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Field day at Colin Nash's stud.

competition. It is a premier event which showcases the best of beef cattle and as we all know Devon is the best. It is another way of putting our breed out there.

On behalf of Council I hope your Christmas went well, and that the New Year is kind to you all.

Regards

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

It is with considerable relief I can start this newsletter with rain on the window. Like many other areas of New Zealand we have been very dry. In saying that being in the shadow of the mountain has meant we have had more moisture than many others. I would not dream of mentioning climate change but with the reports of drought conditions here in New Zealand, the huge floods in Australia and now the crippling snow in the UK there is something up with the weather at present.

I have received e-mails from Devon breeder's from the UK, Australia and Brazil all extending their warmish wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all in the Devon family here in New Zealand.

It is with sadness that I advise you all that our patron Walter Alison passed away in November.

I hope you have been reading the articles which have featured in the many papers. It has been great exposure and promotion for the breed. TVNZ have a programme called Rural Delivery which is normally screened on Saturday mornings. In the next series you will see Devon's in one of the features. I had the film crew visit early in December. Thanks Jill and Steve for the use of your cattle which gave a great herd of cows, calves and the bull for the camera. I would like you all to give some thought to putting stock into the Steak of Origin

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Once again Council took the opportunity of combining the field days and attending their council meeting at the same time. The following are some key points from the meeting.

- Colin is working with ABRI on finalising the Group Run which will give details for both New Zealand and Australia. It will also finalise having access to EBV information.
- We are collating a list of available semen in New Zealand. We will endeavour to keep this updated for our members. Graeme Dyke is taking responsibility for keeping the list up to date. The list will be in the next newsletter, and the information will be with Linda Rule at PBBnz if you require the information at a later date.
- We are receiving an increasing number of enquiries for cattle. Please consider advertising on our web site.
- Council is continuing to develop a library of high quality photos for promotional use. If you have any suitable photos please send them to Karen Schumacher.
- Council spent a lot of time discussing the herdbook. It is investigating the rules which apply to the Australian Association for the secondary herdbook which is for the grading up stock. Like New Zealand, the pedigree herdbook in Australia has the four generation rule. Our council feels this must be retained and protected.
- We are working with PBBnz to fine tune the dates for invoicing and reports.

BEEF EXPO

Planning is well under way for the 2011 Beef Expo which is held in Feilding. The programme this year is trialling a new initiative. Alongside the existing bull sale will be a heifer sale. This is to be called the "Queen of Hearts" sale. We have been invited to participate in both the Expo with bull sales and in the heifer sale. Please contact anyone in Council if you are interesting in participating in either of the annual sales. As can be seen below our breed is not yet mentioned. The outline for the heifer sale is below.

QUEEN OF HEARTS SALE

All Breeds Heifer Calf Show & Sale Proposal

Introduction

This is a new initiative to encourage more entries to Beef Expo and increase the diversification of stock sold at Beef Expo. While heifer calves have been sold at Expo before (as part of their respective breed sale) we would like to give the opportunity to showcase the future of beef genetics.

Entries

Entries would be sent out alongside the breed entries for Beef Expo. If a breed has more entries than allocated, then the Beef Expo selectors would select the heifers to go forward. If a heifer missed selection for this sale, then it (in consultation with inspectors) still could be eligible in its respective breed sale.



**PREMIER
ALL BREEDS
HEIFER CALF
SHOW & SALE**

Queen of Hearts

BEEF EXPO 2011

Manfeild Park Feilding

Judging: Monday 16th May 4pm

Sale immediately following

Prize Money	The Sale
1st \$1000, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, 5th \$100 Purchasers have a 1 in 10 chance to win Cash plus other prizes	After each animal is sold, the auctioneer has a deck of cards from which the leader (of the animal) draws a card on behalf of the purchaser. If a Queen is picked from the deck, then the purchaser would win cash; Queen of Hearts \$500, Queen of Diamonds \$400, Queen of Clubs \$300, Queen of Spades \$200. Plus the joker and other cards will have sponsors product attached to them.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Only heifers under 1 year of age will be accepted
- All entries are to be led
- All entries must pass inspection/selection of Beef Expo inspectors
- No reserves over \$1500 will be accepted
- Opening bid \$800
- All Entries to go under the Hammer
- Entries will not participate in their respective breed judging or sale
- Each breed participating in Beef Expo will have a limited entry to this sale based on breeding cow register/membership.
- Entry fee \$225.00 +gst
- Entry forms available from PBBiz



The Event

We want the best genetics and quality for this premier sale. To encourage this, \$2000 prize money would be offered to the "place getters", first \$1000, second \$400, third \$300 fourth \$200 and fifth \$100. It is intended to gain a naming rights sponsor for this class

This would be an All Breeds event held on Monday afternoon after breed led judging. It was not intended that these heifers would be judged in respective breed judging. The class would be judged by one judge chosen by the Beef Expo Executive.

Immediately following the presentation, calves would be auctioned in the café area of the stadium; "place getters" first then revert to catalogue order.

As a gimmick after each animal is sold, the auctioneer would have a deck of cards from which the leader (of the animal) would draw a card on behalf of the purchaser. If a Queen is picked from the deck, then the purchaser would win cash; Queen of Hearts \$500, Queen of Diamonds \$400 Queen of Spades \$300, Queen of Clubs \$200. This could be sponsored by one sponsor or multiple sponsors remembering they only pay out if a queen is drawn.

Rules

- Entry fee \$225
- Only heifers under 1 year of age will be accepted
- Each breed participating in Beef Expo will have a limited entry to this sale based on breeding cow register/membership. Hereford 10, Angus 10, Simmental 3, Charolais 3, Shorthorn 3, South Devon 2, Limousin 2 and Murray Grey 1-2. Total 34
- All entries are to be led
- All entries must pass inspection/selection of Beef Expo inspectors
- Vendors must nominate their auctioneering company
- No reserves over \$1500 will be accepted
- Opening bid \$800

UK DEVON TOUR

By Sue Dreadon

On Saturday June 5th, 57 visitors from 4 countries including North America, Australia, Brazil and New Zealand, met at the Farmers Club, central London, to commence the Devon's at home tour of 20 Devon herds, organised by members of the English Devon Cattle Breeders Association. One of the organisers, Gavin Hunter, lead us from the Strand Palace Hotel to the Farmers Club as it was not a very conspicuous place to find with no signs on the exterior of the building. After introductions, socialising and receiving our information packs, we returned to the Strand Palace Hotel where most of us were staying overnight.

Next morning, Sunday June 6th, we departed at 8.15am in a large coach and a minibus for the overflow.

Heading north east to our first farm visit – the Colesdon Herd of David & Sarah Tutt. It consists of about 50 breeding cows based on the Thorndale and Forde Abbey herds on 120 acres for the Devon's, 180 acres of top quality rye grass hay for the racehorses at Newmarket, and 100 acres of cereals (including wheat, barley and oats). As with several farms we visited this one is marketing its own beef direct to the public, and we were shown through their own cutting room and cool store.



Gavin Hunter with Tillbrook Cashtiller 9th

After a lovely lunch served in a marquee we journeyed on to the Tilbrook Herd belonging to Gavin Hunter and family 40 minutes away.

A larger polled herd established in 1960, approximately 200 cattle. 50% of the cattle in the herd are by AI, that is unusual, but allows use of the best bulls in the world. Rotokawa 688, Kaurivale and Bongalabi Atlas have all been used. In return he has exported semen to all four countries represented on this tour, the most recent and familiar one being Tillbrook Sunset. This farm is a large modern arable unit with about 1000 acres of mainly winter wheat and oil seed rape. Ancient ridge and furrow contours in some of the permanent pasture fields (for drainage) were dug hundreds of years ago by hand, and the hedges instead of fences were a feature. We visited Gavin's cattle on three different blocks of land. The females and males are separated a couple of days after birth and calves are tagged and weighed. They calve in autumn and are left on their mothers for 10 months. The mature females go to the bull after a month of AI starting on 1st November. Heifers just go to the bull only.

It started to rain before we saw the in-calf heifers so stayed inside the grain barn and had our pork on hamburger buns

with apple sauce and stuffing then meringues and fruit – strawberries, blackberries and blueberries with cream and chocolate sauce – yummy!

Left at 6pm for Bank House Hotel, Worcester arriving at 8pm. Very old brick double storied building. Here we were greeted by Sue Farquhar.

Monday 7th June we were to see three farms with a lot of travelling involved. The first visit was to the Stonegrove Stud near Stourport, belonging to Dick and Richard Colwill and family. A small herd of high quality cattle founded from cattle bought from the Dingle herd sale. We later saw bulls bred here working in other studs.

The second stud we travelled to was the Swell Wold Farming Ltd near the town of Stow-on-the Wold.

This is a 1400 acre fully organic farm owned by the Fleming family with 40 Devon's still increasing with supporting stock plus 1000 ewes. There is an arable pasture renewal cycle to their operation. A very tidy extensive farm with quite a lot of amenity planting of trees. We had lunch here in an open shed beside a swimming pool, with all the natural stone work around in buildings, paving etc it looked quite European.

Mr Fleming, a banker, owns a farm in South Africa and Scotland too.

The last stop was at the Hansnett herd belonging to Mike and Sue Farquhar near Ledbury, Herefordshire.

Some NZ breeders will remember Sue coming to NZ for a visit before the World Conference in Australia in September, 2008.

A small herd of 14 cows and followers dedicated to breeding quality polled cattle for commercial and pedigree breeders. This stud also had foundation cattle from the Dingle herd. In 2008 the herd won the Breeders award and Bull of the Year with Hansnett Hamilton. All the cattle were in very good condition, some tethered in the barn for display and others out in the paddock. Once again our evening meal served in the barn as a bbq as the rain came down. This area is noted for its strawberries.



6 month old bull calf by Hansnett Hamilton

Tuesday 8th June we departed Bank House Hotel in the rain for the Coxwell Herd near Faringdon. The estate is a large property of over 1100 acres in area, some of which is leased out, some of it being conservation areas. The land is heavy clay, very wet in winter and drying out in summer. Their Devon herd was established in 2000 consisting of about 55 cows. They have some Saler blood in them.

During this visit we were given quite a bit of information on the history of leasing and tenancy of land in Britain along with an in depth run down on ear tags and identification of cattle, the passport system for cattle and subsidies. If recording is not done by due date there is a 20% reduction in the subsidy, then as time goes on a further 50% reduction and then 100% reduction – so there is a big incentive to keep paper work up to date. It costs £5 to replace an ear tag. We saw several holly bushes on our travels and learnt that it is good for keeping away ringworm.

We left at 12.15pm. for Northmoor Herd. First up was a hamburger lunch in the marquees while the rain came tumbling down. When it stopped we climbed on board tractor driven trailers for our tour of the farm. The first lot of animals were penned inside a huge modern wintering barn. The farm is situated near the river Thames and is a flat 500 acre mixed operation consisting polled Devon cattle, fattening Angus cattle for the Waitrose supermarket, and 150 acres of crops consisting of winter wheat and beans. The Devon herd was established in 1994 based on cattle that had had an earlier infusion of Saler blood with the aim of increasing size and confirmation. Recently they have introduced females from Forde Abbey, Dingle etc, and used bulls from Tilbrook and Stonegrove.

After this enjoyable visit to Northmoor we were dropped off in nearby Oxford to have a double decker bus ride of the city in the rain and do our own thing for the rest of the afternoon. It was a two hour drive to get back to the same hotel as last night.

As a matter of interest the Florey family sell boxed meat from their premises and the following is their price list:

	Per kilo
Topside	£8.50
Silverside	£7.95
Rolled rib	9.50
Braising Steak	6.95
Rump Steak	12.50
Sirloin Steak	17.50
Fillet Steak	26.00
Mince	3.50
Stewing Steak	6.55
Shin	4.95
Skirt	6.00
Rib on bone	7.25

Wednesday 9th June – an early departure from Worcester and a long 3 hour drive with one short stop at the Knoll herd owned by Vicky Jones. A small herd of traditional Devon cattle

farmed on the marine flats behind the village houses and up on a high hillside (Knoll) in the background. The fields had obviously been very wet last winter. To access we walked along the village street from the Red Cow Pub where we later had lunch. Some younger cattle were on display out behind the Pub. Vicky has deservedly enjoyed much success with her cattle at shows and sales.

Later that afternoon we arrived at the Knowstone herd owned by the Stanbury's at South Molton. Son Richard was the UK junior ambassador who came on the trip to the World Conference in Australia in 2008. The farmed area is 333 acres with common grazing rights to the moor nearby. They are in a Higher Level Stewardship scheme where they get paid to graze Devon's on Species Rich Grassland and the moor.

100 breeding cows are kept, 40 of these being pedigree Devon's and 60 being cross bred cows all put to Devon bulls. The calves are kept until about 18/24 months. When finished they aim for about 320 kg dead weight and cross breeds at about 350 kg dw. They grow 50 acres of corn that is used on the farm and 150 acres of silage and haylage or hay also used on the farm. They also keep 550 ewes mainly Texel crosses with a small flock of pedigree Texel sheep. The family has enjoyed much success at shows and sales with their cattle. We had a guess the weight competition for a bottle of wine - won by our Joan Power and James from Brazil while enjoying a lovely bbq in their huge hay barn and stock shelter complex before we travelled on to the Falcon Hotel, Bude, to be welcomed by Juliet Cleave, the Tour Leader for Cornwall.

This is quite a lovely seaside place. We went for a walk around the foreshore and marvelled at just how far the tide goes out. The sea seemed to be on the horizon.



Knowstone 15 month old bull.

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