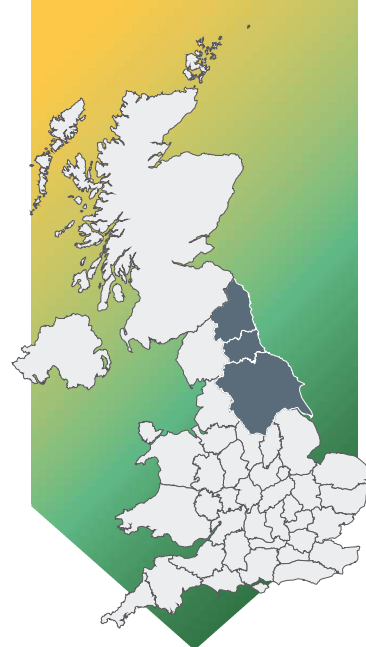


North East

LIMOUSIN CATTLE BREEDERS CLUB

Chairman **Mark Marley** reports...



A minute's silence was held at the AGM and annual dinner for the loss of club members Jim Bloom (Scorboro herd) and Jenny Swales (Swales herd) who will be both sadly missed after passing away in 2025.

2025 saw the North East club hosting its 16th Northern Limousin Extravaganza in May with a great show of Pedigree bulls and heifers alongside commercial heifers and bullocks sired by Limousin bulls, these were paraded in the safety of Skipton Auction Mart under the judge Kevin Bates, stockman at the Haltcliffe herd. The champion went to the Priestley family, Brampton with their commercial three-quarter Limousin heifer called Right Place Right Time. The champion pedigree went to Richard Anderson of Middleham with his home bred heifer Spring Venus.

The following day the annual club sale at Skipton was held, with thanks to Kevin Bates continuing the judging role of the sale cattle which included bulls, heifers and cows with calves at foot. The supreme championship went to John Bentley of the Bentleybrook herd, Bradford with his bull Meadowrig United that he had purchased as a cow and calf outfit in a dispersal sale and he went on to sell for 5,900gns to G&R Bulmer & Sons, Wakefield. Top price went to J& S Cooper, Dacre with Tomschoice Usurper a November 2023 born bull who made 8,500gns to David Towler, Grindleton.

The North East club hosted their fourth annual club sale at Darlington Auction, under judge Keith Redpath where Cornsay Ulrich from the Suddes family, Cornsay was tapped out as champion and then went on to sell for 9,000gns to WA Richardson, Hutton Magna. Willy Barron made a new club sale record price of 11,200gns with Barrons Valour who sold to RN Gent, Irving.

On the same day the dispersal of the Rachels herd from Mark Woolhouse was sold, after forty-nine years of breeding. A new Darlington Mart record price was set with Rachels Umbro making 13,000gns, a 27-month-old bull selling to RA& SL Wearmouth, Stockton on Tees.



NLE Champion - Commercial heifer - Right Time Right Place from the Priestley family - photography by Adrian Legge



CCM Sale champion - Stockman Ashley McInnes, left, with John Clayton's supreme champion bull joined by judge Kevin Bates - photography by Adrian Legge

A first for the North East Club this year was a trip over to Ireland. 29 members attended the visit where they were met with exceptional hospitality and excellent quality cattle on show. They visited the following herds - Larkhill, Carmorn, Deer Park, Claragh, Bernish, Lynderg, Ampertaine and Pointhouse.

The Great Yorkshire show came round again as a four-day event, with Limousin judging held on the Wednesday. Thanks go to our secretary Annabel Walker for running the stand with other club members, with members kindly donating large numbers of cakes, biscuits and sweet treats. On the Wednesday night the club held a BBQ for exhibitors and breeders which was very well attended with 100 Limousin steaks sold in record time, supplied by Michael and Melanie Alford. The champion Limousin was won by Sean Mitchell with Petteril Sugababe.

The club held a herd visit in July to the Jordon families Longhirst herd to look round an excellent herd of cattle. A judging competition and guess the weight of the bull competition was also held, members were treated to fish and chips when a local catering van attended.

The Pedigree herd competition was judged in August by Colin Lewis of the Garyvaughan herd travelling round to judge over 20 pedigree herds. Eileen Wilson and Jayne Walker had the job of judging the commercial competition of 10 herds which we are hoping will go from strength to strength each year. Thank you goes to committee member Keith Wilson for organising the herd competition.

In September the club held their Annual General Meeting, Mark Marley of the Holywell herd continues the role of club chairman and Josh Knaggs of the Jorica herd as vice chairman. Annabel Walker continues as secretary and treasurer.

On Saturday 1st November the annual dinner and prize giving was held at The Golden Lion, Northallerton where nearly 90 club members attended to enjoy the joints of roast Limousin beef. The champion Pedigree herd went to Garrowby Estate with stockman Clive Rowland.

The fourth time the commercial herd competition has been held, with the champion herd going to Tom and Kay Hutchinson, Bailhill Farm again. The club also held a charity auction for the first time, which helped raise club funds and money for Marie Curie and Macmillan nurses in memory of Jim Bloom, seven auction lots were sold and raised over £1,200, thank you to Mark Phillips for auctioneering and to club members for donating the lots on offer.

PEDIGREE HERD COMPETITION 2025

Kindly judged by Colin Lewis, Garyvaughan herd

Extra small herd

- 1st Willy Barron – Barrons herd
- 2nd Richard Anderson- Springs herd
- 3rd Mark Marley – Holywell herd

Small herd

- 1st Tom Waring – Everpark herd
- 2nd JH Tennant- Lissett herd
- 3rd Johnson & Morgan – Almande herd

Medium herd

- 1st Jonathan Walker – Rossellie herd
- 2nd A Atkins – Mountainstorm herd
- 3rd WE Swales – Swales herd

Large herd

- 1st J & S Cooper – Tomschoice herd
- 2nd S Gilleard – Thorninghurst herd
- 3rd A Procter- Swarland herd

Extra-large herd

- 1st C Rowland – Garrowby herd
- 2nd Jordon family – Longhirst herd
- 3rd J Knaggs – Jorrica herd

Champion herd

- Garrowby herd

Heifer calf born in 2025

- 1st Barrons Astra
- 2nd Garrowby Alice
- 3rd Longhirst Adelaide

Bull calf born in 2025

- 1st Garrowby Anarchy
- 2nd Longhirst Alfresco
- 3rd Tomschoice Avicii

Cow with heifer calf at foot

- 1st Gunnerfleet Lady & Garrowby Voila
- 2nd Longhirst Petula & Ailidh
- 3rd Barrons Pollyjen & Vjen

Cow with bull calf at foot

- 1st Longhirst Posey & Adan
- 2nd Barrons Princess & Aztec
- 3rd Tomschoice Paradise & Valhalla

Young heifer 2024 born

- 1st Tomschoice Vanillafudge
- 2nd Garrowby Virtue
- 3rd Springs Venus

Young bull 2024 born

- 1st Garrowby Vagabond
- 2nd Longhirst Vesuvius
- 3rd Rossellie Vision

Heifer born in 2023

- 1st Garrowby Urosette
- 2nd Longhirst Uptowngirl
- 3rd Barrons Ultraqueen

Stock bull and Progeny

- 1st Jordon family with Ampertaine Racer
- 2nd Garrowby farm with Blaencwm Sam
- 3rd J & S Cooper with Fieldson Ramos

Stock bull

- 1st Jordon family with Deerpark Superstar
- 2nd J Knaggs with Glenrock Topgun
- 3rd D Amsden with Eastshaw Useful

COMMERCIAL HERD COMPETITION 2025

Kindly judged by Eileen Wilson

Small herd

- 1st Tom & Kay Hutchinson
- 2nd Richard Anderson
- 3rd Mark Marley

Large herd

- 1st Swinbank Family
- 2nd Tom Waring
- 3rd J H Tennant

Champion Herd

Tom & Kay Hutchinson



Darlington champion - The Suddes family



Rachels herd - top price bull Rachels Umbro sold for 13,000gns



Tom and Kay Hutchinson - commercial herd competition winners



Clive Rowland of Garrowby Estate - Herd competition winner 2025