 769, Mr B Walling
- 2nd Bacardi Keisha, R & A Crockett
- 3rd Approach Farm Kara, A & K Gowthorpe
- 4th Beeston Hall Kaitalyn, S & R Hallos

### Group of Three – S & R Hallos

Pairs – S & R Hallos

Stockmans Cup – Alex Myers

Salers Junior Champion – Cumbrian Vermille 756, Mr B Walling

Salers Reserve Junior Champion – Cumbrian Jasmin 769, Mr B Walling

Salers Female Champion – Cleuchhead Mhairi 10th, R & K Livesey

Salers Male Champion – Approach Farm Krugger, A & K Gowthorpe

Salers Breed Champion – Cleuchhead Mhairi 10th, R & K Livesey

Salers Reserve Breed Champion – Bacardi J-Lo, R & A Crockett



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# IAIN LIVESEY – STUDY TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND

I've recently returned from a sponsored study trip to New Zealand which I enrolled in through the Scottish association of young farmers. On the tour were 20 curious young farmers looking to further their knowledge and understanding of agricultural production overseas.

It was evident that shortly after our arrival, the group as a whole were somewhat stunned and engrossed with not only the spectacular scenery, but the diversity and positive 'gun ho' attitude of the farmers. Even in the wake of droughts and earthquakes. It was a fairly condensed trip visiting at least one different farm each day for the 2 week duration, and covering over 6000 kilometres. We saw an array of different systems including dairy, beef, arable, goats, pigs, deer, sheep, wool, seed production and veterinary.

## To focus on the beef production.

New Zealand beef is largely a supply chain from high country hill farmers who sell calves direct through an agent to lower ground farms for finishing.

If they have access to lower less acidic soils they are often finished on Lucerne if dry land, or a plantain/clover mix in warm wetter areas. Virtually nothing is housed or fed cereals at all. The majority of cattle are either Hereford or Aberdeen Angus. As these native breeds are bred to calf easily and fatten off grass efficiently.

Cows run with a bull for 6 weeks only, to retain fertility. Almost every farm will bull heifers to calf at 2 years old. And most calves will be weaned at just 150 days old (5 months) as research suggests a cows' lactation will start to reduce at this point and the calf would be better off on a high protein diet. Also at this age the calves will start competing for grass and will always be second to their mothers. It is seen as very inefficient to leave a calf on its mother after this point as the cow does not need the good summer grass. When calves are weaned they are put onto high quality grazing in clean fertile pastures. The cows are put into high dry ground where they will be kept as cheaply as possible. Although to us UK farmers it sounds a low cost way to keep cows, the general feel was that the beef industry in New Zealand was being pressurised by the other sectors; dairy and sheep.

Firstly the price of beef is the same whether it comes from a beef breed or a dairy breed. There is no premium paid as it is not regarded as a quality product like British or Scotch Beef. Carcasses are not hung for more than a day; most of the beef packaged is for export. However there is a premium paid for the 5th quarter due to a strong demand from the Asian market.

Despite the recent crash the more recent rise, the dairy industry has been booming in New Zealand.

When price shot to \$8/kg milk solids, at \$4 cost of production it seems if your land could dairy, you did dairy. With mile after mile of black and white cows and irrigators the landscape changed, and still has its place even though margins have dropped considerably; with a price now about \$5/kg milk solids. So dairy is the biggest industry, therefore rearing four

day old 'Bobby calves' is a big industry. These calves can be bought far cheaper than beef calves, grow at a similar rate for finishing and provide a more secure investment for finishers. So in a sense they are under cutting the suckler beef calf market.

In some areas droughts are a major threat during their late summer months, January and February. But other than that, grass will grow the majority of the year making it paramount that it is utilised to its full potential. If a ewe weighing 60kg can rear 1.5 lambs at 30kg each she has weaned 75% of her body weight. If a 600kg cow rears a 280kg calf she has weaned less than 50% of her body weight. Therefore grazing sheep makes far better use of dry matter, allowing increasing stock units and production.

We visited Mount Linton Station in Southland in the later stage of the trip. Home to 40,000 breeding Romney cross ewes and 5,000 Angus cows. Other than its sheer scale this place did remind me of home. Rolling hills, summer time, damp and dreich!

Manager, Welshman Cerri Lewis took us up to 500m and assured us of how magical the view would be on a clear day, before telling us his approach at adding value to his cattle.

EBV's were at the heart of his focus. His aim was to produce a high quality product and establish his own market. Eating quality was the direction to move in with grass fed cattle. And the way to monitor it was to measure intra muscular fat IMF. This shows how well marbled the beef is.

IMF is found by back scanning his heifers at 16months old to gather data for the Breedplan programme. Cerri said it's encouraging to see how quickly and effectively this data is improving meat quality of his cattle. His policy is that all stock bulls used must have plus figures for IMF, also taking into account the other vital breeding values. Plus milk figures and plus 600 day weights were essential and a low mature weight was important to achieve a rapidly maturing animal that's cheaper to keep.

An annual catalogue is made up of bulls being used and Bulls for sale from Mount Linton.

They sell over 300 breeding Bulls each year, most of which unseen, bought purely on EBV's. And have established a premium market for high marbling grass fed beef.

So is marbled beef food for thought? Perhaps we should ask our consumers...

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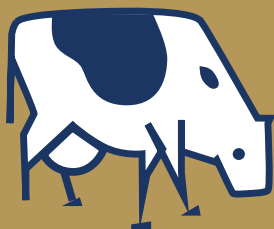
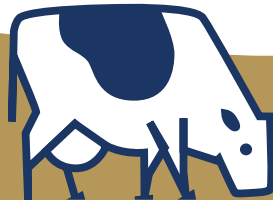
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# 2016 Royal Welsh Show

A clean sweep by Alun Jones taking Champion with bull Etna and Reserve Champion with cow Fortuna at this year's show. Judged by Dai Davies, of Llanrwst, Conway in searing temperatures Alun Jones and his team did well. Sponsors Allington Hughes Law were delighted with the results and enjoyed handing out the honours and having photos taken alongside the winners.

Import Etna took the overall champion, born November 2008, bred by Gaec Elevage Missiel, sire Anjou, dam Ondee, this impressive bull complete with horns was a delight to see.

Import Fortuna took reserve champion, born February 2010 bred Pascal Trapeanar, sire Baron, dam Sonia. A good female breeding some top animals for the Jones family.

## SHOW RESULTS

Bull born on or before 31 December 2014

- 1st Etna, Alun Jones
- 2nd Seawell Invader, JF Robinson & Sons

### Bull born on or after 1 January 2015

- 1st Dwyryd Kane, Carwyn Robert
- 2nd Onley King Kong, T & L Roberts

### Best male exhibit – Etna, Alun Jones

### Cow born on or before 31 December 2013 in calf or with calf at foot

- 1st Fortuna, Alun Jones
- 2nd Rigel Paloma, Sophie Simmons

### Heifer born on or between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014

- 1st Glan-Y-Mor Laura, Alun Jones
- 2nd Darnford Glory, Sophie Simmons
- 3rd Morfa Blodeuwedd, J E Thomas
- 4th Morfa Begw, J E Thomas
- 5th Lyre, Carwyn Roberts
- 6th Preenbank Lolly, J F Robinson & Sons

### Heifer born on or after 1 January 2015

- 1st Preenbank Kikamamia, J F Robinson & Sons
- 2nd Onley Kerry, T & L Roberts

### Best female exhibit – Fortuna, Alun Jones

## TROPHY WINNERS

**Champion** – Campsmount Trophy – Etna, Alun Jones

**Reserve Champion** – Hallows Trophy – Fortuna, Alun Jones

**Best Senior Male** – Allington Hughes Shield – Etna, Alun Jones

**Best Senior Female** – Carrick View Cup – Fortuna, Alun Jones

**Best Junior Male** – Franklin Shield – Dwyrd Kane, Carwyn Roberts

**Best Junior Female** – Morwenstow Trophy – Preenbank Kikamamia, JF Robinson & Sons

**Best Turned Out** – Henry Gibson Memorial Cup – Tim Roberts

**Stockmans Award** – Sophie Simmons

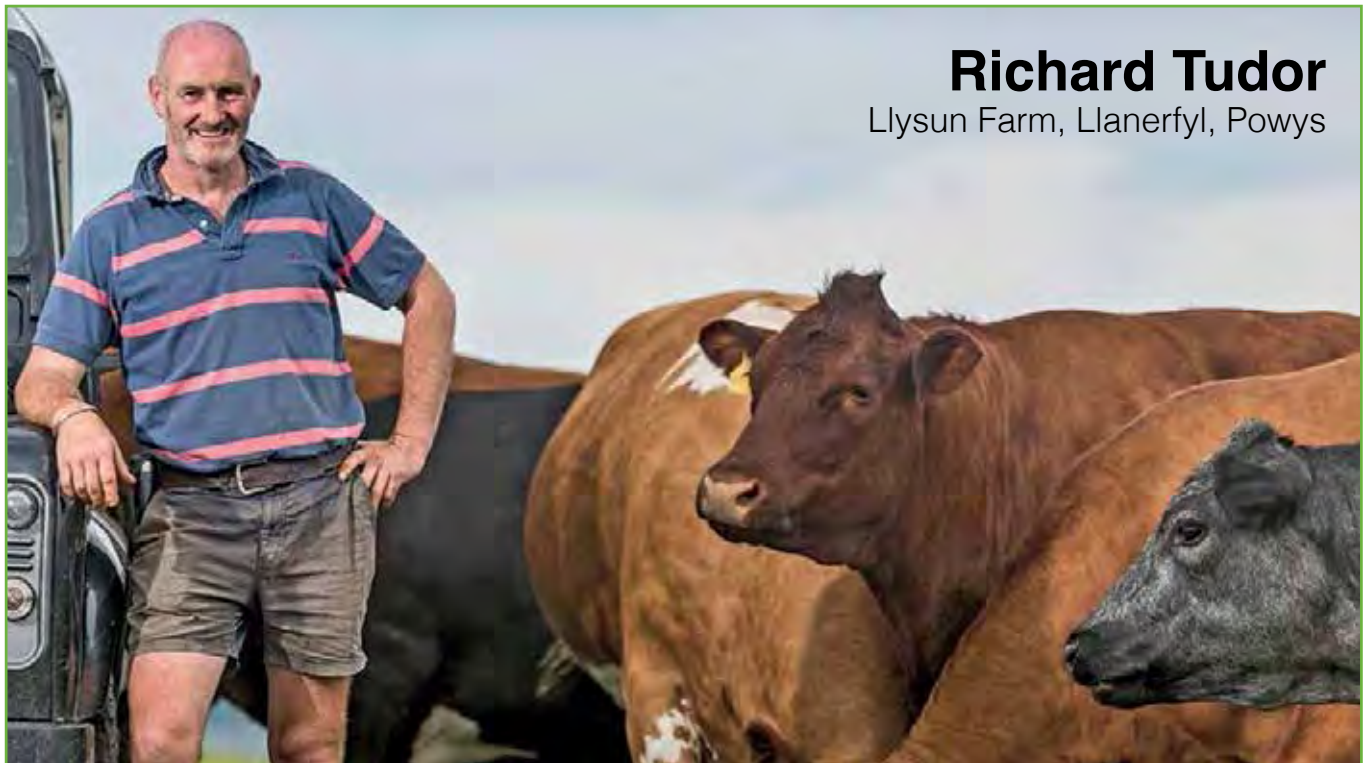


Overall Champion Import Etna



Reserve Champion Import Fortuna

## BEEF FARMER OF THE YEAR



**Richard Tudor**

Llysun Farm, Llanerfyl, Powys

Richard Tudor is a shining example of how to operate a profitable upland beef enterprise. He is making the most of every morsel of land for his spring-calving, 140-cow suckler herd to generate outstanding gross margins of £704 a cow – £100 above the best Welsh upland farms on average.

### THE JUDGES LIKED

Outstanding grassland management

Exceptional calf growth rates

Strong focus on herd fertility enabling the herd to achieve incredible conception rates

Calving heifers at two and carrying out pelvic measurements

Using high-scoring estimated breeding value bulls

Having grown the business by almost 200ha since returning home after graduating from Aberystwyth University in 1998, Richard has placed a strong focus on herd fertility and is perfecting his breeding programme to develop a medium-sized cow that will thrive in upland conditions.

The original herd of Welsh Blacks has been slowly transitioned into a 140-cow herd of Simmental cross Salers cows, but recognising his cows' mature size was getting too big for his upland farm, Richard has more recently introduced an Angus.

Salers heifers are put to an Angus bull to breed replacements. Half of the main herd is crossed to a high-index, terminal-sire Charolais bull within the top

5% of the breed for 200-day weights, while bigger, Simmental-type cows are put to a Salers.

Richard believes fertility is key to enhancing calf performance.

*"I am trying to increase my conception rates because that's the easiest way to increase my weaning weights," says Richard, who adds that tightening his calving pattern also means it's easier to group calves for sale.*

Through his strong focus on fertility and rigorous breeding checks, Richard is achieving unbelievable conception rates, with 75% of the herd calving in the first three weeks of the calving period and 90% in six weeks, which he says is vital to his store selling enterprise.

In order to make it into the herd, heifers must be born from cows that calved in the first cycle.

They undergo pelvic area measurements and get fertility scored ahead of service in January when they are synchronised and AI'd to an American Angus, chosen for its short gestation length, daughter's milking ability and structural soundness.



## FARM FACTS

290ha upland farm plus 20ha rented

140 spring-calving cows plus 1,200 ewes and 300 lambs

High health status – bovine viral diarrhoea accredited and infectious bovine rhinotracheitis negative

Texel-cross lambs finished off on grass and sold to Waitrose

98% of calves born alive a cow scanned

A strong team of bulls is used in the main herd, with cows run in groups of 25 a bull in the first cycle to maximise first-service conception rates, before being mobbed into larger groups of 50 in the second.

All bulls are subject to annual semen tests.

This approach to maximising herd fertility, combined with Richard's focus on high 200-day weight estimated breeding values (EBVs), is contributing to phenomenal calf performance, with April-born steers and heifers averaging daily liveweight gains of 1.53kg up to weaning.

This figure is even more impressive when you consider calves are fed a forage-based diet alone up to weaning in October, when cows are housed in cubicles and calves have access to creep and good-quality silage.

The aim is to sell steers and heifers as 10- and 18-month-old stores at Welshpool market in February and October, although 10% – those he isn't happy to sell as stores – are sold direct to ABP, averaging 348kg carcass weights.

Richard says selling stores enables him to keep feed costs low by reducing the amount of purchase feed required.

This is further helped by his attention to detail when it comes to grassland management.

To make the best use of his poorer-quality hill ground, where land rises to 425m, annual soil sampling is carried out and he rotational grazes mixed stock.

*"On the hill ground, the aim is to keep the pH, K and P right and the cattle manage the grass,"* explains Richard.

More recently, a further 20ha has been acquired on a five-year agreement at a competitive rent and this has been sown with a hybrid mix of plantain, grass, kale and rape for winter-grazing sheep.

About 20ha is reseeded annually and on lower-lying ground Richard is using a mixture of herbal grass leys and plantain.

Meanwhile, high-sugar grass and white clover varieties are grown to make high-energy silage for the winter.

This year Richard's became the first farm in the UK to grow Fixation – a high protein and deep-rooting clover variety that originates from Oregon, US – which he is trialling as part of his role as a demonstration farm for Farming Connect.

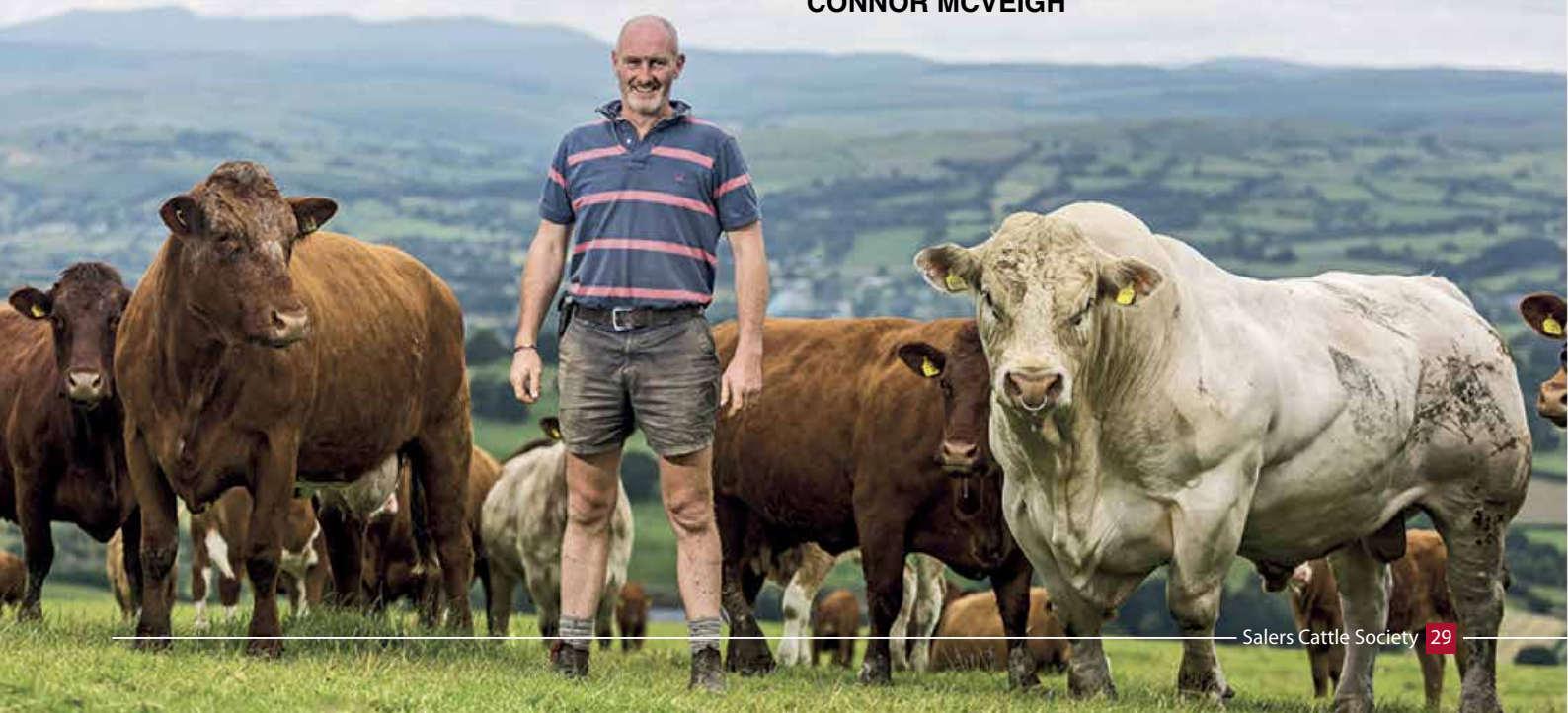
As well as this, Richard sits on the NFU Welsh livestock board and the Hybu Cig Cymru research and development committee.



*The Farmers Weekly Beef Farmer of the Year 2016 award is sponsored McDonald's.*

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# MARKET REVIEW

## Salers Strong Growth Continues

### High Level

The Salers annual growth romps ahead of overall market growth to claim increased market share.

	% increase v 2015
<b>UK Market 2016</b>	
Suckler Cows	1.3%
Dairy Cows	0.3%
Beef Sired Calves	2.8%
<b>Salers 2016</b>	
Salers/SalersX Cows	6.9%
Salers Sired Calves	10.1%

### Market Overview

After many years of decline in the UK suckler herd, there was a small increase to just over 1.6 million cows in 2016. This is good news, but in these uncertain times, this could be just a blip in the decline, or maybe the beginning of a sustained upturn? The number of UK dairy cows continues to grow slowly to just over 1.9 million cows. Almost 40% of calves from the dairy herd are by a beef bull.

The number of beef sired calves born in 2016 increased to 1.8 million bucking the long term downward trend, and here the change of direction seems more clearly established. The declines in calves sired by the major terminal sire breeds also were halted, with only one of the top ten beef breeds registering a reduction compared to 2015.

The decisions which lead to these increases in numbers were taken by farmers some years ago against a backdrop of a recovery in fat and store prices, and reduced input costs on the back of low wheat prices. Both of these significant factors have subsequently moved adversely, cutting margins, and of course now there is the uncertainty around the impact of Brexit.

There is a bright side to this challenging assessment; tougher times stimulate more demand for the Salers, as our unique ease of calving and high growth rates yield a high value calf with a low cost of production, and less hassle.

### Salers Market Share

2016 data ex-BCMS	Salers Breeding Bulls	Salers/SalersX Suckler Cows
Market Share	1.4%	2.4%
Growth Rate vs 2015	10.1%	6.9%

The top six beef breeds are responsible for siring 85% of all the beef calves. With 1.4% of the beef breeding bull market, the Salers bull is 10th in the league table, and more importantly has the second highest annual rate of increase of any of the top ten breeds. This rate of increase explains the strong demand being experienced by breeders for Salers bulls, and is driven by the recognition by commercial farmers of the wider benefits from the ease of calving the Salers bull confers due to its low birth weights (heifers 35kg, bulls 39kg) and long slim calf conformation.

In the suckler cow market, Salers have the fastest annual rate of increase of any of the top ten beef breeds, and are now 9th in the league table having overtaken the Blondes in 2015. An analysis of the market dynamics indicates that the breed could grow even faster but demand is outstripping the supply of Salers and SalersX heifer replacements currently available. The breed's very large pelvic area, plentiful milk, sound structure (legs, feet, udders etc.) and longevity all make for the low maintenance, low cost suckler cow needed in today's market.

### Salers Market Penetration

The figures from BCMS give an insight into how well different breeds penetrate the market. Sim, Lim and AA cows make up 60% of the suckler cow market, and 6/10 Salers bulls are put to cows of these breeds showing a wide commercial appreciation of the Salers. In contrast, the breeds just above and just behind the Salers in terms of market share, show a more limited appeal, with only 3/10 of their bulls serving breeds outside of their own.

Not surprisingly, the same applies when looking at the use of Salers sucklers, with 2/3 being served by other breeds, predominantly by Charolais bulls. The message from these numbers is that the Salers has established a reputation for being an easy calving crossing bull and suckler cow in the UK, and that the trend is strongly upwards.

### STOP PRESS – NEWS FROM IRELAND

**The ICBF Active Bull List - Spring 2017 (Replacement) shows 3 of the top 5 bulls are Salers!**

RANK	BULL	BREED	INDEX
1	Beguin	Salers	245
2	Ulsan	Salers	203
3	Glebefarm Tyson	Simmental	203
4	Lanigan Deep Canyon Red	Angus	196
5	Vaillant	Salers	179



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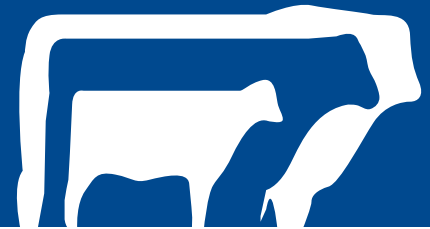
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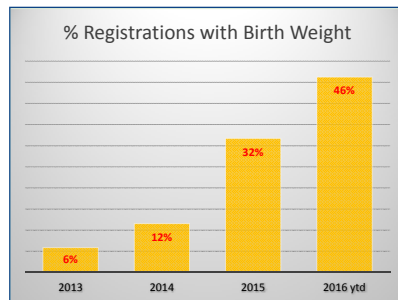
Demonstrating Salers Commercial Advantages



## EASE OF CALVING AND THE BIRTH WEIGHT EBV

2016 marked a significant milestone as Salers now have good EBVs for birth weight, 200 day weight, 400 day weight etc. The most important of these is the **birth weight EBV**, as it is **most directly linked to ease of calving**.

Underpinning the quality of the birth weight EBV is the excellent response from our members who have provided birth weights when registering or notifying their calves. As the chart above shows, almost half the 2016 born calves registered or notified so far had a birth weight.



The Salers stands out from the crowd because of its unique ease of calving. It is the reason why so many farmers are switching to the Salers, and therefore why the breed is enjoying such strong growth in demand. The Salers bull sires a long slim calf with a light birth weight compared to other major breeds. Heavy birth weights are the main cause of calving difficulties, so anything that increases our birth weights is a risk to the Salers most important quality.

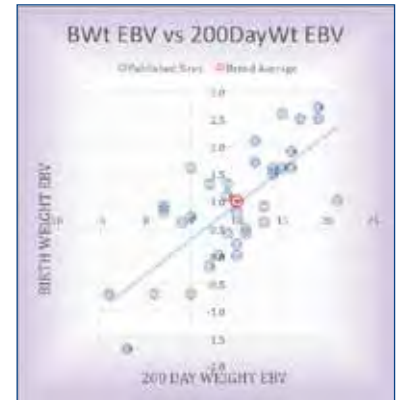
## BIRTH WEIGHT EBV EXPLAINED

The calves from an animal with a heavier birth weight EBV are likely to be born with heavier birth weights. The heavier the calf, the more likely the cow will have a problem calving it. In the Published Sires table below the range of the birth weight EBV is from -1.7 kg to +2.7 kg. As each parent contributes half the genetics of the calf, so calves from a bull with a birth weight EBV of 2.7 kg are likely to be 2.2 kg heavier than if they had been sired from the same cows by a bull with a birth weight EBV of -1.7 kg. This is a significant difference. **Light or moderate birth weight EBVs are favourable.**

The birth weight EBV is calculated primarily from the birth weight of the animal compared to the birth weight of other calves born in the herd that year. There is a contribution in the calculation from the birth weights its progeny or parents or other relatives which becomes more important in the absence of an actual birth weight. Similarly, Breedplan makes use of weights from later in the animal's life, or from its progeny, parents, or relatives and so on. The most accurate EBVs come from actual birth weights. **It is vital to weigh calves at birth and submit this information to Breedplan.**

## BIRTH WEIGHT VS. GROWTH RATE

Growth rate is of great importance to both the store producer and the finisher, consequently breeding bulls with above average growth rate are sought after, and regularly achieve better prices. However, it is well established that fast growth rates and heavier birth weights usually go together. This relationship is nicely confirmed in the chart below which plots the birth weight EBV against the 200 day weight EBV for the 35 Published Sires from the December 2016 Salers Group Run. A similar relationship exists between the birth weight EBV and 400 day weight EBV.



Without tools like birth weight EBVs, there is a risk that the needs of the commercial beef producer for faster growing cattle will cause an unintended selection for heavier birth weights (and ultimately calving problems). Other breeds that were formerly not known for having calving problems have trod that path .....

Now that we have birth weight EBVs, our commercial customers can make a more informed assessment of the balance between growth rate and birth weight that will best suit their herd. As pedigree breeders, we can ensure that we protect the Salers most important quality by selecting moderate birth weight herd sires. In particular, we can now identify those (few) animals who don't fit the normal pattern, the so-called curve benders who offer better growth rate with lower birth weights (there are several in the Publish Sires list below).

## AIMS FOR 2017

As more data accumulates in Breedplan, the scope for using this to promote the unique qualities of the Salers also grows. In future we'll be able to provide tangible evidence of the benefits that derive from our ease of calving, such as short calving interval, high % calves weaned and greater longevity.

Having Breedplan and EBVs has moved the Salers breed in the UK a big step forward, the focus now is on getting;

- More members to measure and submit birth weights
- More members participating as Performance Recorders

## PUBLISHED SIRES

Sire	BWt EBV	200 DayWt EBV	400 DayWt EBV	Sire	BWt EBV	200 DayWt EBV	400 DayWt EBV
Amazonien	-1.7	-2	13	Casimir	1.0	21	25
Rigel Pluto	-0.7	5	18	<b>Breed Average</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>
Oaklands Urgent	-0.7	1	4	Drumlegagh Brandon	1.1	9	18
Rigel Verdun Poll	-0.7	-4	4	Illien	1.3	9	18
Poldean Vince	-0.2	7	14	Sagitaire	1.3	7	20
Cleuchhead Blaze	0.0	10	9	Vaillant	1.5	14	23
Tolquhon Bonaparte	0.0	8	16	Cleuchhead Brandy	1.6	16	24
Seawell Franko	0.2	10	6	Bruno	1.6	15	20
Rigel Byron Poll	0.4	11	9	Preenbank Kester	1.6	14	22
Rigel Oak Poll	0.4	9	9	Rigel Munro Poll	1.6	5	21
Rigel Picasso	0.5	11	12	Cuil Madrid	1.7	12	15
Cleuchhead Archer	0.6	13	23	Cumbrian Joker	1.9	16	24
Lataster Hector	0.6	4	10	Preenbank Izac	1.9	16	21
Denver	0.7	5	1	Rigel Tybalt	2.1	12	23
Rigel Excel	0.8	10	21	Rigel Officer	2.5	19	30
Rigel Othello Poll ET	0.8	2	1	Whitebog Fury	2.5	17	22
Cuil Godfather	0.9	13	20	Cleuchhead Chief	2.6	15	25
Kracker	0.9	2	3	Cleuchhead Compo	2.7	19	39

Source: December 2016 Salers Group Run.  
Green highlighting indicates an EBV equal/better than breed average EBV

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# ARE BENCHMARKING TARGETS FOR SUCKLER COWS ACHIEVABLE?

**Nuffield Scholar** – Steven Sandison,  
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## Objectives of Study Tour

- Are the benchmarking targets suggested by industry bodies realistic?
- What is the best being achieved here in the UK/Ireland?
- What do those farmers have in common?
- Which management practices are important?
- What can we learn from farmers in other countries?

**Countries visited** - UK, Ireland, Canada, Sweden, Norway

## Messages -

- The targets set by industry bodies are too high
- Cow type and breed do affect these targets
- Staff and management also affect these targets
- The many services and products which are offered to farmers can be useful but not always necessary
- The family and staff connected to the farm business could benefit from knowing the farm's full potential, to help them support and challenge those making the decisions.

My name is Steven Sandison. I am married to Lorraine and we have three children: Carmen, Callie and Glen. We live in the parish of Harray in the Orkney Islands, in the north of Scotland. I was born in 1979, I am the youngest of three children and was brought up on a small family beef farm. During my childhood the family business was built up but it still wasn't big enough for me to work at home when I left school at the age of 16. From an early age I had a keen interest in cattle and especially beef cows. I was very fortunate to get a job as soon as I left school, on a mixed dairy and beef farm where I could also attend the local college where I undertook a Higher National Certificate in Agriculture. I milked cows for three years until they were sold off and replaced with beef cows. For the next few years I was contracted out working on other beef farms and this gave me a great opportunity to see different systems and management practices.

Lorraine and I were married in 2002 and bought the first of our own stock in 2003. We rented land at first and were fortunate to be offered a farm to buy in 2006. Since then we have bought another farm and built cow numbers up to 100. We currently farm 330 acres, 230 which are owned and 100 on seasonal lets. We have Simmental and Salers cross cows and sell the calves as stores and we also grow some spring barley.

I feel very fortunate to be doing a job I love and feel a sense of responsibility to do the best with what I have. A combination of having no hobbies, being mean and being brought up to avoid waste, has led me to my interest in benchmarking and measuring everything related to the business and especially the cows.

Beef farmers are continually being told they need to be more efficient. Consultants, vets, breed societies, machinery dealers and feed merchants are all offering farmers information, services, gadgets, feeds, minerals and vaccines. Despite this, Quality Meat Scotland estimates that only 82% of



beef cows in Scotland wean a calf each year. Meanwhile QMS and SRUC publish guidance for suckler farmers which recommends that herds should be weaning 92-94% from a 9 week breeding period. Either this target is unrealistic or the industry is underachieving.

The two main objectives of my study were to find out if the targets were achievable, and what the best suckler producers had in common. I have met over 100 farmers in the UK, Ireland, Canada, Sweden and Norway. The main part of my study was based on the farmers in the UK and Ireland. Farmers learn more from other farmers and in order for this report to be relevant to farmers in the UK it should reflect similar systems which face the same challenges whether it is weather, disease or market prices. I visited Canada to see larger systems which had to deal with extreme cold and no support payments. Norway and Sweden also had to deal with extreme cold and adhere to strict welfare rules.

I asked all the farmers the same 22 questions to find out what breeds, housing, forage type, minerals, feeding method, management and health planning they had. But, most importantly, what was the scanning, calving, weaning and replacement rate. Only 10% of the farmers I met in the UK were achieving better than the target of 92%. So the main focus of my study was to compare the top 10% with the bottom 10% of the farmers which I met, which would represent the average suckler producer in Scotland.

My findings have shown that 92% is setting the bar too high. Breed and type of cattle does matter. Continental and native breeds have different strengths and when you combine the two you can have the best of both worlds. Heifers should be calved at two years old unless it is an extensive system using slow maturing, hardy breeds which do live longer. Block calving within 9 or at the most 12 weeks is achievable with the right management and cow type. All the other management practices, services and products are important but can vary greatly between farms.

After visiting farms in different countries which are achieving 92% weaning, I am in no doubt that the industry can improve greatly on what is being achieved at the moment. Farmers have all the tools and information already to achieve this. It is time to get this message across.

Also, is it time the farmer's family and staff knew how much potential the average suckler cow herd has? They may hold the key to support and encourage the farmer to make the changes needed to improve the life of the farmer, reduce losses and improve profitability.



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Warmest greetings to Salers Breeders and Friends in the United Kingdom and around the World. The International Salers Federation (ISF) expresses its appreciation to the Salers Cattle Society of the U.K. for their generosity in allowing me to report again in this Journal, on its activities internationally.

The last 12 months have been a most beneficial time for the ISF to play a part in the further development of the Salers Breed in many Countries of the World. During this time, the Portuguese Salers Association, APCB Salers has become a Member of the ISF. Currently, a new Salers Association is being formed in Bosnia & Herzegovina where the first Salers were imported from France in the second half of 2016. Poland has now joined us as an Associate Member and there is every indication that there will be substantial growth for Salers in that Country.

Thus, we now have Members in 19 Countries, World-wide. It has been a dynamic growth from the 8 Member Countries we had at the beginning of 2015!

One of the most rewarding achievements which the ISF has contributed to in the last 12 months is the enthusiastic exchange of news and communications between ISF Members and the substantial new markets for the Salers Breed which are developing. Gone are the days when we just hoped that things would improve - now they are moving with great zest and worthwhile results for all!

The growing interest in the Salers Breed around the World is wonderful, as more and more Cattle Breeders are beginning to experience the unique traits of Salers Cattle and how they are contributing to better production and more profits.

Of course, growth doesn't come automatically, without hard work and dynamic vision. It has been an absolute pleasure for me, as Chairman of the ISF, to receive numerous messages of appreciation from Salers Associations and Breeders in many Countries, expressing their thanks for the way the ISF is playing an important part in the further development of the Salers Breed, World-wide - thank you one and all!

Change can often be looked at rather suspiciously and those who have been in a comfortable, self interested, mode for many years, will soon appreciate that what the ISF is doing is for the benefit of them and everyone. Their

markets are not being "raided" but just expanded, so that they will increase many-fold.

There has been great news about the successes of Salers Cattle in the Commercial Markets and in the Show Ring. Congratulations to the Associations and Breeders who devote so much time and money to exhibit their Salers in the Show Ring and at Agricultural Exhibitions.

One French Exhibition at which the International Salers Federation has been made most welcome is the Sommet de l'Élevage at Cournon, Clermont-Ferrand, the largest Livestock Exhibition in Europe. Their International Manager, Benoît Delaloy, is a source of great encouragement and assistance to the Salers Breed. The Sommet is an excellent meeting place for people from a gigantic variety of Countries, World-wide and the ISF is looking forward to continuing holding its Annual Directors' Meeting at the Sommet, each year.

It was a pleasure for me to be able to attend the 2016 Sommet which was, as always, held for 3 days during the first week in October. This year, Salers Breeders from the U.K., Ireland, Spain, Portugal, Denmark, Mexico and Australia, experienced the marvellous hospitality which the Sommet gives to International visitors. The same will be experienced in 2017 and of course, in 2018, Salers will be the Feature Breed when the French Concours National Salers will be at the Sommet and the 3 yearly ISF Convention and Tour will also be centred around the Sommet. There is no doubt that it will be the largest and best International Meeting of Salers Breeders and Friends that has ever been held. Mark your diary for France in October 2018!

Amongst my activities during 2016, I was able to visit Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina in April and June and I was very grateful that the U.K. Society President and ISF Delegate was able to be with me in April. I thank you Harri!

Of course, perhaps I should mention briefly that after the Sommet last October, I had rather a small accident which produced some unfortunate results. It entailed hospitalisation in France, medical evacuation to Australia and surgery in Australia. I was incapacitated for a total of 3 months. Fortunately, I am making a full recovery. At this point, heartfelt thanks must go to the U.K. Secretary, Liz Wilde, for the assistance and concern which she gave Wendy during this dreadful time, initially with my lost baggage and then my medical trauma.

Following this article there will be 3 articles on Salers, firstly in France, secondly the Balkans and lastly, the Iberian Peninsula. Of course, there are other dynamic developments in so many other Countries too, which can be told at another time.

I would like to pass on the ISF's great appreciation to our good American friend, Bruce Loewenberg, who has chosen to wind down his Salers Operation in Missouri and donate most of his Salers to the University of Missouri to form their own Salers Herd. It is an inspiring gesture and Bruce will also be giving his time, experience and knowledge to help the University Students grow in the understanding of Cattle Breeding and the many attributes of the Salers Breed.

Finally, congratulations to U.K. Salers Breeders and Friends for the support and development of the Salers Breed in their Country.

Please do not forget the powerful way that Facebook Pages and Timelines can assist with the exchanges and facts that the SALERS BREED IS A BREED ON FIRE!

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## FRANCE - THE BIRTHPLACE OF SALERS



The continued dedication of the Executive and Members of the French Salers Associations is appreciated and admired. Congratulations must go to our good friends, Lionel Duffayet, President of Groupe Salers Evolution and Herd Book Salers, and his 2 Vice Presidents, Charles Vantal and Géraud Trin.

The Breed has been fortunate over the years to have strong Executive Directors and the current holder of this position, Bruno Faure, is one of

them. The fact that the Salers Breed has now developed into the most profitable Beef Cattle Breed in France, has entailed much hard work and dedication by all, particularly in the parts of France where Salers are now dominant and well regarded. It is certainly a change from the original isolation of the Breed in Cantal. The demands of export markets are not always easy to interpret and fulfil and of course, the ever increasing quality of Salers makes them so desirable. It has been a pleasure to observe and experience the growth of Salers over the past 20 plus, years.

There is one piece of advice that must be given when buying Salers, whether it be from France or from the other side of the World - you must personally meet the Vendor and inspect the cattle that you are purchasing - do not rely on your imagination - you will only be disappointed when you do not know what you are purchasing and how much you should pay.

The facilities available for Salers in France are second to none and particular mention should be made of the 2 Bull Sales, one early in February and one in early April each year, for Salers Bulls that have been tested and prepared at the Salers own Bull Test Station at Saint-Bonnet-de-Salers.

Also, the development of Polled Salers is so important for supply to a number of Countries around the World.



Thanks must go to the ever-increasing number of Salers Breeders, from the North in the areas of Normandy, etc. and down to the South of the Country. Don't miss exploring and accepting the welcomes that French Salers Breeders everywhere, give to Visitors and potential Buyers.





# THE BALKANS



Following the fall of the Communist Regime and the horrendous devastation caused by the Croatian and Bosnian Wars in the 1990's, it is tremendous that there is a great surge in the redevelopment of agricultural lands and the need for new and better cattle breeds.

It is of great fortune that Salers are very rapidly growing in the Country of Croatia and there is a Contract with the Croatian Salers Association, Udruga Salers - Croatia, to import from France, an extraordinary large number of Salers for the period from 2016 to 2020. Salers first entered Croatia in 2009 and during 2016 there were some very large shipments of Salers Heifers and Salers Bulls to a number of farms in Croatia.



Lessons were learned and the future seems even better than before. In particular, the renowned country in Lika, which has been producing the famous Lika Lamb, is certainly heading towards producing famous Lika Salers Beef. Already, there has been much development in Lika and there are great plans for the future and expansion of the Salers Breed in Lika and Dalmatia, as well as in other parts of Croatia.

The verdant grazing land in the Herzegovina region of the Country of Bosnia & Herzegovina is just waiting for Salers Cattle. The first Salers to be imported into that Country arrived in September with a truck load of pregnant Salers Cows, some Heifers and a Bull. Since then, there have been more Salers imported into the Northern part of Bosnia.

Congratulations to all and particularly when at the end of 2016, the first Salers Calf in BiH was born at Farma Podhum adjacent to the Village of Podhum, near Livno. The calf was a Bull and is aptly named "Donald". They think that HE WILL MAKE BOSNIA GREAT AGAIN!

As mentioned earlier, the exuberant and capable Owners of Farma Podhum are in the process of forming a Salers Association for Bosnia & Herzegovina. They will import more Salers in 2017.

The ISF looks forward to giving further help in the redevelopment of cattle breeding throughout the Balkans. There is a great need for the expansion and development of this Beef Cattle Industry and the import opportunities for Salers from France, Spain, Belgium, the Czech Republic and elsewhere, are unlimited.

# THE IBERIAN PENINSULA



The dramatically different climates and seasons existing in the Iberian Peninsula are ideal for the Salers Breed to meet.

Both the Spanish and Portuguese Salers Associations are very fortunate to have excellent and active Presidents. The Spanish Association, with the short name "Pro-Salers", has been ably developing the Salers Breed for many years under the Presidency of Paulino Sanchez. This Country now has approximately 30,000 head of Salers Cattle and the support of a number of other capable Salers Breeders.

The ISF envisages that in the not too distant future, Spain will be able to export excellent Salers to other Countries.



In past times in Portugal, Salers were one of the most important Cattle Breeds and in 2016 the Portuguese Salers Association, short-named "APCB Salers" has been re-invigorated under the capable President, Nuno Canatário. The future of this Association is now very promising.

Salers are also popular in both Spain and Portugal for Cross-Breeding with the Native Cattle Breeds.

All Salers Breeders in the Iberian Peninsula are wished every success with their Salers for the future, by the International Salers Federation.





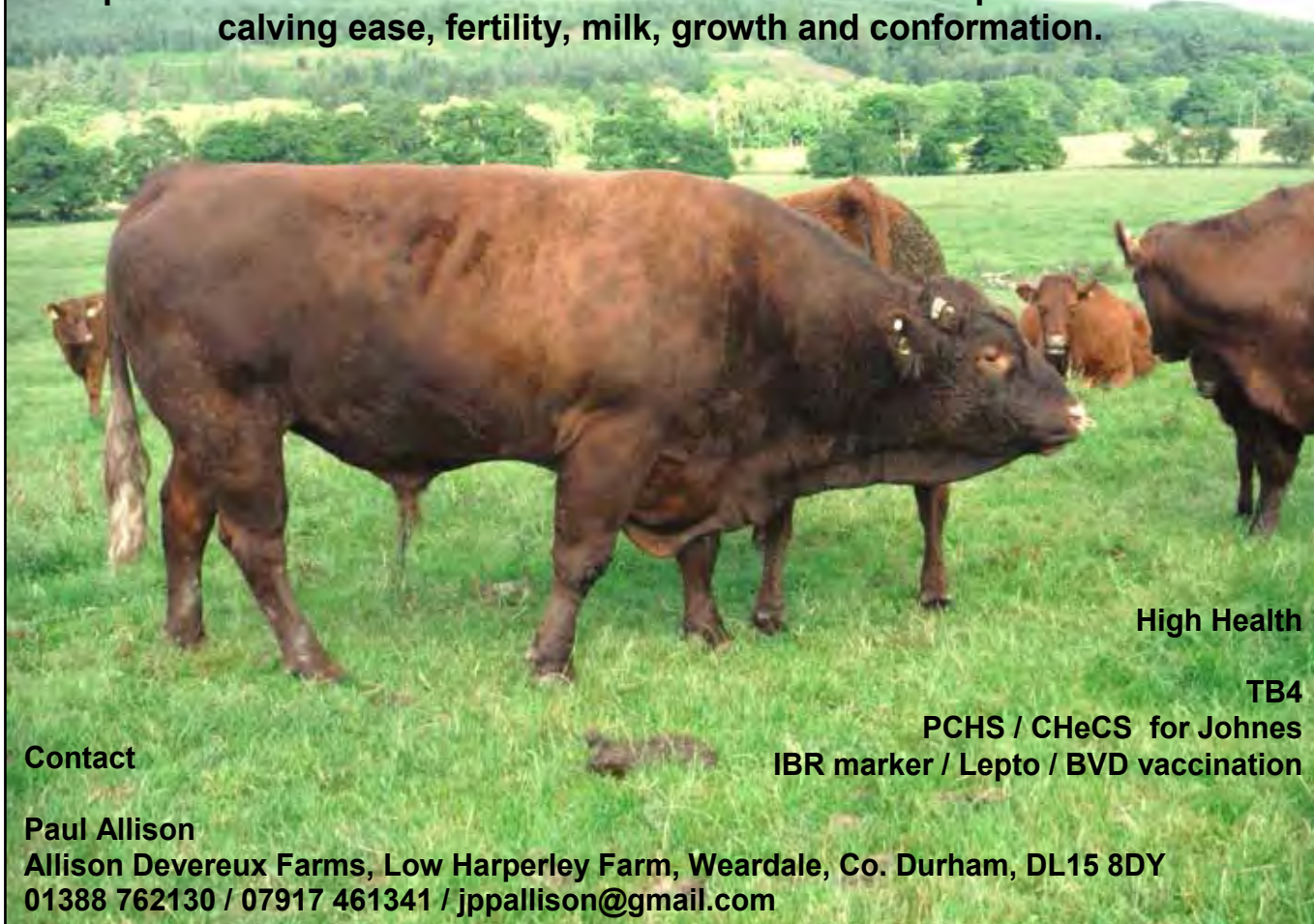
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# THE MCDUGAL FAMILY AND THEIR SUCKLER HERD

RUNNING a large-scale suckler herd in an era of ever spiralling costs and often reduced end prices is far from easy, but bring in the Salers which not only ensures easy calving but also a live calf that is quick to get to its feet and suckle and the job becomes much more viable – even pleasurable!

Salers have certainly worked a treat for the Mcdougal family too, as having introduced the breed to their large farming enterprise in the Scottish Borders, margins have improved significantly.

Furthermore, the family – James and Anne, together with their sons George and James – has been so impressed by the breed, that they now run 850 Salers cows in a mixed spring and autumn calving unit based between Bassendean and Blythe farms – a business now totalling some 3000 acres, with a further 500 acres of rough ground rented nearby.



Establishing the new herd has taken years, but by purchasing from the same farm year after year, herd uniformity and health status has been maintained with the result being an easy care, regular calving, profitable cattle enterprise at Blythe, while the Blue Greys from Bassendean have also been replaced by Salers.

From day one and for the past two decades, the family purchased seven-month-old spring-born heifer calves every year from the Howatson family from the Risk at Newton Stewart.

Originally, up to 100 Salers heifer calves were bought every year at the October calf sales at Newton Stewart, to bring on at home and put to a Salers bull to calve at just over two-years of age.

With the herd now well established, heifer purchases have been reduced by half, and by breeding their own replacements, the family hopes eventually not to have to buy in such large numbers again.

*“Buying from the same breeder every year is definitely an advantage,”* said George, the eldest son.

*“The Risk heifers have always done well for us and we know exactly what we are getting. In general, we calve all the heifers at two-years to a Salers, which makes calving easy, but then being a female breed with one of the largest pelvis’ in the cattle industry, they never have a problem calving,”* he added.



Admittedly, the enterprise wasn't always this size, but with the purchase of the 2000-acre neighbouring unit at Blythe in 1995, the Mcdougals decided to introduce an easy-calving suckler having previously relied upon a herd of 220 Blue Greys cows which previously calved to a Charolais.





## The Mcdougal Family and their suckler herd continued...

The herd is split almost 50:50 between autumn and spring calving to include the heifers, with the first calving at the beginning of April, while back-end calving kicks off in the second week of August. The increased fertility of the breed, ease of calving with reduced stress on the female also ensures a more compact calving, with cows put to the bull for nine weeks and heifers for just six weeks. Anything scanned empty is put down the road.

Spring calving takes place inside on straw-bedded courts, as well as slats, while autumn calving occurs outside and usually before the end of October and the majority of harsh weather.

With the Salers breed proving the ideal suckler female which not only calves every year producing a healthy, live calve, but also a cow that is easy to keep and lasts well into double figures, the family has also developed a cycle of terminal sires to suit their system.

Salers bulls are used first to ensure easy calving for the heifers and to breed replacement females, with a Hereford used for the second calving and to breed additional replacements. Charolais bulls are used thereafter.

There are advantages to each breed too, with both sons commenting on how Salers calves can be up and sooking within 20-minutes, compared to a Charolais-cross calf which could still be down two-hours later!

Most importantly, Salers undoubtedly more than pay their way and are proving popular as every year the calves are sold privately to repeat buyers as yearlings.

“We are fortunate to have repeat buyers who want the animals at that age and who always offer a good price, whatever the trade,” said son James, adding their store calves sell for £1000 plus.

As well as breeding their own replacement females, the Mcdougals have also been breeding their own bulls to reduce costs further.

It is the Salers female which has cut costs the most though, as being a hardy, hill cow, she can survive on silage, straw and barley during the winter. The only additional supplements at grass are minerals fed through a snacker.

Between the two farms, some 800-900 acres of silage is harvested, with roughly 1000 acres of straw purchased on the bout and square baled by the Mcdougal team, to include general farm workers, Billy Russell and Michael MacPherson.

As well as low feed costs, vet bills have also been significantly reduced too as over the past 20 years there has only been a handful of caesareans.

It's not just the cattle that keep the boys busy though, as the family also run a productive commercial ewe flock of 1700 ewes with assistance of shepherd Stuart Russell.

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This way of assessing the risk can also be used in herds at the other risk levels. If you are trying to decide whether to take a risk in purchasing cattle from herds that are not risk level 1 then you should consider the herd size, the number of positives that were detected at the last three herd tests and how many years the herd has been actively involved in the Johne's programme.

Remember that should you purchase an animal from a herd that is not risk level 1 then you will need to have it tested by both blood and faeces with negative results before you add it to the herd.

## Johne's – Do I have to test every year to maintain my Risk Level Status?

Annual herd tests are required for all herds to maintain their status, but for Johne's disease risk level 1 herds there is the option to carry out the full herd test every second year if the herd has more than 20 eligible animals and has been at risk level 1 for at least three years. The further qualifier is that all animals that are not home bred must be tested every year whether they have come from a herd with R1 status or not. Any animal of two years and above leaving the herd from the time the annual test was due until the biennial test is carried out must also be tested before they leave the herd. It is advised that both blood and faeces are sent for testing from these cull screens to allow faecal testing if the blood tests positive.



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## AREA 1 UPDATE (North Scotland) 2016

Salers cattle had a successful year in the northeast. During the year many commercial breeders bought their first Salers bull, having moved away from the Aberdeen Angus and Limousin.

Salers had their own classes at Echt show for the first time with Whitebog Kim shown by A. MacKenzie coming out as champion and reserve was Cuil Brittany shown by Corrichie Salers.

Banchory show also had Salers classes with Darnford Kelvin by D. Watson as champion and reserve Cuil Brittany.

The open day at Darnford, Banchory in July, hosted by the Watson family was very well attended. They were awarded the great accolade of Scottish Beef

Farmers of the Year. As well as a farm tour, stock judging competition etc. an in calf Salers heifer was auctioned. £17,000 was raised that day for two charities - RSABI and SAMH.

Alan Watson, Chapelpark farm, Mintlaw dispersed his Salers herd in January of this year (2017). Buyers came from all over Scotland including the islands of Orkney and Islay and interest was high. A good average of £1,450 was achieved overall.

### **Andrew Sleigh**

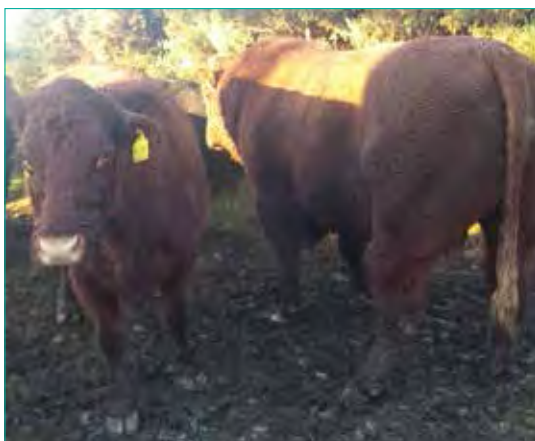
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## AREA 2 UPDATE (South West Scotland) 2016

There is exciting opportunity for Salers in South West Scotland.

The Salers breed are becoming more and more popular in this region of Scotland for a variety of reasons. Their ability to thrive in hill and upland areas combined with their great calving ease and longevity make them an ideal suckler cow. Salers calves are generally smaller at birth, quick to get up to suck and have a good growth rate making them ideally suited to modern beef farming.



Commercial cattle numbers were slightly down at the 2016 Castle Douglas Premier Sale due to the retirement of a well-respected local breeder, however the 2016 show saw first and second time exhibitors do well in the pre-sale commercial show. This highlights the great opportunity for new exhibitors to come and do well at the sale.

### **Neil Austin**

*Area Representative*

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## **Drumlegagh Kyra**

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Female Champion 2016





# AREA 2a UPDATE (South East Scotland and the Borders)

What an exciting time to be a Salers breeder, with bulls and heifers highly sought after!

We started the year with a late spring, particularly on the East Coast, on the back of a cold Easterly wind holding back the grass growth well into the summer. Following this, however, the weather has been fairly kind, there has been plenty of grass and stock looked well as we entered winter.

The main event in our area is the Royal Highland Show. There was a good turnout of cattle, which were presented to a very high standard and were a good advert for the breed. John

Elliott showed it is often worth making a longer trip, winning with some great cattle he had brought from Northern Ireland. Can I just thank everyone who brought cattle, especially those from further afield, as we need as many numbers there as possible continuing to promote our fantastic breed.

I hope to see you all at RHS 2017.

**Tom Walling**  
*Area Representative*

# AREA 3 UPDATE (Wales) 2016

Salers cattle have continued to increase in Wales and we now have forty four members, the highest number of all regions. I'm aware of more individuals which are keen to take on the breed that will become members.

We were delighted that one of our members Richard Tudor, Llysun Farm, Llanerfyl, Powys received the 2016 Farmers Weekly Award for Beef Farmer of the Year. A fantastic achievement and well deserved with all the effort and research Richard and his family have undertaken.

The Welshpool sales in Spring and Autumn are expanding but we need more entries to build it further. Keen buyers were present which reflected the prizes achieved for commercial cattle in our October 2016 sale. There are many commercial females coming on the market that do not qualify for our society sales as they are from non-high health herds. If you require

assistance and advice on testing requirements to qualify for society sales please contact myself or society Secretary.

The Royal Welsh Show was a great success. I would like to thank Allington Hughes for their support as our sponsors. More exhibitors are required to keep classes at the show we must continue to support this event, there are lots of people who will help if you need it. We would like more involvement and support from members to make more use of the stand and promote the breed.

I would like to thank everyone that have taken time to promote the breed locally and on the society stands on various events in Wales.

**Harri Pritchard**  
*Area Representative*

# AREA 4 UPDATE (N Ireland) 2016

## NOTHERN IRELAND PEDIGREE CALF FAIR 2016

**Judge:** Laurent Antignac

### Class 25 - bull born on or after 01/09/15 & on or before 31/12/15

1st	119	J & EA Elliott	DRUMLEGAGH KURT	Fanfan
2nd	120	Robert Millar	BALLYWILLAN KEN	Inedit

### Class 26 - heifer born on or after 01/09/15 & on or before 31/12/15

1st	118	Seamus Connell	BALLYKEEL KYLIE	Ashbury Jackal
2nd	121	J & EA Elliott	DRUMLEGAGH KARLIE	Fanfan
3rd	122	Robert Millar	BALLYWILLAN IWA 1ST	Inedit
4th	124	Brian O'Kane	LOWER BOLIE LIZA	Mileview Maestro
5th	125	Brian O'Kane	LOWER BOLIE LILY	Mileview Maestro

### Class 27 - bull born between 01/01/16 & 31/03/16

1st	126	J & EA Elliott	DRUMLEGAGH LUCAS	Gladiateur
2nd	127	Robert Millar	BALLYWILLAN KEVIN	Horace

### Class 28 - heifer born between 01/01/16 & 31/03/16 & class 30 - heifer calf born after 01/04/16 combined

1st	129	J & EA Elliott	DRUMLEGAGH LUNA	Gladiateur
2nd	128	Seamus Connell	BALLYKEEL LOVE	Jocker
3rd	131	C & A Kennedy	MILEVIEW LILLY	Mileview Archdale

### Salers senior calf champion

119	J & EA Elliott	DRUMLEGAGH KURT	Fanfan
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### Salers senior calf reserve champion

118	Seamus Connell	BALLYKEEL KYLIE	Ashbury Jackal
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### Salers junior calf champion

129	J & EA Elliott	DRUMLEGAGH LUNA	Gladiateur
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### Salers junior calf reserve champion

128	Seamus Connell	BALLYKEEL LOVE	Jocker
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## BALLYMENA SHOW 2016

A big turnout of quality Salers at this year's Ballymena show. Lots of breeders were reporting increased demand for Salers bulls from customers who are looking to reduce their calving difficulties for the next season.

**Judge:** Mr R Millar, Larne.

### Calf class.

1st	Lisnamaul Luigi - s. Carrentuber Oxford d. Lisnamaul GaGa - PJ Maginn & sons, Downpatrick.
2nd	Ballykeel Love - s. Jocker d. Indiana - S Connell, Rathfriland.

### Cow, in calf or with calf at foot.

1st	Indiana - s. Galant d. Etna - S Connell, Rathfriland.
2nd	Lisnamaul GaGa - s. Seawell Fitzpatrick d. Lisnamaul Aine ET - PJ Maginn & sons, Downpatrick.

### Heifer born on or before 31st December 2014.

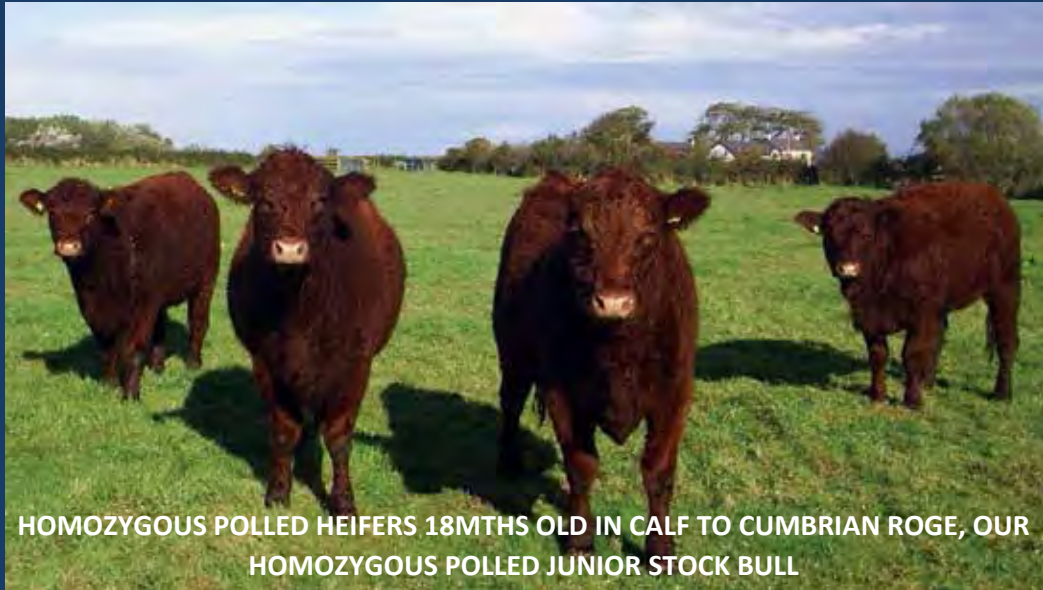
1st	Carrickview Jasmine - s. Trafalgar d. Clarine - G McCall, Armagh.
2nd	Jina - s. Galant d. Carmarque - S Connell, Rathfriland.
3rd	Jelly - s. Ecrin d. Etoile - E Gregg, Ballymena.

### Heifer born on or after 1st January 2015

1st	Carrickview Kitty - s. Vaillant d. Babette - G McCall, Armagh.
2nd	Knockagh Kathryn - s. Mileview Maestro - d. Knockagh Cynthia - D Boyd, Knockagh, County Antrim.
3rd	Ballybollen Kayne - s. Houblon d. Hyacinthe - E Gregg, Ballymena.
4th	Knockagh Katy - s. Mileview Maestro - d. Knockagh Chris - D Boyd, Knockagh, County Antrim.

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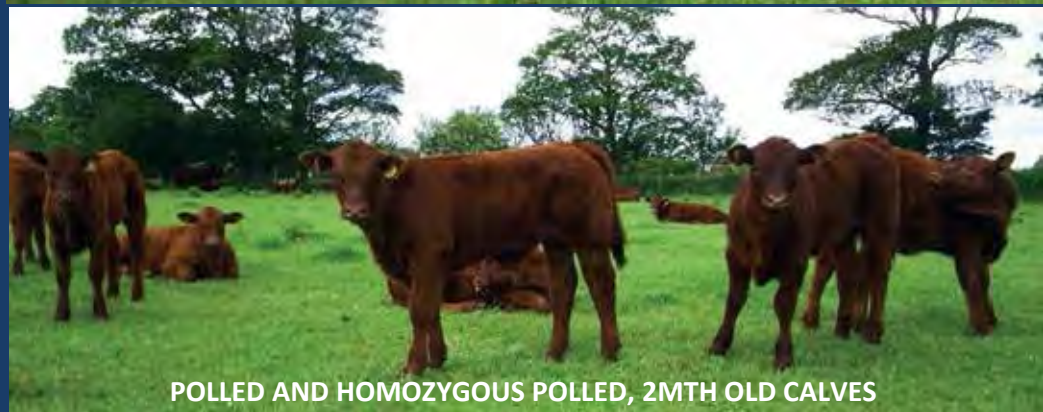


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# AREA 4 UPDATE (N Ireland) 2016 continued...

## Bull Class

- 1st Seawell Fitzpatrick – s. Trafalgar d. Seawell Bonnet  
- PJ Maginn & sons, Downpatrick.
- 2nd Monannaleen lolly – s. Manusmore Gain d. Monannaleen Darling  
– E Gregg, Ballymena.
- 3rd Fidele – s. Ulysse d. Amande – G McCall, Armagh.
- 4th Ballybollen Kim – s. Houblon d. Hermine – E Gregg, Ballymena.

## Ballymena Salers Champion

Indiana - s. Galant d. Etna - S Connell, Ballykeel Salers, Rathfriland, County Down.

## Ballymena Salers Reserve Champion

Carrickview Kitty – s. Vaillant d. Babette – G McCall, Carrickview Salers, Collone, County Armagh.



Champion Indiana with Reece Whyte, Seamus Connell and Judge R Millar

## ARMAGH SHOW 2016

Judge: Aidan O'Houlihan

### Senior Bull Class

- 1st Fidele, from George McCall, Carrickview Salers

### Junior Bull Class

- 1st Carrickview Keith Lemon, from George McCall, Carrickview Salers
- 2nd Ballybollen Kyle, from Ernie Gregg, Ballybollen Salers
- 3rd Ballybollen Kim, from Ernie Gregg, Ballybollen Salers

### Cow any age

- 1st Indiana, from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel salers
- 2nd Babette, from George McCall, Carrickview Salers

### Heifer born before 31/12/14

- 1st Carrickview Jasmine, from George McCall, Carrickview Salers
- 2nd Jina, from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers

### Heifer born on or after 01/01/15

- 1st Carrickview Kitty, from George McCall, Carrickview Salers
- 2nd Ballybollen Kanye, from Ernest Gregg, Ballybollen Salers
- 3rd Carrickview Kiss, from George McCall, Carrickview Salers

### Calf born in 2016

- 1st Carrickview Lily, from George McCall, Carrickview Salers
- 2nd Ballykeel Love, from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers

## ARMAGH SHOW CHAMPIONSHIP

### Champion Cup

Indiana, from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers

### Reserve Champion Cup

Carrickview Jasmine, from George McCall, Carrickview Salers



Salers line up

## LISBURN & SAINTFIELD SHOW 2016

Judge: John Killen, Crossgar, County Down

### Cow class

- 1st Indiana from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel salers
- 2nd Lisnamaul GaGa from P.J Maginn & Sons, Lisnamaul Salers

### Bull class

- 1st Lisnamaul Kracker from P.J Maginn & Sons, Lisnamaul Salers
- 2nd Ballybollen Kyle from Ernie Gregg, Ballybollen Salers
- 3rd Ballybollen Kim from Ernie Gregg, Ballybollen Salers

### Senior Heifer class

- 1st Ballywillan Gycline 3rd from Robert Miller, Ballywillan Salers
- 2nd Ballywillan Gycline 2nd from Robert Miller, Ballywillan Salers
- 2nd Jina from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel salers

### Lisburn & Saintfield Champion

Indiana from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel salers

### Lisburn & Saintfield Reserve Champion

Ballywillan Gycline 3rd from Robert Miller, Ballywillan Salers



Champion Indiana with Reece Whyte, Christine Connell and Judge John Killen

## NEWRY SHOW 2016

Judge: Mr Jim McCue

### Heifer Born on or before 31st December 2015

- 1st Jina from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers
- 2nd Ballykeel Kylie from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel salers

### Cow incalf or with calf at foot

- 1st Indiana from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel salers

## CHAMPIONSHIP

### Newry Show Champion

Indiana from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers

### Newry Show Reserve Champion

Jina from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers

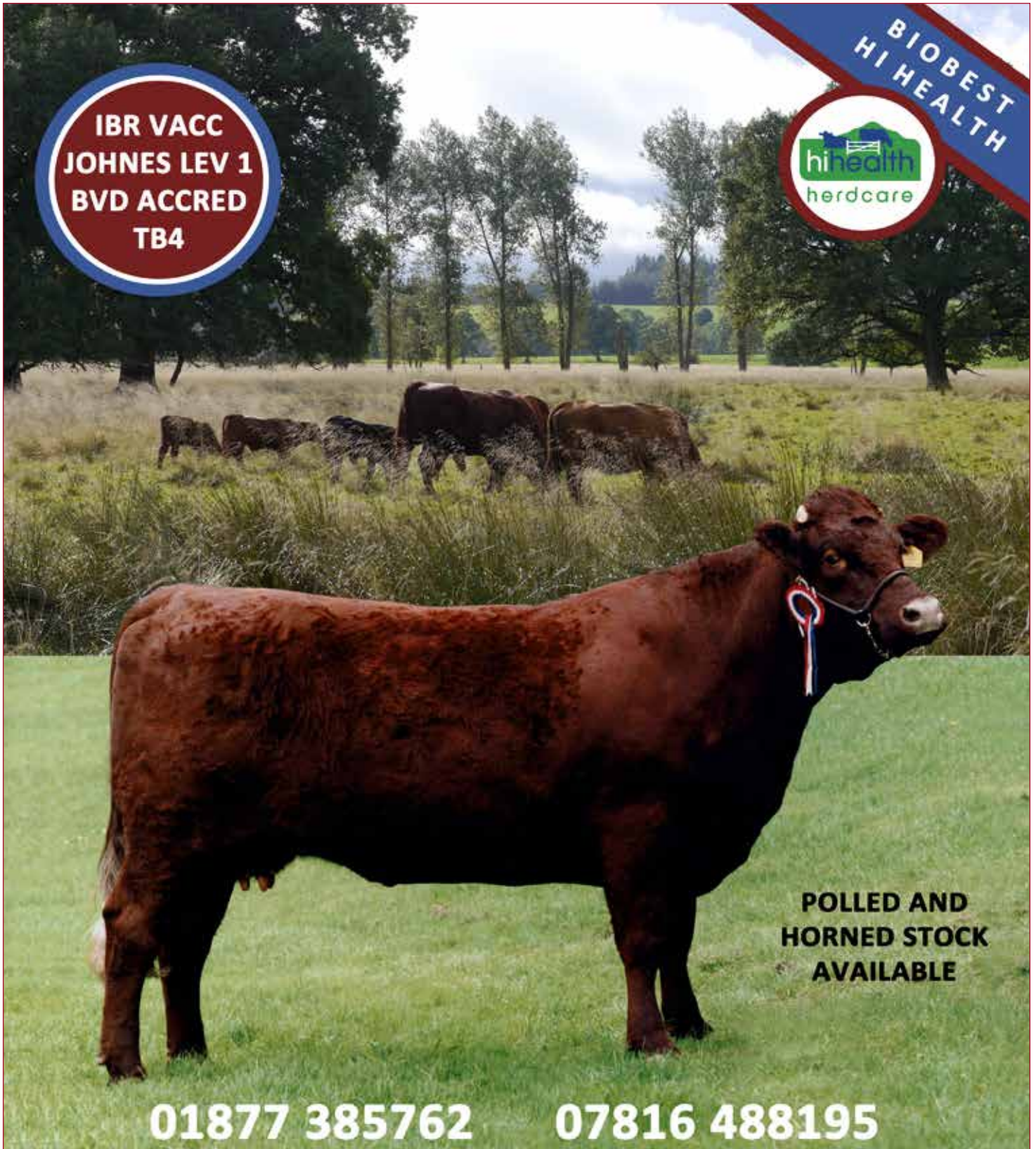


Reece Whyte with Jina



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# AREA 4 UPDATE (N Ireland) 2016 continued...

## OMAGH SHOW 2016

**Judge:** Mr Gordon Porter, Scotland

### Heifer born on or after 1st January 2015

1st Lower Bowe Kizzy, from Pearse O'Kane, Lower Bowe Salers

### Heifer born on or after 1st January 2015

1st Jina, from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers

### Cow incalf or with calf at foot

1st Indiana, from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers  
2nd Lisnamaul Anna, from P. J Maginn, Lisnamaul Salers  
3rd Lisnamaul GaGa, from P. J Maginn, Lisnamaul Salers

### Bull class

1st FanFan, from John Elliott, Drumlegagh Salers

### Pairs class

1st Ballykeel Salers  
2nd Lisnamaul Salers

## OMAGH SHOW CHAMPIONSHIP

### Champion, Gormley Motors Perpetual Challenge Cup

Indiana, from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers

### Reserve Champion, Boyd Bedding Cup

FanFan, from John Elliott, Drumlegagh Salers

### Second Reserve Champion

Jina from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers



## CASTLEWELLAN SHOW 2016

**Judge:** Mr Adam Crocket, Scottish Borders

### Bull or heifer calf born in 2016

1st Lisnamaul Lynx, from P. J Maginn & sons, Lisnamaul Salers  
2nd Ballykeel Love, from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers

### Cow, in calf or calf at foot

1st Indiana from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers  
2nd Lisnamaul Anna, from P. J Maginn & sons, Lisnamaul Salers

### Heifer born in 2015

1st Ballybollen Kanye, from Ernie Gregg, Ballybollen Salers  
2nd Lower Bowe Kizzy, from Pearse O'Kane, Lower Bowe Salers

### Heifer born on or before 31st December 2014

1st Jina, from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers  
2nd Ballybollen Kara from Ernie Gregg, Ballybollen Salers

### Junior bull born in 2014 or 2015

1st Lisnamaul Kracker, from P. J Maginn & sons  
2nd Ballybollen Kyle, from Ernie Gregg, Ballybollen Salers

### Senior bull born on or before 31st December 2013

1st Seawell Fitzpatrick, from P. J Maginn & sons  
2nd Monanaleen Lolly, from Ernie Gregg, Ballybollen Salers

### Best pairs of salers (entered in above classes)

1st Ballykeel Salers  
2nd Ballybollen Salers  
3rd Lisnamaul Salers

### Group of three salers – property of one exhibitor

1st Ballykeel Salers  
2nd Ballybollen Salers  
3rd Lisnamaul Salers

### Best NI bred Salers

1st Lisnamaul Kracker, from P. J Maginn & sons, Lisnamaul Salers  
2nd Lower Bowe Kizzy, from Pearse O'Kane, Lower Bowe Salers  
3rd Lisnamaul Lynx, from P. J Maginn & sons

### Castlewellan show champion

Indiana, from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers

### Castlewellan show reserve champion

Lisnamaul Kracker, from P. J Maginn & sons, Lisnamaul Salers



## CLOGHER VALLEY SHOW 2016

**Judge:** Mr Alistair MacKenzie, Whitebog, Scotland

### Calf class

1st Drumlegagh Luna, from John Elliott, Drumlegagh Salers  
2nd Ballykeel Love, from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers

### Junior heifer class

1st Drumlegagh Kyra, from John Elliott, Drumlegagh Salers

### Senior heifer class

1st Drumlegagh Gabriella, from John Elliott, Drumlegagh Salers  
2nd Jina, from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers

### Cow in calf or with calf at foot

1st Indiana, from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel salers  
2nd Drumlegagh Galaxy, from John Elliott, Ballykeel salers

### Pairs class

1st Seamus Connell, Ballykeel Salers  
2nd John Elliott, Drumlegagh Salers

### Champion, Wm. Bell (Tractors) Perpetual Cup

Indiana, from Seamus Connell, Ballykeel salers

### Reserve Champion, Gormley Motors Perpetual Cup

Drumlegagh Kyra, from John Elliott, Drumlegagh Salers



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## AREA 6 UPDATE (North of England) 2016

The year started with the disappointing news that there were to be changes in the bTB rules & regulations which resulted in those from Area 6 not being able to show at the Nottinghamshire show. This was a great shame as it is an excellent showcase for the breed and is the first show of the year in the locality. Hopefully we will all be able to attend in 2017.

Several members from the area took cattle to Welshpool for the spring sale in May and were met with good demand for both bulls & heifers, which was repeated at the October sale. If you have cattle to sell it is well worth the travel, though we do need to establish and develop an annual sale of Salers in our own area, thoughts anyone?

The show season commenced in earnest with the Great Yorkshire Show; closely followed by many local shows. These are our shop window for the breed and it is always a pleasure to meet those newly discovering the breed as well as those who already have Salers at home. Do come along to say hello, or even better enter some cattle and join those who are already showing and promoting the breed. Don't be daunted there is always help for anyone interested in showing, we have all been there and know how it feels!

**Angus Gowthorpe**  
*Area Representative*

## AREA 7 UPDATE (Western England) 2016

We farm amongst the Shropshire Hills at 900 ft. We run 65 suckler pedigree and commercial cows, along with two pedigree flocks; 90 Texels and 150 Lleys. We have been in Salers since 1988, when looking for a breed that had all of the answers – well, they have and more!

To demonstrate this point, here are a few comments from fellow Salers farmers in the area.

- Strong demand for Salers replacement females of all ages – resulting in many respected cattlemen taking them up
- More and more people are becoming aware of the breed – not here today and gone tomorrow, but here to stay
- Salers are now equalling and often exceeding weights and prices of all other breeds
- Continuing feedback regarding the ease of calving and vitality of new-born calves
- Salers have an ability to adapt to any farming system or climate
- They are efficient at building up and using their reserves if required
- Their crossing and hybrid-vigour is unrivalled in comparison to other breeds
- All that try Salers come back for more – this speaks for itself!

It's always good to hear so many positive comments about the breed, the above being just a few. In fact, you could say that Salers are promoting themselves, with so much increase in demand throughout my area. As a young breeder myself, I would like to encourage more young members to come forward and take part in the sales and shows – promoting the Salers breed; whether pedigree or commercial. Finally, it would be great to receive any comments, suggestions, figures, pictures or general ideas that would help to continue the momentum of this ever-growing breed.

**Bryn Robinson**  
*Area Representative*



## AREA 8 UPDATE (South West) 2016

As we head into 2017 and the Brexit reality emerges from the political mist. One thing is certain producing beef in this period of change will not become any easier.

As an industry we have to look at what we are good at, growing grass in our unique climate has to be at the forefront. As individual farmers growing cattle using our unique skill set and, constantly improving our knowledge base has to be a close second.

Loyalty to breed has often been we keep them because father did, or they make more in the store ring without knowing how much it has cost to get them there. A good New Year's resolution would be to analyse your beef production costs more closely.

Caesarean operations at £300 a go, calving supervision at £15 an hour, the cost of keeping that replacement heifer an extra twelve months for her to calve at 3 years, and the cost of replacing herd members at 5 or 6 years because they are not in calf or fail to meet expectations. There is no point an animal getting top whack in the ring if the costs it carries are too high.

Breed selection must be on physical and financial performance, early breeding, easy calving, grass fed, low labour requirement but very importantly quick to respond to management input. In the suckler world this path will lead you to the Salers. Yes some breeds will have some of the Salers traits, but no other breed will have them all. So why work harder than you have to, choose Salers.



Salers commercial and pedigree can be seen by appointment at any of the Southwest members farms listed in this journal or increasingly at shows, sales and events throughout the region.

We attend the Royal Cornwall Show, Okehampton Show and the NBA South West Beef event with cattle and stands. So do call in to have a chat, cuppa and find out how we can lower your costs in 2017 with Salers.

**Malcolm Light**  
Area Representative

## AREA 9 UPDATE (Mid to South East England ) 2016

There has been much negativity recently within agriculture but bucking the trend has to be the Salers breed. The positive aspect of our breed just keeps growing, Salers are able to stand up against the competition in the market place both commercially and pedigree.

The Newark Spring sale was select as with many breeds this year. More entries are always required so please support it.

The Lincoln Show was a great success, our Salers team of 3 were reserve interbreed champions (made up of 2 of my animals and 1 of Angus and Kerry Gowthorpes). Manor Lane Diva was Salers champion.



Newark show - due to the new TB restrictions those who normally show were unable to but it was good to have new exhibitor Peter Featherstone. Many congratulations to the Seawell team who won Overall and Reserve Champion Salers and then went on to be Supreme Interbreed Champion with their Charolais bull. Hopefully this year we can all come together and enjoy some normality?!

Smithfield and the English Winter Fair drew a lot of interest in the breed and I was impressed with the very positive feedback.

TB restrictions permitting, the show ring is our shop window and increases the demand for Salers, we need to use it or lose it so I would encourage as many of you as possible to exhibit. Help manning the stand is also vitally important, we are all volunteers and the more the merrier, please get involved!

Our area covers 13 counties and the breeders are scattered over a large area so if anyone has any suggestions on how we can continue to promote the breed and work together let me know. I look forward to meeting up with you at the many events this year.

I can't count the number of times I've heard it said that Salers are the best kept secret, let's make this the year that everyone knows the full potential and diversity of the breed!

**Carolyn Fox**  
Area Representative





# 2016 Welshpool Autumn Sale

A good sale for commercial heifers at Welshpool. No pedigree females forward and three bulls sold to a top of £4620, averaging at £3200.

Our thanks to the judge Alun Thomas and our sponsors Allington Hughes Law – director Rachel Wyn Jones attended the sale and assisted the judge in presenting the rosettes and sashes.

Rigel Pennine from Terence and Jane Pye of Yarm, North Yorkshire topped at £4620. Rigel Pennine is sired by Rigel Picasso (son of Casimir) and out of home bred dam Rigel Penny. Pennine should pass on the powerful confirmation of his sire, combined with the strong maternal traits from bloodlines Amazonien and Crocodile Dundee. He was bought by A V Roberts of Porthmadog.



Top price bull Rigel Pennine

Rigel Jura from the Pye's made £2940 selling to JH Parsons, Abergavenny, Jura is son of Rigel Picasso out of Emsworth Julia. Renowned for excellent conformation and a good milky cow line.

Junior bull Onley King Kong from Tim and Lara Roberts, Whitbourne, Worcester made £2730. This young bull was second at this year's Royal Welsh Show – sired by Cleuchthead Xerox, out of home bred dam Onley Elena, he heads off to Herefordshire to J Bufton & Sons.

Morwenstow Kestral born April 2015 travelled from Bude in Cornwall from A & M Austin, his sire Cumbrian Hector Red was bull of the year

and Junior Champion at the Royal Highland Show. Dam Morwenstow Jasmin 17 is a well-bred maternal female with plenty of milk. Kestral makes the short journey to Knighton in Powys to S V Deakin.

Commercial in calf heifers topped at £2000 with an average of £1580 with 15-17 month old heifers topping at £1680 with an average of £1302, showing that Salers are still in demand for commercial breeders. Top price bull Rigel Pennine wanting to start a pedigree herd.

## SHOW RESULTS

The Best Pen of commercial cattle went to A & M Austin, Bude, Cornwall Reserve to A & E Jones, Pwllheli, Gwynedd.

### Senior Bulls

- 1st Rigel Pennine, Rigel Pedigree, Yarm, North Yorkshire
- 2nd Rigel Jura, Rigel Pedigree, Yarm, North Yorkshire

### Intermediate Junior Bulls

- 1st Seawell Kracker, PM & SM Donger, Towcester, Northants
- 2nd Seawell Kentucky, PM & SM Donger, Towcester, Northants
- 3rd Seawell Kilimanjaro, PM & SM Donger, Towcester, Northants
- 4th Seawell Kildare, PM & SM Donger, Towcester, Northants
- 5th Seawell Kalabash, PM & SM Donger, Towcester, Northants

### Junior Bulls

- 1st Onley King Kong, TJ & LS Roberts, Whitbourne, Worcs
- 2nd Glynne Hall Kevin, T T Joens & Son, Llanidloes, Powys
- 3rd Morwenstow Kestral, A & M Austin, Bude, Cornwall
- 4th Morwenstow Kinsman, A & M Austin, Bude, Cornwall

### Senior Champion

Rigel Pennine, Rigel Pedigree Reserve Rigel Jura, Rigel Pedigree

### Junior Champion

Seawell Kracker, PM & SM Donger Reserve Onley King Kong, TJ & LS Roberts

### Overall Show Champion

Seawell Kracker, PM & SM Donger

### Overall Reserve

Show Champion Rigel Pennine, Rigel Pedigree

*Well done to all competitors and good luck to all new owners!*

## New Cuil Salver presented by the McClymont family in memory of the late Graham McClymont

The salver is for the best ambassador of the Salers breed in 2016 and was presented at the Salers Cattle Society sale at Castle Douglas, to free-lance stockman, Jimmy Laing. Pictured from left to right are Angus and Ellie McClymont, Annette McClymont, Mrs Christine McClymont, Jimmy Laing and Colin McClymont.



# 2016 Castle Douglas Sale

Increased demand for easy-calving, low maintenance suckler females ensured a cracking trade for the Salers breed at the society's annual show and sale at Castle Douglas, where a new record of 11,000gns was achieved for a bull and averages improved in most sections.

This small but select sale always attracts a large ringside of buyers, but it was the increase in new purchasers that was most prominent with such producers not only looking to buy bulls to breed replacement heifers, but also commercial Salers cross heifers.

It was nevertheless the bull trade that attracted the majority of lead prices, with Rob and Kath Livesey's male champion, Cleuchhead Kingpin, from Nether Firth, Lilliesleaf, Melrose, securing the new breed high of 11,000gns.



**Cleuchhead Kingpin: 11,000gns**

Their show stopper, a 20-month-old son of Drumlegagh Brandon – which in turn was sired by the French bull, Gitan – is out of the Valentin daughter, Cleuchhead Jolie 8. Placed first in his class at the Highland, Kingpin was knocked down to Conor Colgan, Lowick Hall, Farm, Lowick, Northumberland.

David Watson's similarly aged bull, Darnford Koby, a direct son of the French bull, Fangio, bred from the Chapelpark Arron daughter, Chapelpark Gem, sold next at 7,800gns. This cracker all the way from Darnford, Banchory, which stood third in his class, also headed south, this time with A Robinson, New Hall, Straveley.



**Darnford Koby: 7,800gns**

Alistair McKenzie and son, also Alistair, of Upper Whitebog, Fortrose, always come up with the goods and this year was no exception, with their cattle, brought out with assistance from Jimmy Laing, peaking at 7,000gns.



**Whitebog Kremlin: 7,000gns**

This was paid for the 18-month-old Whitebog Kremlin by the French sire Gentleman. Hugh Limond, Drumore, Kirkmichael, forked out the cash for this youngster which stood reserve male champion at the pre-sale show and is bred from the Lascar daughter, Whitebog Tulip.

Heifers consigned as part of a production sale from Colin McClymont, Cuil, Palnure, dominated the female trade, securing six of the eight lead prices amongst the pedigree section and the bulk of the lead sales amongst the commercials. Included in this line-up were the top three sales at 4000gns, 3800gns and 3300gns.

Most expensive, at 4000gns, was Cuil Kylie, a 28-month-old in-calf pedigree heifer by the Irish sire, Ballymackeogh Leo, a bull bought privately by the French bull, Jovial, out of Cuil Eileen, by Bourbon. She sold served to privately purchased Irish bull, Knottown Nectar, to Fred Robinson, Highfields, Church Preen, Shropshire. The same buyer also went to 2700gns for the similarly aged heifer, Cuil Heather, by Cumbrian Jonnie.

Garpel Farms, Witney House, Oxon, bought the second top female from Mr McClymont at 3800gns. Cuil Harmony, a 26-month-old heifer by the French sire, Indian Jones, is out of Cuil Delight, and sold served to Knottown Nectar.

Adding a female to join their bull purchase, Hugh Limond, Drumore, then went to 3300gns for the two-year-old heifer, Cuil Hippy. Another by Ballymackeogh Leo, she is bred from the Chapelpark Target-sired cow, Cuil Uppyty.

Another two in-calf Cuil heifers made 2700gns, including Cuil Kirsty, a Knottown Max daughter purchased by Jack Sleigh and Sons, Newseat of Tolquhon, Tarves and Alan Howatson, Risk, Newton Stewart, went to the same money for Cuil Kit Kat, another by Knottown Max.

Outwith the Cuil consignment, females peaked at 2700gns paid for Brian Walling and sons Ian and Tom's Cumbrian Jolie 715, from Over Whitlaw, Selkirk. Their in-calf heifer which stood second in her class, is by Cumbrian Joker, bred from a previous home-bred Jolie, and was knocked down to Norman Douglas, Catslackburn, Yarrow.

The Wallings also led the pedigree bulling heifer section with a 2000gns sale for the 17-month-old, Cumbrian Hyacinth 791, a polled heifer by Cumbrian Joker. Welsh breeder, Harry Pritchard, Llangybi, Gwynedd, was the final bidder on this youngster bred from a home-bred Jaguar-sired cow.

Commercial heifers, many of which were just yearlings, met an unbelievable trade, peaking at £1880 for the champion pen, a pen of six Salers cross South Devon bulling heifers from first time consigner, AR Lee, Lumblaw, Edingham, purchased by Neil Barclay, Harestone, Insch.

The reserve pen from Rusko Farms, made £1400 to Messrs Anderson, Strocherie.

A feature of the sale was the annual consignment of 52 Salers cross yearling heifers from Cuil, which sold to a top of £1600 on two occasions for two pens of five, to average just £7 short of £1400 per head.

## AVERAGES:

Pedigree – 13 bulls, £4762.69 (+£608.63 for three fewer); 15 in-calf heifers, £2653 (+£80.50 for seven more); seven bulling heifers, £1845 (-£18.75 for one less). Commercial – 136 heifers £1268.46 (+£89.26 for 65 fewer).

Auctioneers: Wallets Marts

*Courtesy of the Scottish Farmer*

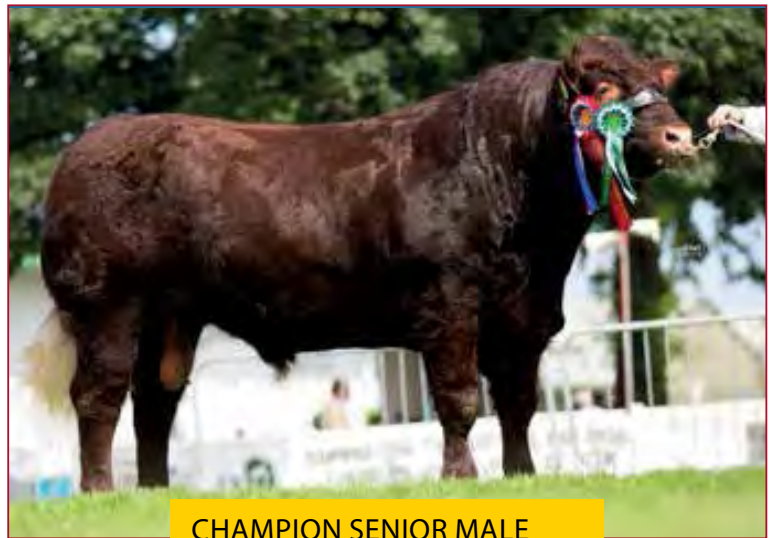


# ANIMALS OF THE YEAR 2016

Showing animals throughout the year is a difficult but rewarding task; selecting, feeding and training animals starts well before they are taken anywhere near a showground. Then there is transportation and time away from your farm whilst you attend shows and the society appreciates the effort it takes and the expense involved. In appreciation of the commitment we have the Animals of the Year Awards, where points are allocated according to shows attended, classes and placing.

Yes it's time consuming but what a craic everyone has at shows, why not give it a go and see!

This year's winners are as follows –



CHAMPION SENIOR MALE  
**Drumlegagh Hamish**  
J E Elliott



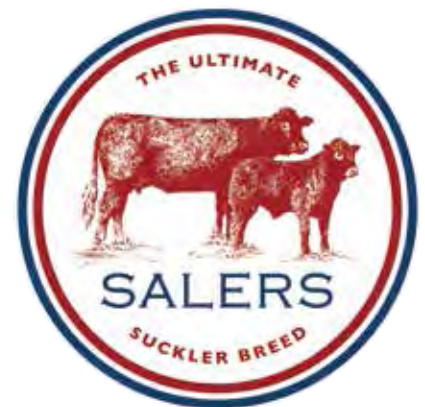
CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE  
**Indiana**  
S J Connell



CHAMPION JUNIOR MALE  
**Manor Lane Kracker**  
C Fox



CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE  
**Drumlegagh Kyra**  
J E Elliott



# Meeting the Future Challenges

## A view from Scottish farmer, John Ritchie



Together with my parents, George and Karen, my wife, Alix, and two young daughters, Millie and Ellie, we farm 650 acres of half-owned, half-rented ground rising from 800 to 1,000 feet above sea level in Perthshire. The ground is a mixture of improved grass land and rough grazing.

Montalt Farm, near Dunning, is a typical upland farm, little different to the hundreds, if not thousands, up and down the country. The only income we make, apart from ever decreasing subsidies, comes from the cattle and sheep we sell. The farm currently runs 75 x suckler cows and 700 x breeding ewes.

We concentrate on getting the best returns to make the business as efficient and cost effective as possible.

Over the years we have had a number of different cattle breeds but the introduction of Salers has changed the way we manage our suckler herd. I feel that this has given us the confidence to face the challenges that lie ahead in agriculture.

We struggled for many years to try and find a type of cow that was easily kept, produced high calving percentages with as little intervention as possible.

We were also using around 100 plus acres to make silage just to keep the cows, while the number of calves sold was stubbornly around the 85 per cent mark.

That was mostly down to yield cows and calf mortality due to assisted calvings, which in turn was leading to calves needing help to suckle, not receiving enough colostrum in time, scouring and so on.

We tried a number of other breeds but we were not quite getting a breed that suited our needs on the farm.

In 2006 we started keeping full costings on both the cattle and the sheep and found the cattle enterprise to be extremely disappointing putting the entire future of suckler cows at Montalt in serious question. The crux of the problem was that we were not generating enough kg of beef per acre at a low enough cost.

That same year a Salers bull came on to the farm on Dad's instigation. At the time, I confess that I thought "what on earth has he bought now?"

Now, I can honestly say the change to Salers has made a big difference and the bull dad bought all these years ago is still going strong! Now half of the suckler herd are Salers x and  $\frac{3}{4}$  x Salers and we only use Salers bulls.

Over the last five years our average for calves sold to cows bulled is now 94.5 per cent. Assisted calvings are now very rare and small calves which are lively



and quick to suckle makes calving time much easier. Our Salers x cows are moderate in size at around 650kg, have a very maternal way and milk well in all conditions.

The Salers x spring calving cows are fantastic at maintaining condition on low quality fodder such as straw or differed grazing.

Since changing breed our veterinary and medicine bills for the cattle have dropped significantly. The time taken to assist with calvings and help newborn calves suckle has significantly reduced.

We sell bullocks at 11 months old and in 2016 averaged £900 at 420kg before commission. I am the first to admit that this is slightly less than other continentals on the day -- but we now have around six to seven more calves to sell per year which more than makes up the short fall.





We have kept most of the Salers heifers for ourselves but last year for the first time we had surplus bulling heifers to sell.

Within two days of mentioning this to our auctioneer and a few local farmers we had sold 15 off the farm and asked to provide 12 bullers every year for a local farmer. The heifers are all vet checked and pelvic measurements taken to make sure they are fit for purpose and they sell for a healthy premium.

This has been a real boost for us as it is nice to have something that is really sought after by other farmers.

Being part of BioBest HiHealth Scheme has added value to our breeding heifers and we are delighted that we are now Johnnes Risk 2 after only 2 years of testing.

We feel we have really turned a corner with our cattle and the Salers have put the enjoyment back into the job. Cattle revenue last year was up significantly with more kg of beef being produced on the farm for less work and lower costs.

The next improvement we needed to make to the cattle enterprise was to start calving our heifers at two years old. An extra six or seven calves a year, even if only valued at £500 at weaning, will add £3,000 plus to the bottom line.

It also means less cattle to carry in the winter, freeing up silage and shed space. This spring we selected 10 fifteen month Salers x heifers at an average weight of 480kg and bulled for 8 weeks. All 10 scanned in calf so we look forward to seeing how they calve in the spring.

To me the most important thing is getting as many living calves on the ground with the least amount of money, time and hassle. For us, that is the only real way returns can be maximised from suckler cattle at Montalt.

Finding a breed of cattle that suits our farm has been great and we are now looking at ways to improve our management techniques to allow the breed to reach its full potential.



In 2016 we started using a simple paddock grazing technique with our sheep which gave very encouraging results. We hope to roll out this system to the cattle grazing in 2017.

We have also found EID recording our sheep to be an invaluable management tool and this spring look forward to starting to use it in our cattle for recording more accurate daily live weight gains when at grass or housed. Time will tell how successful we are!

I realise I have waxed lyrical about the virtues of Salers cattle but feel we have finally found a breed that really suits our farm and has put us in a stronger position to face the future challenges ahead.



## Is this the way forward for the UK?

The close contact the Salers Society of Ireland has with French Salers technicians and breeders and our regular visits to France always highlights the emphasis placed on maternal selection (in all breeds) in France and the predominance of carefully bred commercial pure-bred stock. It influences the way Salers are bred here. In Ireland we produce around 850,000 calves a year from well over a million sucklers, a significant under-performance compared to France. The average here is around 0.80 per cow, with the bottom 15% at around 0.70. Overall French figures touch 0.90 with French Salers at 0.96. French cattle (and sheep) are more productive by a commercially crucial 10-15%.

### SALERS BULL TEST STATION SELECTION CRITERIA

Parents performance is fundamental for selection but particular attention is paid to the maternal (and paternal grandmother) reproductive performance. Thus the calving interval of the 100 or so mothers of the bulls we see annually is typically (92.5%) 362-367 days for 6 calving's (75.5%). In Ireland the average suckler calving interval is well over 400 days with the bottom 15% at more than 430 days, both indicative of the fertility problems and lack of selection for maternal traits. In France, Alait, the dams milking ability, and IVMat, the overall maternal performance, loom large in selection for admission. French buyers pay close attention to these indices and see them as fundamental in the retention of the breed's excellent milk capacity. Suckled Salers, or their mothers, are very rarely meal fed in France. In general in most breeds in Ireland the traditional heavy concentrate feeding in the "Pedigree" herds supplying bulls partially disguises lack of maternal milk. Recent publicity also highlighted the significant covert presence of milky foster mothers in Irish Pedigree herds. Grange results have clearly shown how crucial maternal milk yields are and that weaning weight advantages gained at this stage are still evident at finishing. While ICBF introduced a new Maternal Replacement index in 2012 to try to reverse falling production traits such as Milk and Calving Ease this suffers badly from low reliability. Improvement needs good data and time to accumulate enough data. Our "Pedigree" herds are tiny compared to France.

### COW FERTILITY AND CALVING EASE

While the causes of low calf numbers in Ireland are no doubt multifactorial "low fertility" looms large. Too many cows are irregular breeders. Calving problems contribute to this. In general as muscularity and growth rate increases calf birth weight rises and in the absence of a corresponding increase in pelvic aperture calving problems will appear. There is a striking "threshold effect" after which problems increase dramatically. One in five Irish Suckler cows need some help at calving. The core Salers value of easy-calving is of course related to the relatively low birth weight of Salers calves and to the larger maternal pelvic opening. These are maintained by on-farm

selection and the key indices for this are very prominent in the Bull Sale Catalogues in France. The Calving Ease index (IFNais) is basically calf birth weight (80% of the index). The lower the birth weight the higher the index. But most significantly the comparative internal pelvic dimensions of the bulls on Test are measured and the internal pelvic height (HSP) and internal pelvic width (BIM) are presented. These are combined to constitute a pelvic index (OP). This internal pelvic size measurement constitutes a very significant 22.6% of the final overall index, IMOCR. There is evidence that the external trochanter width measured is also indicative, whereas the hip width and pin bone widths which are also presented are unrelated to the relative size of the pelvic aperture. Buyers choosing a bull of any breed should be aware of this. Dystocia/calving problems clearly affect calf mortality. Around 5% of calves were lost at this time in Ireland (circa 8.3% in the bottom 15% herds), but it also has implications for subsequent cow fertility and longevity. These are very relevant to production and profits. The internal pelvic assessment and calf size indices are crucial in Salers cows since their notable easy calving is dependent on them.

### TEST STATION AIMS

A composite index (IMOCR) in the Bull Sale Catalogue provides the key summary. It takes into account growth (CR) (36.9%), conformation (DM) (21.6%) and very notably internal pelvic size (OP) (22.6%). However it is important to realize that the feed regime at the Station is designed to measure a bull's ability to use roughage not concentrates. This is in common with some other breeds in France, notably Aubracs. They are fed quality hay ad lib, but limited to only 4kg of meal per day, in the 16 week "intensive phase". This contrasts with Tully where they were fed meal ad lib and consumed some 11-12-13kg per day. They are fit but not fat, certainly not in the Show Condition of most bulls sold in Ireland, and are ready to go to cows immediately with little in the way of fertility problems, laminitis, or the typical melt-down of the Irish Show-fed animal. Teagasc estimates some 30% of Irish bulls are sub-fertile and recommend a "slimming-down" phase before usage. The ability to grow well on roughages, which is grass, silage or hay, is becoming crucial as meal prices increase. In any event grass is our main asset. The roughage based Salers Test feed regime is thus designed to assess the Salers ruminal ability/capacity to power growth. Comparison with other breeds shows that Salers cows have a higher rumen capacity (up to 15%) hence their ability to feed calves without supplementation. Meal costs for Salers, €0.33/kg live weight, are by some way the lowest of French Breeds (others €0.38-0.61).

### THE FARM SITUATION IN FRANCE

Irish Salers breeders regularly visit farms in France. The evenness of the herds is notable. French cattle are "pedigrees" in our terms, i.e. pure-breds, but they are run as commercial herds, not "Show cattle", hence the very strong emphasis on selection for commercially relevant



maternal traits such as pelvic aperture, milk and fertility on which production and thus profits depends. A recent visit to the Auvergne upland farm of breed chairman Lionel Dufayet, breeder of Variegois, an AI bull widely used in Ireland, illustrated this very well. He had produced 127 calves from 130 cows, an average of 0.98 per cow. The herd calving interval was 372 days. Sale of breeding females was more important than bulls. The 52,000 or so recorded Salers cows (24% of total) produce 0.96 per cow, with a calving interval of < 375 days. Some farms, for example GAEC Garcelon, regularly exceed 1 calf per cow since twins are not unusual in Salers. Thus 225 cows produced 230 calves in 2015, 192 produced 192 in 2014

and 220 produced 226 in 2013. French breeds (cattle and sheep) are generally more productive and French breeders are surprised at our appetite for cross-breeding; they think it introduces female unpredictability, particularly the multiple cross-breeding. Cross-bred cows are rare in France (as in Europe generally), rather less than 8% of the total. In Normandy where there are a few cross-bred sucklers (28,000), mainly Charolais or Limousin (or even Belgian Blue) x Normande or Holstein their performance is very notably poorer than the local Salers, thus calf losses are 13% v. 3%.

*Professor Jim Mason*

## BDGP – How Salers make it easy

Without doubt the most important change to the suckler industry in recent times has been the introduction of the Beef Data and Genomics Program (BDGP). It is a welcome boost to farm incomes but it does not come without its challenges. The one that seems to cause most concern is the requirement for 4 and 5 star females on the replacement index. Here, the Salers breed has a big role to play in helping farmers meet these targets.

Ever since its introduction, Salers have had the highest average replacement index of all breeds; currently an impressive 145euros. This is enough to put an average Salers animal in the top 10% of the Shorthorn and Simmental breeds and the top 5% of all other breeds. Indeed only about 2% of pure Salers fall below the required level for the BDGP. In March 2016 the ICBF published list of the top 20 cows for replacement index for each of the 12 beef breeds based on the December 2015 evaluations. These lists showed that there are good maternal animals in all breeds but few could compete with the Salers, considering No20 had an index of 243euros rising all the way to 271euros for the top cow. If you were to compile a list of the top 29 cows from all the breeds it would contain 15 Salers, 3 Angus and 2 Aubrac.

So why do Salers have such good replacement indexes? The replacement index can basically be broken into six traits which are weighted accordingly to their economic importance as to what makes a good suckler cow. These are Calving (16%), Docility (4%), Beef Traits (21%), Feed Intake (18%), Milk (18%) and Fertility (23%). According to ICBF, Salers have the same average calving difficulty as Angus, which is less than all other breeds. They are also well known for their calving ability and rarely need assistance, even when crossed with heavy muscled bulls. Docility is a very important trait and as with all breeds, can vary greatly but can be managed with proper bull selection and strict culling of problem animals. Beef traits are predominantly carcass weight and conformation. Here ICBF would rate Salers as about average across the breeds. In practice, most cows, heifers and steers would grade as R's with a high percentage of young bulls capable of grading as U's at up to 400kg carcass weight at under 16 months.

Feed intake and efficiency shows wide variation in all breeds and is a very hard trait to measure at farm level. It is worth noting and has been proven in France that the Salers have a relatively large rumen capacity which makes them capable of performing well on our grass based system. Coming from a dual purpose background and indeed, a small percentage of them are still milked, they will not be found wanting when it comes to rearing a calf to its full potential. Fertility is the trait with the largest influence in the replacement index and in my opinion has the biggest influence on herd profitability at farm level and this I believe is one of the breeds' greatest strengths. They are well capable of calving at 24 months, achieving the magic 365 day calving interval and going on to survive in the herd for many years. Being strong across all its elements is the reason that Salers have such high replacement indexes.

So how can a farmer go about introducing Salers genetics into their herd? Usually the first port of call when you try a new breed would be to use some AI. All AI companies in Ireland supply semen from top quality Salers bulls and currently all these bulls qualify for use under the BDGP. This is an easy and economical way to breed some good quality, high index replacements to help meet your 2010 target. Alternatively you could purchase a bull either directly from one of the breeders or at a society sale. This is a good option as due to the breeds easy calving most bulls can be used on heifers. A list of all breeders can be found in this book. If you do not breed your own replacements, purchasing heifers or cows is an option. Most breeders would have suitable females for sale of course the commercial farmers who use Salers bulls can have surplus heifers available.

The aim of the BDGP is to improve incomes on suckler farms but not through the direct payments but by improving the quality and efficiency of the cows on those farms making them simultaneously more profitable and sustainable. Here I believe Salers can have a huge role to play.

*Courtesy of Richard Fortune*



# ***Salers Events 2017***

**February 20th Stirling Bull Sales**

United Auctions, Stirling

**March 18th Newark Sale**

Newark Livestock Market, Newark

**May 1st Stirling Bull Sales**

United Auctions, Stirling

**May 10th-13th Royal Ulster Show**

Northern Ireland

**16th May NSA Welsh Sheep Event**

Brecon, Powys

**May 18th Welshpool Show and Sale**

Welshpool Livestock Centre

**8th June Scots Beef**

Berwickshire

**June 9th-10th Royal Cornwall Show**

Wadebridge, Cornwall

**June 22rd-25th Royal Highland Show**

Ingleston, Edinburgh

**July 1th-13th Great Yorkshire Show**

Harrogate Show Ground

**July 24th – 27st Royal Welsh Show**

Builth Wells

**October 14th Welshpool Show and Sale**

Welshpool Livestock Centre

**November 3rd Agri Expo**

Harrison and Hetherington, Carlisle

**November 3rd – 4th Premier Show and Sale**

Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

**November 27th-28th Royal Welsh Winter Fair**

Builth Wells

**Council Meetings take place**

**March 5th / June 4th / September 3rd / December 3rd**

**Annual General Meeting**

**November 3rd Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas**

Events/dates may change, be added 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



# SALERS CATTLE SOCIETY PRE-SALE CHECKLIST – PEDIGREE ENTRIES

- **Closing Dates:** Check the closing date for entries with the Auctioneers or the Society website, and ensure all documentation is provided as per the entry form. Late entries or entries with incomplete documentation may be rejected to avoid delaying production of the sale catalogue.
- **Tagging:** Ensure animals are double tagged in accordance with current EU legislation.
- **Herd Health:** Ensure all animals meet the requirements of the Salers Society Herd Health regulations and submit a Salers Society Herd Health Declaration for each sale. In addition, you should submit an Owners Declaration of Health Status listing the ear tags of your entries using the form provided by your CHECS scheme. Be aware that entries of animals not born in your herd may need a separate health certificate depending on the health status of their herd of origin. You will be required to display your CHECS Herd Health Certificate, or a Health Declaration Pen Card for each animal, supplied by the CHECs Approved Health Scheme of which you are required to be a member.
- **Herd Health Requirements:** All cattle pedigree and commercial entered for official Society sales must satisfy the following.
  - **BVD Accredited herd:** Entries must be vaccinated with an approved vaccine no more than 12 months prior to the date of sale.
  - **BVD not accredited herd:** The individual animals which have entered must be tested free of BVD virus and vaccinated at least two weeks prior to the sale date. Females that are sold in-calf or running with the bull must be from a BVD accredited herd or individually tested before service, with the BVD status of the bull being determined before he serves any females that are to be sold.
  - **Johnes:** All entries to Society sales must come from herds which have entered into a CHECs Approved or comparable Health Scheme and have a degree of risk classification for the disease. ([www.checs.co.uk](http://www.checs.co.uk))
  - **Beta-mannosidosis:** All Fullblood and Purebred animals must have a non-carrier DNA status for beta-mannosidosis.
  - **TB:** All entries must comply with current TB pre-movement testing requirements. Cattle coming to Scotland from 1 or 2 year TB testing areas must have passed a TB test within the previous 60 days of the movement. This applies to all cattle over 6 weeks of age. Animals staying in Scotland must pass a post movement TB test carried out between 60 and 120 days following the movement. The current TB test cannot be carried out twice with 42 days or false results may occur. Proof of testing will have to be provided by yourself and dates of testing announced.
  - **Eyes:** The veterinary surgeon may examine the animal's eyes to ensure that the retinas and lenses are sound. The vet retains the right to reject an animal for eye defects.
  - **Dentition:** The veterinary surgeon will check the dentition is correct and the incisor teeth are biting on the upper pad. Animals will be rejected from the sale if the vet determines that their bite is severely overshot or undershot.
  - **Scrotal Size:** All bulls will have their testicles examined by a vet. Testicles should be firm and even sized. Bulls deemed by the vet to have defective testicles will be rejected from the sale. The circumference at the widest part of the scrotum will be measured and should be 32cms at 12 months of age, 34cms at 18 months of age and 36cms at 24 months of age. The measured scrotal circumference will be displayed on the pen, and the Society may require the Auctioneer to announce in the ring that a bull does not meet our standards.
  - **Teats:** All female animals will be put through the crush and have their udders/teats examined for defects by the vet. They may be rejected from the sale if significant defects are found.
- **Diseases etc:** Check the animals are free from warts (pay particular attention to the sheath and scrotal areas), Ringworm, Mange, Lice or other contagious diseases.
- **Treatments:** If your entries are showing signs of any of the above conditions and have been treated then a signed veterinary certificate to that effect must accompany your entry.
- **Locomotion:** Check the animal's feet and legs are sound and the general locomotion is satisfactory. The animal may be rejected from the sale if the Society Inspector determines that it is defective in its legs, feet or locomotion. Where possible, allowance will be made for animals that have had a long journey time to the mart.
- **Dockity:** All entries are to be halter trained and led using bull ring, or nose clip/bulldog for females. The animal may be rejected from the sale if the Society Inspector determines that it is displaying unruly behaviour.
- **Conformation and Condition:** Check the animals are of good conformation and in good condition and meet the minimum weight for age standard as per the Society rulings. The measured weight for bulls will be displayed on the pen, and the Society may require the Auctioneer to announce in the ring that a bull does not meet our standards.
- **Declarations:** If semen has been taken from a bull, this must be declared for inclusion in the catalogue, along with the number of straws retained. If females have been flushed, this must be declared for inclusion in the catalogue, along with the number of embryos retained. If females are in-calf by AI, this must be declared in the catalogue and AI certificates must be provided.

Following arrival at the sale premises all pedigree cattle are subject to an official inspection conducted by a veterinary surgeon and a Society Inspector. The aim of the inspection is to ensure that all animals sold at sales are of a consistently high quality and are free from any health and/or structural defects.

To avoid the disappointment of having cattle rejected, members should carry out checks before consigning Salers cattle to Society sales.

**Further information regarding Society rulings re health, testicle size, and weight for age can be found on the Society website or from the Secretary**

# 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 usually horned with a dark red coat, though there have always been some with black coats. Polled Salers were once very rare. Since the mid '90s, the availability of polled and/or black fullblood Salers has increased due to the efforts of UK breeders. 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.



## USEFUL SOCIETY INFORMATION

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION** Subscriptions are due and payable on 1st January each year. No invoice will be sent so it would be helpful if all members would please pay promptly. V.A.T. receipts will be sent on payment. Payment can be made by Standing Order.

**REGISTRATIONS** Though equivalent in all other respects, the Herd Book maintains a permanent distinction between Full Blood pedigree animals with ancestry 100% traceable to French origin, and Purebred pedigree animals resulting from a grading up program. The registered name of Purebred animals will be followed by (PB). Progeny of a Purebred sire or dam can never be designated as Full Blood.

The poll/horn status is to be recorded as part of the registration. The poll/horn status can be amended if required and a new warranty issued. Up to the age of 12 months of age this is free of charge, and thereafter the normal fee for a replacement warranty applies. Polled animals must include either Poll or Polled in the name.

No calves can be registered unless they are confirmed as being non-carriers for beta-mannosidosis, either by parentage or testing (copy of test results to be supplied).

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.

**A.I. CERTIFICATES MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATIONS IF APPROPRIATE** Registrations cannot be accepted without A.I. Forms (if appropriate). Remember to note on the Registration Form if the calf is polled. Some semen owners use the Sire Certificate system. Do check when buying semen and remember to forward the Sire Certificate with the A.I. Certificate and Registration Form.

**THE GRADE REGISTER** Grade A, B and C females will be registered in the Grade Register. Only Full Blood bulls can be used in a grading up program. Though not recommended, a Purebred bull (31/32 or greater) may be used on a Grade C female and her heifer calf be registered as a Grade C.

	Dam	Grade C	Grade B	Grade A	Any
<b>Sire</b>	Female calves registered as				
<b>Full Blood</b>	Grade C	Grade C	Grade B	Grade A	
<b>Purebred (31/32 or more)</b>	Grade C	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 and being tested non-carrier for beta-mannosidosis. 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

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

\* = female calves only

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.

**UK HERD BOOK NUMBER** This is now the official ear tag number.



### IMPORTATION OF CATTLE

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.

### TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

A fee of £6 + VAT is charged for transfer of ownership. The fee is payable by the purchaser who should obtain the warranty from the seller and forward it to the secretary for transfer.

ALL TRANSACTIONS ARE PLUS VAT. NO TRANSACTIONS ARE COMPLETE UNTIL ALL MONIES ARE PAID AND PAPERWORK IS CORRECTLY SUPPLIED.

IF PAYING BY BACS PLEASE USE YOUR THREE ALPHABET DIGITS FROM YOUR HERD REFERENCE AS THE PAYMENT REFERENCE. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER TO GET ALL RELEVANT PAPERWORK TO THE SOCIETY ON TIME OR LATE PENALTIES WILL BE INCURRED.

## Pedigree Registration Royalty Scheme for AI Sires

### THE FOLLOWING BULLS/SEMEN ARE ON THE ABOVE SCHEME

Name of Bull	Herd Book No.	Ear No.	Royalty Charge	Owner	Owner's Tel. No.	Beta-m Status
Bruno	172	6386051716	£50 + VAT	Rigel Pedigree	01624 590125	Non-Carrier
Crocodile Dundee	279	6387062264	£40 + 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
Turbulent	IMP2007004	1522218702	£40 + VAT	Thomas Kely	07801 105655	Non-Carrier
Gulliver	IMP2012010	1531258814	£50 + VAT	Roy Crockett	07929 306160	Non-Carrier

- 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.
- Registration fees will apply on the date all paperwork is correctly supplied.
- No advance payments will be accepted.

#### 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 2017

Description	Charge	VAT 20%	TOTAL
<b>Registering Commercial SalersX (Grade A, B &amp; C)</b> All cattle Upgrade a C to Purebred (fee plus society inspection and clear beta M report) Intimations are free	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
<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>
Thereafter per embryo	£2.00	£0.40	<b>£2.40</b>
<b>Subscription payable 1st January</b> if paid before 4th January	£55.00 £50.00	£11.00 £10.00	<b>£66.00</b> <b>£60.00</b>
<b>Joining Fee and Registration of Herd 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.



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

UK Number \_\_\_\_\_

\*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 Road, 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 25%. So for every £10 we receive it is worth £12.50. 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  
of the UK Ltd**

**Charity Number: 1115115**

## Donor Details

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Herd  
Prefix \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like all donations/membership  
subscriptions I have made since 6th April 2006  
and all donations in the future to be treated as  
Gift Aid until I notify you otherwise.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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.



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