

STOCK FOR SALE

At the time of writing, the following stock featured on the Society's dedicated sales web-page - www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk:

Bulls

Rockcliffe Midas, 2yo Yellow (Steven Murray: 01387-880630)
Arbigland Koldstreamer, 4yo Roan (Bernard Ogden: 01524-251066)
Attonburn, selection of young red bulls (C. Symons: 01573-420242)
Buckholm Matterhorn, 2yo Red (Scott Girvan: 07818-404367)
Buckholm Merlin, 2yo Red (Scott Girvan: 07818-404367)
Ardwell Mansen, 2yo Red (Archie Stewart: 01750-62206)
Galawater Killwillie, 4yo Red (Jim Wilson: 01896-756308)

Heifers

Buckholm – 12 x 2yo bulling heifers (Scott Girvan: 07818-404367)
Cornfield – mixture of yearlings & i/c females (01524-251066)
Whinnrey - 2 x 2nd calvers & 2 x i/c heifers (01542-276307)

BULL INSPECTIONS

Applications for bull inspections close on **30th September**. All bulls to be entered for the Premier Sale in Castle Douglas must be inspected and stamped as *Society Approved* for being of a suitable standard. Bull Inspection application forms are available for download on the website. Breeders are encouraged to make application for inspection of bulls that are destined for home use or private sale, and to have their dams classified. Such applications should also be received by 30th September so that all inspections can be co-ordinated into one programme this coming autumn.

39TH STIRLING AUTUMN SALE

Conditions and entry forms will be available online in early August (under 'sales') for the next autumn breeding sale due to take place on Sat. 27th Oct. at the UA Stirling Agricultural Centre. This year will see the second competition for the best pairs of heifers in both the Luig and Sim-Luig bulling and in-calf sections. **Entries close 21st Sept.**

MACTAGGART BROS. LAIRAGE FACILITIES

MacTaggart Bros & Co., a family run livestock haulage contracting business in operation for 40 years, has recently built a new lairage facility. It is situated in a prime location near Castle Douglas to offer haulage, with an overnight stay if required, nationwide and into Europe. Any breeder wishing to potentially use this facility should contact MacTaggart Bros & Co. on 01556-503791.

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2012

27th July

8th September

10th September

13th September

21st September

30th September

27th October

2nd November

14th December

Open Day – Ben Challum herd, Crieff, Perthshire
Stock walk around College Luings, Wooler
Show & Sale of native-bred store cattle, Caledonian Mart, Stirling
Westmorland County Show, Cumbria
Entries close for Stirling Autumn Sale
Closing date for Journal advertisements
Applications close for inspection of bulls for Premier and Dingwall Sales 2013
Stirling Autumn Sale – UA Agricultural Centre
BorderWay Agri-Expo – Carlisle Mart
Entries close for Castle Douglas Premier Sale

2013

31st January

7-8th February

2012 born calves to be registered by this date
AGM, Annual Dinner and Premier Sale, Castle Douglas

REQUEST FOR PAST COPIES OF THE JOURNAL

Neil MacDonald, a Luig enthusiast originally from Uist and now residing in Edinburgh, is keen to obtain any spare copies of journals pre-1969 and specifically 1973, 75, 76, 77 & 1980. Any or all would be greatly appreciated. Contact Neil on gilleban@hotmail.co.uk; 07810 772799 or 64 Crewe Terrace, Edinburgh, EH5 2LJ.

BEN CHALLUM OPEN DAY

Time is ticking down fast to the next Open Day. Details are:

When: Friday 27th July from 1pm

Where: Woodburn Farm, Crieff, Perthshire, PH7 3RG

Who: Ben Challum Sim-Luings of the Stewart family and managed by Matthew Mauchlen

What: This year's open day will focus on the Sim-Luing side of our Society with a visit to the renowned Ben Challum herd based at Woodburn outside Crieff. The event will be opened by John Ross - current interim Chairman of the Scottish Beef Association (Scotland's newest beef lobbying organisation) and Stranraer-based Luing breeder (Auchenree Luings). A tour will then commence taking in two other units run by the business before returning to Woodburn where visitors will have the chance to take in the new steading, do some stock-judging and look at groups of cattle based there. Finally the day will finish off with the usual offering of refreshments. As normal the open day will be free to attend and this year's chosen charity is *It's good 2 give* (helps young people with cancer) so all donations will be gratefully received. Apologies for the clash with the Olympic opening ceremony - you'll simply have to record it and come to Woodburn.

2012 PROMOTIONAL EVENTS STILL TO COME!

Saturday 8th September - Stock walk around Collee Luings, Wooler

With the Collee herd due to relocate away from Elsdonburn this November, Ted, Anne & Harry Fox are kindly hosting an event which will give a unique opportunity to see a large herd of Luing cows thriving in a hill environment. More details to follow on the website.

Thursday 13th September – Westmorland County Show, Cumbria

The Society will make its debut at this year's Westmorland Show. We plan to have a marquee similar in style and only slightly smaller than at the RHS with two pens of stock from Dave Stanners at Tynedale and Alec Smith at Windermere. We would be delighted to see members on the stand so please come along and bring your friends.

Friday 2nd November - Borderway Agri-Expo at H&H Carlisle Mart

We're really going for it this year by taking an extra two pens and therefore filling an entire alleyway ourselves. This will give us a range of six pens of stock and two pens for hospitality and to promote our new range of.....**MERCHANDISE!** At the time of writing there were only 167 days left until Christmas so if you haven't already done so, go to the merchandise tab on the Society website (www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk) and look at some of the fantastic products on offer which can be branded up with your own herd name.

SOUND TRADE AT LUIING'S FOURTH DINGWALL SALE

A record entry of 98-head at the fourth spring sale at Dingwall traded soundly leaving a very high clearance rate and plenty of new buyers. Pedigree bulls were bid to 2,000gns with 49 selling to average £1,398; nine in-calf heifers traded for an average of £1,458; 13 yearlings sold to average £877; four Sim-Luing bulls sold to average £1,286; 11 Sim-Luing yearlings sold to average £794 with two bulls selling to average £5,670. The sale started with the in-calf heifer section and all stock coming from the Monzie herd. The top price of 1,500gns was achieved with the first pair of roan polled heifers in the ring with the consignment of nine selling to average £1,458. Forty nine pedigree bulling heifers followed and sold for an average of £1,398 with a top price of 2,000gns being hit by M.J. McCall of the Kilbrora herd for a pair of red Benhar Houston sired daughters that sold to new buyer Libby Elles of Balgonar Farm, Galine. This pair had earlier won the overall championship for best pair of Luing heifers and received prize money from Harbro and W.A. Geddes as well as the much sought after Lady Anne Memorial Cup courtesy of Welbeck Scottish Farms. The Kilbrora herd topped the average charts with an impressive £1,771 for eight heifers. A large yearling section very unique to the Dingwall sale followed on; thirteen Luing yearlings sold to average £877 with a top of 1,000gns being hit twice – firstly for a pair of Benhar Houston sired daughters from the Kilbrora herd of M.J. McCall and secondly by a pair of Wooplaw Endeavour sired daughters from the Welbeck Scottish Farm. Eleven Sim-Luing yearlings completed the female section selling to average £794. Two bulls were forward at the end of the sale which both sold very well. The red bull Monzie Meerkat from J.J. & R. Cameron sold for 6,200gns to R.W. Moffat from Wooplaw, Galashiels and the momentum continued with the red polled bull Welbeck Maverick selling for 4,600gns to Bob Hindmarsh from Blakehopeburnhaugh, Otterburn.

ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW 21-24th JUNE

Perched above the water table at this year's RHS our stand was only slightly quieter than last year's record-breaking turnout at the show. Despite the heavy rain in advance of the show (most of Thursday and overnight throughout) - which made a real mess of car parks and grassed avenues – there wasn't actually too much rain during the four days of the event. The crowds still came flooding in (excuse the pun) to yield the fifth highest ever attendance. This year we were sited alongside our new friends and fellow hardy cow enthusiasts, the Blue Grey Cattle Association. Also new for us this year was first-time stock provider Stephen Little from Upper Chatto, Kelso who supplied three much-admired bulling heifers (two Luings and one Sim-Luing) which worked well alongside a tremendous Benhar Sim-Luing heifer with a Limousin steer calf at foot from Robert McNee Ltd. at Armadale. A full report on the show will be covered in the next journal.