

# South Eastern Blonde Club

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## New member

We welcome Simon Fisher from Crookham Rise Maidenhead to the Club.

## Farm Walk

The Club was seen at its best on a lovely Sunday afternoon in the Vale of Aylesbury being entertained by David Morris and his father Peter on their Chilton Park Farm, Brill.

Around thirty members and friends were shown some very impressive livestock, both cattle and sheep, where the policy is to use either Blonde or Blue bulls as sires in the suckler herd, the dams being Blue or Blonde crosses from the farm's Friesian dairy herd.

Some members from the Midland club joined us and the local hostelry in Brill supplied us with lunch or tea before and after the visit. The actual date is probably best forgotten, but David kept sticking his head out of the Land Rover and saying 'Germany have scored again'. We felt we were in the best place!

## Shows

Variable news!

Herts County – a good turnout, with Hackleton Farm's Vixen winning the Blonde classes (and Reserve Interbreed) and Linda Sewell being Reserve Champion

South of England - only two exhibitors (well done Paul Thomas for travelling so far) with Hackleton Vixen winning again (she had travelled even further).

## Three Counties - Blonde National Show

Another triumph for Vixen who crowned a great Blonde event by winning the interbreed championship. Vixen was first in the Senior Cow class which was sponsored by the S E Club. Well done Jacky, Jimmy, Neil and Sam from the Club.

Kent Show – sadly cancelled Blonde classes – let us try to do better next year.

## French National Show

I am sorry to say that the proposed trip to France has had to be postponed to next year. It was just too difficult to organize this year.

Finally, I append the results of the Club's Herd Competition with thanks to all who entered and especially to Linda Sewell for judging and Derek for driving.

## Class 1 Small Herd ( 15 cows or less)

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| 1. Hilary Jones and Ben Garratt | Egerton    |
| 2. Roland King                  | Sandridge  |
| 3. Keith Bugden                 | Susanshill |

### Class 2 Large Herd (16+ Breeding Cows)

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| 1. Philip Madgwick | Froxfield  |
| 2. Peter de Giles  | Bilsington |
| 3. Tom Whirledge   | Roding     |

### Class 3 Dam and Daughter

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| 1. Keith Bugden      | Egerton Olga, Egerton Venus            |
| 2. Jones and Garratt | Egerton Perelandra, Egerton Cassiopeia |
| 3. Peter de Giles    | Bilsington Utopia, Bilsington Didds    |

### Class 4 Pair under 2 years

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| 1. Roland King    | Sandridge Ernie, Sandridge Eloise           |
| 2. Peter de Giles | Bilsington Daytime, Bilsington Ed           |
| 3. Keith Bugden   | Susanshill Esmerelda, susanshill Evangeline |

### Class 5 Progeny Group of 3

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| 1. Peter de Giles | sire. Bilsington Snowdon |
| 2. Keith Bugden   | sire Egerton Buddy       |
| 3. Jim Gribble    | sire Bilsington Valseur  |

### Best Stockbull - for National Competition

Philip Madgwick	Ulysse
Reserves Jim Gribble	Bilsington Valseur
Tom Whirledge	Bilsington Albatross

### Best 2 year old Heifer – for National Competition

Peter de Giles	Bilsington Didds
Reserves P Madgwick and R King	

Linda Sewell would most like to take home Rolands King's young bull Sandridge Earnie.

The Egerton and Froxfield Herds now go forward to the National Herd Competition.

Ben Garratt  
Chairman,

Ps My apologies that I have been unable to type and send this newsletter earlier this month, however I see from the Blonde website that the SE Club entries in the National Herd competition were not placed in the first two spots, but congratulations to our representatives.

The Club AGM is going to be in the second half of October this year – avoiding the Carlisle sale.

We will be having a Committee meeting sometime after 12<sup>th</sup> September please could all Committee members let Ben have their availability and if any Club members have any matters to raise let a Committee member know.

Many thanks, Best wishes Kate