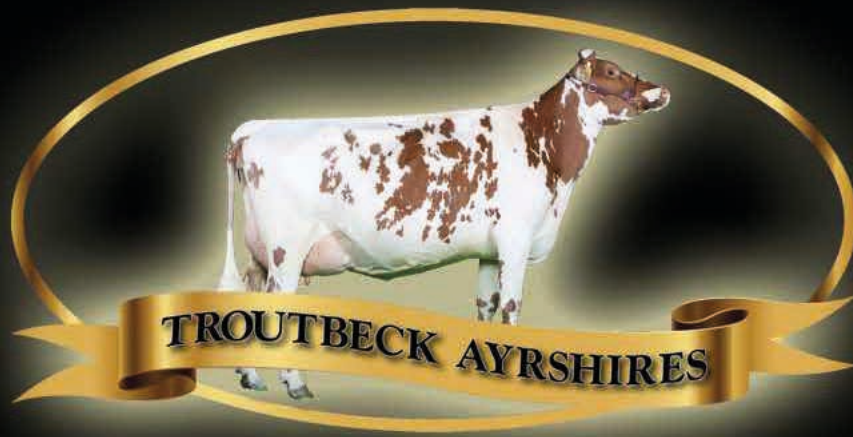


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# UK Office Update

**WELCOME to the Commemorative Ayrshire Journal, a special edition to celebrate the 2024 World Ayrshire Federation conference.**

## GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING



I would like to introduce myself as this is my first office update. My name is Amy Sayer and I have been employed by the society for the past two and a half years. I am now responsible for all the general administration for the Ayrshire Cattle Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

The office has been as busy as ever whilst getting used to the structure changes faced since October. I would like to thank our members for their support and understanding during this time. Our working relationship is going from strength to strength with Pedigree Livestock Services, with developments made to streamline the invoicing and accounting processes. Should you have any queries regarding your account, you can speak to Julie Bowman by calling 01768 870522 or by emailing [accounts@ayrshirescs.org](mailto:accounts@ayrshirescs.org)

## COUNCIL

Recently, our Annual General Meeting was held where all the officers for the next term were elected, and are as follows:

- President:** John Watson (High Mark)
- Vice President:** Rodney Armstrong (Plaskett)
- Junior Vice President:** James Waterhouse (Fourth Milestone)
- Past President:** Andrew Broadley (Whitcroft)

The new council members elected at this AGM, who join the existing members of the even numbered regions are as follows for 2024/2025.

- Region 1:** Ayrshire - Adam Montgomerie
- Region 3:** Argyll, Bute, Dumbarton, Renfrew, Stirling and the City of Glasgow - Robin Barr Snr
- Region 5:** West Lothian, Mid Lothian, East Lothian, Peebles, Selkirk, Northumberland and Durham - Vacancy
- Region 7:** Kirkcudbright and Wigtown - Alan Clark
- Region 9:** Lancashire, Cheshire and Isle of Man - Jesse Bostock & Mark Partington
- Region 11:** Shropshire, Stafford, Hereford and Worcester - Will Gallimore
- Region 13:** Huntingdon, Bedford, Cambridge, Norfolk, Suffolk, Hertford and Essex John Smith & Robert Crawford
- Region 15:** Wiltshire, Hampshire, Gloucester, Dorset and Isle of Wight - James Gay
- Region 17:** Wales - Stuart Williams & Laura Astley
- Region 19:** Irish Republic - Christian Keenan

Part B of the ACS Council meeting, which is the first recorded Council meeting of the new term, was also held. The elected committees are as follows.

**Honorary President:** John Hunter

### Presidents Committee:

- John Watson – President
- Rodney Armstrong – Vice President
- James Waterhouse – Junior Vice President
- Andrew Broadley – Passed President
- Arthur Lawrie – (CSA) (In Attendance)

**Finance (Business Coordinator):** Gilmour Lawrie

**Young Breeders Representative:** Jake Sayer

### Rules and Disciplinary:

- Chris Weaver                      Steve Oultram                      Duncan Hunter
- David Dickie                      Robert Adams

### Breed Heritage:

- Michael Broadley (Chairman)                      Scott Taylor
- Colin Christophers                      Robert McConnell
- John Adamson

### In Attendance:

- Duncan Hunter – Breed Heritage Manager
- Sam Wake – CSA
- John Watson – President

### World Federation Representatives:

- Colin Christophers                      Steve Bailey                      Arthur Lawrie

Following the meetings, members were invited to Jamara Ayrshires for a herd visit and refreshments. We would once again like to thank James, Sara, and family for allowing us to see their great herd.

Every year, members who show at qualifying shows receive points for top honours, these points are collated throughout the year to form the Premier Breeder Exhibitor award. The exhibitor gaining the most points are presented at the AGM with the Haresfoot Vase.

Congratulations to WRC & JE Christophers and family, of the Rosehill Herd, who were presented with this prestigious award for the 2023 show season. The family are no strangers to the show ring despite being unable to show for a number of years. You can read more about Rosehill later on in this journal and we look forward to visiting them during the conference tour.

We are looking forward to hosting this year's Young Members weekend on the Isle of Man between 14th and 17th August. By the time this journal reaches you, booking will be open and available through the website.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

### Adult Members:

- Dr Rupert Lang, Suffolk
- Will Jennings, Willen
- Rhodri Davies, Gwar
- Joe Rodenhurst, Lochview

### Junior Members:

- Louise Main, Brockolouise
- Paul Dyche, Drumard
- Connor Marshall, Marshall

## THE CONFERENCE!

The planning of this conference began back in 2020 when we secured the hosting of this prestigious event. Much planning, time and work has been spent on many aspects of the itinerary and it has been a great process to be involved in.

Most of the initial planning was done between Claire and me, along with the help of the organising committee. After Claire left us last year, the committee employed the help of Sarah Liddel and Sarah Jarvis from The Farm Organisation. It has been a pleasure to work alongside the "Sarabs" and both the Society and the organising committee would like to thank them for their time, and expertise they have both put in to make this event a success.

This conference would not have been possible without our dedicated members and host farms securing all the necessary sponsorship. We are so grateful for the continued support of our sponsors who are all recognised throughout this journal.

Delegates will also receive a separate booklet which will include useful information, travel advice, introduction to your bus couriers, and much more.

We hope you have an enjoyable and memorable visit to the UK.



# UK Presidents' Welcome

## RETIRING PRESIDENT ANDREW BROADLEY



As I give my final report as president, I feel very proud, privileged, and honoured to have held the position, although unfortunately I can't say that it has always been a pleasure. However, having said that, the positives in the society far outweigh the negatives.

John's vision of better breed promotions and publicity has started to be realised with the help of James Mattinson and Duncan Hunter and there will be something later this year to follow the videos of last year.

The young breeders continue to thrive and their passion for the breed and their camaraderie when together, at either their weekend, UK Dairy Day or All Breeds All Britain calf show is a joy to see and bodes well for the future.

Members continue to support shows both nationally and locally, presenting quality stock that promotes the best of our breed far and wide.

Changes to the day-to-day running of the society are another positive, with Pedigree Livestock Services being commissioned to the look after the finances, this is proving to be working well and in turn, will hopefully save some money. Vacating the office at Westburn House and using Racecourse Road for storage is also a saving and if we can let the remaining office space there,

this will be a positive financial step. Amy has taken on additional responsibilities and is working from home seamlessly and Duncan's knowledge and society representation at industry meetings is an asset.

We will soon welcome delegates from around the world to these shores and with a fair wind providing good weather, I am sure they will leave having been impressed with what the UK has to offer.

The changes I have mentioned will hopefully mean the society we all hold so dear will be able to carry on for generations to come, adapting along the way to make sure it remains current in an ever-changing world.

We are not a large society, but if we stick together, we will be strong, as a society is nothing without its members, but the members have nothing without the society.

I would like to thank the presidents, council, and members for their work over my term, especially John and Gilmour for their unwavering support and Amy for her help and efficiency in the administration of the society.

My biggest thank you must go to all my family at home for holding the fort, and especially to my wife, Caroline, as without her love and support, I don't know where I would be now.

I would like to wish John all the best for the forthcoming year and look forward to meeting delegates in London.

## PRESIDENT JOHN WATSON



I feel it an honour and a privilege to be your President for the next year.

Firstly, I would like to thank our retiring president, Andrew, for all his hard work, time, and dedication over his extended term. The society has gone through a lot of change over the

last year, and I believe we now have the right team in place to continue to take us forward.

I farm at High Mark with my wife Avril and son David in the extreme Southwest Scotland, where we keep 120 Ayrshires. David also has a fencing and fabrication business which keeps him busy. David, and his partner Kirsten also have two children, Amelia and David Jnr. We also have a daughter, Sarah, who lives in the South of England with her partner Joe and sons Archie and Henry. We were lucky to get three grandchildren in a year which has kept us busy.

The farm is 300 acres, with 50 acres of cereals with the cows being grazed for as long as the season allows with low level of concentrates bought.

In some areas I have recently visited, breeders have been asking for a field officer. This was discussed at council at the meeting in May and further, more in depth discussions will take place at the November meeting. If you have any suggestions, please direct these to your council representative.

The world conference of course happens this summer where we welcome delegates from all over world to the UK. A big thank you to Arthur Lawrie and his team for all the organising and the sponsors who have helped to provide the sponsorship to make it all possible. To all delegates I wish you a warm welcome and hope you enjoy all the sights, hospitality and of course the Wonderful Ayrshire Cow!

As my year as president progresses, I hope to meet as many of you as I can at shows and other events. The Wigtownshire club are starting to work hard towards the conference in May 2025 and would like to invite you all to attend.

I welcome members to share any thoughts or ideas you may have to help us continue to move the breed forward. You can contact me any time by calling 07908 410165.

Let's hope the Ayrshire Society has a great year and you, the breeders, have many successes.

One more thing to ask if it's not too much... some sunny weather!

# HIGH MARK AYSHIRES

**High Mark Obligation Melanie 2 EX94**  
Sired by Knowe Obligation  
4. 9370 in 305 days at 4.56% BF and 3.19% Protein



**Reserve Champion at AgriScot 2023**

*We hope delegates on the  
World Conference have an enjoyable trip.*

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Edmund Els

# PRESIDENT

## REPORT WORLD AYRSHIRE FEDERATION

# 2024

Good day, delegates

It has been four years since the last World Conference was held in Australia. Unfortunately, shortly after the conference, the world was hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to strict lockdown measures being implemented in many countries for almost two years. Thankfully, life has now returned to normal.

In October 2022, we held a productive Mid-Term Meeting in Madison, USA, which was attended by delegates from most of the member countries. One of the agenda items was recessive haplotypes. After a lengthy discussion on the curly calf syndrome, we all agreed that strict measures need to be followed in the future, similar to what was discussed.

Since the last conference our World Federation's executive secretary, Claire Kimm, unfortunately, resigned. I want to express my gratitude towards Claire for her contributions to the World Federation. Fortunately, we have the services of Duncan Hunter, our previous executive secretary, we are pleased to have Duncan back with us.

The Australian Ayrshire Society hosted the World Youth Tour in August 2023, featuring participants from seven countries. Hopefully, more youth tours will be organised to encourage young people.

The World Photo Competition was a huge success, with entries coming from six different countries. Congratulations to all participants and a special congratulations to the winners.

After the 2020 pandemic, shows have eventually resumed. It is great to see that Ayrshire cows have

dominated some international shows in the supreme championships. It's positive to see that Ayrshire is a force to be reckoned with.

During the previous World Conference meeting, a genomic committee was formed with representatives from all member countries to discuss genomics.

Some of the highlights of the conference will be the World Genetic Sale and the Great Yorkshire Show. The Ayrshire World Federation's Board of Directors meeting and Annual General Meeting will take place during the second week of the conference at Harrogate. I would like to extend an invitation to as many of you as possible to attend the AGM.

I would like to express my gratitude to the UK Board and all the individuals who were involved in organizing the 2024 World Conference. This event will be a major success, and the Ayrshire Cattle Breeders' Society of Great Britain and Ireland should be proud of their contribution. I am personally looking forward to being a part of this event, catching up with old friends, and meeting new acquaintances.

Lastly, I want to thank my executive Board of Directors for their support and knowledge throughout the past four years.



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# Conference Fundraising

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## CULL COW SCHEME

The Cull Cow scheme was set up for members and friends of the Ayrshire Cattle Society to donate part or the whole value of a cull cow. Each donation was entered into a draw to win a calf which was kindly donated from the Lawrie Family from Cuthill Towers.

Cattle Services (AYR) Ltd also sponsored prizes for the heaviest cow, and the cow having produced the highest lifetime yield. The heaviest cow was Bigginvale Mark Marie 13 from RT & J I Adams and the

cow with the highest lifetime yield was Beeline Star Crummie from S N Bailey and Partners.

A draw was held during the National Ayrshire Show at UK Dairy Day where the winner of Cuthill Towers Horizon Rae was selected at random. Congratulations again to David Heasman from Pylon Ayrshires who was announced as the draw winner and thank you once again to the below members and friends who are recognised sponsors for supporting the event.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Michael Howie, Morwick</b>              | <b>WS Millar, Caldervale</b>             |
| <b>Raymond Stewart, Fortfield</b>          | <b>J &amp; A Struthers, Glenmuir</b>     |
| <b>David Heasman, Pylon</b>                | <b>John Hunter, Ardmore</b>              |
| <b>G &amp; G Templeton, Knowe</b>          | <b>John Watson, High Mark</b>            |
| <b>John Adamson &amp; Son, Swaites</b>     | <b>Ian Hutchinson, Tontine</b>           |
| <b>Andrew Rimmer, Holmeswood</b>           | <b>James Gay, Duchy</b>                  |
| <b>Smartmove Syndicate, Smartmove</b>      | <b>J &amp; S Seedall, Jamara</b>         |
| <b>Scott Taylor, Old Mill</b>              | <b>Mark Partington, Hulton Park</b>      |
| <b>Tom McCreddie, Bonnie Mac</b>           | <b>Will Gallimore, Breezehill</b>        |
| <b>Jane &amp; Mark Barnes, Somerby</b>     | <b>Alastair McWilliam, Colfin</b>        |
| <b>Matthew Service, Moorepark</b>          | <b>Richard Danforth, Moathouse</b>       |
| <b>WRC &amp; JE Christophers, Rosehill</b> | <b>Allan Clark, Fineview</b>             |
| <b>David Dickie</b>                        | <b>RT &amp; JI Adams, Bigginvale</b>     |
| <b>Jack Lawson</b>                         | <b>Linda Campbell, Orlands Mill</b>      |
| <b>Mark Nicholls, Hilltown</b>             | <b>FJ &amp; M Mattinson, Troutbeck</b>   |
| <b>Freddie Boshier, Hitcham</b>            | <b>JD &amp; BF Broadley, Whitecroft</b>  |
| <b>Catriona Guinness, Biddesden</b>        | <b>Messrs Armstrong, Plaskett</b>        |
| <b>JC &amp; AM Sayer, Denmans</b>          | <b>SN Bailey &amp; Partners, Beeline</b> |
| <b>D &amp; C Sanderson, Sandersons</b>     | <b>P &amp; P Jenkin</b>                  |
| <b>Willie Whiteford, Middle</b>            |  |

# WILLOWFIELDS AYRSHIRES



## WILLOWFIELDS WINNIE 2 EXX93

dam of Harperfield Wind in the Willows  
Royal Highland Show 2018 – Supreme Champion Ayrshire – 1st Prize Intermediate Cow  
Great Yorkshire Show 2018 - Supreme All Breeds Champion – Ayrshire Breed Champion  
UK Dairy Day National Ayrshire Show 2018 – 1st Prize Intermediate Cow Class & Reserve Champion  
UK Dairy Day National Ayrshire Show 2019 – Reserve Breed Champion –  
2nd Prize Senior Cow in milk  
Strathaven Show - 2017 – 2018 – 2019 Champion Ayrshire  
Dumfries Show - 2017 - 2018 – Champion Ayrshire  
Ayr Show - 1st Prize cow in-calf  
Staffordshire County Show 2016 - Champion Ayrshire

## WILLOWFIELDS WINNIE 3 EX 94

dam of Willowfields Harperfield Watership Down (stock bull at Harperfield)  
Royal Highland Show 2023 – 1st Prize Cow in Milk – 5 or more calves  
UK Dairy Day National Ayrshire Show 2021 - 1st Prize Intermediate Cow Class & Honorable Mention  
Strathaven Show 2019 - Reserve Champion Ayrshire  
Moffat Show 2019 - Reserve Champion Ayrshire  
Winnie is owned in partnership with Harperfield Ayrshires

*Winnie's owned in partnership with Harperfield Ayrshires*



## WILLOWFIELDS FAMOUS CLOVER EX92

dam of Willowfields Casino Royale - stock bull in the East Church Herd  
UK Dairy Day National Ayrshire Show 2023 - 1st Prize Intermediate Cow & Honourable Mention  
Borderway Dairy Expo 2022 – 2nd Prize 3 year old  
Great Yorkshire Show 2019 - 1st Prize Maiden Heifer

## WILLOWFIELDS PROGRESS CLOVER ET

dam of Willowfields Player Clover (heifer Champion at Great Yorkshire 2023)  
UK Dairy Day National Ayrshire Show 2022 - 2nd Prize junior heifer  
Great Yorkshire Show 2023 – her daughter  
Willowfields Player Clover – Champion heifer



# Top Performers of 2023

It is a pleasure to be highlighting the top performing animals registered with the Ayrshire Cattle Society of Great Britain & Ireland on Production, Type Classification, Brood Cow status and Show success. For those who are unaware the Ayrshire Cattle Society run two Herd Books. One being for Ayrshires (Breed code 03), the other being for British Red and Whites with less than 51% Ayrshire blood (Breed code 14).

## PRODUCTION

During 2023 there were a total of 12,913 completed lactations with an average yield of 7,692kgs 4.22% butterfat and 3.32% protein. From the main Ayrshire Herd Book, there were 9,208 completed lactations, and from the Red and White Herd Book there were 3,705 completed lactations. For those animals who excel in their production of yield and reach a benchmark of quality of milk, whilst maintaining strong fertility, a Superior Production (SP) status is awarded. In 2023 a total of 531 Superior Production awards were achieved.

The top production cows who completed their lactations in the year and qualified officially in 2023 are as follows and ranked in order of their combined Fat and Protein kgs:

### Top producers in the Ayrshire Herd Book

| ANIMAL NAME                         | LACT | MILK KGS | FAT% | PTN% | CFP KGS | SIRE                      | OWNER              |
|-------------------------------------|------|----------|------|------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Sandyford Real Punchy EX94 3E       | 6    | 13271    | 6.16 | 2.91 | 1204    | Palmyra Tri-Star Reality  | C J Creeper        |
| Cuthill Towers Perfect Barbara EX90 | 7    | 15224    | 3.68 | 3.16 | 1043    | Des Fleurs Perfect        | A & S Lawrie       |
| Cuthill Towers Hard Rock Petal GP80 | 2    | 13320    | 4.29 | 3.5  | 1038    | Calderglen Hard Rock      | A & S Lawrie       |
| Cuthill Towers Raptor Swan EX92 2E  | 3    | 11516    | 5.31 | 3.6  | 1025    | Cuthill Towers Raptor     | A & S Lawrie       |
| Cuthill Towers Mad Posie GP80       | 4    | 13802    | 3.87 | 3.34 | 996     | Cuthill Towers Madison    | A & S Lawrie       |
| Brieryside Magical Pear             | 2    | 14388    | 3.85 | 3.06 | 995     | Brieryside Magic          | G Lawrie & Sons    |
| Sandersfarms Vale Faith             | 6    | 13217    | 4.1  | 3.41 | 992     | Gunnarstorp               | Sanders Farms Ltd  |
| Tristar Burdette Gucci EX93 3E      | 5    | 11615    | 5.18 | 3.34 | 990     | Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette | C J Creeper        |
| Caldervale Betina 127 EX91          | 5    | 14434    | 3.84 | 2.99 | 986     | Lessard Jumper            | WS Millar & Son    |
| Sandyford Tri Mayflower 2 VG89      | 2    | 10558    | 5.48 | 3.81 | 981     | Sandyford Triclo          | ET Tomlinson & Son |

### Top producers in the Red and White Herd Book

| ANIMAL NAME                      | LACT | MILK KGS | FAT% | PTN% | CFP KGS | SIRE                   | OWNER                   |
|----------------------------------|------|----------|------|------|---------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sandyford Absolute Gerda EX94 3E | 5    | 14962    | 4.88 | 3.19 | 1208    | Apples Absolute-Red    | ET Tomlinson & Son      |
| Troutbeck Outlaw Orange VG85     | 3    | 13493    | 5.25 | 3.27 | 1149    | Peeldijker Outlaw      | FJ & M Mattinson & Sons |
| Middle Flora Wg VG87             | 4    | 13636    | 4.95 | 3.44 | 1144    | Welcome Gerwyn         | J Whiteford & Sons      |
| Middle Dora Ms VG87              | 4    | 14047    | 4.35 | 3.55 | 1109    | Middle Spotem          | J Whiteford & Sons      |
| Brieryside Brekem Sea Baby VG88  | 4    | 14754    | 4.23 | 3.25 | 1103    | Swissbec Brekem        | G Lawrie & Sons         |
| Troutbeck Famous Jess EX94 2E    | 4    | 14397    | 4.41 | 3.22 | 1099    | Delta Webmail          | FJ & M Mattinson & Sons |
| Cuthill Towers Ladd Elsie EX92   | 4    | 14226    | 4.37 | 3.32 | 1093    | Tiger-Lily Ladd P-Red  | A & S Lawrie            |
| T-Rust Aladdin Grace 2 VG86      | 2    | 12396    | 5.19 | 3.48 | 1075    | R Dg Aladdin-Red       | GM & AJ Harrison        |
| Middle Margot Ms 3 GP83          | 4    | 14965    | 3.81 | 3.37 | 1073    | Middle Spotem          | J Whiteford & Sons      |
| Colfin Happy Joy 22              | 3    | 14433    | 4.06 | 3.15 | 1070    | Charpentier Redhot Red | WA Mcwilliam            |



Sandyford Real Punchy EX94 3E



Awards are also distributed for lifetime production (LP Awards) for 60,000kgs, 80,000kgs, 100,000kgs and 120,000kgs. The breed has continued to excel in longevity and production and the following animals gained their 100,000kgs (LP100) awards during 2023:

| ANIMAL NAME                       | LACT | SIRE                       | OWNER                            | BR CODE |
|-----------------------------------|------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Cuthill Towers Crown Ray EXg6 7E  | 9    | Ardmore Crown Napier       | A & S Lawrie                     | 3       |
| Whitcroft Nellie 50 EXg3          | 9    | Jelyca Oblique             | Messrs J D & B F Broadley & Sons | 3       |
| Carnell Snowdrop 258 EXg4 7E      | 10   | Lagace Modem               | GG Baynes & Sons                 | 3       |
| Ravenhill Tulip 85 EXg2 8E        | 10   | Ardrossen EV Kates Trident | J Suffern                        | 3       |
| Sandersfarms Neve Thistle EXg1 4E | 10   | B Jurist                   | Sanders Farms Ltd                | 3       |
| Bellfield Maid Marion 31 VG88     | 10   | Bellfield Admiral Stanley  | The Cowhill Trust                | 3       |
| Park Head Doris VG87              | 10   | Marleycote Eddy            | H Tinker & Sons                  | 3       |
| Kirkinriola Spw Joy VG85          | 11   | Stamford Prize Winner      | R & M King                       | 3       |
| Beeline Star Crummie EXg4 5E      | 11   | Hunnington Kellogg Star    | SN Bailey & Partners             | 3       |
| Ryemuir Jet Rena EXg3             | 7    | Fradon Jet Red             | William Sloan & Co               | 14      |
| Beili Torres Ada VG86             | 9    | Tregibby Torres            | Mr Rhys Morgan                   | 14      |
| Muirside Anne 5                   | 10   | Durham Red                 | Muirside Farms                   | 14      |
| Millbanke Classic Myrtle          | 11   | Poos Stadel Classic        | Jeanette Jones                   | 14      |

There were a further 63 animals awarded with their LP80 award (80,000 kgs) and 284 animals who gained their LP60 (60,000 kgs) status.

### NEWSFLASH!

Gargus Jemima 3 EXg7 8E and Troutbeck Burdette Jess 3 EXg6 7E have recently officially been awarded their LP100 status in 2024. These cows are two of the highest classified animals still in production in the United Kingdom, and to have produced over 100,000kgs (220,000lbs) of lifetime yield, is testament to them being recognised as outstanding examples of the breed!



Gargus Jemima 3 EXg7 8E LP100



Troutbeck Burdette Jess 3 EXg6 7E LP100

### CLASSIFICATION

NBDC continue to provide the type classifying service to the Ayrshire breed. In 2023 a total of 2,310 heifers were inspected showing the following results.

| 2023 | SCORE | No.of | %    |
|------|-------|-------|------|
|      | VG    | 452   | 19.6 |
|      | GP    | 1401  | 60.6 |
|      | G     | 388   | 16.8 |
|      | F     | 64    | 2.8  |
|      | P     | 5     | 0.2  |

There were two 2-year-old heifers sharing the highest score of VG88. They were Morwick Peggy 126 VG88 from JS Mullan & R Baynes, sired by Pam Ayr's Hawaiian, and Allstar Ringer Joybell VG88 from Evie Tomlinson, sired by Blue-Spruce Ringer.



A total number of 1,713 cows were inspected during 2023. The highest scored cow was Gargus Jemima 3 from Chris and Connie Creeper who has scored EX97 for the third year in succession and ticking 97 in all five trait boxes, at the age of 12 years old. A list of the highest scoring animals during 2023 are highlighted below:

| ANIMAL NAME                                 | SCORE | LACT | SIRE                       | OWNER                         |
|---|-------|------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Gargus Jemima 3 EX97 8E LP100               | EX97  | 10   | Palmyra Tri-Star Reality   | C J Creeper                   |
| Troutbeck Burdette Jess 3 EX96 7E LP100     | EX96  | 9    | Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette  | FJ & M Mattinson & Sons       |
| Hunnington Fragy 16 EX96 6E LP60            | EX96  | 8    | April-Day Wisconsin-Red    | L & C Window                  |
| Rosehill Premier Verylight EX95 5E          | EX95  | 6    | Rosehill Premier           | WRC & JE Christophers         |
| Paith Burdette Eclipse 2 EX95 3E            | EX95  | 5    | Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette  | I Thomas                      |
| Troutbeck Skyfall Peony Rose EX95 3E        | EX95  | 6    | Troutbeck Skyfall          | FJ & M Mattinson & Sons       |
| Stamford Charm 71 EX95 6E                   | EX95  | 7    | Kamouraska Rockstar        | HW Oultram & Co               |
| Brieryside Warrior Cherry Fine EX95 4E LP80 | EX95  | 7    | Carnell Warrior            | G Lawrie & Sons               |
| Hilltown Star 530 EX95 6E LP60              | EX95  | 8    | Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette  | M/S Nicholls                  |
| Hilltown Violet 299 EX95 8E LP80            | EX95  | 10   | Rulesmains Border Clansman | M/S Nicholls                  |
| Kittochside Louises Sundance EX95 6E        | EX95  | 8    | Grandage Bright Spark      | National Museum of Rural Life |
| Paith Oblique Honey EX95 7E LP60            | EX95  | 10   | Jelyca Oblique             | CJR & SMH Evans               |
| Changue Martha 49 EX95 7E LP80              | EX95  | 11   | Changue Stadium            | M Bryson & Son                |



Troutbeck Skyfall Peony Rose EX95 3E



Hunnington Fragy 16 EX96 6E LP60

### STAR BROOD COW AWARDS

To be awarded a Star Brood Cow rating, animals must transmit to their progeny a combination of excellence for production, type, and Index. Cow families continue to thrive from generation to generation and the following animals all achieved a further or new Star Brood Cow award. A number of these are now multiple award winners!

| ANIMAL NAME                               | STARS   | SIRE                       | OWNER                   |
|---|---------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Haresfoot Bella 6 EX95 5E LP80            | 9 Stars | Horizon Ranger             | J & C Mcquatt (Canada)  |
| Middle Punchs Emerald Blend EX95 7E LP100 | 8 Stars | Middle Milestone Emerald   | RA & S Arnott & Son     |
| Cuthill Towers Crown Ray EX96 7E LP100    | 6 Stars | Ardmore Crown Napier       | A & S Lawrie            |
| Pam Ayrs Dream Hawaii EX96 4E LP60        | 4 Stars | Pam Ayrs Dreamcatcher      | PG & S Williams         |
| Stamford Charm 59 EX96 7E LP80            | 2 Stars | Stamford First Quality     | HW Oultram & Co         |
| Ravenhill Ethel 268 EX93 4E LP60          | 2 Stars | Torpane                    | J Suffern               |
| Beechmount Russet 3 VG87                  | 1 Star  | Ardmore Crown Napier       | R & C Mcconnell         |
| Brieryside Patsy 38 EX91                  | 1 Star  | Noremead Supreme Red       | G Lawrie & Sons         |
| Beeline Star Crummie EX94 5E LP100        | 1 Star  | Hunnington Kellogg Star    | SN Bailey & Partners    |
| Hunnington Fragy 16 EX96 6E LP60          | 1 Star  | April-Day Wisconsin-Red    | L & C Window            |
| Hunnington Remington Bella VG88           | 1 Star  | Mapleburn Remington        | L & C Window            |
| Pam Ayrs Hawaii Five-O EX93 5E LP80       | 1 Star  | Family-Af-Ayr Poker Duncan | D Coryn                 |
| Ravenhill Tulip 85 EX92 8E LP100          | 1 Star  | Ardrossen Ev Kates Trident | J Suffern               |
| Ravenhill Ethel 467 EX90 3E               | 1 Star  | B Jurist                   | J Suffern               |
| Rosehill Perdy Bouquet EX94 3E            | 1 Star  | Lashburn Jeopardy          | WRC & JE Christophers   |
| Whitecroft Nellie 54 EX94 3E              | 1 Star  | Rosehill Real Mccoy        | JD & BF Broadley & Sons |



*Haresfoot Bella 6 EX95 5E LP80*



*Middle Punchs Emerald Blend EX95 7E LP100*



*Cuthill Towers Crown Ray EX96 7E LP100*

### AROUND THE SHOWS OF 2023

The Ayrshire breed has always been well represented throughout the United Kingdom by its breeders. There are far too many shows to mention but here are a few winners from some of the shows during the 2023 show season.

| SHOW                                | BREED CHAMPION ANIMAL             | OWNER                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| National Ayrshire Show/UK Dairy Day | Allstar Ringer Joybell            | Evie Tomlinson        |
| Royal Highland Show                 | Cuthill Towers Religious Bunty    | A & S Lawrie          |
| Royal Ulster Winter Fair            | Fortfield Nancy 52                | R Stewart             |
| Agriscot                            | Harperfield Queen of the South 60 | Firm of DM Lindsay    |
| South West Dairy Show               | Rosehill Madison Jelly            | WRG & JE Christophers |
| Royal Welsh                         | Allstar Provider Honesty          | Evie Tomlinson        |
| Great Yorkshire Show                | Harperfield Irene 53              | Firm of DM Lindsay    |
| South of England                    | Douglas's Corafamous              | M/S Howie             |
| Royal Cornwall                      | Rosehill Premier Verylight        | WRC & JE Christophers |
| Balmoral Show                       | Beechmount Russet 9               | R & C McConnell       |
| Borderway Dairy Expo                | Morwick Peggy 126                 | M Howie               |
| Royal Norfolk                       | Longwood Willow Sandy Rose        | Crawford & Co         |



*Allstar Ringer Joybell*



*Rosehill Premier Verylight*



*Harperfield Queen of the South 60*



*Fortfield Nancy 52*



*Cuthill Towers Religious Bunty*



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# Judges Profiles

## MARY CREEK GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW



Mary Creek is part of the Palmyra Farm LLC family. Mary and her husband Mike have four children and six grandchildren. Mary and her brother Ralph Shank are the third generation to own Palmyra and breed Ayrshires. The farm consists of 300

acres where they milk 100 head and care for an additional 130 head of young stock.

Adapting over time to changing industry trends the farm now boards cattle for other breeders as well. Over the years Palmyra has had success in the show ring as well as having a strong breeding influence over the Ayrshire breed worldwide. Many All-Americans have been developed as well as Elite Genetic transmitters. Several Palmyra animals

like Burdette and Ruth have become recognizable by single names throughout the industry. Mary is also a partner with her son Michael in Palmyra Farm Cheese LLC, a direct market niche cheese business begun in 2009.

Mary has achieved accolades for being a pioneer in many judging arenas. She has judged all national Show venues in the US and served as the official in six other countries. Continuing the family tradition of serving the community, industry and youth, Mary has served on many boards and committees notably the US Ayrshire Board, World Ayrshire Federation Board and Presidency and National Dairy Shrine Board and Presidency. She has been recognized many times for her contributions to the youth of our industry as well as the breeding accomplishments of Palmyra, but her passion continues to be promoting and breeding Ayrshires that move the breed forward and are appreciated by all dairymen.

## IWAN THOMAS WORLD CONFERENCE CALF SHOW



Having been raised on a dairy farm in Llanelli, Carmarthenshire I currently live a little further east in Neath with my wife Kay and our twin daughters. With an interest across numerous breeds, the love of the Ayrshire breed started with two in calf heifers

purchased at the Teifi dispersal sale in 1999, with both these becoming long lasting cows in the herd and leaving a legacy of two wonderful cow families.

From these beginnings, my passion for the dairy cow ignited my success in Judging through the YFC and HYB, progressing through to judging roles at local shows and my professional career. I have showed, clipped and worked with cows and calves across all breeds especially in South

Wales. Since 2012, I have worked as part of the NBDC team of classifiers, travelling the country scoring cows of all breeds.

I have been fortunate to have judged at various local, regional and national shows across the breeds, including the National Ayrshire Show in 2015. Whilst in the calf ring I have been fortunate to officiate at numerous club calf shows, judging at the All Breeds All Britain calf show on four occasions; Ayrshire classes at the 2019, British Friesians in 2013, and the Guernsey's in 2017 and 2021.

This year will be a highlight in my Ayrshire judging career having the honour of officiating the breed classes at both the Royal Cornwall and the Royal Highland show, whilst also looking forward to taking to the middle of the ring at Lanark to place the very best young handlers and the cream of the youngstock within the Ayrshire breed as part of the WAF Conference 2024.



# Judges Profiles

## IAN COLLINS NATIONAL AYRSHIRE SHOW



Ian is the owner and breeder of the Churchroyd herd after farming in partnership with his late parents. The Churchroyd herd show all over the UK and have had huge success over the years.

Ian has judged at shows all over the UK, as well as the

Balmoral Show in Northern Ireland and has travelled to South Africa to judge their Royal Show and Australia to judge the Illawarra's at IDW. He is also a past winner of the National Young Farmers Stock judging competition. Ian is also an official judge for the Ayrshire Breed.

Ian's appreciation for all Dairy Breeds is recognised by us all and the Ayrshire Cattle Society are thrilled that Ian has accepted the invitation to judge the National Ayrshire Show at UK Dairy Day this year.



## ARTHUR WALTERS NATIONAL AYRSHIRE CALF SHOW



Arthur is a second-generation breeder who farms with his wife Debbie and family under the West Berriow Ayrshires prefix on the edge of Bodmin Moore in Cornwall. The family currently milk 65 which are predominantly Ayrshires and British Friesians with a few Brown Swiss, Dairy

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The family are no strangers to the show ring at both local and National level. They won Royal Cornwall three times, in three years, with three different cows and then went on to achieve the most points in the dairy sections and had awards presented to the family by Prince Edward, King Charles and Queen Camilla.

Arthur and Debbie have always encouraged their children to take part in the All Breeds All Britain calf show and are proud to have had three take showmanship champions in two breeds.

Over the years, Arthur has taken to the center of the ring to judge the Ayrshires at the Dairy Event, Royal Welsh and more recently the Ayrshires and Holsteins at the Nairobi International Trade Fair to highlight a few.





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*Holmeswood Saguenay Clover, Isaac Moore*

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*Gwynnog Hawaiian Sandyrose, TRD Christophers*



*Millford Horizon Jungle Girl, Evie Tomlinson*

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*Allstar Ringer Joybell, Evie Tomlinson*



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*Morwick Peggy 126, M Howie*

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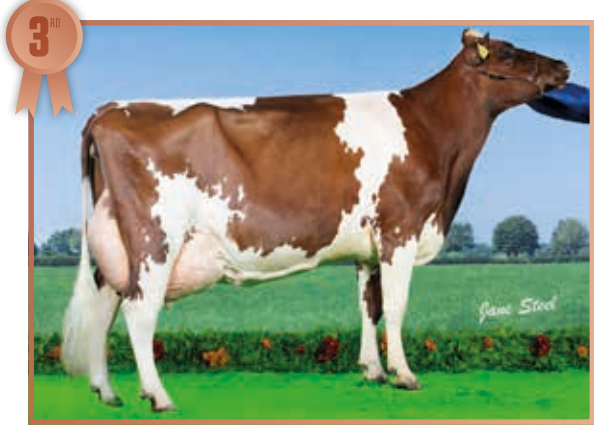
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Hilltower Modern Marcy, A & S Lawrie



Fortfield Nancy 52, Raymond Stewart

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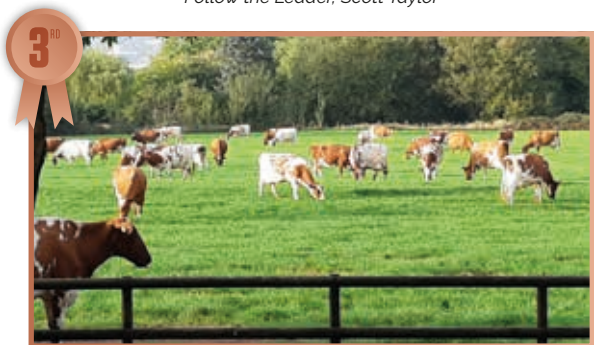
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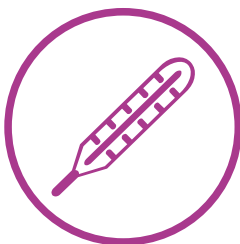
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# The Breed Heritage Programme

The Breed Heritage Committee would like to welcome members and friends from around the world to the United Kingdom and wish them a wonderful tour, making friends and creating memories.

All UK breed societies have an obligation and are required by the charities commission to protect and enhance their breed, by achieving maximum purity within its population to safeguard its future. At the same time, it should be mindful not to discriminate against breeders who introduce outside blood to breed an animal to suit their systems and businesses. The Ayrshire breed and its Society in the UK have created the opportunity to facilitate for all requirements for which the Society and its members should be commended on.

The Breed Heritage programme was introduced to fulfil the breed's obligations by identifying cow families which will make an impact on the future of the breed, and to assist in helping breeders with suggested breeding options for the next generation. The programme has achieved much success with many cow families over the years, but it does not come without its challenges.

Here we have answered some commonly asked questions to help you understand the work which the committee does, behind the scenes and we remind everyone that this project will certainly help us with future challenges within the industry.

## How do Breed Heritage identify animals for the programme?

Many great families exist in the UK, and they all have much to offer. We are very fortunate to have a great data base in the UK where pedigrees can be located giving us a wealth of information on a cow families background and its current active data. The committee are dedicated to researching and gaining knowledge of families we should be considering. We also rely heavily on members to help us identify animals within their herds or those they know of, which may be of interest.

## What are the required merits of an animal on the Breed Heritage programme?

We will consider its depth of pedigree, consistency, production, health traits, and type. It's important to understand how the animal performs within its own herd as production varies with different input systems in UK dairy herds. Genomic results are observed but its reliability is always noted. Minimal standards have been set regarding index and fertility.

## Are the animals all pure Ayrshire on the programme?

Not at all. The aim is to bring many families lost to outside blood back to purity or as near as possible and we have many examples of success in this area. With cooperation from breeders, we have made significant gains in raising the percentage of Ayrshire blood in many families, both on the mainland and in Northern Ireland. We also must respect some breeder's requests to keep a little outside blood within their own families.

## What are the criteria on sires for suggested matings?

Obviously, the gene pool is not huge in a small breed and with the high use of sexed semen, this will only become more of a challenge. We search for the highest production and component sires available from around the world and take into consideration their health and fertility status. We also check for haplotypes and recessives and consider inbreeding value. Outcross sires are often required but are limited. We do hope future Breed Heritage projects will expand our genetics available in the UK.

## Do breeders always accept the suggested matings from Breed Heritage?

Not always. Some suggestions may not be accepted by the breeder, or the semen may not have been delivered on time, and sometimes in the past, the communication has been lost. We always explain the reasons and thoughts behind our suggestions and hope it is appreciated and taken on. We always continue to monitor these animals and record their progeny. We can never assume our suggestions made are the right ones, but what we can say is that we have taken the time, put in the thought, and suggested what we think is the best available choice. We give no guarantees!

## What is the current situation with genomic selection?

As we all know this is a controversial subject regarding a breed with relatively low numbers. A base was formed several years ago, and it requires large numbers of females to be tested to increase the accuracy and reliability of the information it provides. Several questions must be raised regarding the current testing process and the interpretation of the results and Breed Heritage are working hard to ensure a more productive and relevant process. Currently, Breed Heritage will use genomic data for identifying haplotypes and for some information it provides, but we cannot rely on this information to make informed breeding decisions until we believe the system is relevant to our breed.

## What are the biggest challenges you must deal with?

We have a list of these! As a small breed we have a small gene pool. Genomics will identify certain genetics as superior, but a good balance of genetic selection must be prioritised, or else all genetics will be of a similar breeding. The high use of Sexed semen has and will further limit the number of bulls born for future consideration. Breeder's responses can sometimes be delayed, and reliability of information is often low. However, no challenge is too big to get in the way with such a worthwhile project.

## Are there any sires in AI because of previous Breed Heritage work?

We are proud to acknowledge our inputs have succeeded with Haresfoot Panache, Cuthill Towers Buster, Brieryside Hail, Biddesden Hector, Swaites Nickle, Gwynog Primetime, Moathouse Monopoly, Whitecroft Panell, Grove Razell, and Ravenhill Revolver which have all come from past Breed Heritage suggested mating's.

## Who are the Breed Heritage Committee?

Chairman is Michael Broadley (Whitecroft), with Colin Christophers (Rosehill), John Adamson (Swaites), Scott Taylor (Old Mill) and Robert McConnell (Beechmount) as committee members. The programme is managed by Duncan Hunter from Hunter Dairy Consulting, with Sam Wake from Cattle Services Ayr Ltd in attendance. It is a five-year term with one committee member retiring each year.

## If there is one message to get across to Ayrshire breeders regarding the programme, what would that be?

Breeders' participation is paramount to the development and success of Breed Heritage and the breeds future prosperity. We rely on them to let us know of the animals they have for consideration. Feedback is necessary for accurate recording. We can gain access to much information but if there is an issue with a female on the programme i.e., Somatic Cell Counts or a trait weakness of negativity to the breed then honesty will help us all with future development. We must all be in this together, use the tools available to us, remember the influence of a cow family, use our eyes to see what is in front of us and above all keep breeding Ayrshire cattle!

Allocated time has been created to run the programme and we can assure you we do our very best to make it as successful as possible.

Please, if you have any information relevant to the project, use the contact details below. We will always be happy to talk to you.

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Cattle Services is run by a committee of breeders who bring different farming systems and breeding goals to the table. Each director usually does a five year term on the committee with the ultimate aim to select the best bulls available within the UK and then market these both at home and internationally.

Currently the committee is made up of the following breeders:

- Arthur Lawrie from Cuthill Towers Ayrshires is the Chairman.
- Michael Broadley from Whitecroft Ayrshires.
- Claire Hunter from Ardmore Ayrshires.
- Peter Drummond from Cottown Ayrshires.
- David Christophers from Rosehill Ayrshires.

Although Cattle Services does not own a bull stud, we are very fortunate to work with some of the leading studs around the UK who house our bulls before collecting, sorting and sexing the semen. Over the last ten years bulls have been housed at AI Services in Northern Ireland, Scawfell Genetics in Cumbria, UK Sires Services in Devon and Cogent Breeding in Chester.

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When considering a potential sire, specific criteria are followed:

- Exceptional cow families
  - Dams who have high production records and high classifications
  - Proven sires in the pedigree
- Bulls that have the ability to transmit high production, components and type to their progeny.

All potential sires are now genomically tested to determine any haplotypes and genetic recessives which is now an important part of the selection process.

In order to find the best genetics Cattle Services works closely with the Breed Heritage committee to identify the best cow families and plan breedings to hopefully produce bulls that can enter the program.

Over the last eight years, successful sires that have come from these matings include Cuthill Towers Buster, Biddesden Hector, Ravenhill Revolver and Hilltown Yukon Delta. Alongside this, Cattle Services also identify potential bull mothers, where we will work with the breeders to try and breed a potential future sire (although this usually ends up with a nice heifer calf being born!).



*Cuthill Towers Buster Clover*

We have also been using embryos from some of the best UK cow families to try and breed potential bull mothers or future sires.

# Cattle Services H.Q. Update

Cattle services are proud to be one of the main sponsors for the 2024 World Ayrshire Federation conference here in the UK. During the tour, either Sam or Arthur will be available to take any questions you may have about Cattle Services (AYR) Ltd or if you wish to discuss any of our current sires.

Currently, Cattle Services have two bulls on collection. Ravenhill Revolver has been our top selling bull since being released last December. Cuthill Towers Rhino will be the first sire to be released in 2024, he is a Troutbeck Progress son of Cuthill Towers Aladdin Rae 4 EX91 with his grand dam being a National Ayrshire Show Champion, Cuthill Towers Crown Ray EX96 (7E), who also has produced over 100 tonnes of milk. The Ray family at Cuthill Towers has consistently bred long lasting cows who combine type and production. Rhino himself is the highest PLI sire at Cattle Services with an exceptional score of £625 alongside predictions of 1428 kg of milk and 2.05 type merit. He will have a number of conventional straws available alongside high purity sexed ultra straws.



Cuthill Towers Aladdin Rae

Sales continue to remain strong although conventional straw sales have dropped with more breeders looking to use sexed semen. Please remember that there is a stock of conventional straws available and if you would like a list of these sires, please get in touch.

We still currently have sexed straws from the following sires available:

- Alkmonton Stardust A2/A2 – (Bigstar x Ambassador)
- Ardmore Jeepers Creepers – (Modern Class x Prime)
- Beechmount Magic Mike A2/A2 AMC – (Magic x Panache)
- Beeline Ladys Man – (Remsberg x Oblique)
- Cuthill Towers Calcutta A2/A2 – (Buster x Reality)
- Grove Razell A2/A2 – (Nickle x Modern Reality)
- Harperfield Wind in the Willows – (Sands of Time x Modern Reality)
- Hilltown Yukon Delta A2/A2 – (Yukon x Musician)
- Hunnington Fantasy – (Supreme x Easlad)
- Ravenhill Revolver – (Majestic x Revolution)
- Royal Flush Sea King – (Modern Class x Stadium)
- Troutbeck Daring – (Napier x Burdette)

British genetics continue to attract interest from around the world with export orders being as strong as ever. This year we have already had orders from Finland, South Africa, Sweden, New Zealand, Australia and USA. It is reassuring to see breeders across the world looking to include British genetics in their breeding programs.

At home, the show season is in full swing. At the UK Dairy Expo in March both the junior champion, Richaven Hail Lucky and reserve junior champion, Holmeswood Hail Bella where daughters of one of our top selling sires, Brierside Hail. In the milking classes the champion was Morwick Peggy 126, a Pam Ayrs Hawaiian daughter, followed by Swaites Nice Girl 37 in reserve who is a daughter of Ardmore Jeepers Creepers. Morwick Peggy 126 also took Champion at Ayr Show in May. Elsewhere at the North Somerset Show the Supreme Dairy Champion was a Ravenhill Stormin Norman daughter - Greenway Thea.

As well as seeing these great results in the show ring, it also is pleasing to see and hear great reports on farms. Plaskett Bruno, Beeline Ladys Man and Beechmount Magic Mike continue to sire calves that stand out in the youngstock pens. In the milking parlours, Pam Ayrs Hawaiian daughters continue to impress. Two sires who received their first daughter proofs in April, Harperfield Wind in the Willows and Moathouse Monopoly, are siring some fantastic heifers with great mammary systems.

The upcoming World Conference visits will give breeders a great excuse to get on farm and see progeny of Cattle Services bulls, if there are visits within your area please come and have a look, you will be impressed. As always please keep up to date with what's going on by following Cattle Services on Facebook and checking the website, once the conference is in full flow please look out for some great offers on the bulls.

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# *Morwick Ayrshires*



## **Morwick Peggy 126 VG89**

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Richard and Stuart had an incredible show season with her last year  
and have already taken Ayrshire Champion with her at UK Dairy Expo.

She was also Honorable Mention in the All Britain and Ireland  
photographic competition 2023 in the 2yr old class.

We wish Richard and Stuart the best of luck with her for 2024.

*Michael and Angie also look forward to joining delegates on the first week  
of the tour before welcoming everyone to Morwick Ice Cream parlour on 12th July.*

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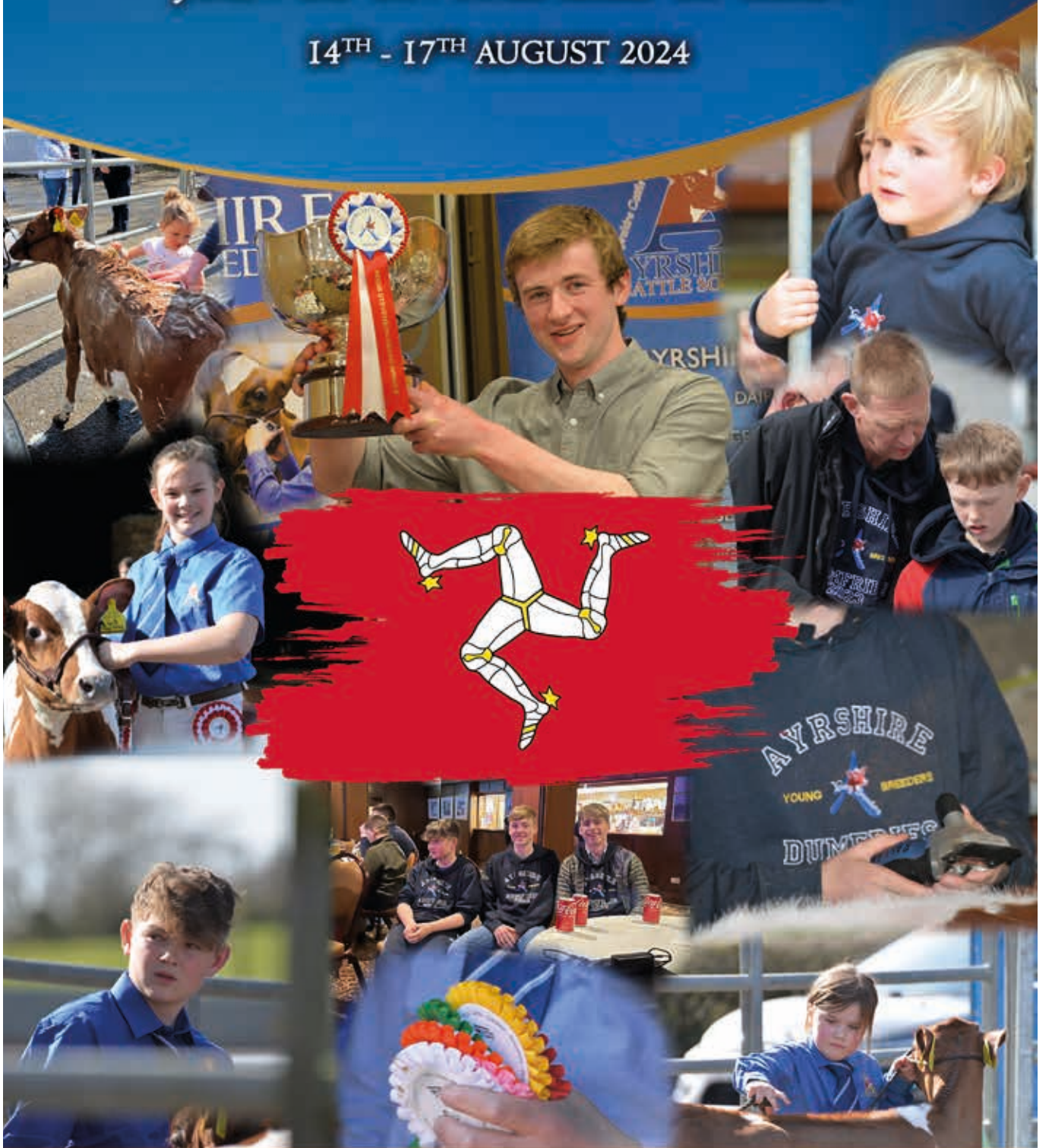
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# Young Breeder Focus

Here in the UK, we are lucky enough to be able to host a young breeder training weekend, every year. This weekend has been happening for generations. In 1997, Hugh Stevenson, a keen young breeder was tragically killed in a car accident at the age of 18. The Stevenson family, from the world known Bankend Ayrshires herd, created an award in Hugh's name to be presented every year to the young breeder achieving the most points over several competitions during the training weekend.

Here we catch up with three of our keen Young Breeders to find out what it has meant to them to be part of our Young Breeders programme.

## Tell us about yourself!



**Hello, I'm Scott Taylor.** I'm 26 and I work at home on the family farm. We farm 20 miles north of Aberdeen in the north east of Scotland and is home to the old mill Ayrshires. We run a herd of 240 cows being made up mixed breeds with

approximately 90 of them being Ayrshires. We calve all year round with the cows being grazed by day through the summer and TMR fed at night and through the winter. They also get fed to yield in the parlour.



**Hi I am Megan Stratton, aged 21.** I work at home on the Family Farm in Truro, Cornwall. The milking herd of 165 cows & 160 followers, all Pedigree Ayrshires. My Megarose herd started in 2011 when my grandparents

gifted me my foundation cow, Rosehill Bernie Magic. Now up to 24 head of cattle, my herd run alongside the Rosehill herd. My main roll on the farm is calf and young stock rearing. Outside the farm I am a keen member of Roche

Young Farmers Club, where I am currently Secretary. I enjoy all aspects of YFC and I have represented my County at National finals in Stock judging, Floral Art, Recipe Awards, but a highlight was being named National Champions for Cookery in 2022, Cooking a "Posh" 4 course meal in an hour on 2 camping stoves.



**Hi, I'm Ben Broadley from Buxton,** in Derbyshire. I work at home with my dad, Andrew, and uncle Michael. We milk 160 cows under Whitecroft prefix along with a few of my own under my Whitepeak prefix. The herd is

grazed for as long as the weather allows in the summer and housed with a semi TMR in winter. I am also a keen member of Buxton YFC.

### *When did you first get involved with Ayrshire Young Breeders and why?*

**Scott** - I attended my first young breeders' event when I was 15 (and haven't missed one since) I have always had a massive interest in Ayrshires, so it was an opportunity to see other herds of cows and speak with like-minded people.

**Megan** - I was very lucky as Cornwall & Southwest clubs were very good at arranging kids training days and events. I attended my first young breeders' event in 2007 in Derbyshire. I was only 5 at the time but I was included and let train alongside everyone else.

**Ben** - 2022, in Yorkshire was my first young breeders' weekend. I wanted to attend to meet new people with shared interests and to learn new skills across clipping, showmanship and bull mating.

### *What skills would you say you inherited from being an Ayrshire Young Breeder?*

**Scott** - Through young breeders I have learned all I know about showing, from clipping, turning them out and through to handling. It has also helped me to develop my judging in the show ring and understand bull proofs.

**Megan** - The weekends have helped me to develop the skills I have learnt at home and at Club level, while being shown different tips and tricks. The weekend gives the members a platform to compare themselves and compete with fellow members of the same age and interests. Probably the biggest skill I have developed my confidence and conviction in myself and my skills. Within the competitions, the bull mating competition is an opportunity to discuss pedigrees and breeding and is a lifelong skill that we use daily within our own herds. Now one of my favourite aspects is helping and encouraging the younger members the same way the previous generations helped me.



**Ben** – Despite only attending a few weekends, I feel I have gained valuable confidence in reason giving, especially when speaking in front of a group. Attending has also helped me understand the different criteria that is important when selecting your breeding programme.

***Has visiting numerous Ayrshire herds during your time in Ayrshire Young Breeders allowed you to take ideas home and implement changes or given you the intention/wish to do so, and what are they?***

**Scott** - From visiting herds, it has allowed me to see daughters of different bulls and cow families that I have then used at home. It has also highlighted the Ayrshires ability to run well on a grazing system and I wish to push further down that route.

**Megan** - I think the most important thing we learn as junior member, visiting all these different systems and herds up and down the county, is the versatility of the breed and how different bulls and genetics work within those systems. Which always conjures up different opinions and conversations amongst us. One suggestion I brought home from one weekend was cow brushes, they have been a massive hit with our girls!

**Ben** - Its always interesting learning about different management systems. There is always something to think about when you get home whether that be a bull you hadn't thought about using before or a different management or infrastructure idea.



***Do you have a favourite AYB gathering you have attended and why?***

**Scott** - My favourite AYB gatherings would be 2018 in Ayr, it was a great group of folk and we got to see a lot of cows! Last year's one in Dumfries is also a favourite where I won overall. I've enjoyed all the gatherings and always look forward to the next one.

**Megan** - My favourite AYB gathering would have to be Yorkshire in 2022, it was the first one after Covid and my first time attending "un-supervised". We formed a close group and had lots of interesting conversations about the cows, while enjoying seeing lots of herds. The awards ceremonies are always a great end to the weekend, but this one also included a video about Hugh Stevenson and the competition.

**Ben** - York 2022 as this was my first time attending. I made some great friends, saw some fantastic cows and even managed to win on my first time competing!



***What has been your highlight from your involvement over the years?***

**Scott** - My highlight must be winning the Hugh Stevenson trophy in 2023 and getting to go on the world youth tour in Australia.

**Megan** - My Highlight from my involvement over the years is an easy one and will probably be one I will always remember! Cornwall, my home club, hosted in 2019. From the beginning I was involved in planning. It was a lot of hard work at home, halter breaking 22 calves for the clipping competition, I was very proud of the show we put on, but the highlight of the weekend will be winning the John Cochrane Trophy, rounding the weekend off with fellow Southwest member Jake Sayer winning the Hugh Stevenson.

**Ben** - Winning the Hugh Stevenson award was a great honour and it gave me the opportunity to spend 8 amazing weeks in the USA working with Palmyra Ayrshires both on their home farm and also experiencing World Dairy Expo in Madison helping them with their show team. Following this, I also got the opportunity to see another six other farms. A truly unforgettable experience.

***What would be your message to any young person considering becoming a member?***

**Scott** - If you've any interest in the Ayrshire breed or would like to learn about it then it's a great way to meet people and learn, giving you knowledge and friends for life.

**Megan** - Just have a go! No matter your age or skill level, we have something for everyone. We are all here to help! You'll meet some great people with similar interests and get numerous opportunities which branch from these weekends whether that be helping at shows, travelling and much more.

**Ben** - Give it a go. You never know where it might take you and you're guaranteed to have fun along the way.



# Conference Itinerary

## WELCOME TO LONDON!

### **30th June 2024**

Hotel - Tower Hotel

St Katherines Way, London, E1W 1LD

2pm - Welcome desk open for delegates to register their arrival

3pm - Hotel check-in opens

4.30pm - Welcome reception to meet your bus couriers

5pm - River Thames Cruise to include drinks reception, grazing buffet and evening entertainment

### **1st July 2024**

Hotel - Courtyard

by Marriott Exeter Sandy Park, EX2 7NN

9am - Delegates will leave London for a drive through Windsor Castle before travelling to the first herd visit of the tour to Biddesden Ayrshires followed by a buffet lunch.

En-route to Exeter, we will be passing the historical Stonehenge before arriving at the hotel which is situated at the home of Rugby Union team, Exeter Chiefs.

Evening and meals at your leisure.

### **2nd July 2024**

Hotel - Courtyard

by Marriott Exeter Sandy Park, EX2 7NN

8.30am - Coaches will leave the hotel for a herd visit to Lyner Ayrshires with lunch.

The afternoon will be spent with a herd visit to Rosehill.

Delegates will have a tour of the farms new slurry processing and recycling system before a presentation from Bannamann's.

Evening meal will be provided before returning to the hotel.

### **3rd July 2024**

Hotel - The Queens Hotel

The Promenade, Cheltenham, GL50 1NN

9.30am - Depart hotel and head North with a scenic trip through the Mendip Hills with a coffee break before arriving at the Wroughton Herd.

Refreshments at the farm before leaving for the hotel.

Afternoon and Evening at your leisure to explore this stunning Spa town.

### **4th July 2024**

Hotel - The Queens Hotel

The Promenade, Cheltenham, GL50 1NN

Enjoy a lie in this morning for a slightly later start!

12.30pm - depart hotel to visit HRH The Kings former herd, Duchy before moving onto Highgrove Gardens to enjoy a tour of the gardens, evening BBQ and garden party.

### **5th July 2024**

Hotel - The Palace Hotel

Buxton, SK17 6AG

9.30am - Depart Cheltenham for herd visit to Hunnington where lunch is provided before heading up to Cogent's Bull Stud.

Evening meal and entertainment at Beeline following a look around the cows.

9pm - bus will depart for hotel.

This itinerary can be changed any time at the discession of the committee.



# Conference Itinerary

## 6th July 2024

Hotel - The Palace Hotel  
 Buxton, SK17 6AG

### OPTIONAL DAY

During this day, you can either take it at your leisure or select one of the below optional visits:

Option A - Herd visits to the Heydale and Bigginvale herds (Lunch provided).

Option B - Visit to Chatsworth House & Gardens.

## 7th July 2024

Hotel - The Palace Hotel  
 Buxton, SK17 6AG

Relax and enjoy a lie in!

11.30am - herd visit to Whitecroft, lunch provided with afternoon entertainment of pig racing.

Alternative option of turning your hand to crafting at the farm

Return to hotel to refresh before leaving for the Cow Shed Cafe for evening meal and more entertainment!

## 8th July 2024

Hotel - DoubleTree by Hilton Majestic Hotel & Spa, Harrogate, HG1 2HU

9am - Coaches will leave the hotel for a visit to the JCB Factory and herd visit to Tessvale Ayrshires.

Due to number restrictions, one bus will head to JCB in the morning and the other will see the herd, lunch is provided at JCB before the groups swap.

Travel to hotel to have the evening at your leisure.

## 9th July 2024

Hotel - DoubleTree by Hilton Majestic Hotel & Spa, Harrogate, HG1 2HU

Free day in the spa town of Harrogate to explore

10.30am - Leave hotel for optional visit and tour of Yorkshire Heart vineyard with Lunch.

2.30pm - Return to hotel

Rest of the afternoon and evening at your leisure

## 10th July 2024

Hotel - DoubleTree by Hilton Majestic Hotel & Spa, Harrogate, HG1 2HU

8am - Delegates will leave hotel to attend The Great Yorkshire Show for the Ayrshire judging. Judge for the Breed classes is fellow delegate, Mary Creek of Palmyra.

4-6pm Yorkshire afternoon tea served in the Pavillions at the Show for delegates.

Return to hotel for evening at your leisure.

## 11th July 2024

Hotel - DoubleTree by Hilton Majestic Hotel & Spa, Harrogate, HG1 2HU

9.00am - WAF Director Meetings (lunch is provided for the directors)

1.30pm - World Ayrshire Federation General Meeting with country presentations, sponsor and guest speakers. All delegates welcome to attend.

10am - Alternative visit to RHS Harlow Carr Gardens and Betty's Tea Room

7pm - Drinks reception with entertainment from Northallerton Male Voice Choir followed by evening meal

9pm - World Conference Genetic Sale



# Conference Itinerary

## 12th July 2024

Hotel - Ibis

Edinburgh Centre, 77 South Bridge, EH1 1HN

10am - Depart Harrogate, lunch provided at Wheelbirks Farm Show en route followed by a stop at Morwick Ice Cream Parlour. Arrive at hotel, evening at your leisure.

## 13th July 2024

Hotel - Ibis

Edinburgh Centre, 77 South Bridge, EH1 1HN

Free day to explore Edinburgh at your leisure

11am - Optional herd visit to Cuthill Towers with lunch provided.

7pm - Scottish social and evening buffet

## 14th July 2024

Hotel - Hilton Hotel

1 William Street, Glasgow, G3 8HT

10am - Leave hotel and travel to Lanark Market for Ayrshire World Conference Calf Show

Lunch is provided at the market.

5pm - Depart for hotel with evening at your leisure.

## 15th July 2024

Hotel - Hilton Hotel

1 William Street, Glasgow, G3 8HT

Free day in Glasgow at your leisure.

*A Taste of Scotland* evening meal and entertainment

## 16th July 2024

Hotel - Titanic Quarter

8 Queens Road, Belfast, BT3 9DT

9am - Leave hotel for Ayrshire to visit the Brieryside herd where lunch will be provided before travelling to Cairnryan, passing Turnberry to see Donald Trump's Golf Course.

Evening at your leisure.

## 17th July 2024

Hotel - Titanic Quarter

8 Queens Road, Belfast, BT3 9DT

9am - Depart hotel for herd visit to Cottown, and Ardmore before heading to the Ravenhill herd for a visit and lunch.

Return to hotel for evening at your leisure

## 18th July 2024

Hotel - Titanic Quarter

8 Queens Road, Belfast, BT3 9DT

Free day in Belfast at your leisure or optional visits:

9am - Leave hotel for Bushmills Distillery tour and Giants Causeway, return to hotel.

7.30pm Farewell Gala Dinner at the Titanic Museum.

## 19th July 2024

The End!

Onward travel at your leisure.

This itinerary can be changed any time at the discretion of the committee.



# Conference Itinerary

Follow the interactive map on the website to stay up to date with all the latest information on the route, host farms and things to do in your free time



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# Herd Profiles

## Biddesden Ayrshires

Herd Size: 185 cows and heifers

Average yield: 6,770 litres 4.42% Fat 3.37% Protein

The herd was established in the 1930's when our parents tried several breeds and decided that Ayrshire milk tasted the best.

It is an autumn calving herd. The cows are paddock grazed in the summer and housed in the winter where they are fed a ration based on grass and maize silage. We now grow Lupins and these are added to the ration, replacing Soya.

In 2016 we were given Bailiffscourt Hortense to join our herd by the Dowager Marchioness of Normanby and we are hoping that her son Biddesden Hector will leave his stamp on the herd. His semen was released for sale in 2019 by Cattle Services (Ayr) Ltd.

Recently we have used Pam Ayr Hawaiian, Blue Spruce Ringer and Pie X Raoul, and we are looking forward to Cuthill Towers Buster's daughters entering the herd this autumn.

Catrina Guinness and family and the Biddesden team look forward to welcoming delegates on the 1st July.



## Lynner Ayrshires

The Lynner Herd was established in 1974 so this year we celebrate 50 years of pedigree Ayrshire cattle at Glubhole Farm. On the farm lives Courtney and Christine with their son Matthew, his wife Emma and their three girls Ruby, Evie & Lily. We have a relief milker one day a week and the rest is done by the family. We are tenant farmers on the Trebartha estate.

The farm has always been very much a family affair and having four sons, there was always plenty of hands to help with all the work. Now all grown up, each of the sons still have ties within the farming industry. Graham our eldest has always been keen on the machinery side of things so for many years he worked for a local contractor. Arthur and his wife Debbie took on a council farm locally and still have a few animals with the Lynner bloodline. Julian is very keen on the show side of things so is always happy to lend a hand with that and is often called upon when we need an extra pair of hands.

The reason we went into Ayrshires is that Courtney as a young man worked for Ninian Simpson as his herdsman to his Ayrshire herd and the love for Ayrshires began.

The farm is 200 acres of a grass feeding system only, our cows run on a mainly grass based diet with a medium concentrate input both at milking time and mixed through the feeder wagon. The herd is grazed from February/March time until October/November dependent on weather and ground conditions. We use a paddock grazing system.

We try to keep our herd as pure Ayrshire as possible; we value the longevity of the Ayrshire cow and aim to breed cows with good feet, legs and long-lasting udders and also cows that milk from a grazing based diet. Some of our oldest cows have lived to 15th lactations. We still milk through an old six abreast parlour but hopefully plans are in place to install a herringbone parlour.

We have around 140 cows with their followers. Within the herd we also run a small herd of pedigree dairy shorthorns and some pedigree jerseys, but the bulk of the herd is purebred 100% Ayrshire. We classify our cows regularly and are cows always classify well as VG's or Excellents.

Many bloodlines have shaped our herd from the greats of Brocklehill Harvest Gold and Happy Spirit and Plaskett Special Offer to more recent times, Pam Ayr Hawaiian, Oblique and of course we had our own bull in the cattle services semen sales. Lynner Oblique Focus was from our strong Fairystory female bloodline. We also had another son from Fairystory bloodlines by Napier called Lynner Toystory that has some impressive heifers on the ground. Strong female lines have always been the Brandysnaps and Chocolate families that would go back many generations. The Festival family line that descended from the Trillian Festival has also left her mark.

We would like to increase the herd to around 200 cows, it depends if any more land becomes available on the estate. We have been selling in calf and bulling heifers privately and hopefully you will come across some of them when you visit Highgrove. We hope you enjoy your visit and enjoy the rest of your trip.



Lynner Bellissimo Honesty 3 - Royal Cornwall Show Champion 2019



# Herd Profiles

## Rosehill Ayrshires

Colin and Jenny established the Rosehill herd in 1980 entirely from the Trevarno herd that Colins father formed and bred as farm manager in 1962 and was dispersed in 1980/81.

The family acquired a Cornwall Council tenancy 29/9/1981 which was just nine days before the dispersal sale.

The original herd was heavily influenced by Lessnessock bloodlines with 10 of the 26 foundation cows sired by Lessnessock Carnation.

The future would see two more moves to larger farms within the Council estate. The present holding at Trenerry is roughly 195 acres with a further 75 acres of summer grazing rented nearby.

The farm is all down to grass and the cows are fed on a simple grass/grass silage system. Winter sees two kgs 25% protein blend added in the wagon and a 18% concentrate from ForFarmers fed to yield in the parlour.

The herd currently contains 166 cows and 166 youngstock and average 7040kgs at 4.55% fat 3.41% protein. Breeding has always been heavily to Ayrshire for replacements and also producing stock for sale.

Colin's favourite bloodlines in the herd are many "but I will reduce my selection to just two."

Dainty family: - this contains two branches, the D's and the M's. Most famously the Dolly's and the Magenta's. This is our most prolific family with eight bulls still active in the AI studs.

Valerie family: - all animals in the herd with V, which includes our two highest classified homebred cows, Black Velour Ex96 7e 4\* 97863kg lifetime yield and Premier Verylight Ex95 5e

Favourite bloodlines in the breed; - Blackaddar Milkmaid. Her son Blackaddar Milk Machine and her grandson Blackaddar BB Kellogg appear in pedigrees of most of our herd and especially the most influential. Including R Magenta Ex 94 9e 9\* 100tonne born in 1998 and still producing sons with plus 854kg milk, grand daughter of B Milk Machine. Rosehill Blackthorn Ex who has had 24 Ex daughters in our herd, son of B BB Kellogg.

Current semen use: -Cuthill Towers Majestic, Cuthill Towers Buster, Cuthill Towers Calcutta, Ravenhill Revolver, Brieryside Magic, and Hilltown Yukon Delta.

Diversification we have been involved in BENNAMANN'S pilot scheme for methane capture from our covered slurry lagoon. Methane is then processed and stored for use as fuel for vehicles and generators, reducing the farm carbon footprint.

Future: - with our tenancy ending its term at the end of March 2025, the future relies on the success or not of the next generation in obtaining a tenancy.

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## Wroughton Ayrshires

In 1972, Mike and Rosemary Windel took over the tenancy of 59 acres at Whitehouse Farm near Swindon "with two cows, two kids, a dog and no money". Since then, Mike and Rosemary along with their son Russell have worked hard to build the world renowned Wroughton herd.

Mike is the third generation of his family to farm, and he got started with the help of his uncle who gave him cows and the use of his machinery in return for labour. From these cows, Mike built the herd up gradually alongside the purchase of heifers from Monty Stallard's sale and others purchased through Reading market. Mikes intention was always to build the farm up, so he took every opportunity to take on extra land as it came up and today the farm totals 130 acres at Whitehouse with a further 90 acres of grass keep rented close by.

Today the family milk 180 cows and rear around 150 followers and the milk is sold to Waitrose. The herd currently averages 7,300 litres at 4.41% BF and 3.37% Protein and a cell count of 77 on twice a day milking.

The main drive is to have a good margin over concentrate which is currently sitting at £2200 and one of the reasons the family keeps Ayrshires on the farm is because they admire the longevity, great legs and feet, and their grazing ability meaning he can stock them tighter. "they are more pretty than other breeds" says Rosemary. Mike has always been passionate about Ayrshires, "my father kept them, and it was the only breed of cow he ever wanted to milk".

The cows graze from April to November and are fed a total mixed ration in the winter that includes grass silage and a 22% blend. Cows are fed concentrates in the parlour and have access to out of parlour feeders. The dry cows are on a ration of grass silage, barley straw and pre calving rolls and pre calving they are moved onto 10kg of the milk cow ration plus ad lib barley straw which sees the herd have no issues with milk fever or displaced stomachs.

Calves are reared on milk powder and ad lib course mix and are weaned between 8-12 weeks and then moved onto an 18% concentrate with ad lib straw. At 5 months they move onto silage, chopped straw and concentrate up to being turned out once they are in calf.

Heifers get two chances of sexed semen and then they run with an Angus bull to sweep up. Cows are served to either Ayrshire or beef (Blue or Angus). Ayrshire sires in the flask at the moment are West Mossiel Modern Reality, Ardmore Crown Napier, Plaskett Bruno, Wroughton Lord Winston, Whitcroft Panell, Cuthill Towers Calcutta, West Mossiel Modern Reality to name a few.

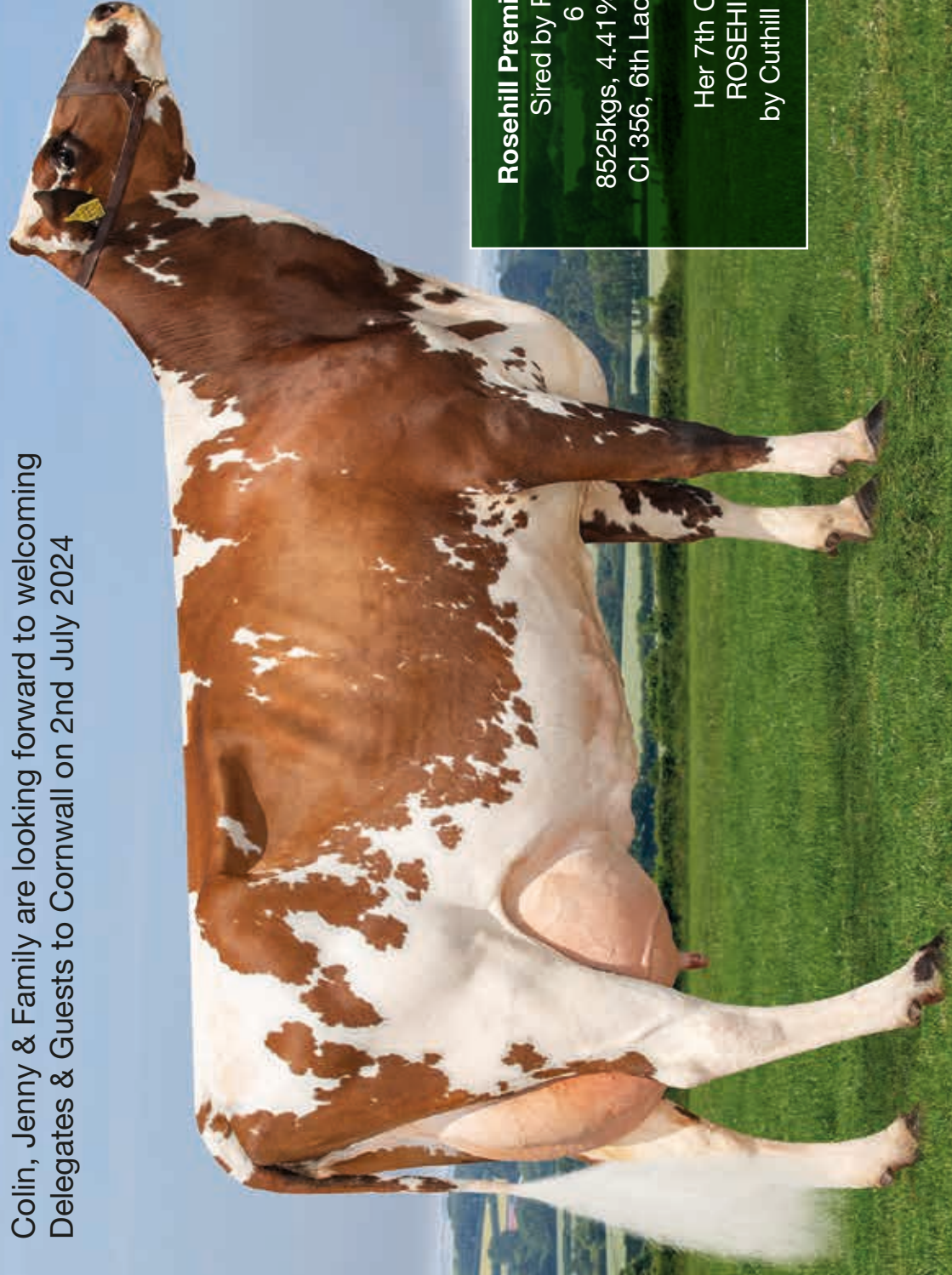
Mikes favourite cow families are the Janet, Nina, and Alice families. The Alice family goes back to Wroughton Alice who produced 128 tonnes of milk which at the time, was a world record for a pure Ayrshire cow. Current favourite cows at the farm are Wroughton Hilda EX94 sired by Wroughton Lord Winston who is in her 9th lactation, Wroughton Mayflower EX92 who is a Haresfoot Panache daughter and is milking in her 5th lactation and her VG87 2 year old daughter Wroughton Mayflower 2 who is sired by Wroughton Lord Winston, as well as Wroughton Stripe VG89 who took Champion Ayrshire at the South West Dairy show in October.

At 75 years young, Mike has no plans of slowing down and still works full time on the farm alongside son Russell and one full time worker as well as running a full contractor service. Despite recent health challenges, Mikes passion to farm and breed Ayrshire cows is still as strong as ever, and the family look forward to showcasing their herd on Wednesday 3rd July.



# Rosehill Ayshires

Colin, Jenny & Family are looking forward to welcoming Delegates & Guests to Cornwall on 2nd July 2024



**Rosehill Premier Verylight Ex95 5E**

Sired by Rosehill Premier  
6 Lact av.

8525kgs, 4.41% F, 3.51% P, SCC 89,  
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# Herd Profiles

## Duchy Ayrshires

Duchy Home Farm is an 1100-acre organic mixed farm situated in the beautiful Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and has been farmed by Henry-James since April 2021. Prior to his arrival, His Majesty the King had farmed the land organically since 1986. The herd was created soon after his arrival and has continued to develop into the strong, high yielding cows we have today.

The farm consists of 200 pedigree Ayrshire cows and 200 followers, as well as 400 acres of arable which is used either for milling or animal feed. We also have sheep and some rare breed suckler cows.

We strive to work harmoniously with nature and have established numerous areas across the farm creating a mosaic of habitats that not only benefit nature and soil health but also contribute to the farms viability.

Henry-James looks forward to welcoming delegates to view the Duchy herd on July 4th.



## Hunnington Ayrshires

Hunnington Ayrshires were established in 1971 by Chris and Hazel Window, first generation tenant farmers. The couple moved to Horsepool Farm, a derelict farm with no facilities with their two young daughters Karen and Lisa. Chris Window had formally been a herdsman for the Late Lord Plumb for 17 years. The farm consists of 80 acres of grassland and a further 110 rented acres for silage and young stock. Chris and Hazel took the opportunity to buy the farm in 1982.

We run approximately 85 cows, averaging 7390kg, 4.0% fat and 3.30% protein.

Cows are grazed in the summer months and in the winter fed grass silage and 1.1 tonnes of concentrate in the parlour.

Within the herd today there are 36 classified 'excellent' cows.

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| Excellent g7 point - x1 | Excellent g6 Point-x1    |
| Excellent g4 Point -x4  | Excellent g3 Points -x10 |
| Excellent g2 Points -x2 | Excellent g1 Points -x7  |
| Excellent g0 Points x11 |                          |

Over the years the Hunnington herd achieved many show successes at major shows with Champion and inter-breeds at European Dairy Event, the Royal, the Royal Welsh, Welsh

Dairy Show, Southwest Dairy show and the National Calf show. Hunnington breeding has been used with global success including bulls Hunnington Mandella, Hunnington Admiral, Hunnington Easelad, Hunnington Famous and Hunnington Fantasy.

Both Chris and his daughter Lisa have had the honour of judging extensively throughout the UK and also internationally in Australia, New Zealand and Finland.

After the sad loss of Chris Window in 2017, Hunnington Ayrshires is now managed by Lisa and her nephew Chris Window (Jr.). Hazel and Karen both support the business totally working mainly in the diversification side of the business.

The Window family have always retailed most of their milk, this business has continued to develop with Ayrshire milk in great demand. This has resulted in all the milk produced now being sold directly to the customer. We have also diversified the business further by running a successful dog-park business and caravan storage site.

This would have to be the Fragy family, also the Sailour Girl, Joybell and Easled families have had a major influence. These were among the original bloodlines brought to Hunnington. More recently the Bella's and Wren's are establishing themselves with great success.

Favourite bloodlines in the Ayrshire breed would have to be the Sandyford Clover and Mayflower family, however there are many strong family lines in the UK and abroad to admire and utilise.

Our breeding policy is to breed cows with style, capacity, quality udders and great mobility. We believe in using breeding from cow families with a great depth of pedigree. Established strong cow families are vitally important within the breed. Conformation is a very important factor for us, we like to breed cows that last and improve with age whilst utilizing a simple grazing system that satisfies not only our business but the cows and our customers.

Our future plans are always to improve in any way we can, and we will continue to breed the Ayrshire cow here at Hunnington. We all share a passion for showing the Ayrshire cow and will continue to do so whenever time allows. We are consistently modifying our business to ensure that the next generation has a successful herd and business to continue the legacy.



# HUNNINGTON HAYRSHIRES

*The entire Window family look forward to welcoming delegates of the World Conference to Horsepool Farm on 5<sup>th</sup> July*



***Hunnington Fragy 12 EX97 8E, LP100***

Sired by Hunnington BBK Easlad EX93

Dam of AI Sires Hunnington Famous and Hunnington Fantasy



***Hunnington Fragy 16 EX96 6E, LP60, 1 Star***

Sired by April-Day Wisconsin-Red

Daughter of Hunnington Fragy 12

Produced 96,000kgs to date



***Hunnington Wren 7 EX94 4E***

Sired by Rosehill Prestige

All Britain winner of 8yrs & Over class 2023

Reserve Breed Champion at National Show 2023

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# Herd Profiles

## Beeline Ayrshires

The business was started from nothing by my mum and dad back in the 1950's in Leek, Staffordshire. We moved to Cheshire in 1973 by which time we had a flying herd of 120 cows, I joined the business after school and myself and Rachel took over completely in 1997. We were badly affected by TB with buying in replacements, so we decided to close the herd and breed our own. By this time we had some Ayrshire cows we had bought in and impressed by the way they performed it was decided this was the way to go, so, in 2009 the "Beeline " Ayrshire herd was formed.

The herd is run on very commercial lines and animals have to perform to stay. The herd is grazed in the summer on a paddock system and is fed a TMR in the winter months. Cows are housed in sand bedded free stalls and the youngstock bedded with straw. Yields have improved with the switch to sand and also when the new parlour was installed, which also cut down the waiting time. The parlour is a ATL 32/64 with two people milking and the herd is milked in 2-3 hours.

Breeding wise whilst we have pure Ayrshires the vast majority are hybrids, breeding is all down to AI and we are currently using Calcutta, Reynolds, Caesar, Revolver, Armageddon, Astorwell and Buster. We are lucky to have some good cow families and I will leave it up to you to pick out your favourite. I was asked to pick out a family in the Ayrshire breed I admire and this has to be the Ruth family from Palmyra, with Magic park Shady Maiden from Munden farms in Australia being a cow I also have great respect for.

Future plans are to look at solar panels and to increase production to 9000litres and pass on more responsibility to our son Rob and his wife Lizzy.

### Farm and herd figures

550 acres (320 owned)

400 cows

8571 litres 4.05 F 3.30 P

Calving interval 383 days 19% replacement rate

Milk buyer Muller co op.



*Beeline Swiss Prudence*

## Heydale Ayrshires

The Ayrshires first arrived at Dale Head farm in 1950's from purchases from both Castle Douglas and Ayr markets. Around 50 years ago, Alf and his son Derek started registering the herd under the Heydale prefix.

In the search for more milk in the 70's, Alf and Derek purchased bulls from Jim Rennie's Pant herd, and these were used heavily until the late 80's.

Peter joined the business in 1982 when he left school and had the passion to keep moving the herd forward and taking teams to major shows including the Great Yorkshire and the National Ayrshire show. Peter began introducing genetics from all over the world from top cow families in the late 90's and continues to use international breeding today.

Two cow families you will see have been in the herd since the 60's, these are the Ovoid's and the Winsome's where some of the best Heydale breeding has come from including the well known Cattle Services bull, Heydale White Willow.

Other cow families to look out for are the Bronaras which were introduced to the herd from America, the S families all originate from the Normanton herd, the Model's came from Canada, The Ellas were purchased from Haresfoot, Ginny, Zinnias, Brown Kate and Big Kate and Glitter families were all from Pant. The Polly's, Daphne's, Helen's, Flox, Jean, Jay, Olga, Cushy and Moss Rose are all original families of the herd.

We have had some great results both inside and out of the ring with Heydale Summertime VG87 winning the 4yr olds and Heydale Ovoid 365 EX93 taking champion at the Great Yorkshire Show 2022. Heydale Progress Elaine won the 2yr old at the National Show at UK Dairy Day 2022 and we had our first ever All Britain and Ireland winners with Heydale Wingman Bronara VG86 winner of the 2 year olds (3rd in WAF photo comp) and Heydale Winsome 183 VG88 4 year old (3rd in WAF photo comp).

We have sold cattle that have gone on and done well for their new owners. Heydale Dream Bronara became 9th gen EX for the Smartmove Syndicate. Heydale Ovoid's have featured in the top prices at the recent Rhos Dispersal and Winsomes at the Sunshine Dispersal. And most recent sale Heydale Winsome 209 now VG87 went on to win her class at the RUAS Winter Fair 2022 and was 3rd all Britain 3yr old.



# HEYDALE AYRSHIRES



## **Heydale Wilbur Elaine VG87**

Sired by Heydale Wilbur. 1st Senior Cow  
Borderway Dairy Expo 2024

1. 6983 in 305 days at 4.56% BF and 3.16% Protein



## **Heydale Wingman Bronara EX91**

Sired by Heydale Wingman  
2. 8179 in 288 days at 4.58% BF and 3.22% Protein  
All Britain 2yr old winner 2021



## **Heydale Progress Elaine VG88**

Sired by Troutbeck Progress  
National Show Honourable Mention 2022  
Predicted to give 8400 in her 2nd Lactation  
Potential 11th gen straight EX

All in the herd to view during visit

The Elaine's and Bronara's all descend from Hawksfield Bronara from the US after we bought embryos at the 2000 World Conference sale.

*The Berresford family look forward to welcoming visitors to Heydale on 6th July.*



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# Herd Profiles

## Bigginvale Ayrshires

The Adams family very much look forward to welcoming you.

Joanna, Richard, and Andrew are the third generation to farm at Shirley Old Park Farm, after Grandfather Ben moved here in 1950. Robert and Jennifer took over on his retirement and some years later in 1999 became organic, supplying milk to ORGANIC HERD, which is still the case today as the Ayrshire cow fits perfectly into their PWAB (produced without antibiotics) being such easy care, low maintenance and resilient cattle.

ORGANIC HERD are sponsoring the lunch at our visit on the 6th July and drinks for this are being sponsored by BLUE MERLE Natural Animal Health. At Bigginvale we are avid users of Homoeopathy, as a preventative for things such as Mastitis, foul, retained cleansings and in the young stock ringworm and pneumonia.

Today the farm extends to around 500 acres – mainly grass with around 30 acres of whole crop. Reseeding with red clover and rye grass leys using whole crop as a break crop. Aims are to increase the amount of over seeding to improve production of existing grazing leys.

The farm runs 150 milk cows producing an average of: 6677kg - 4.06BF, 3.31PR on a mainly grazing system, with turnout usually from Mother's Day to Bonfire Night.

Almost all calves are reared with surplus heifers being sold to other organic herds or Ayrshire breeders around the country, while the bull calves are castrated and run to 28 months and along with early lambs from 100 Dorset ewes go on to supply organic beef and lamb to Marks and Spencer's via Dawn Meats, Bridlington.

Favorite cow families are the White Julia's for their strong components, Blissfull's for type and Peg's for being general all-rounders.

The breeding aims are to improve components whilst trying to use outcross sires and continuing to maintain close to 100% pure herd. Jo uses sexed or conventional semen for two services then the Hereford bull thereafter to breed for higher fertility and maintain the rolling 73% conception rate to 1st service. In the flask we have lots of Cattle Services young bull semen and a good stock of older semen from herds like Hilltown and Stamford.

We are also strong believers in having a home bred bull or two around the place for use in block calving heifers spring and autumn usually. With a home bred bull half the genetics are known to work exceptionally well in our system and will go on to do brilliant things for other breeders. We sell quite a few into commercial herds looking to get some sound genetics into their herd.



Alongside this farm a 280 acre organic hill farm is run at Alstonefield, home to the Bigginvale herd of Belted Galloways and 300 April lambing ewes also supplying Dawn Meats.

Enjoy your dinner on the visit as it's produced by BIGGINVALE ORGANIC our slow maturing belted galloway's, producing fabulously marbled beef off rough grazing on a lot of conservation ground. We sell the majority of beef direct to customers, along with most of our spring lamb and April lambs' trough-out the year.

Thanks to Simister's our local agricultural merchants and H.J Lea Oaks for their sponsorship.

## Whitcroft Ayrshires

Herd Size: 180 cows and heifers

Average yield: 7,8000 litres 4.40% Fat 3.40% Protein

Our current herd size is 180 with an average yield of 7800kg at 4.40% butterfat 3.40% protein and a calving interval of 387 days with 44% of the herd currently in their 1st lactation.

The first animals were registered under the Whitcroft prefix in 1982, after John Broadley (Dad) had joined the society as a member in 1971. Our favourite herd bloodline is the Nellie family due to their consistent type, fertility and quality production and the Punch's are also another of the favourite breed lines for much the same reason.

Current service sires are Ravenhill Revolver, Hilltown Yukon Delta, Des Coteaux Amazing, Plein Soleil Hunter and Stamford First Attraction through AI with the home bred bulls; Whitcroft Historian and Whitcroft Asterix also both used on farm as natural service.

The breeding policy has recently been tweaked due to the success of sexed semen and the top 25% are now served to the Ayrshire with sexed semen or conventional to open up new bloodlines with the rest going to the Aberdeen Angus.

Cows are grazed for as long as possible with turnout generally mid-late April and housing mid-late October though this is weather dependent at both ends, the winter ration is semi TMR topped up in the parlour with concentrates.

The farm sits at 1100ft on a limestone plateau in the heart of the Peak District National Park. With John and Barbara now retired the farm is run by brothers Andrew and Michael with fulltime help from Andrew's elder son Ben with one part time staff member and a relief milker.

All 250 acres are down to grass with very little or if possible, no artificial fertiliser used. Herbal seed mixtures are currently being stitched into the existing leys to help with palatability whilst grazing and in the silage, with the deeper root systems helping with the soil structure.



# WHITCROFT AYRSHIRES

## *Highlighting the Nellies*



### **Matriarch Whitcroft Nellie 38 EX94 (5E) 3\* Brood Cow** sired by Celandine First Lord

8 Daughters all classified VG or EX

Nellie 49 EX94(4e) Sire Jelyca Oblique  
Nellie 54 EX94(3e) Sire Rosehill Real McCoy  
Nellie 61 EX90 Sire Flintstone Brazen Echo  
Nellie 77ET VG85 Sire Sandyford Elvis

Nellie 80ET Ex91(2e) Sire East Church Patrolman  
Nellie 81ET EX90 Sire East Church Patrolman  
Nellie 82ET VG88 Sire East Church Patrolman  
Nellie 83ET VG85 Sire Sandyford Elvis

Also bred an AI Service sire – Whitcroft Furtado EX94  
Sired by Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette

The Broadley family look forward to welcoming delegates to  
Brundcliffe Farm on the 7th July and hope that you all enjoy your tour of the UK.  
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# Herd Profiles

## Tessvale Ayrshires

Tessvale Ayrshires began in 1997 with five heifers from Messrs Renshaw's Sapperton herd, Margaret and Shamrock being successful families. More purchases were made from Mr Little's dispersal sale near York, including cow families Julia, Whiterose, Nigh, Gladys and Baby. With these cows, we began farming a 30 acre Staffordshire County Council farm.

Cherryleaf, Cherryshine, Ester and Mary were added from Chris's father's Bigginvale herd. After only 12 months we moved to a larger 50 acre Council farm and rented additional land to support the cows, all youngstock and a flock of 150 ewes.

Very few cows have been purchased since except Damson from William Biggin, Quartz and Rum from Brian Moorhouse and Marie tracing back to Hitcham Marie. Always wanting to breed our own, semen was used from Cattle Services young bull list.

We also purchased three Holstein cows from J T Bunting, where Chris worked after leaving school for ten years - one successful family being Augusta which have been crossed with Ayrshires.

Tessvale became a closed herd in 2009 after taking a private tenancy of 280 acres at Great Gate where we are today.

Currently we milk 100 cows, we rear all youngstock, have a flock of 150 ewes and grow 30 acres of corn. Heifers are reared to calving and bull calves fattened intensively sold direct to Dunbia or livestock auctions.

We believe Ayrshire cows should be a low maintenance animal, ours are kept on a simple system grazed for as long as possible, fed silage with a kilo of cereal in the feed trough and a blend in the parlour to a maximum of 5kg per day. With these low maintenance cows there have been no routine vet visits, fertility treatments or dry cow therapies used for 23 years.

Herd Stats:

5815 litres per cow herd average @ 4.30 fat and 3.46 protein

Calving index is 389 days

An average of 2 services per cow

Successful bulls for us have been Mark Samsson., Bigginvale Bright Night, McCornick Nelson, Grandage Bright Spark, Hidden Valley Garth, Garthland Snowman, Ravenhill Enigma, Haydale Brooklyn, Stanford High Definition, Auchensale Lord Potter, Cuthill Towers Maddison, Bigginvale Destination, Whitecroft Dr Foster, Haydale White Willow



## Cuthill Towers

The Lawrie Family would like to welcome you along to Cuthill Towers on Saturday 13th July. The family have registered Ayrshire cows since 1886 and the Cuthill Towers herd was established in 1954. We moved into the new farm shed in 2006 and are currently milking 270 cows 3X a day. The herd is currently averaging 10230kg, Fat 4.10% and Protein 3.40%. We farm 600 acres over two farms and rent a further 100 acres. Cows are housed all year round and are fed on a TMR system, with 5 cuts of silage taken. Barley, wheat and beans are also grown to feed stock.

We introduced red and white breeding into the herd over 20 years ago and continue to use it in our breeding program.

We have had a few bulls go onto stud over the years with the most recent being Cuthill Towers Buster and Calcutta. Cuthill Towers Rhino has just arrived onto stud and we look forward to seeing his offspring in the future.

Some of our strongest cow families are Barbara, Blossom, Magenta, Mandy, Marcy, Miss Blondie, Ray and Swan.

Of the official highest Ayrshire producers in 2023, ranked on combined Fat and Protein, we had 4 of the top 5 animal in the breed.

We show at many of the local and national shows and have had great success over the years with one of the most recent being Cuthill Towers Modern Marcy Ex94(2) winning the Interbreed at the Royal Highland show in 2022.

We are extremely excited to offer "PICK A MAGENTA" into the world conference sale. Both Cuthill Towers Majenta ET and her brother Cuthill Towers Majestic ET have been a great purchase for us, with both of them having some of the highest pure bred Ayrshire milk figures in the UK.



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# Herd Profiles

## Brieryside Ayrshires

Herd size – 350 (240 Ayrshire/R&W & 100 Holstein)

Average Yield - 37kg

Herd Established in – early 1900s

Favorite bloodline in your herd – Brieryside Swan

Favorite bloodline in the Ayrshire breed – Topglen Wishful Thinking

Sires/semens you are currently using - Marbrae Challenger, Marlie Autograph, Mardel Stanley, Ravenhill Revolver

Here at Myremill Farm we are farming a total of 500 acres of which 250 acres are for grazing and grass silage, 150 acres Wheat/Spring Barley and 100 acres Maize Silage. We run AYR calving, 3x a day milking through a GEA 30:30 Rapid Exit Palour.

Cows are fed on a TMR Diet and fed to yield through the Palour. The current ration consists of Molasses, Caustic Wheat, Soya Rape mix, Amino Max (Heat treated rape) and a 50/50 mix of grass silage and maize silage.

Brieryside Ayrshires are the oldest prefix still registering animals in the UK today with pedigrees dating back to the early 1900s. We are now in our 4th generation of Ayrshire Breeders, and this is the main driver for keeping Ayrshires today.

Over the next 10 years we plan to concentrate on our best Ayrshire breeding lines with the use of the most elite AI Bulls available which have a combination of high type and positive production. We also plan to develop our Holstein herd under the Arranview Prefix which is a 100% genomic tested herd focusing on a custom index which combines high conformation, positive production, and positive fertility.



## Cottown Ayrshires

The Cottown Pedigree Ayrshire Herd is based just outside Bangor, at the top of the Ards Peninsula, 15 miles from Belfast, the Capital of Northern Ireland. It is a family run farm, with John, Jean and sons Andrew and Peter working on the farm. We first started registering in 1999 when Peter started grading up a number of Ayrshires that we had in our commercial herd.

The herd currently consists of 200 milkers being milked on 3 Lely robots, with a herd average of 8000 litres at 4.40% butterfat and 3.40% protein. Cows are grazed from early April to mid-October, with a diet feeder buffer available within the shed while being milked at robots. In winter, the cows are housed, and diet fed, with concentrate topped up through robots all year round.

Our first 2 lely A4 robots were purchased and started operating in November 2011 with a new A5 being installed in 2022. Along with the milking robots we have a Lely Juno to push forward feed to the cows at the feed barrier.

The majority of breeding is AI to sexed semen, currently using sires Pie x Lucky, Beechmount Magic Mike, Cuthill Towers Calcutta, Plein Soleil Hacker, Ravenhill Revolver and VR Uppura all sexed. The lower end of the herd is served by either Beef Shorthorn or Aberdeen Angus beef bulls. A batch of the best heifers is served using a stock bull, this year being Cottown King Charles, a Hunter son from Peters favourite cow family, the Claire's. Peter believes in using a wide range of worldwide genetics to keep the genetic pool within our herd as large as possible.

Future plans will be based around improving efficiency in milk production from the herd, through better breeding and feeding and any possible use of technology that will reduce the labour requirements on farm.

Running alongside the dairy herd is the Brattlach Clydesdale Stud, consisting of 6 breeding mares and 2 stallions with youngstock.

The Drummond family look forward to welcoming everyone on the 17th July.

# Ravenhill

## AYRSHIRES

Look forward to welcoming delegates to view the herd on 17th July



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# Herd Profiles

## Ardmore Ayrshires

The Ardmore Prefix was established in 1965 by the Hunter family who are no strangers to the showing circuit with 14 championship titles to their name at the Royal Ulster Winter Fair. The family also won the McClarnin interbreed championship in 2017. This consists of the champion and reserve champions at eight local shows. They won this with Sandyford Honest Blizzard who to date, is the only Ayrshire to ever win the title. Blizzard also went on to win the World Ayrshire Photographic competition in the same year.

Ardmore currently extends over 200 acres with a further 100 acres taken in conacre with 180 milking cows plus followers, roughly one third of the herd are Holsteins.

The milking herd is currently averaging 7500lts at 4.3% fat and 3.3 protein. They are group managed and fed a TMR mix.

Alongside the cows, they also have a small flock of pedigree Blue Faced Leicester sheep.

The family's favorite bloodline in the herd are the Janets and the Orphans whilst admiring some of the Sandy Rose families from other breeders. Another strong family admired is the Clovers from Sandyford. John and Michael have been investing in new bloodlines over the past few years from Cuthill Towers, Sandyford, Middle, Brieryside, Carnell, Knowe and Barr.

Sires that are currently being used on farm are Ravenhill Revolver, Blue Spruce Ringer, Carnell Resolution, Troutbeck Daring, Palmyre Berkley Reagan, Palmyra Lochinvar Reynolds, Cuthill Towers Calcutta, Sandyford Unbeatable.

Michael has admired the Ayrshires from a young age, seeing many great cows in his young farmer days, especially at Ian Duncan's of Lennymore where the Janet and Orphan families came from.



## Ravenhill Ayrshires

The Ravenhill Ayrshire herd consists of approximately 120 cows and followers of which 44 are currently classified excellent.

Cows are housed approximately 6 months of the year and grazed in the summer, with a herd average of 8221@4.27 and 3.40.

A bull from the herd, Ravenhill Revolver currently has semen available from Cattle Services. His Dam is Cochrane's Revolution Present whose dam in turn we were lucky to get from John Cochrane.

Current service sires being used are Ravenhill Showstar and Ravenhill Revolver, plus Calcutta and Buster, Ringer, Daring and Hawaiian.

Heifers entering the herd at present are mainly by Showstar, Oblique Focus, Hawaiian and Wind in the Willows.

We look forward to welcoming delegates to Ravenhill in July



# WORLD Class



**BRIERYSIDE MAGIC SWAN 3 EX92**  
Sired by Brieryside Magic

**ARDMORE ORPHAN 136 VG88**  
Sired by West Mossgiel Modern Class

**KNOWE FAVOURITE BEAUTY 166 EX92**  
Sired by West Mossgiel Modern Class  
Top price Knowe Production Sale 2021  
1st 3yrs Old All Britain & Ireland Photographic Competition.

**ARDMORE CROCUS 172 VG88**  
Sired by Troutbeck Skyfall  
1,7710 kgs 305 days 4.55% BF 3.57% P  
Champion Ballymena Show 2023

**CARNELL SNOWDROP 477 EX91**  
Sired by Sandyford Supreme  
1,9128 in 284 days 3.09% BF 3.46% P

**ARDMORE DOROTHY 102 VG88**  
Sired by Ardmore El Toro

**BRACKLEY HOPE 11 EX91**  
Sired by West Mossgiel Modern Reality

**ARDMORE JANET 110 EX94**  
Sired by De La Plaine Prime

Dam of Ardmore Jeepers Creepers  
Champion RUAS Winter Fair 2017 & 2018  
& RUAS Balmoral Show 2018 & 2019

*Looking forward to welcoming the World Conference delegates to view our herd on 17th July 2024.*

J & M HUNTER

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# World Ayrshire Conference 2024 GENETIC SALE



**Thursday 11th July Approx. 21.00hrs BST (British Summer Time)**  
*at The Hilton Majestic Harrogate Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate, HG1 2HU.*

## Forward

This selected catalogue for the 2024 World Conference Genetic sale includes some of the most well-known and respected Ayrshire cow families from around the world. We sincerely thank all these Breeders who have made them available, who are willing to promote and share their genetics.

As you will note, these families consistently breed prolific examples of production, health, and long living progeny with superb type, and for those who love a show cow, we have no doubt this is an opportunity to invest in the next bigtime show winner!

It's time for investment. Take this opportunity to enhance your herds profile. Or why not form a syndicate to share an opportunity with friends.

## Order of sale

A draw will take place the evening before the sale to determine the order of sale. The order will be made available and announced prior to the sale.

## Export

We are all aware that export licences are a challenge and differ quite considerably between countries, so we have done our best to be able to inform members world-wide of the export status for each consignment.

## Explanation of Embryo terms

All embryo packages are from a conventional flush using conventional semen, unless stated otherwise.

"IVF Embryos" are where the eggs are collected unfertilised and then semen is introduced in a laboratory to fertilise the eggs and then graded accordingly before being transferred or frozen.

"Sexed" after the sire name indicates sexed semen was used in the flush.

"Sorted" means conventional frozen semen is sorted for the desired sex prior to fertilization in the IVF process.

## Bidding

The auctioneer of the sale is the one and only Mr Mark Davis from Kivells Auctions. Mark is well known throughout the UK for his knowledge on all dairy breeds and is constantly in demand for his Show commentary and auctioneering skills. The sale will be displayed live on the Kivells MartEye platform where potential purchasers must register well in advance of the sale <https://kivells.marteye.ie> and also with the Kivells office by calling **01392 251261** for MartEye approval.

Alternately bids can be placed with the auctioneer prior to the sale or telephone bids can be arranged by contacting one of the sale Coordinators.



## Terms and Conditions

All lots will be sold in English pounds sterling with a five percent commission taken from the vendor's full payment by the Ayrshire Cattle Society of Great Britain & Ireland. Payment must be made by the purchaser in full to the Ayrshire Cattle Society of Great Britain & Ireland within fourteen days of the invoice date.

Embryos will be sold as "price per embryo".

All monies must be paid in full to the Ayrshire Cattle Society of Great Britain & Ireland before the transfer of any embryos and live animals. Once the transfers have taken place, payment will be made by the Ayrshire Cattle Society to the vendors. Should for any reason, the transfer of embryos/animals be unsuccessful, a full refund will be made to the purchaser. Purchasers of embryos will be liable for all import and licencing costs directly to the vendor.

The transport and associated costs of any live animals are the responsibility of the purchaser.

Should Insurance of any lot be required, it is the responsibility of the purchaser from the point of receipt.



*Scan the QR code to register for bidding on MartEye with Kivells*



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# World Ayrshire Conference 2024 GENETIC SALE

4 x Grade 1 IVF Embryos from Toppglen Play With It ET  
x Palmyra Lochinvar Reynolds SEXED  
Consigned by Tanner Topp

# E01



*Dam: Toppglen Play With It ET*



*GDam: Toppglen Wishful Thinking ET EX95*

**Sire:** PALMYRA LOCHINVAR REYNOLDS  
70003205149285  
Premier Sire of the 2023 WDE Heifer Show

**PGS:** LIBBY'S LOCHINVAR  
70000100543021

**PGD:** PALMYRA BERKELY P RUTH EX94  
70000072394521  
100% Ayrshire  
2 02/10 11458 305 4.70 3.30

### Sale lot comments:

*Dam Toppglen Play With It ET is a maternal sister to Toppglen Wicked Champ EX91*  
1st Yearling in milk Southern National 2022 Jnr  
Intermediate Champion 2022 Southern National Jnr  
1st Senior 2-year-old 2023 Southern National Jnr  
3rd Senior 2-year-old 2023 WDE Jnr

**Dam:** TOPPGLEN PLAY WITH IT-ET  
F840003266225781 AMF  
**DOB:** 09/06/2022  
96.96% Ayrshire (USA)

**MGS:** MARGOT PLAYER AMC ET  
X111214511

**MGD:** TOPPGLEN WISHFUL  
F100676079 THINKING-ET EX95  
100% Ayrshire  
1 02/02 6168 305 4.00 3.30  
2 03/03 9167 305 6.70 6.10  
Lifetime yield 110,199kgs  
Grand Champion - 2023 World Dairy Expo Jnr  
Senior Champion - 2023 World Dairy Expo Jnr  
Supreme Champion - 2023 World Dairy Expo Jnr  
Plus an endless list of Senior Championships,  
Grand Championships, and Lifetime  
Component Merit Awards

**D3:** CONEBELLA SARGES WENDY EX93  
1 02/01 8786 305 4.00 3.10  
2 03/02 10564 305 3.80 3.10  
3 04/02 10890 305 4.10 3.10  
4 05/02 12324 305 3.10 2.90  
5 06/07 10015 305 2.90 3.00  
6 07/10 9774 305 3.90 3.00  
7 08/11 9892 305 3.30 2.80  
Numerous All American Awards

### Notes:

Export status - United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, Canada, USA  
Resulting progeny 100% Ayr (UK)



# World Ayrshire Conference 2024 GENETIC SALE



## E02

**Selling ON CHOICE 4 x Grade 1 Embryos from  
Des Prairies Chanterelle EX90(3)  
x Marilie Melios or Grand-View Gentle Beast  
Consigned by Cynthia, Bernard, and Patrick Daoust**



**Dam: Des Prairies Chanterelle EX90 (3)**



**Full sister to embryo's: Cyn Lorr Charlotte ET and  
Dam of Grand-View Gentle Beast: Grand-View Dempsey Blackberry EX94(2)**

**Sire 1: MARILIE MELIOS ET**  
70000111214124

**PGS: PALMYRA TRI-STAR BURDETTE**  
70000100419568

**Sale lot comments:**

**PGD: MARILIE CALIMERO MELINA EX90**  
70000105020214  
84.25% Ayrshire  
6\* Brood cow and lifetime yield 6 lacts  
55,353kgs 4.40% bf 3.60% p

**The embryos are bred from 7 generations  
of VG/EX:**

D: Des Prairies Chanterelle EX90(3)  
D2: Des Prairies Charlie VG86 4\*  
D3: Ben Ferme Cornelius Claudie EX91(6) 2\*  
D4: Pro-Gen-Ayr BBBK Idole 5E ET EX90  
D5: Proulx Idole VG87  
D6: Des Prairies Lumineuse EX90  
D7: Des Prairies Wel Primrose EX90

**Sire 2: GRAND-VIEW GENTLE BEAST**  
M840003250394272

**PGS: DUO STAR GENTLEMAN ET**  
X106306758

**PGD: GRAND-VIEW DEMPSEY**  
F100726907 BLACKBERRY EX94(2)  
100% Ayrshire  
4 05/05 11652 305 3.60 2.90

**4 generations of multiple Star Brood cows  
Generations of high production and high  
components**

**Dam: DES PRAIRIES CHANTERELLE**  
AYCANF108623256 EX90(3)  
**DOB: 11/03/2014**

**MGS: KAMOURASKA ROCKSTAR AMC**  
70000104347733 EX90

**D3: BEN FERME CORNELIUS**  
CLAUDIE EX91(6) 2\*

|   |       |       |     |      |      |
|---|-------|-------|-----|------|------|
| 1 | 01/11 | 8065  | 305 | 4.70 | 3.70 |
| 2 | 03/02 | 10482 | 305 | 4.80 | 3.70 |
| 3 | 04/04 | 10619 | 304 | 4.30 | 3.80 |
| 4 | 05/04 | 10483 | 302 | 4.00 | 3.70 |
| 5 | 06/05 | 11353 | 305 | 4.40 | 3.70 |
| 6 | 07/06 | 11230 | 305 | 4.30 | 3.70 |
| 7 | 09/02 | 8167  | 305 | 4.40 | 3.50 |

**MGD: DES PRAIRIES CHARLIE VG86 4\***  
F72394511

|   |       |       |     |      |      |
|---|-------|-------|-----|------|------|
| 1 | 02/07 | 8968  | 305 | 4.40 | 3.70 |
| 2 | 04/00 | 10663 | 305 | 4.30 | 3.50 |
| 3 | 05/01 | 10567 | 301 | 4.60 | 3.50 |
| 4 | 06/01 | 11117 | 305 | 4.80 | 3.50 |
| 5 | 07/01 | 12280 | 305 | 4.80 | 3.50 |
| 6 | 08/04 | 9131  | 290 | 4.00 | 3.40 |
| 7 | 09/04 | 10926 | 305 | 4.00 | 3.40 |
| 8 | 10/07 | 9716  | 305 | 4.30 | 3.50 |

|    |       |       |     |      |      |
|----|-------|-------|-----|------|------|
| 1  | 02/06 | 5833  | 280 | 5.00 | 3.80 |
| 2  | 03/06 | 9420  | 305 | 4.40 | 3.60 |
| 3  | 04/06 | 9968  | 305 | 4.20 | 3.50 |
| 4  | 05/08 | 10584 | 305 | 4.50 | 3.60 |
| 5  | 06/08 | 10345 | 305 | 4.20 | 3.40 |
| 6  | 07/09 | 11680 | 305 | 3.90 | 3.50 |
| 7  | 08/10 | 7907  | 305 | 4.10 | 3.60 |
| 8  | 09/10 | 9948  | 299 | 4.40 | 3.40 |
| 9  | 10/10 | 9015  | 305 | 4.30 | 3.40 |
| 10 | 11/10 | 8065  | 293 | 4.30 | 3.50 |



# World Ayrshire Conference 2024 GENETIC SALE

3x Grade 1 IVF Embryos from Morwick Peggy 126 VG89 3yrs (Max)  
x Palmyra Lochinvar Reynolds SEXED  
Consigned by JS Mullan & R Baynes

## E03



*Dam: Morwick Peggy 126 VG89 3yrs (Max)*

**Sire:** PALMYRA LOCHINVAR REYNOLDS  
70003205149285  
Premier Sire of the 2023 WDE Heifer Show

**PGS:** LIBBY'S LOCHINVAR  
70000100543021

**Sale lot comments:**

**PGD:** PALMYRA BERKELY P RUTH EX94  
70000072394521  
100% Ayrshire (UK)  
2 02/10 11458 305 4.70 3.30

*The embryos are bred from 4 generations of VG/EX:*

- D: Morwick Peggy 126 VG89 3yrs (max)
- D2: Morwick Peggy 113 ET EX92 SP
- D3: Morwick Peggy 96 EX91
- D4: Morwick Peggy 79 EX90 LP60

**Dam:** MORWICK PEGGY 126 VG89 3yrs  
03000004142562  
**DOB:** 29/10/2020  
56.25% Ayrshire (UK)

**MGS:** PAM AYRS HAWAIIAN  
03000006182378 EX93

- 1 02/03 7996 300 3.97 3.48
- 2 03/03 projected over 10,000kg

- Grand Champion 2024 UK Dairy Expo
- Grand Champion 2023 UK Dairy Expo
- Grand Champion Cumberland Show 2023
- 1st Senior Heifer National Ayrshire Show 2023
- Grand Champion Ayr Show 2024

**MGD:** MORWICK PEGGY 113 ET EX92 SP  
14000005014061  
12.5% Ayrshire (UK)  
1 02/06 9435 300 3.69 3.40  
2 03/05 9537 305 3.85 3.46  
3 04/05 10381 305 4.00 3.55  
4 05/07 10892 305 3.83 3.31

**D3:** MORWICK PEGGY 96 EX91

- 1 02/07 8615 305 3.98 3.11
- 2 03/07 9439 305 3.67 3.31
- 3 04/08 9305 305 3.78 3.16
- 4 06/00 9166 288 3.82 3.23
- 5 06/11 10157 305 3.76 3.26

Maternal sister to Morwick Peggy 122 VG85  
2 03/02 8285 305 3.83 3.33

Maternal sister to:  
Morwick Peggy 111 ET EX94(2)  
3 04/06 12249 305 4.04 3.34  
Morwick Peggy 112 ET EX90  
4 06/01 12121 305 3.54 3.22  
Morwick Peggy 114 ET VG85  
2 03/08 9741 305 3.69 3.25

**Notes:**

Export status - Available to United Kingdom mainland only  
Resulting progeny 78.125% Ayr (UK)



# World Ayrshire Conference 2024 GENETIC SALE



## E04

4 x Grade 1 IVF Embryos from Grand-View Calimero Dea ET EX91  
x Marilie Autograph SEXED

Consigned by Grand-View Ayrshires Tim & Katie Busch



**GDam:** Grand-View BBBK Dreamer EX94 (5)



**Dam:** Grand-View Calimero Dea ET EX91(3)



**Maternal Sister to Embryos:** Grand-View HP Gibbs Dips ET EX94

**Sire:** MARILIE AUTOGRAPH ET AMC  
70000120267338

**PGS:** RUISSEAU CLAIR TUXEDO AMC  
70000109844514 EX91

### Sale lot comments:

**PGD:** DUO STAR BURDETTE AMARA ET  
70000107816432 EX91(2) 3\*  
100% Ayrshire  
4 06/01 15867 305 3.60 3.30

*The embryos are bred from 9 generations of straight EX cows:*

- D: Grand-View Calimero Dea ET EX91
- D2: Grand-View BBBK Dreamer EX94
- D3: Grand-View Cornelius Drama EX91
- D4: Grand-View Oly 2 Diva EX90
- D5: Chapel-Hill-Ayr's Heligo Delet EX91
- D6: Will-Ayr's Dynamic EX90
- D7: Will-Ayr's Destiny EX90
- D8: Will-Ayr's Dizzy EX90
- D9: Will-Ayr's Duchess EX90

**Dam:** GRAND-VIEW CALIMERO DEA  
70000100615777 ET EX91(3)

**MGS:** MARGOT CALIMERO  
70000010310847 VG85

**DOB:** 17/03/2011  
100% Ayrshire

**MGD:** GRAND-VIEW BBBK DREAMER  
70000100463697 EX94(5)  
100% Ayrshire

|   |       |      |     |      |      |
|---|-------|------|-----|------|------|
| 1 | 02/00 | 8605 | 305 | 4.00 | 3.40 |
| 2 | 03/03 | 8101 | 305 | 3.90 | 3.50 |
| 3 | 05/05 | 6690 | 299 | 4.40 | 3.60 |
| 4 | 06/09 | 8808 | 305 | 3.80 | 3.20 |
| 5 | 08/03 | 7747 | 275 | 4.40 | 3.40 |
| 6 | 09/05 | 9371 | 305 | 4.30 | 3.30 |

|   |       |      |     |      |      |
|---|-------|------|-----|------|------|
| 1 | 02/06 | 6626 | 305 | 4.40 | 3.30 |
| 2 | 03/06 | 7488 | 305 | 3.60 | 3.30 |
| 3 | 04/09 | 9593 | 305 | 4.50 | 3.30 |
| 4 | 06/08 | 9148 | 305 | 4.10 | 3.20 |
| 5 | 08/08 | 9933 | 305 | 3.50 | 3.30 |
| 6 | 10/09 | 6309 | 305 | 4.10 | 3.40 |

3rd Spring Yearling - 2012 International  
HM Spring Yearling - 2012 All-American  
2nd Jnr 2-Year-old - 2013 International  
Res Jr 2-Year-old (Tie) - 2013 All-American  
1st - 2014 WDE International Futurity  
1st Jnr 3-Year-old - 2014 International  
Jnr 3-Year-old - 2014 All-American  
1st 4-Year-old - 2023 Midwest National  
Res 4-Year-old - 2023 All-American

3rd Fall Yearling - 2008 Central National  
HM Fall Yearling - 2008 All-American  
1st - 2010 WDE International Futurity  
Nom Aged Cow - 2015 All-American  
Nom 100,000 lb Cow - 2016 All-American

*Maternal Sisters to embryos include:*

- Grand-View HP Gibbs Dips ET EX94*
- 1st 5 year old International Ayrshire Show at WDE 2021.
- Dam of Dynamic (Select Sires)
- Priestland Gibbs Dea ET EX90*
- 2 03/09 9896 305 3.79 3.03
- Kirkinriola PRG Dea 2 ET EX91*
- 4 05/04 10253 305 3.88 3.11
- Kirkinriola PRG Dea ET VG89*
- 2 03/02 9148 305 3.89 3.17



# World Ayrshire Conference 2024 GENETIC SALE

4 x Grade 1 Embryos from Margot Precious EX93  
x Bear-Ayr Distinct Kingsire SEXED  
Consigned by Kurt Wolf

## E05



*Dam: Margot Precious EX93*

**Sire:** BEAR-AYR DISTINCT KINGSIRE  
70003132388711

**PGS:** FAMILY-AF-AYR DISTINCTION  
70000100578700

**Sale lot comments:**

**PGD:** DALTONDALE BBK KUDDLES EX92  
70000100483655  
100% Ayrshire  
4 09/04 10628 305 4.00 3.60

*The embryos are bred from 6 generations of VG/EX:*

- D: Margot Precious EX93
- D2: Margot Patagonie EX95
- D3: Margot Pyrenee VG86
- D4: Margot Avalanche EX90
- D5: Margot Snowflake VG85
- D6: Margot Neige 15N VG86

**Dam:** MARGOT PRECIOUS EX93  
F100773945

**DOB:** 02/03/2019

97.69% Ayrshire (USA)

2 02/11 12773 305 4.40 3.30

- 1st Jnr 3-Year-old - 2022 Midwest National Intermediate Champion - 2022 Midwest National
- 1st Jnr 3-Year-old - 2022 International Res Intermediate Champion - 2022 International
- Unan Jnr 3-Yr-Old - 2022 All-American Grand Champion - 2023 Mid-Atlantic National
- Senior Champion - 2023 Mid-Atlantic National 1st 4-Year-old - 2023 Mid-Atlantic National
- 1st 4-Year-old - 2023 Midwest National Res 4-Year-old - 2023 All-American

**MGS:** PALMYRA BERKELY REAGAN ET  
M840003123620602

**MGD:** MARGOT PATAGONIE EX95  
X105764130  
95.37% Ayrshire (USA)

|   |       |       |     |      |      |
|---|-------|-------|-----|------|------|
| 1 | 02/04 | 6976  | 289 | 4.50 | 3.50 |
| 2 | 03/04 | 8565  | 305 | 4.40 | 3.80 |
| 3 | 04/04 | 9090  | 305 | 4.30 | 3.50 |
| 4 | 05/05 | 9435  | 303 | 4.50 | 3.60 |
| 5 | 06/06 | 10074 | 305 | 4.10 | 3.70 |
| 6 | 08/00 | 10939 | 305 | 4.60 | 3.60 |

Grand Champion WDE 2016  
Grand Champion Quebec Spring Show 2018  
Grand Champion Canadian National Show 2019

**D3:** MARGOT PYRENEE VG86

|   |       |      |     |      |      |
|---|-------|------|-----|------|------|
| 1 | 02/05 | 7108 | 305 | 3.50 | 3.20 |
| 2 | 03/06 | 8202 | 305 | 3.90 | 3.30 |
| 3 | 04/05 | 8411 | 305 | 3.60 | 3.40 |
| 4 | 05/05 | 9569 | 305 | 4.10 | 3.30 |
| 5 | 06/09 | 9495 | 305 | 3.90 | 3.20 |
| 6 | 08/00 | 8395 | 305 | 3.80 | 3.40 |
| 7 | 09/04 | 9935 | 305 | 3.50 | 3.20 |

**Notes:**

Export status - United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, Canada, S Africa, Columbia, USA  
Resulting progeny 100% Ayr (UK)







# World Ayrshire Conference 2024 GENETIC SALE

Selling ON CHOICE 4 x Grade 1 IVF sorted Embryos from  
Palmyra Ringer B Rayna ET VG87 2yrs  
x Palmyra Calimero Blackjack or Springhill Palmyra Robinson  
Consigned by Palmyra Farm

## E07



*Dam:* Palmyra Ringer B Rayna ET VG87 2yrs



*GDam:* Palmyra Burdette P Rayna ET EX94

**Sire 1:** PALMYRA CALIMERO BLACKJACK  
M69261843

**PGS:** MARGOT CALIMERO  
X10310847

**PGD:** PALMYRA TRI-STAR BROOKE ET  
F65000848  
100% Ayrshire  
2 04/01 8990 305 3.70 3.00

**Sire 2:** SPRINGHILL PALMYRA ROBINSON  
M840003242487321

**PGS:** BEAR-AYR DISTINCT KINGSIRE  
M840003132388711

**PGD:** PALMYRA LOCHINVAR B RUTH  
F840003148800286  
100% Ayrshire  
3 04/03 7670 243 4.60 3.20

**Dam:** PALMYRA RINGER B RAYNA ET  
F840003230757939 VG87-2yrs  
**DOB:** 02/09/2021

**MGS:** BLUE-SPRUCE RINGER  
M840003139111319

97.01% Ayrshire (USA)  
1 01/10 8509 305 4.00 3.50  
First Milking Yearling WDE 2023  
All-American Milking Yearling 2023  
5th consecutive generation nominated AA  
2024 Top 40 Elite Cow  
Maternal sister to Palmyra Booth Radison  
(Select Sires)

**MGD:** PALMYRA BURDETTE  
F72394511 P RAYNA ET EX94(3)  
100% Ayrshire  
1 01/11 9289 305 4.40 3.30  
2 03/03 15403 305 4.60 3.10  
3 04/06 12587 305 4.80 3.30  
4 05/08 14084 305 4.70 3.10  
5 07/01 14047 305 5.00 3.20

### Sale lot comments:

*The embryos are bred from 6 generations of VG/EX:*

D: Palmyra Ringer B Rayna ET VG87 2yrs  
D2: Palmyra Burdette P Rayna ET EX94  
D3: Palmyra Poker LH Rosy ET EX92  
D4: Galney-EPC L.H Rosy ET EX90  
D5: Covey-Farms Reno Rosy EX91  
D6: Covey-Farms Bandit Rosanna VG87

*Gdam a maternal sister to "RUTH"  
2018 and 2019 # 1 Elite Genetics Cow  
Nom AA Jnr 2 yr old 2015  
Nom AA Production Cow 2019  
4th Production Cow 2019 WDE*

D3: PALMYRA POKER LH ROSY ET EX92  
1 02/00 9026 305 4.50 3.30  
2 03/00 10169 305 4.50 3.50  
Nominated AA three times  
Dam of Reagan (Select Sires)

### Notes:

Export status - United Kingdom, Canada, USA  
Resulting progeny 100% Ayr (UK)



# World Ayrshire Conference 2024 GENETIC SALE



## E08

4 x Grade 1 IVF Embryos from Middle Jessie EMJ 5 EX95(3)  
x Harperfield Sands of Time  
*Consigned by FJ & M Mattinson & Sons*



*Dam: Middle Jessie EMJ 5 EX95(3)*



*Middle Jessie 88 ET EX and Middle Jessie 89 ET EX*

**Sire:** HARPERFIELD SANDS OF TIME  
03000007191404 EX91

**PGS:** HARPERFIELD LOCH LOMOND  
03000006182133 EX92

### **Sale lot comments:**

*D6. of embryos Middle Jessie 71 EX  
Interbreed Supreme Dairy Champion Royal  
Show.*

*She was the Dam of Middle Jessie 88 ET EX,  
also Interbreed Supreme Dairy Champion  
Royal Show 1993, and Middle Jessie 89 ET  
EX, Breed Champion Royal Show 1994.*

*Sire of embryos Harperfield Sands of Time  
is from 7 Gens EX/VG with the last 5  
straight EX.*

*290kgs*

*Strong daughter fertility*

*Capacious daughters with wide rumps.*

**Dam:** MIDDLE JESSIE EMJ 5 EX95(3)  
14000005008908  
**DOB:** 14/12/2013  
**ET:** UK101704603549  
42.1875% Ayrshire (UK)

**MGS:** MIDDLE EMJEST  
03000007190808 EX92

**MGD:** MIDDLE MARLOWS JESSIE 2  
14000005000083  
46.875% Ayrshire (UK)

|   |       |       |     |      |      |
|---|-------|-------|-----|------|------|
| 3 | 05/06 | 14180 | 305 | 5.16 | 3.65 |
| 4 | 06/07 | 8070  | 266 | 3.69 | 3.54 |
| 5 | 07/08 | 8270  | 265 | 4.22 | 3.78 |
| 6 | 08/08 | 6353  | 210 | 4.89 | 3.61 |
| 7 | 09/08 | 7616  | 262 | 5.35 | 3.44 |



# World Ayrshire Conference 2024 GENETIC SALE

Selling ON CHOICE one of 4 heifers  
from the world-renowned Magenta family  
Consigned by A & S Lawrie

## H09



Cuthill Towers Magenta EX93(3) LP60



Rosehill Magenta EX94(9) LP100 9\*

**Heifer 1:** CUTHILL TOWERS HAWAIIAN MAGENTA ET  
03000001535260 DOB: 17/02/2022 ET: UK541990104825 100% Ayrshire (UK)  
Sire: PAM AYRS HAWAIIAN Dam: CUTHILL TOWERS MAGENTA EX93(3) LP60  
Calved. 05.04.24

**Heifer 2:** CUTHILL TOWERS ROCKING MAGENTA  
03000001535443 DOB: 25/04/2022 ET: UK541990604851 94.53% Ayrshire (UK)  
Sire: BEELINE SANTA ROCK AMF Dam: CUTHILL TOWERS MAGENTA EX93(3) LP60  
Due before sale

**Heifer 3:** CUTHILL TOWERS REYNOLDS MAGENTA ET  
03000001539866 DOB: 26/02/2024 ET: UK541990705482 100% Ayrshire (UK)  
Sire: PALMYRA LOCHINVAR REYNOLDS Dam: CUTHILL TOWERS MAGENTA EX93(3) LP60

**Heifer 4:** CUTHILL TOWERS PRIMETIME MAGENTA  
03000004145224 DOB: 14/01/2022 ET: UK541990104811 85.94% Ayrshire (UK)  
Sire: GWYNNOG PRIMETIME Dam: CUTHILL TOWERS HARRYS MAGENTA  
Calved. 31.12.23 Bred to Palmyra Lochinvar Reynolds

**Dam of heifers 1-3:**  
CUTHILL TOWERS MAGENTA  
03000001517198 EX93(3) LP60  
DOB: 07/09/2015  
100% Ayrshire

|   |       |       |     |      |      |
|---|-------|-------|-----|------|------|
| 1 | 02/01 | 9810  | 305 | 4.54 | 3.30 |
| 2 | 03/02 | 12631 | 305 | 3.77 | 3.11 |
| 3 | 04/04 | 13918 | 305 | 3.69 | 3.02 |
| 4 | 05/05 | 12160 | 305 | 3.80 | 2.73 |
| 5 | 06/07 | 10755 | 305 | 3.51 | 3.01 |

**MGS:** PALMYRA TRI-STAR REALITY  
70000100369452 EX90

**MGD:** ROSEHILL MAGENTA EX94(9)  
03000001466001 9\* LP100  
100% Ayrshire

|    |       |      |     |      |      |
|----|-------|------|-----|------|------|
| 8  | 09/11 | 8059 | 305 | 4.10 | 3.30 |
| 9  | 11/01 | 8465 | 305 | 4.14 | 3.55 |
| 10 | 12/09 | 8415 | 305 | 3.65 | 3.12 |
| 11 | 14/06 | 6896 | 305 | 4.10 | 3.04 |
| 12 | 15/09 | 8165 | 305 | 3.95 | 3.36 |

### Sale lot comments:

Heifers 1-3 are bred from 7 generations of VG/EX:

- D: Cuthill Towers Magenta EX93(3) LP60
- D2: Rosehill Magenta EX94(9) LP100 9\*
- D3: Rosehill Maggie EX90
- D4: Tordown Maggies Election 3 EX
- D5: Tordown Maggies Election VG
- D6: Trevarno Doble EX
- D7: Trevarno Dainty VG

**Dam of heifer 4:**  
CUTHILL TOWERS HARRYS MAGENTA  
03000004139232  
DOB: 17/11/2018  
84.38% Ayrshire

|   |       |      |     |      |      |
|---|-------|------|-----|------|------|
| 1 | 02/01 | 7736 | 305 | 4.52 | 3.28 |
| 2 | 03/02 | 8025 | 264 | 4.30 | 3.37 |

Sire: CUTHILL TOWERS HARRY P EX93  
Maternal Sister to Heifers 1-3

### Notes:

Export status - All of the United Kingdom



# World Ayrshire Conference 2024 GENETIC SALE



## H10

**SHE SELLS...**  
**Ravenhill Panache Ethel 3**  
*Consigned by J Suffern*



*H10: Ravenhill Panache Ethel 3*



*Dam: Ravenhill Burdette Ethel 4 EX92*

**RAVENHILL PANACHE ETHEL 3**  
 03000001539642      **DOB: 14/03/2024**      93.75% Ayrshire (UK)

**Sire: HARESFOOT PANACHE**  
 03000007190905 VG85  
 From 3 gens EX of the great Pamela family and  
 18 brood cow stars between them

**PGS: LAGACE RISTOURN**  
 70000101501602  
**PGD: HARESFOOT ENIGMA PAMELA**  
 EX94(6) 7\* LP80  
 03000004107659  
**DOB: 01/04/2006**  
 75% Ayrshire  
 3 04/06 12181 305 5.26 3.61

**Sale lot comments:**

*This heifer is bred from 7 generations of VG/EX:*

D: Ravenhill Burdette Ethel 4 EX92  
 D2: Ravenhill Ethel 467 EX90(3) 1\* SP  
 D3: Ravenhill Ethel 379 EX91(2) LP80  
 D4: Ravenhill Ethel 268 EX93(4) 2\* LP60  
 D5: Ravenhill Ethel 238 EX91(3)  
 D6: Ravenhill Ethel 207 VG85 3\*  
 D7: Ravenhill Ethel 142 EX90 LP60

**Dam: RAVENHILL BURDETTE ETHEL 4**      **MGS: PALMYRA TRI-STAR BURDETTE**  
 03000001522664      EX92      70000100419568

**DOB: 23/12/2017**  
 100% Ayrshire  
 1 02/09 6922 305 4.81 3.55  
 2 03/10 9738 305 4.10 3.43  
 3 05/00 9601 305 4.30 3.23  
 Maternal sister to Ravenhill Easlad Ethel EX93(2)  
 5 06/02 7382 305 5.14 3.91  
 Twin sister to Ravenhill Burdette Ethel 3 VG86  
 2 03/09 7377 305 4.50 3.77

**MGD: RAVENHILL ETHEL 467**  
 03000001502310      EX90(3) 1\* SP  
 100% Ayrshire  
 1 02/11 6330 305 5.40 3.60  
 2 04/01 8613 305 5.04 3.62  
 3 05/00 7699 305 4.92 3.81  
 4 06/03 10216 305 4.78 3.44  
 5 07/04 8813 305 4.43 3.46  
 6 08/03 8244 305 4.74 3.65  
 7 09/03 2044 181 4.38 3.84  
 Maternal sister to Ravenhill Ethel 531 EX91(2)  
 5 07/04 9819 305 3.76 3.03

*Panache Ethel comes from two families of high production, high type, and a history of Star Brood Cows. Total consistency!*

**D3: RAVENHILL ETHEL 379 EX91(2) LP80**  
 1 02/09 7011 305 4.72 3.28  
 2 03/09 8317 305 5.07 3.35  
 3 04/08 7376 305 5.01 3.65  
 4 05/08 8554 305 4.89 3.43  
 5 06/08 8959 305 4.77 3.32  
 6 07/07 10062 305 4.66 3.26  
 7 08/07 8784 305 4.67 3.44  
 8 09/08 8783 305 4.47 3.33  
 9 11/01 8141 305 4.22 3.13



# International Updates

## USA

So many changes and so many things have happened since our last World Ayrshire Federation Conference and Tour! We completed an amazing session in Australia only to find ourselves and the world upset by a virus so defining we view ourselves as before and after COVID. As in true Ayrshire fashion our breeders both domestically



and internationally continued to thrive and promote our incredible breed.

Here in the US, we adapted and performed many of our tasks and events virtually. Our juniors were especially active and had wonderful growth during this time doing photo contests, trivia, scavenger hunts and many other innovative programs to keep them engaged and involved.

We continue to benefit from those programs even though we have moved to actual events. We put huge emphasis on our youth programs which serve the 9-21 year age group and have always had strong support from advisors and committee members. We transitioned into an ambassador program that allows both male and female contestants to vie for the opportunity to represent Ayrshire at many national events. We have art, advertising, poster, Jeopardy and Diary Bowl knowledge contests for all comers as well as Junior All-American, production and Excellent cow recognitions. Wouldn't it be fun to qualify again and participate.

Our programs saw little decline during COVID and have essentially retained our normal participation. Our bundled Rewards program continues to attract breeders who would like to take advantage of all programs at a reduced fee. We find that over 65% of our classifications and nearly that for registrations come through our Rewards herds. Our classification program saw a change that was economically based in 2023. We moved from a small breed group program to having US Holstein administer the on-farm evaluations. Our scale and breed specific data remain the same. We initiated a few required programs that benefit valid identity and genetic abnormalities as well as add more data to the genomic base.

Recently we realized a change in our office administration and are already seeing benefits that will continue to move our Association forward. We have developed a strong, respected place in the purebred dairy industry in the US and we are constantly finding more buyers from other breeds choosing Ayrshires. Currently most sales in the US have become diverse and are including Ayrshires in their offerings and the prices the sellers net are significant. Since our last meeting we have had a world record price for an Ayrshire cow sold at auction. It is very gratifying to look at a buyers list for cattle and embryos and see buyer's names that are nationally recognized for other breeds. Looking through major dairy magazines you will find Ayrshires mentioned in many farm advertisements. We have worked very hard for many, many years to gain this type of recognition that our Ayrshires deserve.

The future will see more changes, it is inevitable, but US Ayrshire is determined to work through these changes, and we are determined to have our positive impact continue.

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## New Zealand

The Ayrshire New Zealand Annual Conference is fast approaching in June, taking place in Waikato region. Members attending will enjoy the annual Awards Night celebrating success; herd visits including an organic farm; and a visit to the famed Cambridge Stud, home of internationally renowned New Zealand racehorses Sir Tristram and Zabeel.

Membership in Ayrshire New Zealand continues a five-year increase, currently sitting at 311 members. We are proud that in New Zealand, Ayrshires hold the highest percentage of registrations in comparison to the national herd, and often outnumber other breeds at A&P Shows despite making up only 1% of the national herd. Our membership is strong and active.

Nowhere is this more evident than our flagship competitions. The AgriSea All New Zealand Photo Competition covers nine classes and attracts over 110 entries annually. The Graeme Knight Memorial Trophy is presented to the overall Judges Choice. The Ayrshire On Farm Competition is only a few years old, but numbers continue to increase annually at well over 350 animals now judged on-farm nationwide. With regional finalists already named, members are looking forward to the final results which will be announced at the upcoming Annual Conference.

The Ayrshire Bulletin (bi-annual magazine) continues to attract strong support from members, and the Association has enjoyed launching a new website this year [www.ayrshire.org.nz](http://www.ayrshire.org.nz).

The top production herd for the 2022/23 season was the Goldwyn Ayrshires herd of Bryan & Lynley Hayward, Putaruru and they will be presented with the Mayfield Trophy. This herd of 90 pedigree Ayrshires averaged 8,015 litres milk, 322 kg fat, 278 kg protein, 600 kg milksolids in 288 days. Under New Zealand's pastoral system, the 2023/24 season will finish at the end of May.

In the 2023/24 season, after several years of Mycoplasma Bovis and then COVID lockdowns, Ayrshire New Zealand members exhibited at several major shows in New Zealand. It is great to see the major honours spread across several members.

- North Island Champion (Rotorua) – Brookview Vines Honda, Brookview Genetics (V Steiner)
- South Island Champion (Wyndham) – Ingleside Cal Mary, Ingleside Ltd (R & D Morton)
- NZ Dairy Event Champion (Feilding) – Stenvale Burs Jem ET, J Baxter
- Royal Show (Horowhenua) – Pukekarakara Distinct Memo, D & R Simons Partnership

Ayrshire New Zealand continues to support youth members through several competitions and programmes. In 2023 we sponsored Charlotte Stachurski of Balmaine Ayrshires (Taranaki) to represent New Zealand at the International Youth Tour held in Australia. Youth members compete in breed handling competitions in two age group classes at the North & South Island Championships; and in the Arran Trophy for the Ayrshire Young Judge Competition at NZ Dairy Event, also representing Ayrshire New Zealand in the World Wide Sires All Breeds Young Judge Competition. The Ayrshire Young Breeders Heifer Competition focusses on youth selecting a two-year-old heifer to follow for a season; and the Ayrshire Young Breeders Seminar has just concluded in the Nelson/Collingwood area. Youth members also take part in all breeds activities such as the National All Breeds Youth Camp; and the International Dairy Week Youth Challenge in Australia.

The Association's marketing arm, Semayr Breeding Services, continues to attract support from members and farmers. With genomics now in use in the Ayrshire breed in New Zealand, this year's catalogue features six proven and five unproven bulls, along with three sires imported from Scandinavia.

# Depend On

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*Roz*

Heineman Reagan Roz, EX-93  
All-American 2-Year-Old, 3-Year-Old and 4-Year-Old  
World Dairy Expo Champion  
4-4 320D 13,776M 4.9% 679F 3.3% 455P

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# International Updates

## Australia

We've always known it, but Australia is the lucky country! We hosted a very successful WAF Conference Tour in January 2020, prior to Covid sweeping the world. Overseas delegates experienced a tour of three states, including farm visits interspersed with sight-seeing of our wildlife, places of interest and culture – and enjoying the Ayrshire judging at our International Dairy Week Show. The memories of this tour are still talked about by our members four years on!

The 2023 World Ayrshire Federation (WAF) Youth Tour in Australia was held late August/early September commencing from Melbourne with a tour of Victorian Ayrshire farms, travelling through the south-east of South Australia, visiting more Ayrshire farms, and culminating at the Royal Adelaide Show. The eight youth from Ayrshire member countries, having been 'delegated' to exhibitors assisted with preparing animals for the show ring, sharing their knowledge and gaining additional learning from their experiences. Whilst at the Show, the youth participated in specific Youth Tour competitions: clipping, leading and judging, which the Australian Ayrshires Federal Committee scheduled. Each competition was well received, with first – third places awarded, and an overall Champion, Reserve and Honourable Mention trophies were awarded during the Youth Tour farewell gathering. The tour participants had the opportunity to experience Australian farming and showing practices and have taken home some very fond memories of their trip 'down under'. Greg Edmonds (host/ tour bus driver), Andrew Gray (host), and Imogen Steiner (hostess), and Royal Adelaide Show exhibitors ensured the participants were provided an unforgettable experience.

In 2022, we held our inaugural National On Farm Challenge Competition. Entries were accepted from the Champions from each state competition, with the judging adopting a 'virtual' format of a short video of the cattle. National Juvenile, Intermediate and Senior champions are selected by an independent judge, and owners presented with a trophy recognising the awards at our annual national dinner during our International Dairy Week.

Our breed was recognised during the 2023 International Dairy Week Show, with the Ayrshire entry of Paschendaele Klassy Tri Time, exhibited by Eagles Partnership and Munden Farms being awarded Intermediate Champion Interbreeds and Australian Grand Champion of Show, having previously won the Intermediate Champion, Best Udder, Supreme Ayrshire Exhibit and Champion Exhibit of the Ayrshire Show.

In 2024, the Federal Committee re-introduced the Star Brood Cow Award to recognise cows who have contributed to the breed through their progeny, and the Superior Cow Award to recognise cows with high classification and productive capabilities that maintain their functional type over an extended lifetime. These awards are designed to recognise the advancement managed by breeders developing Ayrshire breeding and genetic improvements in our herds.

David Mayo (Regal Park Ayrshires) was presented with Federal Life Membership of Australian Ayrshires at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in 2024, where David exhibited. Life membership was awarded to David in recognition of his tremendous contribution and service to the Ayrshire breed in Australia and worldwide over the years.



## Finland

Milkrecording records of Finnish Ayrshire cows were outstanding in 2023. The average yield of the Finnish Ayrshire cows was 9291 kg milk, 425 kg fat, 343 kg protein and 4.57 % fat, 3.69 % protein. The lifetime yield 24.359 kg milk and lifetime yield of culled cows 31.877 kg milk. Average lactation number of alive cows was 2.84 and culled cows 3.49 years. Ayrshire cows which were alive in the end of the year 2023 had daily yield of energy corrected milk 15.5 kg. Those cows which were culled in year 2023 had daily yield of energy corrected milk cows 17.0 kg. Fertility statistics tells that average calving interval was 403 days and inseminations per calving was 1.93.

According to health recording the number of veterinary treatments was 69.1 for Ayrshire cows and the same KPI for Holstein cows was 90.6. Most common treatment for Ayrshire cows was done because of fertility problems. Cell account was 191 000.

Very first Finnish Ayrshire cows are now on the farms which have CFIT system developed by VikingGenetics. Those CFIT systems are on the research farm of LUKE in Jokioinen and on the private farm in Kiuruvesi. CFIT is the system which make it possible to collect data of amount of feed eaten by cows. The Nordic Saved Feed Index based on the data collected from Finnish, Swedish and Danish farms. Read more of Nordic Saved Feed Index <https://nordicebv.info/saved-feed>

In Interbull Finnish Ayrshire is a part of the group Nordic Red Cattle (RDC) with Swedish Red and Danish Red. Together these populations together these populations form the Viking Red breeding program. Viking Red bulls are leading the top lists around the world.

In April, VikingGenetics honoured the breeders of many of last year's most valuable dairy and beef sires, with a special ceremony at the bull station. Without the breeders' hard work and passion, VG's selection of world-class sires would not be the same. The sires celebrated are among our best-selling and top-performing bulls in 2023 and are still in high demand and available for VG's export markets worldwide. One the honoured bulls was the Finnish bull VR Vehmaa (VR Vimo x VR Filur), which breeder is Carin Grotenfelt from Juva.

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Even the Finnish Ayrshire is on the high milk production level the competition against Holstein is getting harder and harder. According the survey made by the University of Helsinki and Faba showed that the Finnish dairy farmers are very worried about the competitiveness of Ayrshire now and in the future. They really like to keep Ayrshire cows if the milk yield will be kept on the same run as Holstein. The Finnish farmers are respected Ayrshire for many traits for example its better health in many ways.

Be red in the future!





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## 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

**GEELUNGA BURDETTE GRACE EX 91**  
 GRAND & SENIOR CHAMPION  
 BEST UDDER OF SHOW  
 2024 INTERNATIONAL DAIRY WEEK  
 JALKS DAIRYING, SA

**JALKS BLINK SKYE GP 84(H)**  
 INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION  
 2024 INTERNATIONAL DAIRY WEEK  
 JALKS DAIRYING, SA

**GHINNI CREEK CHARIOTS OF FIRE**  
 sire: Ghinni Creek Poseidon  
 JUNIOR CHAMPION  
 2024 INTERNATIONAL DAIRY WEEK  
 M & J EAGLES & FAMILY, NSW



**SORELLA GIN AND TONIC EX 90**  
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 2024 SYDNEY ROYAL SHOW  
 PATRICK BUCKLEY, NSW



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 BOLDVIEW FARMS, SA



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 AYRSHIRE & ALL BREEDS  
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 PASCHEHDAELE AYRSHIRES, NSW  
 & MUNDEN FARMS, VIC



**PARKVILLE BURDETTE KATIE EX 92**  
 2022 ALL WORLD 6-7 YEAR OLD IN MILK  
 SENIOR CHAMPION, IDW 2023  
 JAMES DILLON, VIC



**MAGIC PARK SHADY MAIDEN EX 93**  
 2022 ALL WORLD 8 YEARS & OVER IN MILK  
 SENIOR & GRAND CHAMPION, IDW 2022  
 MUNDEN FARMS, VIC



**TASMAN LODGE ALASKA FROSTY EX 91**  
 2022 RESERVE ALL WORLD  
 5 YEAR OLD IN MILK  
 FERGUSON FARMS, VIC

*We'd love to see you  
 Down Under soon!*



**MAYFIELD FARMS BURDETTE SECILY VG 86**  
 2022 RESERVE ALL WORLD  
 2 YEAR OLD IN MILK  
 PAUL & VICKI TIMBS, NSW



**FINESSE REAGAN MAISIE**  
 2022 RESERVE ALL WORLD 12-18 MONTHS  
 JUNIOR CHAMPION, IDW 2022  
 CASEY TRELOAR, SA

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# International Updates

## South Africa

Current situation – The dairy industry currently is experiencing a lot of strain on profitability and there are a few factors that have an influence. In South Africa there are a lot of challenges for example we have load shedding mostly every day. The supply of electricity (power) is not efficient and cannot supply our current demand; this is a huge challenge for the dairy farmer if you have 4-6 hours of no supply each day. Not only are dairy farmers taking the strain but the rest of South Africa as well, it makes it more challenging for any operation or business to be fully operational and functional. At least our situation led to a greener South Africa because a lot of business was forced to expand and install solar systems. The northern parts of SA, that is our main supply for white maize, experienced a very dry summer rainfall and this concluded to a shortage of over 3 million tons of maize production. The situation had an effect on a higher maize price and the dairy farmer that have TMR herd would eventually face a higher input cost.

The Ayrshire market is a niche market and makes out a small portion of the total volume of milk supplied in SA. Currently we supply Woolworths with 70 million litres annually between the few registered Ayrshire farms that is still sustainable. Our product gets marketed and sold as "Ayrshire" throughout all Woolworths retail stores.

In the late 1990s, the exceptional smooth taste of Ayrshire milk caught the attention of Mark Spencer, a prominent supermarket chain, leading to Ayrshire products in Woolworth's stores.

This is still a successful strategy for an outstanding 30 years of marketing our Ayrshire milk in the Woolworths stores, thanks to all the previous pioneers that started this exclusive line in a world class retail store.

The Ayrshire society currently has 7 board members and 2 employees. Edmund Els is running our field work and Olene runs the office, Olene is employed for 37 years at the society and does a good job to keep everything running. The Ayrshire society strive for pure genetics. The society still subsidise the breeders on genomic testing for a 1000 animals per year, the amount does differ according to the financial situation of the society

Our top 5 biggest registered Ayrshire herds consist out of the following 5 herds

- Anton Homsek – 2156
- Vickers Farming – 1612
- Fairfield Dairies – 1510
- Huguenot Farms – 1357
- Rhodes Food Group – 1100

The highest lifetime production cow produced 105 912 kg of milk over 11 lactations, she is bred and owned by Jan Wessels.



## Canada

For Ayrshire Canada, it is undeniable that this breed possesses competitive and lucrative potential, regardless of its environment. However, it is imperative that all genetic data generated by breeders be accessible and utilized to enhance the reliability of genetic evaluations. These data should benefit all Ayrshire breeders in each of our countries.

The new practices aimed at reducing the number of replacement heifers by selecting only genetically superior females from herds are now widely adopted. This management principle relies on adequate availability of sexed bull semen and the reliability of genetic indices. However, for our breeders, these two aforementioned aspects often lack, thereby impairing our herds.

Genetic progress made over the past 5 years is significantly comparable to that of other major Canadian breeds. The national average production over 305 days stands at 8420 kg of milk, with 349 kg of fat (4.16%) and 287 kg of protein (3.42%), for a BCA of 244-245-253. In terms of mature equivalent, this translates to 9755 kg of milk, 397 kg of fat, and 332 kg of protein.

The breed improvement committee has set a goal to increase fat production by 46kg/cow/lactation within the next 5 years. All of this, without neglecting other criteria of production, conformation, and health. This goal is ambitious but realistic provided we remain vigilant in management.

Following the observation of numerous herds underperforming relative to their genetic potential, the association has decided to invest efforts in raising awareness and providing information to breeders on the importance of properly balancing feed rations and ensuring adequate metabolizable protein. Already, several breeders have made changes, and the results are tangible: higher lactation peaks and better lactation persistence are observed. As a result, production increases, animal body condition improves, health issues decrease, and profitability grows.

Over the past 12 months, the average classification score for first-lactation cows has been 80.6 points. The scoring components are allocated as follows: 40% for the Mammary System, 10% for the Rump, 25% for Feet and Legs, and 25% for Dairy Strength. Additionally, an animal's final score is influenced by factors such as the Age at First Calving and the stage of lactation. In 2023, more than 3,000 first-lactation cows voluntarily underwent classification each year.

It's not a novelty, but in recent years, our businesses have been subjected to increasing financial pressure. To cope with this, our farms must be competitive, meet market demands, and face competition. There's no doubt that our breed possesses all the necessary qualities to endure over time, provided we fully exploit its potential and take pride in it. I wish everyone an excellent World Ayrshire Conference!



# Ayrshire



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To preserve the purity of the Ayrshire breed for future generations



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# Sunrise Ayrshires

The main herd was sold in October 2022.

21 Ayrshire in calf heifers retained by Jesse and Sara Bostock.

William Brydges and Dave Ball took over Biddulph Hall Farm in July 2023.

The heifers have since become part of William and Dave's herd of diverse breeders.



1. **Sunrise Silkie**, one of Dave and Will's Ayrshire's, milking well as an 11 year old. She has twin heifers by Stamford Charmer



2. **Sunrise Hector Spottie**. (Biddesden Hector) From the Eyton Spottie's, a bull breeding family since the 1960s



3. **Sunrise Hawaiian Belle** (Pam Ayres Hawaiian) Grand Dam EX 93 (2) 50 tons 5 lactations. GG Dam EX 90 (8years) by Ravenhill Enigma.



4. **Sunrise Willow Sara** (77% Ayr) (Harper field Win in the Willows) Milking. Really well as heifer from Belinda Fox's Sara family (RC Holsteins)



5. **Sunrise Big time Ballerina** (Marbrae Big time) over 9000 kg as a heifer, same family as Belle, from the Stamford Marina's

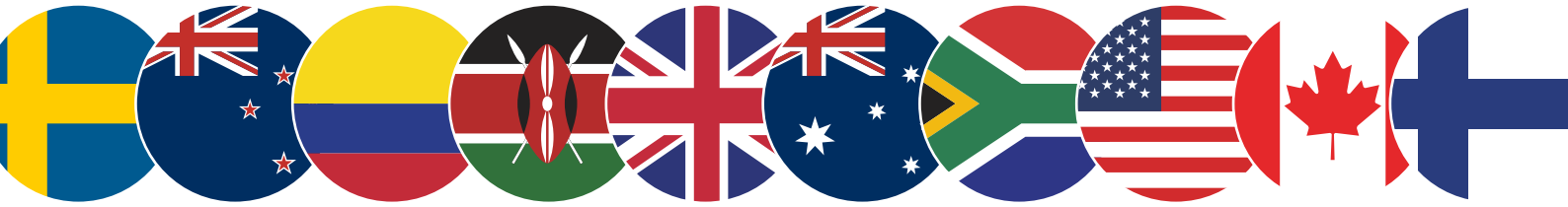


6. **Twemlow Famous Clover ET**. Both Grand Dams Ex 97. Full sister to Howard and Linda's W. Famous Clover EX 92.

Jesse and Sara look forward to joining delegates on the world conference.

Jesse 07494 074695

Sara 07525 620604



# *WAF 2023 Photo Competition*

Our official judges for this year's competition were:

David Wallace (USA)

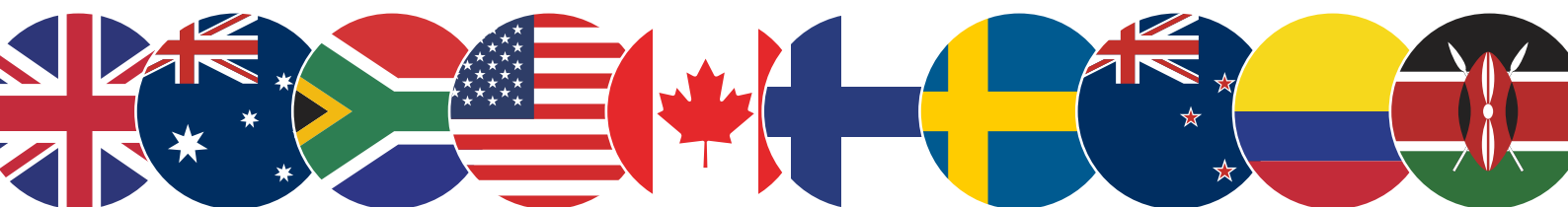
Francois Beaudry (Canada),

Colin Christophers (UK)

Karen Feek (New Zealand),

JD Marais (South Africa) and

Courtney Afford (Australia).





# 0-6 Months



**1st & People's Choice**  
 Des Basques Autograph Christel, London Dairy Farm  
 CANADA

**2nd**  
 Kozy Kountry Gentleman Maple ET, Glamourview Larger &  
 Walton USA

**3rd**  
 Mossy AA Great Alice, Daniel & Rachel Simons Family Trust  
 NEW ZEALAND



# 6-12 Months



**1st**  
 Bavaroise Burdette Allie, Amelie Hardy-Demers & Martin  
 Poirier CANADA

**2nd & People's Choice**  
 Stylin Reynolds Monroe, Leslie & Linda Bruchey USA

**3rd**  
 Beeline Reagan Ladybird, SN Bailey & Partners UK





# 12-18 Months



**1st**  
Regal Park Shania, David & Sharon Mayo AUSTRALIA

**2nd & People's Choice**  
True-Blessings KS Cherry Candy, Fishman - Malauley - Idowu CANADA

**3rd**  
Priestland Hail Sierra Lily, J McLean UK



# 18-24 Months



**1st**  
Bricker-Farms King Cinderella ET, Josh & Samantha Fairbanks & Adam Ludwig USA

**2nd & People's Choice**  
Regal Park Shakira, David & Sharon Mayo AUSTRALIA

**3rd**  
Chaluka Tuxedo Xera, Ferme Du Bois Brule CANADA





## *Lyr Old*



**1st**

Allstar Ringer Joybell, Evie Tomlinson UK

**2nd**

Bavaoise Predator Riley, Amelie Hardy-Demers & Martin Poirier CANADA

**3rd**

Twincounty Barcardi Breezer, Brothers Three & Kurt & Michelle Wolf USA

**People's Choice**

Paschendaele Klassic Blossom, The Eagles Partnership & Munden Farms AUSTRALIA



# 3yr Old



**1st**  
Paschendaale Klassy Tri Time, Eagles Partnership & Munden Farms AUSTRALIA

**2nd**  
Heineman Kingsire Cold Brew, Angela Heineman-Fuller USA

**3rd & Peoples Choice**  
Vieux Village G Montana, Florent, Vicky & Bianca Foley CANADA



# 4yr old



**1st**  
Vieux Village Gentleman Joy, Florent, Vicky & Bianca Foley CANADA

**=2nd & Peoples Choice**  
Heineman Reagan Roz, Angela Heineman-Fuller USA

**=2nd**  
Werombi Vale Bethany Grace, Melinda & Amy Hayter AUSTRALIA





## 5yr Old



**1st & People's Choice**  
 Miss Malibu Mimosa, Michelle Wolf, Melissa Burns & Duane Cole USA

**2nd**  
 Mayfield Farms Tuxedo Lou, Paul & Vicki Timbs AUSTRALIA

**3rd**  
 Sunshine Burdette Debbe, Sunshine Ayrshires - B & N Lawson NEW ZEALAND



## 6-7yr Old



**1st**  
 Sunshine Burdettes Dale, Sunshine Ayrshires B & N Lawson NEW ZEALAND

**2nd**  
 Paschendaele Forever Gigi, Eagles Partnership AUSTRALIA

**3rd & People's Choice**  
 Old-Bankston JC Banner, Lager & Walton USA





# Syrs & Over



**1st & People's Choice**

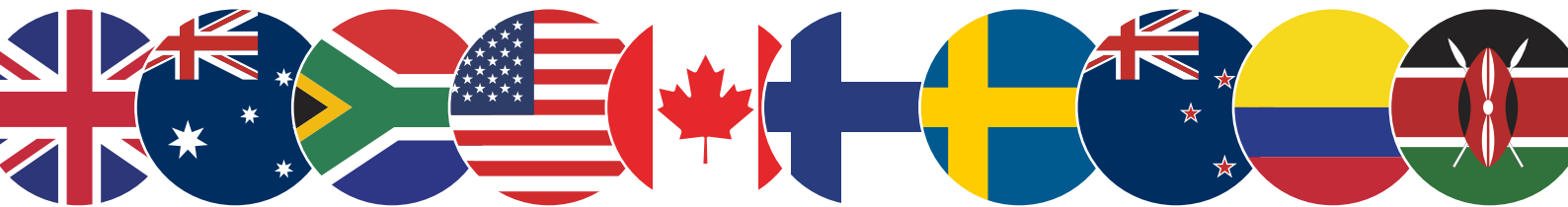
Pukekaraka Elle Delila, Gilbert Family NEW ZEALAND

**2nd**

Toppglen Wishful Thinking ET, Tanner, Brennan, Marissa & Logan Topp USA

**3rd**

Rockvale Burdette Locket 4, Munden Farms AUSTRALIA



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# Harperfield Ayrshires

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*Bred for Beauty, Milk, and Staying Power*

*Breeding Bulls that transmit consistently from great cows,  
we started that way and will continue that way.*

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Drumaston Garnet 2<sup>nd</sup> by Balig Silver Stream (Pictured in 1963) this line produced Dancing Brave the sire of Nyjinsky who through his son Harperfield Loch Lomond when blended with the following Great Cows has been instrumental in the Herds development of the modern Ayrshire cow.

*Barr Sandy Rose 56<sup>th</sup> EX 95 (6E) LP 100 (110 tonnes produced) By Barr Aviator*

*Breed Champion Dairy day 2015 along with many other awards over a long show career.*

*Her Picture (Dairy Day 2015 Picture) Dam of Sands of Time EX 91 (by Loch Lomond)*



Harperfield Pan VG 88 by Harperfield Loch Lomond and a daughter of Muirston Pan H 86 (TOP Priced Muirston Dispersal) She is the Dam of Harperfield Spirit of Scotia (By Blackadder BB Kellog) Her Picture as a heifer.

*Willowfields Winnie 3<sup>rd</sup> EX 94 (2E) By Harperfield Nyjinsky Honourable Mention Dairy Day (National Ayrshire Show ) 2021 Dairy Day Picture 2021.*

*Dam of Willowfields Harperfield Watership Down. (By Spirit of Scotia) Current service Sire.*

*Winnie is a daughter of W Winnie 2<sup>nd</sup> EX 93 (3E) LP 60 tonnes (Still Milking) Royal Highland show Champion 2018 Reserve National Ayrshire show the same Year.*



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