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CALE MARTS NATIVE BREED SHOW AND SALE – 10TH SEPTEMBER

The Society was a joint sponsor for Caledonian Marts (Stirling) Ltd. Show and sale on Monday 10th September when a whopping 1,203 native bred store cattle were sold. This huge figure included 171 Luings steers which sold to average £780 or 171p/kg. Paddy & Sheila Crerar (Lammermuir Luings, East Lothian) hit the top price of £1,230 for a 650kg steer. 21 heifers also sold to average £702 or 177p/kg with a top price of £865 again to the Crerars for a pair weighing 465kg. Plenty of prizes were on offer and were collected by the Upper Chatto, Craigharroch and Lammermuir herds.

WESTMORLAND COUNTY SHOW – 13TH SEPTEMBER

We were sited at the back of the main stock-tent next to our new best friends, the Blue Grey Cattle Association (mainly because they have tea, coffee and biscuits and don't mind sharing). In terms of rating how busy our stand was, we have never known a day like it for such a number of genuine enquiries on the cattle. Our stand, heavily branded with our new logo featuring banners and pop-ups, was centred on two pens of cattle – a cow & bull calf from Alec Smith at Winster, Windermere and two in-calf heifers from Dave Stanners at Tynedale, Merseyside. Both drew in many farmers and proved a good talking point to hold visitors on the stand long enough to enthuse them and ensure they left with at least a Journal.

In the grand tradition of using the newsletter to admit to many, regular mistakes.....the Breed Secretary is reliably informed that despite claims to the contrary, this year was not our debut at the Westmorland County Show as we were there in the 1970s! At least it proves that somebody actually reads the newsletter!

AUTUMN SALE – 27TH OCTOBER

Members should by now have received the catalogue for our next autumn sale on Saturday 27th October at UA Stirling. A bumper entry of 222-head of heifers have been entered for sale which starts at midday. The figure of 222-head (a nine year high for the autumn sale) is comprised of 42 in-calf heifers (15 Luings, 26 Sim-Luings & one cross-bred); 175 bulling heifers (96 Luings, 79 Sim-Luings) and five Sim-Luings heifer calves. The full catalogue is also available for download from the website: www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk

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DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2012/13

2012

27 th October	Autumn Sale – UA, Stirling Agricultural Centre
31 st October	Closing date for 2013 Journal advertisements
2 nd November	BorderWay Agri-Expo, H&H Carlisle Mart
14 th December	Entries close for Castle Douglas Premier Sale

2013

31 st January	2012 born calves to be registered by this date
7-8 th February	AGM, Annual Dinner and Premier Sale, CD

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

A very warm welcome on behalf of the whole Society is extended to the 26 new members who have joined since those listed in *Silent U* autumn 2011:

- Mr S Hartley, Riccarton Farm Cottage, Riccarton, Newcastleton
- Mr R Lockett, 5 Craigend Cottage, Perth
- R & S MacDougall, Wood Cottage Croft, Tobermory, Isle of Mull
- J & AJ Coates & Sons, Braida Garth, West House, Carnforth
- Mr N Gourlay, Auchencheyne, Moniaive, Dumfries
- Mr L McGowan, Duntilland Fm, Duntilland Rd, Salsburgh, By Shotts
- Mr T Dobson, Hill House, Sawley Road, Grindleton, Clitheroe
- Mr M Webster, Sunnybank Fm, Whixley, York
- Mr P Simmers, The Farmhouse, Backmuir, Keith
- Mr O McLeod, Benview, Victoria Rd, Brora, Sutherland
- RJ & SJ Gibbon, Naversdale, Orphir, Orkney
- Mr AS McAulay, ASM Farming, Easter Fodderlie, Bonchester Bridge
- Messrs J Hepburn & Co., North House, Hawick, Roxburghshire
- Mr A Gordon, Smithy croft, Tongue, Sutherland
- Mr A Housley, Nether Monybuie, Corsock, Castle Douglas
- DERC Rowbotham, Penwernhir, Ponrhydfendigaid, Yftrad, Menrig
- Mr & Mrs Thom, 58 Reservoir Rd, RD1, Waikouaiti, 9471, NZ
- Mr J Nairn, Clashnoir Farm, Glenlivet, Ballindalloch
- Mr P Fleming, Blackmount Estate, c/o Bidwells, North Rd, Fort William
- Miss J Pringle, 7 Calgary, Ardvasan, Sleat, Isle of Skye
- Mr DG Underhill, Craig Lea, 72 Craig Walk, Bowness on Windermere
- Mr S Hill, Casa Mara, Kilchattan Bay, Kingarth, Isle of Bute
- Mr T Winder, Laisgill Row Farms, Tebay, Cumbria
- Mr D Gray, 330 Sinclair Road, RD1, Te Anau, Southland, New Zealand
- Mr JR Thompson, Manor Farm, Cullingworth, Bradford, W. Yorkshire
- Mr RN Thompson, Oldfield, Haworth, Keighley, W. Yorkshire

AGM & ANNUAL DINNER CALLING NOTICE & CHANGE OF VENUE

Notice is hereby given that the 47th AGM of the Luings Cattle Society will take place on **Thursday 7th February 2013** from 5.30pm at Threave Gardens, Castle Douglas. Please note the change of venue which will also serve as the new venue for the annual dinner – more details to follow.

SUMMER 2012 OPEN DAYS

Luings Open Days are so good that this year we decided to have two! Firstly we exploited the hospitality of the Stewart family and farm manager Matthew Mauchlen at **Woodburn Farm, Crieff** on 27th July. This event was opened by former NFUS President and current Luings breeder John Ross (Auchenree Luings, Stranraer) and was well supported with 150 breeders and friends taking in the tour around three units run by the business. Sim-Luings were very much the focus with cattle looking very well despite the horrendous summer they were enduring. Secondly we took the last opportunity to view the College Luings herd in their natural surroundings at **Elsdonburn, Wooler** courtesy of the Fox family on 8th September. Another good turnout of 200 visitors were welcomed by Ted Fox and duly boarded several tractors and feed trailers to enjoy a spectacular tour around nine groups of cattle spread over 8,000 acres in the Cheviot hills. The event finished with a good social affair, including bouncy castle and bucking bronco! Full reports on both days will be carried in the next Luings Journal.

BORDERWAY AGRI-EXPO – FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Once again the Society will be promoting the breed at the above event taking place at H&H Carlisle. We will be playing with the big boys this year by taking on an even larger stand with six pens of stock (as big as any other breed at the event). We look forward to welcoming you onto the stand.

STOCK FOR SALE

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

Bulls

Rockcliffe Midas, 2yo Yellow (Steven Murray: 01387-880630)
Arbigland Koldstreamer, 4yo Roan (Bernard Ogden: 01524-251066)
Buckholm Matterhorn, 2yo Red (Scott Girvan: 07818-404367)
Buckholm Merlin, 2yo Red (Scott Girvan: 07818-404367)
Ardwell Mansen, 2yo Red (Archie Stewart: 01750-62206)

Heifers

Rylstone – in-calf Luings heifers due March 2013 (01756-730226)
Buckholm – 12 x 2yo bulling heifers (Scott Girvan: 07818-404367)
Cornfield – mixture of yearlings & i/c females (01524-251066)

Steers

Winster – annual consignment of 17mth steers at Bentham mart on 16/10.