



The Silent "U"

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

SPRING SALES

PREMIER SALE

7th FEBRUARY 2025
Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

Collective Sale

Comprising:

- 25 Luing In-Calf Heifers
- 66 Luing Bulling Heifers
- 36 Luing Bulls

Online catalogues available at
www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/sales

STIRLING BULL SALE

17th February 2025
United Auctions, Stirling

Collective Sale

Comprising:

11 Pedigree Bulls

TIMETABLE

Wednesday 5th February

Arrival of stock

Thursday 6th February

11 am Inspection of bulls
PM Inspection of females
5 pm AGM
7 pm Annual Dinner

Friday 7th February

9 am Show of females
10.30 am Parade of bulls
12 pm Sale of females followed by bulls

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ANNUAL DINNER


**Thursday 6th February
2025 - 7pm**

Ernespie Hotel, Castle Douglas

Pre-booking is essential
(no tickets at the door)

Tickets (and meal choices)
can be booked at

[www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk
/publications](http://www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/publications)

 using either the online form
or the
downloadable booking form

Two Courses
£32 per head incl VAT

Advertising
Stock For Sale?

Adverts are welcome for our "FOR SALE" page on www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk and Facebook. Adverts are FOC if using the Society's brokerage service, and £100 if not.

Please contact Natalie Cormack / Charles Symons with a good quality photo and details.

LUING PERFORMANCE RECORDING WEBINAR

THUR 16 JAN, 7PM



Looking to start performance recording your Luings herd and want to find out more? Join us on Thursday 16th January 2025 at 7pm for an online meeting. Please email laura.eyles@ahdb.org.uk if you would like a meeting invite

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COUNCIL MATTERS

council held their November Council meeting recently, and the highlights are reported here:

- The finance and Governance Committees have considered introducing a Direct Debit scheme for some time, and Council considers that 2025 would be a good time to implement. The scheme would be mandatory and all invoices would be included in the scheme. Members would receive statements before amounts to be taken, with the date of withdrawal.
- 11 new members have joined the Society since July 2024
- Council have agreed to introduce a new trophy for the Autumn Breeding Sale
- The Photographic Competition is being held during December 2024 - please see Facebook for more details
- A Benchmarking project, of herds within the Luing Breed, is underway with the assistance of SAC. If you can answer some simple questions around herd statistics and wish to be involved, please contact the secretary or Gavin Hill at SAC.
- The Council is pleased to award a Life Membership to Wilbert Girvan, formerly of Berryfell, now residing at Nottylees, Kelso.
- Sincere thanks to Billy Graham, Andrew Barr and Neil McGowan for their time on Council up to February 2025. Billy Graham and Andrew Barr have completed 3 year terms, and Neil McGowan has completed 7 years, having been Chairman and Ex-Officio for the last 4 years.

Chairman's Roundup

A consequence of all this rain has been an abundance of grass and cows seem to be in good form going into winter. Bull inspections are all but completed, there sounds like another good selection of bulls for both early spring sales.

It is pleasing that there are so many new members - 11 since July - joining the Society and this is testament to the quality and flexibility of the Luing female. The trade at both Stirling and Oban this past autumn has been excellent and we hope that this will continue into the spring season. Costs will be high this winter for those in-wintering cows, given the availability of straw, but fortunately the Luing is capable of out-wintering in most circumstances, which will ease the burden for some.

As my time as Chairman draws to a close I would like to thank all those that have helped with promotional stands over the term, in addition to the Council members that have been a good bunch to work with. In particular, Neil McGowan and Ewan McCall have been helpful with advice. We have made good progress with many subjects over the term.

Stewart Wood

Important Dates For Your Diary

Deadline for Census Update on Grassroots

31st Dec 2024

Premier Sale

Friday 7th February 2025

Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

AGM

6th February 2025

Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas (5pm)

Annual Dinner

6th February 2025

Ernespie Hotel, Castle Douglas (7pm)

Stirling Bull Sales (Society Sale)

17th February, 2025

Registration Deadline ("D")

28th February 2025

Spring Breeding Sale

13th May 2025 (Tuesday)

Dingwall and Northern Marts

entries close 11th April

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Luing Council has 3 retiring members at the next AGM for which nominations have been sought for these three places. Three nominations have been received and thus no election will be required. The three nominations are:

Pieter Bakker

Graeme Cakebread

Jo Frewster