

Northern Ireland Blonde News

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Greetings members, I didn't know whether I was going to get this far with a news letter but I made a special effort with the show season all but upon us. Good luck to all those making an effort to show your stock, remember as someone close to my heart always said, "It's not in the winning, but in the taking part that counts". Weather permitting and God sparing I look forward to meeting a few of you this year.

 **Ulster Bank**

A big thank you to Ulster Bank who are kindly sponsoring our Calf championship this year again. Qualifiers are :
Armagh, Ballymena, Ballymoney, **Castlewellan**, Lurgan, Newry, Saintfield.

Dates For Your Diary

13th -15th May, Balmoral, Closing date 20th March, Karen Hughes, 028 90 665225

30th May, Ballymena, Closing date 30th April, Jane Lamont, 028 25652666

6th June, Ballymoney, Closing date 8th May, Ann Morrison, 028 20751327

6th June, Lurgan, Closing date 23rd May, Finola Mulholland, 028 38322589

12th June, Friday, Annual Sale of Bulls and Females, Carlisle
13th June, Armagh, Closing date 30th May, Billy Parr, 028 37523572

20th June, Saintfield, Closing date 29th May, Phyllis Campbell, 028 97541716

27th June, Newry, Closing date 14th June tbc, Mairead O'Hagan, 028 30851673

Royal Highland Show, Thurs— Sun, 25 – 28 June
The Royal Show, Tues — Fri 7th - 10th July , Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire

Great Yorkshire Show, Tuesday 14 - Thursday 16 July
18th July, Castlewellan, Closing date 24th June, Mrs Violet Bell MBE, 028 40630536

Royal Welsh Show, Mon—Thurs 20-23 July
25th July, Antrim, Closing date 1st July, Linda Davis, 028 90849466

9th October, Friday, Autumn Show and Sale, Dungannon
23rd October, Friday, Show and Sale, Carlisle

14th November, Saturday, Northern Ireland Blonde Cattle Club Annual Dinner Dance, La Mon House hotel, further details later.

NI Blonde Cattle Club AGM, Tba

John Thompson & Sons Ltd Show herd of the year 2009

The show herd of the year is going ahead as per other years, see flyer for further details on points scoring or visit

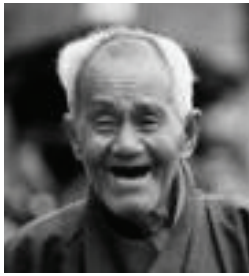
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Balmoral (½ pts), Antrim, Castlewellan, Ballymena, Armagh, Saintfield, Lurgan, Ballymoney and Newry.

Junior Handling Classes 2009

Junior handling competitions are going ahead at Ballymoney, Lurgan & Castlewellan shows, again as above for further information.

Do you know this person?



Probably not! But you probably know someone who's picture could take his place. Do you have or know of a personal congratulations message, a birth or a birthday, wedding or anniversary coming up or has happened that may brighten this page, let me know by text or email, all information treated in strictest confidence.

Scottish Stockjudging Weekend

This is a final call for those wishing to travel over to Scotland for the stockjudging weekend on 24 – 26 July this year. I'm told this is a weekend not to be missed, accommodation at Heriot Watt University. Costs as previously notified are £130 for adults and £65 for Under 12. This includes meals, teas & dinner dance. Travel is via Troon, Friday morning sailing 7.15 am & Sunday 8.20 pm, likely to be £32 adult and £21 for a child, Bus will be provided on the Scottish side. Your name and £10 deposit is requested to be with me Charles Curran, address at bottom of front page or Sheena Kennedy SBC Secretary ASAP.

Congratulations to:

Geoffrey Rodgers on winning the Blonde Babe at Carlisle with Hillhead Cilla.



And Overall Champion at the Spring Show and Sale at Dungannon with Maidenlands Bet



Mr Ivan Campbell from Ardboe on winning the Reserve Overall Champion with Diamond Cobra



Thanks to Judge Mr J.J. Mawhinney and Mr Marcus Mc Collum, representing sponsors Northern Bank.

Other notables on the day were:

Highest price of the day at £2700 guineas went to Mr Norman Mc Knight of the Silverwood Herd with Silverwood Caesar.

Class Winners

Class 1 – Mr Ivan Campbells Diamond Cobra

Class 2 – Mr Norman Mc Brides Cromkill Don

Class 3 – M. R. Rodgers & Sons' Maidenlands Bet

Class 4 – I & R. Mc Elroy & Sons' Ivaniskey Dolly

Champions

Male Champion: Diamond Cobra; Reserve: Cromkill Don

Female Champion: Maidenlands Bet; Reserve: Ivaniskey Dolly

Overall Champion: Maidenlands Bet; **Overall Reserve:** Diamond Cobra

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