



SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY

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THE SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Members will be held on Friday, 26th April 2019 at 1.00 p.m. in the Amos Room, Ashford Market (following the Show & Sale)
Light Refreshments at 1.00 p.m.

Copies of the Annual Report and Financial Statement will be available at the meeting, if you would like a copy before then please let the Office know.

SOCIETY SPRING SHOW & SALE 26th APRIL 2019

This is the Society's main sale of the year

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 1st APRIL

We already have some quality bulls and heifers entered.

Now is the time to look at buying that all important bull for 2019

We look forward to seeing you there. A great opportunity to meet fellow breeders.

SOCIETY EVENT

HERD VISIT to the TITSEY HERD By kind invitation of Mr. D.A. Innes

Light refreshments will be available
Please come along for the opportunity to meet and chat with other breeders

Location: Pitchfont Farm, Water Lane, Titsey, Oxted RH8 0SA

Please Book your place by Friday 12th April with the Society Office

REGISTERING BULLS

**This must be done between
300 and 570 days.**

If you have a young bull you are planning to register please make sure he is weighed before he is **570 days old.**

Got a good bull calf?

Consider selling or sending him, at weaning, to an experienced bull producer to prepare for registration.

If breeders work together there is a greater opportunity to expand the bloodlines available.



**Strategic Farms
E.H. Holdstock & Son
Elbridge Herd**

We will keep you informed when events connected to this take place.

SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY EVENTS

There are still several events in the planning stage for the year and we will keep you informed when the venues and dates have been finalised.

These events are a great opportunity to look at other herds and to meet with breeders.

MEMBERSHIP 2019

Membership fees were due on 1st January, forms were sent out to you early in the year. Please make sure your membership is up to date.

CAPITATION 2019

Forms are due at the Office
by 31st March

POLLED ?

**Will all calves sired be polled?
GENETIC TESTING FOR THE
POLLED GENE**

We are now able to offer genetic testing for the polled gene.

Do you need or want to know if an animal is homozygous polled?

For more information and test kits please contact the Society's Office.

The new forms were sent out to breeders.

Please make sure you send them back as the official closing date for the reduced fees is 31st March.

The new capitation system is starting to work well and will give breeders and the Society office a simpler system to work with.

Thank you all for your co-operation.

BIRTH RETURNS 2019 - Ways to send in your Birth Returns

Complete the handwritten forms that are supplied as part of a self carbonating book.

Send in a print out from Farmplan or similar. Several of you already do this and please continue to do so.

Request a list your breeding females in a Birth Return format [tick box on Capitation Form] which will simply require you to enter details of calves and sire/s.

Some of the above is new and please bear with us while we get it set up and get through any teething problems.

BREEDERS DIRECTORY 2019

Advertising forms have been sent out.

Make your herd **STAND OUT**

It is well known that a picture is worth a thousand words.

Get your herd **NOTICED** Attract **BUYERS** Create **SUCCESS** for your herd

The Breeders Directory is sent to all breeders, handed out at shows and other events and sent to all enquiries. Adverts are also featured on the website.

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

At a recent Council meeting it was agreed to introduce a Junior Membership

This is for youngsters between the ages of 13 and 18 or in full time education.

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP IS FREE

Did you know?

There are now carcase trait EBVs that will help you choose a bull based on the things you get paid for

These EBVs can only be generated if you record the ear tag number of the sire when registering a calf with BCMS

The more sires that are registered, the more accurate the EBVs will be

SIRES OF DAIRY BRED CALVES MATTER TOO!

45%

of all prime beef in England is a product of the dairy herd

23%

CURRENTLY, ONLY OF SIRES ARE REGISTERED ON BCMS

Take our industry higher

#SHOUTABOUTTHESIRE

AHDB

JOIN SIGNET BEEFBREEDER

Make a difference to your herd and the breed

Breeders who subscribe to Signet Beefbreeder will receive a retrospective discount on their Capitation Fees.

20% for Weight Recording and a further 20% for Scanning.

A maximum discount of £500 per annum will be allowed.

For more information

Contact: Samuel Boon, AHDB, Signet Breeding Services,

Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2TL

Tel: 024 7647 8829 Fax: 024 7641 9071 Email: Samuel.Boon@eblex.ahdb.org.uk



**20th & 21st
AUGUST
2019**

IN ASSOCIATION WITH
THREE COUNTIES SHOWGROUND
MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE,
WR13 6NW

The 2018 event will take place on the 21st - 22nd August and will feature more than 200 young enthusiasts (aged 8-24 years old) competing in beef, sheep, dairy, pig and butchery areas and will all include a variety of competitive tasks.

For the second year running, the event will be also be presenting an award for the best under 16 competitor in each of the four livestock categories.

Brenda Hide has very kindly agreed to organise and train our team or teams again this year.

If you are interested in taking part or just in coming along and learning more about Sussex, showing and everything else to do with cattle please contact Brenda on 07703 277600 or email brendahide@hotmail.co.uk

TRIMMED BEEF SECTION

(OPEN TO PEDIGREE AND
CROSSBRED CATTLE)

The beef challenge is open to a team of two competitors aged between 14 and 26 years in the year of the event (born between the 1 January 1993 and 21 August 2005). Each team will provide and work with two cattle (only steers or heifers are permitted); each of them under 24 months of age on the day of the event. Both pedigree and commercial breeds can be entered

DUAL PURPOSE & UNTRIMMED CATTLE SECTION

(OPEN TO PEDIGREE AND
CROSSBRED CATTLE)

The dual purpose/untrimmed cattle challenge is open to a team of two competitors aged between 14 and 26 years in the year of the event (born between the 1 January 1993 and 21 August 2005). Each team will provide and work with two cattle (only steers or heifers are permitted); each of them under 24 months of age on the day of the event. Both pedigree and commercial breeds can be entered

WANTED FOR THE COMPETITION AND TRAINING

Are you interested in becoming involved by supplying yearling steers/heifers and or offering locations for training to take place.

Please support our youngsters.

SPONSORS ARE ALSO NEEDED

Dancel

Sussex Zucht

Werner & Renate Bader
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Sussex Farming in Namibia
Farm Wiese is situated in central Namibia only 150km South East of Windhoek on route to Uhlenhorst. The farm has an extensive variety of different pastures, vegetation and terrain. From red dunes, open plains and vast grasslands to rugged mountain terrain. Cold temperatures as low as -10°C in winter and as high as $+40^{\circ}\text{C}$ in summer are not uncommon. Due to the low average yearly rainfall of 250mm the Sussex breed is the ideal livestock for economic breeding.



We have been farming since 1992 with commercially cross bred cattle and only used Sussex bulls on the herds. Due to the great success and improvement realized in cross breeding with Sussex bulls, the Dancel Sussex Zucht (Stud) was established in 2007. The Stud was build up from only 15 Stud heifers bought to a stud of 346 Sussex cows and bulls. Semen was collected under quarantine from Renaissance (AJS 110007) and is internationally available on request. We are producing our own Dancel Sussex Camelt(horn) polled line with the first calves born in 2016. Bulls and heifers are available directly from the farm or on the Paresis auction.



In 2016 we were awarded the Presidents Trophy for best progress made, advertising done and bookkeeping of any, and all, Sussex studs in Southern Africa.



Breeding success with Sussex!

Taken from Facebook
Clearly demonstrates the resilience of Sussex



SELLING SUSSEX ?

There are now several ways to sell and advertise your cattle.

Firstly there are our Shows & Sales and we hope you will support these both as a vendor and purchaser, you can always just lend your support by coming along to look at the cattle and to have a chat with other breeders.

Advertising with the Society, adverts will automatically go in our Newsletters, update mailings and on the Society website and Facebook page. Additionally we can place adverts in a number of other Facebook pages and a couple of test runs have proven successful especially with breeding females.

As with all advertising words are fine but a good photograph attracts attention and is a necessity in some places. A price helps too and can always be marked as negotiable, offers in excess of, or offers in the region of, etc.

WARNING : Adverts on our website and Facebook page will be deleted after 8 weeks and on most other locations after two weeks. Keep the Society Office updated if animals are sold or are still for sale.

We cannot do a good job for you unless you give us your support and keep up communication with us.

DIARY DATES 2019

17	April	Titsey Herd Visit
26	April	Spring Show & Sale
26	April	Annual General Meeting
23	May	Beef Expo
25	May	Heathfield Show
27	May	Surrey Show
6-8	June	South of England Show
26-27	June	Royal Norfolk Show
30	June	Cranleigh Show
5-7	July	Kent County Show
	August	National Young Show Stars Competition
25-26	August	Edenbridge Show
	September	Farm Walk & Prize Giving
8	October	Autumn Show & Sale



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