



SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY

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SOCIETY OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION

From November the Secretary will be working from home to allow for various repairs to the office before it is either sold or let. We will advise you of any forthcoming changes to the telephone number, etc. Normal email contacts will remain in place.

As you might imagine there is a considerable amount of items in storage in the office, documents going all the way back to the 1800's.

All the historic documents will be going into storage.

However we do have a number of old herd books stored and will be more than happy to give these to any interested members. (The full set from Volume 1 will be digitalised and then go into safe storage.) If you are interested in having any old herd books please get in touch as soon as possible.

Unfortunately a lot of old papers, etc. were lost when the office flooded in 2000.

Watch for communications regarding a number of old pictures, prints and photographs that will be available to members in the future.

Unfortunately a lot of these items are not suitable for storage and it would also be a shame to lock them away when members might appreciate them on their walls!

FARM WALK & PRIZE GIVING 2025

We were very pleased to be invited to the Hampton Estate this year. Our thanks go to Mr. & Mrs. Bidell for being our hosts.

Unfortunately the weather turned miserable with drizzle for the walk when James Windridge, Head of Farming, showed guests around the herd in such a beautiful location. Around 45 members and guests then enjoyed a wonderful lunch. It was interesting to see part of the herd on the common with collars containing them within the electronic fencing system.

Hampton Estate spans 2,250 acres of rich and diverse habitats. We are incredibly proud of the high quality of our natural capital, and seek to preserve and enhance this through all of our land management decisions.

The Estate is home to the Hampton herd of pedigree Sussex beef cows. We rear our cows with a regenerative ethos, as certified Pasture for Life producers. Our pasture fed grazing system means we sequester carbon and build biodiversity while producing distinctively delicious, naturally nutritious, high-welfare beef. Our hop gardens in Puttenham are the last remaining commercial hop gardens in Surrey and we continue to grow high quality traditional Fuggles hops using the latest practices such as biological management techniques with green manures, pollinator-friendly wildflower margins, use of beneficial predators and the integration of livestock in order to minimise reliance on synthetic applications and maximise soil health. Hampton hops are prize winning hops – in 2017 and 2019 we won prizes from The Institute of Brewing for the best sample of Fuggle hop in the UK.

Our estate woodlands extend to 1170 acres and comprise a mix of commercial conifer, chestnut coppice and broadleaf plantations. We actively manage our woodlands within a twenty year Long-Term Forest Plan agreed with the Forestry Commission. We were awarded the Duke of Cornwall's Award for the best multi-purpose woodland in the UK. Our high quality commercial timber is sold nationally to saw mills for building and fencing materials, under the Grown in Britain scheme.



SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY TROPHIES & AWARDS 2025

PETER SZECHENYI TROPHY For the highest gross price at auction for a Sussex beast, at any of the Christmas Stock Shows and Sales: 2024 Mr J Hobden

FISH HALL PERPETUAL TROPHY Winner of the Large Herds Competition:

S & F Carr & Daughters, Oxendean Herd	Stockman's Certificate of Merit: John Foley
2nd Mr. G.A. Innes, Titsey Herd	Stockman's Certificate of Merit: Bill Peters
3rd J. & S. Harmer, Offham Herd	Stockman's Certificate of Merit: Edward Harmer
4th Bowes Lyon Estate Walden Herd	Stockman's Certificate of Merit: Gee Hickman



SCOTNEY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

Best Bull Large Herds Competition: Broadlands Captain 1st at Oxendean Herd

THORNTON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

Best Cow & Calf Large Herds Competition: Offham Violet 39th at Offham Herd

HARMAN HUNT CUP Winner of the Intermediate Herd Competition:

D Spanton & F Paterson, Maygate Herd	Stockman's Certificate of Merit: Flic Paterson
2nd Augustinian Care, Augustinian Herd	Stockman's Certificate of Merit: Louise Lincoln
3rd Broadlands Estates Broadlands Herd	Stockman's Certificate of Merit: Will Edwards
4th Buchanan Family, Black Ven Herd	Stockman's Certificate of Merit: Leighton Snelgrove

THORNTON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

Best Bull Intermediate Herds Competition: Maygate Poll Duke 1st at the Maygate Herd

AMBROSE & FOSTER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

Best Cow & Calf Intermediate Herds Competition: Augustinian Kendra 3rd at the Augustinian Herd

HALES CUP Winner of the Small Herd Competition: Faulkner Farm Partnership, Rectory Herd

2nd Mrs. S. Watts Montgomery's Herd	Stockman's Certificate of Merit: Tom Jones
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3rd Mr. J. Hobden, Nunningham Herd	
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4th Mr. & Mrs. Heylen, Heylen Herd	Stockman's Certificate of Merit: Mr. W. Ferguson
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THORNHILL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

Best Bull Small Herds Competition: Trottenden Poll Astronomer 4th at Rectory Herd

RALPH SHEPPARD MEMORIAL TROPHY

Small Herds Best Cow & Calf: Nunningham Poll Sylph 1st at Nunningham Herd

HERNEVALLEY AWARD

Highest Placed New Entrant in the Herd Competition: Faulkner Farm Partnership, Rectory Herd



JOHN BURBERRY MEMORIAL TROPHY

Stockman showing the Best Junior Bull or Heifer at the South of England Show: Brenda Hide



OXO SILVER BULL Champion Bull at the Royal Norfolk Show:
Buchanan Family Black Ven Poll Captain 1st

KINGSWOOD FARMS CHALLENGE CUP

Champion Female at Norfolk Show: Mr J Hobden, Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd

JACK BOWTHORPE CHALLENGE CUP

Winner of the Exhibitors Competition gaining the most points during the year in Sussex and Interbreed classes and Championships: Mr J Hobden



HERDSMANS CHALLENGE CUP

The Stockperson for the Herd Winning the Exhibitors Competition: Brenda Hide

TOM DINNIS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP

Winning novice in the Exhibitors Competition: Mark Essex exhibiting as Cobtree YFC & Homewood School

ROUSSILLON GLOW-WORM PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

Bull of the Year: J & S Harmer, Offham Crusader 4th

THE JOHN MARCHANT MEMORIAL TROPHY

Breeder of the Bull of the Year: J & S Harmer

THE SCALANDS PERPETUAL TROPHY

Female of the Year: Mr J Hobden, Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd

THE POPLARS AWARD

Yearling of the Year: Buchanan Family, Black Ven Poll Captain 1st

THE MAYFIELD PERPETUAL POLLED TROPHY

Polled animal of the year: Mr J Hobden, Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd



THE SOUTH AFRICA CUP

Animal gaining the most points in Interbreed Classes and Championships:
Offham Crusader 4th, J & S Harmer

THE ROUSSILLON TROPHY

Animal gaining the highest number of points in Beef Performance Classes & Championships during the year:
Nunningham Poll Admiral 2nd, J. Hobden

THE MONTIE SILLARS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

Exhibitor of Pairs gaining the most points during the year in Sussex & Interbreed classes and Championships:
Mark Essex exhibiting as Cobtree YFC, Homewood School & Buchanan Family



THE CHELSFIELD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

Exhibitor of Groups of Three gaining the most points during the year in Sussex and Interbreed classes and Championships: Mr J Hobden

THE DAVID INNES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

Champion Herd in the Herd Competition : S & F Carr & Daughters, Oxendean Herd

THE JOHN DUNN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Person who has shown the greatest support and enthusiasm for the breed during the year: Next Generation Group

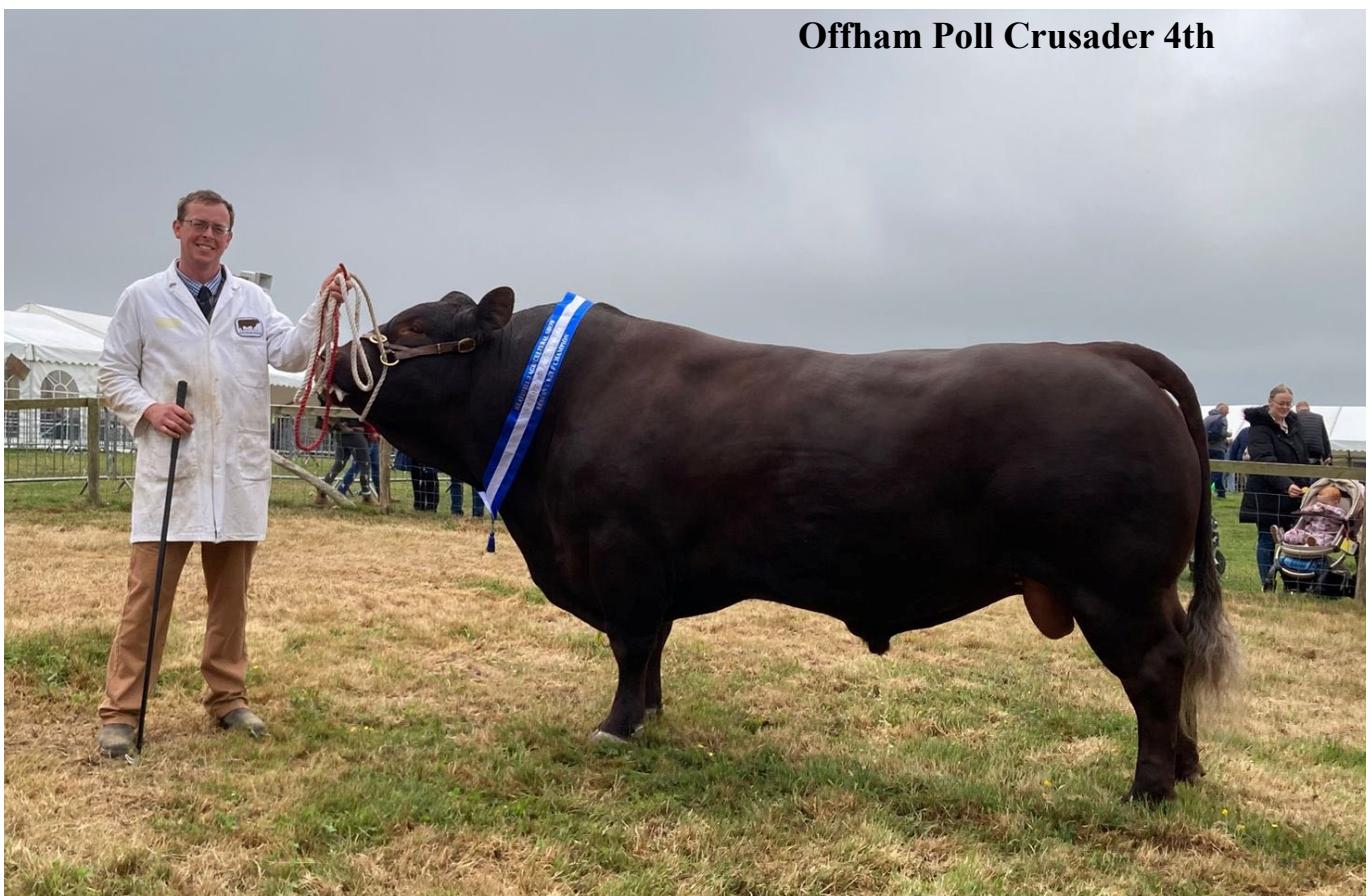
Congratulations to all the prize winners

Footnote: The Oxo Bulls weighs 14.5kg

SUMMER SHOW RESULTS

HEATHFIELD AGRICULTURAL SHOW Judge: Mr. Angus Stovold

Offham Poll Crusader 4th



COW in milk or in calf born on or before 30/06/22

1st Maygate Poll Shadow 2nd Mr. D. Spanton & Ms. F. Paterson

SENIOR HEIFER born on or between 01/07/22 & 30/06/23

1st Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd Mr. J. Hobden

2nd Offham Lady 30th J. & S. Harmer

INTERMEDIATE HEIFER born on or between 01/07/23 & 31/12/24

1st Nunningham Poll Sylph 3rd Mr. J. Hobden

2nd Offham Graceful 24th J. & S. Harmer

3rd Nunningham Poll Cara 1st Mr. J. Hobden

JUNIOR HEIFER born on or between 01/01/24 & 30/06/24

1st Nunningham Poll Charmer 5th Mr. J. Hobden

2nd Maygate Poll Heedless 2nd Mr. D. Spanton & Ms. F. Paterson

3rd Trottenden Knelle 77th Homewood School

4th Black Ven Koskimo 109th Buchanan Family

SENIOR BULL born on or before 31/12/23

1st Offham Poll Crusader 4th J. & S. Harmer

2nd Maygate Poll Duke 1st Mr. D. Spanton & Ms. F. Paterson

INTERMEDIATE BULL born on or before 01/01/23 & 31/12/23

1st Offham Poll Despot 2nd J. & S. Harmer

JUNIOR BULL born on or after 01/01/24 & 30/06/24

1st Black Ven Poll Captain 1st Buchanan Family

2nd Nunningham Admiral 2nd Mr. J. Hobden

BEST MATCHING GROUP

1st Mr. J. Hobden

2nd J. & S. Harmer

FEMALE CHAMPION Maygate Poll Shadow 2nd
FEMALE RESERVE Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd
MALE CHAMPION Offham Poll Crusader 4th
MALE RESERVE Black Ven Poll Captain 1st
BREED CHAMPION Maygate Poll Shadow 2nd
BREED RESERVE Offham Poll Crusader 4th

INTER-BREED CHAMPIONSHIPS

RESERVE CHAMPION INTER-BREED BEEF GROUPS Mr. J. Hobden
BEST MALE BEEF BREEDS Offham Poll Crusader 4th
RESERVE BEEF CHAMPION Offham Poll Crusader 4th

SUFFOLK SHOW

Judge: Mr. W. Peters

COW with calf at foot who has had a full term calf since 01/06/24

1st Montreal Poll Snowdrop 3rd Montreal Estate

SENIOR HEIFER in calf, born in 2023

1st Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd Mr. J. Hobden
2nd Nunningham Poll Cara 1st Mr. J. Hobden
3rd Montreal Daffodil 3rd Montreal Estate

JUNIOR MAIDEN HEIFER born in 2024

1st Nunningham Poll Charmer 5th Mr. J. Hobden
2nd Black Ven Koskimo 109th Buchanan Family
3rd Montreal Poll Snowdrop 11th Montreal Estate

JUNIOR BULL, born on or after 01/01/24

1st Black Ven Poll Captain Buchanan Family
2nd Nunningham Admiral 2nd Mr. J. Hobden

SPECIAL - Best Group of Three

1st Mr. J. Hobden



FEMALE CHAMPION	Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd
FEMALE RESERVE	Nunningham Poll Charmer 5th
MALE CHAMPION	Black Ven Poll Captain 1st
MALE RESERVE	Nunningham Admiral 2nd
BREED CHAMPION	Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd
BREED RESERVE	Black Ven Poll Captain 1st

INTERBREED CHAMPIONSHIPS / CLASSES

BEEF CATTLE BEST NATIVE EXHIBIT Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd

SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW Judge: Mr. J. Hickman

COW in calf or with calf at foot Born on or before 30/06/22

1st	Maygate Poll Shadow 2 nd	Mr. D. Spanton & Ms. F. Paterson
2nd	Montreal Poll Snowdrop 3 rd	Montreal Estate

SENIOR HEIFER born on or between 01/07/22 & 30/06/2023

1st	Nunningham Poll Delia 2 nd	Mr. J. Hobden
2nd	Offham Lady 30 th	J. & S. Harmer

INTERMEDIATE HEIFER, born on or between 01/07/23 & 31/12/23

1st	Nunningham Poll Sylph 3 rd	Mr. J. Hobden
2nd	Offham Graceful 24 th	J. & S. Harmer
3rd	Nunningham Poll Cara 1 st	Mr. J. Hobden

JUNIOR HEIFER born in 2024

1st	Nunningham Poll Charmer 5 th	Mr. J. Hobden
2nd	Trottenden Knelle 77 th	Homewood School
3rd	Black Ven Koskimo 109 th	Buchanan Family
4th	Maygate Poll Heedless 2 nd	Mr. D. Spanton & Ms. F. Paterson

SENIOR BULL born before 01/01/24

1st	Offham Crusader 4 th	J. & S. Harmer
2nd	Offham Poll Despot 2 nd	J. & S. Harmer
3rd	Maygate Poll Duke 1 st	Mr. D. Spanton & Ms. F. Paterson

JUNIOR BULL born 2024

1st	Black Ven Poll Captain 1 st	Buchanan Family
2nd	Nunningham Admiral 2nd	Mr. J. Hobden

GROUP OF THREE OWNED BY EXHIBITOR

1st	Mr. J. Hobden
2nd	J. & S. Harmer
3rd	Mr. D. Spanton & Ms. F. Paterson

PROGENY GROUP OF THREE

1st	Mr. J. Hobden
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BEST PAIR MATCHING YEARLINGS

1st	Mr. J. Hobden
2nd	Buchanan Family

JUNIOR CHAMPION Nunningham Poll Charmer 5th

JUNIOR RESERVE Black Ven Poll Captain

FEMALE CHAMPION Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd

FEMALE RESERVE Nunningham Poll Charmer 5th

MALE CHAMPION Offham Crusader 4th

MALE RESERVE Black Ven Poll Captain 1st

BREED CHAMPION Nunningahm Poll Delia 2nd

BREED RESERVE Nunningham Poll Charmer 5th

INTER-BREED CHAMPIONSHIPS

RESERVE SUPREME BULL Offham Crusader 4th

ROYAL NORFOLK SHOW Judge: Ms. J. Howard

COW OR HEIFER, in milk, in calf or with calf at foot born before 01/01/23

1st Maygate Poll Shadow 2nd Mr. D. Spanton & Ms. F. Paterson

INTERMEDIATE HEIFER born on or between 01/01/23 & 31/12/23

1st Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd Mr. J. Hobden

2nd Nunningham Poll Sylph 3rd Mr. J. Hobden

3rd Offham Graceful 24th J. & S. Harmer

4th Nunningham Poll Cara 1st Mr. J. Hobden

JUNIOR HEIFER born on or after 01/01/24

1st Nunningham Poll Charmer 5th Mr. J. Hobden

2nd Black Ven Koskimo 109th Buchanan Family

3rd Maygate Poll Heedless 2nd Mr. D. Spanton & Ms. F. Paterson

SENIOR BULL born prior to 01/01/24

1st Offham Poll Despot 2nd J. & S. Harmer

JUNIOR BULL born on or after 01/01/24

1st Black Ven Poll Captain 1st Buchanan Family

2nd Nunningham Poll Admiral 2nd Mr. J. Hobden

BEST OF BREED GROUP OF THREE

1st Mr. J. Hobden

2nd J. & S. Harmer

JUNIOR CHAMPION Nunningham Poll Charmer 5th

JUNIOR RESERVE Black Ven Poll Captain 1st

FEMALE CHAMPION Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd

FEMALE RESERVE Maygate Poll Shadow 2nd

MALE CHAMPION Black Ven Poll Captain 1st

MALE RESERVE Nunningham Poll Admiral 2nd

BREED CHAMPION Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd

BREED RESERVE Maygate Poll Shadow 2nd



KENT COUNTY SHOW

Judge: Mr. B. Baker

JUNIOR HEIFER born in 2024

1st Goldstone Gaiety 128th Chandler & Dunn Ltd.

JUNIOR BULL born in 2024

1st Goldstone General 30th Chandler & Dunn Ltd.

2nd Goldstone Poll General 35th Chandler & Dunn Ltd.

FEMALE CHAMPION Goldstone Gaiety 128th

MALE CHAMPION Goldstone General 30th

MALE RESERVE Goldstone Poll General 35th

BREED CHAMPION Goldstone General 30th

BREED RESERVE Goldstone Gaiety 128th

EDENBRIDGE & OXTED SHOW Judge: Miss Isla Soutter

COW OR HEIFER (in milk or in calf). Born before 01/01/23

1st Maygate Poll Shadow 2nd Mr. D. Spanton & Ms. F. Paterson

2nd Montreal Poll Snowdrop 3rd Montreal Estate

3rd Aylesford Snowdrop 16th Cobtree YFC [M. Essex]

SENIOR HEIFER born in 2023

1st Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd Mr. J. Hobden

2nd Maygate Poll Heedless 1st Mr. D. Spanton & Ms. F. Paterson

3rd Coopers Delia 10th

JUNIOR HEIFER born in 2024

1st Nunningham Poll Sylph 4th Mr. J. Hobden

2nd Trottenden Knelle 77th Homewood School

3rd Black Ven Koskimo 109th Buchanan Family

SENIOR BULL born before 01/01/24

1st Maygate Poll Duke 1st Mr. D. Spanton & Ms. F. Paterson

JUNIOR BULL born on or after 01/01/24

1st Nunningham Poll Admiral 2nd Mr. J. Hobden

2nd Black Ven Poll Captain 1st Buchanan Family

BEST PAIR

1st Cobtree YFC [M. Essex]

2nd Buchanan Family

3rd Mr. D. Spanton & Ms. F. Paterson

FEMALE CHAMPION Maygate Poll Shadow 2nd

FEMALE RESERVE Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd

MALE CHAMPION Maygate Poll Duke 1st

MALE RESERVE Nunningham Poll Admiral 2nd

BREED CHAMPION Maygate Poll Shadow 2nd

BREED RESERVE Nunningham Poll Delia 2nd

OTHER INTERBREED CLASSES

SUPER BEEF BULL NATIVE BULL

2nd Nunningham Poll Admiral 2nd

NATIVE HEIFER CALF born 01/09/2024 to 31/12/2024

2nd Nunningham Poll Sylph 4th

HERDS COMPETITION 2025

LARGE HERDS COMPETITION 2025

JUDGES: Mr. W. Hurley & Mr. S. Wright

1st	S & F Carr & Daughters	Oxendean Herd
2nd	Mr. G.A. Innes	Titsey Herd
3rd	J & S Harmer	Offham Herd
4th	Bowes Lyon Estate	Walden Herd

Best Stock Bull in Class: Broadlands Captain 1st at Oxendean Herd

Best Cow/Heifer and Calf in Class: Offham Violet 39th at Offham Herd

Herne Valley Rose Bowl highest place NOVICE ENTRANT in the Herd Competition: Oxendean Herd

Judges' General Comment

Simon and I would like to thank all the exhibitors for their generous hospitality and showing us around their herds. Unlike last year the very dry spring and high temperatures had limited grass growth and this was reflected in the general cow condition. Most herds had to adjust their management to make up for lack of grass. The bulls in all five herds judged were of a very high standard showing good conformation without losing stature. Cows in the winning herd were of a very even type carrying good condition and rearing some of the best calves we saw.

Oxendean Herd



Broadlands Captain 1st



INTERMEDIATE HERDS COMPETITION 2025

JUDGES: Mr. L. Angus & Mr. C. Reed

1st	D Spanton & F Paterson	Maygate Herd
2nd	Augustinian Care	Augustinian Herd
3rd	Broadlands Estates	Broadlands Herd
4th	Buchanan Family	Black Ven Herd

Best Stock Bull in Class: Maygate Poll Duke 1st at Maygate Herd

Best Cow/Heifer and Calf in Class: Augustinian Kendra 3rd at Augustinian Herd

Judges' General Comment

On behalf of Chris and myself, I would like to say a huge thanks to all the herds for taking the time to show us around, we thoroughly enjoyed it with a few laughs along the way. As far as the Intermediate herds are concerned the future for the breed is bright, not only for the stock but the stockmen and women within it. Wish such passion and dedication and knowledge we feel the breed will be in safe hands. We felt that on the whole the cattle did what they do best even after a hard summer with barely a blade of grass they pulled through and still looked well all things considered. It is becoming more evident that good bulls are becoming hard to come by.

Maygate Herd



SMALL HERDS COMPETITION 2025

JUDGES: Mr. L. Snelgrove & Mr. M.G. Hickman

1st	Faulkner Farm Partnership	Rectory Herd
2nd	Mrs. S. Watts	Montgomery's Herd
3rd	Mr. & Mrs. J. Hobden	Nunningham Herd
4th	Mr. & Mrs. Heylen	Heylen Herd

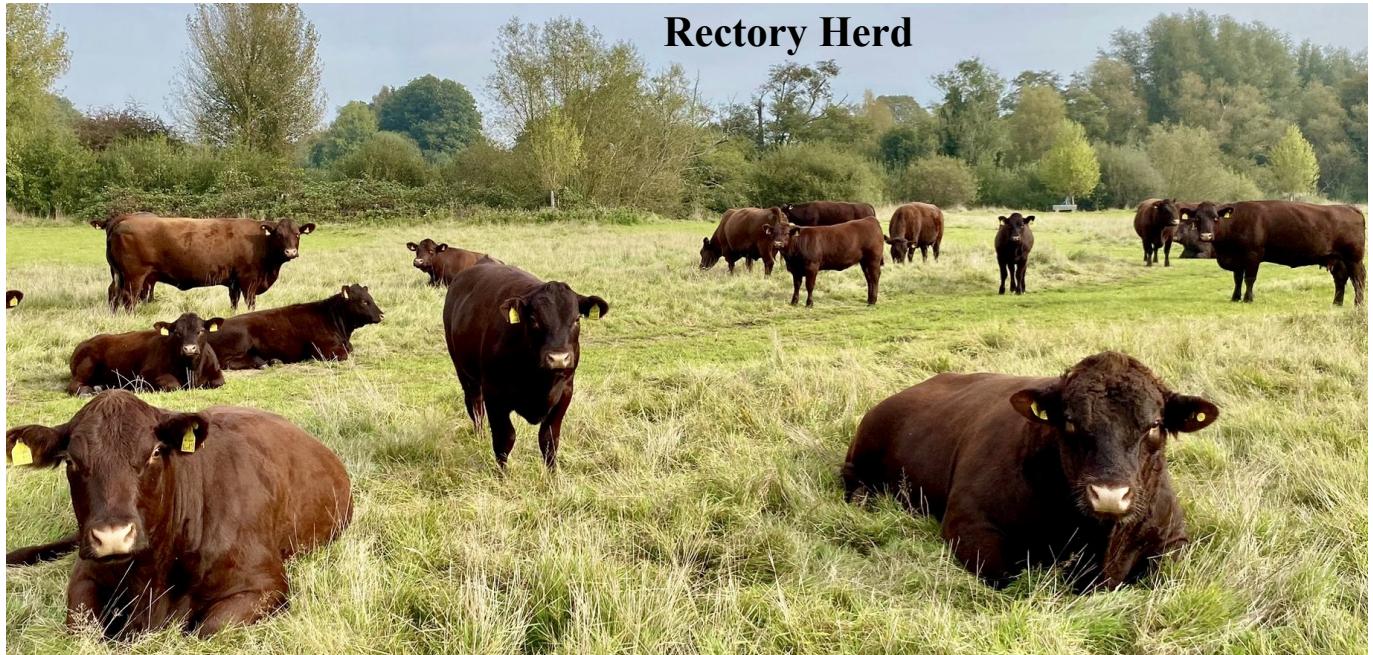
Best Stock Bull in Class: Trottenden Poll Astronomer 4th at Rectory Herd

Best Cow/Heifer and Calf in Class: Nunningham Poll Sylph 1st at Nunningham Herd

Judges' General Comment

Firstly, we would like to thank all the herds/farms that took part in this year's herd competition and your hospitality. It was wonderful to see a variety of ways people farm but to also see some great stock about. We saw some great cattle and despite the drought conditions this year the herds were fantastic and thriving and just showed us that the Sussex cattle can thrive on so little. Congratulations to you all for taking part & thank you!

Rectory Herd



CHAMPION HERD

Judge: Mr. Denis Jenkins

S & F Carr & Daughters' Oxendean Herd

JUDGES REPORT

I will begin with a very heartfelt thank you to Justin Harmer and the Sussex Cattle Society for the invitation to come and judge your wonderful breed of Cattle, I am truly honoured.

I should perhaps just introduce myself as I doubt many of you will know anything about me. Although I now live in Lancashire I spent the first 70 years of my life in Norfolk. My father was herdsman to the Shadwell herd of Red Poll milking cattle until they dispersed in 1964 and went out of milking. By 1965 the Estate had purchased 200 very lively Blue-Grey Heifers, straight out of Ireland to begin a suckler herd suited to the Breckland area which is largely sand and flint over chalk. My first sighting of the Sussex breed was in a bull purchased along with two Hereford and two Aberdeen Angus. He was a magnificent beast complete with a wonderful pair of horns and in my eyes easily outshone the others! This was quite a novelty to a 12 year old lad who only knew about the Red Poll which was naturally polled of course. I still remember how quiet and well-mannered this bull was. For my own part, I have judged sheep for 40 years and cattle for around 15 and now I have retired from livestock farming I am busier than ever having judged at six county shows this year. I have also been judging Herd Competitions since 2014. I am currently Vice-Chairman and Northern field officer of the Red Poll Cattle society. The Red Poll is still a dual purpose breed and is spread throughout the UK. Most herds are run as single sucklers although there still a few enthusiasts milking them, cashing in on the trend for vended whole milk at the farm gate. It remains an absolute pleasure to look at other people's herds of native cattle.

My first visit was to the Rectory herd belonging to the Faulkner Farm Partnership. Herd manager, Russell Denyer was away on holiday so I was shown around the winner of the small herd category by stockwoman Serena Puxty. Serena's passion for this herd was evident from the start. They had just changed bulls and a two year old replacement greeted us at the gate. He has a lot to live up to as his predecessor had left a real stamp of quality on this year's calf crop. The yearling heifers and steers were full of quality too, very well grown and in prime condition. I left this herd thinking it was very easy to see why they had won the small herd competition, I was also thinking the other two herds will need to be pretty good to be better than this.

The next stop was the Maygate herd, winner of the Intermediate class, belonging to D J Spanton and Mrs FA Paterson. I was shown around the herd by Richard Spanton, David's son and it was once again immediately apparent how passionate he was about their animals and indeed the farm. I was surprised by the variation in soil types and how they are managed, especially under the drought conditions of this year. The cattle looked really well, especially this year's calves. The stock bull was very impressive too. I know that stock can often do really well in a dry year and this reflected through everything I saw. When I left this herd I was aware that I had a very difficult decision to make.

Last stop was the large herd winner, the Oxendean herd belonging to S. & J. Carr. Stephen showed me around all the cattle together with herd manager John Foley. I know from experience how difficult it can be to put together and then maintain a large herd. With 80 cows to the bulls and a further 31 heifers in calf I was so impressed that this herd has managed to retain a type of female, largely through careful selection of bulls. Again I saw a very diverse range of soil types spread over a very large distance. This allowed for out wintering of young stock on the free draining chalk based fields. All the steers and a few heifers were finished on farm and fed into the organic food chain. So upon leaving here I had a very tough choice to make.

If I was looking for the most passionate about the breed, or the most knowledgeable about the breed or indeed the best stockmanship then it would have been a three way dead heat! As it is about all of those things as well as the cattle themselves, I looked more towards an evenness of type within each herd. I was surprised to learn that the breed is adding breeding from other breeds to continue trying to improve, via the use of bulls and cows. It's perhaps not for me to say but I think you have such a fantastic breed already which in my eyes needs no further input from outside as you already have everything you could possibly need. I have been so impressed with the quality of the udders, many native breeds have already lost this important feature of the true suckler cow.

So my champion herd is the Oxendean herd belonging to S. & J. Carr. The attention to bull selection, the type of cow throughout the herd and the fantastic udders being the main deciding factors. It has been a privilege and an absolute pleasure to be allowed to judge your cattle. I'm going to finish by once again thanking your Chairman, Justin Harmer for driving me round.





Sussex Team at Royal Norfolk Show

(The Next Generation + Brenda)

SUSSEX CATTLE NEXT GENERATION

Our younger members and stockpersons have formed the “Next Generation” Group. For age group 16 to 30ish!

There will be various events over the winter, if you want to be involved let the office know.

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

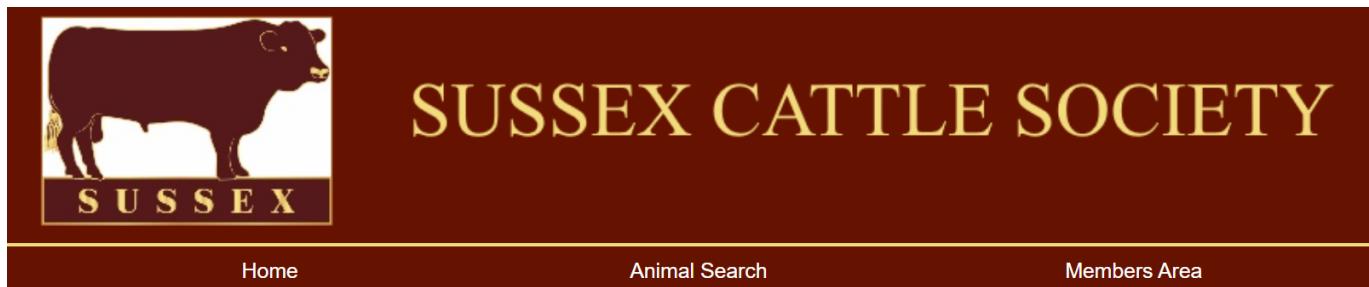
This is for members between the ages of **13 and 25**

YOUTH ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IS FREE

Please ask the Office for a form to join or use the form on the website.

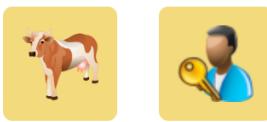
DID YOU KNOW?

Your list of animals in your herd is available to view in the Society's Database accessed through our Website. You can use this list to advise the Society of any animals that have died or been sold. This helps to keep the Database up to date.



Welcome to the Sussex Cattle Society Online Database

All visitors can search for animals registered with the society.
Society members can access the members only area too, which includes functionality such as electronically registering animals directly to the society.



Cattle Search

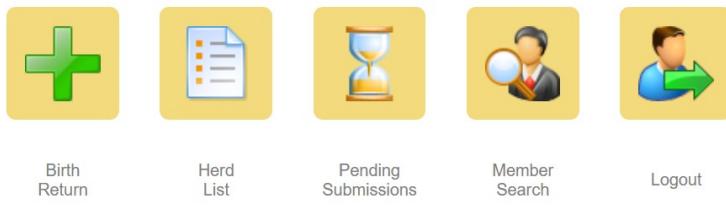
Members Area

Click on Members Area

Login : Society can give your log in details

Click on the box you wish to use

Members Area



Herd List : Change animals as sold or dead if it applies.

They will not be deleted from the Database just have their status updated.

They will be removed from your herd list.

Let's work together to have the Society's Database as up to date as possible.

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Lot 1706

TYDDESLEY R DAVIS (BRITISH, FL.**1825-1857) (3)**

The Sussex Bred Ox
signed and dated 'T R Davis 1826' (lower right)
oil on canvas
63.5 x 76cm

Auction date: 15 October 2025
Estimate: £2,000 - £4,000
Starting Bid: £2,000

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together with the ox's horns, with silver adornments and each with a plaque engraved "This horn is of the Wonderful Sussex bred Ox exhibited at the Chichester Xmas cattle Show of fat Stock in 1826 and also in Brighton, he was bred by Mr. DENMAN of Wilmington, fattened by HIS GRACE the DUKE OF RICHMOND and Slaughtered by Mr. HARMER of East Street Brighton, his age was 7 years his Weight 271st 2lbs
(3)

Provenance
The Sussex Cattle Society

Footnote
Sussex Cattle, the breed that is native to the South East of England, became very popular in the early 1800's as an early maturing beef breed, and so numerous were the herds that the most progressive breeders felt the time had come to found a Breed Society and to publish a Herd Book.

Thus, on 18th November, 1878, a public meeting, was held at The King's Head, Horsham, for the purpose of considering and promoting the future management of the Sussex Herd and The Sussex Herd Book Society was formed for promoting the breed of Sussex Cattle.

In June 1879, the first volume of the Herd Book was published, containing entries of Sussex Cattle from 1855 to 1875. It contained the names of breeders and the pedigrees of their animals and the prizes they had won. Almost 150 years later the annual herd book is still published by The Sussex Cattle Society and the breed continues to be very popular in the South East.

With thanks to The Sussex Cattle Society for their assistance with the catalogue note for this work.

[I have a question →](#)

As part of the restructuring of how the Society is moving forward the current office will be either sold or let.

Council deliberated on what was the best thing to do with the painting that hangs in the office and it was decided that rather than it go into storage it should be sold to someone that will really appreciate it. As a charity we have to obtain the best price possible and the painting will be going up for auction on 15th October at Bellmans in West Sussex. Attached is the catalogue page with all the information on the painting and the horns that come with it.

We really hope that one of our members is the successful bidder!

Link to the website catalogue: [15 October | Old Master, British and European Art](#)

Bellmans Auctioneers
Newpound
Wisborough Green
Billingshurst
RH14 0AZ
01403 700858
sussex@bellmans.co.uk

REGISTRATIONS

In January you were sent Herd Registration Capitation Forms. Please complete them and return to the Office by 31st March. We will then issue an invoice which will cover all female calf registration fees for the year and enter male calves on the database. This is important if you plan to register a young bull.

Birth Returns should be sent in at the end of each month through the online database accessed through our website. (Easiest to do it as you do your BCMS.) All calves male and female should be entered.

REGISTERING BULLS

Updated Rules and Regulations apply from 1st October 2024 so please use the correct forms from the website of apply to the Office to have them sent by email or post. We will not be accepting incorrect out of date forms.

DNA PARENTAGE TESTING

From 1st January 2021 all young bulls will be required to have DNA sampling taken, we advise that this be done by the vet when the veterinary inspection is being undertaken, if not samples will be taken by the Bull Inspectors, a DNA sample will also be taken from the Sire and Dam. The purpose of this is to establish the parentage of all bulls. This is a progressive plan and will eventually result in all bulls having their parentage proven. The Society will be paying for the Sire and Dam DNA sampling but it will be the breeder/owner of the young bull who will pay for that DNA sample and sire verification.

Note: It is requirement for all bulls that are selected for semen collection to have their parentage proven through DNA testing.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

Offspring are not eligible for registration if the sire and/or dam have not been transferred to your herd.

2024 BIRTH RETURNS

BIRTH RETURNS 2024 are overdue.

The Herd Book will be going to print soon so please send any late returns in now.

Please send in through the online system.

(We do still accept paper birth returns at present but if you can do it online please do.)

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

These will be sent by email unless a request for posted paper copies is marked on Capitation Forms

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

PLEASE NOTE CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE SENT OUT

UNTIL EITHER

CAPITATION FEES OR REGISTRATION FEES HAVE BEEN PAID

SUSSEX FOR SALE

**DETAILED PEDIGREE INFORMATION ON ANIMALS FOR SALE
IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE
PLEASE KEEP THE OFFICE UPDATED
LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT & WHEN ANIMALS ARE SOLD**

HARDRES WELLINGTON 4th 17-1387 UK 266571/10106 DoB: 26/02/2017

Sire: Petworth Wellington 9th 12-1068
Pat.GS: Petworth Poll Wellington 5th 09-1155-P
Pat.GD: Eastbridge Gipsy 42nd 89389

Dam: Boxted Finch 73rd 08-0675
Mat.GS: Boxted Premier 1st 16612
Mat.GD: Boxted Finch 40th 88029

A good stamp of bull, proven and throwing quality calves. Will be coming back onto his daughters in the herd. TB4. He can be fertility tested, etc. if required.

Contact: Gee Hickman 07710346803

Trottenden Regent 4th 18-0986 UK 260343/300574 DoB: 18/04/2018

Sire: Petworth Regent 11th 13-1263
Pat.GS: Regent 4th of Goldstone 09-1025
Pat.GD: Petworth Snowdrop 11th 90163

Dam: Trottenden Terpsichore 132nd 12-0232
Mat.GS: Wellington 3rd of Goldstone 05-0037-P
Mat.GD: Trottenden Terpsichore 85th 90794

Well bred, easy to handle bull with a lovely temperament. We've had him since he was 3 years old, a great worker producing lovely calves. Offspring can be seen. Only moving on due to having too many of his daughters running in the herd. Closed herd. He has never travelled outside of our farm. TB iminterval 4 years.

Located near Bramley, Surrey. £3,500 ono.

Contact: 07483 208542 / 07789 881965

Trottenden Herd

**HEIFERS born Feb to May 2024
Sired by Boxted Astronomer 1st
Signet Recorded, Biobest Health Scheme**

Contact: Vanessa 07765950944

Due to somewhat reluctant retirement we have the following cattle for sale:

Four Sussex dams between 100 – 112 months with calves at foot (3 – 4 months).

Five Sussex dams between 70 – 80 months with calves at foot (3 – 4 months)

All good mothers, natural calving with no problems. Recently TB tested ready to go to new home.

Contact David Gower 07836 602875 Or Elisabeth Dancey 0711 009483