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BLONDE NEWS

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Council Updates... Its been a busy summer and been great to see both quality and quantities of Blonde cattle at shows and events throughout the UK with a number of animals going on to do well in interbreed competitions. Well done to all those who have taken part and to those who have won awards.

Council have had a busy few months making changes and planning for the year ahead. Our website is now complete and we believe this should be a lot easier to navigate through. We have also changed the structure slightly within council meetings, whereby each subcommittee chairperson now delivers their section of the meeting. The aim of this is to make more of our subcommittees and keep everyone actively working and promoting our breed outside of the meetings. We have also been developing a new five year strategic plan with aims and objectives, so we as a society have guidelines and aims to work towards in order to improve our breed and keep us in line with the other major beef breeds. Calf registrations continue to rise which is a positive factor for the breed and we hope this trend continues.

Foire Agricole de Sedan



Euro Blonde: The Euro Blonde in Sedan takes place 7th-10th September 2017. Each European Country are invited to participate at the Euro blonde 2017 show with a maximum of ten animals of the Blonde breed. We are lead to believe that there may be some funding available to anyone wishing to take stock, but please beware of the Animal health and Export regulations to and from the country. This will be an interesting event to visit with or without stock. Full details available on Facebook or web:
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Facebook - The official Facebook page is **British Blondes**



Follow us on Facebook for all the latest news and pictures from around the shows and sale rings.

Email: secretary@britishblondesociety.co.uk

New members...

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members

EJ & VC Gilman - Cheshire.

RJ & ME Willet & son - Monmouthshire.

Mr P Jones- Monmouthshire.

Success is

The Sum Of Small

Efforts

Repeated

Day In, Day Out.

R Collier

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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE OFFICE

Young Show Stars: Lucy Corner, Mellissa Donaldson and Sean Mitchell will be representing the society at the Young Show Stars competition at Malvern on 23rd August. We wish them luck. If anyone would like to go along and support, please do. The event will be taking place at the Three Counties showground WR13 6NW



Beef Expo: This was a very successful event held at Stoneleigh in May. We would like to thank Roy Kinnish for providing his cattle for the stand and members from the Midland club for their support with this event. It was a well attended Expo with quality cattle drawing visitors onto the stand.

Scotland Beef Event: George Hamilton exhibited two top quality blonde crosses at "Scotland Beef 2017" event held in the Scottish Borders at the start of June, the feedback from this has been very positive for the breed. Thanks to George for taking time to promote the breed at this event

Imported Sires: Please ensure you obtain a pedigree certificate when purchasing bulls or semen from other countries, as it is your responsibility to forward this to the office. A number of French bulls have the same name and this can cause confusion when they are entered into our database. When registering calves sired by French bulls, please ensure that you put both the name and ear numbers of the sire on the forms.

Commercial Cattle: We are in need of new pictures for our new display stand. If you know someone with good commercial cattle that would be happy to have some of their cattle photographed, please contact the office, Tel: 02476 419058



EBVs: The North East club held a very informative EBV evening, whereby a presentation was delivered by Emma Steel from Signet. If other clubs would like to do something similar please contact the office and Caroline will give you Emma's number.

2018 Journals: We are now accepting items for next year's journal, please be aware that the deadline for entries into the journal will be **'STRICTLY'** Friday 5th January 2018 at the absolute latest. Please send captions with any pictures. The hours that were wasted chasing up reports pictures and captions was excessive, time which could be better spent so please send these in on time.

DEADLINE

World Pay: We are in the process of setting up paying by card over the telephone for everyone's convenience. There will be a 1.71% charge on credit cards and 1% charge on debit card payments. We are hoping to have this up and running by 17th July 2017. BACS payments and cheques are also accepted. Please Reference your payments so we know who they are from.

Newsletters: The newsletter will be emailed to members from whom we have email addresses for. This will also be available on the website. If you would like a hard copy printed and posted please contact the office and we will be more than happy to send you a copy.

Herd health: In line with other societies, members wishing to sell at society sales will need to be a member of a health scheme, this will be put in place from **October 2018**. There are a number of health schemes available however Biobest has offered an introductory discounted rate of £30 +VAT instead of £75 +VAT. This will allow members their 1st year full membership (testing for BVD, IBR, Johne's and leptospirosis). Vouchers are available by contacting the office.

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Chairman's Cup

Each regional club nominate one person who they believe has gone out of their way to promote the breed. This can be anything from showing, helping at events or someone who works hard behind the scenes. Each club will also have to submit a Short document explaining their involvement with the breed and why they believe their club member deserves to be awarded the Chairman's' Cup.

Further details will be circulated to the clubs.



Future Sales

Worcester

Saturday 14th October

Carlisle

Friday 20th October



ROYAL SHOW CHAMPIONS



Above: Royal Balmoral Show & Royal Highland Show
Shanvalley Jagger from the Savage Bros, Co. Down



Above: Royal Three Counties /National show
Idefix from Paul Thomas, Berkshire

Thirsk Calf Show

The North East British Blonde club are holding their annual Calf show at Thirsk Farmers Auction Mart, YO7 3AB on Sunday the 12th of November 2017. This will be commencing at 10 am and is £5 per animal entered. Sawdust is provided by the Mart and there's a £50 prize given to the champion!

Classes are:

- Registered Pure Heifer born 2016
- Registered Pure Heifer born 2017
- Registered Pure Bull born 2016
- Registered Pure Bull born 2017

Entries need to be in by the 31st of October to Jessica Barrett, Ponds Farm, Half Acres Lane, Everingham, York, YO42 4JD. If anyone needs an entry form please email: jessicahellis@aol.com or call 07704 654793



BLONDE SOCIETY SPRING SHOW & SALES



Worcester - April Sale: The Society's Annual Spring Show and Sale at Worcester attracted a strong entry well complimented by a capacity crowd of buyers and onlookers. Brisk bidding culminated in a top price of 4,050gns for the Overall Supreme Champion "Hackleton Legend" from Hackleton Farms Ltd., Northants. This 22 month old ET son was out of 'Hackleton Vixen', who won the Society's National Show twice and also winner of the Interbreed Championship at the Royal Three Counties Show. Legend was purchased by G. Collins Farms, Gore Cross, Wiltshire.

**Below: Hackleton Legend
sold for 4,050gns**



Office hours:

Kate: Monday – Wednesday 10am – 4pm
Caroline works 4.5 days a week but whilst the show season is upon us, if you need to make contact and she is not in the office please call her mobile : 07725 052527, leave a message and your call will be returned at the earliest opportunity.

Thank You!

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**Below: Drumraymond Mr
Mole sold for 5,500gns**



Carlisle - May Sale: The Supreme Champion Drumraymond Mr Mole secured the top price of 5,500gns at the Blonde Society's spring show and sale held at Carlisle in May. Consigned by Northern Ireland breeders Messrs Griffin of Co. Antrim, Mr Mole, a son of Ballygowan Noble and out of a Blackwater Ainsley bred mother, is no stranger to the show ring as he won the Supreme Blonde Calf Champion title at the NI Beef Expo Calf Fair in November 2016. He was purchased by local Cumbrian breeder Mike Harrison for his Shapfell herd.

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Up coming events

The society will have a stand at the Royal Welsh show 24 – 27th July, please come and see us, you will be made very welcome.

North East Club:

The North East Blonde Club will be taking a stand at the Great Yorkshire show 11 – 13th July, again you will be made very welcome.

Thirsk Calf Show - Sunday 12th November (details inside newsletter).

Northern Ireland Club:

The final of the Bank of Ireland Pedigree Calf Championship will take place at Castlewellan show on Saturday 15th July. Judge for the event will be Dessie Green who will also have the task of judging the clubs pedigree herd competition during the same weekend.

Tullamore Show – Sunday 13th August. Anyone interested in going to this please contact David Gibson. If there are sufficient numbers the club may take a bus.

Dinner Dance & Prize Giving - Saturday 21st October Corrick House.

Spring Bull Sale - Dungannon Mart, date TBC. Open to all Blonde breeders.

*Some Breeds Promote It...
Blondes Do It.*