



Members

No doubt you will all be in the midst of the standard pre-Christmas mayhem that accompanies the run into the holiday season, eventually the seemingly impossible becomes possible and Christmas day is on top of us. That said this year's mayhem seems a little muted mainly because large parts of the country have good feed levels and there is considerably less stock around for the same killing capacity. Consequently, there are no wait times at Processors yet.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Jamie, our new Manager at PBB to the PBB family. I had a very good yarn with Jamie last week, I think we will see a subtle but very positive change in respect of PBB core business direction.

I would like to wish all our members, family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Performance Analysis

The Board has recently had Zoom meetings with representatives from both ABRI and IGS. As a result of these meetings the Board has decided to remain with ABRI for the foreseeable future. There are a number of points raised which require further investigation which is currently on going

PBB

The PBB board is pleased to announce the search for a new General Manager has concluded with an offer having been accepted by Jamie Tait. Jamie comes from the IT sector although she has BSc Genetics degree with 1st class Honours. She has extensive strategic leadership experience, has excellent communication skills and a natural ability to relate to a wide range of people.

We had a strong field of contenders for the role, interviewing five and reinterviewing three with help from our management team. Jamie started with us on Monday 18th November.

Combined Breeds Shareholder Representative

Gary McCorkindale will continue as the representative.

South Devon FaceBook page/group

The board have made the decision to revert back to the old Facebook page.

We took on board a suggestion made by a member and we are grateful for this suggestion, unfortunately despite our best efforts we have been unable to make the page as interactive as we had hoped.

We will therefore be returning to the old page. The page will be run by the same 4 moderators that ran the group as the board feels that input from more than one person is essential, and the workload does not fall on one person.

We continue to ask for any content from the members. We will keep you informed of future opportunities to advertise and upcoming events.



The group will be deleted and the old page, which was not deleted, just put on hold, will be reactivated on December 8th.

2025 NZ Tour

Tentative plans are now in place for the 2025 South Devon AGM tour and AGM

This is to be held from the 18th-20th March 2025 in Canterbury.

Highlights to include, a Beef and Lamb seminar and visits to the van Asch, Maxwells and Wasons farms, along with a other activities to be advised later.

Show Results

The 24/25 show season is underway again, starting with at Christchurch with a very well, be it short notice, show. This year's format was a little different than previous years with only yearlings being shown. However, the quality of stock was as good as always. T

Christchurch Show 14th – 15th November

British Breeds Senior Male

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| 1 st Burtergill Roulette | van Asch Family |
| 2 nd Java Earls Louie | Eden Family |
| 3 rd Java Earls Nash | Eden Family |

British Breeds Junior Male

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| 1 st Java Earls Ninja | Eden Family |
| 2 nd Aschwood Hondo | van Asch Family |

British Breeds Senior Female

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| 1 st Aschwood Pepsi | van Asch Family |
| 3 rd Java Earls Nyx | Eden Family |

British Breeds Junior Female

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| 2 nd Asch Ginger 323 | van Asch Family |
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Interbreeds Male

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| 1 st Burergill Roulette | van Asch Family |
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Interbreeds Female

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| 1 st Aschwood Pepsi | van Asch Family |
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All Breeds Male Senior Male

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| 1 st Burergill Roulette | van Asch Family |
| 2 nd Java Earls Louie | Eden Family |

All Breeds Junior Male

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| 1 st Aschwood Hondo | van Asch Family |
| 4 th Java Earls Ninja | Eden Family |

All Breeds Senior Female

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| 1 st Aschwood Pepsi | van Asch Family |
| 4 th Java Earls Nyx | Eden Family |

Junior Meat & Wool Cup

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| 2 nd Burtergill Roulette | van Asch Family |
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Intermediate Stock Judging

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| 2 nd Ebony Eden |
| 5 th Jake Eden |



Burtergill Roulette Christchurch Show

**Intermediate Handling**

5th Ebony Eden

6th Jake Eden

Overall Herdsperson

2nd Ebony Eden

3rd Jake Eden

Masters Handlers

1st Georgia Davies

Coutney Show 23rd November.**British Breeds**

1st Burtergill Roulette van Asch Family

3rd Aschwood Hondo van Asch Family

All Breeds

1st Burtergill Roulette van Asch Family

3rd Aschwood Hondo van Asch Family

Senior Handlers

2nd Emily van Asch

West Otago Show 23rd November**All Breeds****Yearling Bull**

1st Java Earls Ninja Eden Family

2nd Java Earls Louie Eden Family

3rd Java Earls Nash Eden Family

Yearling Heifer

1st Java Earls Nyx Eden Family

2nd Speckle Park Eden Family

3rd Java Earls Geneva Eden Family

Bull Calf

2nd Java 24-04 Eden Family

Heifer Calf

1st Java Earls Nixon Eden Family

2nd Java Earls Luna Eden Family

Senior Handlers

1st Jake Eden

2nd Ebony Eden

Novice Handlers

2nd Emily Bradly

3rd Owen Bradly

Champion Beef Exhibit

Java Earls Nyx Eden Family

Reserve Champion

Java Earls Ninja Eden Family



Java Earls Ninja & Java Earls Nyx. West Otago Show



Message from the World President

Hello All,

A year ago, many of us gathered in New Zealand for a fantastic World Congress tour and much has happened since then.

In the UK it was a wet but grassy season with lamb and beef prices reaching record highs. The downside was that harvesting was tricky and the grain harvest one of the worst in memory.

In the UK we now have a labour government with a landslide majority which was achieved with the lowest vote ever for a winning party, which suggests they are not all that

popular. This is proving to be the case with landowners who will be subject to revised inheritance tax and business property relief charges. As I write thousands of concerned farmers have travelled to Westminster to make their concerns known. Apparently, it was one of the most peaceful demonstrations ever with those attending clearing up after themselves leaving the site tidier when they left than when they arrived!

Some of you may be aware that the UK Society has restructured with Pedigree Livestock Services undertaking much of the admin and all of the registrations. Whilst sorting and clearing out the Office some boxes of historical World Congress and overseas Society publications and information have found their way into my garage awaiting further sorting out. What I hope to do is to put together a resume of relevant material to be on display when the tour is in the UK in 2026.

For those of you who have been on the World Tours of late you will know Doug and Margaret Northey. Unfortunately, Doug is hospitalised having undergone back surgery basically necessitated by years of wear and tear. We wish him and Margaret well in his recovery.

The first part of the Tour will commence with a meeting on the 28th of May at The London Heathrow Hotel. The Tour travels up the East of England northwards to incorporate Southwest Scotland and then heads south to The Bank House Hotel Worcester where the Conference will be held and also a day at The Royal Three Counties Show. The post Conference Tour will be down into the Southwest for approximately eleven days.

Two of the parts of our Mission Statement is to encourage youth participation which includes overseas exchange and also genetic exchange. On the latter the health requirements vary from country to country making this a complex undertaking but for those breeders who have used imported semen it could be most beneficial and interesting to share your findings with data or photos. Speaking of data if South Deon's have performed particularly well in any well-respected trials it would be worth while sharing this for publicity purposes.

It may be a bit early to wish you a Merry Christmas but hopefully we can have a happy and prosperous new year with our docile breed of cattle in a volatile and troubled world.

With best wishes
Richard

World Tour

The South Devon World Tour will be held in the UK starting in May 2025 from London. Travelling all over the UK from Scotland down Cornwall in the Southwest of England. The tour finishes on the 23rd of June back in London.

World Tour Itinerary.

Pre Tour

Thursday 28th May Reception and overnight stay at Hilton Terminal 4 Hotel Heathrow.



Friday 29th May Visit Marsh Farm near Basildon to see the Sell's South Devon's. They trial also New Holland equipment and have an anaerobic digester.

Saturday 30th May Visit the Woodbastick herd founded in the 1980's which is integrated with A large arable mixed cropping enterprise.

Boat trip on the Norfolk Broads.

A relatively quiet day to help long haul travellers.

Sunday 31st May Travel from Mercure, Norwich to York. Stopping off at Windmill, and a new herd in Lincolnshire.

Monday 1st June Free day in York, staying at Double Tree by Hilton.

Tuesday 2nd June 2 herd visits, the Sunderlandwick herd, where the farm also has fishing Lakes and a Golf Course, and a visit to Mike Powley a former beef farmer of the year.

Wednesday 3rd June A trip on the North York Moors railway to enjoy fish and chips at Whitby.

Coach to the Delta Marriot Durham Royal County Hotel.

Thursday 4th June Herd visits to Sir John Bell and Richard and Jean Barron.

Friday 5th June Look at Hadrian's Wall and visit Carlisle Auctions (non-market day).

Arrive at Gretna Hall Hotel.

Saturday 6th June Visit Dumfries House.

Herd visits in Southwest Scotland.

Sunday 7th June Travel south to arrive at the Leewood Hotel, Buxton.

Monday 8th June Visit the Alsop herd of polled South Devon's in the Peak District.

Visit Chatsworth House and Gardens, including farm tour.

Tuesday 9th June Visit the National Memorial Arboretum.

Visit the Broadwood herd, established in 2007 by former England and British and Irish Lion Julian White and his wife Sara.

Travel to the Bank House Hotel, Worcester.

Wednesday 10th June Conference



Thursday 11th June Conference

Friday 12th June Royal Three Counties Show

Post Tour

Saturday 13th June Travel to Exeter Courtyard Hotel, stopping off at Sedgemoor Market on market day.

Sunday 14th June Visit to Ed Hawkins Cutsey herd, National Herd Competition winner in 2022 and who uses a paddock grazing system.

Visit to a local cider maker.

Visit to the Burrough's Godworthy herd.

Monday 15th June Visit to Shearwell Data.

Tuesday 16th June Hopefully a tour of Sandypark rugby stadium.

Visitors go with hosts for 2 nights homestay.

Wednesday 17th June Visit to the Stretchford herd.

Hopefully a visit to Riverford Organic farm.

Hopefully a visit to Luscombe Drinks, followed by supper at Rattery Village Hall.

Thursday 18th June Herd visit to the Tucker family farm with spectacular sea views, bbq Lunch, overseas visitors back on the coach to travel to Plymouth for Overnight stop.

Friday 19th June Travel into Cornwall for herd visits to Highgate and Polkinghorne, days to be decided.

A visit to the iconic Minack Theatre.

2 nights accommodation at The Falmouth Hotel.

Saturday 20th June In Cornwall

Sunday 21st June Sunday night accommodation at The Bedford Hotel, Tavistock.

Monday 22nd June Short drive to the Colcharton Farm Partnership with lunch.

Afternoon visit to the Grassland Research Institute.

Overnight at Exeter Courtyard Hotel.

Tuesday 23rd June Return to London via Forde Abbey to include a goat milking operation.

This programme may be subject to minor alterations!

We are working very closely with Fieldfarm Tours, who assisted with the 2005 trip.

They will be only too happy to assist with organising flights and anything you may require outside of this itinerary, where they can.



*Merry
Christmas*