

ROYAL VISITOR TO LUING STAND AT SHEEPDOG TRIALS

The Society was pleased to take up the invitation from the organisers of the International Sheepdog trials to attend this year's event at Fearn Farm, Tain, on 9th September. Local breeders Messrs A.C. McCall kindly provided two 2004-born cows with pure-bred heifers calves at foot. The calves were looking particularly well and did the breed a lot of good. Unfortunately a damp cold day kept the crowds away; however, we had the pleasure of hosting HRH Princess Royal on our stand for a few minutes whilst touring the breed societies' tent. As you would expect from a family with such strong farming traditions, HRH was already well aware of Luing cattle!

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN OLDER PUBLICATIONS

Jim Young, from Newton Stewart, has been in touch offering to pass on some publications he has discovered whilst clearing out his late Father's cupboards. These include; Luing Herd Books Vol. I to Vol. XVI; Luing Annual Sale Catalogues starting from Annual Sale 7 (1972) missing Annual Sale 8 and from Annual Sale 9 (1974) to Annual Sale 23 (1988) all with sale prices marked in them. Four Autumn Sale Catalogues 1979, 1982, 1983 and 1984 again with sale prices marked in them, Luing Journals from 1977 to 1987, 1993, 1994 and 1996 to 2000. If anybody is interested in this very kind offer, please contact Jim direct at D. L. Young & Co., East Drummoddie, Whauphill, Newton Stewart, DG8 9PY. Tel: 01988-700329 / 07860-715186 / or email: young_jim@btconnect.com

AGM CALLING NOTICE AND CHARITABLE PURPOSE

Notice is hereby given that the 46th AGM of the Luing Cattle Society will take place on **Thursday 9th February 2012** from 5.30pm at the Urr Valley Hotel, Castle Douglas. We plan to change the wording of our constitution to allow us to remain a charity; nothing major and full details of the proposed change will be included in the official notice mailed out in early January '12.

STOCK FOR SALE

At the time of writing, the following stock featured on the Society's dedicated Stock for Sale web-pages at www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk:

Bulls

Newmains Mars, 16mth old Red (Paddy Crerar: 01368-850240)

Luing Dirk, 9yo Red (Dave Stanners: 07919-337584)

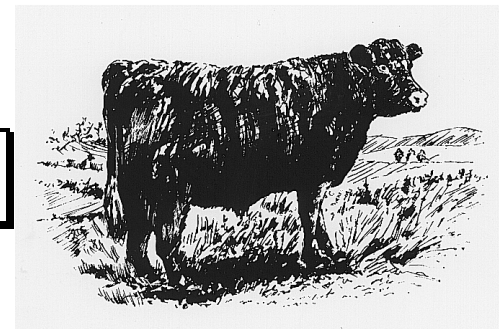
Berryfell Legend, 2yo Red (Wilbert Girvan: 01450-373439)

Heifers

Rylstone, 12 bullers & 9 heifer calves (J. Caygill: 01756-730226)

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DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2011/12

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| 6th October | Winter Beef Management Event, Balbuthie, Fife |
| 22nd October | Autumn Sale – UA, Stirling Agricultural Centre |
| 28th October | BorderWay Agri-Expo, Carlisle |
| 31st October | Closing date for 2012 Journal advertisements |
| 16th December | Entries close for Premier Sale at Castle Douglas |

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| 31st January | 2011-born calves to be registered by this date |
| 9-10th February | AGM, Annual Dinner and Premier Sale, CD |

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

A very warm welcome is extended to the 32 (!) new members who have joined the Society since those listed in the autumn 2010 newsletter:

- Mr.P.G. Nixon, Little Whittington Farm, Hallington, Newcastle
- Mr.I. MacDougall, Findon Farm, Gamrie, Banff
- Mr.C. Russell, Glenapp Estate Co. Ltd., Ballantrae, Girvan, Ayrshire
- Mr.J. Pringle, Torwoodlee & Buckholm Estates Co. Ltd., Galashiels
- Mr.D. Reynolds, Oakleigh, Barbon, Carnforth, Lancs.
- Mr.A. Ballantyne, Lampert, Gilsland, Brampton, Cumbria
- Marion Hamilton, Garvald Mains, Haddington, East Lothian
- Mr.P. Steele, Woodman Avenue, Annan
- Mr & Mrs J. Longton, Grobdale of Girthon, Laurieston, CD
- Mr. K. Burns, Montgomerie Farms, Fairlie, Ayrshire
- Mr. G.W.G. Kerr, Middleton Farm, Newton Mearns
- Mr.D. Love, Omakau, Central Otago, New Zealand
- Mr.P. Ronaldson, Killimster Mains, Wick, Caithness
- C.J. Campbell, Bullechach Farm, Harpsdale, Halkirk, Caithness
- Mr. K. MacKenzie, 24 Borve, Portree, Isle of Skye
- Mr.R. Harker, Overthwaite, Holme, Carnforth, Lancs.
- Mr.R. Storrie, Netherwood Farm, Bathgate, West Lothian
- Mary Lees, Folds Farm, Castle Carr Road, Wainstalls, Halifax
- R.D. & E.A. Neeley, 455 Katea Road, Owaka, New Zealand
- Mr.P. Cadzow, Duachy, Kilninver, Oban, Argyll
- Mr.B. Hill, Plan Farm, Kingarth, Isle of Bute
- Mr.E. Hill, Plan Farm, Kingarth, Isle of Bute
- Mr.A. Allison, Easton Farm, Dunsyre, Lanark
- Mr.R.N. Stephenson, Espershields, Kiln Pit Hill, Consett, Durham
- Mr.M. Mawson, Moor House Farm, Orton, Penrith, Cumbria
- Mr.N. Waller, 1 Colton Cottages, Colton, Ulverston, Cumbria
- G.D. Strawson, Muncaster Head Farm, Eskdale, Holmrook, Cumbria
- Mr.D. Helm, Haltree, Heriot, Midlothian
- Mr.A. Stewart, Tushielaw, Ettrick, Selkirk, Selkirkshire
- Messrs A.R. Mundell & Son, Lawesknowe, Auchan Castle, Moffat
- Mr.F. Farries, Castlegower Farm, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire
- Mr.A. Rodger, Sunhill, Rushgarry, Berngray, North Uist, Western Isles

EXPORTS TO SWITZERLAND

Congratulations to both the Benhar and Luing herds that fulfilled an order for Luing cattle from Switzerland in mid-September. Thought to be the first exports in many years, this business followed the visit of three Swiss breeders to our Premier Sale in February. A total of eight cattle were exported – two 14-month Red Polled bulls from Robert McNee Ltd.'s Benhar herd, and six March '09-born in-calf heifers from the Luing herd of Cadzow Bros. Ltd. (all in-calf to the homebred bull Luing Chieftain). The cattle arrived in Switzerland in mid-September in very good condition following their journey and their new owners are delighted. We hope to cover some photos of the cattle in their new environment for the next Journal.

BORDERWAY AGRI-EXPO – FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Once again the Society will be promoting the breed at the above event taking place at H&H Carlisle. We will be taking a large stand with five pens of stock. Last year this was a great event and probably the busiest one we attended in terms of enquiries, so if you're free, please come along. We look forward to welcoming you onto the stand.

ORKNEY OPEN DAY

Almost 200 Luing breeders and local Orcadian farmers travelled to Aikerness farm, Evie for the first half of the 2011 Luing Open Day on Tuesday 16th August. The impressive number was composed roughly half and half of local farmers and those travelling from mainland UK, including from as far away as Wales and Northern Ireland. Superb settled weather greeted the crowds who were addressed by local MSP Liam McArthur in the opening remarks. Aikerness, run by Brian Ridland and his partner Fiona, is an organic farm and home to the Silwick herd of Luings first established on Shetland in 2002 and brought to Orkney in 2008. The open day then moved onto the Wood family's Garson farm at Sandwick – another recently established herd of Luings having started in 2008 and now numbering 40 cows and heifers. Numbers here swelled to well over 200 as more local farmers joined the event having completed their days work. A superb day was rounded off by an excellent BBQ at Garson; full report in next journal.