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# The South Western **LIMOUSIN** Cattle Breeders Club

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## *2017 Autumn Newsletter*

**Ed Down Cup** This cup is awarded to the HOME BRED Animal gaining the most points at the summer shows within the South West region, that have LIMOUSIN Classes (Any other breed are not included) points are only awarded to the classes not the Championships. To nominate, Please can you email me on [southwestlimousin@gmail.com](mailto:southwestlimousin@gmail.com) the name of the Animal and the Show Places - 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> by the end October



## **AGM at the Countryman and Herd Visit to the Highridge Herd**

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, the Club AGM took place at the Countryman, Sampford Courtenay, Okehampton. A dull and wet day didn't dampen the spirits and it was great to see so many of you make it to the AGM. This being Mark's 3<sup>rd</sup> year as Chairman.....Thankyou Mark (for putting up with me☺) where does the time go!! Mark reported on a busy and successful year for the South West Club members. At the Brecon Sales, South West Breeders have won most of the Champions and top prices. Also at Carlisle, the Alford family took more Championships, and impressive prices. In April, we held the South West Limousin Show and Sale at Holsworthy with a massive crowd, a good clearance, with a record top price and average for the Sale. Our South West Limousin Summer Sale in June held at Exeter, brought a good selection of cattle and a cracking trade following a result of total clearance. So the message is clear 'Keep the standard up at the South West Breeders Sales and your efforts will be rewarded'. The Show season has been dominated by Club members, local and nationally, so good to see so many young handlers competitions being won by limousin enthusiasts. Caroline reported on another very good year. As the Accounts year ends 31<sup>st</sup> August, and the AGM was brought forward to 3<sup>rd</sup> September the Accounts were only a Preliminary Draft set. Committee members; Harry Parker, Caroline Nott, Kate Lanfear, Patrick Greed, Adam Smith & Chris Richens were all due to retire by rotation and were all re elected on bloc.



Thankyou all for coming. Nearly 80 members enjoyed a lovely carvery and desert, followed by the Herd Presentations kindly presented by Ian Turner and his wife, Carol, who very much enjoyed coming down from Chatsworth again. This year we split the Herd Competition to include an Extra Large Class, which at the moment there is no trophy for 😊..... Results are as follows



<b>Small Herd</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Uptonley	Mrs L Calcraft ( <b>Tanhill Trophy</b> )
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Smithy	AK & JK Smith
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Timberlands	Mr C Phillips
<b>Medium Herd</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rohecourt	Roche Farms Ltd ( <b>Holcombe Cup</b> )
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lackham	Wiltshire College
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hugginhayes	Mr R Dare
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cranscombe	Mr & Mrs N Skelton
<b>Large Herd</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Treloweth	Mr AMC Eddy ( <b>Goosehill Trophy</b> )
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Highridge	GN & LV Dunn
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stourhead	H & JL Parker
<b>Extra Large Herd</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Nealford	Mr JH Neale & Sons
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Killerton	Mr & Mrs PW & SM Greed
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sloughpool	Messrs CR & MM Gollop & Sons
<b>Stock Bull with Progeny</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ambertaine Inferno	Mr JH Neale & Sons( <b>Bapton Trophy</b> )
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Loosebeare Ipad	Messrs CR & MM Gollop & Sons
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Claragh Jackpot	GN & LV Dunn
<b>Bull born in 2016</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Nealford Monach	Mr JH Neale & Sons ( <b>Shapcott Trophy</b> )
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Uptonley Minesagin	Mr L Calcraft
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Josh Maximus	Mr MA & Mrs D Luxton
<b>Heifer born in 2016</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lackham Mayflower	Wiltshire College ( <b>Wakeham Cup</b> )
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Highridge Mizola	GN & LV Dunn
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Smithy Malibu	AK & JK Smith



<b>Bull Calf born in 2017</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Nealford Nottingham	Mr JH Neale & Sons ( <b>Wayside Trophy</b> )
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Killerton Nick	Mr PW & Mrs SM Greed
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holwell Barton Not Any Old Bull	D Stevens & Son
<b>Heifer Calf born in 2017</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Killerton Nova	Mr PW & Mrs SM Greed ( <b>Chytodden Trophy</b> )
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nealford Nicki	Mr JH Neale & Sons
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sloughpool Natasha	Messrs CR & MM Gollop & Sons
<b>Overall Herd Winner</b>		
Champion	Nealford	Mr JH Neale & Sons ( <b>Neale Rosebowl</b> )
<b>Best New Entrant</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lackham	Wiltshire College
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Spearcey	Mr G French
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bramble	Mr & Mrs DI & ML Wootton



mention the delicious tea so kindly provided.

A few minutes down the road to Garry and Lorraine Dunn's to visit the Highridge herd. In the Herd Competition, Gary & Lorraine came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Large herd and 2<sup>nd</sup> with Mizola in the heifer born in 2016, What a splendid tour we had, even though we got soaked!! After seeing some fine cattle of the Highridge herd, we were then kindly taken to see the Commercial suckler herd. Our Thanks go to All the Dunn Family and staff for hosting a realistic and delightful afternoon, not to





On Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, Harry and myself had the privilege of meeting Lady Bessborough from the Roche Court herd, as they were unable to make it to the AGM. Roche Court Limousins won the Best Medium size herd in the Competition. The herd was founded in Castle Mary, Co Cork, Ireland in 1963 and transferred to Roche Court in 1979 becoming the first Farm to establish a Limousin herd in the British Isles.

Lady Bessborough is seen here with Ken who has worked for them for 40 years. We were kindly invited to join them for a very pleasant lunch. Lady Bessborough, Ken, James and staff were all delighted to receive the Holcombe Cup this year. Ken & James kindly took Harry &

myself around their quiet, traditionally reared Limousin herd, although their main enterprise today is the art sculptures....there are over 100 dotted around, some extremely valuable!

**The Club are again sponsoring the following South West Markets' Autumn Suckled Calf Sales**

**Frome – October:** £50 for the Top £ per head for a pen of steers or heifers sired by a Pedigree Limousin bull during the Special October Suckled Calf Sales at Frome

**Hallworthy – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October:** £50 for the Best Pair or more of Steers or Heifers sired by a Pedigree Limousin Bull

**Truro - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October:** £50 for the Top £ per head of an individual or group of Steers or Heifers sired by a Pedigree Limousin Bull

**Cutcombe - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct:** £25 for the Best Pen of 3 or more Steers sired by a Pedigree Limousin Bull

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Oct:** £25 for the Best Pen of 3 or more Heifers sired by a Pedigree Limousin Bull

**Exeter – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November:** £50 for the Best Pair or more of Steers or Heifers sired by a Pedigree Limousin Bull

**And also the South West Christmas Show at**

**Exeter – Friday 1st December:** £50 for the Best Steer or heifer sired by a Pedigree Limousin Bull, bred & fed by the Exhibitor

**Sedgemoor – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** £50 for the Best Steer or heifer sired by a Pedigree Limousin Bull, bred & fed by the Exhibitor

**Truro – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** £50 for the highest priced Steer or heifer sired by a Pedigree Limousin Bull, bred & fed by the Exhibitor

**Frome –Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** £50 for the highest priced Steer or heifer sired by a Pedigree Limousin Bull, bred & fed by the Exhibitor

**Agrifest SouthWest – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

This year, the South West Club will have a stand around the main ring. Alison Glasgow and Debbie Butcher, from British Limousin Cattle Society will be at Agrifest. Debbie Butcher, Society's new Communications and Marketing Officer will be on the Limousin Stand from 10 am to 1 pm, Open to All for Discussions.