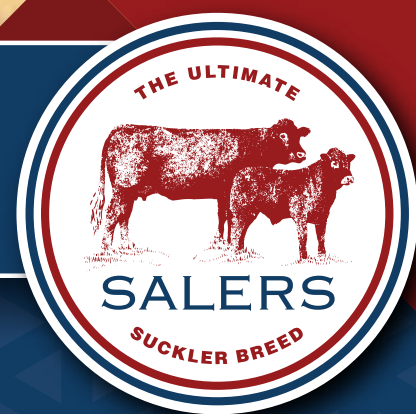


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## CHAIR REPORT 2023 *By Andrew Sleigh*

We have had a very successful show season and I would like to thank all involved for their hard work preparing and showing their animals.

At the Royal Highland show our champion came from Johnny Wright who was showing for the first time. Well done!!

We have just seen a dispersal at Castle Douglas of 245 Salers cross cows with charolais and salers calves at foot. It was attended by buyers from all over the UK. Many went home without making a purchase which bodes well for our Society sale there in November.

A farmer in Shetland sold 11 charolais cross steers and 11 Salers cross steers at Thainstone in August. These were all home bred. He noted that the Salers crosses averaged 50 kg heavier than the Charolais ones. So long as we can produce Salers females that can calve to thick Charolais bulls we will continue to have a market.

After Castle Douglas in November our excellent secretary, Sian will be moving on to an exciting new opportunity with the Charolais cattle society. During her time with us I am sure you will agree with me that she has done a fantastic job covering all shows and events etc. and we all wish her every success in her new job.

I would like to welcome Emily Simpson to the post as society secretary. Emily comes from an agricultural background with experience of a breed society. I am sure she will carry on Sian's good work.



**ANDREW SLEIGH**  
President

## VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT 2023

*By Aled Jones*

With beef prices hitting new heights it is starting to look more positive towards the future. But there is always caution as there is uncertainty in the farming industry with concerns about leaving the EU, the end of the single farm payments and more emphasis on environmental schemes and being carbon neutral. This causes many challenges within the industry for the years ahead.

I feel that the Salers cow will continue to thrive in the future, being an easy calving cow that will rear a good calf on milk and natural pasture. While we all know what the Salers cow can do, I do feel that we forget that the Salers is not only just a maternal breed. We have seen results from many members where male calves are finished on a bull beef system reaching 400kg dead weight and U3 classification in under 16 months easily and match continental breeds. This without calving problems and the ability to keep females as replacement and running a closed herd reducing the health risk in buying in replacements.

Again, this year we had a great turn out in the shows around the country, starting at the Balmoral show in Northern Ireland where John Elliott came out on top with his cow Drumlegagh Monique. It was also a show to remember on a debut for the Wright family, Traboyack Salers in the Royal Highland show with Lisnamaul Rebecca being placed overall champion. On to the Yorkshire show and again an excellent turnout with over

30 animals on show, coming out on top was Bacardi Matilda by Roy & Adam Crockett. While numbers were down in Royal Welsh show Gwawr Griffiths has a show to remember taking overall champion with Felin Mona and also taking reserve champion and junior champion. Well done to all exhibitors for all their hard work and time taken to show these animals and promote the breed not only in the major shows but also your local shows.



**ALED JONES**  
Chair & Council Member  
Area 3

We had an excellent open day in the Scottish Borders where we visited the Kaimburn, Jedforest, Bacardi, Cleuchhead and Cumbrian herds. We saw some excellent pedigree and commercial herds and showed the quality, docility and versatility of the breed.

As we look forward to 2024, I can only see the breed continuing to move forward, with farmers having to be more efficient, they will have to look at many factors like the farms carbon footprint and antibiotic use.

I would like to thank Siân for her hard work and commitment during the last few years she has been with us and wish her all the best in the future with her new role. Also, to Andrew Sleigh and the whole council for their hard work during the year.

# SECRETARY REPORT 2023 *By Siân Sharp*

The continued fall in suckler cow numbers remains the main concern for the industry. Recent data released from BCMS shows that suckler born registrations have fallen again this year and there have been higher reductions in the registration of some of the main continental breeds.

Rather than look upon this as a 'doom and gloom' situation, this may signify an opportunity for the Salers breed and the Society. It may well provide the stimulation to investigate new ways of collecting, analysing, and using data, to validate the finishing capability of pure Salers. It may also provide an opening to demonstrate the immense versatility of Salers to complement any breed and perhaps forthcoming visits and initiatives could focus on joint ventures with those Societies that have shown an increase in registrations and demand. Either way, of all the breeds there is no doubt that the Salers unrivalled calving ease and exceptional maternal traits will ensure they play a significant role in the suckler industry of the future.










**SIÂN SHARP**  
Breed Secretary

Spring bull sale prices were indicative of the time and the uncertain markets, but females remained in high demand. Most of the summer shows saw a pleasing increase in entries on the year and the standard of cattle brought out was tremendous. The only show that saw reduced numbers was the Royal Welsh, and I would like to thank Bertie Facon, Ben Bellew and Gwawr Griffiths and her family team, for ensuring the Salers classes went ahead. The Royal Welsh is a fabulous show, with excellent footfall, and we have been very fortunate to have had the continued support from our sponsors, Gamlins Law, represented by Rachel Wyn-Jones. I urge members in Wales and surrounding counties to support the show as I fear we may lose the classes and the sponsorship if we cannot guarantee the numbers.

I would like to I applaud all the exhibitors for their hard work and dedication throughout the year to ensure the Salers breed was promoted across the country in all the major shows and sales. I would also like to congratulate all the prize winners and champions, but a special mention must go to first time exhibitor Johnny Wright from Traboyack Salers who won the overall championship title at the Royal Highland Show with Lisnamaul Rebecca bred by P J Maginn & Sons.

## The other notable champions were:

-  David Watson - Darnford Ross - Stirling Bull Sales – February
-  George McCall – Carrick View Robin – Dungannon - March
-  Peter & Sheelagh Donger – Seawell Rococo – Melton Mowbray - March
-  Gill & Malcolm Pye – Rednock Rum – Stirling Bull Sales - May
-  The Elliott family - Drumlegagh Monique - Balmoral Show - May
-  Charlie Benson – Green's Park Radcliffe – Welshpool - May
-  Johnny Wright – Lisnamaul Rebecca – Royal Highland Show - June
-  Roy & Adam Crockett – Bacardi Matilda – Great Yorkshire Show - July
-  Gwawr Griffiths – Felin Mona Mai – Royal Welsh Show - July
-  B & P O'Kane - Lower Bolie Roxy - Swatragh - October
-  Lewis Ralston - Jedforest Roxy - Castle Douglas - November

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the members and Council for their support throughout the year, but I must give a special thank you to Andrew Sleigh for his help, guidance and humour since I started in February 2020.

At the end of November 2023, I took up the exciting role of Breed Liaison Officer with the British Charolais Cattle Society. It was an extremely difficult decision to leave the Salers, as I have loved every minute of my time as Breed Secretary.

I can't stress how much I admire the breed and its capabilities, and I am so very grateful to have worked in a Society where I have been able to make so many friends. I would like to thank you all for making my job so easy and enjoyable. I would also like to welcome Emily Simpson to the Society, I believe she has some innovative ideas and an abundance of energy to take the breed to the next level.

Thank you and best wishes.



**EMILY SIMPSON**  
Breed Secretary

## INTRODUCTION TO THE SOCIETY

I am absolutely delighted to have joined the Salers Cattle Society of the UK. I intend to help grow and promote the Salers commercial and pedigree markets.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Council and of course Siân for helping me to get started and learn the ropes. I look forward to meeting the members and working alongside you all.

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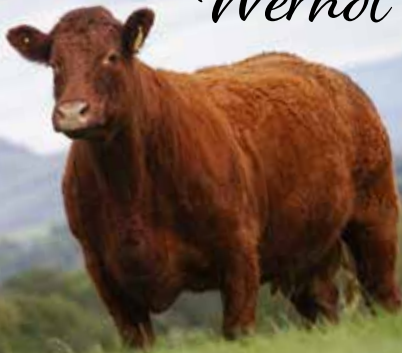
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A particular feature of recent sales has been the commercial section which has drawn great attention to the breed as the ‘ideal suckler replacement’ with regular buyers now returning year on year.



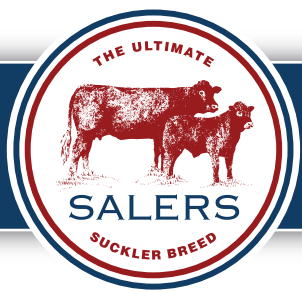
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# SALERS - THE ANSWER TO THE CHALLENGING CHANGES FACING UK SUCKLER FARMERS

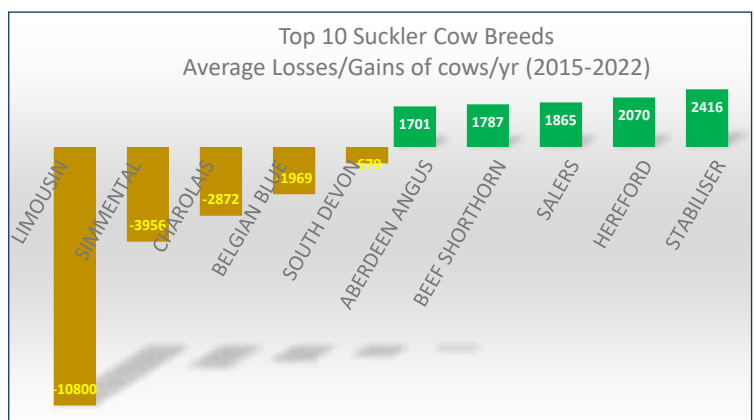
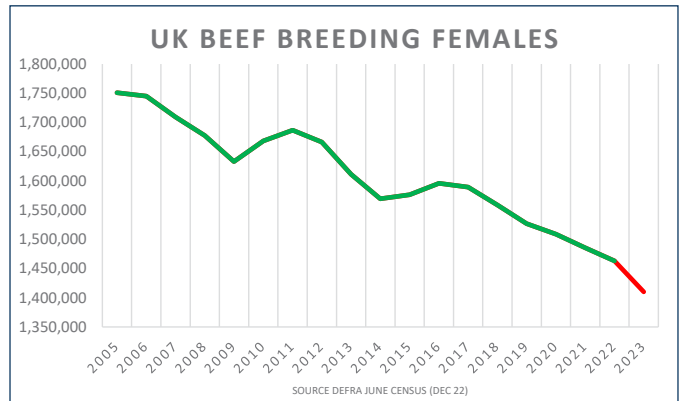
By Terence Pye

As has been reported here previously, the UK suckler herd is in decline. The reduction in 2023 is expected to be at twice the rate of recent years (-3.6% vs -1.5%). The UK is not self-sufficient in beef, so the shortfall in production from our suckler herd (currently mainly offset by increased beef sired calves from our dairy herd) will drive increased beef imports, leading to increased carbon emissions due to the transport/food miles from countries that also may not have the same high environmental, animal welfare and food quality standards as the UK.

Why are suckler farmers quitting in droves? When asked, the responses include “very stressful at calving time”, and “can’t make money from suckler cows”. These are symptoms of the deep-rooted problem of suckler farmers sourcing replacements without putting calving ease as a priority (or even a consideration), leading to excess assisted/bad calvings, hence unsustainable losses of calves / increased geld cows. It is perhaps not surprising that per 100 heifers/cows put to the bull in the UK around only 84% wean a calf.

The silver lining is that the decline in sucklers is focussed on cows by terminal sire breeds, whilst there is growth in numbers of cows with stronger maternal traits. Based on data from BCMS, this chart shows the average change/year in numbers of suckler cows (top ten suckler dam breeds) from 2015 to 2022.

This evidence of a major move away from cows by terminal sire breeds indicates that some suckler farmers are taking on board the importance of calving ease, where the Salers is unrivalled. Consequently, the Salers has moved up from 8th to 7th in the suckler cow breed league table, with 41000 suckler cows and increased market share to 3.7%.



There is an important message for Salers breeders here too. Regarding suckler cow genetics, shape/conformation are clearly losing the fight compared to performance and efficiency. We must keep our breeding objectives firmly fixed on the performance traits that got the breed where it is now, namely low birth weight/calving ease, and the breeding of robust functional docile long-lived cows that rear a strong commercial calf every year at the lowest cost.



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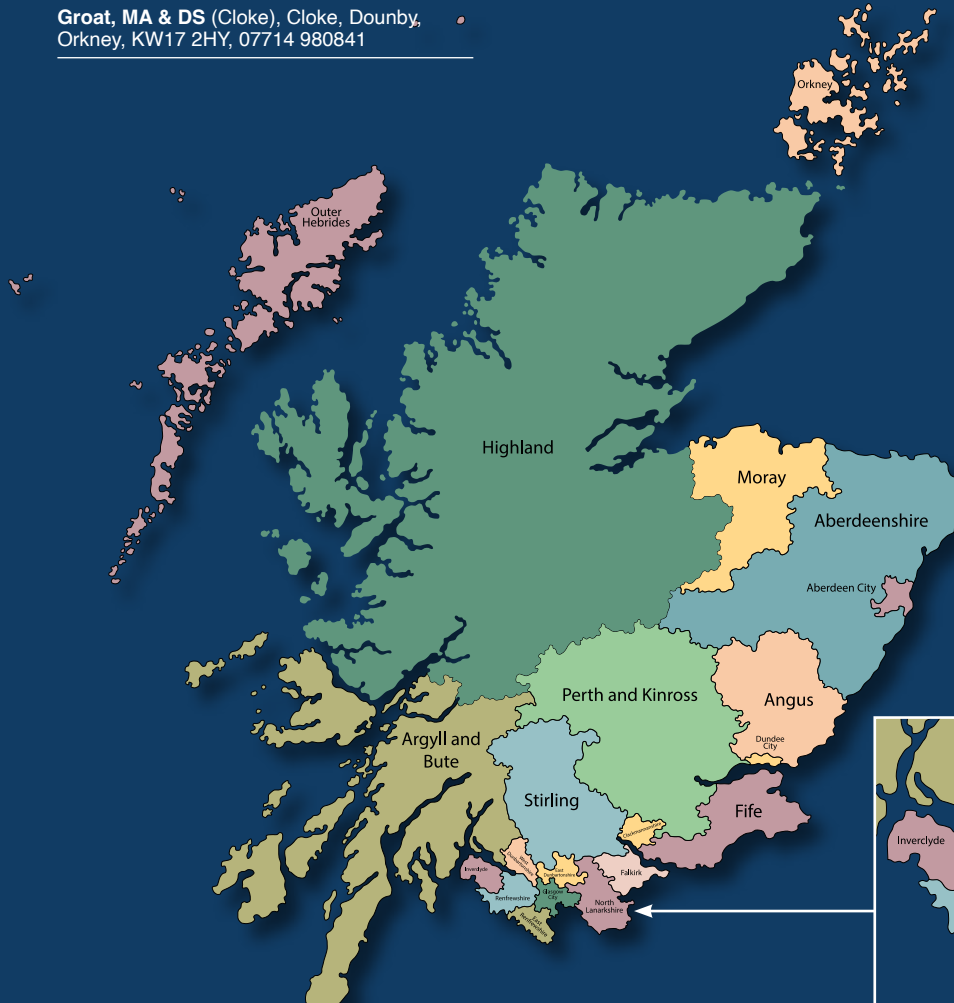
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**MALCOLM PYE**  
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Member Area 1

## Area 1 – Malcolm Pye

It has been an interesting but also uneasy time for those working in the production of high quality suckled beef! Interesting because yes prices have for some time been heading in the right direction - but uneasy because that is not enough to offset rising energy, feed, plastic, staffing, etc costs!

Interesting because yes cull cows had for periods of time commanded a price that reflects their real value – but also slightly uneasy because this rise in value has not held up and as we go into the Autumn market we are looking to see whether those prices will come back to where they were last year. The better cull cow prices caused another sell off of suckler cows with in some cases whole herds going out with an overall reduction in suckled calf numbers estimated at over 5% as a result, if this continues it will become a concern for the stability of our industry going forward.....but then there is likely to be an uplift in demand for replacements for some of those cows culled which will be an opportunity for Salers breeders – and there are good signs of that as breeder are reporting more enquiries from those looking for Salers bred replacements! It is interesting also to note that whilst most of the beef breeds are declining the Salers is not – a good sign for the future. However with continuing uncertainty around the support structure for UK farming and whilst we continue to wait for an indication from government that they are even slightly concerned about the nation's food/farming industry - which is quite simply a corner stone of our society - then it is perhaps understandable that for some it has become hard to justify the continued investment that our industry needs. This will remain the situation at least until the terms 'food security' and 'government policy for food produced in the UK' are being seriously addressed by our governments – as they should or rather as they must be.

No surprises then that whilst our industry has continued to battle through the somewhat difficult environment we are in, that our breed is still progressing in Area 1. We have a large number of professional suckler farmers across in the Central/Northern regions of Scotland and these make a strong customer base for us to promote the many important commercial advantages of the Salers breed into. Again through the year good work is being done by those who have managed to create time and have got out there successfully presenting great examples of the breed at the major and local shows and events, with Salers featuring strongly at:

- **Stirling Show** - Roy and Adam Crockett's cow Bacardi Matilda - AOBB Champion and Reserve Interbreed - she also was Interbreed Champion at The Northumberland Show and overall Salers Champion at the Great Yorkshire
- **Echt Show** - The McIntyres winning Champion and Reserve Salers with Corrichie Rudi and Corrichie Molly
- **Banchory Show** - The McIntyres repeating their success at Echt winning Champion and Reserve Salers with Corrichie Rudi and Molly
- **Gargunock Show** - Reserve Champion Continental – Rednock Diana
- **Royal Highland Show** – Johny Wright & family Traboyack Salers winning the Female and Overall Salers Breed Champion on their first time at the Highland with the intermediate heifer Lisnamaul Rebecca – and the heifer Rednock Ukraine winning Junior Champion and Reserve Female Champion and Rednock Salvador took Junior male and Male Champion.
- **Stars of the Future at Stirling** – is getting to be one of the biggest calf shows in Europe and Salers from Neil and Lewis Ralston, Tom and Ian Walling and Rednock dominating the AOBB section wining Junior Male – Kaimburn Scoutingforgirls (heck of a name), Senior Female – Cumbrian Nanou 257 Poll and Junior Female and Overall AOBB Champion Rednock Myla Poll.

We have also been busy promoting the breed with farm walks – the three breeder farm walk in the borders area was a terrific way to promote the breed showing great suckler and pedigree herds, together with Young Farmers events, which are always enjoyable, as well as technical days for farmers groups. This kind of practical demonstration of the breed is very powerful and can be exactly what is needed to give potential buyers the confidence to make that first move into Salers. Finally the Wright's success at the Royal Highland is a great example to all considering taking up showing, – it's the quality of the animal that counts, and there is no better way of promoting both the breed and your own herd, plus it's fun - I strongly recommend it.

# Area 2

## Southern Scotland

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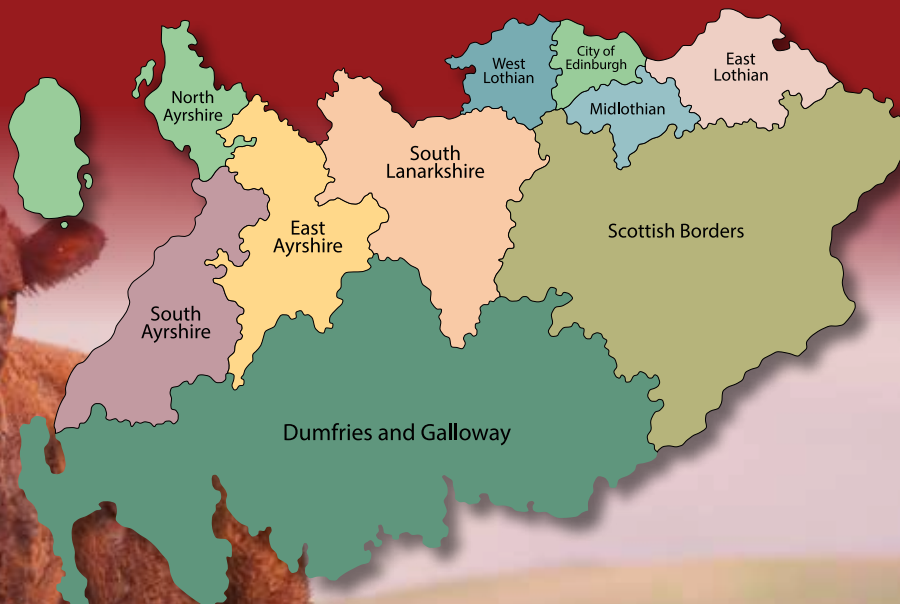
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**NEIL AUSTIN**  
Council Member Area 2



**TOM WALLING**  
Council Member 2a

## Area 2 - Neil Austin & Tom Walling

**Twelve months ago, leading into winter, there were concerns about generally low fodder levels, following the exceptionally dry summer. This was particularly true in the east of the area where there was also a limited supply of late summer grass.**

There was a good sale at Castle Douglas, with Roy and Adam Crockett's Bacardi Rodney coming out on top in the show and Drumaglea Perseus, from Judith and Patrick Boyd, topping the sale through the ring. In all, it was a reasonably buoyant sale with a good atmosphere and buyers willing to pay for quality animals.

At the Autumn 'Stars of the Future' calf show, Salers were well represented in the 'Any Other Breed' section, with ourselves winning the Senior Championship, with Cumbrian Nanou Poll, Kaimburn Scoutingforgirls taking the Junior Male Championship and Rednock Myla Poll the Junior Female and overall Junior Championship.

Female and overall Champion at the Great Yorkshire Show was Bacardi Matilda, Roy and Adam Crockett's homebred cow which also won the interbreed championship at the Northumberland and Border Union Shows and the reserve interbreed championship at Stirling Show. Salers also put on an impressive show at the Berwickshire County Show at Duns, where there were a good number of Salers being shown and the breed well-promoted. It also turned into an enjoyable social event.

In August there was a very successful farm tour in the Borders, visiting the Kaimburn, Bacardi, Cleuchhead and Cumbrian herds. After a wet start to the day, the sun came out and breeders from all over the UK had the opportunity of seeing some excellent cattle, topped with food and drink in the evening. Thanks are due to everyone who helped make it happen but particularly to our Secretary Sian.

After a dry start to the summer there has been plenty of moisture with good grass-growing conditions. So here's to a kind winter and a good sale at Castle Douglas.

*Tom Walling*

**2023 began, in the southwest, with one of the wettest April's on record. When it did eventually dry up it barely rained until after the Highland show.**

Though the weather wasn't ideal, the store cattle trade made up for it, with strong spring sales. Beef price easing saw a slight reduction in store trade mid-summer, before both rallying again in the autumn.

On the 14th of October the Armstrongs of Barrharrow farm dispersed their herd in what was described as "One of the best stock dispersals ever seen". The Salers cows with Charolais and Salers calves attracted bidders from all over the country. The cows were shown in tremendous bloom and showcased exactly what the Salers breed is all about. The cattle and were a credit to the Armstrong family and stockmen. Trade was buoyant from start to finish.

125 cows with steer calves avg £2660 and topping at £4000

109 cows with heifer calves avg £2541 and topping at £3300

30 in calf heifers avg 1965 and topping at £2300

It really was a fantastic day, with the Salers cow at the heart of a productive business. I look forward to catching up with you all in Castle Douglas for the premier sale.

*Neil Austin*



# Area 3

## Wales

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**James & Co, E (Cardi-Gan Salers)**

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**Jones, Alun & A.R. (Glan-y-Mor), Glan-y-Mor, Ynys, Talsarnau, Gwynedd, LL46 6TR, 01766 780377**

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**Jones, E & E (Ionedd)**

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**Jones, J.P. & C.M. (Terran)**

**Jones, Mathew (Dragon), Glan-Y-Mor, Ynys, Talsarnau, Gwynedd, LL46 6TR, 01766 780377**

**Jones, R W (Bodangharad), Bodangharad, Llanfawr, Rhuthin, Denbighshire, LL15 2AH, 01824 702370, 07771 278397**

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**Jones & Son, T. T. (Glynne Hall)**

**Jones, V.G. & M (Brynhesglyn), Bryn-Yr-Hesglyn, Lliidiartywaen, Llandiloes, Powys, SY18 6JU, 01686 413566**

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**Lloyd, Melissa (Draig Goch), Nantylffin, Tallgarreg, Llandysul, Ceredigion, SA44 4HG, 01545 590355**

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**Morris, J.B. (Litton), Lower Litton, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2NS, 01547 560202**

**Morris & Co, T.L. (Coed Detton), Stud Farm Cottage, Knighton, Powys, LD7 1NE, 01547 529192, 07833 704447**

**Powell, Andrew (Grove Farm), Grove Farm, Knighton, Powys, LD7 1LN, 01547 520400, 07787 556345**

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**Pritchard, L.J. (Nebo), Llwyn Gwyn, Llanybi, Pwllheli, Gwynedd, LL53 6SR**

**Pugh, C.V.J. & P.M. (Cwmwhitton), Cwmwhitton, Whitton, Knighton, Powys, LD7 1NL, 01547 560209**

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**Rogers, D.I. & H.M. (Coland), Penlan Mabws, Mathry, Haverfordwest, Pembro, SA62 5HZ, 01348 831000**

**Rogers, Nathan (Tanybryn), Coland Rise Farm, Hayscastle, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 5PS, 01437 710295, 07854 713076**

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## Area 3 - Aled Jones



**ALED JONES**  
Chair & Council Member  
Area 3

**As the autumn sales begin the trade are hitting new heights and with fertiliser prices coming down things for the short term looks promising. But with the future uncertainty of the single farm payment and the environmental schemes it is still very much a cause for concern for the industry.**

Here we are seeing a lot changing their farming methods as many looking to sell their calves younger to reduce cost. The Salers cow crossed with Charolais bull is becoming more and more popular and topping many of the sales here in Wales.

The spring sale was of mixed trade, with bull sales being a bit tricky and only just topping at 4000gns. The three top prices went was Preenbank Rodrigo, Preenbank Rhino and for Seawell Rodrigo. There was a good show of pedigree heifers on offer with a strong consignment from Preenbank

topping at 2400gns and a consignment from Lushabolsh topping at 2200gns. It was good to see many buyers around the ring looking for Saler females.

At the Royal Welsh Show there was only a small entry for the judge Glen Welsh, but Glen kept us entertained and did an excellent job in picking his champion, which was Felin Mona, a 2017 born cow by Illamani bred by HG & SG Pritchard and owned and shown by Gwawr Griffiths. It was a show to remember for Gwawr as she was also placed reserve overall champion with Preenbank Rosabella, Junior female

and overall junior champion with Parys Sweetie Pie. Congratulations Gwawr it's great to see such young and enthusiastic exhibitors out in the show ring.

I would also like to wish Alun Thomas one of our dedicated members who organised a very successful open day for us last year a speedy recovery after he suffered a serious accident on a quad bike, we are glad you're back home now and on the mend, hopefully we will see you back at the sales soon.



# Area 4

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**Carragher, Francis** (Glencara)

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## Area 4 – Stephen Maginn



**STEPHEN MAGINN**  
Council Member Area 4

### Area 4 is steadily growing with 3 new Salers members this year.

It's good to see new faces interested and keen in supporting the breed by showing their stock. We have seen this at last years '4 Breed Calf Show' where we had a great display of calves at an excellent standard. It is forecast to see 1 or 2 new exhibitors joining this years '4 Breed Calf Show' on 25th November.

This event is a great stepping stone for preparing cattle prior to the summer shows, the following year.

We have an Area 4 Club Sale twice a year. Going forward, we need to work towards increasing the female numbers at each sale. There is certainly a demand for Salers females in this area.

### Some results from the 2023 Summer Shows:

- Ballymena show Champion – Lower Bolie Roxy
- Ballymena show Reserve Champion – Drumaglea Patsy
- Saintfield show Champion – Lisnamaul Rio
- Saintfield show Reserve Champion – Lisnamaul Princess
- Armagh Show Champion – Brookfields Persia
- Armagh Show Reserve Champion – Lower Bolie Roxy
- Newry Show Champion – Lower Bolie Roxy
- Newry Show Reserve Champion – Carrick-View Shona
- Omagh Show Champion – Drumlegagh Monique
- Omagh Show Reserve Champion – Lower Bolie Roxy
- Castlewellan Show Champion – Lisnamaul Ruby
- Castlewellan Show Reserve Champion – Lisnamaul Princess
- Castlewellan Show Second Reserve Champion – Lisnamaul Rio
- Clogher Valley Show Champion – Drumlegagh Petal
- Clogher Valley Show Reserve Champion – Lower Bolie Roxy



# Area 6

## North of England

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**Armstrong, R.A.** (Fourstones), East Fourstones Farm, Fourstones, Hexham, NE47 5DX, 01434 5764242, 07950 874009

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**Blyth, R.A. & J.** (Marwood), Middleton House Farm, Elwick, Hartlepool, TS27 3EN, 01429 274549, 07977 997326

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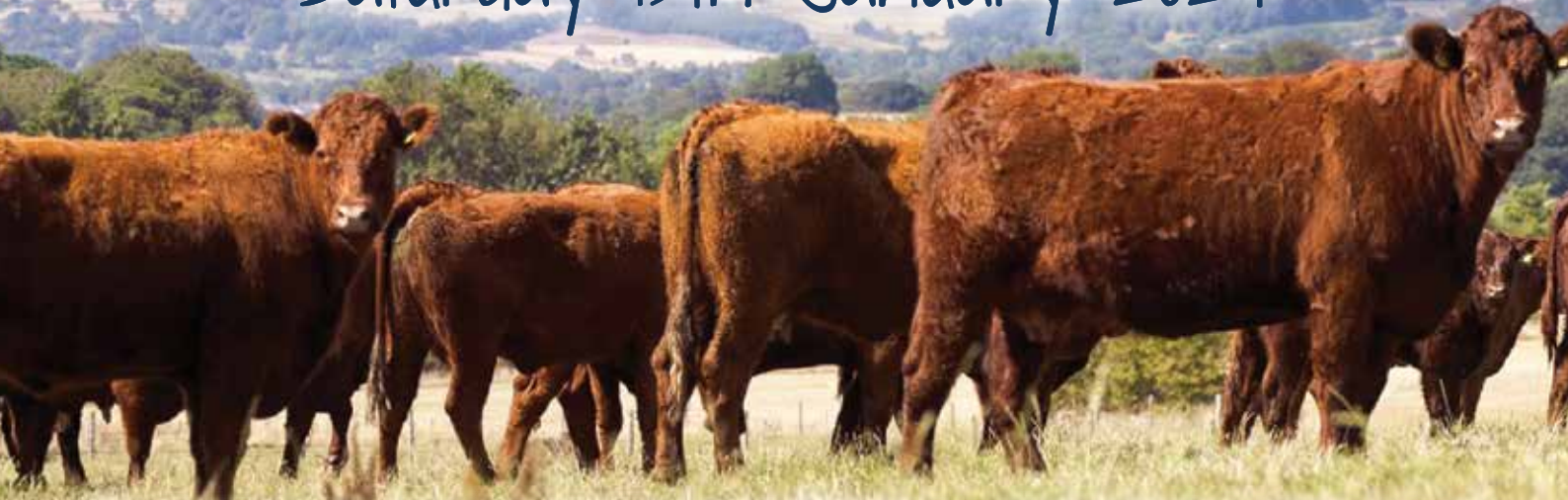




# BREEDING SALERS IN COUNTY DURHAM



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## Area 6 – Catherine Atkinson



**CATHERINE ATKINSON**  
Council Member Area 6

**Cattlegate farm prices across the North of England entered 2023 in a strong position. It dipped slightly during the year but is picking up again now and is forecast to increase for the remainder of 2023, with feed prices thankfully significantly lower.**

Across the region bull and heifer sales have remained strong throughout the year. We have seen a rise in interest from dairy farmers wishing to use Salers bulls on heifers, to chase up after AI, as many are now looking for a vigorous, saleable beef calf which will calve easily without complications.

Several new breeders in the area have joined the Society during 2023, which is excellent news for the breed. Should any members wish to start showing cattle, please feel free to get in touch, as Society members across the region are keen to offer any help and advice which may be required.

There was an exceptional display of Salers cattle at the Great Yorkshire Show this year, all credit goes to the

breeders who took time out of their busy schedules to show animals. Mr D. Murray Lyle (Strathallan Salers) judged the strong classes put forward. Bacardi Matilda was crowned female and overall champion (homebred by Roy & Adam Crockett). Stepping forward to receive the reserve overall champion sash was male champion Beeston Hall Neyo, from local breeders, S & R Hallos, Beeston Hall, Ripponden, Yorkshire. The overall junior championship title was given to Rednock Ukraine, as well as the junior female champion and reserve female champion rosettes (bred by Gill and Malcolm Pye). Ukraine will be forward at the Salers Cattle Society Premier Sale in Castle Douglas, November where she will be auctioned, and all proceeds will be donated to designated

charities in Ukraine. There was a lot of success for the young handlers too, Lewis Ralston (Jedforest Livestock) stood 5th in anstrong beef young handlers 15 to 16 year old class and Gwawr Griffiths (Parys Salers) was 2nd in the 17 to 20 year old class.

For 2024, we will be organising a farm walk in January across two farms in the North of England, starting at Harperley Salers and finishing at Mickleton Mill Salers. The two farms are only 30 minutes apart and have different systems for wintering and fattening cattle, so will hopefully offer differing, interesting perspectives on the breed and how Salers can suit any system. Keep an eye out on social media for further details.

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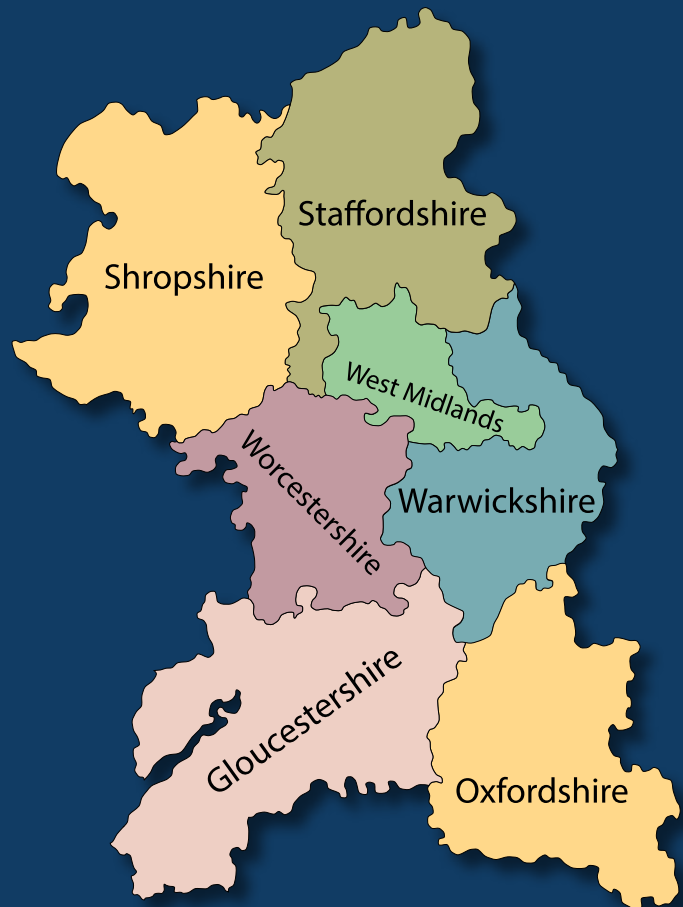
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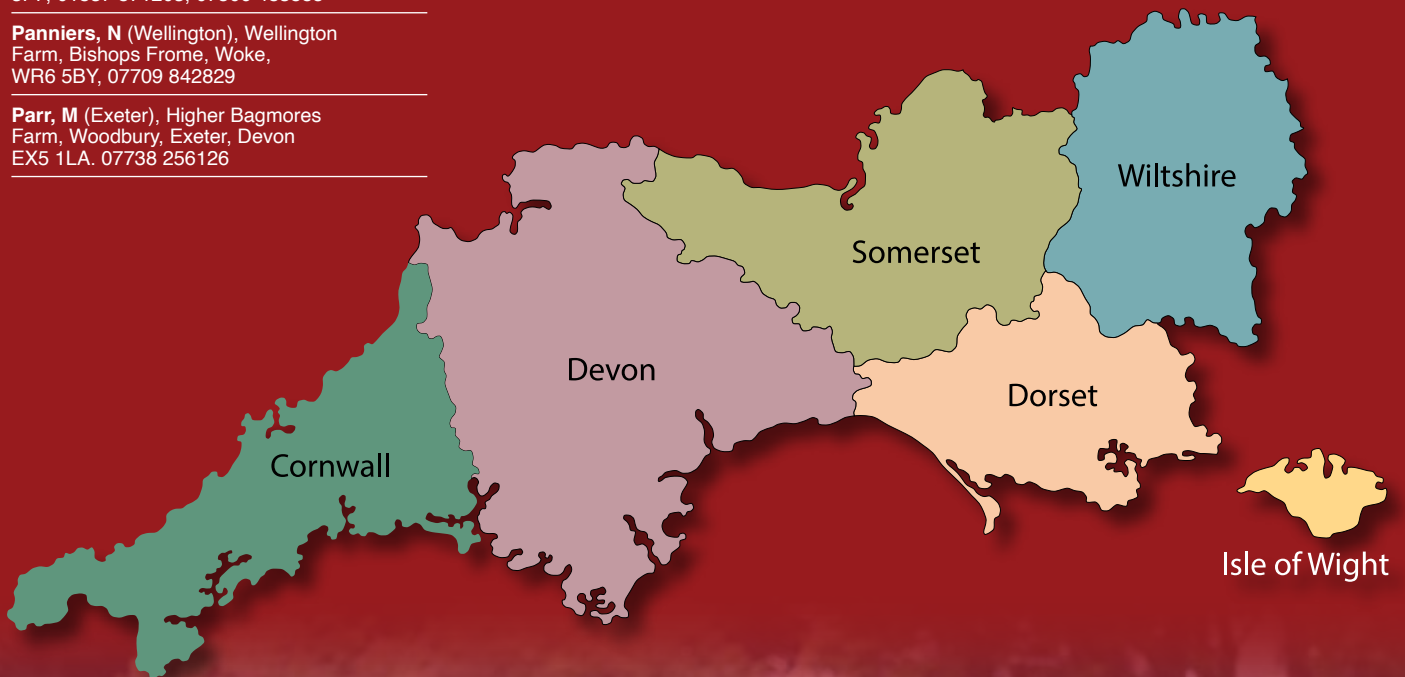
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**MALCOLM LIGHT**  
Council Member Area 8

## Area 8 - Malcolm Light

**Another year has passed, and this will be my last report as council member for Area 8, and Rebecca Jordan will be taking over in November if she is ratified at the AGM.**

A mild dry winter made for an early turnout for our Salers in March followed by a damp spring but flaming June put things right for the young calves and silage making with the mini drought. Rain in July meant the grass grew and grew, and so did the Salers as the grazing platform was replenished, and silage stocks built up.

The point here is that as we have a changing climate, it is now that in beef production we need the benefit of a cattle breed that is adaptable to weather patterns and climate as it alters and becomes more unpredictable in the future. The Salers has that ability to cope with whatever the weather can do from hot and dry to cold and wet growing and thriving in all conditions.

Everyone wins with Salers. With cattle it is often difficult to decide when to sell, how long to keep. If I sell calves early, will I lose out to someone else. If I keep them too long, will they cost me too much keep, then profit becomes elusive. The farming colleges don't help with costings or margins over this and that, but they have not yet fully monetised the sustainability of production. There is even a big debate in Red Tractor about Green farm assurance.

Every farm has a monthly cost of operation. If you engage in a constant war on farm input costs as we do the famous 3 Fs Fertiliser Feed and Fuel, this can be 4Fs if you include Finance, keeping our on costs to an absolute minimum.

One simple rule we have developed is the £ per month per calf of on farm yield. By dividing the age of an animal into

the market price you come up with a figure that the calf has earned per month whilst it has been on you farm. By doing this in the market you will come up with some horrendous figures that other people will produce like a 20-month-old store that has only earned £25/ month on its farm, oh dear!

But if you sell 6-month-old Salers steers weighing 274 kg each and selling at £750 that's a whopping £125/ Month. Yes, you have the cow to pay for but with no fertilizer or feed costs and minimal fuel. After weaning the cow goes back outside until Christmas then the producers farm costs are minimised.

The grower then takes this animal to the pre finishing stage and both the grower and finisher are ably rewarded with a profit for their efforts. In the beef industry everyone has to make a bit otherwise the system doesn't work. But and most importantly it starts with a profitable calf every time. The Salers is that calf.

I would like to finish by thanking everyone in the Salers Council for their support and comradeship for the past fourteen years, especially Sian who is moving on to pastures new! She is the third Salers secretary that I have worked with on Council.

Lastly, we have many new members some I have spoken to but yet to meet, now that we are all free to travel about, it would be nice to restart our Area 8 dinner meetings to get new ideas and plan the way forwards with our Salers.

*Malcolm Light*



# Area 9

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**CAROLYN FOX**  
Council Member Area 9  
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## Area 9 - Carolyn Fox

**As we go into more uncertainty in agriculture, politics and the future of farming it is reassuring to know that the Salers will fill any criteria so can be sustainable in all situations that are thrown at us.**

We are constantly being told that due to climate change we are going to increasingly see extremes in our weather pattern which fortunately the Salers cope well with.

This years weather has certainly been challenging in this part of the country with the driest spring on record and desperate for rain to the worse flooding ever seen here as I write this!

At present the environment and nature seem to be more important than the production of high quality food but it won't be long before the powers that be will realise improved domestic self-sufficiency will be vital. The breed will come into themselves with the introduction of the Environmental land management scheme. The breed have already proved they are ready for the future within grass based farming systems, as dairy farmers will tell you, the most profitable milk comes from grass!

Due to dwindling livestock markets in this area cattle are having to travel further every year for sales but are still making market reports and topping the trade regularly, this should be positive for selling the benefits of the breed further afield.

Hopefully 2024 is the year the secrets of Salers becomes the breed everyone is talking about.



# RICHARD CUZENS BRUNYEE SALERS

## Richard Cuzens' family has farmed around Litton Cheney, near Dorchester, Dorset, for three generations.

When just 21-years old Richard acquired 28ha (70-acres) from his grandfather's executors. There, and on rented ground, he ran a commercial suckler and sheep enterprise up until 1986 at the time of the BSE outbreak. Thereafter he rented out the land while he went out to work in county show management.

However, in 2016, ill health forced him to retire from that line of work. He had retained the sheep enterprise but was keen to set up a suckler herd as well on the 28ha (70-acres) he owned alongside the 12ha (30-acres) of grass keep.

"I had spent nearly three years deciding which breed to choose," explains Richard. "I needed a breed which was both quiet and easy to manage because we don't live at the farm and I do not have the best health following a stroke. In the end it was narrowed down to Stabilisers, Beef Shorthorn and Salers.

"The Stabiliser organisation is very slick and efficient. Its promotional skills are excellent. Yes, a stabiliser is a very uniform beef animal but I was not 100% sure about the temperament. And it's not a pedigree animal; there's no interest in an individual animal's breeding – as there is with a pedigree breed. I needed that interest so I then started to look at the other two breeds.

"At the time I thought the Beed Shorthorn was too niche so I focused on Salers. I met Liz Wilde, then society secretary, who explained Salers are a maternal breed with easy calving. As we don't live on the farm that was obviously a huge bonus. I had heard the breed was 'wild'. Liz was honest enough to say there will always be an odd animal in a herd which isn't quiet but they should be culled if that is an issue. But that's the same for all breeds."

With Richard's focus firmly on the Salers he then turned his attention to sourcing the correct breeding. For foundation heifers he travelled up to Terence and Jane Pye near Yarm in North Yorkshire and picked out five in-calf heifers which were due to calve at two- and two-and-a-half-years old to a polled Rigel bull.

"The heifers all had good breeding from great English or French blood lines," recalls Richard. "But we needed to see the heifers and their mothers to be sure of temperament," says Richard who has since successfully AI'ed these cows to Cumbrian Royale who was also polled.

As is always the case, it wasn't long before Richard had 14 cows in the herd – the size he was aiming for. But, at this point, he also realised there was not the demand for pedigree Salers heifers in the south of England, as compared with the north and Scotland. And he believed he would never succeed at producing breeders' bulls as he did not have the 'name'.

He was also struggling to sell the pure steer calves at a decent trade at Sedgemoor market. They were only realizing £800/head as buyers had yet to realise the breed's potential at finishing.

### FARM FACTS

- Farm 28ha (70-acres) – last part of his grandfather's estate
- Chalk and flood meadows
- 2 ½ miles inland from Lyme Bay rising to 91m (300ft) above sea level
- 14 registered Salers- all polled
- Since 2020 all cows run with Charolais bull
- Spring calvers due in April; autumn calvers late August
- Cross-bred calves sold at 13- to 14-months old at Sedgemoor market to average between £1200 and £1300/head
- Cows overwintered on rape and turnips until after Christmas
- Rotational razing including 5ha (12-acres) barley with herbal leys introduced at reseeding
- 100 Easycare ewes
- Supplies boxed lamb

At the same time, AI was no longer a feasible option. Richard therefore took heed of the French and, in 2020, bought in a Charolais bull. Home-bred stock at Manor Farm are resistant to red water, which is prevalent in the area, so Richard had to be very careful where he sourced a stock bull. Fortunately, the Seabarn Charolais herd, just outside Weymouth, is also in a red water zone so he did not have to travel far to secure a quality polled bull, Sea Barn Sebastian. When he purchased the original Rigel heifers he vaccinated against red water – this French-manufactured vaccine has been discontinued since Covid-19.





There have now been two calvings to Sea Barn Sebastian. "Every cow has calved without any assistance at all, including a heifer," says Richard who is delighted with the way they have grown on and achieved £1200 to £1300/head at Sedgemore when 13- to 14-months old.

Richard would ideally increase cow numbers but age and health will dictate whether that happens. "With the changes in trade policies, removal of subsidies and climate challenges, finding a way forward to be profitable and sustainable will be challenging," he believes. "As a successful enterprise, my herd isn't quite there yet but is definitely moving in the right direction.

"There is no doubt this breed is exceptional at calving. The fact we do not live where the cattle are and have no problems at this time speaks volumes. And because they calve so easily these cows get back in calf quickly which makes all the difference to the individual cow's calving index and how quickly the whole herd completes calving," he explains.

"The other wonderful trait of the Salers is their temperament. These cattle exude character; they are such gentle animals. They are all individuals but are happiest up on the dry chalk hill ground looking down into the village watching what is going on. After calving we love to see which cow is in charge of the nursery: it changes every day but there is always one cow left with the calves while the rest of the herd go off to graze.

"And on the lower part of the farm we have a lot of foot paths so have a lot of issues with dog walkers and visitors from urban areas. However, all these people and the villagers love to watch the cattle so we have put a bench in one field as a trial for them to sit on."

If Richard had to criticise the breed he would say the cows can get too big. He would ideally like a cow to mature between 550kg and 600kg. Any heavier and he has issues with poaching over winter. However, as a cull cow this trait serves them well on p/kg – even though their longevity means cows are often in their late teens when they reach this stage.



"Any heifers kept back as replacements we bred early (two-year old) to keep down their size," explains Richard. "We outwinter until Christmas on rape and turnips using a bale grazing system where the fence is moved every day. Cattle have 5ha (12-acres) of grass as a back run.

"Compared with housing – which is expensive and takes me three hours every day – this system takes up just an hour a day moving the fence. Because of my health that makes all the difference. And this breed is hardy enough to cope with being out until then – even the cows and calves born in August.

"I have also invested in the French-made heavy duty Jourdain locking yolks – a great feeding system at housing. I am not as agile these days and using locking yolks when I'm bedding down by myself makes sure I don't get knocked by the cows who tend to get very playful in the fresh straw. My family insisted on this as I am often there alone."

Out wintered ground rotates into clover or herbal leys so poaching is not really a significant problem. Richard's rule for rotational grazing is cattle and sheep never return to the same field for 27 days. "However, that idea can go to pot in a drought or late autumn. Then we just pick up the fence and let the stock free range," admits Richard.

Going forward, Richard would like to flush his best cow, Rigel Martha Poll who, he believes, is the perfect polled Salers cow. She would be AI'ed to the best available polled Salers bull using sexed semen.

"That is one area I would like to see the Salers Society develop: A very clear register of which polled bulls are available for AI," suggests Richard.

"We need to know where these bulls are, their breeding and which AI company provides the straws – and if it is sexed semen. More and more farmers are working alone; using polled bulls removes the stress of dehorning as well as the associated labour costs. Creating a clearer register will go a long way to increasing the breed's appeal to more beef producers. This issue is just as challenging for other breeds," admits Richard who wished he had known about Salers back in the 1980s. By now he believes he would have bred a great herd.

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# THEY SPIT OUT A CALF WHATEVER THE SIRE

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THE Gregg family are passionate livestock farmers that have always enjoyed the show ring as a shop window for their stock, be it cattle, sheep, or pigs. And whilst British Blue cattle will always tug at the family's heart strings, it is the Saler's that have transformed their systems, made life easier, and yielded the margins.

Ernest Gregg, his wife Jean and family, farm around 90 acres of owned and rented ground just outside Randalstown, County Antrim. The farmhouse lies in view of Slemish Mountain, the central core of which, is an extinct volcano and the legendary first known Irish home of Saint Patrick. Some of the land is bordered by the river Bann, one of the longest rivers in Northern Ireland where the total length of the river, including its path through the 30 km long Lough Neagh is 159 km. Here Ernest and Jean spend their weekends checking cattle whilst watching the jet skis and leisure boats go by.

The farming enterprise is a real family affair involving daughter Rebecca who also works for Fane Valley as a sales support co-ordinator and daughter Naomi whose pedigree knowledge is almost encyclopaedic. Naomi was very much involved on the show circuit from a young age and her enthusiasm has obviously been passed down to her five-year-old daughter Perrie, and no doubt two-week-old daughter Ella, will also inherit the pedigree livestock gene and passion. The family have shown at Saintfield, Newry, Armagh and Castlewellan. In Castlewellan 2012, there was the biggest entry of British Blue cattle in Europe with over 70 cattle forward and Ernest and family achieved their most notable show result to date, being

crowned overall cattle champion with Ballybollen Grand Duke, and on the same day won the overall pig championship title. Never far from the limelight Ernie also provided a nine-year-old imported Salers Cow Joice, sired by Ecrin and out of Danoise, for the filming of the follow up series to Dungeons and Dragons, 'The North Man' which was filmed at Clondeboy Estate, Bangor.

Besides 18,000 chicks taken to point of lay at sixteen weeks, a contract-based system that was introduced eight or nine years ago to replace their broiler arrangement, the Gregg family also own and breed pigs which include Middle Whites, Gloucester Old Spots, Tamworth's, and Berkshire's. Ernie was Pig Convener of the Rare Breed Survival Trust (RBST) NI committee for four years until recently and has also branched out into sheep, purchasing Dorset sheep for granddaughter Perrie, which he puts to a Dutch Spotted and which are lambed back to a Beltex.

The poultry business provides the family with a cost-effective fertiliser that is applied to grassland in accordance with the Nutrients Action Programme (NAP) 2019-2022. In addition, three tonne of lime was applied last year to condition the soil and control the soil acidity by neutralising the effects of acids from nitrogen (N) fertiliser, slurry, and high rainfall. Other noticeable benefits from the application were an increase in earthworm activity and an improvement in the soil structure. Ernie said, "the lime has fairly cleaned up the grass".

Turning to the cattle operation, the Gregg's have fifty cows, twenty of which are pedigree Salers and they have just recently purchased a further six pedigree heifers from George McCall, Carrick View. The commercial cattle consist of Salers cross, Aubrac and Aubrac cross. Seamus Connell, Ballykeel first introduced Ernie to Salers, where he purchased two foundation females and a further two commercial Salers. A stock bull was bought whilst at an Area 4 club dinner in February 2016, George McCall who had Salers' daughters coming back to the imported bull Monanaleen Lolly, shook hands on the deal that night. Later that year in May 2016, Ernie showed Monanaleen Lolly at Balmoral Show and took first prize in the senior bull class. That same day the Gregg's also won the junior male champion title and reserve overall junior championship with Ballybollen Kyle, a February born son of Houblon.





Slowly, the British Blue cattle that had been resident on the County Antrim farm for nearly a decade were phased out and although they were much loved for their docility and shape, Ernie admitted they had become too expensive to keep and run. He whispered, "one night after a full shift driving, I performed five caesareans to deliver five embryo calves!".

At the time, he was affectionately teased by local neighbours and friends and recalls, "my friends kept asking me why I had changed [breed] and questioned whether I had lost my mind?". He said, "despite explaining the maternal virtues and ease of management of the Salers, over and over again, they couldn't understand why I had changed". But one day, this all stopped. Ernie said, "I forget the reason why, but a retired cattle dealer, used a Salers bull on his blue cows and just after calving time he phoned me to say, he couldn't believe it, when the cows had started showing signs of calving, he would run to the steading to get the 'jack' but by the time he had got back, the calf was out, so he would run to the house to defrost colostrum but by the time he had returned the calves were up and had sucked!". Ernie gave a knowing sigh, the move to Salers at Ballybollen was driven by the need for peace of mind. He worked nights as a lorry driver for McBurney's for seventeen years. He said, "with the Salers, I could go to work at night knowing that Jean wouldn't have any trouble at home". He added, "the Salers' were just so much easier to manage, they have great pelvic room, they spit out a calf whatever the sire and they have great confirmation and temperament".

At Ballybollen, the pedigree Salers are currently put to Glenocum Samson, a Ballykeel Magnum sired son out of an imported cow Molly, which was purchased privately, from Robert Alexander, Broughshane. The remaining cows are put to, two culard Charolais bulls, one of which was purchased from France and sourced by Kyle McCall. All cows are spring calved in March, April and May and the progeny is sold privately in September / October at six or seven months of age, to two completely different management systems, further demonstrating the versatility of the breed.

The Gregg's system is low input, cows are treated with a topical iodine, a multivitamin and Rotavec Corona pre-calving which helps protect the calf from diarrhoea caused by Rotavirus, Coronavirus and E. coli. Newborn calves receive iodine at



birth, calves are preventatively treated for pneumonia pre-sale and creep feed is only introduced at minimal levels, one month prior to sale, to prepare the calves for their new homes.

All heifers are bought by a repeat customer that lives locally; he finishes them on a very natural grass-based diet. They are sold in the live market at Kilrea 14 months later, at around 600Kgs and averaging £1800. Whereas all the bulls enter a local, ad-lib fattening system, and are sold at Ballymena live market at around 820kgs, averaging around £2420.

The herd participates in the Northern Ireland BVD eradication programme which began on 1st March 2016 but the biggest challenge the farm and family face is the constant fear of TB. Thankfully, the herd has just moved from a four-monthly testing interval to six-monthly testing interval, but TB is an ever-present worry and cost. But despite this threat and expense, it is evident that the desire, from the oldest generation down to the latest generation, to breed and show pedigree livestock remains significant and Ernie revealed that the only way that this will be possible given the economics of suckler farming today, is by ensuring the system at home is efficient and economical as possible. He said, "you can only achieve this level of efficiency by selecting a cost-effective cow, designed and dedicated to rearing a calf without intervention and for me the only cow up to the job is the Salers!".





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There are some that are born into farming and there are others that are born to farm, and it is the latter that applies to Paul Freeland-Cook, the son of a banker who was born and brought up in the west end of Newcastle. There is also a famous saying, 'all dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them', and the Freeland-Cook Farming enterprise is evidence of that. Paul, who started as a student and then later became a lecturer, working for Buccleuch Estates, now known as the Buccleuch Group, at Drumlanrig Estate, Dumfries. In 1982/83, Paul and his wife Angela made the calculated decision to sign a retirement lease from the Duke of Roxburgh and commenced farming at Cliftoncote Farm, in the Bowmont Valley, Yetholm, the home farm today.

The parents' courage and drive can be seen in their sons, Allistair, and Daniel and in turn their families, who now farm 5,500-acre across seven different sites, on a mix of farm business tenancies and contract farming agreements. The traditional retirement leases have been replaced, with five-year farm business agreements, which inevitably influence the Freeland-cook farming policies, systems, and investment plans. Farm diversification includes holiday lets offering walking and equine holidays and Daniel's wife Heather, looks after a holiday cottage in the village as well as taking care of their two children Poppy and Maisie.

Many of the seven farms are within a four-mile radius and Allistair, wife Claire and daughter Emma alongside trainee shepherd Duncan focus on the sheep operation consisting of 5,000 ewes. The hill sheep are hefted Blackface sheep, a maternal hill breed, selected for their strong mothering ability to rear lambs in extreme terrain. On the lower ground you will find Cheviot mules and Meatline crosses specifically bred to produce hardy, fast growing lambs of high carcass quality.

The family breed all their own replacements meaning the sheep flock and cattle herd are closed. Only breeding tups and stock bulls are introduced from high health herds under strict controls and quarantine procedures.

Daniel and his nephew Thomas take charge of the agricultural / groundworks contracting business as well as the 140 head suckler herd, consisting mainly of Salers and Salers cross Hereford cows. They crisscross the cows, using up to seven bulls which are either pure Salers or Hereford. Salers stock bulls have been purchased directly and indirectly from Cleuchhead, Drumaglea, and Cory and all Hereford bulls are either bred by or sourced by neighbour and friend, Rob Wilson, Cowbog. Daniel commented, "Hereford's were selected to be used over the Salers for their docility and fleshing ability and combined with the Salers milkiness and calving ability they make great cattle".

Seven bulls across 140 cows seemed excessive, but Daniel explains, "our land is spread out geographically, it has to be used according to suitability, whilst achieving maximum productivity and in order to ensure a tight calving period we keep the cows in small bulling groups". He added, "this also facilitates flexibility if needed, if we have a bull go lame, or one that isn't working properly, we can join two mobs together without compromising the health, condition and working ability of the other bull".

All cows are calved in an eight-week period, at the end of February, cows have access to high magnesium licks during risk periods and bulling heifers receive a mineral bolus prior to mating. Target body condition scores are between 2.5 – 3.00 and Daniel aims to maintain the body condition scores between calving and bulling, this is particularly important for those that calved at two years of age who are given access to the best grazing.

Cows and heifers are treated with SWISH for fly prevention in July and are PD'd in November alongside their annual booster vaccination for BVD. Bulling heifers receive their primary BVD course in March as well as a mineral bolus and wormer and are integrated into the annual BVD booster system with the cows





in November. Conception rates average 95% and this was confirmed by the latest veterinary results on the farm's health plan. Bull calves are tagged, castrated, and dehorned using paste within a couple of days of calving and all calves and their dams are turned out to grass within three days. The only other treatment administered routinely is Rispoval for calves in November and a pour-on wormer. This efficient, almost military like operation is low input, low cost and frees up space for lambing hogs and ewes with triplets, as shed space is tight.

The Freeland-Cooks were one of the first in the area to introduce woodchip corals thirty years ago but legislation surrounding effluent discharge has changed and the ability to adapt the system to a stepped, reed bed system and comply on this land was not viable. Cattle are now bedded on straw within the corals and the system relies on a muck-for-straw arrangement whereby some local arable farmers bale their own straw which the family collects and in return they deliver muck back. This type of efficiency is evident in other areas where green crop collaborations are used to grow stubble turnips and short-term-leys over winter, providing feed and a cut of silage before pea crops are drilled in early May. They tend to sow Italian ryegrass in August almost as soon as the harvester has left the field because it grows fast, vigorously and is established quickly for use in October. It is a rent-free system, the Freeland-Cook's just cover the cost of seed and fertilizer and the arable farmers get the muck for free, the potential and convenience of the arrangement is massive with the only downside being the pressure to be out of the field by a set date.

All bull calves are sold in batches after weaning at around 10 to 12 months of age. They receive no creep feed at all, the Freeland-Cook policy across all units is to protect their most valuable commodity, grass so there is no room for poached ground. Therefore, bull calves are pushed harder after weaning with a fodder beet and a high protein silage diet to achieve around 500Kgs, a desirable weight for buyer Duncan Low, Aberdeenshire who pays a premium for well fleshed store cattle.

On a normal year, ten bottom-end heifers are sold as stores and a further twenty are selected to be sold as bulling heifers. Generally, forty females are put to the bull where twenty will be kept as breeding replacements and twenty will be sold as in-calf heifers. All breeding females are sold to repeat customers through Border Livestock Exchange. Daniel said, "we are exceptionally lucky, our cattle tend to be bought by the same people year on year, so we don't have to look for a market", he joked, "I haven't been to a market in years, in fact I haven't been off the place [farm] in years!".

This year, however, is not a normal year or perhaps it is a normal year for those who are having to make business decisions within these five-year arrangements. One of the farms consisting of 303ac (122.62ha), 193ac arable, 22ac woodland and 78ac of permanent pasture is up for sale and until that sale is agreed the family have no idea as to whether they will lose that land or be able to strike a deal to continue to farm it. Consequently, they have only bulled 20 heifers this year and whichever way the coin lands, there is no doubt that the family and the business have been impacted, in terms of management time, cost and emotional investment.

To manage a business of this scale within short-term parameters, the farm, family, and business must be well organized, resourceful, and economical and the Salers' play a major role. Prior to Salers Aberdeen Angus crosses were used but Daniel said, "their skin just didn't seem thick enough to cope with our harsh winters and high ground, the cattle were always looking to come in". He added, "we chose Salers for their hardiness as well as their temperament and ease of calving". Daniel explained, "we can't afford a huge amount of intervention here, the ground we cover in a day is vast and we need a breed that can take care of itself", he continued, "Salers are easy calving because of their big wide hips, they have a productive lactation, a good udder and raise the calves themselves, which is just what we need!".

As well as being economical, efficient, and easy calving, I asked Daniel to describe Salers, Daniel replied, "they are exciting, exuberant and of course, they look good!". The Freeland-Cook family manage thousands of rented acres from three different landlords with significant enthusiasm and vivacity. They achieve successful, dynamic, day-to-day working, family relationships with respect and energy as well as manage lucrative, cheerful, and harmonious collaborations with neighbours. Perhaps if anything or anyone should be described as 'exciting' and 'exuberant' it is them, but it is reassuring to know that the Salers' play a stimulating, motivating and pivotal role in their undeniably successful business.



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James Tudor Francis-Jones aged 24 years old, a former Hartpury Agriculture College student, and recently appointed local Community Councillor, is the fifth generation to farm at Glyn Farm, Llanidloes. The 620-acre livestock farm is nestled along the Clywedog valley, Powys. The highest point on the farm contains a roman fort, and borders both the protected Bryntail lead mines, which illuminate a time when this tranquil spot was a bustling site of industry, as well as Llyn Clywedog a man-made reservoir formed by the construction of the Clywedog Dam. The dam was built between 1965-67 to regulate the flow of water in the Severn and is the tallest concrete mass dam in Britain standing 72m high.

James' objective for Glyn Farm is to, "keep it going, remain profitable, and continue my father's legacy". He said, "I want to build on, and grow what Dad, and the family before him started". James' father Tudor Francis-Jones was a real countryman, he enjoyed shooting and all outdoor pursuits, and he was also a keen rugby player, playing scrum half for his local town of Llanidloes, having gained a Welsh District Cap in 1998. Sadly, in November-2020 aged just 49 years old, he passed away, following an eight-year battle with ill health.

As James competently and skilfully fulfils his father's farming dreams, sister Maria is pursuing her sporting ambitions in the football world, and playing at present for Burnley, and represents Wales whilst attending university. Mum Angela is also actively involved in the farm, tending to all the accounts, whilst working part-time at the local Solicitors, and his Taid [grandfather] Hugh Jones, keeps an interest on how the farm is progressing.

Aside from a few minor diversification projects, such as a biomass boiler that runs two houses, and a wind turbine on the farm, the enterprise is typical of a conventional Welsh livestock farm.

The livestock at the Glyn Farm are in both schemes of the Farm Assured Welsh Livestock Beef and Lamb, and the cattle herd hold the gold status of Gwaredu BVD Certificate. Most of the cows are housed on cubicles, whilst the young stock is bedded on straw. Winter fodder includes 100-acres of pit silage, and around 300 – 400 round bales of silage. 10-13 acres of turnips are also grown to feed ewes, drilled in late summer, and then grazed in the winter, and put into wholecrop (peas and barley) the following spring, which produces 150 bales to feed young stock, it is then put back to grass in the autumn. James is very keen to invest in the farm's natural asset, grass, he said, "well-managed grass is the cheapest feed for sheep and cattle". He added, "reseeding can improve yield and quality whilst reducing the need for bought in feed". Thirteen acres has been reseeded this year using a cut once and graze, long term lay, 'Fortress' mix from Oliver seeds.

*Improved grassland in most of the UK can grow over 12 t DM/ha, but the current average is around 7 t DM/ha. Research has shown that increasing the proportion of the farm reseeded each year increases the amount of grass grown and utilised, resulting in increased profitability. (Source: AHDB: Grassland reseeding)*

There are around 100-acres of existing woodland, including hardwood and softwood, he said, "I am not a fan of planting trees which could be used as productive farmland!".

James utilises the remaining 520-acres of grassland for 800 Welsh mountain ewes, mules, and speckled faced sheep, to enable him to keep a closed flock, breeding his own replacements, and crossing a texel on a mule, which produces a quality butchers lamb.







75 Salers cows are run with two Charolais bulls, Ravensworth Rodney, November-2020 born, a Ravensworth Max son, purchased at Carlisle May-2022 sale. The second Charolais bull is named Carrowkeel Oliver, October-2018 born, a Cavelands Fenian son, from Ireland, sourced by Andrew Powell. The 25 pedigree Salers herd are registered under the Glynne Hall prefix. Glynne Hall derives from a mansion which was never built; however the current farmhouse is an early-mid 17th century Renaissance-style gatehouse to that very mansion.

The pedigree cows are put to the Salers bull, Approach Farm Reese, March-2021 born, a Seawell Lithium son, of Approach Farm Nutella. Approach Farm Reese stood as reserve senior champion, and reserve overall champion in the Welshpool Spring Show and Sale in May-2023.

75% of the cows are calved in spring in a tight six-week calving period, the remaining 25% cows calve down again in a six-week period from early September. Bull calves are castrated immediately, and all calves are de-horned. To remain profitable James revealed, "I need a 'decent' number of cows", he said, "I can honestly say that I have never pulled a calf since Dad died, in fact, in the last twelve months, 100 cows have calved, and I have only lost one calf, which was a twin bull calf that

was premature". James explained, "a lot of my friends have other breeds of cattle, but as far as I am concerned, they are time consuming and expensive, something I just cannot afford". He said, "I don't think I would keep cows if I didn't have Salers, I don't think I would be able to keep the same numbers with any other breed or achieve similar margins with anything else!".

Stabilisers have become more popular in Mid-Wales recently, but James revealed that they just weren't for him. A medium sized fleshy Salers cow is favoured above a rangy beast at Glyn Farm, cows must have good udders and feet, and a strict cull policy is employed for anything that doesn't meet requirements. He said, "I also like a compact, fleshy bull with a good top, and I am not a fan of the polled type, for me they just don't have enough character". He added, "there is no other breed that is as cost-effective as the Salers', a cow that can breed shapely calves by a Charolais bull, that are snapped up at the markets!".

The Francis-Jones family used to breed four to eight pedigree bulls each year, but the return on bulls was slow, keeping them until two years of age took up valuable housing. Now everything is sold as stores in the spring and autumn at Welshpool, allowing James to keep more cows. Store calves are fed with minimal creep one month prior to housing to ease the weaning process, and then continually increased to an ad-lib system, he uses a Bibby's blend which is supplied by Jamie Woosnam, Trefeglwys. Wholecrop bales are provided, to make a good weight at a young age. James also sells Salers heifers from home, depending on how many he has to spare.

At the 2023 spring store sale at Welshpool, James sold 22 Charolais cross Salers steers, at 10-12 months of age, at an average of 450 Kgs and £1429, two pure Salers steers at the same age, averaged 440Kgs and £1180, and 12 Charolais cross Salers heifers at 10-12 months of age, averaged 401Kgs and £1187. (See table on the next page)





It is obvious that the system at the Glyn will not change dramatically, mainly because it has found the right product, and the right formula that is producing the right results. And while cows remain on those beautiful, lush, green valleys close to 'Llani' [Llanidloes], those cows will always be cost-effective, easy calving, low intervention Salers!

The family have a tremendous support network from local friends but even then, farming 620 acres, with over 800 sheep and 100 cows, is no easy feat. Many older farmers in the area reminisce of the 'good old days' before Covid-19, Brexit, and the increasing prices. James however looks at the situation differently, he said, "there is no doubt lockdown has changed things, for one, me and my friends never returned to young farmers but we [our generation] can't compare these times to days gone by, because we have never really known any different!".

The farm at the Glyn is traditional in its structure, but modern in its techniques, very much like the man that is running it now, a wise head, on young, optimistic, shoulders. Although modest and reserved, James has this underlying strength, and determination combined with a compelling energy which unveils a strong character running an undeniably prosperous business. This successful recipe and efficient business plan utilising Salers, and their heritable maternal traits will no doubt serve as an admirable legacy for generations to come.

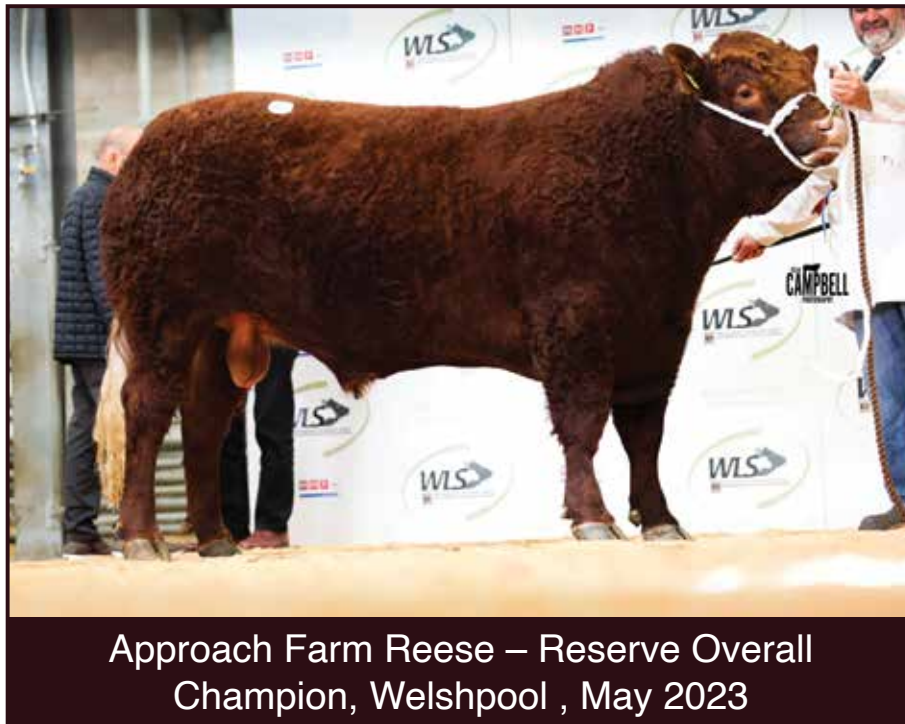
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## Dungannon – November 2022

Following the success of the first ever 4 Breed Calf Show last year, the Northern Ireland Salers Club once again joined forces with the NI Blonde Cattle Club, NI Blue Cattle Club, and the NI Simmental Cattle Breeders club at Dungannon Farmers Mart on Saturday 26th November 2022.

There was a mixture of experienced and young new breeders across all the breeds, and it was a pleasure to witness members helping, encouraging, and mentoring each other. The aim of the event was to provide a safe environment to bring out calves for the first time in the hope these cattle will return to the show circuit next year.

This event would not have been possible without the support of Trevor Wylie and the staff at Dungannon Farmers Mart, and the very generous sponsors HVS Animal Health, Ballygawley Vets and Centra Ballinderry.

There was fifteen young Salers, both male and female, aged between 9 September 2021 to 15 May 2022, representing the breed from six different exhibitors and in charge of the judging was Adam Crockett, Bacardi Salers, Scottish Borders.

Adam selected Drumlegagh Rogue as his senior champion, a Loyal sired September-2021 son out of Drumlegah Lexi from J & E A Elliott. Standing reserve to Rogue in the senior line-up was G. McCall's, first prize senior heifer Carrick View Rita by Orient and out of Carrick View Juliette, she was born in October-2021.

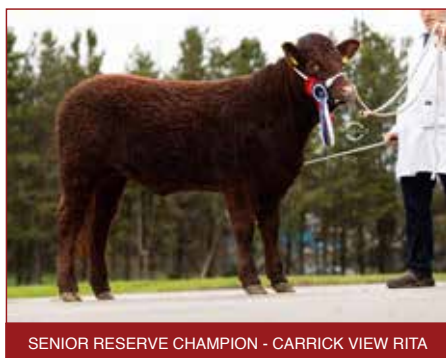
The junior champion was also from George McCall, Carrick View Shona won the first of the junior female classes and was born in March-2022, sired by Orient and out of Connemara Rhiona. Standing reserve junior champion was an ET calf, Ballykeel Sensational ET from Seamus and Christine Connell sired by Mathieu and out of Indiana she was also born in March-2022.

The pairs competition was hotly contested by six exhibitors which made for a magnificent spectacle of Salers in the show ring and claiming the top spot was Carrick View Salers.

The finale of the day was a new young handler's class where the Salers were represented in the junior section by Eva McLenaghan who brought our Ballykeel Shotgun. Eva had been working with Shotgun at home for some months and really did look the part in the ring. She had a real connection with the bull and handled him like a professional. We look forward to seeing her again at some of the summer shows, well done.



SENIOR CHAMPION - DRUMLEGAGH ROGUE



SENIOR RESERVE CHAMPION - CARRICK VIEW RITA



JUNIOR CHAMPION - CARRICK VIEW SHONA



JUNIOR RESERVE CHAMPION - BALLYKEEL SENSATIONAL ET

### SENIOR CHAMPION

Drumlegagh Rogue – J & E A Elliott

### RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION

Carrick View Rita – G McCall

### JUNIOR CHAMPION

Carrick View Shona – G McCall

### RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION

Ballykeel Sensational ET

### Senior Bull Class (01/09/2021 – 31/12/2021)

- 1st Drumlegagh Rogue – J & E A Elliott
- 2nd Carrick View Robin – G McCall
- 3rd Ashcroft Ryus – Kelly Farms

### Senior Heifer Class (01/09/2021 – 31/12/2021)

- 1st Carrick View Rita – G McCall
- 2nd Ashcroft Roxy – Kelly Farms
- 3rd Ashcroft Rosa – Kelly Farms

### Junior Bull Class (01/01/2022 – 31/03/2022)

- 1st Drumlegagh Suri – J & E A Elliott

### Junior Heifer Class (01/01/2022 – 31/03/2022)

- 1st Carrick View Shona – G McCall
- 2nd Ballykeel Sensational ET – S & C Connell
- 3rd Lower Bolie Spice Girl – B & P O'Kane
- 4th Lower Bolie Sophia ET – B & P O'Kane

### Junior Bull Class (Born after 01/04/2022)

- 1st Ballykeel Shotgun – S & C Connell
- 2nd Mileview Shetland – C & A Kennedy

### Junior Heifer Class (Born after 01/04/2022)

- 1st Ashcroft Saffron – Kelly Farms
- 2nd Mileview Saffron – C & A Kennedy

### PAIRS

- 1st Carrick View Salers
- 2nd Ballykeel Salers
- 3rd Drumlegagh Salers
- 4th Ashcroft Salers
- 5th Lower Bolie Salers
- 6th Mileview Salers

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# DAVID WATSON LEADS SALERS SALE WITH OVERALL CHAMPION DARNFORD ROSS

## Stirling Bull Sales – February 2023

Aberdeenshire breeder David Watson from Darnford near Banchory reigned supreme at Stirling Bull Sales, February-2023. Judge John Wildman, who is farm manager at Glenkiln Farms, a mixed livestock unit consisting of circa 800 suckler cows in Dumfries, picked out Darnford Ross, as his intermediate champion, before tapping him out as the overall champion. Darnford Ross a Bacardi Nice Guy sired bull out of homebred Darnford Faith was born in April-2021. John went on to back his decision, buying Darnford Ross the following day for the top price of 6,000gns.

12 Salers bulls sold to a top price of 6,000gns with an average of £4235, -£574 on 2022 and a 57% clearance. However, there was a 100% clearance for the Cleuchhead female production draft where five, myostatin free, in-calf heifers sold to a top of 2,500gns with an average of £2310.

The reserve overall championship spot was awarded to the senior champion from Gill and Malcom Pye's Rednock herd at Rednock Estate, Port of Menteith, Stirling. Rednock Reggie, a March, 2021-born bull out of Rednock Breeze was sired by the 12,000gns Drumaglea Kes. He sold to Mr A Young, Girvan Mains, Ayrshire for 4,000gns, alongside another Drumaglea Kes son, Rednock Radar born in April-2021, who stood reserve intermediate champion at 4,800gns.

The reserve senior champion went to Approach Farm Roar, from Angus Gowthorpe, with a February 2021-born bull by Seawell Lithium, out of the homebred show heifer Approach Farm Narnia. G Brown & Sons, Stoneypath, East Lothian purchased this bull for 2,500gns.

The junior section was won by Black Isle breeder, Alister MacKenzie, from Whitebog, Fortrose, who secured the second highest sale price of the day, 5,500gns. Whitebog Robert, a July-2021 born son of Whitebog Lascar, out of Whitebog Ivana was purchased by The Scottish Government Bull Stud, Inverness. They also purchased Cumbrian Rolex Poll, a Parkfield Polled Nobel son from Farmstock Genetics for 3,000gns. Murray Lyle, from Mid Cambushinnie Farm, Dunblane, took the reserve junior title with his April-2021 born, Seawell Nobleman sired son, Strathallan Robbie, out of Seamore Hosann.

Beoch Farms, Stranraer purchased three of the five Cleuchhead production females, the first a Nomad daughter, Cleuchhead Gentle 1599 in-calf to Cleuchhead Renegade for 2,500gns, at 2,200gns was Cleuchhead Corolle 1646 again in-calf to Cleuchhead Renegade and finally Cleuchhead Magalie 1690 sired by Noble, in-calf to Cleuchhead Raptor for 2,100gns. J M Fisher Ltd, Meikle Larbrax Stranraer secured two Cleuchhead Outlaw daughters, Cleuchhead Hope 1608 in-calf to Cleuchhead Raptor and Cleuchhead Gentle 1630, in-calf to Cleuchhead Renegade for 2,000gns and 2,200gns respectively.



OVERALL CHAMPION DARNFORD ROSS



RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION REDNOCK REGGIE



REDNOCK ROCKY



REDNOCK RADAR



REDNOCK RODNEY POLL



## SHOW RESULTS

### Overall Champion

Darnford Ross, David Watson

### Reserve Overall Champion

Rednock Reggie, Rednock Estate

### SENIOR BULL SECTION – BULLS BORN ON OR BETWEEN 16 JANUARY 2021 – 24 MARCH 2021

1st & Senior champion – Rednock Reggie, Rednock Estate

2nd & Reserve senior champion – Approach Farm Roar, A & K Gowthorpe

3rd – Approach Farm Rudy, A & K Gowthorpe

4th – Rednock Ronnie, Rednock Estate

5th – Rednock Rocky, Rednock Estate

6th – Rednock Rodney Poll



### INTERMEDIATE BULL SECTION – BULLS BORN ON OR BETWEEN 25 MARCH 2021 – 14 APRIL 2021

1st & Intermediate champion– Darnford Ross, David Watson

2nd & Reserve intermediate champion – Rednock Radar, Rednock Estate

3rd – Whitebog Roger Polled, A MacKenzie

4th – Darnford Rosco, David Watson

5th – Darnford Rudy, David Watson

6th – Cleuchhead Rooster, Livesey Farming

7th – Cleuchhead Raptor, Livesey Farming

8th – Darnford Rocky, David Watson

### JUNIOR BULL SECTION – BULLS BORN ON OR AFTER 15 APRIL 2021

1st & Junior champion– Whitebog Robert, A MacKenzie

2nd & Reserve junior champion – Strathallan Robbie, D. Murray Lyle

3rd – Rigel Rollo, Rigel Pedigree

4th – Cumbrian Rambo Poll, Farmstock Genetics

5th – Cumbrian Rolex Poll, Farmstock Genetics

6th – Strathallan Rennie, D. Murray Lyle

7th – Drumsleed Ricardo, G & M Smith

Lot	Animal	Gns	Buyer	Address
147	Approach Farm Roar	2,500	G Brown & Sons	Stoneypath, East Linton
150	Rednock Reggie	4,000	A Young	Girvan Mains, Ayrshire
151	Rednock Ronnie	4,000	J Shennan	Knockgerran Farm, Ayrshire
152	Rednock Rodney Poll	4,800	J C McLaren	Dargill, Perthshire
156	Rednock Rocky	4,800	Ferguson Brothers	Gillandersland Farm, Linlithgow
162	Rednock Radar	4,800	A Young	Girvan Mains, Ayrshire
164	Darnford Rosco	3,000	G Ritchie & Sons	Montalt, Perthshire
165	Darnford Ross	6,000	Glenkiln Farms	Bettyknowes, Dumfries
170	Drumsleed Ricardo	3,000	A & K Gowthorpe	Approach Farm, York
172	Cumbrian Rambo Poll	3,000	T Carter	Torkirra, Kirkcudbrightshire
173	Cumbrian Rolex Poll	3,000	Scottish Government Bull Stud	Inverness
176	Whitebog Robert	5,500	Scottish Government Bull Stud	Inverness
177	Cleuchhead Gentle 1599	2,500	Beoch Farmers	Beoch, Stranraer
178	Cleuchhead Hope 1608	2,000	J M Fisher Ltd	Meikle Larbrax, Stranraer
179	Cleuchhead Gentle 1630	2,200	J M Fisher Ltd	Meikle Larbrax, Stranraer
180	Cleuchhead Corolle 1646	2,200	Beoch Farmers	Beoch, Stranraer
181	Cleuchhead Magalie 1690	2,100	Beoch Farmers	Beoch, Stranraer

# CARRICK VIEW ROBIN CHAMPION AND SALE LEADER

## DUNGANNON – MARCH 2023

Area 4 club held their spring sale at Dungannon on Friday 24th March 2023. The judge for the day was Mr Eddie Donnelly, Ballycastle, Co Antrim.

Eddie farms on the North Antrim Coast near Ballycastle and started keeping Salers cattle in 2005 when he purchased 12 heifers and 6 second calvers. He now keeps 45 cows with 40 of them being put to the Charolais bull and the remaining 5 along with any heifers being put to the Salers bull for replacements.

Eddie selected the Salers breed as it ticked all the boxes required to have a profitable business model. He remarked that the Salers cows are prolific and have a calf every year. They calve easily to the Charolais and rarely need intervention or assistance.

Eddie found his overall champion in the class winner Carrick View Robin, an Oct-2021 born Orient son out of Carrick View Lady Gaga from G.A. & G.T. McCall. Carrick View Robin sold to Mr T Whiteside, Dunlade Road, Greysteel for the top price of 3,000gns. J. & E. A. Elliott were awarded the reserve overall championship with Drumlegagh Rogue, a Sept-2021 born Loyal son out of Drumlegagh Lexi. A Kaimburn Mr Cool son from C & A Kennedy, Mileview Ranger, born in May-2021 out of Mileview Maisie took the 3rd place prize.

### SHOW RESULTS

#### Overall Champion

Carrick View Robin, G.A. & G.T. McCall

#### Reserve Overall Champion

Drumlegagh Rogue, J. & E. A. Elliott



CARRICK VIEW ROBIN

### BULL SECTION – BULLS BORN ON OR BETWEEN 16 MAY 2021 – 27 OCTOBER 2021

#### 1st & Overall champion

Carrick View Robin, G.A. & G.T. McCall

#### 2nd & Reserve overall champion

J. & E. A. Elliott

#### 3rd – Mileview Ranger, C & A Kennedy

Lot	Animal Name	Price (gns)	Buyer	Address
20	Carrick View Robin	3,000	T Whiteside	Dunlade Road, Greysteel



# SCOTTISH BEEF EVENT – DALSWINTON ESTATE

The Salers Cattle Society of the UK hosted a stand at the Scottish Beef Event held at Dalswinton Estate, Dumfries, on 6 June 2023. Over 2,500 visitors attended Dalswinton which lies in the heart of the Nith Valley on fertile land by the banks of the river. The land lends itself favourably to beef production, and Dalwsinton run a total of 555 cows, where calves are sold at 11 months of age when bullocks average 407kg and heifers 378kg, giving an average daily liveweight gain of 1.1kg. Many of these bullocks are regularly finished by farming partners at 17 to 20 months of age at an average deadweight of 367kg.

The Key Themes presented on the day included:

- Impact of technical efficiency on the carbon footprint of the suckler herd
- Carbon mitigation in practise
- Efficient land use management and boosting biodiversity.
- Natural capital and carbon farming

In addition, thought leadership seminars were conducted throughout the day covering topics such as agricultural support and beyond and there were demonstrations covering crops and grassland as well as farm tours.

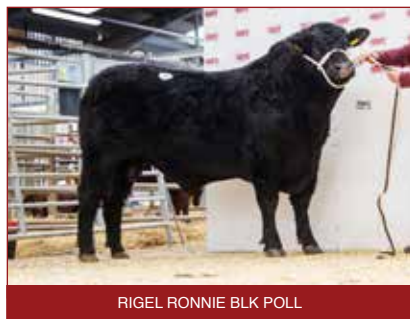
We were delighted to be part of this event, a day that demonstrated the excellence embedded throughout Scotland's beef industry, which we are proud to be part of. We are extremely grateful to Peter Landale, Dalswinton Estate owner and all the staff at Dalwsinton for opening up their estate to the public.



# SEAWELL ROCOCO REIGNS CHAMPION WHILE RIGEL'S RONNIE LEADS TRADE

## MELTON MOWBRAY MULTIBREED SALE – MARCH 2023

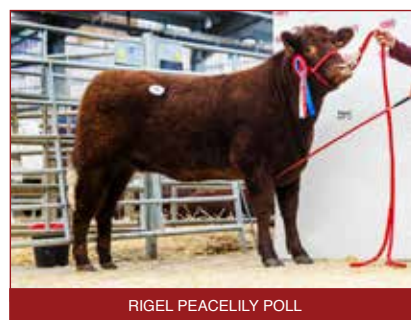
Northamptonshire breeders P M & S M Donger of Seawell, Towcester ruled the show ring at Melton Mowbray multibreed sale on Saturday 25th March 2023. Judge, Jenny Hurst, selected Seawell Rococo as her male champion before awarding him the overall championship title. Seawell Rococo was a Norbert sired bull out of Seawell Owena and was born in February 2021. The reserve male champion and reserve overall champion came from the same home and by the same sire, Seawell Rodrigo out of Seawell Ossett was born in Feb 2021. North Yorkshire breeder Terence Pye and his daughter Emma Denton of Rigel Pedigree, Yarm won the female championship award with an in-calf heifer, Rigel Peacelily Poll, an April-2021 born Lascaux daughter out of Rigel Pertwee Poll who was purchased for 1,900gns by M McDermott, Iver, Buckinghamshire. Rigel Pedigree also led the Salers trade with their only male exhibit, Rigel Ronnie Blk Poll, a homozygous polled Rigel Drambuie son out of a 15 year old productive cow, Rigel Pirrette Poll, by an outcross Canadian sire, he sold for 3,600gns to H T Squires & Son, Ashley, Market Harborough. Rigel Vignette Poll, an unaltered pedigree female, also by Lascaux and in-calf to Rigel Pudsey Poll led the female trade at 2,000gns to pedigree breeders T J & L S Roberts, Onley Salers, Whitbourne, Worcestershire. The best exhibit in the unaltered pedigree section, went to Rigel Oh My Poll an April-2021 daughter of Lascaux who sold for 1,900gns again to M McDermott, Iver Buckinghamshire who also added Rigel Verbena, another Lascaux daughter, to his herd for 1,700gns.



RIGEL RONNIE BLK POLL



SEAWELL ROCOCO



RIGEL PEACELILY POLL

The commercial section was won by Malcolm Light of Ashbury Salers, Okehampton, who sold out and topped his trade of 22/23 month old in-calf heifers, PD'd in-calf to Parkfield Regent at 1,800gns, all went home to C H & M Hancock and Sons, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

Overall, the Salers sold to a top price of 3,600gns with a male average of £3780, an overall average of £1872.50 and a 100% clearance in the female section.

### SHOW RESULTS

#### Overall Champion

Seawell Rococo – P M & S M Donger

#### Reserve Overall Champion

Seawell Rodrigo – P M & S M Donger

### FEMALE CLASS

#### 1st & Female champion

Rigel Peacelily Poll, Rigel Pedigree

### FIRST BULL CLASS

#### 1st, Male champion & overall champion

- Seawell Rococo, P M & S M Donger  
**2nd** – Approach Farm Rum, A & K Gowthorpe  
**3rd** – Green's Park Raleigh, C B Farms  
**4th** – Green's Park Radcliffe, C B Farms

### SECOND BULL CLASS

#### 1st, Reserve male champion & reserve overall champion

- Seawell Rodrigo, P M & S M Donger  
**2nd** - Gentons Reebok, Gentons Pedigree Livestock, Bertie Facon  
**3rd** – Gentons Rivaldo, Gentons Pedigree Livestock, Bertie Facon  
**4th** – Rigel Ronnie Blk Poll, Rigel Pedigree

Lot	Animal Name	Price(gns)	Buyer	Address
1	Ashbury Emma 38th	1800	C H & M Hancock & Sons	Chesterfield, Derbyshire
2	Ashbury Venetia 10th Polled	1800	C H & M Hancock & Sons	Chesterfield, Derbyshire
3	Ashbury Betty 20th Polled C	1500	C H & M Hancock & Sons	Chesterfield, Derbyshire
4	Ashbury Poppy 6th C	1600	C H & M Hancock & Sons	Chesterfield, Derbyshire
5	Ashbury Ivy 7th Polled	1400	C H & M Hancock & Sons	Chesterfield, Derbyshire
6	Rigel Vignette Poll	2000	T J & L S Roberts	Onley, Whitbourne, Worcestershire
7	Rigel Oh My Poll	1900	M McDermott	Iver, Buckinghamshire
8	Rigel Verbena	1700	M McDermott	Iver, Buckinghamshire
9	Kington Honor	1100	Sutton	Melton Mowbray
10	Kington Naomi	1100	Sutton	Melton Mowbray
11	Rigel Peacelily Poll	1900	M McDermott	Iver, Buckinghamshire
17	Rigel Ronnie Blk Poll	3600	H T Squires & Son	Ashley, Market Harborough

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# REDNOCK RUM FAVOURITE TIPPLE AT STIRLING BULL SALES

Rum was Andrew Sleight's favourite tipple at the May-2023 Stirling Bull Sales in the form of Rednock Rum Poll from Rednock Estate who was awarded the overall championship title. Andrew who farms around 620 acres in Ellon – is a firm supporter of Salers cattle, running around 150 pure Salers and Salers cross Charolais cows at Newseat of Tolquhon, based at Tarves. His champion was a homozygous polled son of Cumbrian Royal, out of Gill and Malcolm Pye's Rednock Calypso, born in March-2021 and sold to 5,800gns to Liam Muir, Orkney for the second highest price of the day. Rednock Estate also topped the Salers trade at 6,000gns with a full brother to the 2022 Royal Highland Show junior female champion, Rednock Ralph a Drumaglea Kes son out of Rednock Diaz, who stood second in his class earlier in the day and was purchased by Glenkiln Farms for their mixed livestock unit consisting of circa 800 suckler cows in Dumfries. The reserve overall champion was Alister MacKenzie's, Whitebog Russell, a Whitebog Lascar son out of Whitebog Ginny born in July-2021 who sold to pedigree breeder D. Murray Lyle for his Strathallan herd based in Dunblane, Perthshire for 4,000gns. D. Thow, Balquidder, Perthshire purchased Rigel Pedigree's outcross French bred bull Rigel Pudsey Poll, a September-2020 born Marceau P son out of Orgie P for 3,500gns.

6 Salers bulls sold to a top price of 6,000gns with an average of £4428.

## SHOW RESULTS

### Overall Champion

Rednock Rum Poll, Rednock Estate

### Reserve Overall Champion

Whitebog Russell, Mr A MacKenzie

### Senior bull section- bulls born on or between 16 September 2020 and 16 April 2021

1st – Rednock Rum Poll, Rednock Estate

2nd – Rigel Rockstar, Rigel Pedigree

3rd – Darnford Rocky, David Watson

4th – Corrichie Rudi, John C McIntyre & Son

5th – Rigel Pudsey Poll, Rigel Pedigree

### Intermediate bull section – bulls born after 17 April 2021

1st – Whitebog Russell, Alister MacKenzie

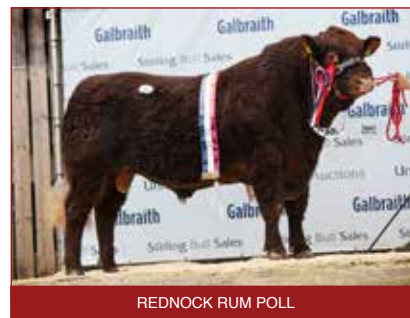
2nd – Rednock Ralph, Rednock Estate

3rd – Darnford Roger, David Watson

4th – Strathallan Rennie, D. Murray Lyle

5th – Whitebog Rasputin, Alister MacKenzie

6th – Strathallan Robbie, D. Murray Lyle



REDNOCK RUM POLL



REDNOCK RALPH



WHITEBOG RUSSELL



Lot	Animal	Gns	Buyer	Address
567	Rigel Pudsey Poll	3,500	D Thow	Balquidder, Perthshire
568	Rednock Rum Poll	5,800	L Muir	Stromness, Orkney
574	Rigel Rockstar	3,000	D Howat	Girvan, Ayrshire
575	Darnford Roger	3,000	A Brown & Co	Midmar, Aberdeenshire
578	Rednock Ralph	6,000	Glenkiln Farms	Crocketford, Dumfries
579	Whitebog Russell	4,000	D. Murray Lyle	Dunblane, Perthshire

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# A ROSIE SALE FOR PREENBANK AT WELSHPOOL

## WELSHPOOL SPRING SALE

Preenbank pedigree led the female trade and joined Seawell Salers to lead the pedigree bull prices. There was an overall sale clearance of 85% where seven bulls sold to a top of 4,000gns and an average of £3720. 29, pedigree females sold to a top of 2,600gns and an average of £1842.93 and one commercial heifer sold for £1400.

The pre-sale show, sponsored by Tithebarn Ltd and Caleb Roberts Insurance Services Ltd, was judged by Mr Eurig James, Cardi-Gan Salers, Lledrod, Ceredigion. Eurig tapped out C B Farms, Green's Park Radcliffe a Seawell Lionheart son out of Seawell Effie as his senior champion and overall champion. Standing reserve senior champion and reserve overall champion was Angus and Kerry Gowthorpe's Approach Farm Reese, a Seawell Lithium sired son out of homebred Approach Farm Nutella born in March-2021. He sold for 3,800gns to pedigree breeders T T Jones & Son, Glyn Farm, Llanidloes, Powys. The Gowthorpe's also sold second place prize winner Approach Farm Rum, another Seawell Lithium son out of Approach Farm Hooch to pedigree breeders P A Huxtable, Barnstable, Devon for 3,000gns. The junior championship title was awarded to J F Robinson & Sons' February-2022 born Preenbank Oggy-Oggy son, Preenbank Stallion out of Preenbank Lady Zena, who was purchased by D W Evans, Llanbedr, Gwynedd for 3,000gns. Standing reserve junior champion was his stablemate and half brother Preenbank Stephano, out of Preenbank Iona who had bred the Welshpool May-2022 7,000gns champion. Pedigree breeders T H & M E Jones, Welshpool Powys spotted 3rd prize Preenbank Orsino son, Preenbank Rodrigo for their Plascoch herd of pedigree salers and paid 4,000gns for the February-2021 born bull while H E Bartley, Spon Green Farm, Buckley secured, 2nd prize, Preenbank Rhino, a Preenbank Oggy-Oggy son out of Preenbank Ismina for the same money. P M & S M Donger also realised 4,000gns for Seawell Rodrigo, sired by imported Norbert, out of Seawell Ossett he went to the home of J E Morris, Oswestry, Shropshire. T J & L S Roberts sold Onley Royal Poll, by Cumbrian Royal, out of the RWAS 2017 reserve female champion Onley Lala for 3,000gns to the Rogers family from Haverfordwest for their Cleddau and Tanybryn pedigree herds of Salers.

J F Robinson & Sons, Preenbank Pedigree, was also awarded the best pen of Salers and best pen of commercial Salers.

*Seven Salers bulls sold to a top price of 4,000gns and an average of £3720.*

There was only one commercial female forward from J F Robinson & Sons, which was purchased by pedigree breeders C Lloyd, Newtown, Powys for £1400.

*One commercial female sold to a top price of £1400 and an average of £1400.*

Leading the pedigree female trade was February-2021 born Preenbank Rosie and her bull calf at foot who was purchased for 2,600gns by pedigree breeder P J Abel, Cwmbelan, Llanidloes, Powys. She joined the Belan herd alongside two other Preenbank females, Preenbank Sherry at 1,750gns and Preenbank Selma at 1,700gns, they were both Preenbank Oggy-Oggy sired daughters. Six consignments forward from Simon Hill, Luchabolsh Salers, Tyringham, Bucks. Caught the eye of Mr Abel, Luchabolsh Honduras, a Seawell Magic daughter out of the Livingston's bred Oaklands Karmel was secured at 1,900gns and two Seawell Magic daughters, Luchabolsh Hungary and Luchabolsh Honey alongside two Seawell Miracle daughters, Luchabolsh Hollyhook and Luchabolsh Hipster were purchased for 1,750gns a piece. Mr Abel also added Luchabolsh Hudson to his herd at 1,500gns.

Alun Thomas, Tyn Hendre, Bangor, on behalf of his grandson Osian, paid 2,400gns, the second highest female price of the day, for Preenbank Samantha a Cleuchhead Pedro daughter out of Preenbank Pamela. Lora-Jên Pritchard, Llangybi, Gwynedd also selected a Cleuchhead Pedro daughter for her Nebo herd of pedigree Salers. She purchased Preenbank Stella out of Preenbank Paloma, born in March-2022 for 2,100gns. Mike Evans, Ebnal Salers, Oswestry, Shropshire purchased two females at 1,950gns, Preenbank Scilla and Preenbank Sonya both sired by Cleuchhead Pedro and he also took home a Seawell Kincaid daughter Luchabolsh Genevieve born in March-2021 for 1,450gns. J B Morris, Presteigne, Powys added Luchabolsh Genoa for 2,000gns and Luchabolsh Glendale at 1,700gns to his Litton herd of pedigree Salers, while G Griffiths, Cenmaes Bay, Anglesey selected, Luchabolsh Guatemala, a Seawell Magic daughter for 2,200gns, Luchabolsh Hermioni a Seawell Miracle sired daughter at 1,550gns and paid 1,200gns for Luchabolsh Houdini for her Parys herd of pedigree Salers. E J W & M E Griffiths, Ithon pedigree Salers purchased three of Simon Hill's lots starting with Luchabolsh Hill at 1,800gns, Luchabolsh Hawaii at 1,200gns and finally the Seawell Miracle sired Luchabolsh Haiti at 1,350gns. Chris Lloyd, Coed-Y-Dinas Salers bought Luchabolsh Hibiscus out of Oaklands Jeanette for 1,950gns and commercial farmers D L Williams & Son, Tonyrefail, Mid Glamorgan paid 1,200gns for Luchabolsh Hysterical and Luchabolsh Hilary, 1,550gns and 1,750gns respectively for Luchabolsh Holly and Luchabolsh Heather and parted with 1,650gns for Luchabolsh Halo and 1,900gns for the Seawell Magic sired Luchabolsh Hic cup out of Luchabolsh Endeavour born in April-2022.

*29 pedigree females sold to a top price of 2,600gns and an average of £1842.93*



OVERALL CHAMPION- GREENS PARK RADCLIFFE



RESERVE CHAMPION - APPROACH FARM REESE



PREENBANK RHINO



SEAWELL RODRIGO



PREENBANK RODRIGO



## SHOW RESULTS

### Senior bull class born on or before 28 February 2021

- 1st Greens Park Radcliffe, C B Farms  
2nd Approach Farm Rum, A & K Gowthorpe  
3rd Preenbank Rodrigo, J F Robinson & Sons  
4th Onley Royal Poll, T J & L S Roberts  
5th Seawell Rodrigo, P M & S M Donger

### Senior bull class born between 1 March 2021 & 30 April 2021

- 1st Approach Farm Reese, A & K Gowthorpe  
2nd Preenbank Rhino, J F Robinson & Sons  
3rd Rigel Robocop Poll, Rigel Pedigree  
4th Seawell Roulette, P M & S M Donger  
5th Seawell Riverdance, P M & S M Donger

### Senior champion

Greens Park Radcliffe, C B Farms

### Reserve senior champion

Approach Farm Reese, A & K Gowthorpe

### Junior bull class born in 2022

- 1st & Junior champion – Preenbank  
Stallion, J F Robinson & Sons  
2nd & Reserve junior champion – Preenbank  
Stephano, J F Robinson & Sons

### Overall champion

Greens Park Radcliffe, C B Farms

### Reserve overall champion

Approach Farm Reese, A & K Gowthorpe

### Best pen of Salers

Pens 101– J F Robinson & Sons

### Best pen of production Salers

Pens 105 – J F Robinson & Sons

## COMMERCIAL FEMALES

Lot	Animal	Price	Buyer	Address
101	Bulling heifer	£1,400	C Lloyd	Newtown Powys

## PEDIGREE FEMALES

Lot	Name	Price (gns)	Price (£)	Buyer	Address
102	Preenbank Sherry	1750	1837.5	P J Abel	Llanidloes, Powys
103	Preenbank Selma	1700	1785	P J Abel	Llanidloes, Powys
104	Preenbank Stella	2100	2205	L J Pritchard	Pwllheli, Gwynedd
105	Preenbank Samantha	2400	2520	A & A Thomas	Tal-y-bont, Bangor
106	Preenbank Sonya	1950	2047.5	M Evans	Oswestry, Shropshire
107	Preenbank Scilla	1950	2047.5	M Evans	Oswestry, Shropshire
108	Preenbank Rosie	2600	2730	P J Abel	Llanidloes, Powys
110	Luchabolsh Guatemala	2200	2310	G Griffiths	Cenmaes Bay, Anglesey
111	Luchabolsh Genoa	2000	2100	J B Morris	Presteigne, Powys
112	Luchabolsh Genevive	1450	1522.5	M Evans	Oswestry, Shropshire
113	Luchabolsh Glendale	1700	1785	J B Morris	Presteigne, Powys
114	Luchabolsh Hill	1800	1890	E J W Griffiths	Llandrindod Wells, Powys
115	Luchabolsh Hawaii	1200	1260	E J W Griffiths	Llandrindod Wells, Powys
116	Luchabolsh Hungary	1750	1837.5	P J Abel	Llanidloes, Powys
117	Luchabolsh Haiti	1350	1417.5	E J W Griffiths	Llandrindod Wells, Powys
118	Luchabolsh Honduras	1900	1995	P J Abel	Llanidloes, Powys
119	Luchabolsh Honey	1750	1837.5	P J Abel	Llanidloes, Powys
120	Luchabolsh Hysterical	1450	1522.5	D L Williams & Son	Tonyrefail, Mid Glamorgan
121	Luchabolsh Hilary	1350	1417.5	D L Williams & Son	Tonyrefail, Mid Glamorgan
122	Luchabolsh Hudson	1500	1575	P J Abel	Llanidloes, Powys
123	Luchabolsh Hibiscus	1950	2047.5	C Lloyd	Newtown, Powys
124	Luchabolsh Holly	1550	1627.5	D L Williams & Son	Tonyrefail, Mid Glamorgan
125	Luchabolsh Heather	1750	1837.5	D L Williams & Son	Tonyrefail, Mid Glamorgan
126	Luchabolsh Hollyhock	1750	1837.5	P J Abel	Llanidloes, Powys
128	Luchabolsh Halo	1650	1732.5	D L Williams & Son	Tonyrefail, Mid Glamorgan
129	Luchabolsh Hermioni	1550	1627.5	G Griffiths	Cenmaes Bay, Anglesey
131	Luchabolsh Houdini	1200	1260	G Griffiths	Cenmaes Bay, Anglesey
132	Luchabolsh Hipster	1750	1837.5	P J Abel	Llanidloes, Powys
133	Luchabolsh Hic cup	1900	1995	D L Williams & Son	Tonyrefail, Mid Glamorgan

## PEDIGREE BULLS

Lot	Name	Price (gns)	Price (£)	Buyer	Address
137	Onley Royal Poll	3000	3150	A D Rogers	Haycastle, Haverfordwest
138	Preenbank Rodrigo	4000	4200	TH & M Jones	Welshpool, Powys
139	Approach Farm Rum	3000	3150	P A Huxtable	Barnstable, Devon
140	Seawell Rodrigo	4000	4200	J E Morris	Oswestry, Shropshire
141	Approach Farm Reese	3800	3990	T T Jones	Llanidloes, Powys
142	Preenbank Rhino	4000	4200	H E Bartley	Spon Green Farm, Buckley
149	Preenbank Stallion	3000	3150	D W Evans	Llanbedr, Gwynedd



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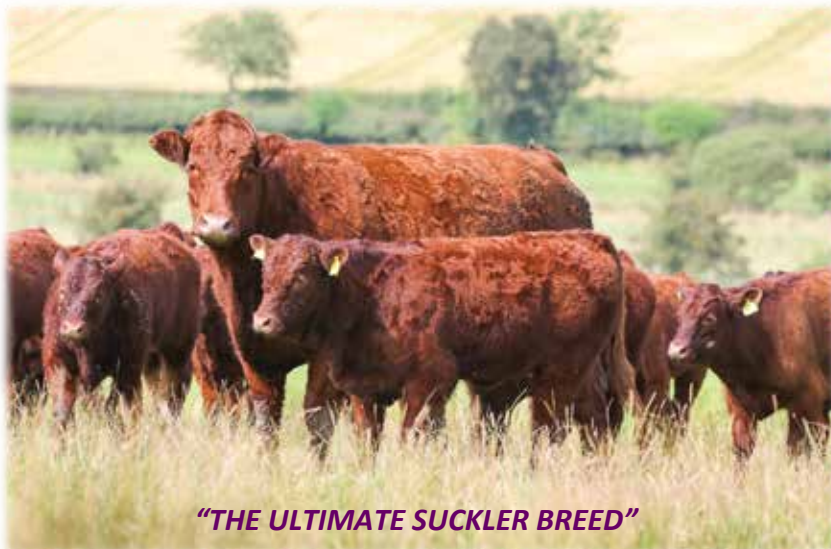
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# DRUMSLEED & REDNOCK SUCCEED AT JOINT TOP PRICE

## SALERS AT STIRLING BULL SALES – 23 OCTOBER 2023

This year's Stirling Bull Sales on Monday 23rd October 2023, two Salers bulls sold at joint top price of 4000gns, with a sale average of £4,200 which succeeded October -2022's sale with the average of £3,832.

First in the ring selling for 4000gns was our overall Champion Lot 204 Drumsleed Rowan Polled from G. & M. Smith, Rowan is a polled Whitebog Convener sired son born in September-2021 out of Rigel Dimont Blk Poll. He sold to Messrs Chambers from Newton Mearns, Glasgow.

Up next also selling for 4000gns was Gill & Malcolm Pye's Lot 207 Rednock Saint a April-2022 born bull sired by Baron and out of a home bred cow Rednock Coco. Rednock Saint sold to Messrs Johnstone, Kirkwhelpington, Northumberland.

The pre-sale show was judged on Sunday 22 October 2023 by Society President Mr Tom Walling who farms with his brother Ian at Over Whitelaw Farm Selkirk. They run a herd of about 80 pedigree Salers cows and followers on 500 acres, with an additional 200 acres rented grazing. They also have a small herd of around 20 Shorthorns and a flock of 900 Lleyn ewes. The farm lies between 700' and 1000' above sea level so the hardy, easy management Salers make this the obvious breed to produce a low-cost good calf for both the pedigree and commercial markets.

### SHOW RESULTS:

**1st & Overall Champion** - Lot 204 Drumsleed Rowan Polled - G.&M Smith

**2nd & Reserve Overall Champion** - Lot 206 Rednock Storm - Gill & Malcolm Pye

**3rd** - Lot 207 Rednock Saint - Gill & Malcolm Pye

**4th** - Lot 203 Rigel Robocop Poll - Rigel Pedigree

### SALE RESULTS:

**Overall Champion** - Lot 204 Drumsleed Rowan Polled - G.&M Smith – 4,000gns

Lot 207 Rednock Saint - Gill & Malcolm Pye – 4,000gns



OVERALL CHAMPION - DRUMSLEED ROWAN POLLED



2ND & RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION  
- REDNOCK STORM



3RD - REDNOCK SAINT



# TRADE FOR SALERS GOES OFF WITH A BANG AT SWATRAGH

Prize winning in-calf Salers heifer Lower Bolie Roxy topped the Salers market at 4,600gns whilst the Salers bull trade matched the Simmental bull trade with Ballykeel Shotgun selling for 4,500gns!

Area 4 Salers Cattle Club moved location to Swatragh for their Autumn Show and Sale and the man in charge of the judging proceedings was Mr. Geoff Wilson. Geoff farms under the Brookfields prefix close to his business wilsonsyard.com on the main A1 carriageway at Dromore Co. Down. He has a full-time job but enjoys farming part-time and admitted, "the Salers' really suit me because they are so easy calved and such great mother's".

The overall champion and female champion was Lower Bolie Roxy from Brian and Pearse O'Kane from Greysteel, Co. Derry. She had been shown successfully throughout 2023 winning championships and reserve championships at numerous shows as well as the best turned out at Balmoral Show, May 2023. This January-2021 Manor Lane Krypton daughter out of homebred dame Lower Bolie Nancy was sold in-calf to Spiddal Pat to new breeders and Society members William and Ruth McClenaghan for their Slievenaman herd based at Byrnsford, Newcastle.

The male and reserve overall champion Ballykeel Shotgun was also no stranger to the showing. He had taken 1st prize in the Four Breed Calf Show in Dungannon in November-2022 and was reserve junior male champion at Balmoral Show, May-2023. The first sone out of the imported stock bull Mathieu out of Indiana a senior animal of the year winner he was sold to the prestigious Seawell herd of pedigree Salers owned by P.M. & S.M. Donger based at Foxley, Towcester, GB.



CHAMPION - LOWER BOLIE ROXY



RESERVE CHAMPION - BALLYKEEL SHOTGUN

## SHOW RESULTS

### Bull Class

1st Ballykeel Shotgun – Mr S Connell, Ballykeel Salers  
2nd Mileview Shetland – C & A Kennedy, Mileview Salers

### Heifer Class

1st Lower Bolie Roxy – B & P O'Kane, Lower Bolie Salers

### Salers Club Autumn Female & Overall Champion

Lower Bolie Roxy

### Salers Club Autumn Male & Reserve Overall Champion

Ballykeel Shotgun

## SALE RESULTS

Lower Bolie Roxy – 4,600gns, W & R  
McClenaghan, Slievenaman Salers  
Ballykeel Shotgun – 4,500gns to P.M. &  
S.M. Donger, Seawell Salers

2 sold to a top of 4,600gns with a clearance of 67%  
and an average of £4777.50 (+£1995 on Oct 2022)



# JEDFOREST ROXY RULES AT CASTLE DOUGLAS

The 32nd annual premier show and sale of pedigree and commercial Salers was held at Walleys Marts, Castle Douglas on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th November 2023 and was kindly sponsored by the Farmers Guardian.

In charge of judging the strong pedigree line up was Mr Peter Donger, Seawell Salers. Seawell grounds extends to 1400 acres of which 800 is arable, 400 acres permanent grass and the balance is made up of maize, beans, short term lays and woodland and new for this year fodder beet! The Donger family have two pedigree herds, Charolais and Salers. Charolais were introduced during the 1980's and Salers in 2002. The Salers' are now the predominant breed with some 300 breeding females plus 150 pedigree Charolais females.

Any stock man or woman nearing the end of their career would be delighted to look back on achievements such as winning the young handlers interbreed class at the Royal Highland Show as a youngster, bringing out a Royal Highland breed champion and winning reserve junior female champion at the Royal Highland with a homebred heifer but at just sixteen years of age Lewis Ralston not only has those wins under his belt but put the icing on the cake at the premier show and sale at Castle Douglas this weekend by winning the senior female championship, female championship and overall championship as well as realising the joint top female price this year of 5,000gns with Jedforest Roxy, a Cuil Marvin daughter out of Seamore Nicole Kidman, PD'd in-calf to the imported French sire 'Tibet'. This March-2021 female who was the reserve junior female champion at the Royal Highland Show in 2022 sold to pedigree breeders Fiona & Colin Wight, Carwood, Lanarkshire for their Carwood herd.

Sharing the equal top female price was another exceptionally memorable lot Rednock Ukraine who was very kindly donated to the sale by Gill and Malcolm Pye, Rednock Estate. All commission on this lot was waived by the Society and the market and all proceeds for this very special prize-winning stylish heifer was donated to Forth Valley Welcome charity supporting refugees and children of Ukraine. Rednock Ukraine was junior female champion, overall junior champion and reserve overall champion at the Great Yorkshire Show 2023 and junior female champion and reserve overall female champion at the Royal Highland Show 2023. At the pre-sale premier show this year she lifted the junior female champion title, she was sired by Rigel Officer, out of Rednock Odessa and she sold to H Limond, Dromore, Kirkpatrick.



JEDFOREST ROXY 5000GNS



DRUMAGLEA STAN 4800GNS



BACARDI SUPERMAN 4500GNS



Rednock Estate were triumphant and led in the auction ring achieving the top price of the day 8,000gns for the intermediate champion, Rednock Salvador a March-2022 bull by Baron, out of Rednock Peru. Earlier in the year this bull won the junior male and overall male championship titles at the Royal Highland Show and sold to pedigree breeders Malcolm and Kyle Fleming, Magherafelt, Northern Ireland for their Killyboggin herd. The Flemings also purchased Salvador's stable mate, Rednock Tinky Poll for 2,500gns, she won the Tullyneddie Cup for the best polled animal in the show and was sired by Drumglea Kes and born in June-2022.

Reserve junior female champion Rigel Paradise from Jane and Terence Pye was a Lascaux daughter out of Rigel Parisienne Blk Poll. She went to her new home in Wales with E J W Griffiths, Church Farm, Powys for 1,800gns.

Flying to the top in the pedigree bull classes was Bacardi Superman from father and son duo, Roy and Adam Crockett, Bacardi Salers. This April-2022 born Seamore Nitro son is out of Bacardi Matilda who this year won interbreed titles at Northumberland County and Border Union show and reserve interbreed titles at Stirling and Berwickshire County as well as the breed championship at the Great Yorkshire Show. He returns to the Scottish Borders to the home of Society members James Morton & Son, Kaeside, Melrose for 4,500gns.

The senior male champion and reserve male champion was the Lower Hall Spartan son out of Drumglea Molly, February-2021 born Traboyack Rooney from Johnny Wright & family, Girvan. He had been placed first in his class and formed part of the winning group of three at the Royal Highland Show 2023. Standing as reserve senior champion was Judith & Patrick Boyd's Drumglea R-Tic, a September-2021 Baron son out of Drumglea Alice who has produced bulls to 12,000gns, 9,000gns and 6,500gns respectively. He sold to I & J Adams, Half Mark, Leswalt, Stranraer for 4,800gns.

The reserve intermediate champion travelled from Church Preen in Shropshire, home of Fred and Bryn Robinson. Preenbank Samson by Preenbank Oggy-Oggy out of Preenbank Ismina who produced the 8,500gns Welshpool 2021 sale topper Preenbank Orsino. Samson was born in February-2022 and sold to local breeders N & D Austin, Rusko Farms, Gatehouse of Fleet for 4,500gns.

R A & J Blyth's reserve intermediate champion Marwood Spartan also sold for the same money 4,500gns again to the Austin family, this time for their Girthon prefix at Boreland at Girthon, Gatehouse of Fleet. Spartan is a April-2022 Murphy sired son out of Marwood Jellybaby who has bred sons to 9,500gns.

Other leading bull prices came for 3rd prize junior bull Drumglea Stan a Halley sired son out of Drumglea Corinne who sold to the McConchie Partnership, Mossyard Farm, Gatehouse of Fleet for 4,800gns. P J Maginn's 3rd prize senior bull who was male champion at Balmoral Show, May-2023 and overall champion at Saintfield in June-2023, was snapped up by K C Heard & Son, Okehampton, Devon for their Yes Tor herd at 4,800gns. The Livesey Farming partnership secured 4,500gns for a half-brother to last year's reserve champion who sold for 7,000gns. This Noble sired son Cleuchhead Saracen an April-2022 born bull out of Cleuchhead Gentle 33rd was purchased by G Ritchie & Sons, Montallt Farm, Dunning, Perth.

Topping the two production drafts was Judith and Patrick Boyd from the Isle of Tiree who commanded a top price of 4,600gns for a Baron daughter Drumglea Riff born in August-2021. She went to the pedigree herd Lisnamaul owned by P J Maginn and sons. The newly appointed Society President Andrew Sleigh, Newseat of Tolquhon, Tarves purchased the second highest price production female Drumglea Rula an Icare daughter out of Drumglea Arabella who sired the 12,000gns Drumglea Kes. He paid 3,600gns for this female who was sold in-calf to Baron and went on to pay 2,400gns for Drumglea Sybil again in-calf to Baron, this time sired by Halley. A & F Baillie, Glasnick, Kirkcowan paid 2,900gns for October-2021 Drumglea Robust who was in-calf to Hibou and 2,700gns for April-2022 born Hibou daughter Drumglea Sharon who was in-calf to the reserve senior bull champion Drumglea R-Tic. Logan Howat, Darroch Salers, Coylton purchased an April-2022 born Icare daughter, Drumglea Sacha in calf this time to Lorenzo.

Topping Rigel Pedigree's trade was their trade was Lot 7 & 8 who sold to new Society members EWG (Scotland) Ltd, Hearthstanes Estate, Biggar. In-calf to Rigel Powerhouse Poll, Rigel Dazzle Poll was a Lascaux sired daughter out of Rigel Diamond Poll born in March-2022 and Rigel Camilla Poll was out of Cleuchhead Mhairi by Rigel Orlando Poll born in April-2022 and in-calf to the same sire.

Ian Stark, South Ballo, Ayrshire purchased four Rigel lots, the first two Lascaux daughters at 2,300gns a piece were Rigel Tilly out of Rigel Tabitha Poll born in March-2022 and Rigel Dienne Poll out of Rigel Dieppe Poll, both in-calf to Rigel Powerhouse Poll. Rigel Gracie Poll by Rigel Odell Poll born in April-2022 and Rigel Selena Poll by Rigel Orlando Poll had been running with Rigel Rex Poll and were purchased at 1,900gns each.

*There was 100% clearance in the pedigree female section.  
2 pedigree bulling heifers realised 5,000gns and an average of £3937.50, (+£1745.62 on 2022)  
19 in calf heifers achieved a top price of 5,000gns and an average of £2829.47, (-£205.98 on 2022)  
The clearance rate of pedigree bulls matched 2022 at 79%  
15 pedigree bulls sold and a top price of 8,000gns to an average of £4,732 (-£453.33 on 2022)*



LISNAMAUL RIO 4800GNS



REDNOCK SALVADOR 8000GNS



REDNOCK UKRAINE 5000GNS

Leading the overall commercial trade was A R Lee, Lumbylaw at £2600 for three heifers in-calf to Bacardi P-Diddy the top priced bull at Castle Douglas in 2021, they were snapped up by G Jones, Creigiall Farm, Nebo, Conwy. T Smith & Sons, Netherton, Whitehouse purchased the remaining Lumbylaw twelve in-calf heifers which were sold in lots of three at £2450, £2400, £2250, and £1900 each. Rusko Farms peaked with four in-calf heifers to I Stark, South Ballo, Abernyte for £2350 apiece and a further three in-calf heifers to J & A Dunlop, Maybole Ayrshire for £2100 apiece. Messrs Austin, Boreland of Girthon matched the Rusko trade with £2350 for four heifers to J & A Dunlop Maybole and I Stark, South Ballo added a further three in-calf heifers to his purchases on the day from the Austin family for £2300 each. John Martin, Swinlees topped at £2200 for three in-calf lots to D Steele & Sons East Whitesykes Farm, West Calder.

Leading the bulling heifers trade was Angus and Kerry Gowthorpe from Approach Farm Salers, Escrick, York who sold three bulling heifers at £2,000 each to pedigree breeders A & J Wright, Traboyack Farm, Girvan, Ayrshire. Closely following was the Livesey family, Nether Firth, Melrose who sold six bulling heifers at £1,950 each to R & M Dunlop,

Pinvalley Farm, Barr and the Livesey's reserve champion pen of six commercial females sold for £1850 each to Malcolm & Kyle Fleming, Magherafelt, Northern Ireland. A M Brown, Drumhumphry sold six at £1,600 and a further three at £1,400.

Topping the heifer stirk section was the McClymont family from Cuil, Palnure who realised £1,600 each for four heifer stirks to R Andrew, Ty Cerrig, Meifod. The McClymont's also won the Willie Davidson trophy for the best pen of commercial Salers and sold this pen of six to J & J Lawrie, Wester Clunie, Newburgh, Fife for £1,500 apiece. Messrs Austin peaked at £1,050 for four to D Robert, Newlands, Rufford and A M Brown, Drumhumphry sold three at £1,000 a piece to S Ilingworth, Howgillside, Lockerbie.

*236 commercial females were forward and sold with a clearance rate of 99%*

*114 Bulling heifers sold to a top of £2,000 and an average of £1,321.49 (+£34.26 on 2022)*

*73 heifer stirks sold to a top of £1,600 and an average of £1,160.96 (+£162.98 on 2022)*

*49 In-calf heifers sold to a top of £2,600 and an average of £2,189.80 (+£416.41 on 2022)*

## SHOW RESULTS

### Class 1 – Senior Females

1st & Senior Female Champion – Jedforest Roxy, Lewis Ralston  
 2nd & Junior Female Champion (Maxwell Cup) – Rednock Ukraine, G & M Pye  
 3rd & Reserve Junior Female Champion – Rigel Paradise – Rigel Pedigree  
 4th – Rednock Tinky Poll, G & M Pye

### Female Champion

Jedforest Roxy

### Reserve Female Champion

Rednock Ukraine

### Class 2 – Senior Bulls

1st & Senior Male Champion – Traboyack Rooney, J Wright  
 2nd & Reserve Senior Male Champion – Drumaglea R-Tic, J & P Boyd  
 3rd – Lisnamaul Rio, P J Maginn & Sons  
 4th – Bacardi P Diddy, A R Lee

### Class 3 – Intermediate Bulls

1st – Preenbank Samson, F & B Robinson  
 2nd – Preenbank Sammy, F & B Robinson  
 3rd – Drumsleed Sultan, G & M Smith  
 4th – Cuil Stormy, C McClymont

### Class 4 – Intermediate Bulls

1st – Rednock Salvador, G & M Pye  
 2nd – Kaimburn Scouting for Girls, Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd  
 3rd – Cuil Sinbad, C McClymont  
 4th – Drumsleed Skipper, G & M Smith

### Intermediate Male Champion

Rednock Salvador

### Reserve Intermediate Male Champion

Preenbank Samson

### Class 5– Junior Bulls

1st – Marwood Spartan, R A & J Blyth  
 2nd - Cleuchhead Shotgun, Livesey Farming  
 3rd – Cleuchhead Sheerkhan, Livesey Farming  
 4th – Cleuchhead Saracen, Livesey Farming

### Class 6 – Junior Bulls

1st – Bacardi Superman, R & A Crockett  
 2nd - Rednock Saunders, G & M Pye  
 3rd – Drumaglea Stan, J & P Boyd  
 4th – Drumaglea Samson, J & P Boyd

### Junior Male Champion

Bacardi Superman

### Reserve Junior Male Champion

Marwood Spartan

### Male Champion

Bacardi Superman, Roy & Adam Crockett

### Reserve Male Champion

Traboyack Rooney, J Wright

### Overall Show Champion

Jedforest Roxy, L Ralston

### Reserve Overall Show Champion

Bacardi Superman, R & A Crockett

### Best Polled Animal

Rednock Tinky Poll, Rednock Estate





## PEDIGREE SALE RESULTS

Lot	Animal Name	Price (gns)	Price (£)	Buyer
1	Jedforest Roxy	5000	5250	F & C Wight, Carwood Lanarkshire
2	Rednock Ukraine	5000	5250	H Limond, Dromore, Kirkmichael
3	Rigel Paradise	1800	1890	E J W Griffiths, Crossgates, Powys
4	Rednock Tinky Poll	2500	2625	M & K Fleming, Magherafelt, Northern Ireland
5	Rigel Tilly	2300	2415	I Stark, South Ballo, Perth
6	Rigel Dienne Poll	2300	2415	I Stark, South Ballo, Perth
7	Rigel Dazzle Poll	2750	2887.5	EWG (Scotland) Ltd, Hearststances Estate, Biggar
8	Rigel Camilla Poll	2750	2887.5	EWG (Scotland) Ltd, Hearststances Estate, Biggar
9	Rigel Gracie Poll	1900	1995	I Stark, South Ballo, Perth
10	Rigel Selena Poll	1900	1995	I Stark, South Ballo, Perth
11	Rigel Dolly Poll	1900	1995	E J W Griffiths, Crossgates, Powys
12	Rigel Dearest Poll	1900	1995	E J W Griffiths, Crossgates, Powys
14	Drumaglea Rosie	2700	2835	I Stark, South Ballo, Perth
15	Drumaglea Riff	4600	4830	P J Maginn & Sons, Dwontpatrick, Northern Ireland
16	Drumaglea Robust	2900	3045	A & F Baillie, Low Glasnick, Wigtownshire
17	Drumaglea Ritz	2500	2625	I Stark, South Ballo, Perth
18	Drumaglea Rula	3600	3780	Jack Sleight & Sons, Newseat of Toquhon, Aberdeenshire
19	Drumaglea Sacha	2900	3045	L Howat, Coylton, Ayrshire
21	Drumaglea Sybil	2400	2520	Jack Sleight & Sons, Newseat of Toquhon, Aberdeenshire
22	Drumaglea Sharon	2700	2835	A & F Baillie, Low Glasnick, Wigtownshire
23	Drumaglea Siona	2400	2520	M Smith, Kells, Northern Ireland
24	Bacardi Pdidy	3300	3465	A & F Baillie, Low Glasnick, Wigtownshire
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33	Preenbank Samson	4500	4725	Rusko Farms, Gatehouse of Fleet
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42	Cleuchhead Sheerkhan	4000	4200	I & L Buchanan, Lendalfoot, Ayrshire
44	Marwood Spartan	4500	4725	Messrs Austin, Boreland of Girthon, Gatehouse of Fleet
45	Bacardi Superman	4500	4725	J Morton & Son, Kaeside, Melrose
47	Drumaglea Samson	4200	4410	A J Fettes, Essil Farm, Garmouth
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# GENTONS SWEEP THE BOARD AT WELSHPOOL

## WELSHPOOL AUTUMN SHOW & SALE - THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2023

The autumn show and sale of pedigree and commercial Salers, sponsored by Tithebarn Ltd and Caleb Roberts Insurance Services, took place at Welshpool on Thursday 9th November 2023.

The pre-sale judge was Mr Arfon Hughes, who first purchased two Salers heifers in November 1990 after being introduced to the breed by his good friend Mr Donald Gilder. In 1991 Arfon and his wife Siân visited Ann Owen of Banc Salers and bought a further two in-calf cows. These four females were the foundation of their herd. Arfon and Siân bought cattle in France as well as from breeders in the UK and went on to breed their own replacements being the first breeders of Salers in North Wales.

Arfon found his overall champion in Gentons Salvador from Mr Bertie Facon, Banbury. He was brought out on the day by Ben Bellew and his assistant Jake Pamplin and boasted impressive milk figures. Salvador was a January-2022 born son out of imported Ondee and by Murphy who stood champion at the National show in France in 2019.

Standing reserve overall champion was March-2022 born Seawell Signature from P.M. & S.M. Donger, Seawell Salers, Towcester. This Seawell pacific son, out of homebred Seawell Ripple possessed short gestation figures whilst featuring strong growth rates.

In third place, commanding the top price in the sale ring at 3,000gns was another lot from Mr Bertie Facon, this time Gentons Shere Khan born in February-2022, again by Murphy but out of imported cow Opale which sold to pedigree breeders, A D & P M Rogers, Coland Rise, Haverfordwest. Seawell Selector was placed fourth, a March-2022 Omarsy son out of Seawell Kama and fifth prize was awarded to Angus and Kerry Gowthorpe's Approach Farm Simba, a Seawell Lithium sired son out of Approach Farm Gemma.

Buyers were cautious but commercial Salers remained sought after with six commercial females selling to an average of £1563 and a top price of £2450 for an in-calf heifer from Mr Bertie Facon, Gentons Pedigree Livestock, which sold to pedigree breeder Andrew Powell, Knighton, Powys. This heifer beat last year's commercial sale leader by £550 and heads home alongside the top price commercial female from Angus and Kerry Gowthorpe at £1400. Bertie Facon won the Best Pen of Commercial Salers sponsored by Caleb-Roberts and Angus and Kerry Gowthorpe took the reserve spot. The second in-calf female heifer from Gentons made £1900 to D Andrew, Meifod, Powys and the final Gentons commercial lot sold for £1400 to W J Barnett & Son, Knighton Powys. A further two lots were forward from Angus & Kerry Gowthorpe, one sold to I W Roberts, Dolwyddelan, Conwy for £1180 and the next at £1050 to D Williams, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire.

The Best Pen and Reserve Best Pen of Production females was also awarded to Bertie Facon, Gentons Pedigree Livestock. Pedigree Production females peaked at 1,900gns twice for Gentons Sienna and Gentons Stella both Murphy sired daughters who had been running with homozygous polled bull Gentons Sargent and were bought together by pedigree breeders R Evans & Son, Ebnal Lodge, Shropshire. New to the breed, G F E Beazley, Craven Arms, Shropshire purchased two Gentons lots, the first at 1,800gns was Gentons Saige, an in-calf Murphy sired daughter out of Pipette and the second at 1,750 gns for in-calf Gentons Saskia out of Gentons Oracle.



The seawell production draft reached 1,500 guineas for Inka sired, May-2021 born Seawell Saphir, she was bought by pedigree breeder Gwawr Griffiths for her Parys herd, based in Anglesey. Gwawr also purchased a second Seawell heifer, Seawell Teasel at 1,220gns. I W Roberts took home two Seawell heifers for 1,400gns and 1,380gns respectively, Seawell Tamalika born in March-2022 out of Seawell Kavita was sired by Omarsy, and Seawell Tourmaline a Seawell Leonardo daughter out of Seawell Noreen.

### Male Class

- 1st & Male Champion – Gentons Salvador, Gentons Pedigree Livestock
- 2nd & Reserve Male Champion – Seawell Signature, Seawell Salers
- 3rd – Gentons Shere Khan, Gentons Pedigree Livestock
- 4th – Seawell Selector, Seawell Salers
- 5th – Approach Farm Simba, A & K Gowthorpe

### Overall Champion

- Gentons Salvador, Gentons Pedigree Livestock
- Reserve Overall Champion
- Seawell Signature, Seawell Salers

### Champion Pen of Commercial Salers

- Gentons Pedigree Livestock

### Reserve Champion Pen of Commercial Salers

- Angus and Kerry Gowthorpe

### Champion Pen of Production Salers

- Gentons Pedigree Livestock

### Reserve Champion Pen of Production Salers

- Gentons Pedigree Livestock

### Commercial Female Section

Lot	201	In-Calf Heifer	2450	A Powell Knighton, Powys
Lot	202	In-Calf Heifer	1900	D Andrew Meifod, Powys
Lot	203	In-Calf Heifer	1400	W Barnett & Son Knighton, Powys
Lot	204	Bulling heifers	1050	D A Williams Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire
Lot	205	Bulling heifers	1400	A Powell Knighton, Powys
Lot	206	Bulling heifers	1180	I W Roberts Dolwyddelan, Conwy

### Pedigree Female Section

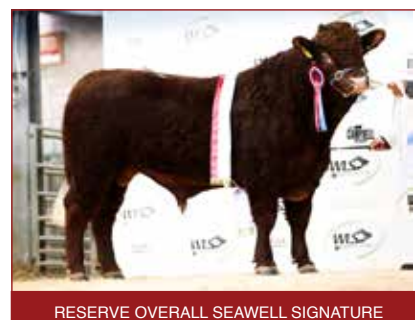
Lot	208	Seawell Saphir	1500	G Griffiths Cenmaes Bay, Anglesey
Lot	211	Seawell Tamalika	1400	I W Roberts Dolwyddelan, Conwy
Lot	215	Seawell Tourmaline	1380	I W Roberts Dolwyddelan, Conwy
Lot	218	Seawell Teasel	1220	G Griffiths Cenmaes Bay, Anglesey
Lot	221	Gentons Saskia	1750	G F E Beazley Craven Arms, Shropshire
Lot	222	Gentons Sienna	1900	R Evans & Son Ebnal Lodge, Oswestry
Lot	223	Gentons Stella	1900	R Evans & Son Ebnal Lodge, Oswestry
Lot	224	Gentons Saige	1800	G F E Beazley Craven Arms, Shropshire

### Pedigree Bull Section

Lot	227	Gentons Shere Khan	3000	A D & P Rogers	Coland Rise, Haverfordwest
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# HARBRO UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL OF YOUR HERD WITH EPIGENETICS

*By Jill Hunter, Beef & Sheep Nutritionist*

At the end of World War 2, Germany sought revenge on the Dutch who had not helped their war effort, by blockading Holland. This meant food and fuel supplies were limited, resulting in restricted food intake, with calorie intakes dropping as low as 500 per day and poor living conditions across the country. By the following spring, allied forces regained control and with it, diets and living conditions were very quickly back to 'normal'. However, the consequences of the famine would live on.

The consequences were longest lived for babies which were conceived during the famine. The Dutch kept meticulous records, meaning babies were followed for the rest of their lives. In a family where the first sibling was conceived before and another conceived during the famine, but were then raised the same, the second sibling was generally more susceptible to ill health; obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease and schizophrenia. Whereas parents and other siblings went on to have reasonably 'normal' lives.

This shows nutrition and stress at point of conception has an influence throughout the offspring's entire life. This is the concept of 'Epigenetics' in practise.

The same is true when we consider bulling and by getting our management and nutrition right just before and throughout bulling, we can influence which performance genes are switched on and how this goes on to enhance overall lifetime performance of the subsequent calves.

According to the most up to date AHDB figures, 18% of suckler cows in the UK are not producing a calf each year.

Sometimes reality is difficult to face, however if we want to improve as an industry, we need to know the start point. We're being constantly reminded to 'increase efficiency' and 'reduce carbon footprint' to 'be more sustainable'. There can be confusion and jargon around sustainability, but surely the best thing we can do to improve the sustainability AND ultimately the profitability of our herds is to carry less passengers. More cows in calf, having a calf every year on their birthday and rearing calves with as little input as possible, is surely the ambition of most breeders? More live calves means more to show and more to sell, after all.

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# BREEDING SALERS IN THE SCOTTISH BORDERS

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On Saturday 26 August 2023, Tom Walling, recently retired Society President, organised a highly successful ‘taster tour’ of pedigree and commercial Salers in the Scottish Borders. It showcased the incredible versatility of this tremendous suckler breed in a variety of different management systems on extremely different farms and it also demonstrated the docility of the breed when presented with over seventy strangers who were able to get out of the trailers and walk amongst them.

The tour started at the Kaimburn herd of pedigree Salers owned by Mr and Mrs J A de Gier who trade as Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd at Edgerston Home Farm, Jedburgh. The farm extended over 1,000 acres, with 600 acres of grazing and 400 acres of woodland. The Salers’ were introduced to Edgerston Home Farm in 2014 with the initial purchase of eight commercial bulling heifers from the Aitken family at Carlopshill, Penicuik, eight commercial heifers from Roy and Adam Crockett, Bacardi Salers and twenty-four pedigree heifers from Ian Livingstone at Carlisle. The first Salers bull, Seawell Highlander, was purchased privately from the Donger family, Seawell Salers. The following year a further twelve in-calf heifers were purchased, again from Ian Livingstone and his Oaklands herd. Initially everything went to the Salers bull with the females being retained and the bulls kept entire and either sold for breeding or finished and sold as bull beef. Due to the increase in the cost of feeding bull beef, a Charolais bull was introduced to produce stores sold straight off their mother, reducing the amount of feeding required over the winter months. The herd currently consists of 100 cows, with 60 going to the Charolais bull and the remaining 40 going to the Salers bull to breed replacements, with the odd bull being kept for the pedigree market. The herd have enjoyed success at sales with Kaimburn Laser awarded reserve champion at Castle Douglas in 2017, Kaimburn Lewis was champion at Stirling Bull Sales, February 2018 and Kaimburn Playboy was champion at Castle Douglas in 2021. In 2017 the herd also entered the show ring for the first time at the Royal Highland and Great Yorkshire Show and the highlight came in 2022 where Kaimburn Precious was tapped out as breed champion by Glen Welsh at the Royal Highland Show.





Situated on the same farm was Jedforest Salers owned by Greg and Lewis Ralston. The Ralston boys have been brought up on a farm and farming life is all they have ever known. Greg's main interest has always been tractors and machinery whilst Lewis has always been interested in livestock, taking part in his first young handler class at the age of 6, showing a highland calf. Lewis' love for cattle and showing grew further when Roy and Adam Crockett asked him to show their Salers calf at the Royal Highland Show and Great Yorkshire Show for the first time in 2017. To encourage the boys further, in 2017 their parents bought each of them an in-calf heifer, Bacardi Katie and Bacardi Kerry, with the intention that they could start their own herd and show their own animals in the future, and this was the start of Jedforest Salers. Since then, the boys have enjoyed success in the show ring, Greg's first heifer calf, Jedforest Nightshade, was brought out by Greg in 2019 and was awarded junior female, overall female champion, and overall breed champion at the Great Yorkshire Show. 2022 was the first year that Lewis had something of his own to show and he won reserve junior female champion at the Royal Highland Show with Jedforest Roxy who then partnered him later in the week, in the young handler's competition where he was awarded the overall young handler championship title.



From Jedforest Salers the tour travelled six miles up the road to Mervinslaw, home to the commercial arm of Bacardi Salers owned by Roy and Adam Crockett. Their focus was on breeding cows which would rear Charolais calves with high weaning weights. There were 120 cows put to the Charolais bull with all the calves sold at 10 months old. Next stop was the Bacardi pedigree herd which was founded in 2011 and located at Gattonside Mains. The Crockett's started with twenty-two cows and calves three of which were pedigree. The Salers' were selected above other breed because at that time both Roy and Adam had full time jobs and they needed cattle that required minimum assistance. Within four years the Crockett's identified two families from the original cows, that had temperament problems when calving so they were eliminated from the herd. They adopt a strict cull policy on all undesirable traits and encourage others to do the same. The key success of the Bacardi pedigree herd was the purchase of the main herd sire Gulliver, a French import. He was selected whilst on a trip to France, after his dam Collette had been seen and who impressed the Crockett's very much. His breeding has exceeded all their expectations and Roy said, "his calves have great temperament, length, and big tops and that is what we feel Salers cows should look like!". Gulliver has sired many show winners and sale winners to date and is still going strong. The pedigree herd supplies the breeding females, the very best females go to the Salers bull which this year is Snoopy another French import. Adam said, "we are very excited to see what Snoopy will produce, like Gulliver he too has a very good dam". Other stock bulls that have been used were, Seawell Kitemark and Seamore Nitro, both of which have proven to have bred well. Most of the Bacardi bulls are sold privately, however Roy and Adam always support the Premier sale at Castle Douglas Premier sale on a yearly basis and have promoted the breed at both local and national shows and admitted they enjoyed doing it. Roy stated, "Bacardi's main aim for the future is to continue doing what we do and enjoy it in the process!".





The tour then headed to Lilliesleaf, home to the Livesey family and the Cleuchhead herd which was started in the late 1980's. The first Cleuchhead cattle were imported to the original family farm at Bonchester Bridge, Hawick to be crossed with the Galloway as well as a nucleus of pedigrees. Then gradually the herd transitioned towards Salers being fully pedigree since 2008. The Livesey family further developed their breeding programme with all the cows now residing at Broomhill Farm in Lanarkshire where Iain and Sarah manage the calving herd and bulls and all remaining young stock are wintered and summered back at Nether Firth, Lilliesleaf under the management of Rob and Kath. The breeding policy for the Livesey's has concentrated on having correct cattle with good milking ability and fleshing qualities. They placed great emphasis on top lines, udders, feet, and legs. The herd now consists of 100 spring calving cows with all heifers calving at two years old. Females are bulled naturally and calve over an 8-week period with a firm focus on herd fertility. The Cleuchhead system concentrated on selling hi quality pedigree females at a range of ages from bulling heifers at the Premier sale, Castle Douglas, to some in calf heifers and 10-15 cows with calves at foot being sold privately off farm. Ten bulls are sold annually between the ages of one and two years of age and the remaining males are sold either as steers or some bull beef. Although the males are the byproduct of what the Livesey's are trying to do, they insisted that they must hit carcass specifications. Rob said, "we are always looking for new genetics that fit our cow type, in recent years we have purchased bulls from Cuil, Bacardi, Essil, Darnford, Drumlegagh, Rigel, Whitebog and Poldean". The herd has also been influenced by French genetics from herds such as Fourtet, Gane, Trin, Vantal, and Manhes. No strange to success in the show and sale rings, Iain said, we have had a good run at Castle Douglas in the recent years selling bulls to both commercial buyers and some high-profile pedigree herds which is always satisfying".





The final stop was at Over Whitlaw Farm, Selkirk where Tom and Ian Walling run a herd of about 80 pedigree Salers cows and followers on 500 acres, with an additional 200 acres rented grazing. They also have a small herd of around 20 Shorthorns and a flock of 900 Lleyn ewes. The farm lies between 700' and 1000' above sea level, so the hardy, easy management Salers were the obvious breed to produce a low-cost good calf for both the pedigree and commercial markets. Calving takes place outside on the hill in May/early June and over the past two years there has not been one calving that needed assistance. As the ground can be wet, the cattle are housed in winter, with a recent investment being a slatted shed which can hold around 120 cows and calves. The cows are wintered on silage and minerals only, with the slurry being utilised on the land. Those bulls not destined for the pedigree market are fattened to 14 – 16 months and sold at 400 kg deadweight. Many of the cows' breeding lines can be traced back to the original Salers imported in 1985 by Tom and Ian's father, Bryan, who also focussed on breeding a polled Salers line based on an original import from France. The stock bulls currently being used were Manor Lane Napoleon and the recently imported Sauveur from the herd of Alain Foretnegre. The Cumbrian herd is one of the few herds to export Salers back to France.

The Salers Cattle Society of the UK would like to thank the tour sponsors, Wallets Marts and Greenvale AP. In addition the Society is extremely grateful to Isla Campbell Photography, Kelda Stewart and the hosts.

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## SALERS ARE PURELY AND SIMPLY THE BEST! YOUNG BREEDER SPOTLIGHT – GWAWR GRIFFITHS



Hello, I am Gwawr! Me and my family have a farm in the north of Anglesey, north Wales where we farm a herd of 350 commercial beef cattle which consist of a mixture of Limousin, Charolais and Belgian blue cattle and 300 sheep.

Besides farming I am also a full-time student at the University of Huddersfield where I study Podiatry (human feet). Alongside my studies I work a part time job in the local hospitals as a podiatrist assistant and the rest of my time I help on the farm at home. I also love to play Rugby and ride my horse Nancy in my spare time!

Farming has always been a massive part of my life as I have grown up around the farm. On our family farm I enjoy driving tractors to get the crops of silage in and carry cattle from farm to field. Whilst driving tractors is a big part of my farming life, I take a great pride in ensuring all animals are up to date with their

wormers and vaccinations such as the BVD vaccination which provides us with a BVD accreditation certificate. I have been brought up around not only the farm but also the agricultural shows such as the Royal Welsh show down in Builth wells. I have gone to the Royal Welsh ever since I can remember, the show is truly a highlight for me every year.

My aspiration to begin showing goes back 8 years ago. I remember watching the cattle in the ring at the show and I had an inspiration to start a herd of my own and start showing, this is when I turned to my Mum (anne) and Dad (John) and told them my big ideas. Off we went to find the right breed for me! After being in a few societies tents we strolled over to the very friendly Salers tent where we were welcomed with open arms and got told about the BEST breed going by Liz Wilde, the secretary of the society at time. I was given the 2016 salers journal and I went home to have a think about the next steps of starting my own herd.

I was on the yard one day with Dad dosing sheep when Mr Michael Thomas, a sales rep for cattle and sheep supplements came to introduce his sales, after a 'panad' (brew in Welsh) I told Mr Thomas about my idea of starting the herd and he knew just the place to go to find my first Salers cow. We went with Mr Thomas to Harri and Sioned Prichard's farm to see the herd of Felin Salers. The Felin salers were a treat to see and Harri asked if we wanted to purchase one of his cows with calf at foot, this is where my dad's brilliant eye for an animal came in handy! Harri agreed to sell the stunning cow and heifer to us and offered to have her in the yard the following week.

The following week we went back with the trailer to pick up Felin Elisha.M and her calf Felin Mona Mai. I knew exciting times were ahead!

After getting the cow and calf home the training began with Felin Mona Mai in preparation for the Anglesey Winter Fair. This was my first ever show where I fell in love with showing!



Moving along to the year of 2017, I entered the Royal Welsh show with Felin Mona Mai as a year-old heifer. Before the show had started, I had a tap on my shoulder by a pair of wonderful and kind people who today are very dear to me, Wilf, and Christine Burrows. Wilf offered his help to me and has done ever since this show and to him and Christine I offer my greatest thank you! I won second place in the year-old heifer class which means a great deal to me as this was my first 'big' show. Moving onto the Thursday of the Royal Welsh, Bryn Robinson, and I competed in the future female interbreed pairs with Felin Mona Mai and Preenbank Miss Emma, this was a moment to remember when we were tapped up from the line of all the cattle breeds into reserve champion female pairs, this was truly a moment to remember and a moment that will stick with me forever.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic everybody was forced to stop showing. During COVID-19 I was in sixth form this is where I went and had experience on two dairy farms one of which was an organic Holstein dairy farm with a strip grazing system and the other was also an organic dairy farm with a rotary parlour and mixed dairy breeds. I enjoyed both experiences on both farms and it taught me a lot about the dairy side of agriculture.

After the pandemic when the shows reopened, I had entered Felin Mona Mai who is now a 5-year-old cow into the cow and calf section of the Salers classes. Only four weeks before, she had calved a female calf Parys Sweetie Pie; this was my first heifer calf under my own herd prefix [I cried when she was born with so much happiness]. A big thank you goes to Keith Jempson who let me use his heifers in the Young Handlers Pairs where we came overall champion with the Greens Park Salers. During this year I had bought 2 heifers one from Preenbank Salers and the other from Ashbury Salers. These two heifers with Felin Mona Mai were taken out to the local shows where we had great successes, and it was nice to get the Salers out there into the agriculture communities in Wales.

This year in Welshpool May sales, I bought another three Salers heifers all from the Luchabolsh Herd. Luchabolsh Guatemala has been shown alongside Preenbank Rosabella as I believe they are a brilliant pair, both heifers are extremely good heifers which have some serious potential to be brilliant cows. I have taken Felin Mona Mai with a calf at foot, Preenbank Rosabella, Luchabolsh Guatemala and Parys sweetie pie to most of the local shows and the Royal Welsh show where the cow with calf at foot came champion and Rosabella was reserve champion. Preenbank Rosabella and Parys Sweetie Pie accompanied me to the Great Yorkshire show where I was warmly welcomed by some wonderful Salers breeders with their brilliant stock. This is by far the best year I have had with my Salers, and it is an honour to own such lovely stock of my own.

My greatest success with Salers has been this year's Royal Welsh Show where my first show animal Felin Mona Mai had the champion cow and overall champion. We showed in the overall interbreed championship and this is something I aimed to do when I first bought the Salers and I have now achieved this dream.

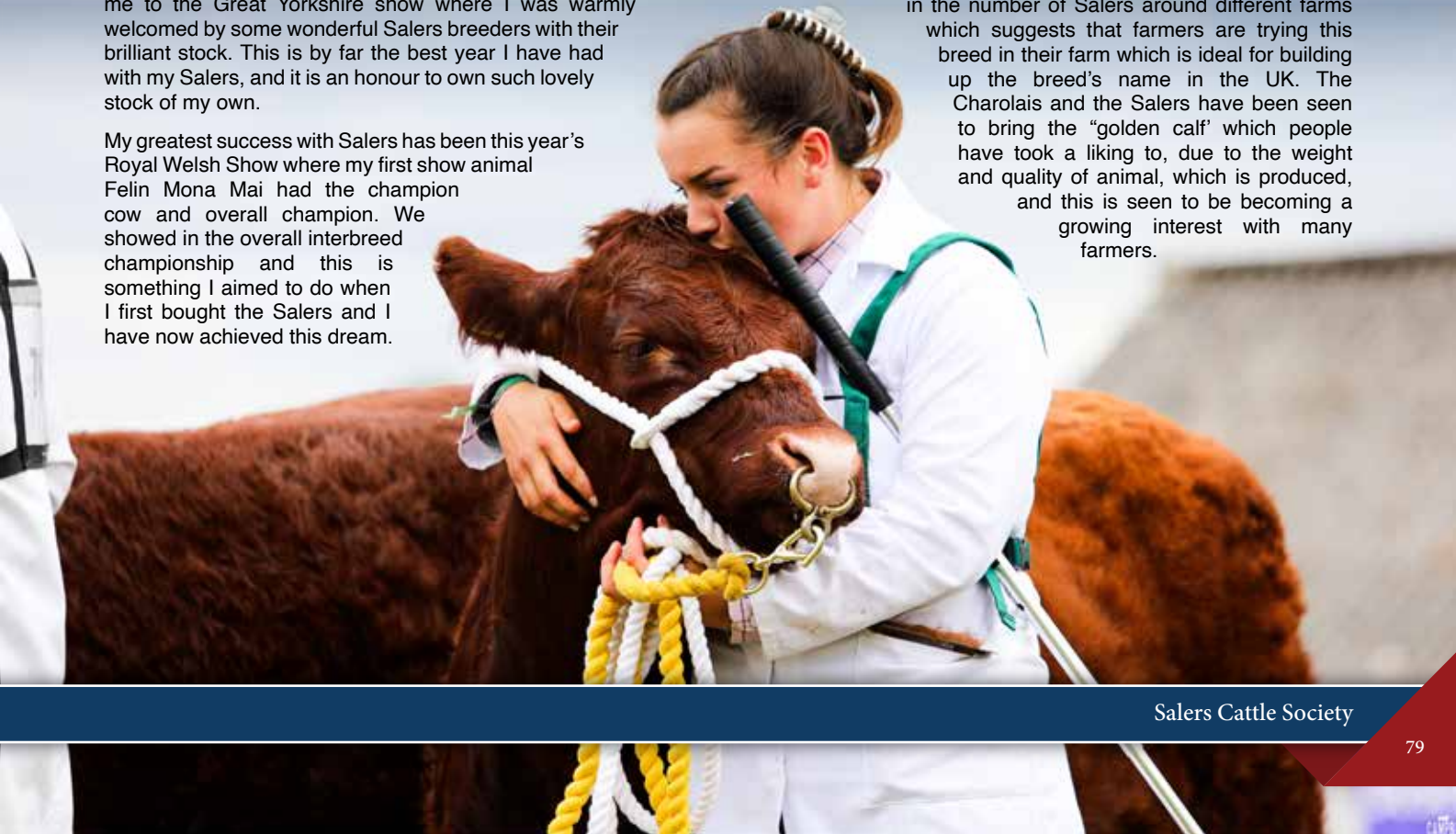


Today I own 14 Salers and they are cattle that I enjoy handling on the yard as they are a friendly breed who are very easy to handle.

There are multiple factors that make a beef animal an 'ideal animal', I believe that each animal no matter what it is has good factors and lesser factors however, my 'ideal' animal would have good length from the shoulder to the tail setting with a good strong top line, an animal must have good depth in both the rib area and in the hind quarters, this means more meat on the animal which is what we essentially go for when we breed for beef. In a cow I would want a good pelvic width to allow for the easy calving along with a good strong frame and udder which will produce enough milk to rear a calf to the best standard.

As I have only been with the Salers for 6 years, I find it hard to comment on how I have personally seen the evolution of the breed, however, I have read up on the Salers and seen that they have been used for all sorts of reasons including milk and cheese production in France. The Salers' were transported over to the UK in 1984 and quickly distributed across the UK, the Salers then evolved more from a dairy breed into a beef and suckler breed and this has included breeding the good factors such as a bigger and stronger frame with more muscle mass in the body of the salers.

Around my area in Wales, I have seen an increase in the number of Salers around different farms which suggests that farmers are trying this breed in their farm which is ideal for building up the breed's name in the UK. The Charolais and the Salers have been seen to bring the "golden calf" which people have took a liking to, due to the weight and quality of animal, which is produced, and this is seen to be becoming a growing interest with many farmers.



Being free from myostatin is quite simply the reason why so many farmers buy Salers as it helps to protect and maintain the maternal traits of the breed to ensure the easy calving. My thoughts are that this is something that we as breeders will take pride in to ensure that we don't get the 'double muscle' which will increase the difficulty of calving, and to ensure this we DNA test the bulls and have DNA tested our foundation females to determine they are myostatin free and their progeny will be myostatin free by parentage. By testing we can ensure we keep the desirable genes and eliminate the chances of having the less desirable genes.

Although the Salers are obviously my favourite breed, the Charolais never fail to catch my eye. I like the cross with the Charolais and Salers as the offspring has a good weight and the potential to grow into large beef animal with the weight of meat and less waste of the carcass. I have previously turned the Limousin to a Salers cow and seen a very well-shaped animal which did very well as a prime beef animal in the market with £1.64 to the kilo- not a bad price for an 18-month-old!

Over the 6 year I have been breeding salers my most favourite animal that I have bred is Parys Sweetie Pie. Sweetie is my first home bred heifer and she is my favourite (although we shouldn't have favourites). Sweetie makes me smile in the ring and it was such a pleasure to have her in the young heifer interbreed championship at the Royal Welsh Show and an honour to be placed 3rd in a big class at the Great Yorkshire show. She truly is my little Sweetie Pie.

My family have had the most influence on me during the whole process of starting a herd and beginning to show because each one of them have helped and aided me through all the easy and more difficult parts. My dad has helped me lot in the sense that he has helped me with funding for the Salers and given me a place to keep them, he and my mum have also gone to sales when I couldn't go due to university and placements. My mum on the other hand has helped with the movement of animals on and off holding and bought a lorry to cart the fleet of Parys Salers around the country. My brother has also been the biggest help when it has come to training and coming to shows to handle animals and take part in the action with me. Wilf and Christine Burrows who are like my family, have given me all their showing gear and all their knowledge which has guided me through many shows and given me so much more experience on how to show prep an animal. If it wasn't for my family, I wouldn't have made

it this far and I genuinely could not thank them enough and I am very grateful for everything they have done.

The best advice I have ever had was to always go out and have fun no matter the outcome of that situation- this was my mum's advice, and it is exactly what I have done throughout not only the cattle showing but everything I do in life. My dad also gave me good advice and that was to be proud of anything that belonged to me, which is important because we don't all have the same privileges and advantages in life therefore this advice taught me to be grateful for what I have even if someone else has something better.

My aims with the Salers are to continue increasing the herd into larger numbers and potentially replace the commercial cows- this will be so that we can breed from Salers as they are easy calving, allowing us to worry less about complications with a larger bull. I also aim to grow my herd and get some good showing potential animal so that I can continue to show at the bigger competitions and aim to reach the top!

My personal aim at the minute is to finish university with a degree and potentially do a master's degree in clinical management and work for the NHS as a podiatrist.

The Salers Cattle Society is a kind and understanding society. The members of the committee are so lovely and so willing to help, and I have always been welcomed into this society with open arms and I have always received the help that I needed. I feel that if you have any sort of question whether it is a good question or a daft question someone will always answer and help without any problems (Big thanks goes to Sian Sharp).

In the future, I would like to see the Salers Cattle Society organising events for the young breeders of the society and people who are new to the society and breed. I would like these events to contain information and teaching about the myostatin and the traits of the breed and perhaps team up with another cattle society so we can learn about other breeds as well. Showing wise, I would like to try and encourage people to take part in showing because at the end of the day we are all out there to have fun and we need more support at shows to keep them going.

The salers are the one breed you can truly depend and rely on for an efficient and effective suckler herd, they are purely and simply THE BEST!





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# MONIQUE MAKES HER MARK AT BALMORAL 2023

## BALMORAL SHOW 2023

Mr Glen Welsh, farm manager at Garpel Farms was given the honour of judging the strong line up of Salers at Balmoral Show 2023. Glen no stranger to the show ring, both as a judge and at the end of the halter, runs 1500 Blackface ewes and 70 predominantly Salers cross Galloway cows over the farm which extends to over 6,500 acres of mostly hill ground. He found his overall champion (Highways Hotel Cup) in the female champion (The Secretary's Salver), Drumlegagh Monique and her heifer calf at foot, from J & E A Elliott. Monique a Fanfan sired, September-2017 born daughter out of Drumlegagh Eve had stood first in the cow class, won the Wallets Marts Shield for the best home-bred animal and formed part of the winning pairs team (Salers Cattle Society Cup) alongside Drumlegagh Suri, a Loyal sired January 2022 son out of Drumlegagh Missy. Suri earlier in the day had stood reserve male champion and was awarded the junior male championship title for bulls born on or after the 1 January 2022.

Standing reserve overall champion (Highways Hotel Cup) was the reserve female champion, Lisnamaul Princess with her bull calf at foot from Lisnamaul Salers, Downpatrick, Co Down. Princess was a Nemo sired March-2020 heifer out of Lisnamaul Molly. P J Maginn & Sons were also awarded the male championship title for Lisnamaul Rio a December-2021 born Nemo son out of the imported French cow Opaline.

In the junior section, the overall junior championship to win the Francis Connon Cup was the junior female champion (Salers Cattle Society Area 4 Cup) from Seamus and Christine Connell, Ballykeel Sensational ET, a Mathieu sired heifer out of imported dam, Indiana, born in March-2022. Brian and Pearse O'Kane won the reserve junior female champion prize with Lower Bolie Spice Girl, a Bacardi Herbie daughter out of Lower Bolie Ophra and the reserve junior male champion was bred in exactly the same way as the overall junior champion from Ballykeel Salers with, Ballykeel Shotgun born in May-2022.

The best turned out animal was presented to B & P O'Kane for Lower Bolie Roxy, by Manor Lane Krypton out of Lower Bolie Nancy and the coveted stockman's shield was awarded to Declan Ward who formed part of the Lower Bolie team throughout the show.

A special prize from the Society was awarded to Sophie Wilson who assisted Geoff Wilson show the Brookfields Salers team throughout the day, Sophie won the honour of leading the Salers breed and holding the Salers banner in the grand parade on Saturday.

The Society would like to congratulate all the exhibitors for a fantastic display of cattle.

### 604 COW, born on or before 31st December 2019, in calf or in milk

1st	253	J. & E. A. Elliott	UK965184321755	Drumlegagh Monique	07/09/2017
2nd	254	P.J. Maginn & Sons	UK937106128767	Lisnamaul Orlena	18/03/2019

### 605 COW or HEIFER, born in 2020, in calf or in milk

1st	255	P.J. Maginn & Sons	UK937106129154	Lisnamaul Princess	07/03/2020
2nd	259	J. & E. A. Elliott	UK965184323527	Drumlegagh Petal	21/09/2020
3rd	256	Mr. G. & Mrs R. Wilson	UK927295702282	Brookfields Persia	30/03/2020
4th	257	C & A Kennedy	UK910276910186	Drumglea Patsy	17/04/2020

### 606 HEIFER, born or on after 1st January 2021, & on or before 30th June 2021

1st	260	Brian & Pearse O'Kane	UK952186803143	Lower Bolie Roxy	23/01/2021
2nd	262	P.J. Maginn & Sons	UK937106129633	Lisnamaul Ruby	18/02/2021
3rd	264	Mr. G. & Mrs R. Wilson	UK927295702584	Brookfields Ruthie	03/04/2021
4th	263	P.J. Maginn & Sons	UK937106129655	Lisnamaul Razzle	20/02/2021
5th	261	Mr.S. Connell	UK942009604422	Ballykeel Rosebud	02/02/2021



OVERALL CHAMPION 2023 - DRUMLEAGH MONIQUE



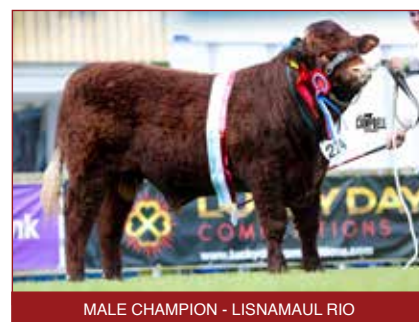
RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION - LISNAMAUL PRINCESS



BALLYKEEL SENSATIONAL ET



RESERVE MALE CHAMPION & JUNIOR MALE CHAMPION - DRUMLEGAGH SURI



MALE CHAMPION - LISNAMAUL RIO

**608 HEIFER, born on or after 1st January 2022.**

1st	270	Mr.S. Connell	UK942009604643	Ballykeel Sensational ET	25/03/2022
2nd	268	Brian & Pearse O'Kane	UK952186803386	Lower Bolie Spice girl	05/02/2022
3rd	267	Brian & Pearse O'Kane	UK952186803375	Lower Bolie Sophia ET	15/01/2022
4th	272	C & A Kennedy	UK910276910282	Mileview Sunshine	14/05/2022

**609 BULL, up to 2 years old on day of Show**

1st	274	P.J. Maginn & Sons	UK937106130215	Lisnamaul Rio	17/12/2021
2nd	275	J. & E. A. Elliott	UK965184324135	Drumlegagh Suri	07/01/2022
3rd	276	Mr.S. Connell	UK942009604724	Ballykeel Shotgun	19/05/2022

**Overall Champion  
(Highways Hotel Cup)**

Drumlegagh Monique, J & E A Elliott

**Reserve Overall Champion  
(Highways Hotel Cup)**

Lisnamaul Princess, Lisnamaul Salers

**Female Champion  
(Secretary's Salver)**

Drumlegagh Monique, J & E A Elliott

**Reserve Female Champion**

Lisnamaul Princess, Lisnamaul Salers

**Male Champion**

Lisnamaul Rio, Lisnamaul Salers

**Reserve Male Champion**

Drumlegagh Suri, J & E A Elliott

**Junior Female Champion**

Ballykeel Sensational ET, Ballykeel Salers

**Reserve Junior Female Champion**

Lower Bolie Spice Girl

**Junior Male Champion**

Drumlegagh Suri

**Reserve Junior Male Champion**

Ballykeel Shotgun, Ballykeel Salers

**Junior Champion**

Ballykeel Sensational ET, Ballykeel Salers

**Reserve Junior Champion**

Drumlegagh Suri, J & E A Elliott

**Best Homebred Animal  
(Wallets Marts Shield)**

Drumlegagh Monique, J & E A Elliott

**Pairs (Salers Cattle Society Cup)**

J & E A Elliott, Drumlegagh Salers

**Best Turned Out**

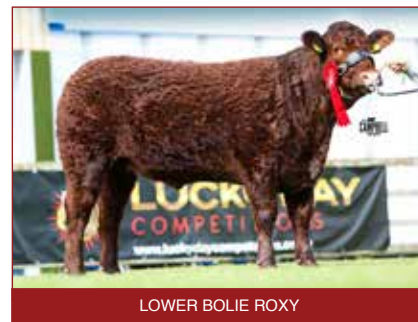
Lower Bolie Roxy, B & P O'Kane, Lower Bolie Salers

**Stockman's Shield**

Mr Declan Ward, representing Lower Bolie Salers

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Miss Sophie Wilson, Brookfields Salers



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# REBECCA REIGNS AT ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW 2023

By Siân Sharp

Mr Donald Gilder, Winchcombe, Gloucester, a fourth-generation farmer, who has spent a lifetime working with livestock and has been involved with the Salers breed since 1990, winning the RHS breed champion title himself in 1995 placed two-year-old, Lisnamaul Rebecca from Mr Johny Wright and family, Traboyack Salers, Ayrshire, as his female and overall champion. This was the first time the Wright family had exhibited at the show, and they were triumphant with this Nemo sired daughter out of Lisnamaul Molly, bought privately from County Down breeders, P J Maginn & Sons, who had shown Rebecca as a yearling and won the reserve junior female and reserve junior champion titles at Balmoral Show in 2022.

The reserve overall champion sash and best animal bred by exhibitor was presented to the junior male champion and male champion Rednock Salvador from Rednock Estate, brought out by Alfie McGregor. Salvador was a Baron sired son, born in March-2022 and out of homebred cow Rednock Peru. Rednock Estate were also triumphant in the female section winning junior female champion and reserve female champion, with March-2022 born Rednock Ukraine, sired by Rigel Officer, out of Rigel Odessa. She is destined for the Premier Sale at Castle Douglas Nov' 2023 where she will be auctioned for charity and all the proceeds will go to the people of Ukraine.

Standing as reserve junior female champion was Cumbrian Nanou 257 Poll, a Manor Lane Napoleon daughter out of imported dam Nanou, from the Walling family, Farmstock Genetics. Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd brought out by Neil Ralston and family took the reserve junior male champion spot, then won the reserve junior championship before being awarded the reserve male championship rosette, with March-2022 born, Kaimburn Scoutingforgirls, sired by homebred Kaimburn Ole, out of Kaimburn Madonna.

The pairs competition was won by Bacardi Salers with a Gulliver son, Bacardi Shadrack and Seamore Nitro sired heifer, Bacardi Raquel. Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd stood reserve with Kaimburn Scoutingforgirls and Kaimburn Rosie and the Ralston sons Greg and Lewis, who run Jedforest Livestock took 3rd place with Jedforest Shaggy and Jedforest Roxy. The best group of three was won by Traboyack Salers with Lisnamaul Rebecca, Lisnamaul Rascal and Traboyack Rooney.

On Saturday the Salers breed also claimed the fourth prize spot in the prestigious Interbreed Team Championship which was judged by Keith Redpath from Kelso. The four strong team consisted of Bacardi Matilda, Rednock Diana, Bacardi Raquel and Kaimburn Scoutingforgirls.

The Society would like to thank all the exhibitors for a fabulous array of excellent quality cattle and for supporting the Show and the Society. We would also like to congratulate all the prize winners and in particular first-time exhibitors, Mr Johny Wright and family for bringing out the champion.



FEMALE CHAMPION & OVERALL CHAMPION - LISNAMAUL REBECCA



MALE CHAMPION AND RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION - REDNOCK SALVADOR



JUNIOR FEMALE CHAMPION AND RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION - REDNOCK UKRAINE



## SHOW RESULTS

<b>Class 299 - Female born on or between 24 June 2021 &amp; 31 March 2022</b>							
1st	3081	Rednock Estate	Rednock Ukraine	UK542858 700421	21/03/2022	Rigel Officer	Rednock Odessa
2nd	3079	Farmstock Genetics	Cumbrian Nanou 257 Poll	UK562133201257	05/11/2021	Manor Lane Napoleon	Nanou
3rd	3080	Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd	Kaimburn Stella	UK561903 201329	20/02/2022	Kaimburn Ole	Oaklands Gizeux
<b>Class 300 - Female born on or after 1 January 2020 and before 24th June 2021</b>							
1st	3085	Traboyack Salers	Lisnamaul Rebecca	UK937106129611	17/02/2021	Nemo	Lisnamaul Molly
2nd	3088	R & A Crockett Ltd	Bacardi Raquel	UK564298700748	06/04/2021	Seamore Nitro	Bacardi Matilda
3rd	3087	G & L Ralston	Jedforest Roxy	UK561903 701250	24/03/2021	Cuil Marvin	Seamore Nicole Kidman
4th	3084	Traboyack Salers	Lisnamaul Rascal	UK937106129585	15/02/2021	Herbin	Lisnamaul New Look
5th	3089	Farmstock Genetics	Cumbrian Hyacinth 1240 Poll	UK562133601240	02/06/2021	Parkfield Polled Noble	Cumbrian Hyacinth 578
6th	3083	Rednock Estate	Rednock Diana	UK542858200276	14/07/2020	Drumaglea Kes	Rednock Diaz
7th	3086	Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd	Kaimburn Rosie	UK561903 101244	19/03/2021	Bacardi Ladysman	Oaklands Iona
<b>Class 301 - Female born before 1 January 2020</b>							
1st	3092	R & A Crockett Ltd	Bacardi Matilda	UK564298500361	26/12/2017	Seawell Kitemark	Bacardi Keisha
2nd	3093	Rednock Estate	Rednock Oriana	UK542858400166	04/04/2019	Rigel Officer	Rednock Odessa
3rd	3090	Livesey Farming	Cleuchhead Gentle 1192	UK562060601192	15/04/2016	Cuil Godfather	Cleuchhead Gentle 22nd
<b>Class 302 - Bull born after 31 March 2022</b>							
1st	3097	G & L Ralston	Jedforest Shaggy	UK561903 301400	20/04/2022	Kaimburn Ole	Seamore Nicole Kidman
2nd	3098	R & A Crockett Ltd	Bacardi Shadrack	UK564298500977	24/04/2022	Gulliver	Cleuchhead Delilah 3rd
3rd	3096	Livesey Farming	Cleuchhead Sheerkhan	UK560806601750	08/04/2022	Noble	Cleuchhead Hope 1356
4th	3094	Livesey Farming	Cleuchhead Shotgun	UK560806501728	01/04/2022	Bacardi Normandy	Cleuchhead Gentle 1400
5th	3101	Rednock Estate	Rednock Seb	UK542858700456	16/05/2022	Drumaglea Kes	Rigel Trieste
<b>Class 303 - Bull born on or between 24 June 2021 &amp; 31 March 2022</b>							
1st	3103	Rednock Estate	Rednock Salvador	UK542858500412	16/03/2022	Baron	Rednock Peru
2nd	3102	Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd	Kaimburn Scoutingforgirls	UK561903 401345	01/03/2022	Kaimburn Ole	Kaimburn Madonna
<b>Class 304 - Bull born before 24 June 2021</b>							
1st	3105	Traboyack Salers	Traboyack Rooney	UK585152300508	22/02/2021	Lowick Hall Spartan	Drumaglea Molly



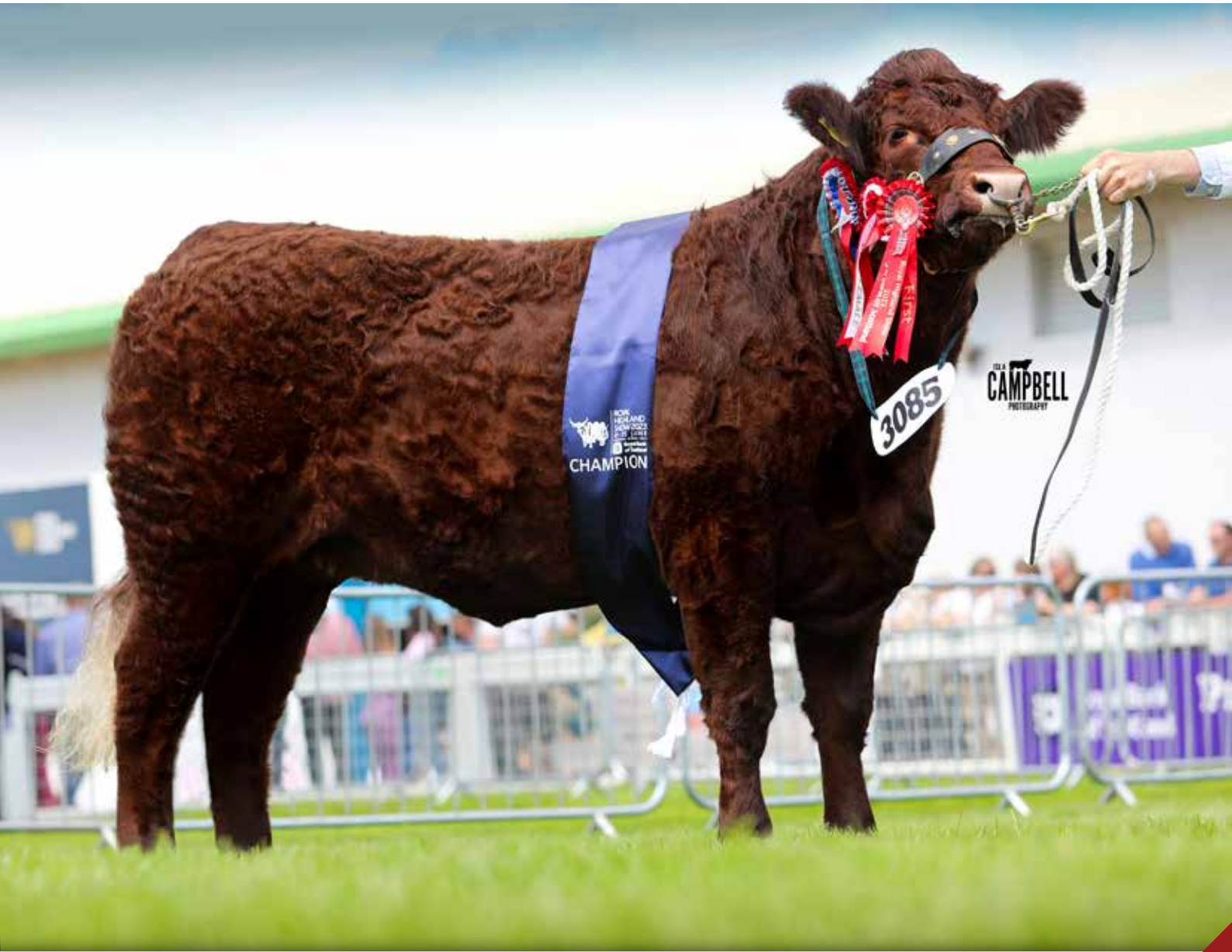
<b>Show Champion</b>	Swardsman Perpetual Trophy	Lisnamaul Rebecca Traboyack Salers
<b>Reserve Show Champion</b>	The Salers Bell	Rednock Salvador Rednock Estate
<b>Champion Female</b>	QET Perpetual Trophy	Lisnamaul Rebecca Traboyack Salers
<b>Champion Bull</b>	Rumenco Perpetual Trophy	Rednock Salvador Rednock Estate
<b>Junior Female Champion</b>	The Lochdougan Trophy	Rednock Ukraine Rednock Estate
<b>Junior Male Champion</b>	The Cuil Claret Jug	Rednock Salvador Rednock Estate
<b>Stockmans Cup</b>	Plaque	Deagan Wright Traboyack Salers
<b>Best Pair of Animals</b>	Wallets Marts 2018	Bacardi Salers R & A Crockett
<b>Best Group of Animals</b>	Dingwall & Highland Marts	Traboyack Salers A J Wright



RESERVE JUNIOR MALE CHAMPION  
AND RESERVE MALE CHAMPION -  
KAIMBURN SCOUTINGFORGIRLS



RESERVE JUNIOR FEMALE CHAMPION  
- CUMBRIAN NANOU 257 POLL



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# MATILDA WALTZES TO THE TOP AT THE GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW *By Siân Sharp*

The growing significance of the Salers breed in the suckler market, driven by their unrivalled maternal traits which results in a sustainable suckler with a focus on increased margins was matched only by the desire of the Salers breeders wishing to share their story, by exhibiting the breed potential, at the Great Yorkshire Show.

In charge of proceedings was judge D. Murray Lyle, Strathallan Salers, Dunblane, Perthshire. Murray first introduced Salers to his farm ten years ago, with the purchase of some six heifers. Numbers at Strathallan have grown steadily and the herd now comprises of 25 cows.

Waltzing through the classes to reign supreme as female champion and overall champion was Bacardi Matilda, a December-2017 born cow by Seawell Kitemark, out of Bacardi Keisha with her bull calf at foot Bacardi Topper. Matilda a homebred cow from Roy & Adam Crockett from the Scottish Borders had earlier this year been awarded the overall interbreed championship at Northumberland show and reserve overall interbreed champion at Stirling Show.

Stepping forward to receive the reserve overall champion sash was the July-2018 male champion Beeston Hall Neyo, from local breeders, S & R Hallos, Beeston Hall, Ripponden, Yorkshire. This homebred bull out of Beeston Hall Connie was sired by the French imported bull Jovial.

The reserve male champion was the junior male champion and reserve overall junior champion from Roy and Adam Crockett, Bacardi Shadrack, a April-2022 born Gulliver son out of Cleuchhead Delilah 3rd.

Leading the overall junior section earning the overall junior championship title as well as the junior female champion and reserve female champion rosettes was Rednock Ukraine from Gill and Malcolm Pye of Rednock Estate, Stirling. Ukraine was a March-2022 daughter of Rigel Odessa, sired by Rigel Officer and will be forward at the Salers Cattle Society Premier Sale in Castle Douglas, November where she will be auctioned, and all proceeds will be donated to designated charities in Ukraine.

The reserve junior female came from Steven and Rachel Hallos, Beeston Hall Salers with Beeston Hall Ruby a September-2021 born daughter out of Beeston Hall Dena and sired by the reserve overall champion on the day, Beeston Hall Neyo.

The quality of the pair's competition was exceptional and a sight to behold with eight pairs of Salers on parade and leading the two-step was Rednock Estate followed by Beeston Hall Salers, Bacardi Salers, Rigel Pedigree, C B Farms, Jedforest Livestock, Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd and Angus and Kerry Gowthorpe.

The finale was the group of three which was won by Bacardi Salers, followed by Beeston Hall, C B Farms and Angus and Kerry Gowthorpe.

On Friday, Lewis Ralston from Jedforest Livestock, Jedburgh, stood 5th in an exceptionally strong beef young handlers 15 – 16 year old class and Gwawr Griffiths, Parys Salers, Angelesey was 2nd in the 17 – 20 year old class.

The Society extends a huge thank you to the Great Yorkshire Show, the stewards, and the judge Mr Murray Lyle but the biggest thank you of all goes to the breeders. We know what it takes to bring out these cattle at major shows and commend and sincerely thank you.



FEMALE AND OVERALL CHAMPION - BACARDI MATILDA



MALE AND RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION - BEESTON HALL NEYO



OVERALL JUNIOR JUNIOR FEMALE AND RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION - REDNOCK UKRAINE



RESERVE JUNIOR FEMALE CHAMPION - BEESTON HALL RUBY



RESERVE MALE AND RESERVE OVERALL JUNIOR CHAMPION - BACARDI SHADRACK

**Class 107 - Bull born before 1 January 2022 (Senior Bull)**

1st S. & R. Hallos Beeston Hall Neyo  
2nd C.B. Farms Green's Park Radcliffe

**Class 108 - Bull born on or after 1 January 2022 (Junior Bull)**

1st Roy & Adam Crockett Bacardi Shadrack  
2nd Gill & Malcolm Pye Rednock Salvador  
3rd Greg & Lewis Ralston Jedforest Shaggy  
4th Edgerston Trading Ltd Kaimburn Scoutingforgirls  
5th Angus Gowthorpe Approach Farm Searle  
6th Angus Gowthorpe Approach Farm Supanova

**Class 109 - Cow born on or before 31 December 2020 in milk or calf (Cow Class)**

1st Roy & Adam Crockett Bacardi Matilda  
2nd Gill & Malcolm Pye Rednock Diana  
3rd Farmstock Genetics Cumbrian Rouge 132

**Class 110 - Heifer born on or between 1 January 2021 up to 31 December 2021 (Senior Heifer Class)**

1st S. & R. Hallos Beeston Hall Raven  
2nd Roy & Adam Crockett Bacardi Racquel  
3rd Greg & Lewis Ralston Jedforest Roxy  
4th S. & R. Hallos Beeston Hall Ruby  
5th Gwawr Griffiths Preenbank Rosabella  
6th Farmstock Genetics Cumbrian Nanou 257 Poll  
7th Edgerston Trading Ltd Kaimburn Rosie  
8th C.B. Farms Green's Park Rita  
9th Bertrand Facon Gentons Rosette

**Class 111 - Heifer born on or after 1 January 2022 (Junior Heifer)**

1st Gill & Malcolm Pye Rednock Ukraine  
2nd C.B. Farms Green's Park Sandra  
3rd Gwawr Griffiths Parys Sweetie Pie  
4th Angus Gowthorpe Approach Farm Sabine  
5th Rigel Pedigree Rigel Vogue Poll  
6th Rigel Pedigree Rigel Camilla Poll

**Male Champion (Watson Trophy)**

Beeston Hall Neyo

**Reserve Male Champion**

Bacardi Shadrack

**Female Champion (Bents Farm Trophy)**

Bacardi Matilda

**Reserve Female Champion**

Rednock Ukraine

**Junior Champion (Junior Champions Cup)**

Rednock Ukraine

**Reserve Junior Champion (Dennis White Cup)**

Bacardi Shadrack

**Overall Champion (Rigel Cordelia Cup)**

Bacardi Matilda

**Reserve Overall Champion (KW Alternative Farm Feeds Cup)**

Beeston Hall Neyo

**Best Polled Animal (Arthur Beevers Cup)**

Cumbrian Rouge 132

**Pairs (Jock Watson Trophy)**

Rednock Estate

**Group of Three (I'Ansons Trophy)**

Bacardi Salers

**Stockmans Shield**

Gwawr Griffiths



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## LISNAMAUL RIO

Male Champion Balmoral'23  
Sold for 4800gns to K C Heard & Son  
Castle Douglas'23



## LISNAMAUL PRINCESS

Reserve Female Champion and  
Reserve Overall Champion  
Balmoral'23

# LISNAMAUL

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VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME - BT30 8HG : STOCK FOR SALE

# THE DAYLIGHT SHONE AT ROYAL WELSH SHOW 2023

The Royal Welsh Show 2023 showcased the hardworking profitable Salers in all their glory and the results focussed on the easy calving females that outstrip any breed in maternal capability. The modest entries reflected the breeds biggest attribute, low maintenance, favoured by those who are busy and need a breed that requires very little intervention. However, that did not detract from the quality put forward to Mr Glen Welsh of Garpel Farms. Glen no stranger to the show ring, both as a judge and at the end of the halter, runs 1500 Blackface ewes and 70 predominantly Salers cross Galloway cows over the farm which extends to over 6,500 acres of mostly hill ground.

Despite the rains and dark clouds, dawn broke for Gwawr Griffiths when Glen tapped out her cow, Felin Mona Mai, born in April-2017 by Illiami and out of Felin Elisha.M, as female champion, and then overall champion. She was shown with a calf at foot and was bred by SG & HG Pritchard, Llangybi.

Standing reserve overall champion and reserve female champion was also a heifer from Gwawr Griffiths, a Jalabert daughter out of Preenbank Lady Priscilla, Preenbank Rosella born in March – 2021 and bred by Fred & Bryn Robinson. Gwawr picked her out at a Society Sale earlier in the year at Welshpool, May 2023.

Standing third was Bertie Facon's, Murphy sired heifer out of imported cow Oleron, Gentons Rosette was born in January-2021. Fourth place went to another heifer, Gwawr Griffiths diligently selected for her Parys herd, in Welshpool, May 2023, this time it was Luchabolsch Guatemala, a Seawell Magic daughter out of Oaklands Jaz born in March 2021, bred by Simon Hill.

The junior female champion and overall junior champion was the 5th prize homebred heifer again from Gwawr, Parys Sweetie Pie, out of the overall champion on the day, Felin Mona Mai by Preenbank Lord Bisto and born in June-2022.

The Society would like to extend a huge thank you to the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show, the sponsors, Gamlins Law and their representative Rachel Wynn Jones. We would like to thank the judge Mr Glen Welsh and our exhibitors who put on a tremendous show. The strength and breadth of cattle on show only helps to build the breed and I look forward to encouraging new and returning breeders to this fantastic stage next year.



OVERALL SALER CHAMPION



RESERVE OVERALL SALER CHAMPION



### CLASS RESULTS

1st - female champion, overall champion and best turned out - Felin Mona Mai, Gwawr Griffiths

2nd - reserve female champion and reserve overall champion - Preenbank Rosella, Gwawr Griffiths

3rd - Gentons Rosette, Bertie Facon

4th - Luchabolsch Guatemala - Gwawr Griffiths

5th & best junior heifer - Parys Sweetie Pie - Gwawr Griffiths

### Breed Champion - Campsmount Trophy

Felin Mona Mai, Gwawr Griffiths

### Best Senior Heifer - Carrick View Cup

Preenbank Rosabella, Gwawr Griffiths

### Best Turned Out Animal

Felin Mona Mai, Gwawr Griffiths

### Stockmans Cup

Jake Pamplin – Gentons Pedigree Livestock



# ANIMAL OF THE YEAR 2023



ANNA HALLOS RECEIVES THE ANIMAL OF THE YEAR SENIOR MALE CHAMPION CUP FOR BEESTON HALL NEYO



FIONA RALSTON RECEIVES THE ANIMAL OF THE YEAR JUNIOR MALE CHAMPION CUP FOR KAIMBURN SCOUTING FOR GIRLS



ROY CROCKETT RECEIVES THE ANIMAL OF THE YEAR SENIOR FEMALE CHAMPION CUP FOR BACARDI MATILDA



SEAMUS CONNELL RECEIVES THE ANIMAL OF THE YEAR JUNIOR FEMALE CHAMPION CUP FOR BALLYKEEL SENSATIONAL ET



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Peter Donger also chose this charity to receive 50% of the CD raffle income which totalled **£302**

Rednock Ukraine from Gill & Malcolm Pye sold for 5,000gns in the Premier Sale at Castle Douglas

All the proceeds from the sale were donated to Forth Valley Welcome charity, supporting refugees and children of Ukraine

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

### Measured at the Paris Show

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

(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.

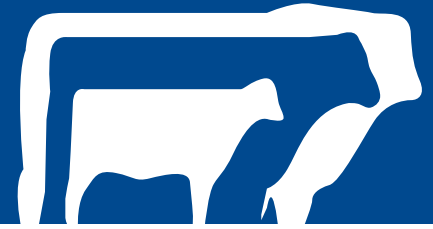
The first AGM was held in November 1986, at that point there were a mere 10 members. Bryan Walling was elected as first Chairman.

Since then the breed has continued to expand, with over 1000 Salers being registered annually by around 175 members.

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

# BREEDPLAN

Demonstrating Salers Commercial Advantages

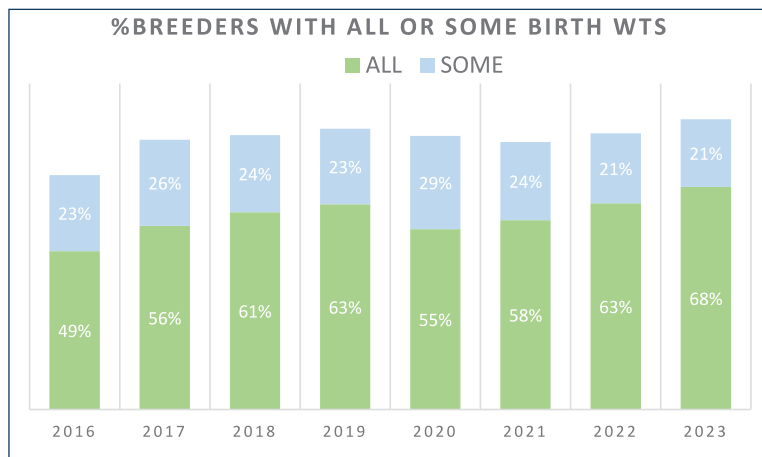
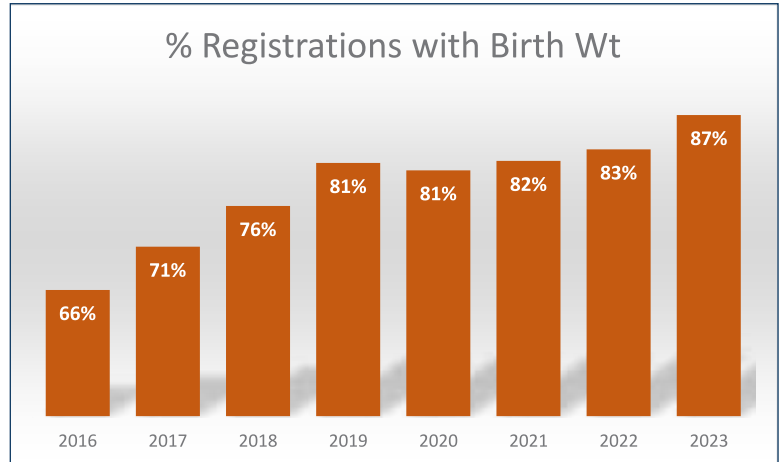


## BIRTH WEIGHT EBVS

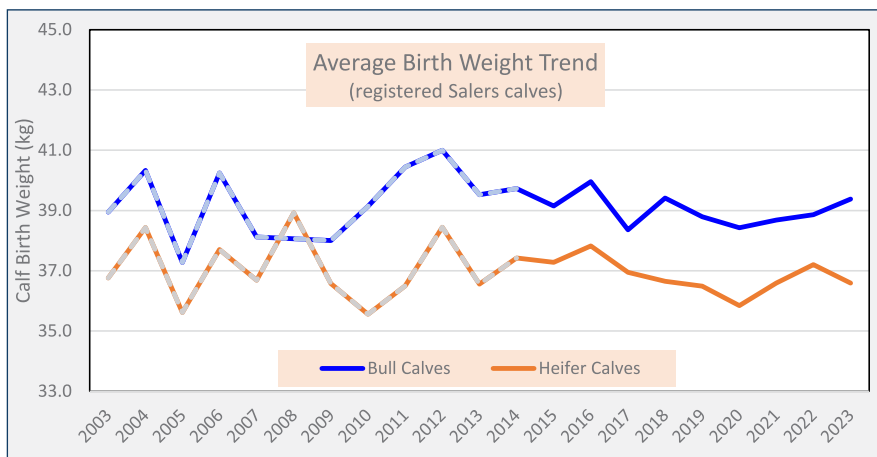
The Salers has a firmly established and fully justified reputation for being truly easy calving, which underpins the growth of the breed as the “Ultimate Suckler Cow”. Whereas conformation and to some extent growth rate can be assessed by eye, calving ease rests on qualities that can’t be judged by inspection of live animals (when selecting a new herd sire for example), namely the combination of low birth weight, large pelvic area and slim calf conformation. In this context, the birth weight EBV calculated by Breedplan is an objective guide, backed and proven by data, and is a key tool to help all of us preserve the Salers exceptional calving ease.

This chart shows the upward trend, by year of birth, in the % of full blood and purebred calves notified to the Society that come with a birth weight and calving ease score. The Society acknowledges the strong commitment of our breeders to provide this data so comprehensively, which ensures that the birth weight EBV is both accurate and a true “across the breed” comparison.

Breedplan works best when breeders submit data for all their calves, the bad with the good, as it is not the absolute values but the differences within a comparable group of calves that drive the calculation. Getting the full set has its challenges, but as this chart shows, 2/3 of our breeders succeed in providing birth weights for all the calves they notify. Outstanding!



The good news is that a large proportion of the Published Sires have low or moderate birth weight EBVs, and the trend in actual birth weights remains within the normal range of fluctuations.





# BREEDPLAN

Demonstrating Salers Commercial Advantages



Sire	HB Number	Birth Wt EBV	200 Day Wt EBV	400 Day Wt EBV	Sire	HB Number	Birth Wt EBV	200 Day Wt EBV	400 Day Wt EBV
Rigel Kurt	PYE2015684	-2.7	2	19	Bruno	172/6386051716	0.8	12	19
Rigel Pluto	PYE2011090	-2.5	2	15	Oliver	SIM98001	0.8	11	23
Rigel Logan Poll	UK122086601781	-2.4	2	3	Cleuchhead Murdo	UK562060601283	0.9	19	31
Seducteur	SIM201302	-1.6	2	1	Lorrain	SIM95002	0.9	7	17
Rigel Oligarch Poll	UK122086201945	-1.5	4	7	Oaklands Genesis	DIL2011028	0.9	5	11
Rigel Macduff Poll	UK122086601823	-1.3	4	10	Rigel Munro Poll	PYE2011026	0.9	3	22
Rigel Mojave Blk Poll	UK122086401835	-1.3	2	7	Upperlands Banker Poll	RSB2001002	0.9	10	18
Cleuchhead Dick Dastardly	UK562060301028	-1.2	13	27	Cleuchhead Ontario	UK562060701452	1.0	21	40
Kaimburn Northface	UK561903300924	-1.2	-2	-3	Jericho	IMP2014128	1.0	6	-1
Harperley Lucky Luke	UK116219300201	-1.1	8	12	Whitebog Kracker	UK502146502883	1.0	15	16
Rigel Polaris Poll	UK122086602019	-1.1	6	10	<b>Breed average</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>
Cleuchhead McTavish	UK562060201209	-0.8	18	29	Beowulf Polled Montana	BEE2011004	1.1	9	21
Rigel Kirk Poll	PYE2015659	-0.7	13	34	Rednock Oswald Poll	UK542858700211	1.2	8	25
Seawell Franko	SEA2010044	-0.7	2	-10	Seawell Kitemark	UK202227103508	1.2	7	3
Drumaglea Kes	UK541069400536	-0.6	-5	3	Fidele	IMP2010082	1.3	12	25
Harperley Orion	UK116219700450	-0.6	6	25	Iron Man	IMP2014030	1.3	15	31
Hockey	IMP2013005	-0.6	4	10	Parkfield Polled Napoleon	UK184304600287	1.3	9	18
Rednock Orkney	UK542858400159	-0.6	0	6	Rigel Moriarty Poll	UK122086601858	1.3	17	29
Rigel Byron Poll	PYE2010030	-0.6	9	17	Seawell Lancelot	UK202227203677	1.3	6	4
Rigel Powerhouse Poll	UK122086402031	-0.6	13	13	Seawell Optimist	UK202227604584	1.3	10	13
Cumbrian Royal	FSG2014724	-0.4	18	32	Seawell Juggernaut	UK202227203138	1.4	13	16
Rigel Missouri	UK122086601844	-0.4	8	10	Bacardi Normandy	UK564298400381	1.5	15	25
Rigel Nesbitt Poll	UK122086601921	-0.4	7	6	Mister	IMP2015016	1.5	15	13
Vicomte	IMP2007021	-0.4	7	2	Parkfield Polled Leonardo	UK184304200227	1.5	9	18
Herode	SIM201201	-0.3	6	3	Rednock Lagerfeld Poll	UK122086501773	1.5	13	32
Rednock Mauriac	UK542858700064	-0.3	17	30	Cleuchhead Kingpin	RAB2015056	1.6	20	27
Gulliver	IMP2012010	-0.1	10	24	Tolquhon Bonaparte	AAS2009003	1.6	12	22
Rigel Ouzo Poll	UK122086501934	-0.1	9	22	Vanlooy	SIM200401	1.6	12	26
Rigel Presley Poll	UK122086302023	-0.1	10	12	Approach Farm Perry	UK127167700856	1.7	17	30
Cumbrian K Roger Poll	UK562133300782	0.0	8	11	Fanfan	IMP2010063	1.7	12	17
Rigel Drambuie Poll	PYE2014620	0.0	15	20	Seawell Extra	SEA2009050	1.7	13	19
Cumbrian Capermello	FSG2013034	0.1	7	12	Inka	IMP2013053	1.8	21	28
Drumlegagh Granville	DRU2013024	0.1	6	9	Bacardi Marty McFly	UK564298600306	1.9	15	13
Lataster Hector	IMP2009047	0.1	3	1	Harperley Onyx	UK116219200452	1.9	13	24
Mistral	IMP2015017	0.1	9	12	Illien	IMP2013011	1.9	9	16
Rigel Mycroft Poll	PYE2013031	0.1	7	11	Ledwyche Llewellyn	UK313482700169	1.9	23	33
Approach Farm Ozzy	UK127167700800	0.2	12	30	Cleuchhead Renegade	UK562060101635	2.0	9	16
Domino	IMP2012005	0.2	6	10	Rigel Oliver Blk Poll	UK122086101923	2.0	25	37
Cleuchhead Noah	UK562060401323	0.3	15	19	Seawell Lithium	UK202227103844	2.0	21	41
Cleuchhead Outlaw	UK562060401414	0.3	21	46	Highland	IMP2012050	2.1	16	30
Harperley Pollux PP	UK116219700625	0.3	11	11	Halley	SIM201202	2.2	13	17
Seawell Houston	SEA2012074	0.3	10	16	Variegeois	SIM201003	2.2	18	23
Denver	IMP2010054	0.4	7	9	Beguín	SIM200702	2.5	14	23
Harperley Planet X	UK116219300544	0.4	13	24	Rigel Odell Poll	UK122086601928	2.5	13	16
Rigel Orlando Poll	UK122086601935	0.4	13	19	Approach Farm Oilly	UK127167100794	2.6	17	33
Rigel Rourke Poll	PYE2014568	0.5	24	30	Nutella PO	IMP2017083	3.0	23	40
Vaillant	IMP2009026	0.5	13	25	Aidansfield Odin	UK111459401224	3.3	21	34
Cleuchhead Norman	UK562060301371	0.6	9	12	Rigel Nestor	UK122086401884	3.3	5	-7
Crocodile Dundee	279/6387062264	0.6	6	7	Approach Farm Kruger	GOW2015610	3.5	20	33
Cuil Godfather	MCC2013028	0.6	23	42	Cleuchhead Peter Pan	UK562060701529	3.9	24	29
Cumbrian Joker Poll	FSG2008007	0.6	17	27	Cleuchhead Raptor	UK562060201629	3.9	21	25
Gourmand	IMP2010087	0.6	13	29	Rigel Officer	PYE2012025	4.0	26	39
Parkfield Polled Nobel	UK184304200283	0.6	7	13	Seawell Oklahoma	UK202227204741	4.0	22	29
Norbert	IMP2017040	0.7	8	11	Lascaux	IMP2015008	4.2	12	7
Oaklands Plainsman	UK101452100947	0.7	10	17	Noble (Nobel)	IMP2016026	4.6	16	23
Seawell Leonardo	UK202227503820	0.7	9	15	Harperley Lazlo	UK116219600169	4.7	19	31
Seawell Lionheart	UK202227403686	0.7	13	22	Nomad (Nicolas)	IMP2016025	5.4	21	22
Approach Farm Murray	UK127167400713	0.8	11	27					

Source: October 2023 Salers Group run. Green highlight indicates EBV equal/better than breed average



# 2023 FOUR BREED CALF SHOW

## SYBIL AND TINA LEAD THE WAY.

The 4 BREED CALF SHOW took place on Saturday 25th November 2023 at Dungannon Farmers Mart, Northern Ireland (Area 4).

The event was set up between four cattle breed clubs to allow breeders to promote and showcase their calves before the larger one day shows the following year.

The three other breeds involved are from the Blonde, Simmental and the Blue NI Cattle Clubs.

The event gives exhibitors a chance to dip their toes in the show ring for the first time in a safe environment. It was great to see two new breeders out on their first day showing. These breeders were M & K Fleming, Killyboggan Salers and Ryan O'Neill, Holyhill Salers.

The judge for the day was Alister MacKenzie from the well-known Whitebog Salers herd. Alister made the long journey from Inverness in the North of Scotland, along with his daughter Molly.

The results for the show are as follows:

### Class BS - Bull born on or after 01/09/22 and on or before 31/12/22.

1st - CARRICKVIEW SULLIVAN, 20/10/22; Sire ORIENT, Dam CARRICKVIEW LADY GAGA. Breeder & Owner: GA & GT MCCALL, Markethill, Co Armagh

### Class HS - Heifer born on or after 01/09/22 and on or before 31/12/22.

1st - DRUMLEGAGH SYBIL, 07/09/2022; Sire DRUMLEGAGH GRANVILLE, Dam DOUCE. Breeder & Owner: J & EA ELLIOTT, Newtown Stewart, Co Tyrone.

2nd - DRUMLEGAGH SALLY, 13/09/2022; Sire ROCKY, Dam DRUMLEGAGH PIXIE. Breeder & Owner J & EA ELLIOTT, Newtown Stewart, Co Tyrone.

3rd - DRUMLEGAGH SWEETPEA, 17/09/2022; Sire ROCKY, Dam DRUMLEGAGH PRISCILLA. Breeder J & EA ELLIOTT. Owner M & K FLEMING, Magherafelt, Co L/Derry.

4th - CARRICKVIEW SINITTA, 08/11/2022; Sire ORIENT, Dam CARRICKVIEW JULIETTE. Breeder & Owner: GA & GT MCCALL, Markethill, Co Armagh.

5th - DRUMLEGAGH SUNRISE, 16/09/2022; Sire ROCKY, Dam DRUMLEGAGH PRINCESS. Breeder J & EA ELLIOTT. Owner M & K FLEMING, Magherafelt, Co L/Derry.

### Class BJ - Bull born on or after 01/01/23 and on or before 31/03/23.

1st - BROOKFIELDS TROJAN, 02/03/2023; Sire FOREZ, Dam BROOKFIELDS TRIXIE. Breeder & Owner: G WILSON, Dromore, Co Down.

2nd - BROOKFIELD TRIPOLI, 17/02/2023; Sire FOREZ, Dam BROOKFIELDS LILY. Breeder & Owner: G WILSON, Dromore, Co Down.

Class HJ - Heifer born on or after 01/01/23 and on or before 31/03/23.

1st - CARRICKVIEW TINA, 09/03/2023; Sire ORIENT, Dam CONNEMARA RIONA, Breeder & Owner: GA & GT MCCALL, Markethill, Co Armagh.

2nd - KILLYBOGGAN TILLY, 01/02/2023; Sire SIDNEY, Dam LISNAMAUL PEAR, Breeder & Owner: K & M FLEMING, Magherafelt, Co L/Derry.

3rd - BROOKFIELDS TILLY, 02/03/2023; Sire FOREZ, Dam BALLYWILLAN GLYCINE 2ND, Breeder G WILSON, Dromore, Co Down.



OVERALL JUNIOR CHAMPION - 4 BREED CALF SHOW 2023 - CARRICK VIEW TINA



OVERALL SENIOR CHAMPION - 4 BREED CALF SHOW 2023 - DRUMLEGAGH SYBIL

4th - BROOKFIELDS TAMARA, 02/03/2023; Sire FOREZ, Dam BROOKFIELDS PRIMROSE, Breeder G WILSON, Dromore, Co Down.

### Class HC – Heifer Calf born on or after 01/04/23.

1st - HOLLYHILL TALIANA, 03/04/2023; Sire LOWER BOLIE ROCKY, Dam BROOKFIELDS PARIS, Breeder & Owner: R O'NEILL, Strabane, Co Tyrone.

2nd - CARRICKVIEW TARA, 20/04/2023; Sire ORIENT, Dam CARRICKVIEW ODA, Breeder & Owner: GA & GT MCCALL, Markethill, Co Armagh.

### Class PP - Pairs Class

1st - DRUMLEGAGH SALERS  
2nd - KILLYBOGGAN SALERS  
3rd - CARRICKVIEW SALERS  
4th - BROOKFIELDS SALERS  
5th - BROOKFIELDS SALERS

**4 BREED CALF SHOW Senior Champion**  
DRUMLEGAGH SYBIL

**4 BREED CALF SHOW Reserve Senior Champion**  
CARRICKVIEW SULLIVAN

**4 BREED CALF SHOW Junior Champion**  
CARRICKVIEW TINA

**4 BREED CALF SHOW Reserve Senior Champion**  
HOLLYHILL TALIANA

Each of the Champion prizes was kindly sponsored by HVS Animal Health.

### Interbreed Young Handlers

Two Salers breeders took part in the Young Handlers Class for their respective age groups where they were able to display their skill to the judge, Gail Matchet.

SOPHIE WILSON – Junior Young Handlers class  
KYLE FLEMING – Senior Young Handlers class

# PRE-SALE CHECKLIST

**Closing Dates:** The closing date will be stipulated in the sale schedule. The schedule will be advertised on [www.salers.uk](http://www.salers.uk) and via the designated auctioneers. Entries must be accompanied by a herd health declaration, copies of health scheme certificates and any necessary test results and documentation requested in the schedule. Late entries or entries with incomplete documentation may be rejected.

**Tagging:** All animals must be double tagged in accordance with current legislation.

**Herd Health:** Animals must meet the requirements of the Salers Society Herd Health regulations. Vendors must complete and submit a Salers Society Herd Health Declaration for each sale. This should be accompanied by your health scheme provider's Owners Declaration of Health Status listing the ear tags of your entries. 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 individually tested and vaccinated before service, with the BVD status of the bull being determined before he serves any females that are to be sold.

**Johne's:** Members wishing to enter animals for sale must be a member of a CHeCs Approved or comparable Health Scheme and have a risk classification of 1-4 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.

**DNA & MYOSTATIN STATUS:** All pedigree bulls must have a DNA profile and have been tested for myostatin, the result will be made visible in the catalogue. All females for sale at society sales, including production Salers but not commercial animals, are to be tested for myostatin, unless they have a myostatin status of MOP (Myostatin free by Parentage) again the results will be visible in the sale catalogue.

**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 18-24 months of age and 36cms over 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.

**Docility:** All pedigree entries (excluding production females) 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*

# USEFUL SOCIETY INFORMATION

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:

Subscriptions are due and payable on 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

No calves can be registered unless the sire has been DNA tested and the result lodged with the society.

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.

In accordance with the EU Zootechnical Regulations 2016/1012, the Society will maintain an accurate record of Salers animals and genetic material (semen, embryos, oocytes) born in or imported (without discrimination on account of their country of origin).

The UK Herdbook comprises a Main Herd Register containing two Classes, Full Blood and Purebred, and a Supplementary (Grade) Register.

Imported animals/genetics will be registered in the UK Class equivalent to the Class of the exporting country Herdbook as specified on the Export Zootechnical Pedigree Certificate

From 31/3/2019, members must establish, prior to registration and acceptance into the main register, the Myostatin status of all male animals via a DNA test, unless they are known to be myostatin free by parentage (MOP).

From 1/1/2024 all males and females must have a myostatin free status (M0) confirmed by a DNA test or by parentage (MOP) to be accepted into the Main Register.

## A.I. CERTIFICATES MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATIONS IF APPROPRIATE:

Registrations of calves conceived by AI must be accompanied by supporting documentary evidence e.g. AI certificate or other. The sire of the calf got by AI must be registered as an AI sire with the Society. From 1 Jan 2021 the registration of an AI sire must be accompanied with documentation showing where the semen was collected and that the collection was done in accordance with the prevailing legislation to ensure eligibility for that semen to be used in the UK or for export to or from the UK as appropriate.

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:

The Supplementary Grade Register is for female animals in a Grading Up program that do not meet the requirements to be entered in the Purebred Class of the Main Register. Females registered in the Supplementary (Grade) Register can be registered in the Purebred Class if they have a valid three generation pedigree, are confirmed non-carrier for beta-mannosidosis and myostatin free (M0) by DNA test, and have been inspected for conformance to the Breed Standard.

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.

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 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:

The herd book number is now the UK tag number as the unique identification of each animal.

## IMPORTATION OF CATTLE:

It is recommended that all cattle are tested free from bluetongue prior to importation and the negative test paperwork should be sent to the Society office along with all the other relevant documentation. Failure to produce this documentation will delay the importation process and the Society will instead require a copy of the DEFRA Revocation of Notice Prohibiting the Movement of Specific Animals (MR04).

Imported females must have a three-generation pedigree export certificate issued by the Society of the country of origin and confirmation of their non-carrier status for betamannosidosis, and myostatin M0 status for all nine mutations via a DNA test.

Imported males must have a three-generation pedigree export certificate issued by the Society of the country of origin. They must have a DNA profile sent to the Society in excel format (.xls) to be uploaded to the UK lab database and confirmation of their non-carrier status for betamannosidosis, and myostatin M0 status for all nine mutations via a DNA test.

Pregnant imported cattle must have a three-generation pedigree certificate issued by the Society of the country of origin for the sire of the in-vitro calf. They must also be accompanied by the sire's DNA profile in excel format (.xls) to be uploaded to the UK lab and confirmation of their noncarrier status for beta-mannosidosis and myostatin M0 status for all nine mutations.

Status by parentage for betamannosidosis and myostatin is specifically not accepted.

**The same principles apply to imported semen, embryos and oocytes.** As requirements of importation can change, check with the Secretary's office to confirm what is required before you start the importation procedure.

### 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 zootechnical export certificate covers all embryos from one flush to the same purchaser. The sire and dam of embryos must be registered in the UK Herdbook. Each flush must be registered to obtain embryo number eg.186/3, which is then used to identify the resulting calf when registered.

Calve's names will be followed by the letters ET on the certificate.

In the case of all calves got by embryo transplant, the DNA profile of the dam, confirmation of the dam's noncarrier status for beta-mannosidosis and myostatin M0 status of all nine mutations must be registered with the Society. If the DNA profile relates to an animal out with the UK then the DNA profile should be sent to the Society in excel format (.xls) in order for the profile to be uploaded to the UK lab database.

Imported embryos must be accompanied by a three-generation zootechnical export certificate issued by the Society of the country of origin.

Imported embryos must also be accompanied by the DNA profile of the sire in excel format (.xls) and confirmation of the sire's noncarrier status for beta-mannosidosis and myostatin M0 status of all nine mutations.

### 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. The transfer of ownership of females must take place from one herd to another before you may register a calf from her.

**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 ALPHABETICAL 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 SIRE

**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.

- Before any calves can be registered from the table below 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.

### SIRE CERTIFICATES:

A 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).

## 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
Gulliver	IMP2012010	1531258814	£50 + VAT	Roy Crockett	07929 306160	Non-Carrier
Lord Bisto	303672501071	303672501071	£30 + VAT	AJ Powell	07787 556345	Non-Carrier
Murphy	IMP2016057	6362056945	£50 + VAT	Bertrand Facon	07785 221961	Non-Carrier
Horace	IMP2012017	1532157716	£40 + VAT	Robert Millar	02828 276633	Non-Carrier

# EVENTS 2024

The following dates are provisional and may change at any time due to COVID-19 regulations and restrictions. Please check our website [www.salers.uk](http://www.salers.uk) for details of any changes or cancellations.

## **STIRLING BULL SALES**

18 & 19 February 2024

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

3 March 2024

## **MELTON MOWBRAY**

## **MULTIBREED SALE**

23 March 2024

## **STIRLING BULL SALES**

TBC

## **BALMORAL SHOW**

15 - 18 May 2024

## **WELSHPOOL SPRING SALE**

TBC

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

2 June 2024

## **ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW**

20 - 23 June 2024

## **GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW**

9 - 12 July 2024

## **ROYAL WELSH AGRICULTURAL SHOW**

22 - 25 July 2024

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

1 September 2024

## **WELSHPOOL AUTUMN SALE**

TBC

## **STIRLING BULL SALES**

TBC

## **PREMIER SHOW, SALE DINNER & AGM**

2 & 3 November 2024

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

1 December 2024



# 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.

I also agree for my personal information (name, address, contact and relevant membership details as is currently published) to be published online through the Salers website and be available freely to visitors to the website. I also agree that my contact details can be shared over the phone with members and other people wishing to get in touch with me. I also agree that any pictures taken at shows/sales or any other Salers events can be published by both printed and digital means.

**YES / NO** please delete as necessary

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**

Commercial Only Membership (no registrations)  
**£50.00 plus VAT @ 20% Total = £60.00**

**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:

**Emily Simpson**  
**Pepperwell House,**  
**Castle Farm,**  
**Methven,**  
**PH1 3SU**

### 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 HMRC 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.

# SOCIETY FEES & CHARGES

	Charge	VAT 20%	TOTAL
<b>Intimations are free</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Registering Commercial SalersX (Grade A, B &amp; C)</b>			
All cattle	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
<b>Upgrading Grade C to Purebred</b>	£28.00	£5.60	£33.60
(This is in addition to the £5 plus vat already paid to register the animal as a Grade C plus society inspection, BetaM non-carrier report and M0 result)			
<b>Registrations All other calves (except ET)</b>			
Female calves up to 3mths with known myostatin status - born in 2022	£10.00	£2.00	<b>£12.00</b>
Female calves up to 3mths with known myostatin status - born in 2023	£20.00	£4.00	<b>£24.00</b>
all other calves 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 – 4th January</b>	£50.00	£10.00	<b>£60.00</b>
<b>Subscription payable 5th January onwards</b>	£55.00	£11.00	<b>£66.00</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	£42.00	£8.40	<b>£50.40</b>
3-6 months	£81.00	£16.20	<b>£97.20</b>
over 6 months	£159.00	£31.80	<b>£190.80</b>
<b>Registration of Imported Cattle with in vitro calves</b>			
up to 3 months from date of entry	£64.50	£12.90	<b>£77.40</b>
3-6 months	£103.50	£20.70	<b>£124.40</b>
over 6 months	£183.00	£36.60	<b>£219.60</b>
<b>Annual Sire Royalty Scheme fee per animal</b>	£10.00	£2.00	<b>£12.00</b>
<b>Sire Scheme Certificates (10 certificates)</b>	£25.00	£5.00	<b>£30.00</b>
<b>DNA 50K SNP, Myostatin &amp; SNP Parentage verification</b>	£25.00	£5.00	<b>£30.00</b>
Myostatin only	£25.00	£5.00	<b>£30.00</b>
Parentage verification only or STR	£25.00	£5.00	<b>£30.00</b>
BetaM	£25.00	£5.00	<b>£30.00</b>
Horn / Poll only	£35.00	£7.00	<b>£42.00</b>
<b>Discounted DNA 50K SNP, Myostatin, SNP PV &amp; Horn / Poll</b>	£50.00	£10.00	<b>£60.00</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.





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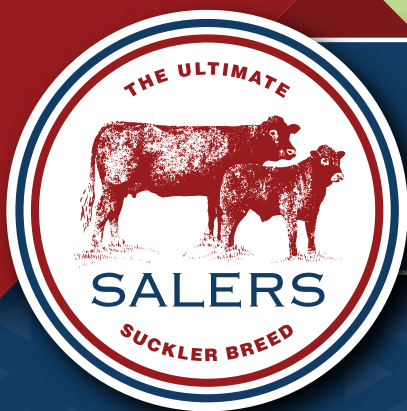
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