

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR PREMIER SALE

Details of some of the hotels and B & Bs with rooms in Castle Douglas are listed below. Please make your bookings directly with the hotel of your choice:

Market Inn	Tel: 01556-505070
Burnbank Hotel	Tel: 01557-860244
Imperial Hotel	Tel: 01556-502086
Airds B & B	Tel: 01556-670418
Summerhill B & B	Tel: 01556-502658
West Barmoffity B & B	Tel: 01556-650631
Crown Hotel	Tel: 01556-502031
The Douglas House	Tel: 01556-503262
The Craig	Tel: 01556-504840
Roellyan House	Tel: 01556-502505
Douglas Arms	Tel: 01556-502231
Ernespie House Hotel	Tel: 01556-509096

ACTION - Registrations

Please remember that all registrations for calves born in 2019 (**Y**) must be received to the office no later than **28th February 2020**. Late registrations carry an additional charge. If you complete registrations on paper and have mislaid your birthing summary form and/or completion instructions, a phone call to the office will ensure that replacements are sent to you. If you would like to register calves on-line (over 95% of breeders now use this method) contact the office for a username and password. ***Remember charges for paper-based registrations are higher (by 50p/cow) than on-line.*** Members are reminded to double-check entries before submitting as presently too much time is still spent changing details such as colour, polled, tag numbers and so on for cattle in advance of official sales.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

This year's subscription will once again be payable upon receipt of a renewal notice as opposed to an invoice; VAT receipts will be issued once payments have been processed in the office. Subscriptions are **£50.00 (incl. VAT)**. Please settle this at your earliest convenience.

The Silent 'U'



Luing's

WINTER 2019/2020

The Chairman and Board of Directors extend Very Best Wishes to all Members and Friends for 2020 and look forward to welcoming you to Castle Douglas in February for the 55th Premier Sale at Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas – 7th February 2020 with the following being entered in the catalogue: -

34 In-Calf Heifers

93 Bulling Heifers

42 Bulls

210-head were sold in 2019. In-calf heifers averaged 2,411gns; bulling heifers averaging 1,339gns and bull's averaging 6,241gns with Finlurg Warrior sell to 18,000gns and Harehead Walker sell to 17,000gns. Let's hope 2020 is an optimistic year within farming.

A big thank you to all the buyers for their business, to the consignors for bringing out good quality stock and to the four auction companies for running four very good sales. All bulls entered for the sale have once again been inspected; the dam classification scores are included in the catalogue. All cattle will have a pen card displayed from their health scheme provider and signed by a veterinary surgeon. Again, all animals forward will be BVD-vaccinated. There is plenty of time to do some homework and consignors will welcome a visit or a phone call if you would like further background information about pedigrees or health status.

**The Luing Cattle Society Ltd.
Breed Secretary: Una MacQueen
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54th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 54th Annual General Meeting of the Luing Cattle Society will be held in the Canteen at Castle Douglas Mart on Thursday 6th February at 17.30hrs. Papers are enclosed including Agenda, Minutes of the previous AGM and Annual Report & Accounts to the 31st October 2019 - please bring these with you.

The AGM gives Members of the Society an opportunity to have their say and be involved in general discussion. Please don't miss the chance ask a question or raise any issue of interest.

ANNUAL DINNER – Book your ticket!

The Annual Dinner will be held on the evening prior to the Premier Sale in the Market Inn Hotel, 7 Queen's St, Castle Douglas, DG7 1HX. 18.30hrs for **1900 hrs.**

This year's speaker will be Finlay McIntyre, Dunalistair Estate, Rannoch. A three-course meal will be served and we look forward to a good social evening with our guests and to meeting lots of old and new members and friends.

Please advise the office of your ticket requirements. Tickets are £25 per head and **all tickets must be paid for before the 6th February. Please make bookings no later than 31st January** to the office by email (secretary@luingcattlesociety.co.uk) or phone (01250-872897).

RAFFLE

The customary raffle will be held during the dinner with this year's proceeds going to **RSABI**. We all will know this charity and its amazing work, which is under greater than ever pressure in the present climate. Prizes for the raffle will be welcomed.

PREMIER SALE – Friday 7th February 2020

Sale Catalogue is enclosed – should you wish any further information or know of anyone who would like a catalogue, please do not hesitate to contact the office or direct them to the website. Please bring your catalogue to the sale with you – they are costly to produce and numbers are limited. The catalogue is also available on the web www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk

Judging of heifers will be at 0900 on Friday 7th February (**Judge- Alan Cowens, Philiphaugh, Selkirk**).

This will be followed by the parade of bulls at 1030hrs. The Premier sale will commence at 12 noon.

Please remember the upset price for Bulls will be **2,000gns.**

NBA Warranty

All cattle will be sold under the National Beef Association terms and conditions of sale incorporating bull breeding and female breeding warranties. I would particularly draw your attention to the conditions regarding warranty extension – see sale catalogue for details.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Davidsons Feeds are our sponsors for the annual photographic competition. Once again, the competition will be online after the great success last year. There are three categories – Stock, Society Events and Humorous.

Entries will be accepted on email to secretary@luingcattlesociety.co.uk (clearly marking photographic competition and which category) or on Facebook (send to inbox again in which category).

Closing date will be the 3rd February and results announced at the Annual Dinner.

Health Declaration Cards

Due to a change in policy at SRUC and Bio-Best, the Society can no longer access your herd health information and cannot prepare health declaration cards for pens. Therefore, it will now be the responsibility of the vendor to request pen cards from their health scheme provider. These are an essential part of the sales information as it is the only official verification of health status that buyers have available. Please continue to return a Luing Society health form along with your entry to provide information for the catalogue.

BULL PEN NOTICES

At the premier sale all bulls will have on their pen notices giving prospective purchasers information regarding both the bull himself and any dams in his pedigree that have been classified. There will be a score for the four main traits that are classified averaged over all females in that bull's pedigree that have been through classification. All females that have been classified will be highlighted in yellow for ease of viewing. Bulls are now appearing with numerous females in their pedigree that have been classified and as time goes by this will only increase.

