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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021

By Andrew Sleigh

Firstly, I would like to thank the secretary for her outstanding work throughout her first full year. Running online zoom meetings with farmers across the country and guiding a new young chairman cannot be easy.

Tragically we lost Conor Colgan at the end of 2020, he was a real enthusiast for the breed. From the point of deciding to have a dispersal Siân managed to overcome all the various problems to produce a catalogue within five days, with the sale held on 9 January at UA Stirling. It was the biggest Salers dispersal held in the UK to date. An excellent sale was held.

In February Stirling, bull sales were sold to a top of 9,500gns with 12 bulls selling to an average of 4,800gns and an 86% clearance rate. The next high was Welshpool in May with a new centre record of 8,500gns for Fred and Bryn Robinson's bull Preenbank Orsino. Six Salers bulls



at this sale sold for an average just short of 3,900gns. Back at Stirling in May UA hosted the final draft of 31 maiden heifers and one cow from Aidansfield Salers on behalf of the Colgan family with a top price of 2,500gns twice and an average of 1,657gns. The rest of the sale saw the three bulls sold for an average of 4,550gns up 525gns on the year. Overall, the first half of the year saw a good trade for good cattle.



ANDREW SLEIGH
2020 Vice-Chair, Chair 2021

We had a successful Great Yorkshire show and Balmoral show with the public and a Highland show behind closed doors. One special mention to the team at Balmoral which won the interbreed Group of Five. On behalf of the Society, I would like to say thank you to everyone who took the time and effort to show cattle at events this summer.

This backend the strong prices for our pedigree stock continued at Stirling and Castle Douglas. It is brilliant to see we are still attracting new commercial suckler farmers. Clearly buyers are attracted to our cattle with their ease of calving and the ability to produce a yellow Charolais calf which is one of the top selling animals in the store ring.

Looking to the New Year, I hope we are getting back to normal for 2022 with a full calendar of shows and sales. If possible, we will hold open nights to attract new farmers to our breed.

But regardless of the challenges ahead I feel the society is in a good place to face them and continue to thrive.

Tribute - Christine McClymont

Christine McClymont nee Milligan was born at Glenmanna Farm, Penpont the youngest daughter of three. She had a happy childhood, at school at Penpont and Edinburgh then went on to secretarial college in Glasgow. She enjoyed her college days and had many happy amusing stories from that time.

She met and married Graham McClymont in 1967 and moved to Cuil Farm, Newton Stewart. Patsy, Shona and Colin were born in the following years.

Graham and Christine first saw Salers cattle at a Paris Show in the early 1980s and they started to visit France regularly to import bulls and females. Graham was very keen to promote the breed and became one of the early members of the society. At that time they were looking for a breed secretary and Christine became involved. In the early days they toured the agricultural shows in Britain with the Salers stand from Orkney to Norfolk. She set up the Salers Journal and was very involved organising the first Salers Show, Dinner and Sale in Castle Douglas. From then on she was a regular attender at all the shows and sales and even managed to sneak in to last year's sale at Castle Douglas. She was always interested in the members, their

stock and the pedigrees and was always up to date about the society news.

People were always one of her interests, she enjoyed entertaining friends and breeders and her hospitality at the Cuil was legendary. Over the years there were many good parties and social events and between cattle and sheep there were countless farm visits and open days where everyone went home well informed, well fed and well watered.

She was very proud of her family and took a close interest in her grandchildren growing up and all their activities. She bribed them when they were young with coke and biscuits to find out what was happening.

She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and the farming community.



VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021

By Andrew Powell

After all we have been through with coronavirus in recent times, it is good to now be returning towards some form of normality. Siân has been doing an excellent job promoting Salers as the ideal suckler cow through advertising and social media, keeping our key traits of easy calving and maternal attributes in our buyers and potential buyers minds.

As I write this, despite some worrying rises in our input costs, it is very pleasing to see a strong cattle trade and clearly there is confidence in the suckled beef sector.

This positivity was evident when the Welshpool Salers Sale record was broken in May. Preenbank Orsino was sold by Fred and Bryn Robinson for 8,500 gns to Harri, Sioned and Lora-Jên Pritchard for their Felin and Nebo herds. A real highlight for our breed!

Following the Salers Council's bold decision to tackle the Myostatin issue, in order to keep the Salers' strong reputation for easy calving, I personally carried out an experiment in our herd. Eight cows carrying the NT821 gene were served by Charolais bulls, and we also served cows that are non-carriers with the same bulls. All eight cows carrying the NT821 gene were assisted calving's, including one caesarian and one lost calf. The non NT821 carriers put to the same Charolais bulls were all calved unassisted. In my opinion this backs the Society's decision, and we are very much on the right road to keeping the integrity of the Salers as the ideal suckler cow.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a healthy and successful year and I look forward to meeting you at the sales.



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SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Siân Sharp

Wow who would have thought it, the 1st of February 2022 marks my second anniversary of my appointment to the role of Breed Secretary, even lockdown hasn't managed to stop time flying by.

Despite continued COVID-19 restrictions throughout 2021, sales of cattle have continued both privately and through auction markets and the strong demand has been reflected in the prices achieved, something that is very much needed with costs continuing to rise.

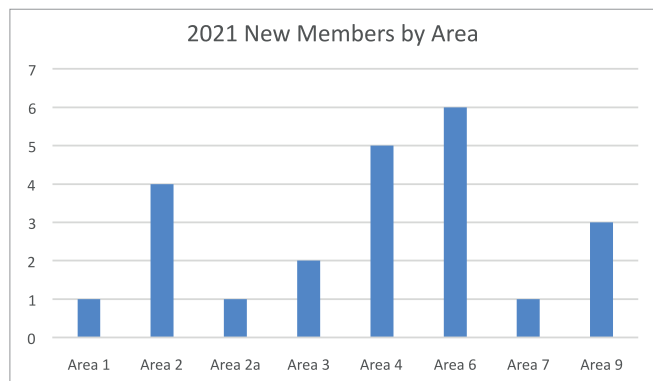
Some agricultural shows were able to proceed with additional measures and this was very much welcomed by everyone. I feel for the organisers who at times had to 'jump through hoops' to get things to happen but these shows lifted everyone's spirits, allowed members to benchmark their cattle against others and in general promoted the breed to the wider agricultural audience.

It is very easy to get carried away and focus on the negative aspects of life and business, but I would much rather focus on the positive aspects of this year, of which there are many.

Firstly, I am pleased to inform you that although the suckler cow numbers in the UK continue to decline slowly, Salers remain 8th in the suckler cow league table with the second highest growth of +7.2% of any breed. Growth is calculated as % annual rate of change vs 2018.

The most important factors driving this popularity is the breed's unrivalled maternal traits demonstrated through their calving ease, fertility, and milk. Referred to fondly by many as their 'maternal magic', this coupled with the Salers' flexibility to suit pretty much any farm management system has seen an increase in farmers using Salers.

I am also delighted to notify you that, as a consequence of the breed's popularity, the Salers Cattle Society of the UK has gained another twenty three members, across the UK in 2021. On behalf of the Council, I would like to extend all new members a very warm welcome. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact the Society office, your area representative or any of the council members.



Being 'out and about' and being able to meet members and commercial farmers using Salers gave me the perfect opportunity to poll opinion on the myostatin debate and ruling due to be implemented in 2024. I was very pleased to discover that overall, most members and commercial farmers using Salers were in favour of eradicating myostatin to protect the maternal traits that underpin the breed. In the future I hope as a Society and a breed we can capitalise on a unique myostatin free status and use this as an unprecedented marketing tool to take Salers higher up that Suckler league table.

There have been a huge number of highs this year both on the show and sale circuits. Centre records have been broken, we took part in the Royal Highland Showcase, we attended the Great Yorkshire Show but the highlight for me must be the Salers breed winning the Group of Five Interbreed Competition at Balmoral Show in September 2021. This was a noteworthy achievement, not only for the exhibitors involved but for the breed. Defeating the best of the best at a major

show is no mean feat and it demonstrates the quality of stock we have and the dedication of the breeders. Well done!

Back at an office level from the outside looking in it may appear that things are very much 'run of the mill' or 'plain sailing' however it is not always like that as many of my Council will attest. There have been some subjects that have caused concern, not least the CHECS management board's announcement to change the rules of the John's testing protocol on 30th April.



SIÂN SHARP
Breed Secretary

There had been no formal consultation to seek support and buy-in from stakeholders, and it was taken against the advice of their very own CHECS Technical Committee. Council put pressure on CHECS via the pedigree breed society group and as a result two independent experts in the field of MAP infection will review the pending changes to the scheme. The CHECS health scheme providers have agreed on the choice of these two experts and as a result the rule changes have been delayed. I would very much like to thank Terence Pye and Martin Tomlinson for their contribution, help and support on this matter.

A massive thank you must also go to the Chair, Mr Andrew Sleigh, who has been extremely supportive on a variety of different matters and who keeps me motivated on a day-to-day basis with his infectious enthusiasm and his hilarious stories, an example of which is below.

I would once again like to thank our sponsors and advertisers who have continued to support this edition of the journal. I am extremely grateful to you and will endeavour to share your adverts and articles online throughout the year to maximise your contribution.

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Council, to introduce you to the 33rd edition of the Salers Cattle Society of the UK Breed Journal, I hope you enjoy it.



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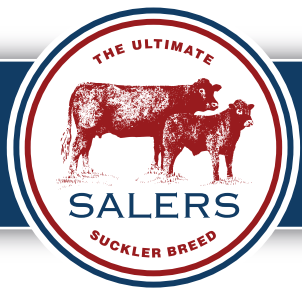
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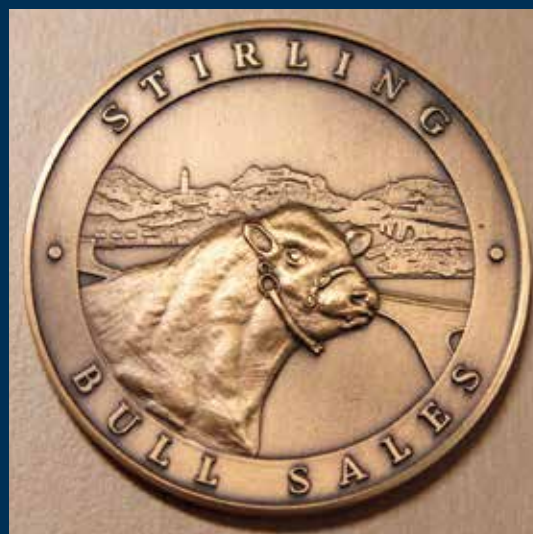
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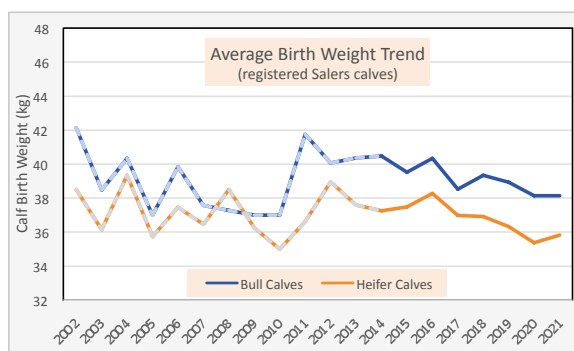
Protecting the Salers Ease of Calving

The Salers has the full package of qualities required to be a high performing suckler cow, but our unrivalled easy calving is the most important trait that brings new farmers to the breed and retains the loyalty of existing customers. The Salers calving ease is based on the large maternal pelvic area, the slim shape of the calf at birth and its low birth weight (compared to other major breeds). Meeting the market demand for improved conformation and growth rate can be achieved without sacrificing our unique calving ease if breeders also select to maintain low birth weights. Measuring birth weights is the first step, then taking the birth weight EBV into account will help breeders select future breeding animals accordingly.

The Salers Society acknowledges the commitment of the breeders to measuring birth weights, as more than 75% of all registrations have a birth weight, meaning that the accuracies of our birth weight EBVs are usually very good, and breeders and commercial farmers can use them with confidence.

Birth Weight Trends

In addition to calculating EBVs from the information that members provide, Breedplan is a database from which trends can be determined. This facility was not available in the Society database that existed before adopting Breedplan in 2016. Prior to this some members collected birth weights but since 2016 the volume of birth weight data and the number of breeders submitting data has grown massively. The trends are shown in the chart, and the outstanding news is that despite all the pressures, the average birth weights have stayed low.



Performance Recording

The fundamental concept in Breedplan is the comparison of performance of growing animals who have all had the same environment, namely same sex, close in age, same feeding, same management and so on. Using the pedigrees, linked animals etc., and where sufficient data exists, Breedplan EBVs can be used to compare animals across the breed for potential purchasers, but the core is the comparison of performance within the same herd for the benefit of that breeder.

To obtain this invaluable within herd data, a breeder needs to become a Performance Recorder, and submit weights of their animals. Just by weighing cows and their calves at weaning (calf typically around 200 days old) and weighing those calves again at around 400 days is sufficient to generate comprehensive EBVs. The system will make use of more frequent weights. The best results are obtained when more animals are weighed on the same day. Weights from all animals in their group should be submitted as excluding the poorer animals is detrimental to the EBVs of the best animals. Contact the Secretary to find out more.

Published Sires

The table opposite is an extract from the October 2021 Published Sires. Not only does it show the EBVs and their accuracies for individual bulls, it also is a bellwether for the quality of the EBVs across the breed. As sires need to meet the criteria shown below, the increase in numbers of sires making the list from 35 bulls in 2016 to 87 bulls last year to 102 bulls this year shows the good progress being made.

To qualify, a sire must have performance recorded progeny in the last five years, and one or more of his 200 / 400 / 600 Day Weight EBVs must be at least 70% accurate.

The accuracy figure associated with an EBV is an indicator of the degree of confidence that an animal will transmit that trait to their progeny and is based on the amount of performance information that is available on an animal and its close relatives, particularly the number of progeny analysed. The heritability of the trait and any genetic correlations with other traits are also considered. Accuracy can be interpreted as follows,

Below 50%, EBVs are preliminary and could change substantially as more information becomes available

50-74%, EBVs usually based on animal's own records and pedigree, and still can change significantly

75-89%, EBVs now include some progeny data, but still subject to change with more progeny data

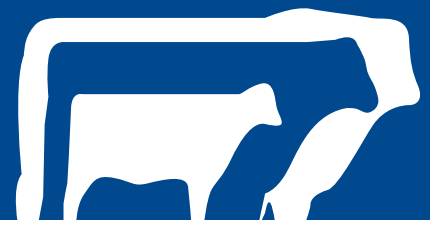
90%+, EBVs are a high estimate of an animal's true breeding value and are unlikely to change much

Milk EBV

All the Published Sires have a milk EBV, but these EBVs are mostly of too low accuracy to be used with confidence. To get higher accuracy, the sire would need to have sufficient daughters breeding in performance recorded herds with their calves being performance recorded too. At present not many performance recorded bulls are sold between performance recorded herds or are retained and used in their herd of origin, so it will be some years before the accuracies of the milk EBV will improve.

BREEDPLAN

Demonstrating Salers Commercial Advantages



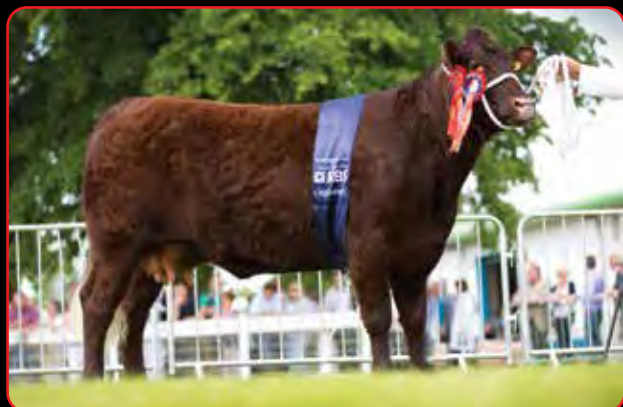
PUBLISHED SIRES

Sire	HB Number	Birth Wt EBV	200 Day Wt EBV	400 Day Wt EBV
Rigel Kale Poll	PYE2015674	-3.0	-9	-7
Rigel Kurt	PYE2015684	-2.6	3	21
Rigel Pluto	PYE2011090	-2.5	2	17
Rigel Logan Poll	UK122086601781	-2.4	3	6
Rigel Verdun Poll	PYE2012027	-1.8	1	11
Seducteur	SIM201302	-1.5	2	0
Rigel Mojave Blk Poll	UK122086401835	-1.4	-1	-1
Rigel Macduff Poll	UK122086601823	-1.2	5	10
Cleuchhead Dick Dastardly	UK562060301028	-1.0	15	28
Cleuchhead McTavish	UK562060201209	-0.9	18	30
Drumaglea Kes	UK541069400536	-0.9	3	13
Rigel Byron Poll	PYE2010030	-0.9	9	17
Rigel Kirk Poll	PYE2015659	-0.9	12	33
Cleuchhead Legacy	UK562060301161	-0.8	16	32
Mistral	IMP2015017	-0.7	6	11
Herode	SIM201201	-0.6	5	3
Oaklands Urgent	DIL2003011	-0.6	-2	-7
Rednock Mauriac	UK542858700064	-0.5	17	31
Seawell Franko	SEA2010044	-0.5	4	-6
Rigel Perth	PYE2012006	-0.4	10	20
Drumlegagh Brandon	DRU2008012	-0.3	6	5
Rigel Mycroft Poll	PYE2013031	-0.3	6	7
Vicomte	IMP2007021	-0.3	9	6
Hockey	IMP2013005	-0.2	0	3
Rigel Orlando	PYE2008071	-0.2	4	17
Rigel Lennox	UK122086701775	-0.1	4	3
Cumbrian K Roger Poll	UK562133300782	0.0	7	12
Cleuchhead Xerox	RAB2008009	0.1	8	21
Cleuchhead Yoda	RAB2009023	0.1	4	9
Lataster Hector	IMP2009047	0.1	3	2
Rigel Khamsin	PYE2015661	0.2	10	25
Cleuchhead Outlaw	UK562060401414	0.3	19	42
Cumbrian Capermello	FSG2013034	0.3	7	11
Oliver	SIM98001	0.3	10	20
Rigel Rourke Poll	PYE2014568	0.3	22	29
Seawell Houston	SEA2012074	0.3	10	16
Cuil Godfather	MCC2013028	0.4	20	37
Gourmand	IMP2010087	0.4	10	18
Gulliver	IMP2012010	0.4	12	27
Rigel Orton	PYE2013033	0.4	7	10
Cammel	IMP2012006	0.5	18	33
Cleuchhead Zoro	RAB2010015	0.5	7	14
Domino	IMP2012005	0.5	7	11
Rigel Drambuie Poll	PYE2014620	0.5	15	26
Bruno	172/6386051716	0.6	12	19
Casper	IMP2012004	0.6	13	25
Cleuchhead Murdo	UK562060601283	0.6	16	28
Cleuchhead Noah	UK562060401323	0.6	17	21
Cleuchhead Norman	UK562060301371	0.6	8	11
Denver	IMP2010054	0.6	7	9
Seawell Landmark	UK202227203684	0.6	11	19

Sire	HB Number	Birth Wt EBV	200 Day Wt EBV	400 Day Wt EBV
Seawell Leonardo	UK202227503820	0.7	9	15
Jericho	IMP2014128	0.8	4	3
Vaillant	IMP2009026	0.8	14	25
Cumbrian Royal	FSG2014724	0.9	18	27
Kracker	IMP97053	0.9	2	1
Rigel Munro Poll	PYE2011026	0.9	6	22
Breed Average		0.9	11	16
Cleuchhead Ontario	UK562060701452	1.0	20	39
Iron Man	IMP2014030	1.0	13	29
Mister	IMP2015016	1.0	11	9
Bacardi Normandy	UK564298400381	1.1	8	12
Cumbrian Roge	FSG2014746	1.1	12	21
Whitebog Kracker	UK502146502883	1.1	15	16
Approach Farm Murray	UK127167400713	1.2	11	28
Cumbrian Joker Poll	FSG2008007	1.2	16	24
Oaklands Genesis	DIL2011028	1.2	7	15
Rigel Moriarty Poll	UK122086601858	1.2	17	30
Seawell Juggernaut	UK202227203138	1.2	11	14
Beowulf Polled Montana	BEE2011004	1.3	11	23
Parkfield Polled Napoleon	UK184304600287	1.3	10	18
Seawell Lancelot	UK202227203677	1.4	6	4
Tolquhon Bonaparte	AAS2009003	1.4	11	18
Upperlands Banker Poll	RSB2001002	1.4	10	17
Cleuchhead Kingpin	RAB2015056	1.5	19	25
Seawell Kitemark	UK202227103508	1.5	8	3
Seawell Lithium	UK202227103844	1.5	17	35
Rednock Lagerfeld Poll	UK122086501773	1.6	16	35
Ledwyche LLewellyn	UK313482700169	1.7	22	33
Parkfield Polled Leonardo	UK184304200227	1.7	12	21
Rigel Kirsch Poll	PYE2015719	1.7	21	34
Vanlooy	SIM200401	1.7	11	22
Variageois	SIM201003	1.7	17	20
Inka	IMP2013053	1.8	20	27
Bacardi Marty McFly	UK564298600306	1.9	14	12
Cleuchhead Compo	RAB2013001	2.0	20	34
Fanfan	IMP2010063	2.0	12	15
Seawell Extra	SEA2009050	2.0	14	23
Highland	IMP2012050	2.2	15	28
Cleuchhead Killycrankie	UK562060701123	2.3	12	13
Illien	IMP2013011	2.3	9	15
Preenbank Kester	RFP2013005	2.7	20	20
Manor Lane Firework	CAF2012001	2.9	15	26
Rigel Officer	PYE2012025	3.0	21	37
Domino	324/4688016097	3.1	20	37
Nutella PO	IMP2017083	3.1	20	29
Larry	IMP2014067	3.6	21	29
Approach Farm Kruger	GOW2015610	3.7	19	33
Noble (Nobel)	IMP2016026	3.8	21	29
Lascaux	IMP2015008	4.1	17	12
Nomad (Nicolas)	IMP2016025	4.1	15	15
Harperley Lazlo	UK116219600169	4.6	18	30

Source: October 2021 Salers Group run. Green highlight indicates EBV equal/better than breed average
 Blue font = 90+% accuracy, Purple font = 75-89% accuracy, Red font = less than 75% accuracy

CUMBRIAN



*Cumbrian
Ladybird*

**Champion Royal
Highland Show**

*Cumbrian
Lieutenant
Poll*

**Exported to France,
Semen Available
(ELITE Export)**



*Cumbrian
Hyacinth*

**Champion Royal
Highland Show**

Hector

**Ireland Bull Calf Champion
Sire of Capermello, Velocity
and Champion Heifer 2012
Premier Sale**



*Cumbrian
Joker*

Exported to France

*Cumbrian
Moonraker*

**Male Champion RHS 2019
sold to Cuil Salers**



*Cumbrian
Capermello*

**Sold to Messrs Donger,
Sire of Lieutenant**

Semen for Sale

*Cumbrian
Royal*

**Homozygous Poll -
All Calves will be polled**

SALEERS

**FARMSTOCK
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*Cumbrian
Olympia*

**Homozygous polled,
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AT THE GRASS ROOTS SALERS PRODUCE GOLDEN STORES

By Siân Sharp, photographs by Isla Campbell Photography

It is evident from the outset, the farming enterprise at Cluseburn Farm is an ever-evolving process of continual improvement, but at its core, lies something that never changes, the Horner family's enthusiasm, hard work, and dedicated approach to their key business tools, quality suckler cows and grass management.

The farm is situated near Arbuthnott south of Aberdeen, looking at the silhouette of the Hills of Mearns. The farm extends to around 500 acres of which approximately 400 acres, is a grassland unit with the remaining 100 acres set in woodland.

Les Horner was born in Comber, County Down, Northern Ireland where his father grew spring barley, veg and, in particular early potatoes. In 1973 Les's father decided to move the family to Scotland settling first in Cruden Bay some 30 or so miles north of the family farm today and moving two years later to an arable farm in Catterline.

Cluseburn farm was purchased in 1984 when Les and Brenda got married and soon after the family also secured the neighbouring farm and land to extend the enterprise. Cluseburn had originally belonged to Brenda's father the late George Maxwell Smith MBE (Maxie), who had bought the farm in 1955 before purchasing and moving to Inverarnie, Inverness. Maxie was well known throughout the farming fraternity, he had been passionate about his suckler cows, and had showed cattle across the North-east, under the 'Farr' prefix winning a host of trophies and silverware. He was the original family member who 'discovered' Salers and believed they would be the suckler cows of the future, due to their easy calving traits. This interest resulted in him being asked to judge the breed at the Royal Show, at Stoneleigh.



Today Cluseburn is primarily run by Les, Brenda, and son Martyn however both Les and Martyn were keen to emphasise that Martyn's brother Craig also plays a significant role supporting the family during busy periods despite having a full-time career within the oil and renewable energy field.

In fact, the whole family is involved in agricultural, daughter Caroline is married to a local farmer, their farm can be seen from Cluseburn and Martyn's girlfriend Zoey runs her own flock in Shetland, is a self-employed shepherdess and works in the livestock lairage at Lerwick.

When the Horner family first converted the farm from arable to livestock, they initially multi-suckled Freisian cows with the Hereford cross calves which then grew on to become the basis of their suckler herd. The lack of flesh on these heifers however, coupled with shorter life expectancies and low re-sale values, forced them to consider alternatives. The family tried a variety of different breeds and different crosses, but the answer came in the form of a Salers bull who was hired from Brenda's father. Les said, "this was the turning point for us, when we saw what the Salers could do". He added, "the Salers delivered females who calved unassisted, with good feet, longevity, excellent fleshing, and good udders, the Salers really are the ultimate sucklers and when crossed with a 'blocky French-type' Charolais bull, produced the 'golden calf' we looked for to sell as stores".



Today the family run three pedigree Salers bulls and six Charolais bulls across 350 suckler cows, most of which are Salers cross. Martyn also has a small herd of pedigree Salers consisting of three heifers and two Salers cows purchased privately from Aidansfield in 2020. Most bulls are purchased privately or through ANM, Thainstone or United Auctions. The Salers are used to breed all their replacement females and sweep up after the Charolais bulls, Les said, *“even though cows may be two fields away the Salers bull will make a point of getting them in calf!”*.

Both Les and Martyn agree on their ‘type’ of Salers bull. They look for ‘meaty’ rather than ‘rangy’ bulls with good temperaments. The emphasis on flesh rather than size, supports their system of calving at two years of age and Martyn confirmed that *“fleshy bulls produce heifers who can calve and look after their calves at two years of age and recover easily themselves”*.

There are 30 autumn calvers which are slowly being reduced, the family believe autumn calves are not cost effective to get to the store ring. There are 40 January calvers which will be increased, the plan being to sell them as weaned calves in the first week of November, off grass without the winter costs and the main bulk of the herd calve from the 10 March, their calves are brought forward as stores from January through to April.

Heifers are bullied at 420 kg and are ‘looked after’, getting the best of the grass after bulling. In winter they are housed one or two weeks earlier than the cows and kept separate, within their age group throughout calving and for the first summer after calving. Martyn said, *“this system ensures the younger heifers are not bullied by older cows, they get all the nutrients they need for themselves and the calf and ensure we have a live calf that is born unassisted at two years of age, but we also get a heifer that grows on after calving”*.

Cattle are vaccinated for Lepto and BVD, cows receive a pre-calving bolus and a single-shot vaccination of Bovilis Rotavec Corona to protect the calf from diarrhoea caused by Rotavirus, Coronavirus and E. coli. Les said, *“we haven’t seen scour in our calves, but we don’t want too either!”*.

When asked how they maintain a herd of 365 cows and nine bulls, Les replied, *“grass is what drives the whole operation, it is the secret to good stock but to have good grass you need to look after it”*. He added, *“in Autumn it gets wet, we have a tinge of clay in our soil, so paddock management is key to save the pasture”*.

The family invest heavily in this valuable asset, Martyn explained, *“we would rather grow our cattle on with good quality silage rather than force them with concentrate, this ensures they develop naturally, and we secure repeat business in the store ring.”* He added, *“we find when you get it right, you can grow serious grass which, in turn, produces a lot of beef”*.

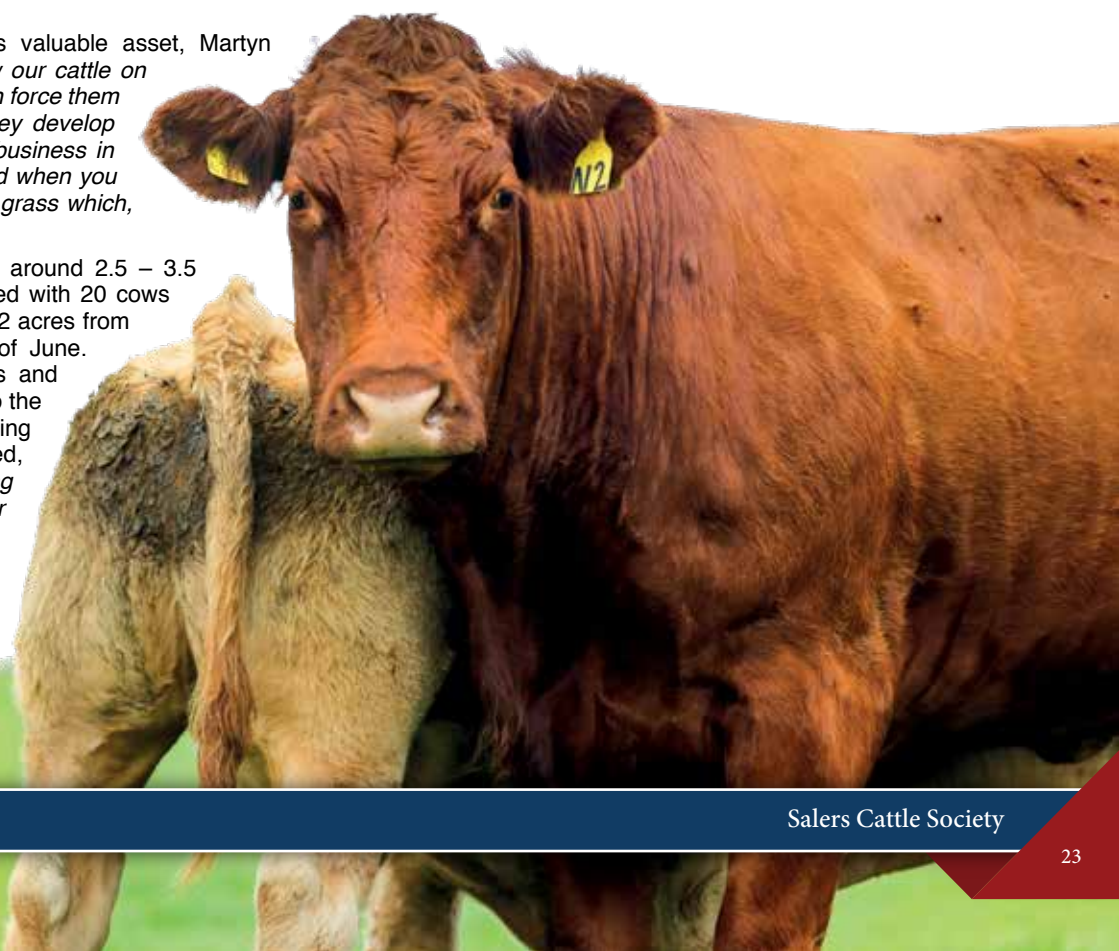
There are 52 paddock blocks of around 2.5 – 3.5 acres which are rotationally grazed with 20 cows and calves plus a stock bull per 12 acres from turn out until the second week of June. At that point grass growth slows and further paddocks are introduced to the cattle as the summer goes on. Using a paddock system Martyn believed, *“the bulls get more chance of seeing the cows in a two-acre park rather than across a twenty-acre field, so there is less chase and in turn the bull is fitter to work”*.



The paddock grazing system reduces poaching, gives greater control over grass production, improves grass quality, and affords the family an extended grazing period as grass is allocated better.

The soil is analysed routinely through SAC and the Horner’s work in conjunction with Paddy Jack, DLF to maintain their grassland applying lime and a little fertiliser where necessary to keep it in ‘tiptop’ condition. They direct reseed 40 acres each autumn and overseed 80 acres using a direct drill which is now in its fifth season. The purchase of the drill facilitated the flexibility to sow as and when required allowing cows to graze fresh grass all the time. Les explained, *“young grass is the secret to producing young stock!”*. He even admitted that he had been converted to ‘autosteer’ something he never thought he would own up to, but a grant allowed them to take advantage of the technology and they haven’t looked back.

First cut silage is taken off around 250 acres using a pick-up forage wagon purchased six years ago. Second and third cuts are reduced to around 180 acres and 80 acres respectively, depending on grazing needs. The forage wagon was introduced to save fuel and create more flexibility as to how and when the job was carried out. Martyn admitted, *“it takes a bit longer, but actually we can make a good job of the pit and we’re getting a lot more feed value out of the same tonne of grass”*.





The family confessed that to enter this rotational system required commitment, in terms of labour, checking and moving stock and measuring grass, as well as an investment in infrastructure, such as a mixture of permanent and temporary fencing, and water supplies. Throughout the farm crucial shelter belts of more than 20 acres have been created alongside new hedging, to provide shelter from the severe spring winds from the south or off the sea. All fencing is undertaken in-house and is paramount as the farm is surrounded by arable units with no fences.

Mature cows at Cluseburn farm weigh no more than around 750 kgs, the family believe it doesn't take a big cow to raise a big calf, Martyn said, "*heavier cows poach the grass and don't do their calves the same*". Calves are creep fed from the beginning of August at around 0.4 kg per head of second stage nuts to educate them prior to weaning and make housing a less stressful experience. Once weaned, calves move on to a beef blend of approximately 1 kg per head, per day and a mix of silage, turnips and some straw for the 'scratch' factor.

Cows receive a mix of silage and straw throughout the winter months, the balance of silage to straw is tailored depending on whether the cows are dry or milking. This is supplemented with super suckler minerals and Himalayan Rock Salt. Bulls have dedicated bull pens and are fed on a ration of 50% silage, 30% turnips and some concentrate, with a little straw.

All females who meet the Horner's standards are kept as replacement females; all other offspring are sold as stores at ANM Thainstone, UA Huntly or Lawrie Symington Forfar,

mostly to repeat buyers, at 10 to 12 months of age between 400 kgs - 430 kgs. The only exception was four pure Salers bulls the family bought as calves at foot which were finished and sent to McIntosh Donald in early August 2021. The bulls weighed between 385.3 kgs and 420 kgs deadweight, graded out at -U4L, -U3, U+2, -U2 and achieved between £4.11 and £4.16 per kg.

Cattle and grass are not the only things the family have invested in over the years, the steading features dedicated bull pens, there is a calving shed 160 x 80 containing one main pen and 14 calving pens adjacent and the remaining steading has been a gradual process of improvement. Since most of the time there are only two people working with the cattle, a Pearson / Ritchie cattle handling system was installed and farm diversification is evident in the form of an 850kW wind turbine although it was a long time coming, as planning permission took seven years to obtain. Another diversification, or slight shift in policy, has seen 110 Shetland X Cheviot ewes introduced and the plan is to have 200 lambing to a Suffolk in spring, providing an additional income stream, and further improving the grass.

I suspect if you went back to Cluseburn farm on an annual basis, at each visit you would notice something different or new. Each change would no doubt be subtle, introduced to improve the output or efficiency of the business. However, I could just about guarantee that whenever you visit, the fundamental principles of the Horner family will remain unchanged, that of using good quality Salers to breed 'golden calves', on a productive grass management system. As Martyn said, "*if you want golden eggs, look no further than a Salers!*".



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SALERS LAY THE GROUNDWORKS FOR SUCCESSFUL FAMILY ENTERPRISE

By Siân Sharp, photographs by Isla Campbell Photography

Working at least 10 hours a day, running a civil engineering business, Cybi Cyfyngedig, which employs a minimum of 15 people, would for most families be more than enough, but the Pritchard family, Harri, Sioned and their thirteen-year-old daughter Lora Jên also run two pedigree herds of Salers, totalling 50 cows with 18 followers and two stock bulls as well as 50 Dorset sheep, on their farm at Llwyn Gwyn, Llangybi. Harri also sits on the Council of the Salers Cattle Society of the UK and is the current Chair of the International Salers Federation (ISF) which aims to share good practice through a Salers convention every three years in different countries.

“Running the engineering business and the farm would be almost impossible with any other breed, but the Salers ease of management is a key factor, and their unsurpassed calving ease and maternal traits give us ‘peace of mind’ during calving and busy periods,” Harri explains.

The farm consists of 150 acres of owned and rented land where approximately 90 acres comprises of small units of good permanent pasture, ideally suited to paddock grazing. The remaining 60 acres is slightly poorer, wetter ground, but Harri said, *“the Salers are not only low maintenance, but they are also hardy too, they graze and thrive on poorer land whilst being able to raise a calf without losing condition, so we utilise ground perhaps others wouldn’t”*.

Glyn Arfon is only a short distance along the road. It was farmed by Harri’s grandmother and has been farmed by Harri and Sioned for the last 16 years. Llwyn Gwyn itself was purchased in 2001 and there are a further two parcels of land.

Harri started working on farms when he left school, he also dabbled in local agricultural contracting and groundworks gaining skills he would later utilise to establish his own civil engineering business. He also kept and lambed 300 Lleys and bucket reared, Hereford X Freisan heifer calves, putting them in calf and selling them with a calf at foot. In the early days he had used a Limousin bull but quickly progressed to a Salers. The sheep operation however proved restrictive during lambing periods, so they were sold in the late 1990s.

Harri’s interest in Salers was sparked in the late 1980s and early 1990s, they had stood out for him at the Royal Show, Stoneleigh and he instantly knew they would be ideal for the farming system at home. In the beginning he embarked on the grading up process and grew the herd to forty $\frac{3}{4}$ bred Salers cows, before he sold them at the local market. At that stage he had never considered breeding pedigree cattle, but he had been given a contact in Normandy and soon after he and Sioned travelled to Normandy to assess the breed in their home environment. During the trip they selected 14 pedigree Salers bulling heifers and two pedigree bulls, Vidoc (IMP2005009) out of Mesange, sired by Normandy with Ugolin on the paternal side and Theoreme (IMP2005020) sired by Narvic and out of Opaline a Ferdinand sired daughter. The whole consignment was imported to North Wales on 13 January 2005 and so the Felin herd of pedigree Salers was founded.

Everyone needs a little bit of luck now and again and Harri explained that for his family it came in the form of female replacements. He said, *“the first 14 heifers we imported from France produced 10 heifer calves and those 10 heifer calves verified the Salers unrivalled fertility, producing a*





further 9 heifer calves at two years of age,” he added, “we could not believe how fortunate we were to establish a herd so quickly and then another break came when we sold Theoreme, one of the imported bulls, to Genus”. The global AI company used well known Salers traits to describe the bull in their catalogue, stating he was a consistent sire with easy born, fast-growing progeny.

Sioned was also born into farming, her family were dairy farmers some 14 miles away milking 45 cows and running 315 Nelson ewes over 160 acres at Bryn Gro farm. She took on the huge responsibility of running the family business at the tender age of 16, following a heart attack suffered by her father.

Sioned carries out most of the routine, day-to-day work with the cattle and sheep at Llwyn Gwyn, Lora Jên accompanies her when she is not at school, and everyone is involved at busy times such as calving. Jobs such as dosing, testing and vaccinations are scheduled for the weekends where the whole family get involved. The system they have adopted is not only simple but effective, calving all cows outside in April / May, recently autumn calvers were dispersed and they are strictly spring calving now.

Cattle are maintained on a grass only diet with no additional minerals, within a paddock grazing system throughout the spring and summer months. In winter, the cattle are housed in cubicles and a straw bedded court and fed on homegrown silage. The family normally make 700 bales over two cuts of silage but this year a second cut was not required. 1 cwt of straight nitrogen is applied per acre to all grazing land each year and 3 cwt per acre of compound fertiliser is applied to silage ground.

“The price of buying straw has become more prohibitive each year in this area,” Harri explained, “because of this, we will replace the straw bedded cattle court with an 120ft x 26ft, slatted area with a feed passage on either side in a 120ft x 60ft shed. The shed will be part financed from a grant from Rural Payments Wales and the slats will be covered in rubber for superior comfort, and to keep the cattle clean and dry,” he added.

As part of the health scheme, the family monitor for Johnes and vaccinate for Lepto and BVD. Very few ailments are seen on the farm but because of the wet ground, cattle are treated for Fluke as a precautionary measure. Everyone plays a part in carefully selecting replacement females and any surplus are sold as breeding females or stores either off farm or at one of the local markets, Bryncir, Dolgellau or Gaerwen. Pedigree bulls are sold privately, mostly to farmers in the local area or repeat customers.

When asked about the cattle, Sioned said, “it doesn’t really feel like a job, I get to spend time doing what I love, being outside and checking the stock. The cattle bring me enormous satisfaction. The two businesses mean we are all very busy and we do get stressful days, but the Salers are almost therapeutic, they bring a sense of calm, and I am so lucky that I get to share this lifestyle with all my family”.



Equally as keen is daughter Lora Jên who has a strong interest in their Dorset sheep as well as the groundworks business but her passion for the cattle is abundant. She attends Ysgol Glan Y Mor, Pwllheli and sees a future career in marketing and promotion within the agricultural field. To support this path, she intends applying to Glynllifon Agricultural College to study agriculture, business and health and safety. Her dream is to continue to run both businesses, maintaining the Felin herd whilst growing her own herd of pedigree Salers under the Nebo prefix. In the meantime, however her focus is to use the showground as



a platform to promote the benefits of breeding Salers to the farming community and beyond, she said *"I believe Salers are the breed of the future and I would like to demonstrate to people their unique maternal qualities and quiet temperament"*, she added *"I already debate these issues with my school friends who are involved in agriculture, some of whom, keep other breeds"*.

Showing is not new to this family and the pinnacle of their career so far, was winning the male championship and overall breed championship at the Royal Welsh Show in 2015, with Forez, a French imported bull. Forez was born on 1 January 2010 and was sired by Numero and out of Beguine. In that same year they also won the best senior heifer title and the best opposite sex to the champion with a homebred animal Felin Infinity, born on 19 March 2013, sired by Cupid and out of Felin Cara. Felin Infinity was entered at the Welshpool Show and Sale in October 2015 where she was awarded the female championship in the pre-sale show before topping the female trade.

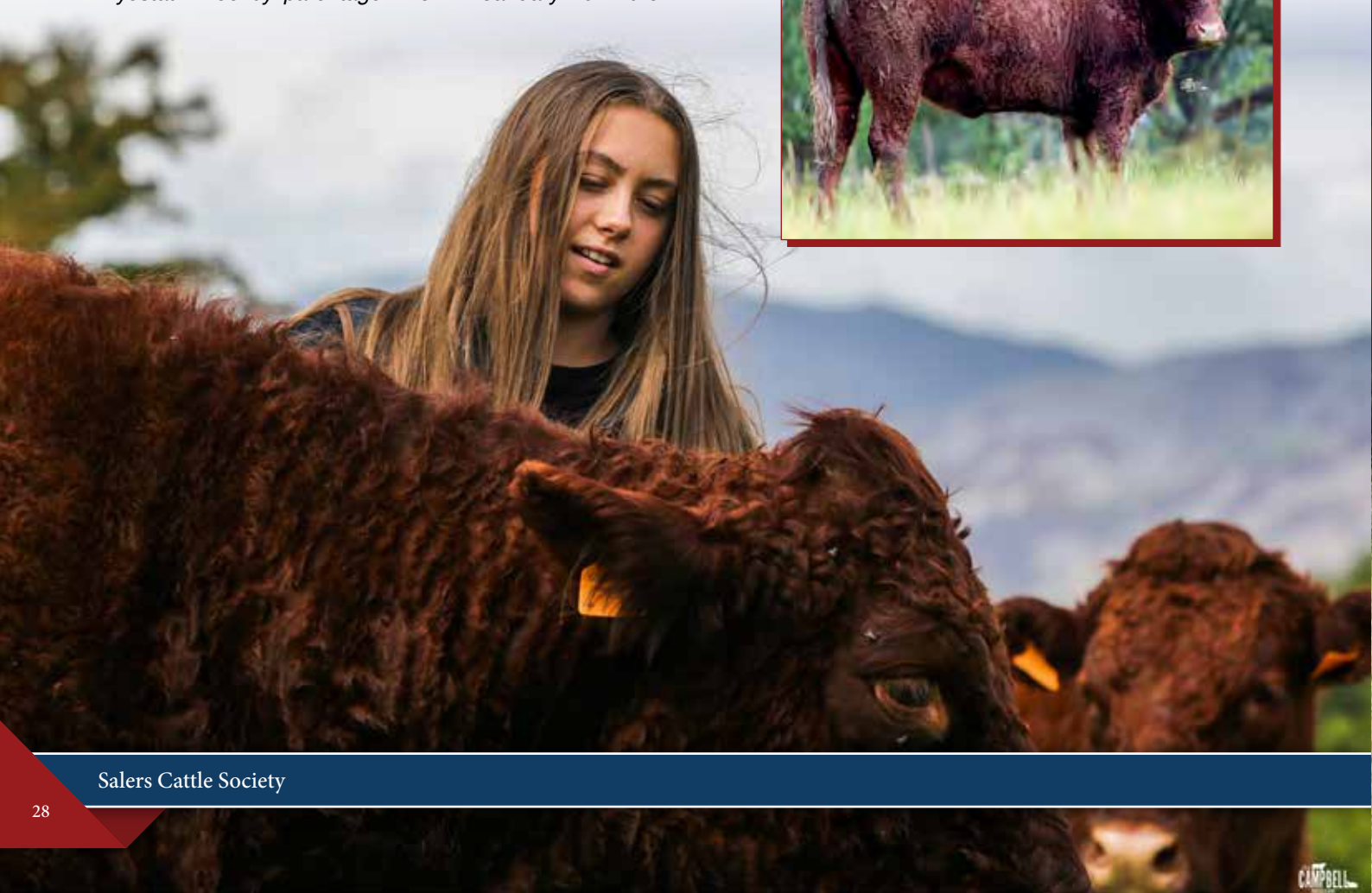
More recently the expansion of the civil engineering business meant time for showing was scarce but there are no plans to expand the business further and this means that more time can be dedicated to promoting their Salers, especially given Lora Jên's enthusiasm. Showing is hard work and most of that hard work is done at home, behind the scenes. Harri said, *"I believe young people only learn by being involved in all aspects of a job, right from the beginning"*.

In addition, the family are keen to retain the maternal traits of the Salers, something they believe is key for the continued success of the breed. To support this, they have just finished testing all their breeding females for myostatin and they only select myostatin free bulls. Harri explained, *"it makes sense to know everything you are breeding is myostatin free by parentage. From 1 January 2024 the*



Society will only accept animals free of myostatin into the herd book and I know our cattle will all be eligible without any further costs or tests". He added, *"it is reassuring to know that the maternal traits of the breed will not be compromised by myostatin and as a bonus because I have tested my females now, I will also benefit from the reduced cost of registrations in 2022 and 2023, this will help offset the initial DNA costs, so it's a win, win!"*.

So, what next for the Pritchard family? Sioned said, *"we do not want to get any bigger, our focus now is the quality and consistency of our cattle"*. Harri added, *"we recently imported a French bull called Pepite, sired by Fierot and out of Fanfare and purchased Preenbank Orsino from Fred and Bryn Robinson at Welshpool, for a centre record price. These two young bulls compliment each other and will hopefully leave a quality stamp on our herd"*.



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DRAWN TO SALERS AFTER SUCCESS IN CROSS SUCKLER HERD

By Lynsey Clark, photographs by MacGregor Photography

With the aim of maximising the value of his cattle, new breeder Ben Roughton was drawn to Salers after having success with the breed in his family's cross suckler herd, based on their mainly arable farm, Gidding Grove, in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

Ben farms 600-acres in partnership with his parents David and Cherry, growing wheat, barley, beans, linseed and oilseed rape. The family – including Ben's wife Harriet, a rural surveyor, and their baby girl Willa – also run boarding kennels and a cattery on-farm and undertake arable contracting, within their busy business.

It's on 75 acres of permanent pasture that the cattle have their place and until 2020, the Roughtons kept a herd of 40 continental cross sucklers, with replacements bought in when needed. Crossed with the Limousin bull, the calves were sold as 12-month-old stores, either privately or through Melton Mowbray or Thrapston Marts.



Ben explains: *"A few years ago, I was buying replacement heifers from Melton Mowbray and bought four or five Salers crosses. I knew very little about them, but I liked the look of them and I was really impressed with how they performed. They were very quiet; they calved easily, with really good calves."*



As with much of the population, the first lockdown in 2020, gave the family time to reflect on their business and they were able to determine what they wanted to achieve from the cattle.

"It makes sense for us to have cattle here; we have buildings for them and grass and we grow our own feed and straw. We're situated close to the Fens, so we have an abundant supply of waste veg too", says Ben.

"We decided we wanted to focus on quality rather than quantity with the cattle and because we'd been so impressed with the Salers crosses, we decided to buy some bulling heifers, which we got from Charles Benson at Green's Park. I was really impressed with his set-up and the quality of the cattle. We've also had a lot of help from our area representative Carolyn Fox, who has introduced us to other breeders too".

Ben's next step was to buy a Salers bull, Approach Farm Ouzo, which he got from Angus Gowthorpe,





“We’re heavily involved in stewardship schemes and are restricted with fertiliser use on the permanent pasture. The Salers are well suited to this system, as they graze very well.

“When we’re busy with the arable work, we don’t have time to sit up all night at calving and often it’s just me or Dad working on our own, so cattle that are easily managed and calve easily are what we need. The Salers have ticked those boxes, plus they are good on their feet, with plenty milk and they seem to hold their condition through the winter, with less concentrates than the cross cows”, adds Ben.

who he says has been a great source of advice. This summer, the Roughtons have also bought another 10 heifers from Green’s Park. The cows are set to calve in February and the bulling heifers in April.

“We were looking for a uniform batch, with quiet temperaments and high-health status. We’re delighted with Approach Farm Ouzo too and he’s so quiet and easy to handle. The long-term plan is to go entirely pedigree Salers, so we’re gradually building up the numbers, aiming to get to 40 cows, while gradually cutting back the cross cows. Breeding our own replacements will give us greater control of the health of the cattle too”, says Ben.

“This year, we’re keeping eight heifer calves and we’ve kept the bulls entire, to see how they turn out. In the future, any females or bulls that we can sell for breeding will be a bonus”, he adds.

The family all pull together at Gidding Grove, with Ben’s agronomist sister Emma, also on hand for fertiliser and agronomy advice. The objective is to make the best possible use of the resources they have and Ben feels the Salers are perfect for this type of system.



SALERS: THE FUTURE OF FARMING

By Olivia McCann, photographs by Mullagh Photography & Design



Lisnamaul Salers was established on the east coast of County Down, Northern Ireland in the early 1990s, with the aim of developing an easy-calving, low maintenance herd, allowing ease of mind while working away from the main yard itself. At present, the farm is owned by PJ Maginn, while the day to day running and management is organised by his grandson Stephen Maginn.

The Maginn family work a range of land types from low land at sea level through to common hill grazing on the side of the Mourne Mountains at 2788 feet altitude. Although most of the land is owned, it also depends on conacre, much of which is removed from the main holding, to ensure its sustainability.

Common hill grazing makes up almost half of the farm which is not suitable for cattle due to its steep terrain and vegetation. This land accommodates 1250 Lanark ewes. A further quarter of land is marginal which carries 250 cross bred ewes and suckler cows during the summer months. The remaining land stocks 80 pure bred Salers cows; half are bred to a Culard Charolais bull and half to a range of pedigree pure bred Salers bulls. These cows are split between Spring and Autumn calving.

The Culard Charolais bull was introduced in the late 2010s in line with a change in the farm policy, selling Spring born weanlings at 300-380 kgs. This change in practice has proven to be very successful with this year's weanling bulls averaging at £3.30/kg and weanling heifers at £2.82/kg.

After Stephen completed his education at Greenmount College, he returned to the family farm to make his dream of producing and showing top quality pedigree Salers cattle a reality.

The years of hard work and dedication were epitomised with Lisnamaul Eimear winning Reserve Overall Champion at Balmoral in 2013. She also teamed up to be crowned Reserve Interbreed Pairs.



The winning streak continued with the herd picking up countless accolades. With the herd's maiden trip to a premier sale in 2014 to Castle Douglas, Lisnamaul Floss topped the female sale at £5000. Lisnamaul Floss shared the same dam, Lisnamaul Barbie, as Balmoral prize winner Lisnamaul Eimear. Barbie bred other prize-winners including Lisnamaul Kelly who was very successful in the show circuit and



has produced the dearest bull to date. The greatest achievement was to win the Salers Champion at Balmoral Show in 2019 with Lisnamaul My Girl. This outstanding two year old heifer was sired by Seawell Fitzpatrick and out of Lisnamaul Shelly. On the same day My Girl teamed up with Lisnamaul Molly and was placed in the Best Interbreed Pair bred by exhibitor. Molly was also sired by Seawell Fitzpatrick which was a tremendous bull for the herd.

My Girl's successes continued with two of her progeny, Lisnamaul Peggy and Rita, selling at the first Area 4 Autumn Club sale. Peggy was placed first in the Senior female class and sold for £2800, while Rita won the Junior Female class, securing Reserve Overall Champion at just 7 months old and fetching £2900 to a repeat customer, Trayboyack Salers.

“Couldn't be happier getting this girl Rita online at Dungannon from the Lisnamaul Salers herd, taking Reserve Champion at just 7 months. She just oozes character like her dam Lisnamaul My Girl...Sired by Nemo, a Jonas son, plenty of power and character. Thanks again Lisnamaul Salers. If she performs half as well as Gypsy I'll be happy”
Trayboyack Salers

Stephen says, “Salers females display exceptional maternal qualities of fertility, milking ability, calving ease, hardiness and longevity. Their calving abilities leave less labour costs and higher numbers of live births per head”.

The herd continues to follow the aims of the Salers Society in relation to the Myostatin gene and the preservation of the integrity of the breed. Following the society's decision on Myostatin, Lisnamaul hope to be able to produce easy calving females for a commercial market to suit continental, heavy-muscled bulls.

“Salers produce a reasonably moderate birth weight with excellent thrive, making them an ideal breed for a suckler farmer. When I first decided to introduce Salers we had a particularly difficult calving year previously



with a different breed of sire and a mixed bred herd of cows. Since the introduction of Salers, vets bills have been greatly reduced, we have negligible hoof problems and the life span of our cows has increased” adds PJ.

After the successful introduction of two French bred Saler bulls in 2017, 2018 saw yet another undertaking for Lisnamaul herd as Stephen travelled to France to introduce new maternal blood lines by purchasing four heifers from reputable Salers breeders. These have proven to be a valuable asset to the herd.

“Nemo, a French import bull by Jonas was a game changer for our herd as he has produced excellent quality offspring”
Stephen

Surplus bull calves have previously been sold as store steers at 450-500 kg in the springtime. In 2022, Stephen intends to finish these as bull beef himself at 14-16 months to be sold direct to the meat factory.

Stephen concludes, *“in the future we want to continue to develop our bloodlines, producing the highest quality stock we can to suit pedigree and commercial farmers. We can see an increasing demand for Salers in NI and I find this really promising for the future and the sustainability of the breed”.*



CARWOOD CRISS-CROSS SALERS FOR COMMERCIAL PROFIT

By Siân Sharp, photographs by Isla Campbell Photography

The Wight family are renowned for producing exceptional pedigree beef cattle and sheep and within minutes of entering the first field of stock it immediately became apparent as to why. Despite such a renowned reputation in the pedigree world with consistently good averages over a prolonged period, selling Charolais bulls such as the May, 2017-born Charolais bull, Carwood Nico, to the Coolnaslee herd, in Northern Ireland, for £14,000, it was instantly clear that Colin Wight and his wife Fiona had just as much pride and gained just as much job satisfaction from fattening and finishing a good quality pen of commercial bulls/heifers, or selling an even, well-balanced lorry load of fat lambs.

The Wight's have three daughters who all live fairly locally and work with NHS Scotland. Susan is a dietitian with Alison and Lyndsay both working as diagnostic radiographers. The family each take a consecutive week off work at lambing time covering a three week rush and are always keen to lend a hand on the farm at weekends and when they are able. The family are also ably assisted by two full time workers James Dunlop who attends to the stock and tractor man Kevin Blyth.

The farm itself extends to approximately 1200 acres, 600 acres of which was purchased in 1986 by the family partnership John Wight & Sons and a further 600 acres are rented seasonally. In 1987 just after Fiona and Colin got married, they took on the responsibility of farming the unit at the age of 24. Fiona explained, *"the farm was quite run down when we took it on, it has taken a long time to turn the farm around and find what suits the land and we have had to adapt our systems accordingly"*.

The sheds have been modified and added to over the years and consist mostly of cubicles or slatted sheds with rubber matting, mainly introduced because of the cost of purchasing straw.



The land consists of rolling hills, green pastures, and wooded shelter belts, but it does extend to 1000ft above sea level in parts and in the past surface artefacts have been found including early Neolithic pottery, hazel nutshell charcoal and lithics. The ground can burn off quite easily especially on the gravelly knowes, however these high areas provide excellent overwintering opportunities for dry cows where they feed on hard standing and gain shelter within the woods. They graze there supplemented with silage, straw and minerals throughout the winter and move closer to the farm, as the cows near calving.

The family have not undertaken any real diversification choosing to focus on improving what they already have and do. They implement good grassland management, shutting off fields with an electric fence during periods of rapid grass growth, this excess grass is baled and used for sheep haylage. The farm itself isn't really suited to a paddock grazing system but Colin and Fiona follow the principles behind this system with the good agricultural practice of regular soil analysis and appropriate lime application. Dung and slurry applications help to cut down on fertiliser use and maintain healthy soil structure. 'Shot grass' is a pet hate at Carwood although they admitted it was hard to avoid in the 2021 season.



The late Willie Davidson of Poldean, Moffat first presented the idea of Salers to Colin and Fiona and in 2009 Colin had the opportunity to witness Salers in their home environment, on a SAC farmers trip to France. The trip entailed visits to co-operatives, cheese factories and abattoirs but one of the excursions took them to Salers in the Auvergne region. The visitors were escorted by Laurent Antignac to cattle sheds some 4000ft up, Colin said, *“I could not believe it, there were cows grazing on the hills with their calves. A coach load of strangers walked through them and we were able to scratch their backs”*. At the same time, there were also technicians on the farm, classifying fifty bulls, Colin added, *“all the visitors walked through these bulls, we were staggered by how quiet they were and how uniformed they were in appearance”*. Back in the UK Colin witnessed Salers calved to a Charolais bull and noted, *“the Salers cross Charolais calves were good, they were stylish and uniform in size and that is exactly what they have bred for me here at Carwood”*.

Shortly after in 2010, the family purchased six pure Salers heifers. Colin said, *“farmer friends said we were mad, they said the Salers were wild, but we have never found that, they are inquisitive but not wild and we have found the breed to be just like those cattle I saw in France in 2009, quiet and easy to handle”*.

Those foundation heifers produced five bulls and one heifer, Colin said, *“we were slightly disappointed as we had hoped for female replacements quickly, but not all was lost as one of those bulls was kept for breeding and some of the cows are still here, the Salers live well in to double figures”*. After that and until recently, Colin had purchased one or two commercial pens of Salers and Salers cross heifers each year at the Premier Sale, Castle Douglas.

Carwood currently have 240 cows which mostly calve at what Colin describes as their ‘ideal age’ of two and a half. Forty of those cows are pedigree Charolais, eight are pure Salers and the remainder are mainly Salers Cross,



Colin said, *“we criss-cross the Salers and the Charolais and it works really well for us, we like the Salers cross, and we like the Charolais cross, and this criss-crossing is producing commercial calves, which when finished, command a profit”*.

Some of the black cows are Salers cross out of Limousin and Angus cattle previously bought as replacements.

Both Colin and Fiona placed a huge emphasis on having good-framed cattle, with good udders and feet that could calve easily. Colin said, *“they have good udders, we hardly see any mastitis or have to suck a calf”*, he added, *“since we introduced Salers, we have more head of cattle, less calving issues and better-quality stock”*.

Calving is spread out from early spring through the summer to give a steady flow of animals at finishing time. The calves start to receive creep in early August and calves are weaned in batches according to age from the end of October with dry cows mostly wintered outside.

Cattle are routinely vaccinated for BVD and Lepto and calves receive a precautionary double vaccination of Rispoval. Harbro mineral buckets are always available and pre-bulling minerals and pre-calving buckets are used to boost colostrum quality.



The cattle system is complimented with 900 commercial ewes. The majority are now Suffolk cross mules with some mules and a few Texel crosses. *"We like to criss cross the sheep too and find that Texel or Beltex cross tups on a Suffolk X ewe gives a tremendous finished lamb and also the Suffolk tup over the Texel cross ewe leaves a great lamb which not only can fatten quickly off grass but can be taken to heavier weights if required"*. Included in the ewe numbers are 45 pure Suffolks which are mainly Fiona's domain. Apart from the replacements, lambs are all finished being sent to Morrisons directly or sold live through Lawrie and Symington at Lanark Market.

Fiona grew up on a farm in Kintyre and met Colin whilst she was studying Animal Production Science at Edinburgh University. She works at home and takes care of most of the bookwork as well as being a full time lamber, occasional tractor driver and relief farm worker. The Suffolks are her farming "hobby" and the flock produce approx 20 Suffolk shearlings which are sold at Kelso and Stirling annually. She was secretary of The Scottish Charolais Club for five years and like Colin enjoys the social aspect of belonging to a Breed Society.

180 acres of first cut silage is taken followed by a second cut of around 100 acres. A contractor chops the silage, but all other work is undertaken in-house. They grow 100 acres of Spring Barley, 90 tonnes is treated with Maxammon with the remainder bruised and propcorned. This home grown feed is used either in a TMR or fed in a calf creep ration.

The family have been concentrating on bull beef for several years, they are fed ad-lib on a TMR ration and finished at 13 - 15 months at 380 kgs - 440 kgs deadweight. Colin said, *"the pure Salers will reach 418 kgs to 430 kgs and easily grade out at a U"*, he added, *"the Salers cross just get better and better as they get older and the top four or five on the payment report are always Charolais Salers crosses"*.

Breed	Deadweight	Grade	Price per kg
Salers X	388.7 kg	-U3	4.26
Salers	418.2 kg	-U3	4.21
Salers X	420 kg	U+3	4.31
Salers X	420 kg	U+3	4.31

The bull beef unit suits Carwood, having previously sold suckled calves and only finishing heifers. They found that leaving bull calves entire gets them away so much quicker and efficiently which is becoming ever more important with carbon audits and lowering emissions from agriculture. The bull beef operation gives them a steady income throughout the summer and Autumn before the cows are housed.



The heifers are then finished from Autumn through until the Spring. All finished cattle are sold direct to Highland Meats (Dunbia) or MacIntosh Donald (Kepak).

Previously all replacements were bought in but as Salers numbers have increased almost all replacements are homebred which helps to maintain the health status of the herd. Fiona said, *"whether it is sheep or cattle Colin likes decent framed animals and we had major concerns when the abattoirs capped the carcass weights however just like most farmers, we adapted our system to meet the standards"*.

There are currently two pedigree Salers bulls, Darnford Mack and Bacardi Knight and all the Charolais bulls are homebred. Colin said, *"we like to breed bulls we would use ourselves"*, he added, *"I don't place much emphasis on EBV's, but I do want my Salers bulls to be well fleshed, with good frame and a reasonable sized back end but not too extreme because we use them for replacement females"*. When asked from a commercial perspective about the Salers Cattle Society's decision to prevent myostatin carriers entering the herd book in 2024, Colin replied, *"I think it is a good thing, commercial men look to the Salers for their easy calving, milk and other maternal traits and it is important that the breed maintains these attributes"*, he added, *"some other breeds that have followed the myostatin path have lost some maternal aspects such as milk"*.

The criss-crossing at Carwood will continue and forms the foundation of their breeding policy with the two breeds complimenting each other very favourably. The rapid growth and efficient finishing characteristics of the Charolais coupled with the easy calving and maternal attributes of the Saler is a match unsurpassed by any other cross in Colin's opinion.



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15 yearling heifers, average £1592.50, top price 1900 gns

4 stock bulls, average £3806.25, top price 5500 gns

On Saturday 9th January 2021, United Auctions, Stirling, hosted the dispersal of the Aidansfield herd of pedigree Salers on behalf of the late Conor Colgan. Conor had developed a state-of-the-art research station in Lowick, Northumberland, focused on feed efficiency, genetic improvement, and carbon reduction. Conor loved cattle and he had a great eye for stock, and this was reflected in the cattle presented at the market in Stirling and the subsequent support at the sale from pedigree and commercial buyers.

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the market facilitated viewing and bidding in line with regulations, streamed the sale live via their webcam and provided online and telephone bidding facilities.

P & R Burbage of Oakfields Farm, recognised the quality of stock on sale and invested in 34 females to join their Salers herd based in Northampton. They also purchased the top priced animal of the day, which was the stock bull Cleuchhead Kingpin, a Drumlegagh Brandon son out of Cleuchhead Jolie 8th for 5500 gns. This bull was from the Gitan line, a very influential sire in France. Kingpin himself won his class at the Royal Highland Show in 2016 and was Overall Champion at the Salers Cattle Society Premier sale the same year.

Taking the second top price of the day at 5000 gns was also a stock bull, Tolquhon Napoleon a July 2018 bull by Sligo Ohmy out of a Garou sired dam Tolquhon Amber. This bull went home to J M Aitken, Carlolphill, Penicuik.

There were 88 cows forward for sale and taking top spot in this section was a 2016 born cow, Lowick Hall Granada, by Tolquhon Trafalgar out of Lowick Hall Charlotte, she sold for 3100 gns to pedigree breeder Murray Lyle of Mid Cambushinnie, Dunblane for his Strathallan herd. Murray Lyle also purchased the imported French cow Joice for 2500 gns, a daughter by Atchoum, out of Colombe and Lowick Hall Galant for 2400 gns, a Tolquhon Trafalgar sired cow, both were in-calf to Gourmand.

John Martin & Son, Swinlees, Dalry purchased two cows. The first was Lowick Hall Gravitas by Tolquhon Trafalgar out of Lowick Hall Christine and in-calf to Gourmand for 2800 gns and matching that bid was A Minto & Son, West Linton for Lowick Hall Halle a 2017 born daughter of Tolquhon Bonaparte, in-calf to Gourmand. Swinlees also purchased Lowick Hall Gypsy another Trafalgar daughter for 2500 gns.

Orr & Partners, West Calder purchased Lowick Hall Gucci for 2700 gns, J & J Craig, Lanarkshire paid 2500 gns for Lowick Hall Glenluce and J M Anderson, Banff also went to 2500 gns for Lowick Hall Ingrid, a Highland daughter out of Lowick Hall Geraldine.

New members to the Salers Cattle Society R.A. Armstrong, Hexham purchased four cows and two in-calf heifers. The first was Cleuchhead Mhairi at 2000 gns, next was Lowick Hall Gem for 2100 gns and for 2400 gns they secured Lowick Hall Cantal, an Emir sired daughter, Lowick Hall Paris for 2600 gns. The two Gourmand sired in-calf heifers were both secured at 1900 gns a piece for Lowick Hall Icicle and Aidansfield Julie.

Fenwick Jackson took home two cows and one in-calf heifer for his Cory herd at Jedburgh. Lowick Hall Susie 2nd made 1000 gns, Lowick Hall Gin, a Tolquhon Bonaparte daughter was secured at 2100 gns and the in-calf heifer, a Gourmand sired daughter, Aidansfield Josephina made 2100 gns.



CLEUCHHEAD KINGPIN



TOLQUHON NAPOLEON

J Wight, Biggar, also added two cows to his Carwood herd, Lowick Hall Cleopatra 1650 gns and Lowick Hall Fiat, a Tolquhon Bonaparte daughter in-calf to Gourmand for 2200 gns.

Society President, Tom Walling, Farmstock Genetics, Selkirk purchased two lots for his Cumbrian herd, Nature an imported daughter of Hornfleur out of Hortensia for 1750 gns and Nanou an Icare daughter for 2200 gns.

Topping the in-calf heifer trade was Aidansfield Janie another Bonaparte daughter out of Lowick Hall Verbier she sold to R C Gatherer, Johnstone for 2800 gns.

Pedigree breeders Colin McClymont, (Cuil) Newtown Stewart purchased two Gourmand sired in-calf heifers Lowick Hall Illucidate for 2700 gns and Aidansfield Judy for 2600 gns. The McClymont's also paid 1850 gns for a Gourmand sired maiden heifer, Aidansfield Kelly.

A. Quigley (Ardmachree), Enniskillen purchased Lowick Hall Isabella for 2400 gns, she joins his earlier purchase, Cleuchhead Gentle 1118 for 2200 gns, on the trip back to Northern Ireland.

Society Chair, Andrew Sleight, Ellon, purchased Lot 104, Harperley Orleans for his Tolquhon herd for 2300 gns and Council member Rob Livesey, Melrose purchased Aidansfield Johanna, 2400 gns and Aidansfield Jewel a Gourmand sired daughter for his Cleuchhead herd at 1900 gns.

J M Aitken, (Carlolphill) Penicuik purchased Aidansfield Joyce, 2100 gns and Aidansfield Jemimah, 2200 gns and W & A M Aitken of Scotstounbank, Blyth Bridge purchased four maiden heifers Aidansfield Kid 1250 gns, Aidansfield Katie 1300 gns, Aidansfield Kim 1250 gns and the last female lot of the day Aidansfield Kohl, a Gourmand sired heifer for 1300 gns.

R A Milne, Kennieshillock, Elgin purchased Aidansfield Kate at 1600 gns and Aidansfield Krona, 1500 gns and P J Maginn & Sons, Lisnamaul take Aidansfield Kay and Aidansfield Kash back to Northern Ireland for 1550 gns and 1800 gns respectively.

STIRLING BULL SALES – FEBRUARY 2021

The February sale of Salers took place at United Auctions, Stirling Bull Sales, on Sunday 28th February 2021, which saw Salers bulls sell to a top price of 9,500gns with a further two realising 7500gns and 7200gns. 12 bulls sold to average £4856.25 (+ £26.25 on the year), with a 86% clearance rate. The event was held under strict COVID-19 restrictions where all attendees wore face masks and adhered to the 2m social distancing regulations. The parade and the sale were streamed live via the United Auctions webcam and online bidding facilities were available.

Sale leader at 9,500gns was Marwood Orlando a March 2019 born bull from R A & J Blyth, Elwick, County Durham. This bull was out of the Marwood herds' best Salers cow, Marwood Jellybaby, who they described as having, "a super temperament, of medium frame, easy fleshed with a healthy bag of milk". Orlando is also the last progeny available by the sire Seawell Gambler who has done extremely well for the herd. Marwood Orlando heads to the home of Mr J Shennan of Girvan, Ayrshire.

Second top price was 7,500gns for Gill and Malcolm Pye's, August 2019 born bull Rednock Oregon who was sired by the 12,000gns bull Drumaglea Kes and out of one of their top female lines, he sold to Crudie Farming Co., Arbroath, Angus.

Judith and Pat Boyd, Drumaglea, Isle of Tiree sold Drumaglea Outstanding, a well-muscled bull sired by Django and out of Drumaglea Blusher, a Variegeois bred cow, for 7,200gns to John Mitchell & Co., Greenlaw, Berwickshire.

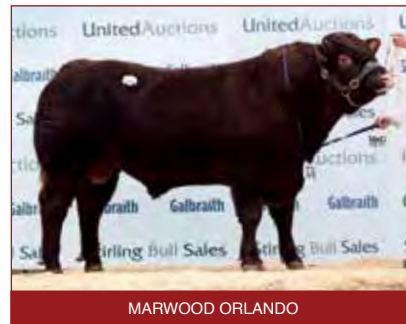
At 5200gns, Gill and Malcolm Pye sold Rednock Odin, a March 2019 bull sired by Rigel Officer who is in the top 5% of the breed for growth, to Mr A Young, of Girvan, Ayrshire. Following closely behind for the Rednock Team at 4,000gns was Rednock Onyx, a thick fleshy bull and full brother to the top priced May 2019 Stirling Bull Sale Champion, Rednock Mercury. Onyx goes to the home of W S Howat, Cupar, Fife.

Two bulls realised 3500gns, the first was Judith and Pat Boyd's, Drumaglea Oreo, a Sancy son out of an excellent female breeder Cumbrian Rouge 472 he sold to J Martin, Dalry, Ayrshire and next was Gerald and Morag Smith's Drumsleed Olympus, sired by a homebred bull Drumsleed Figaro by Gulliver and out of Rednock Theresa Poll. Olympus was secured by I Dickson, Scalpsie Farm, Isle of Bute.

Drumaglea Oliver by the meaty Champion Bronson and out of the tall, traditional, milky cow Drumaglea Wilma was purchased for 3,200 gns by W & N Lawrence, Blackpotts, Ellon and at the same money Drumsleed Olympic, a Rigel Kurt son out of Drumsleed Grace heads to G T & S Coghill, Muce, Orkney.

John Mitchell & Co., Greenlaw, Berwickshire, purchased his second bull of the day for 3000gns from Niall and Katie Blair. Cammock Octavia, a January 2019 born bull, out of the lovely dam Beeston Hall Hattie who produced the joint top priced Salers bull in Stirling Bull Sales, October 2018. Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd also realised 3000gns for Kaimburn Oscar, a May 2019 born, Bacardi Ladysman son out of a Oaklands Hispanic who sold to W Stevenson, Auchencroft, Ayrshire.

The second bull from Cammock Salers from Niall and Katie Blair, Cammock Orion was purchased by W S L Muir, Stenness, Orkney for 2700gns.



MARWOOD ORLANDO



REDNOCK OREGON



DRUMAGLEA OUTSTANDING



REDNOCK ODIN



MULTIBREED SALE, MELTON MOWBRAY – MARCH 2021

Melton Mowbray Market hosted a Multibreed sale on Saturday 27th March 2021 which saw 3 Salers bulls sell to a top price of 3666gns (male average £3453) and the female trade hit 2700gns. In total 14 Salers sold to an average of £1914 with a clearance rate of 88%. The event was held under strict COVID-19 restrictions where all attendees wore face masks and adhered to the 2m social distancing regulations. There was a parade that was judged by R McInnes earlier in the day and the sale was streamed live via Marteye where online bidding facilities were available.

Taking the Overall Championship was Angus Gowthorpe from Approach Farm with Approach Farm Oak, a February 2019 bull sired by Seawell Lithium and out of Approach Farm Kara. Approach Farm Oak sold for 3000gns to A F & R Stannage, Tilton on the Hill, Leicester to put over dairy heifers for female replacements to start a new beef enterprise. The Reserve Overall Championship was awarded to Rigel O'Toole Blk from Rigel Pedigree, a black April born bull sired by Lascaux, a grandson of Variegeois. W Bothwell purchased Rigel O'Toole Blk for 3200gns for his herd at Stretton, Rutland. Sale leader was Rigel Old Spice one of only two sons of Byron left in the Rigel herd. Old Spice sold for 3666gns to D Barton, Middle Duntisbourne, Gloucester.

Bull Class

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

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

3rd - Rigel Old Spice, Rigel Pedigree

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

Female Class

1st – Manor Lane Orchid, Carolyn Fox

2nd – Manor Lane Poppy Blk, Carolyn Fox

3rd – Green's Park Perdita, C B Farms

4th – Green's Park Phillipa, C B Farms

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

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

Production Females

1st – Pen of four production females from Malcolm Light, Ashbury Salers

2nd – Pen of five production females from Mark Howkins, Peggy Salers



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STIRLING BULL SALES – MAY 2021

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

Three Salers bulls sold to a top price of 5,200gns with an average of £4,550, up £525 on 2020. The female dispersal trade hit 2500gns twice with 31 lots selling to an average of £1657.

The event was held under strict COVID-19 restrictions where all attendees wore face masks and adhered to the 2m social distancing regulations. There was a bull parade, and the sale was streamed live where online bidding facilities were available.

Topping the bull trade was Rigel Ozzie Poll an April born bull sired by the famous Lascaux renowned for his conformation and shape. Rigel Ozzie Poll is out of Rigel Opaline Poll a growthy, easy fleshing cow and headed home to pedigree breeder J Gillies, Taynuilt, Argyll for their Curacao herd for 5200gns.

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

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



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WELSHPOOL SPRING SALE - MAY 2021

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

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

Six Salers bulls were sold to an average of £4057, with a clearance rate of 75%.

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

There was 100% clearance in the commercial female sections which saw 14 lots average £1325.

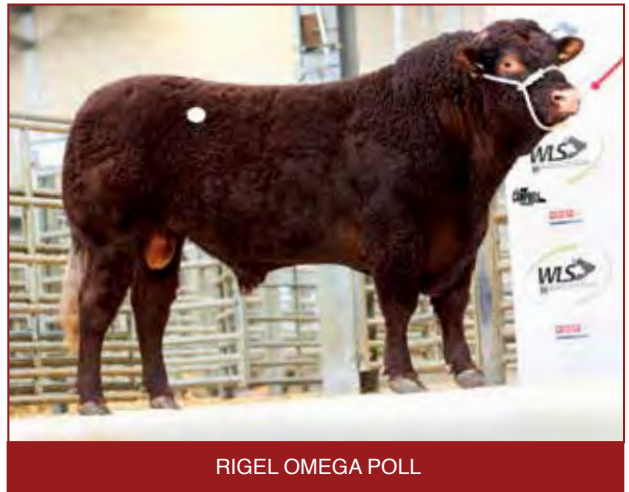
Leading the pedigree female trade was Preenbank Lola, a Seawell Frazer sired cow with a bull calf at foot bought from the Robinson family by P & M Davies, Sennybridge, Brecon for 1,900gns. D & G Andrew, Meifod, Powys secured Preenbank Naomi and her bull calf at foot for 1,820gns and pedigree breeders J B Morris purchased Preenbank KKimmy and the Jalabert sired bull calf at foot for 1,700gns for their Litton herd of pedigree Salers.

Preenbank Nemma and her bull calf made 1,620gns, sold to H Hughes, Llanwrin, Machynlleth and D & G Andrew, Meifod, Powys paid 1,600gns for Preenbank Nina and her bull calf.

There was an 87% clearance in the Pedigree female section with 20 females selling to an average of £1593.



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WELSHPOOL AUTUMN SHOW & SALE – OCTOBER 2021

Approach Farm winners at Welshpool

The Autumn sale of pedigree and commercial Salers took place at Welshpool on Saturday 9th October 2021. There was a 100% clearance in the pedigree section, however prices were slightly back on the year, with three Salers bulls which sold to a top price of 3600gns and an average of £3360 (-£840 for 1 bull sold in 2020), and two pedigree heifers sold to a top price of 1800gns with an average of £1890 (-£57.23 for 11 females sold in 2020). In the commercial section however, averages were up slightly with 10 females selling to an average of £1460, +£275.62 for 16 sold in 2020.

Angus and Kerry Gowthorpe of Approach Farm, Escrick, York had a tremendous weekend with Approach Farm Pierre, a February 2020 born Beguin sired bull out of Approach Farm Lillybet going back to Mock Delia winning the Male and Overall Championship. He was bought by the judge, Mr David Hughes for 3000gns for his Bodran herd of Salers based at Abergele, Conwy. The Gowthorpe family also won the Champion Pen of Commercial Salers with two 19-month-old heifers that were in-calf to French AI bull Beguin and due to calve in February 2022, these sold for £1850 and £1750 respectively. Simultaneously back in Yorkshire the Gowthorpe's were also being awarded Farm of the Year in the Yorkshire Post Rural Awards, sponsored by the Yorkshire Agricultural Society.

Also in the Championship line-up were Terence and Jane Pye of Rigel Pedigree, Yarm, Yorkshire who won the Female Championship and Reserve Overall Champion title with Rigel Verity, a stylish heifer with strong conformation and deep red colour from imported sire Lascaux. Her dam Violet was 15 years old with her 13th calf at foot and sons included Rigel Vasco, a previous champion at Welshpool, Rigel Verdun Poll, a bull breeding well in the Rigel herd and Rigel Magellan Poll who was exported to France. Standing reserve to Verity was another Rigel March 2020 born heifer, Rigel Margarita sired by Lascaux and out of Rigel Malibu. Rigel Pedigree also topped the trade at Welshpool with their 3rd prize bull Rigel Pendragon Poll who sold for 3600gns to D T Edwards & Co, Treacastle, Brecon. Pendragon Poll was a moderate framed fleshy young bull from a milky cow family.

Bertie Facon took the Reserve Male Champion spot with Gentons Prada an April 2020 born bull out of Cleuchhead Hope 1257 who was purchased privately from R & K Livesey for her fantastic width and size. His sire Noble who originates from Gaec Fourtet David and goes back to Beguin and Variegeois.



APPROACH FARM PIERRE



RIGEL VERITY



GENTON PRADA



Reserve Champion Pen of Commercial Salers was awarded to Mrs Austin of the Morwenstow herd of Salers from Bude, Cornwall for lots 5 and 6, two 18–19-month heifers in-calf to Preenbank Nando and purchased by P & M Davies for £1420 and £1550 respectively.

It was a very emotional day for Arfon and Siân Hughes of Garndolbenmaen, Gwynedd who sadly after 30 years of breeding Salers, had made the difficult decision to disperse their Cae Rhos herd of pedigree Salers which was the first pedigree herd of Salers in North Wales. Their introduction to Salers was first made by their friend Donald Gilder, Woodvine Salers in 1989 and in November 1990 they purchased their first two heifers, Woodvine Duchess and Woodvine Princess at the Castle Douglas sale. The whole family from three different generations were present at the sale to lend their support and many of the cattle found new homes in pedigree herds such as Ithan owned by E J W Griffiths and Grove Farm herd of Salers owned by Society Vice- Chair Andrew Powell. Trade for the Hughes family peaked at £1911 for Lot 32 Cae Rhos Mari a Cae Rhos Cymro 2nd Poll sired 2017 born cow out of Wicklow Janet who went home with J E Davies, Brynhoffnant, Llandysul.



Show

Female Class

1st & Female Champion – Rigel Verity
2nd & Reserve Female Champion – Rigel Margarita

Male Class

1st & Male Champion – Approach Farm Pierre
2nd & Reserve Male Champion – Gentons Prada
3rd – Rigel Pendragon Poll

Overall Champion

Approach Farm Pierre from A & K Gowthorpe

Reserve Overall Champion

Rigel Verity from Rigel Pedigree

Champion Pen of Commercial Salers

A & K Gowthorpe

Reserve Champion Pen of Commercial Salers

A M Austin

Pedigree Sale Section

Lot 16 - Rigel Verity, 1800gns, R Evans & Son, Ebnal Lodge, Oswestry
Lot 18 - Rigel Margarita, 1800gns R Evans & Son, Ebnal Lodge, Oswestry
Lot 19 - Approach Farm Pierre, 3000gns, D W Hughes, Bryn Kenrick, Abergele
Lot 20 – Rigel Pendragon Poll, 3600gns, D T Edwards & Sons, Llandrindod Wells, Powys
Lot 21 – Gentons Prada, 3000gns, A J Abberley, Llandrindod Well, Powys

Commercial Sale Section

Lot 1 from A & K Gowthorpe - £1850, P Featherstone
Lot 2 from A & K Gowthorpe - £1750, R Evans & Son
Lot 3 from A M Austin - £1380, D K Price & Son
Lot 4 from A M Austin - £1350, D K Price & Son
Lot 5 from A M Austin - £1420, P & M Davies
Lot 6 from A M Austin - £1550, P & M Davies
Lot 7 from A M Austin - £1580, D A Williams
Lot 8 from A M Austin - £1600, D K Price & Sons
Lot 12 from A M Austin - £1000, I M Jones
Lot 13 from A M Austin - £1120, I M Jones



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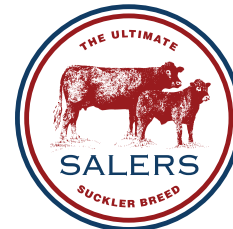
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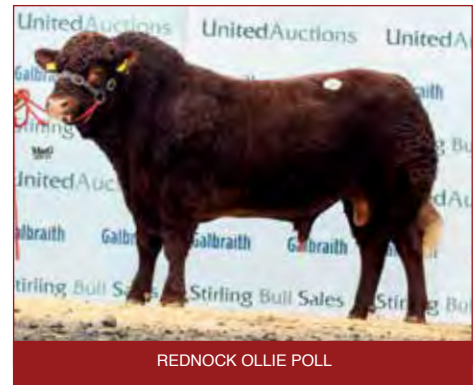
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Salers at Stirling Bull Sales - 18 October 2021

Three Salers bulls sold to a top price of 4,500gns and an average of £4,060. Taking the top price was Mr D Murray Lyle of the Strathallan Herd of Pedigree Salers from Dunblane with Lot 398, Strathallan Persille a Seamore Kawasaki son who sold to J Mitchell, Rumbletonrig, Greenlaw, Berwickshire.

Lot 393 from Gill & Malcolm Pye at Rednock Estates was Rednock Ollie Poll a Rigel Munro homozygous polled son who sold for 3600gns to J McIntosh, Genoch Mains, Stranraer

Rednock Percy a February 2020 bull sired by Rigel Officer out of FAI Wytham Polled Lucy sold for 3,500gns to J Jamieson, Meikle Carleith, Galston.



REDNOCK OLLIE POLL

DUNGANNON – OCTOBER 2021

Area 4 Salers Club hosted an autumn show under judge Mr Pearse O'Kane followed by a sale of Salers at Dungannon on Friday 22 October 2021.

There was 100% clearance in both the male and female section. Topping the trade at 4,300gns was the Overall Champion, Ballykeel Prince from Seamus Connell. Prince was placed 1st in his class at Balmoral Show 2021, as well as Junior Male Champion and Reserve Junior Breed Champion. In the Continental Interbreed, he was the male selected in the breeds group of five, where this team were also placed first. Prince was a thick, dark bull with good plates, a quiet temperament and a super head. The two other bulls Lisnamaul Peter Pan and Mileview Pathfinder both achieved 3,000gns.

Seamus Connell of Ballykeel Salers topped the female trade also at 3,400gns with Ballykeel Penny, a thick, long heifer sired by the French bull Icare. She was a very sweet & feminine heifer who had been vet checked prior to the sale. The second top price heifer went to the Reserve Overall Champion on the day, Lisnamaul Rita a March 2021 born calf out of the 2019 Balmoral & Omagh Show Champion Lisnamaul My Girl.

3 bulls sold to a top of 4,300gns and an average of £3605

4 females sold to a top price of 3,400gns and an average of £2992.50

Many thanks to the club members of Area 4 for arranging this event and co-ordinating the promotion of the sale and sale animals.

Show Results

Junior Heifer class

1st. Lisnamaul Rita

Senior Heifer class

1st. Lisnamaul Peggy

2nd. Ballykeel Penny

3rd. Lisnamaul Paula

Senior Bull Class

1st. Ballykeel Prince

2nd. Lisnamaul Peter Pan

3rd. Mileview Pathfinder

Salers Breed Champion

Lot 61. Ballykeel Prince

Salers Reserve Champion

Lot 66. Lisnamaul Rita



CHAMPION - LOT 61 - BALLYKEEL PRINCE



RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION – LOT 66 LISNAMAUL RITA



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PREMIER SHOW & SALE, CASTLE DOUGLAS - NOVEMBER 2021

STRONG DEMAND AT CASTLE DOUGLAS 2021

The annual premier show and sale of pedigree and commercial Salers was held at Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th November 2021 and was kindly sponsored by the Farmers Guardian.

There was a strong demand for the easy calving, low maintenance Salers especially from breeders from Northern Ireland. They were keen to secure females from both the pedigree and commercial sections with 29 commercial heifers and 10 pedigree females being purchased. M Fleming of Magherafelt, Northern Ireland alone purchased the overall male champion and overall show champion Kaimburn Playboy, along with six commercial in calf heifers and a further 29 commercial bulling heifers.

The show took place on Friday and was judged by Johny Wright of Trayboyack Salers, Ayrshire. Johny had originally been asked to judge in 2020 but COVID restrictions had led to the cancellation of the main show, leaving him with only the commercial section to assess. He was therefore invited back in 2021 making history by being the first to judge the show twice, in consecutive years.

In the led pedigree female section Johny found his champion in Rigel Valentina from Rigel Pedigree. She was a Lascaux sired daughter, in calf to Rigel Oligarch and was born in March 2020. She won the McClymont Cup and went on to sell for the top led pedigree female price of the day 2,300gns to L Howat, Cumnock Ayrshire. In reserve was another from Rigel Pedigree, Rigel Maisie Poll, another March 2020 heifer by Lascaux, and in calf to Rigel Oligarch who won the Tullyneddie Cup for the best polled animal. She sold for 1,700gns to R Milne, North Bethelnie, Old Meldrum.

There were two pedigree production drafts forward from Allison Devereux Farms, Weardale, County Durham and Patrick and Judith Boyd, Drumaglea, Isle of Tiree.

Topping the production sale was Patrick and Judith Boyd with a Baron sired daughter Drumaglea Paula born in April 2020 and out of Drumaglea Blusher who had also bred Drumaglea Outstanding who sold for 7,200gns in Stirling in February 2021. She was sold in calf to Hibou to J Martin & Sons, Swinlees, Dalry for 3,500gns. J Howatson, Risk, Newton Stewart paid 3,200gns for Drumaglea Opal a Beguin sired female in calf to Hibou and new breeders Andrew Orr and Lyndsay Wight from Lawhead, Tarbrax purchased Drumaglea Orla a Baron sired heifer, in calf to Icare for 2,900gns. Andrew Kennedy, Mileview, Northern Ireland bought Drumaglea Okra a Sancy sired female for 2,700gns and Drumaglea Patsy a Beguin daughter for 2,000gns. Retiring Area 4 representative Seamus Connell added Drumaglea Oyster to his Ballykeel herd of pedigree Salers for 2,500gns, she was sold in calf to Baron.

The Allison Devereux Farms draft hit 2,600gns twice, first for Harperley Miss Oli born in March 2019 by Oliver and out of Ninette imported from Messieurs Missiel. She along with Harperley Fo Mist 2 and Harperley Gobi Mist 3 who were purchased for 2,000gns and 1,900gns respectively by Andrew Orr and Lyndsay Wight, Lawhead, Tarbrax. The second lot at 2,600gns was purchased by the judge Johny Wright, Trayboyack Salers who added Harperley Mey Van to his pedigree herd. She was a Vanlooy daughter out of Nadia, born in March 2019 and in calf to Jericho. Northern Ireland farmer S Thompson, Omagh, purchased three Harperley females. He paid 2,100gns for Harperley Rab Mist sired by Mistral, born in March 2019, Harperley Rab Miste for 2,000gns and Harperley Miss Mist 2 for 1,850gns.

*There was 100% clearance in the pedigree female section.
20 in calf heifers achieved a top price of 3,500gn and an average of £2359.88.
4 pedigree bulling heifers realised 2,000gns and average of £1758.74.
2 Cows and calves topped at 2,300gns and averaged £2362.50.*

Leading the senior bull class and taking the top price of the day in the sale on Saturday was the Reserve Overall Champion of the Great Yorkshire Show 2021, Approach Farm Oilly from Angus and Kerry Gowthorpe. This Beguin sired, February 2019 born bull was used on heifers by the Gowthorpe family in 2020 and was purchased by R A Austin, Boreland of Girthon, Gatehouse of Fleet for 8,000gns. The Reserve Senior Male Champion, Bacardi 007 from Roy and Adam Crockett, a Seawell Kitemark son born in December 2019 whose dam Bacardi Miss Money Penny won Reserve Interbeed Champion in Northumberland and Stirling shows in 2019 was also purchased by Rusko Farms, Gatehouse of Fleet, for 5,800gns.

There was a strong line up of nine intermediate bulls put in front of judge Johny Wright and he found his Intermediate Champion in Rednock Phoenix from Rednock Estate. This March 2020 bull also lifted the Reserve Overall Show Champion title and sold to Hair & Brewis, Drumbreddan, Stranraer for 6,500gns. Rednock Pheonix was by the 12,000gns bull Drumaglea Kes. Standing as Reserve Intermediate Champion was Darnford Powerful by Cammock Mormo out of Darnford Mellony. He sold for 3,000gns to G Evans, Grofft Farm, Powys.



RIGEL VALENTINA - OVERALL FEMALE CHAMPION
(MCCLYMONT CUP) - 2,300GNS



RIGEL MAISIE POLL - RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION - 1,700GNS
WINNER OF TULLYNEDDIE CUP FOR BEST POLLED ANIMAL



APPROACH FARM OILLY - SENIOR MALE
CHAMPION - TOP SALE PRICE 8,000GNS



BACARDI 007 - RESERVE SENIOR
MALE CHAMPION - 5,800GNS



REDNOCK PHOENIX - INTERMEDIATE MALE CHAMPION
& RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION - 6,500GNS



KAIMBURN PLAYBOY – OVERALL CHAMPION, MALE CHAMPION AND JUNIOR MALE CHAMPION – 6,000GNS



BACARDI PIDDY – 6,200GNS

Demand was exceptionally strong for junior bulls where trade peaked at 6,200gns and a further four bulls achieved 6,000gns. The top priced bull was Bacardi Piddy from Roy and Adam Crockett, Piddy was the first son offered for sale by Seamore Nitro and sold to A R Lee, Lumbylaw, Alnwick. The winner of the junior bull class was Kaimburn Playboy from Edgerston Trading (2006) Ltd, brought out by Neil Ralston. Kaimburn Playboy lifted the Fisher Trophy for the Junior Male Champion, The Cuil Cup for the Overall Male Champion and the Jack Boyes Trophy for the Overall Show Champion. Stockman Neil Ralston also won the G McKnight Cup for the Best Stockman. Kaimburn Playboy sired by Bacardi Ladysman and out of Kaimburn Lucky was born in April 2020 and sold to M Fleming, Magherafelt, Northern Ireland for 6,000gns. The Livesey family realised 16,000gns for three bulls in the junior section, the first Cleuchhead Pathfinder, by homebred sire Cleuchhead Dick Dastardly sold for 6,000gns to J Laurie, Cupar Fife. Next up was Cleuchhead Pumba a Nobel sired bull out of Nadia who also sold for 6,000gns to J R Rankin, Badenheath Farm, Cumbernauld and finally Cleuchhead Pharaoh sold for 4,000gns to W T Evans, Awhirk Farm, Stranraer. Pat and Judith Boyd from the Isle of Tiree also sold a junior bull at 6,000gns to pedigree breeders W Aitken, Scotstounbank Farm, Blyth Bridge.

Sixteen bulls sold with a clearance rate of 73% and a top price of 8,000gns to an average of £4889.06 +£412.24 on 2020.

In the commercial section of the sale there were 184 females forward and demand was exceptionally strong for in calf females.

R A Austin, Boreland of Girthon, Gatehouse of Fleet had a tremendous trade selling ten in-calf heifers to a top of £2300 to John Young & Sons, New Cumnock



CLEUCHHEAD PATHFINDER – 6,000GNS



CLEUCHHEAD PUMBA – 6,000GNS

Ayrshire and averaged £2140. A R Lee, Lumbylaw, Alnwick sold nine in-calf heifers to a top of £2050 to S Brash, Kirkston Manor, Peebles and averaged £1883.33. J Martin & Son, Swinlees, Dalry sold five in-calf heifers to an average of £1,880 and a top price of £2000 to March & Lobban, Borgue, Kirkcudbright and Rusko Farm, Pulcree & Upper Rusko, Gatehouse of Fleet sold ten to an average of £1,850 and a top price of £2,100 to D Howat, Enoch, Girvan.

The bulling heifers peaked at £2,050 for the Champion Pen of Commercial Salers (Willie Davidson Trophy) from G S McClymont, Cuil, Palnure and sold to M Fleming, Magherafelt, Northern Ireland and he also purchased the Reserve Champion Pen of Commercial Salers for the second highest price of the day for bulling heifers again from G S McClymont, Cuil, Palnure for £1800 apiece.

Heifers stirks made a top price of £1,600 from Firm of Andrew M Brown, Drumhumphry, Corsock, they sold to J W Bonner & Sons, Whitfield House Farm, Whitfield.

184 commercial females were forward and sold with 100% clearance
 15 heifer stirks sold to a top of £1,600 and an average of £1193.33
 34 In-Calf Heifers sold to a top of £2,300 and an average of £1,948.53
 135 Bulling heifers sold to a top of £2,050 and an average of £1,340

Pedigree Section

1	RIGEL PEDIGREE	HFR IN CALF	1700	1785	R MILNE	INVERURIE	ABERDEENSHIRE
2	RIGEL PEDIGREE	HFR IN CALF	2300	2415	L HOWAT	CUMNOCK	AYRSHIRE
5	ALLISON DEVEREUX FARMS	HFR IN CALF	2600	2730	R ORR	TARBRAX	LANARKSHIRE
7	ALLISON DEVEREUX FARMS	HFR IN CALF	2600	2730	A & J WRIGHT	TRAYBOYACK	AYRSHIRE
8	ALLISON DEVEREUX FARMS	HFR IN CALF	2100	2205	S THOMPSON	COUNTY TYRONE	NORTHERN IRELAND
9	ALLISON DEVEREUX FARMS	HFR IN CALF	2000	2100	S THOMPSON	COUNTY TYRONE	NORTHERN IRELAND
10	ALLISON DEVEREUX FARMS	HFR IN CALF	1350	1417.5	J GREENWOOD	MOOR MONKTON	NORTH YORKSHIRE
11	ALLISON DEVEREUX FARMS	HFR IN CALF	2000	2100	R ORR	TARBRAX	LANARKSHIRE
12	ALLISON DEVEREUX FARMS	HFR IN CALF	1900	1995	R ORR	TARBRAX	LANARKSHIRE
13	ALLISON DEVEREUX FARMS	HFR IN CALF	1600	1680	J GREENWOOD	MOOR MONKTON	NORTH YORKSHIRE
14	ALLISON DEVEREUX FARMS	HFR IN CALF	1850	1942.5	S THOMPSON	COUNTY TYRONE	NORTHERN IRELAND
15	ALLISON DEVEREUX FARMS	HFR IN CALF	1650	1732.5	J GREENWOOD	MOOR MONKTON	NORTH YORKSHIRE
16	P A BOYD	COW & BULL CALF	2300	2415	BEOCH FARMERS	BEOCH	STRANRAER
17	P A BOYD	COW & BULL CALF	2200	2310	R A AUSTIN	GATEHOUSE OF FLEET	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY
18	P A BOYD	HFR IN CALF	2900	3045	R ORR	TARBRAX	LANARKSHIRE
19	P A BOYD	HFR IN CALF	2200	2310	A KENNEDY	MILEVIEW	NORTHERN IRELAND
20	P A BOYD	HFR IN CALF	2100	2205	C ATKINSON	MICKLETON MILL	BARNARD CASTLE
21	P A BOYD	HFR IN CALF	2700	2835	A KENNEDY	MILEVIEW	NORTHERN IRELAND
22	P A BOYD	HFR IN CALF	3200	3360	J HOWATSON	RISK	NEWTON STEWART
23	P A BOYD	BULLING HFR	1400	1470	G A MCCALL	ARMAGH	NORTHERN IRELAND
24	P A BOYD	HFR IN CALF	2500	2625	S CONNELL	COUNTY DOWN	NORTHERN IRELAND
25	P A BOYD	HFR IN CALF	2200	2310	R ORR	TARBRAX	LANARKSHIRE
26	P A BOYD	BULLING HFR	1700	1785	R A AUSTIN	GATEHOUSE OF FLEET	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY
27	P A BOYD	BULLING HFR	2000	2100	A KENNEDY	MILEVIEW	NORTHERN IRELAND
28	P A BOYD	BULLING HFR	1600	1680	R ORR	TARBRAX	LANARKSHIRE
29	P A BOYD	HFR IN CALF	3500	3675	J MARTIN & SON	SWINLEES	DALRY
31	A & K GOWTHORPE	BULL	8000	8400	R A AUSTIN	GATEHOUSE OF FLEET	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY
33	ALLISON DEVEREUX FARMS	BULL	2100	2205	W TEMPLETON & SON	AULDGIRTH	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY
34	CROCKET	BULL	5800	6090	RUSKO FARMS	GATEHOUSE OF FLEET	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY
36	A & K GOWTHORPE	BULL	3500	3675	H E POWELL & CO	BRECON	POWYS
37	DAVID WATSON	BULL	3000	3150	G EVANS	GROFFT FARM	POWYS
38	REDNOCK ESTATE	BULL	6500	6825	HAIR & BREWIS	LOCHANS	STRANRAER
40	FARMSTOCK GENETICS	BULL	3000	3150	D MCCLEMENTS & SONS LTD	COUNTY DOWN	NORTHERN IRELAND
41	FARMSTOCK GENETICS	BULL	3000	3150	L E SIMMONS & PARTNER	UMBERLEIGH	DEVON
43	FIRM OF K MACKENZIE	BULL	2000	1995	J FINLAYSON	IRONGRAY	DUMFRIES
45	R & K LIVESEY	BULL	4000	4200	W T EVANS	LOCHANS	STRANRAER
48	EDGERSTON TRADING (2006)	BULL	6000	6300	M FLEMING	COUNTY LONDONDERRY	NORTHERN IRELAND
49	R & K LIVESEY	BULL	6000	6300	J LAURIE	CUPAR	FIFE
50	R & K LIVESEY	BULL	6000	6300	J R RANKIN	CUMBERNAULD	NORTH LANARKSHIRE
51	P A BOYD	BULL	6000	6300	W AITKEN	BLYTHE BRIDGE	WEST LINTON
52	CROCKET	BULL	6200	6510	A R LEE	LUMBYLAW	ALNWICK
55	FIRM OF K MACKENZIE	BULL	3500	3675	J MITCHELL & CO	GREENLAW	BERWICKSHIRE





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A CHRISTMAS CAKE MADE BY CURRENT SECRETARY SIÂN SHARP IN MEMORY OF THE LATE CHRISTINE MCCLYMONT. IT WAS AUCTIONED BY BRUCE WALTON OF WALLETS MARTS AND MADE £200, 50% OF WHICH WAS DONATED TO SANDS A CHARITY SELECTED BY THE JUDGE JOHNNY WRIGHT



NEIL RALSTON EDGERSTON TRADING 2006 LTD ACCEPTING THE FISHER TROPHY FROM JUDGE JOHNNY WRIGHT FOR THE JUNIOR MALE CHAMPION



NEIL RALSTON EDGERSTON TRADING 2006 LTD WINNING THE JACK BOYES TROPHY FOR THE OVERALL SHOW CHAMPION



NEIL RALSTON WINNING THE G MCKNIGHT STOCKMANS TROPHY



21 RAFFLE PRIZES WHICH MADE £590, 50% OF WHICH WAS DONATED TO SANDS A CHARITY SELECTED BY JUDGE JOHNNY WRIGHT



YOUNG BREEDER SPOTLIGHT – Angus McClymont

At 18 years of age Angus McClymont Cuil, Newton Stewart, follows in the footsteps of some great stock men and women and some pivotal members of the Salers Cattle Society and although eager to learn from them, he also retains an element of independence and is not afraid to take the odd risk or two.

Angus' great grandfather moved to the Cuil which was once a shooting estate, in 1938. Blackface ewes were put on to the hill Cairnsmore of Fleet to graze the hill and fields. Angus said, *"I was lucky to grow up with two sets of Grandparents in farming, with my other grandfather Andrew McConchie farming at Mains of Penninghame where he produced quality pedigree Galloway Cattle and Salers"*.

His paternal grandfather Graham McClymont took over at the Cuil when he was in his late 20s and expanded into neighbouring farms and increased the cattle and sheep numbers.

Originally Graham ran a mix of pedigree Hereford cattle and Blue Grey and Angus Friesan commercial cattle but later he, alongside Angus's father Colin, introduced Salers into the commercial herd. Angus said, *"when my grandfather heard about this ease of calving cattle breed coming in from France, he was not scared to give them a try"*. He added, *"they have turned out to be a great success, hard enough to withstand and do well out on the hills while also being kind, milky mothers to their calves which are calved easily without assistance"*.

The Cuil today, currently runs around 1000 Blackface ewes and 300 cross ewes along with 170 Salers cows on 2700 acres just off the A75 between Creetown and Newton Stewart in Southwest Scotland. All commercial stock is sold at a year old with bullocks being sold at Craig Wilson Ltd as stores in October and breeding heifers taken to the Premier Salers Society sale at Wallets Marts at Castle Douglas, in November. Pedigree Bulls are sold at Stirling, Castle Douglas and privately at home.

As well as breeding Salers, the Salers Society was set up in 1985 and Angus' grandmother, Christine McClymont was the second breed secretary. Both Christine and husband Graham spent a lot of time promoting the breed around the shows and sales all over the UK.



The sense of family is of utmost importance to all the McClymont's and it is easy to see why, Angus described his father as, *"a great influence to me over the last few years as he has shown me everything about the farm, sheep and cattle and has been a great teacher"*. although he added, *"but now I am at college hopefully I can teach him a few things instead!"*.

When asked what Angus looks for in an animal he said, *"my ideal animal is one which can survive and continue to do well on rough ground with little feeding"*, he added, *"I like to see width over the hooks and pins and depth in the hind quarters, I look for a long level back and depth and good spring of rib and feet and legs are just about one of the most important things these days"*. At Cuil the ideal animal should have thick powerful legs with plenty of length and use them well. They also look for cattle with feet that have good strength, are well up on their pasterns with a good depth of heel. Angus summarised by stating, *"to finish it off the animal should be alert and full of character"*.

A great fondness is held for Cuil Tansy, he said she was, *"perhaps one of our best cows, she bred well and some of the best cows today, link back to her including the two new stock bulls at Cuil, Corrichie Ninja and Darnford Powerhouse"*.



Angus described Corrichie Ninja as, *“probably the best Salers I have ever seen, he has an outstanding presence which you could see from the other end of the shed at Corrichie, he is a bull which is very good at holding condition and has outstanding width”*.

Just like the Salers, Angus values the traits of the Blackface sheep and their ability to thrive on the hill which he says, *“is a highlight for me, as they come back in off the hill with a shine to their hair and a full belly, which is nice to see as there are not many sheep breeds who would thrive so well in that environment”*.

Little Larg, a Blackface tup purchased for £31,000 by Graham and Colin McClymont in 2013 stood out for Angus, he said, *“he has produced a lot of good sons and daughters and his blood is right through most of the stock”*.

In fact, his favourite event of the year is probably the Blackface tup sale at Ayr and when asked why, he explained, *“you’re taking animals which you have looked after and brought out for over a year and there is always a buzz and an atmosphere around it”*.

The McClymont family stopped showing cattle at the Royal Highland Show when Angus was very young, so he admitted it hadn’t seen much show success with the Salers however Angus did admit that getting champion at Stirling Bull sales with Cuil Herbie was a highlight.

On the show circuit, Angus holds stockman Jimmy Laing with great respect, he said, *“when me and my sister were growing up, he would always come and speak to us at the Salers sale and give us pointers, like not to use rusty sheep shears to dress cattle!”. He added, “I was also privileged to grow up with two sets of grandparents in farming who have offered great advice and been good teachers right since I was young”*.

Other than working on the farm and attending Barony College where Angus learns all aspects of animal welfare as well as enjoying ‘social time’, he loves playing rugby at the local rugby club ‘Newton Stewart’, where he has been playing since primary school. Angus also attends the local young farmers club and likes competing in

in speech making, sheep dressing and stock judging. Angus added, *“my grandfather Andrew also got me into curling which I play at Stranraer on winter nights”*.

Although still young and only really starting his career with Salers Angus said, *“we chose Salers because of their ease of calving, kindness, ease of management and suitability to the ground, however I have also seen a great improvement in colour and most cattle now have a dark brown coat which has created uniformity within the breed”*.

Angus considered myostatin as a dangerous thing for the Salers as it contradicted everything the breed stood for, its ease of calving and good mothering. Angus said, *“although you may get a good fat calf to sell at the end of the day, they take a lot more getting to that stage, as we have found out ourselves, animals carrying the myostatin gene are often softer and slower to their feet”*.

Angus is determined to make sure that the breed keeps the ease of calving. In the future, he hopes to show Salers at shows again, and through showing, college and hands on experience at home he wants to develop his skills and knowledge further in farming.

Perhaps this determination and drive stems from the advice given by his parents whilst taking him to rugby games when he was younger, they had always told him to get stuck in, and although Angus admits, *“this got very repetitive every week,”* he said, *“I never forgot this and whatever I do, I try my best”*. And with an old head on young shoulders, his advice to other young people would be, *“don’t be scared to take risks as if you don’t, you won’t learn from your mistakes”*.

Looking to the future Angus would like to see a show of unled heifers at the Premier Sale at Castle Douglas and when asked to sum up the Salers breed in one sentence he said, *“Salers are a breed for the future!”*.





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AREA REPORTS 2021

AREA 1 - NORTHERN SCOTLAND

Its hard to get away from the basic fact that this has been another frustrating year of covid restrictions and cancelled events, but maybe the light is at the end of the tunnel as we saw a number of the major events starting to return here in Scotland. The Highland Show ran the Highland Showcase event which was pretty well attended with all the major breeds present – it was extremely strange to be holding a show on an empty showground with no one watching except those who were showing themselves and none of the buzz of the Highland itself as a result! The feedback was that thousands of people watched the event online, from all over the world and that it was therefore a qualified success, albeit I think everyone will be looking forward to the return of the real Highland Show next year. The cattle looked good and there was positive feedback from people who had watched it online so I think it was worthwhile, and it gave us a chance to support the Highland which I think was also important.

We also saw the major pedigree sales going ahead in our region, with well attended sales, both online and physically at UA Stirling, and A&N Thainstone, these sales do bring Salers buyers to us and one of the things that we can perhaps consider going forward is how to get more out them for our breed.

One thing that I think we missed being able to do again this year was to host some open days on some of the farms in our area and I think this is something we can try to return to in 2022, and maybe we can also do some of these in conjunction with other breeds. A number of the terminal

sire breeders are aware of the fact that Salers crosses are achieving very high prices and do themselves seem to be interested in this idea. The recognition is growing that the Salers give them the ideal outcome, some describing the cross with their terminal sire as the “golden calf” or the “ultimate mating”! Maybe this idea of promoting both sides of the mating together can be very positive, highlighting the best possible, most efficient beef animal, something that I don’t think anyone in the beef industry can be against.

Finally I think we in the Salers breed will need to start coordinating out efforts and working with others across the industry to combat the nonsense being promoted in some places about the sustainability of beef (and meat) production. Often what is being put out is almost the exact opposite of what is factual and real and it seems to me that policy makers are starting to operate in an arena here that is propaganda heavy, science light and honesty devoid! This is a real worry and is what can happen when we elect lightweight politicians who know nothing of food production and care even less, and who genuinely believe the head in sand lunacy that it would be better for everyone if it were all imported.



MALCOLM PYE

AREA 2 - SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND

I signed off last years article hoping 2021 would have seen the back of the Covid pandemic. Unfortunately, it still remains and looks like the “new normal” we were so dismissive of, is here to stay for a while longer. 2021 has been a great year for livestock farmers with farm gate prices for beef, lamb and dairy up on the year. It was brilliant to see the British public backing our product over inferior quality imports. The stay-cation brought ever increasing numbers of visitors to our area, providing an opportunity for us to showcase what we do to the general public.

It was great to get back to a socially distanced vibrant Castle Douglas premier sale which saw averages up in all sections. There was a real buzz to the sale with buyers and vendors alike pleased to see a return of the judging of pedigree cattle

and the annual dinner. Local breeder Johny Wright made history as the first man to judge two years in a row. Congratulations go to local breeders Colin and Angus McClymont at the Cuil for winning champion and reserve in the commercial section with the champion pen making £2050. The commercial heifers were topped at £2300 for in calf heifers from Boreland of Girthon due to calf at 2 years old.

Another feature of 2021 has been huge pressure coming onto agriculture to reduce its emissions, with beef farming in particular coming under fire. The current carbon calculators are merely tail pipe counters taking no account of the sequestration which happens on farm. Efficiency is key to reducing emissions (regardless of accuracy) and driving businesses forward. With the Scottish average calves reared per 100 cows now a lowly 79% there is a clear need for improvement in this area. The Salers cow, either cross bred or pure, with its wide pelvis and ease of calving can be the management tool needed in Scottish beef farming to drive fertility forward. In 2020 Rusko reared 139 calves from 142 cows bulled a rearing percentage of 97.8% off an upland hill farm.

I would like to conclude this article by welcoming the new members to our breed in the south west, who intend to use the Salers breed to drive their businesses forward in 2022.



NEIL AUSTIN



COLIN & ANGUS MCCLYMONT RECEIVING THE WILLIE DAVIDSON TROPHY FOR THE CHAMPION PEN OF COMMERCIAL SALERS FROM JUDGE JOHNY WRIGHT

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AREA 2A - SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND

It was a sad start to the year when I attended the Aidansfield Dispersal Sale in January. Although just outside our area, Conor Colgan was a successful breeder of Salers and valuable member of the Society. He was a friend of us all and will be greatly missed.

As we headed towards lambing and calving the show season remained in doubt which made it hard to plan. The Highland Show was staged behind closed doors and streamed on-line. It was good to finally meet up face to face with other cattle breeders for the social occasion as well as seeing a good show of cattle. I'd like to thank those breeders who made an effort at short notice to ensure Salers were represented at the Show and to present a good line-up of cattle. Also thanks to Adam Crockett, from our area, for judging this year and doing a sterling job.

It was nice to go to a few more events during the summer, including the Great Yorkshire Show, which was open to the public. I managed to take down

a bull and two heifers and it is good to report that the Salers breed had one of the biggest entries in the beef section. Here's hoping for a more normal show season next year.



TOM WALLING

Despite the pandemic rumbling on, cattle prices have held up and it is good to see that in this area, as well as others, there is a noticeable increase in the number of Salers in commercial herds. We need to keep pushing the Salers as the ideal breed for ease of management and low input for production of high quality meat from grass.

So far, the autumn weather has been kind to us. Next up is the premier sale at Castle Douglas. Let's hope that the cattle can stay out until after then!

I would like to wish everyone all the best for the sale and onwards through 2022.

AREA 3 - WALES

As 2021 comes to an end with all the troubles of covid19 there is finally light at the end of the tunnel with things getting back to normality.

Members have had to adapt to the conditions with many selling on the farm and/or online, with there being a great demand for heifers especially commercially to cross with the Charolais that is getting more and more popular every year. These types of crosses are topping the local markets on a regular basis.

The May sales were back this year, unfortunately without a show but it did not disappoint. Preenbank Orsino by Fred & Bryn Robinson topped the sale at 8,500gns, a new centre record for the Welshpool Sale, purchased by Harri, Sioned and Lora Jên Pritchard for their Felin and Nebo herds in Llangybi, Pwllheli.

The autumn sale was unfortunately down in numbers, mainly down to a few breeders selling from home due to covid restrictions over the summer months. But things started to look like normal with the show being held with Judge David Hughes purchasing the Overall Champion, a Feb 2020 born bull by Approach Farm Pierre from Angus and Kerry Gowthorpe.

Also on the day was the dispersal sale of the Cae Rhos Herd from Arfon and Siân Hughes, Garndolbenmaen. This was a very emotional day for them after 30 years of breeding Salers and taking the difficult decision to disperse of their Cae Rhos Herd. This herd was the first pedigree herd in North Wales. I would personally like to thank Arfon and Siân for their hard work and dedication in promoting the breed over the years and for introducing me to the Salers many years ago.

As we look forward to the future, I am very much looking forward to seeing the members back at the Winter Fair and upcoming next years Royal Welsh Agricultural Show.



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AREA 4 - NORTHERN IRELAND

2021 is almost over and we will all be thinking ahead to see what 2022 will bring.

This year has allowed us to get back to some normality with some of the restrictions easing.

It was great to meet old friends at this years Balmoral show which had been moved to September.

The Salers breeders put on a tremendous show of cattle and showed that they can compete against the big breeds and go on to win the Interbreed Group of five.

We have recently seen an influx of new members in Area 4, which is a welcome sight.

There is an increasing interest in the breed with farmers here, to make use of her maternal and low labour benefits whilst they are working in off farm jobs.

As I write this on the eve of our first Autumn Salers sale, I hope it is a success for the breeders and that it is a stepping-stone for greater things for the breed in Northern Ireland.

This is also my last term as Area 4 representative. Our new area representative will be Stephen Maginn, I wish him all the best in his new role.

Should any members want to start to get involved in showing their cattle at any of our local N.I shows, please get in contact.

Keep safe.



SEAMUS CONNEL

AREA 6 - LANCS, YORKS, HUMBERSIDE, CUMBRIA, NORTHUMBERLAND, TEESIDE, NEWCASTLE

2021 has certainly been an improvement over 2020, with the easing of the CV-19 pandemic allowing, more or less, a return to normality with sales and some shows going ahead physically. The Great Yorkshire Show returned, all be it with the livestock being split into two halves and the showing spread over four days. The GYS was a particular high point for ourselves and for first time exhibitor Genton's Salers who were judged champion with their junior heifer.

There are several new breeders registered in the area again this year which is excellent news for the area and for the continued strength of the breed. Bull and heifer sales ex farm and at sales have been excellent with new customers coming to the breed for easy calving and a more stress-free life for themselves. It must be remembered that if we were ever to lose this attribute, our USP, Salers would sink as a breed.

Having been Area 6 representative for the past 6 years I would like to take this opportunity to wish my replacement, Catherine Atkinson, all the best for her term as Area Representative.



ANGUS GOWTHORPE



**AREA 8 - BERKSHIRE, HANTS, ISLE OF WIGHT, WILTSHIRE,
AVON, DOREST, SOMERSET, DEVON, CORNWALL**



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grazing breeds becoming organic or pasture for life certified. Marrying this to new technology and management, sowing multi species cover crops, carbon and grass measuring in order to produce the best possible quality beef and benefit the ecosystem in a way that leaves it better than it was before. Whereas the Salers has the unique ability to excel and achieve in both camps. Morally and ethically the future of beef production is for the grazing breeds of which the Salers is an exceptional example.

In what strange times we are farming, as the world opens from the pandemic, we are in a totally different parallel universe. Suddenly supermarket shelves are empty, not a bad thing for farmers one might think. The first time since food rationing ended in 1954 have the public had to think what can I have for dinner? And where is it coming from?

If we note that seventy percent of the world's food is produced by small family farmers who incidentally quietly produce more, better-quality food per hectare and care for our biosphere than their noisy big brothers, it puts it into context. Small farmers often have day jobs in order to eke out the finances, time conscious this is where the Salers fits in nicely. They know a good thing when they see it easy calving, grass fed, low input and maintenance free, a calf born and reared per year, with mother's milk and care thrown in for good measure.



As far as the beef industry is concerned as I predicted it is starting to split into two camps.

One. The recyclers purchasing dairy bred cattle of questionable quality and throwing cereals or cereal substitutes at them in enough numbers to hope there is a profit at the end of it. All reliant on fossil fuel driven machinery, chemicals and a high carbon footprint.

Two. The regenerative agroecologist farmers, reforming and rediscovering old farming methods taking the best of what has gone before and splicing this to traditional

Unfortunately, our detractors led by the media that should know better, are blaming beef for the planet's ills and cattle for greenhouse gas emissions. Ruminants have been around for millions of years successfully recycling carbon and methane long before fossil fuels came along. I read on a display board at The Eden Project that termites produce 11% of naturally occurring methane, are we about to rid the world of termites in order to save the world? I think not as they have a good press and are part of the ecosystem.

In the new world of modern beef production this is where Salers fit in we can produce negative carbon beef, of excellent quality from small family farms. We have a great story to tell above all we are part of the ecosystem. This is where you all come in, we need to get our story across and the beef eating public is waiting to hear it.

Finally, AHDB beef are starting to recognise something that we in Salers have known all along, the value of female genetics. We are constantly hammered with the fact that the Bull is half the herd, and his influence has far reaching consequences, but in a situation where the bull is used simply as camouflage to try and hide the downside of inferior or dairy bred cattle, the beef breeder will not realise the full competitive potential of conformation, live weight gain, health or hardiness that crossing with a known high genetic female can achieve. Put simply I know which Salers steers will finish first or be in the first batch of stores sold, because I know which line their dams are from.



AREA 9 - NOTTS, LINGS, LEICS, NOTHANTS, CAMBS, NORFOLK, SUFFOLK, ESSEX, HERTS, BEDS, BUCKS, SURREY, KENT, SUSSEX, LONDON



It's been a very unusual few years which has seen many changes, for the Salers it has been very positive. Consistently increasing numbers within the UK shows more and more are finding the benefits of the Salers and realising it is the ideal breed for ultimate efficiency and profitability, which is what every farm is trying to achieve.

Increasing herd performance is the best way to take advantage of today's strong prices, we all talk about this but do you have the right cattle to do it? Salers can cope with any system and excel on taking advantage of forage and grazing at any height or weather. The toughness of the breed combined with easy management is the easiest way to minimise costs, labour and stress.



CAROLYN FOX

Within our area it is encouraging to see new herds many of which have been converted from other breeds. Existing and new breeders are topping the store and finished markets both with pedigree and commercial Salers, it's just unfortunate that the number of markets are declining and livestock is having to be travelled further and further.

We had a successful pedigree sale at Melton Mowbray market in the spring which will hopefully become an annual sale linking up with several other breeds, look out for details on the website.

One of the casualties of the last few years has been agricultural shows which are a social lifeline for many rural communities and the perfect way to educate the



next generation on the importance of agriculture. They are also a crucial shop window for our livestock so we need to support them as best we can. There is no doubt that it is very time consuming and hard work but also extremely rewarding and great camaraderie – it's one of the best ways to get the Salers breed seen so maybe now is the time to get involved and have a go?

Let's hope this year is the one we can all get out and meet up again. Whatever is thrown at us, the Salers future is looking very bright and maybe the year you discover their best kept secret?



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SALERS SUCKLERS SCORE NINE YEARS OF STRONG GROWTH *By Terence Pye*

Continued Growth in Salers Suckler Numbers and Market Share

As breeders, we aim to protect the Salers unique combination of maternal traits and present breeding stock for sale that meets the needs of commercial suckler farmers, who are themselves under tremendous pressure to provide what the finishers and supermarkets want. The pandemic has greatly pushed up suckler farming's input costs, and the climate crisis is also bringing sweeping new requirements for the sector to change and adapt to. The market data from BCMS provides the information that guides us as to how the breed is doing in these challenging times.

Market Overview

At the time of writing, we have complete data from BCMS from 2003 up and including 2020, but the 2021 numbers are estimated based on the January to June 2021 data. The first half of the year is usually a very good predictor of the whole year, but the second half of 2020 turned out below the prediction.

This time last year it looked like the long-term reduction in suckler cow numbers had levelled out, but the outcome was a continuation of the decline, which is predicted to continue this year. GB suckler cow will number about 1.16 million in 2021 (cows that had a calf notified to BCMS), which is around 150,000 fewer productive cows than there were in 2011.

The number of beef sired calves recorded by BCMS is slowly increasing still, now close to 1.9 million per year, with the reduction in calves from the suckler herd being offset by the greater use of beef sires in the dairy herd, which is driven by the greater use of sexed semen to breed dairy replacements. About 40% of all beef sired calves are from the dairy herd.

2021 Forecast	Calves by Salers Breeding Bulls	Salers/SalersX Suckler Cows
Head	29000	39300
Suckler Market Share	2.3%	3.4%
Growth Rate (4 yr avg)	1.2%	5.1%

Suckler Herd

Bucking the downward trend in suckler cows, nine years of consecutive increases in the numbers of Salers cows means that the Salers share of the suckler cow market increased to a new high. Though the Salers remains 8th in the suckler cow league table, we are closing the gap on the next largest breed, which three years ago had 20,000 more cows than us, but this difference will be cut down to 6,000 cows in 2021.

The Market Share table shows that the increase in the number of Salers sucklers is being achieved at the expense of cows bred by terminal sire breeds, reflecting the well-established move towards the selection of replacement heifers bred for low input / high output, easy calving, milk, longevity, and other maternal traits, where the Salers is preeminent.

Market Share	2018	2019	2020	2021 est
CONTINENTAL	55%	53%	52%	51%
NATIVE	31%	32%	33%	33%
ALL OTHER	12%	12%	12%	12%
SALERS	2.8%	3.0%	3.2%	3.4%

CONTINENTAL = Limousin, Simmental, Belgian Blue, Charolais, Blonde D'Aquitane

NATIVE = Aberdeen Angus, Hereford, Beef Shorthorn, South Devon

Suits Any Sire

The Salers ability to calve unassisted and rear a strong calf, no matter what sire is chosen, is fuelling the demand for Salers as replacements for commercial suckler herds. This table shows the percentages of different sires being used on Salers females.

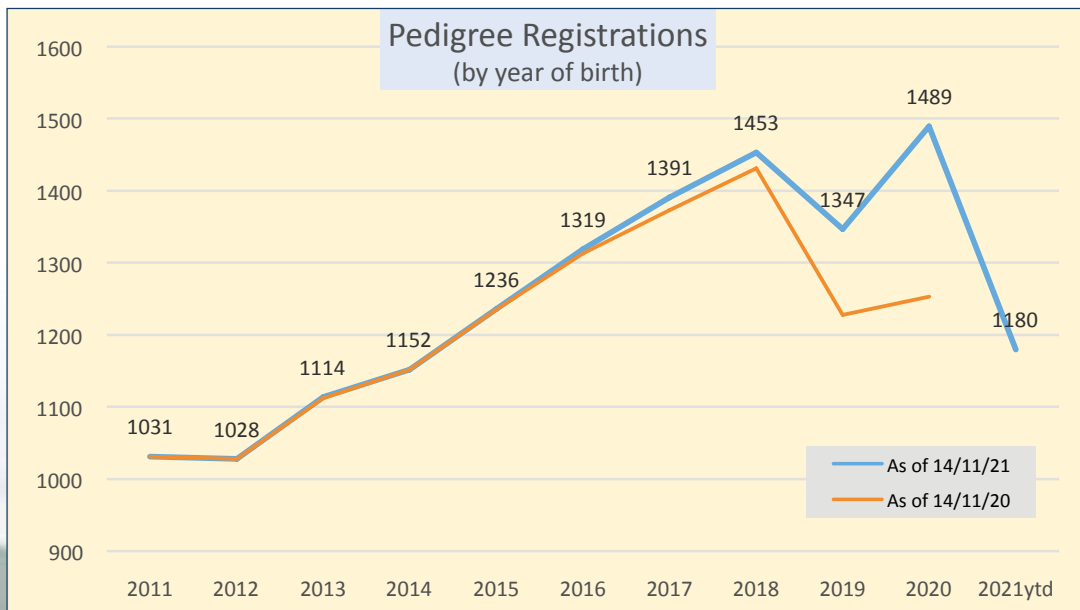
SIRE OF CALF	2018	2019	2020	2021
Salers bull	37%	37%	37%	34%
Continental bull	49%	50%	49%	52%
Native bull	12%	12%	13%	13%
Any other bull	2%	2%	2%	2%

Jan-June data used for this comparison

In the Continental category more than half the calves out of Salers are by the Charolais, followed by Limousin and Simmental. In the Native category, the majority are by the Angus. This demonstrates the widespread appeal of the Salers as a commercial suckler cow, but this success with other sire breeds is limiting the supply of Salers heifers. The demand for Salers heifers is very strong and ongoing, so there is a great opportunity for breeders to produce and sell more Salers heifers for breeding.

Pedigree Herd

The trends in registrations of UK born pedigree animals are drawn from the Breedplan database. As mentioned in the previous report, pedigree registrations suffered a significant drop in 2019, partly due to one longstanding major breeder changing their registration policy. The chart now includes the totals as we knew them a year ago compared to the situation today, to show how many registrations can be made years after a calf is born. No doubt 2020 will end up at a higher total yet, so it looks like registrations from the influx of new members is already offsetting the losses of 2019.



MYOSTATIN – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

By Siân Sharp

When does the myostatin ruling come into force?

From 1st January 2024, registrations will no longer be accepted into the main herd book of UK Salers of animals of unknown myostatin status or that are known to have any of the mutations of the myostatin gene.

What should I look out for when purchasing new stock?

It is important to consider the myostatin status of animals entering your herd.

How do I find out the myostatin status of an animal?

It is clearly visible on the certificate of pedigree for both males and females. In the case of bulls, you should also establish whether he holds a DNA profile. Progeny can only be registered from a sire that has a DNA profile held at the Society's chosen external laboratory. If a DNA profile is held the DNA case number will be visible on the certificate.

At Society sales, the myostatin status will be advertised in the catalogue and announced at sale.

In the case of private sales, you should:

- ask the owner / breeder to see a copy of the Certificate of Pedigree
- contact the Salers Cattle Society 07903 626249
- use the ear tag number to look up the animal's details on Breedplan



What do the myostatin definitions mean?

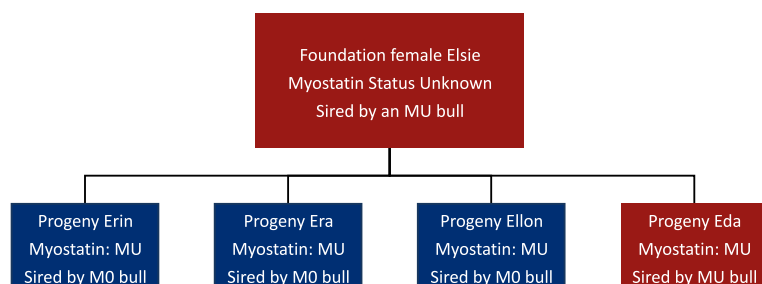
- MU – Myostatin status unknown
- M0 – Tested free from myostatin
- M0P – Myostatin free by parentage
- M1 – Carrier animal, one copy of the mutated myostatin gene, one normal myostatin gene
- M2 – Carrier animal, has two copies of the mutated myostatin gene

If all my breeding females are MU – Myostatin unknown, what should I do?

The most cost-effective route is to establish the myostatin status all breeding females at home. Provided they are all myostatin free i.e., M0 or M0P, and you only use myostatin free bulls, all your progeny will be M0P, myostatin free by parentage.

Will it cost a lot of money to test all my breeding females?

You may not need to test all females, see example below:



In the situation above if you test the foundation female Elsie and she is myostatin free (M0) then automatically the three daughters, Erin, Era and Ellon will become myostatin free by parentage (M0P) because their sires were myostatin free. You would however need to test Eda because the myostatin status of her sire was unknown.

In this instance, out of 5 cows, you may only need to test two animals.

N.B. If the foundation female Elsie turned out to be a carrier, then all progeny would need to be tested.

What is the best way to start testing my breeding females?

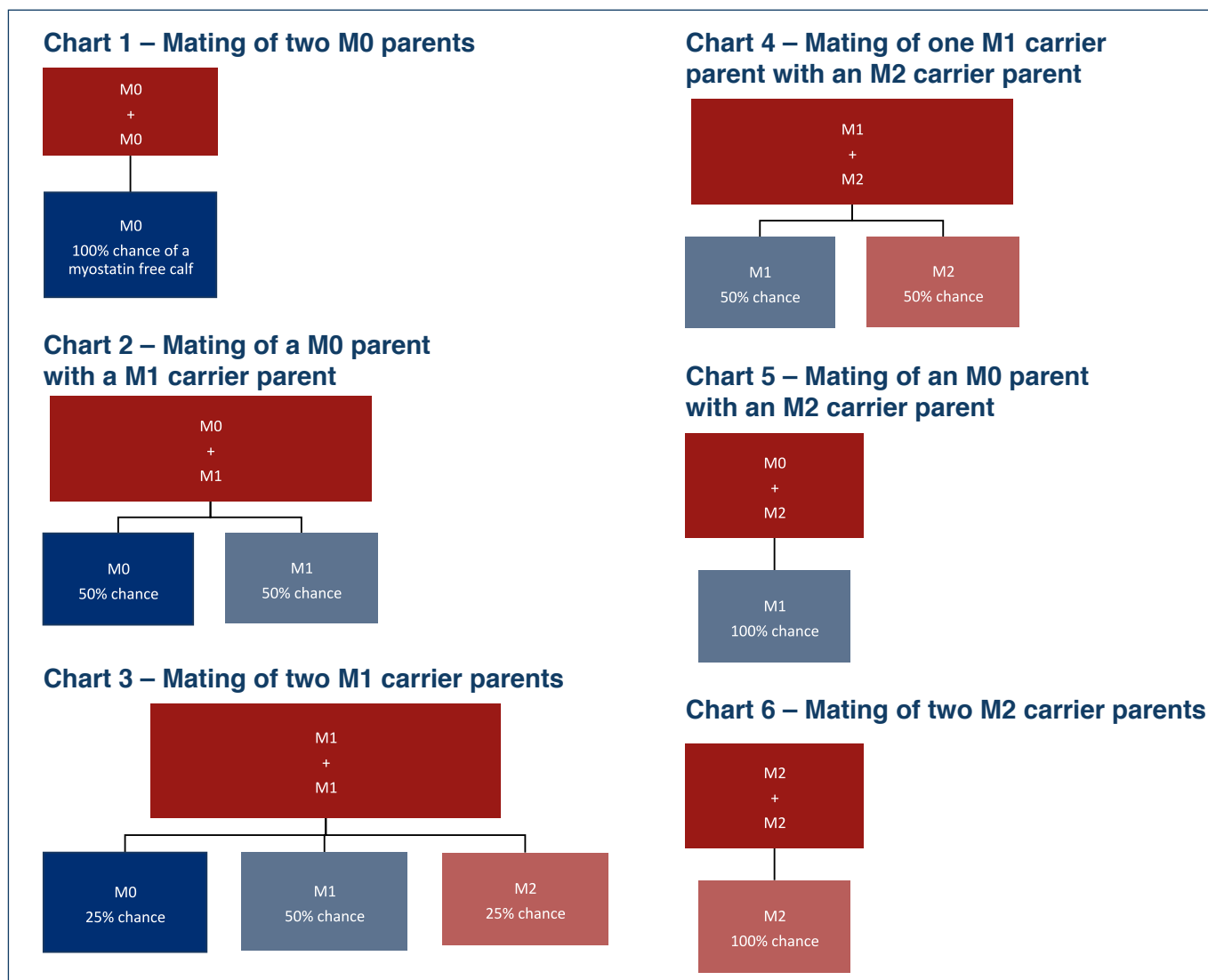
Start with the oldest females in your herd, especially those where you have retained a lot of daughters.

What benefit will I get from testing my females?

1. A reduced registration fee in 2022 and 2023 for all females registered under 3 months that have a known myostatin status. This will help to offset the cost of testing your females.
2. Comfort from knowing that on 1st January 2024 if all your females are myostatin free and you only use a myostatin free bull all progeny will automatically be eligible for registration.
3. To be able to capitalize on a major marketing tool for breeding stock, by advertising that all your animals are tested free from myostatin.
4. Confidence in knowing that you have done everything you can to protect the maternal traits, such as calving ease, of the breed.

What if I discover a myostatin carrier in my herd?

The following charts demonstrate the likelihood of breeding myostatin carriers according to the status of the parents. One thing to note is that from 1 January 2024, all progeny from myostatin carriers would need to be tested to ascertain their myostatin status and only those myostatin free would be eligible for registration.



How do I test for myostatin?

Contact the Society office who will issue you with DNA cards and DNA forms. The cost of DNA testing is detailed in the Society Fees and Charges on the website / breed journal.

- Simply take a hair sample from the tail – see guidance on our website.
- Place it in the DNA card containing the barcode
- Clearly label the DNA card with animal name and ear tag number
- Complete the form with:
 - o Animal Name
 - o Ear tag number
 - o Your name
 - o Tick the top two boxes asking the sample to be tested for DNA and Myostatin
 - o Send all samples back to the Society office

How long does the test take?

The laboratory Neogen aim to process all samples within 4 to 6 weeks.

Will I get a new certificate for my animal?

Yes, all animals tested will receive a new certificate of pedigree.

Will I get a new certificate for the progeny of tested animals?

Not automatically. The reason for this is that the system updates one generation every evening. For example, the tested animals' details are updated automatically. That night, the myostatin status of its immediate progeny are updated. The following evening the myostatin status of the next generation is updated and so on. If, however you require a certificate for a particular reason then these can be requested from the office. The normal replacement warranty fees will apply.

How will I know the status of all my animals if I don't have new certificates for all of them?

- You can look up the status of any animal using Breedplan, available via our website www.salers.uk
- The annual herd inventory will show the updated myostatin status of all animals.

ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOWCASE - JUNE 2021

The 2021 Royal Highland was not the show we all know and love, however the behind-closed-doors Royal Highland Showcase caught the public's imagination. More than 25,000 people logged on, on day one, to watch one of the four live stream channels that captured the livestock judging and rural skills and arts.

The Salers were well represented at the showcase with numbers matching and exceeding some of the other major livestock breeds and although the format may have been different it certainly did not affect the quality of livestock on display.

The judge, Adam Crockett, a previous winner at the Royal Highland Show himself on more than one occasion, was presented with a tough challenge in most of the classes. He found his Overall Show Champion (Swardsman Perpetual Trophy), Male Champion (Rumenco Perpetual Trophy) and the Junior Male Champion (The Cuil Claret Jug) in Gill & Malcolm Pye's, Rednock Panther Poll, a homozygous polled, January 2020 born bull, one of the last progeny from Rigel Munro Poll. Rednock Estate also picked up the the Loughdougan Trophy for the Junior Female Champion, Rednock Disco Poll. Adam selected Cleuchhead Mhairi 1130 as his Reserve Overall Show Champion (The Salers Bell) and Female Champion (QET Perpetual Trophy). Mhairi 1130 had previously been placed 2nd in the RHS 2017, 3rd in 2018, her dam Cleuchhead Mhairi 10th won her class at the RHS 2016 and her sire Drumlegagh Brandon has sired numerous show winners over the years. The Walling Family, under the trading name Farmstock Genetics stood Reserve female Champion with Cumbrian Hyacinth 1049 Poll and Reserve Male Champion with Cumbrian Pedro Poll a descendant of the 2011 Royal Highland Show Champion Cumbrian Hyacinth 456.

JUNIOR FEMALE born on or after 20th June 2019

1st & Junior Female Champion

Rednock Disco Poll, 25/07/2019

2nd and Reserve Junior Female Champion

Rednock Peru, 28/07/2019

3rd - Rednock Arizona, 04/04/2020

4th - Cumbrian Veritable 1113, 20/02/2020

SENIOR FEMALE born on or before 19th June 2019

1st & Senior Female Champion & Female Champion

Cleuchhead Mhairi 1130, 20/03/2016

2nd & Reserve Senior Female Champion & Reserve Female Champion

Cumbrian Hyacinth 1049 Poll, 15/02/2019

3rd - Cumbrian Katie 054, 18/05/2019

JUNIOR BULL born on or after 20th June 2019

1st, Junior Male Champion, Male Champion and Overall Show Champion

Rednock Panther Poll, 13/01/2020

2nd, Reserve Junior Male Champion, Reserve Male Champion

Cumbrian Pedro Poll, 09/03/2020

3rd - Cleuchhead Pumba, 14/04/2020

4th - Cleuchhead Pharaoh, 01/04/2020



SWARDSMAN PERPETUAL TROPHY



THE SALERS BELL

SENIOR BULL born on or before 19th June 2019

1st - Noble, 26/12/2016

Show Champion (Swardsman Perpetual Trophy)

Rednock Panther Poll (Rednock)

Reserve Show Champion (The Salers Bell)

Cleuchhead Mhairi 1130 (Cleuchhead)

Champion Female (Qet Perpetual Trophy)

Cleuchhead Mhairi 1130 (Cleuchhead)

Champion Bull (Rumenco Perpetual Trophy)

Rednock Panther Poll (Rednock)

Junior Female Champion (The Lochdougan Trophy)

Rednock Disco Poll (Rednock)

Junior Male Champion (The Cuil Claret Jug)

Rednock Panther Poll (Rednock)

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THE GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW - JULY 2021

The GYS show committee pulled out all the stops to ensure this major agricultural calendar event went ahead in 2021. Numbers at the gate were capped each day but the show was extended by one day in order to maximise attendance and the number of attractions, whilst maintaining safe COVID measures. The ability to meet people in a more normal setting came as a huge relief to everyone and the sun shone in celebration.

The Salers classes were ably judged by Mr Stephen Maginn from Downpatrick, Northern Ireland. Stephen runs around 60 Salers cows at home under the Lisnamaul herd prefix located at the foot of the Mourne Mountains. Stephen's pick of the day was Gentons Pasha Poll ET, bred by Bertie Facon and immaculately brought out by Ben Bellew who earned the 2021 Great Yorkshire Show Stockman's Cup.

Genton's Pasha Poll ET was victorious, winning the Female Championship and lifting the Bents Farm Trophy, the Junior Championship to take home the Junior Champions Cup and won the Rigel Cordelia Cup for the Overall Championship title. This stylish, red, polled, yearling heifer was sired by Icare and out of the French cow Gertrude. She also won the Arthur Beevers Cup for the best polled animal at the show. She then went on to joined Bertie Facon's Genton's Pablo Polled ET in the pairs competition that lifted the Jock Watson Trophy for the best pair of animals by the same sire.

Angus and Kerry Gowthorpe also had a fabulous week bringing out Approach Farm Pepin a dark red yearling bull sired by Beguin out of home-bred cow Approach Farm Libby. No strangers to the Great Yorkshire Show, Team Gowthorpe were delighted to lift the Male Championship for the Watson Trophy, the Reserve Junior Championship to take home the Dennis White Cup and to win the KW Alternative Farm Feeds Cup for the Reserve Overall Championship title. Angus and Kerry also brought out the Reserve Male Champion Approach Farm Olly a 2019 born bull bred in exactly the same way as the Male Champion being sired by Beguin and out of Approach Farm Libby. To cap their week they also lifted the I'Ansons Trophy for the best group of three Salers owned by the same exhibitor.

Carolyn Fox's Manor Lane herd also produced the goods with Manor Lane Pandora who lifted the Reserve Female Championship title. Manor Lane Lunar Poll and her heifer calf at foot Manor Lane Pebbles won the cow class and Manor Lane Pebbles also competed in her own right in the junior heifer class and despite giving away at least six months in age to anything else in the class was placed 4th.

The Society would like to thank the Great Yorkshire Show for hosting this event in such difficult circumstances and to congratulate all the exhibitors for a fantastic display of Salers cattle.

Class 106 - Born before 1 January 2020

1st - Lot 527 - Approach Farm Olly, 04/02/2019, Mr A Gowthorpe

Class 107 - Born on or after 1 January 2020

1st - Lot 530 - Approach Farm Pepin, 12/02/2020, Mr A Gowthorpe
2nd - Lot 535 - Rednock Panther Poll, 13/01/2020, Rednock Estate
3rd - Lot 528 - Crowgarth Pac Man, 28/01/2020, Mr M D Dumbreck
4th - Lot 536 - Cumbrian Pedro Poll, 09/03/2020, Farmstock Genetics
5th - Lot 529 - Gentons Pablo Poll ET, 01/01/2020, Mr B Facon
6th - Lot 533 - Rigel Pemberley Poll, 18/03/2020, Rigel Pedigree
7th - Lot 534 - Rigel Polaris Poll, 14/04/2020, Rigel Pedigree

Class 108 - Cow born on or before 31 December 2018 in milk or in-calf

1st - Lot 537 - Manor Lane Lunar Poll, 08/01/2016, Carolyn Fox

Class 109 - Heifer born on or between 01/01/19 - 31/12/19

1st - Lot 539 - Rednock Disco Poll, 25/07/19, Rednock Estate
2nd - Lot 541 - Cumbrian Hyacinth 1049 Poll, 15/02/2019, Farmstock Genetics
3rd - Lot 542 - Cumbrian Katie 054, 18/05/2019, Farmstock Genetics
4th - Lot 540 - Rednock Peru, 28/07/2019, Rednock Estate

Class 110 - Heifer born after 01/01/2020

1st - Lot 546 - Gentons Pasha Poll ET, 17/01/2020, Mr B Facon
2nd - Lot 547 - Manor Lane Pandora, 17/02/2020, Carolyn Fox
3rd - Lot 549 - Approach Farm Polly, 05/02/2020, Mr A Gowthorpe
4th - Lot 548 - Manor Lane Pebbles Poll, 15/10/2020, Carolyn Fox
5th - Lot 551 - Rednock Arizona, 04/04/2020, Rednock Estate

Male Champion (Watson Trophy)

Lot 530 - Approach Farm Pepin, 12/02/2020, Mr A Gowthorpe

Reserve Male Champion

Lot 527 - Approach Farm Olly, 04/02/2019, Mr A Gowthorpe

Female Champion (Bents Farm Trophy)

Lot 546 - Gentons Pasha Poll ET, 17/01/2020, Mr B Facon

Reserve Female Champion

Lot 547 - Manor Lane Pandora, 17/02/2020, Carolyn Fox

Junior Champion (Junior Champions Cup)

Lot 546 - Gentons Pasha Poll ET, 17/01/2020, Mr B Facon

Reserve Junior Champion (Dennis White Cup)

Lot 530 - Approach Farm Pepin, 12/02/2020, Mr A Gowthorpe

Overall Champion (Rigel Cordelia Cup)

Lot 546 - Gentons Pasha Poll ET, 17/01/2020, Mr B Facon

Reserve Overall Champion (KW Alternative Farm Feeds Cup)

Lot 530 - Approach Farm Pepin, 12/02/2020, Mr A Gowthorpe

Best Polled Animal (Arthur Beevers Cup)

Lot 546 - Gentons Pasha Poll ET, 17/01/2020, Mr B Facon

Pairs (Jock Watson Trophy)

Mr B Facon

Group of Three (I'Ansons Trophy)

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BALMORAL SHOW – SEPTEMBER 2021

DRUMLEGAGH OCEANA TRIUMPHANT AT BALMORAL 2021 & SALERS WIN COVETED BEST GROUP OF FIVE TITLE

Mr Neil Austin of Gatehouse of Fleet, Kirkcudbrightshire had near perfect show weather in which to judge the Salers classes at Balmoral Show 2021. The show that is normally a major calendar event in May each year had been postponed until September due to COVID-19 and despite the spectator numbers at the gate being capped, Salers cattle numbers were not hampered and the quality of cattle in each and every class was extremely strong. Neil's pick of the day was Drumlegagh Oceana, an April 2019 born heifer that comes from a family line of Champions. Her dam and grand dam had both previously been crowned Champion at Balmoral. Bred by J & E A Elliott and ably brought out by stock person Kirsten Elliott, Oceana was sired by Drumlegagh Hamish and out of Drumlegagh Galaxy. Oceana lifted the Overall Champion title and the Highways Hotel Cup as well as the Wallets Marts Shield for the Best Homebred Animal.

J & E A Elliott also secured the Reserve Overall Championship title with Drumlegagh Poppy, a May 2020 Drumlegagh Hamish sired heifer out of Drumlegagh Larissa who had also been selected as the Balmoral 2021 Junior Champion.

Standing reserve to Poppy in the Junior Championship line up was Seamus Connell's Male Champion Ballykeel Prince, a February 2020 born Imperial sired bull out of Ballykeel Mademoiselle.

The Salers Cattle Society Cup for the Best Pair and the Best Turned Out trophy went to B & P O'Kane of Lower Bolie Salers with Lower Bolie Ophra and Lower Bolie Princess.

The coveted Stockman's Shield was awarded to Hannah Burns assisting the Lisnamaul herd for her hard work and dedication throughout the whole show.

The Society would like to thank the organisers of Balmoral Show for hosting such a fabulous event in difficult circumstances and would also like to congratulate all the exhibitors for a fantastic display of Salers cattle.

599 - COW, in calf or with calf at foot born on or before 31 December 2018.

- 1st** Maginn PJ & Sons/Lisnamaul Salers, LISNAMAUL KELLY; Tag/Tattoo Number UK9371061 27113, H.B. Number UK9371061 27113 b. 20/10/2015 breeder. EXHIBITOR; s. SEAWELL FITZPATRICK d. LISNAMAUL BARBIE; Ear tag of calf 29703
- 2nd** Ballykeel Salers, INDIANA; Tag/Tattoo Number FR193610 6606, H.B. Number IMP2013022 b. 16/02/2013 breeder. Gaec Fournet Fernand et David; s. GALANT d. ETNA; Ear tag of calf UK9 420096 0445 5
- 3rd** O Kane B & P, BROOKFIELDS ABBEY; Tag/Tattoo Number UK927295701335, H.B. Number GRW2015133 b. 08/03/2015 breeder. Mr G & Mrs R Wilson; s. BROWNHILL LAURENCE d. BROOKFIELD'S HIDI; Ear tag of calf UK952186803154
- 4th** Elliott J & E A, DRUMLEGAGH LUNA; Tag/Tattoo Number UK96518432073-1, H.B. Number UK96518432073-1 b. 04/01/2016 breeder. EXHIBITOR; s. GLADIATEUR d. DRUMLEGAGH GALAXY



OCEANA AND POPPY



DRUMLEGAGH POPPY



BALLYKEEL PRINCE



2021 Winning Group of Five

600 - HEIFER, born in 2019.

- 1st** Elliott J & E A, DRUMLEGAGH OCEANA; Tag/
Tattoo Number UK96518432258-4, H.B. Number
UK96518432258-4 b. 01/04/2019 breeder. EXHIBITOR; s.
DRUMLEGAGH HAMISH d. DRUMLEGAGH GALAXY
- 2nd** O Kane B & P, LOWER BOLIE OPHRA; Tag/
Tattoo Number UK952186802782, H.B. Number
UK952186802782 b. 03/04/2019 breeder. EXHIBITOR;
s. MANOR LANE KRYPTON d. BROOKFIELD'S EVA

601 - HEIFER, born on or after 1st January 2020

- 1st** Elliott J & E A, DRUMLEGAGH POPPY; Tag/
Tattoo Number UK96518432316-6, H.B. Number
UK96518432316-6 b. 25/05/2020 breeder. EXHIBITOR; s.
DRUMLEGAGH HAMISH d. DRUMLEGAGH LARISSA
- 2nd** Maginn PJ & Sons/Lisnamaul Salers, LISNAMAUL
PRINCESS; Tag/Tattoo Number UK9371061 29154,
H.B. Number UK9371061 29154 b. 07/03/2020 breeder.
EXHIBITOR; s. NEMO d. LISNAMAUL MOLLY
- 3rd** O Kane B & P, LOWER BOLIE PRINCESS; Tag/
Tattoo Number UK952186802863, H.B. Number
UK952186802863 b. 10/01/2020 breeder. EXHIBITOR;
s. FOREZ d. BROOKFIELDS ABBEY
- 4th** Elliott J & E A, DRUMLEGAGH POLINA; Tag/
Tattoo Number UK96518432328-4, H.B. Number
UK96518432328-4 b. 18/06/2020 breeder. EXHIBITOR; s.
DRUMLEGAGH LANCELOT d. DRUMLEGAGH KARIN
- 5th** Maginn PJ & Sons/Lisnamaul Salers, LISNAMAUL
PATSY; Tag/Tattoo Number UK9371061 29305, H.B.
Number UK9371061 29305 b. 08/04/2020 breeder.
EXHIBITOR; s. HERBIN d. LISNAMAUL ANNA
- 6th** Ballykeel Salers, BALLYKEEL PENNY; Tag/Tattoo Number
UK9 9 420096 0422 3, H.B. Number UK9 420096 0422 b.
14/02/2020 breeder. EXHIBITOR; s. ICARE d. IRENE
- 7th** Maginn PJ & Sons/Lisnamaul Salers, LISNAMAUL
PIXIE; Tag/Tattoo Number UK9371061 29294, H.B.
Number UK9371061 29294 b. 06/04/2020 breeder.
EXHIBITOR; s. HERBIN d. LISNAMAUL HANNAH

602 - BULL, up to 2 years old on day of Show (6 Entries)

- 1st** Ballykeel Salers, BALLYKEEL PRINCE; Tag/Tattoo
Number UK9 420096 0421 2, H.B. Number UK9
420096 0421 2 b. 12/02/2020 breeder. EXHIBITOR;
s. IMPERIAL d. BALLYKEEL MADEMOISELLE
- 2nd** Maginn PJ & Sons/Lisnamaul Salers, LISNAMAUL
PETER PAN; Tag/Tattoo Number UK9371061 29084,
H.B. Number UK9371061 29084 b. 04/01/2020 breeder.
EXHIBITOR; s. NEMO d. LISNAMAUL KELLY;
- 3rd** O Kane B & P, LOWER BOLIE RAMBO; Tag/Tattoo Number
UK952186803154, H.B. Number UK952186803154
b. 24/01/2021 breeder. EXHIBITOR; s. WHITEBOG
CONVENER d. BROOKFIELDS ABBEY;



LISNAMAUL KELLY AND HER BULL CALF AT FOOT

604 - PAIR OF ANIMALS, bona fide the property of one exhibitor and entered in the classes for which they are eligible.

- 1st** O Kane B & P
2nd Elliott J & E A
3rd Maginn PJ & Sons/Lisnamaul Salers
4th Ballykeel Salers

Male Champion

Ballykeel Prince, Seamus Connell

Reserve Male Champion

Lisnamaul Peter Pan, P J Maginn & Sons

Junior Champion

Drumlegagh Poppy, J & E A Elliott

Reserve Junior Champion

Ballykeel Prince, Seamus Connell

Overall Champion (Highways Hotel Cup)

Drumlegagh Oceana, J & E A Elliott

Reserve Overall Champion (Highways Hotel Cup)

Drumlegagh Poppy, J & E A Elliott

Best Homebred Animal (Wallets Marts Shield)

Drumlegagh Oceana, J & E A Elliott

Pairs (Salers Cattle Society Cup)

B & P O'Kane, Lower Bolie Salers

Best Turned Out

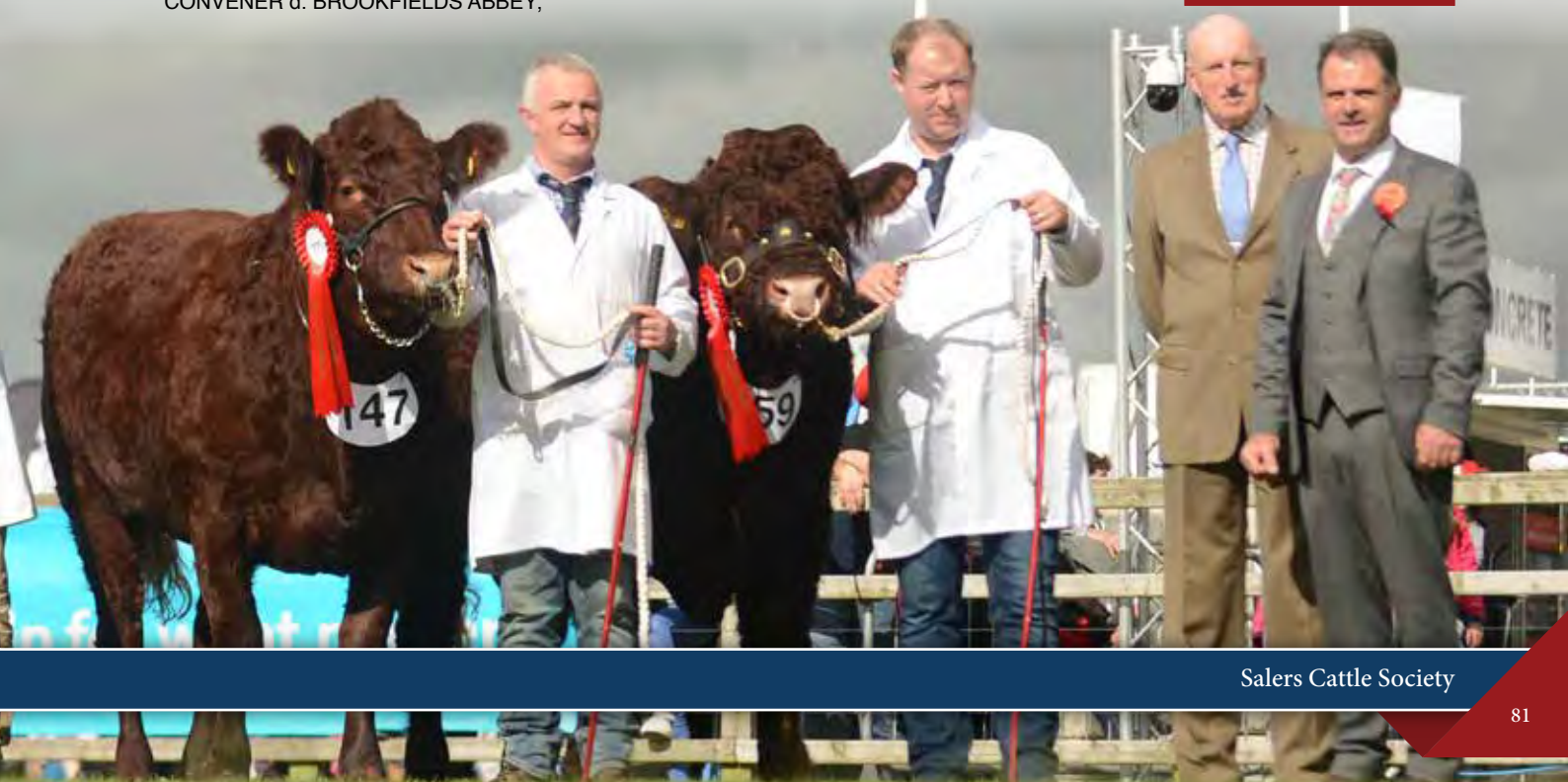
B & P O'Kane, Lower Bolie Salers

Stockmans Shield

Miss Hannah Burns, Lisnamaul



HANNAH BURNS



ANIMAL OF THE YEAR 2021

Showing animals throughout the year is a difficult but rewarding task; selecting, feeding and training animals starts well before they are taken anywhere near a showground. Then there is transportation and time away from your farm whilst you attend shows and the society appreciates the effort it takes and the expense involved. In appreciation of the commitment we have the Animals of the Year Awards, where points are allocated according to shows attended, classes and placings and the winners received £250 for each champion animal.

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

This year's winners are as follows –



ANIMAL OF THE YEAR AWARD - CHAMPION SENIOR MALE 2021
APPROACH FARM OLLY



ANIMAL OF THE YEAR AWARD - CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE 2021
MANOR LANE LUNAR



ANIMAL OF THE YEAR AWARD - CHAMPION JUNIOR MALE 2021
APPROACH FARM PEPIN



ANIMAL OF THE YEAR AWARD - CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE 2021
MANOR-LANE-PANDORA



ANGUS GOWTHORPE RECEIVING THE ANIMAL
OF THE YEAR AWARD - CHAMPION SENIOR
MALE 2021 FOR APPROACH FARM OLLY



KERRY GOWTHORPE RECEIVING THE ANIMAL
OF THE YEAR AWARD - CHAMPION JUNIOR
MALE 2021 FOR APPROACH FARM PEPIN

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MANAGEMENT, GENETICS AND NUTRITION ALL PLAY THEIR PART IN SUSTAINABLE PEDIGREE UNITS

Written by Jill Hunter – Harbro Beef & Sheep Nutritionist



When it comes to turning out top quality stock, genetics, management and nutrition are all required in equal measures.

The Salers cattle stockmen and women are some of the best in the business, well respected for their expert stockmanship and ability to turn out exceptional stock for both shows and sales. Couple that with a pool of increasing quality genetics to choose from, it just leaves the nutrition. This is where we at Harbro come in.

Anyone can get cattle fat. You just give them more starch.

However, to do the animals justice, we need to look beyond big, fat cattle in the sale ring and think about supplying prospective buyers with what they are really searching for; fit and healthy animals which are efficient, fertile and will last.

There is no silver bullet to improving on-farm environmental credentials and sometimes we can be inclined to think 'what's in it for me?' when asked to make changes – it is human nature! It is well accepted that any improvement which is positive environmentally, also has a positive effect on enterprise profitability, which is the ultimate goal whether producing commercial or pedigree stock.

As an example of an easy way to improve environmental credentials and profitability simultaneously, consider calf creep feeding:

As soon as a calf starts to grow, feed efficiency begins to reduce, simply because a bigger body size results in higher maintenance requirements. For example, a calf is likely to need only 90 kg concentrate to gain 30 kg liveweight, while an older animal could eat 280 kg concentrate to gain the same 30 kg.

This means we should take advantage of this inbuilt high feed efficiency, to maximise liveweight gain early and minimise cost per kilo gain. This will improve calf quality, weaning weights and overall enterprise profitability.

As well as increasing feed efficiency, creep feeding improves rumen development. This sets them up for life, whether joining the breeding herd or being fed in preparation for shows and sales.

There are four factors which should be considered when feeding pedigree animals:

1. Health - fundamentally, animals need to be healthy if they are to perform and maximise their genetic potential.
2. Immunity. A robust immune system ensures animals fight infection and repair damaged tissue
3. Fertility. Male and females must be fed to promote fertility and prolificacy. Infertility is a waste of animals and resources
4. Longevity. Rearing replacements has a financial and environmental impact, therefore animals need to last a long time

Last year, we launched the Stockman's Choice range of pedigree cattle feed, which holds health, immunity, fertility and longevity as core values to promote sustainability and profitability. The range is quickly growing in popularity and we were delighted to see so many customers doing exceptionally well at shows and sales this year.

The range was developed by combining years of experience in the pedigree world with technology and innovation. It was informed by working closely with our nutritional partners, leading producers as well as academic institutions, including Glasgow Vet School to ensure both a holistic view as well as the quality of our advice.



Stockman's Choice was formulated using a carefully selected range of sustainably sourced, quality raw materials with key additives included to promote feed efficiency, health and performance. To give you a flavour, key additives include:

- Rumitech, which is a Carbon Trust assured additive proven to reduce methane emissions, while also increasing feed conversion ratio. A trial carried out with young bulls fed Rumitech, showed an increase in loin eye muscle area.
- Rumi Defence, which has antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties. It enhances immunity and improves the function of vital organs such as the liver, which is undoubtedly under pressure with performance expected of these animals.
- Maxammon, which is an alkaline grain treatment, meaning pH and protein level of the cereal have been increased, allowing higher cereal inclusion more safely. Improving rumen health also reduces the risk of acidosis and laminitis.

The final piece which pulls the range together, is the advice and support which comes from our team. We have a pedigree team with a vast range of experience on hand to tailor nutrition plans to meet performance targets, to allow stock to be turned out to the highest standards.

We would love to speak to you about how a Stockman's Choice nutrition plan would complement your management and genetics. Please get in touch.

Wishing all Salers breeders a successful and sustainable 2022!



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NEW improved pedigree feeds from Harbro

MATERNAL MATTERS

What is 'Maternal Matters'?

When it comes to raising the profit margin, AHDB's campaign 'Maternal Matters' brings the focus away from carcase traits and back to the maternal performance of the suckler cow.

The importance of maternal characteristics is underestimated in the English suckler herd with only 82 per cent of suckler cows producing a calf each year.

An economic study suggests that fertility is five times more important than growth rate and ten times more important than carcase quality to the suckler producer, so are we missing a trick here in the UK?

AHDB's new Maternal Matters campaign is focussed on increasing the use of good maternal genetics within the English suckler herd whilst also informing producers of the management and selection practices required to enable greater cow lifetime reproductive performance and profitability through careful heifer breeding and development. Over the next two years we'll cover:

- KPI's and suckler profit margins
- Choosing breeding stock to produce female replacements
- Managing heifers to successfully calve at two
- Choosing bulls for replacement heifers
- Calving heifers
- Post-calving heifer management

You can't manage what you don't measure

Knowing what to measure, so that management decisions can easily be made, can sometimes be confusing. So the first part of 'Maternal Matters' looks at herd key performance indicators (KPI's)

Focusing on specific maternal KPI's could increase the performance and output of your suckler herd. Using KPI's allows you to benchmark against your own farms performance year on year as well as benchmarking against other producers performance to highlight areas of strength and weakness.

What KPIs should you consider monitoring and how are they calculated?

1. Cost of Production (COP) per calf weaned

Knowing your COP allows you to make informed marketing and business decisions. An accurately calculated COP can also be used to benchmark yourself against similar enterprises and identify areas where you're spending/income may be above/below average.

COP can be calculated using the AHDB KPI Express tool (see farmbusinessreview.ahdb.org.uk) and requires knowledge of business income and expenditure.

2. Age at first calving

Reducing age at first calving is a proven and effective way of reducing COP and increasing cow lifetime performance. Replacements account for 8.5% of COP, so can we really afford not to calve them at two? Aim for between 22 and 26 months for maximum efficiency.

While there are many factors contributing to successfully calving at two, hitting target bulling weights is essential to ensure puberty is reached early enough and heifers calve easily. Nutrition and selecting for positive 200-day and 400-day growth can be achieved using estimated breeding values (EBVs).

3. Cow herd efficiency

Cow herd efficiency assesses the relationship between cow weight and calf output. It is linked to profitability and reflects herd fertility, health, genetics, feed and management.

To calculate you need an average liveweight of calves at weaning, an average liveweight of females to the bull and your average age at weaning (in months). A cow should wean 40 – 60% of her liveweight in calf.

Pay close attention to selecting female replacements. Keeping records of their mothers ability will make selection easier. Bull choice to breed replacements from is also vital. Milk EBV, Mature Cow weight EBV and 200 growth EBV are all important, whilst always looking for easy calving.



4. Females calved in first six-weeks

A tight calving block indicates good fertility and makes management easier resulting in calves that are more consistent at weaning, easier to market and can be effectively managed in a block. The aim is for over 65% to calve within the six-week window, with anything above 80% being excellent.

The feeding, grouping and general management of cattle all have a huge impact on fertility. The egg that is fertilised at bulling is matured in the cow before she calves, so nutrition pre-calving is as important as post-calving. Body condition score is a good indicator of energy status and ask your vet to take blood samples if you feel mineral deficiency may be an issue.

Minimise stress around bulling and in the following weeks to improve conception rates and consider keeping heifers in a separate management group right through to second calving.

5. Daily liveweight gain (DLWG) of calves to weaning

With the right genetics, the dam's ability to milk and correct grassland management, calves should average at least 1.1 kg/day from birth to weaning. It is important that this is achieved cost effectively, and if higher rates of growth can only be achieved from increased inputs, COP must be considered carefully. Weigh calves at weaning to calculate, with the average weight gain from birth to weaning divided by the average age of calves when weighed.

Young calves are the most feed-efficient animals on the farm; make the most of this. Good quality colostrum is essential in a suckler system, and this can be achieved through getting cow nutrition right through pregnancy. Ensuring cows have good milking ability both through genetics and nutrition, will make the most of those early feed conversion rates. Good feed quality is key, be that grass or forage. This applies not only to the cow, but to the calf as well, as by four-months old, only half its feed requirements are met by milk.

To calculate all of the KPIs mentioned in this article and to see how your farm compares, visit the AHDB KPI tool found at farmbusinessreview.ahdb.org.uk.

How can breed societies and members get involved?

- Both breed societies and members are encouraged to shout about what they are doing to enhance the maternal characteristics of their cows! Post a video on your social media feeds talking about how you calve at two and why, how you use maternal EBVs within your herd or how you ensure your heifers are fit for the future using #MaternalMatters
- We also have a variety of infographics we can share with you to aid promotion of maternal traits, and all our events and webinars can be found at ahdb.org.uk/events
- We are always on the lookout for new photos to use within the campaign, so if you have a high resolution photo of cows, heifers or calves, please send to Emma.Steele@ahdb.org.uk
- Is your herd performance recorded? We'll be encouraging suckler farmers to choose breeding stock with good maternal EBVs and Indexes, so if you sell bulls, this could be an opportunity for you. Speak to your breed society about who your EBV provider is and how to get involved.

To find out more about the AHDB Maternal Matters campaign visit www.ahdb.org.uk/maternal-matters and to ensure you keep up to date with AHDB go to ahdb.org.uk/keeping-in-touch to register your details with us.

BEEF

What do I get for my levy?



1

Market and trade data

We provide easy-to-access, independent market prices and analysis to help inform your business decisions. Did you know the market prices in Farmers Weekly and Farmers Guardian are produced by AHDB?

2

Marketing to the UK consumer

Our We Eat Balanced campaign reached 18.5m consumers promoting the true story of British beef. This resulted in 11% or 800,000 more people intending to buy red meat¹.

¹ Source: Kantar

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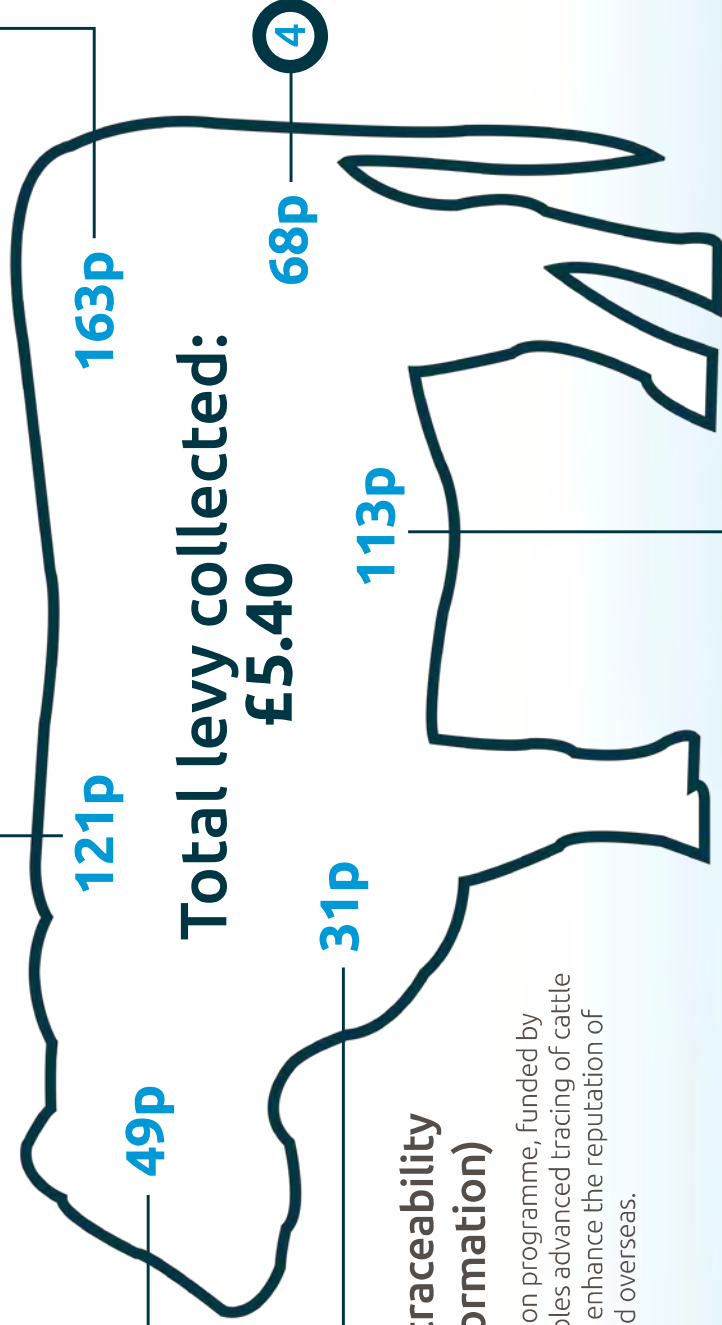
Export development

AHDB has worked with government and industry to open new markets for beef in Japan and the US. Having gained access in 2018, the UK was the main European supplier of beef to Canada in 2020, with a value of £17.5 million.

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Farm-to-fork traceability (Livestock information)

The Livestock Information programme, funded by AHDB and DEFRA, enables advanced tracing of cattle movements, helping to enhance the reputation of British beef at home and overseas.



4

Working with our levy payers

Our Strategic and Monitor Farms, events and publications ensure you are connected with the latest research and innovation to support your business.

5

Animal health, genetics and the environment

Helping drive improvements and deliver solutions across almost all areas of production, our targeted research aims to support you and aid on-farm decisions.

AHDB income 2021/22

AHDB collects £5.40 per head of cattle (excluding calves). This is made up of a producer (£4.05) and slaughter (£1.35) levy.

Additional non-levy income, e.g. grants and funding, offers extra value for levy payers on your investment.

The figures are based on the 2021/22 Business Plan with overheads allocated on a pro-rata or estimated resource basis. Prior year financial statements are published in our Annual Report and Accounts available at: ahdb.org.uk

EVENTS 2022

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 for details of any changes or cancellations.

STIRLING BULL SALES

19-22 February 2022

COUNCIL MEETING

6 March 2022

MELTON MOWBRAY MULTIBREED SALE

26 March 2022

STIRLING BULL SALES

1 & 2 May 2022

BALMORAL SHOW

11 – 14 May 2022

WELSHPOOL SPRING SALE

19 May 2022

COUNCIL MEETING

5 June 2022

ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW

9-11 June 2022

ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW

23-26 June 2022

GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW

12-14 July 2022

ROYAL WELSH AGRICULTURAL SHOW

18-21 July 2022

COUNCIL MEETING

4 September 2022

SOMMET DE L'ÉLEVAGE

4-7 October 2022

WELSHPOOL AUTUMN SALE

8 October 2022

TOUR SALERS INTERNATIONAL MEXICO

Provisional dates 10-14 October 2022 (TBC)

STIRLING BULL SALES

16-18 October 2022

**AGM, DINNER & PREMIER
SHOW, CASTLE DOUGLAS**

4 November 2022

**PARADE & PREMIER SALE,
CASTLE DOUGLAS**

5 November 2022

ROYAL WELSH WINTER FAIR

28 & 29 November 2022

COUNCIL MEETING

4 December 2022





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PRE-SALE CHECKLIST

Closing Dates: The closing date will be stipulated in the sale schedule. The schedule will be advertised on 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).

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

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 wither 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.

USEFUL SOCIETY INFORMATION

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:

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

REGISTRATIONS:

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

SOCIETY FEES & CHARGES

	Charge	VAT 20%	TOTAL
Intimations are free	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Registering Commercial SalersX (Grade A, B & C)			
All cattle	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
Upgrading Grade C to Purebred	£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)			
Registrations All other calves (except ET)			
Female calves up to 3 months with a known myostatin status	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00
all other calves up to 3 months	£28.00	£5.60	£33.60
3-6 months	£49.00	£9.80	£58.80
over 6 months	£91.00	£18.20	£109.20
Registrations Embryo transplant calves			
up to 3 months	£33.00	£6.60	£39.60
3-6 months	£59.00	£11.80	£70.80
over 6 months	£112.00	£22.40	£134.40
Transfer of ownership	£6.00	£1.20	£7.20
Replacement Warranty	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00
Registration of Embryos (including imported)			
Minimum per animal flushed (up to 10 embryos)	£11.00	£2.20	£13.20
Thereafter per embryo	£1.00	£0.20	£1.20
After 3 months-minimum per animal flushes (up to 10 embryos)	£21.00	£4.20	£25.20
Thereafter per embryo	£2.00	£0.40	£2.40
Subscription payable 1st – 4th January	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00
Subscription payable 5th January onwards	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00
Joining Fee and Registration of Herd Letter and Prefix	£37.00	£7.40	£44.40
Export Certificates	£28.00	£5.60	£33.60
Registration of Imported Cattle not in calf			
up to 3 months from date of entry	£42.00	£8.40	£50.40
3-6 months	£81.00	£16.20	£97.20
over 6 months	£159.00	£31.80	£190.80
Registration of Imported Cattle with in vitro calves			
up to 3 months from date of entry	£64.50	£12.90	£77.40
3-6 months	£103.50	£20.70	£124.40
over 6 months	£183.00	£36.60	£219.60
Annual Sire Royalty Scheme fee per animal	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00
Sire Scheme Certificates (10 certificates)	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00
DNA 50K SNP, Myostatin & SNP Parentage verification	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00
Myostatin only	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00
Parentage verification only or STR	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00
BetaM	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00
Horn / Poll only	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00
Discounted DNA 50K SNP, Myostatin, SNP PV & Horn / Poll	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00

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

Membership Application Form

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

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

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:

Siân Sharp
Jasmine Cottage
2 Maitland Row
Gavinton
Berwickshire
TD11 3QP

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.

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