

# MIDLAND BLONDE CLUB

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## **September 2011 - NEWSLETTER**

Dear Member,

It has been a very busy summer, as usual, for the Midland Blonde Club. In June we hosted a cheese and wine party immediately after judging at the National Blonde Show held at the Three Counties Show, Malvern, Worcestershire in beautiful sunshine. This event was enjoyed by all whether they were exhibitors, Blonde members or visitors. Our thanks are extended to Richard and Sue Holloway for donating some wine for us and to Derek, Linda and Sue for all their work in getting everything ready. National Show: Hackleton Farms were awarded Female Champion, overall Supreme Breed Champion and Continental Champion with Hackleton Vixen. Kinaston Fonz was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Bull.

July saw Roy Kinnish judging the Midland Commercial Blonde Competition and he awarded first place to Mr Mervyn Thomas of Herefordshire with Scriveton Manor Farms, Derbyshire in a close second place.

The Midland Club had a stand at the Ashby show on July 10<sup>th</sup> and welcomed everyone there for refreshments. Our sincere thanks must be extended to Richard and Jo Lovett, Richard and Dorothy Ward and Bill and Marjorie Badham for hosting our hospitality tent again this year. Mr Stewart Wilson indulged everyone, in his year as President of the Ashby and District Agricultural Society, to an invite to the President's tea after judging which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you Stewart.

**Results of Ashby show** - Mr Kendall Jackson was our judge for the day.

Breed Champion and Junior Champion Marstonmill Ellis from Ian and Sue Archer

Reserve Breed champion and reserve Junior Champion Meadow Fortune from Derek Hicks and Linda Sewell, 1<sup>st</sup> with Cow with calf at foot Yieldingtree Damson – Tim Owen and Jenny Bright, 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Heifer Measham Dragonfruit – Richard Lovett, 1<sup>st</sup> Calf Bickley Gingernut - Tim Owen and Jenny Bright, Young handlers class – Henry Lovett

Ashby is a very friendly one day agricultural show and all new exhibitors to the Blonde Classes would be very welcome. Kenilworth Show is another of our shows held in early June at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire. Budore Earl from Ian and Sue Archer was Breed Champion, judged by Neil Brown and then there is Nantwich show, Cheshire which for the first time had a cheese and wine reception in the lines for everyone after judging, thank you Tim and Jenny. Blakesley Show, Northamptonshire Champion Continental any other beef breed and Interbreed Champion – Hackleton Vixen Hackleton Farms team.

August saw Chris and Debbie Hopley venturing around the Midland club members farms to judge the Keenan Herds competition – results sheet enclosed

**Sales:** Newark Market 14<sup>th</sup> September Hackleton Farms sold a 4 year old barren pedigree Blonde cow weighing 947kgs which sold at 198.5p per kilo totalling £1879.80

**Diary Dates 2012:** The Annual Midland Club Dinner will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012 tickets are priced at £27.50 for a three course meal of British Roast Beef contact Linda Tel:07974 121597 for dinner tickets. Please contact The Lord Hill Hotel, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY2 6AX Tel: 01743 232601 to book your rooms at the special rate quote 'Midland Club Dinner'.

The Midland Club Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012 promptly at 11.30am followed by a Sunday lunch carvery meal (£7.50 each) at The Lord Hill Hotel

And finally, congratulations and best wishes to Ian and Sue Archer on the marriage in South Africa of Richard and Carrie earlier this year and to Richard and Sue Holloway on the more recent marriage of James and Heather. Good luck to both families and may all their troubles be little ones!

kindest wishes

*Derek and Linda*