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Congratulations to Stars of the Future Young Handlers Champion Rhianydd Davies (Caradog Highland) and Reserve Emma Stronach (Islavale Simmental) pictured here with Club representatives David Leggat & Rachael Wylie together with judge Catherine Mckechnie receiving the Royal Smithfield Club trophy. The Club was delighted to support this 'new' event held on Friday 11th November at United Auctions, Stirling.

ROYAL ULSTER BEEF & LAMB CHAMPIONSHIPS



The fifth Royal Ulster Premier Beef & Lamb Championships took place on Tuesday 22nd November at Balmoral Park. The Champion Calf was exhibited by Joseph McCarragher from Armagh and shown by Teresa McKearney from Middletown with their heifer Millie. Vickie White, RUAS, is pictured presenting Teresa with the Duke of Bedford Perpetual Trophy provided by the Royal Smithfield Club. Reserve was Magee Farms, Rostrevor. Later that evening, the Champion Calf sold for £2,900 to Norman McCleary.

STRONG SMITHFIELD SHOWING AT LIVESCOT

- *David Dickinson - Champion Rib*
- *Robert Frame - Lamb Champion*

LiveScot, held at Lanark on Saturday 26 November 2022, included the Royal Smithfield Club Beef Ribs & Saddle of Lamb competitions. Judge for the day was Jason Ward from John Scott Meats, Paisley with the event supported by Hugh Black & Sons Butchers & Quality Meat Scotland.



Nine beef ribs of very high quality were entered with the Champion coming from David Dickinson, Brookwoodlees Farm, Canonbie, Dumfriesshire with a 378kg Limousin-cross heifer grading R4L. David finishes about 650 cattle per year on his 480-acre, all-grass farm. The Reserve championship went to T & A

Taylor, Heatherhall Farm, Biggar with another Lim-cross heifer.



Taking home the Club trophy for best Saddle of Lamb from a strong entry of 15 was Robert Frame from J & J Frame & Co, Dyke Head Farm with a 27.9kg Texel-cross. Reserve Champion was Andrew Dunlop of Corstane Farm, Biggar with a 22.9kg Beltex.

Results

Beef Rib

1. David Dickinson
2. T & A Taylor

Lamb Saddle

1. J & J Frame & Co
2. Andrew Dunlop

SMITHFIELD HIGHLIGHTS AT ENGLISH WINTER FAIR

- *British Blue Team wins Duke of Norfolk Trophy*
- *Perrys of Eccleshall secure Beef Ribs Championship*
- *Joseph Morris takes Saddle of Lamb Champion*
- *Coates & Wynne take Reserve Rib award*
- *Reserve Saddle goes to Greenfields*
- *RABI Single Lamb trophy to The Goodwood Estate*

The English Winter Fair, held on the weekend of 19-20 November 2022 at the Staffordshire County Showground, was once again a resounding success with many of its highlights involving competitions supported by the Royal Smithfield Club.



In the much-anticipated Duke of Norfolk Trophy, for the best group of three purebred animals, a large crowd on the Sunday witnessed six breeds go head-to-head with the British Blues winning and the Herefords in reserve. Judge Phil Halhead praised the winning trio as 'a very correct and consistent group, very uniform in size and shape.' The winners comprised the bull calves Maes Sancho and Maes Supernova from IP Jones together with Kevin Watret's heifer Solwayview Secret. Standing reserve was the Hereford team.

Making the presentation was Geoff Burgess, Club President.



The Club's Beef Ribs & Saddle of Lamb competitions, with a record dozen entries in each section, was judged by Dave Morland of Tebay Farm Shop & Services, Cumbria. The Champion Beef Rib came from Perrys of Eccleshall with a 24-month Limousin-sired heifer weighing in at 560kg liveweight from producer Steve Cartmell and presented by butcher Carl Norton. The judge described the winner as 'full of meat, with marbling and nice fat cover.'

Reserve Rib went to Messrs Coates & Wynne.



The Perpetual Lamb Saddle Trophy was awarded to Joseph Morris Butchers with their Beltex ewe lamb described as having 'a full eye of meat and nice covering of fat' by Mr Morland. The reserve title went to Greenfields.

The winning entries made £320 and £200 respectively for charity in Bagshaws' post-show auction.



Earlier on the Sunday, the Royal Smithfield RABI Single Butchers Lamb trophy went to Nick Page of The Goodwood Estate, West Sussex with a Beltex x Texel with reserve a Texel-cross from G Bellfield, Cheshire. Presenting the award was Richard Saunders, RSC Secretary, and Kate Jones, RABI Regional Manager.



ROYAL SMITHFIELD AT AGRIFEST

AgriFest South-West organised by the Devon County Agricultural Association and held at Westpoint, Exeter, on Wednesday 2 November 2022 saw the Royal Smithfield Club's trophies awarded to both sheep and cattle winners.

Pictured are judge Aled Groucott, Julie Edwards of sponsor Shearwell & Chris presenting the RSC trophy.



The Supreme Champion pair of lambs came from Robert Garth & Sarah Priestley with their pure Beltex duo.



In the cattle classes, the Supreme Champion was Mr M Kirby's Limousin, Dizzy. Seen here are Adam May from sponsor Mole Valley Farmers, judge Neil Lloyd and Chris Riddle presenting the Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association Royal Smithfield Club trophy.

BICENTENARY TROPHY AWARDED TO ELIZABETH BUCHANAN



Elizabeth Buchanan CVO, FRAGS has been awarded the prestigious Royal Smithfield Bicentenary Trophy in recognition of her outstanding contribution to British Agriculture. The presentation was made by Royal Smithfield Club President Geoff Burgess at the South of England Farming Conference held in Ardingly, West Sussex on Wednesday 16th November.

The Bicentenary nomination was put forward by Addington Fund CEO, Bill Young, together with Forage Aid Founder, Andrew Ward, and CEO of the Farming Community Network, Jude McCann.

“Elizabeth devotes her time to fight tooth and nail for British agriculture and we are truly in awe of what she continues to achieve for the livestock industry and agriculture in general.

Most of this is done quietly and off the record and we consider her to be one

of the great advocates for British farming and cannot think of a more deserving winner,” said Bill Young.

Elizabeth is also a Trustee for The Prince’s Countryside Fund, a non-executive board member of DEFRA, a member of the BBC Rural Affairs Committee as well as working as an adviser to Waitrose and Dairy Crest. She also runs her family 200-acre organic pedigree cattle farm in Sussex.



The Smithfield Bicentenary Trophy is an annual award and, in keeping with tradition, is ‘sprung’ on the recipient without their prior knowledge.

In making the presentation, RSC President Geoff Burgess said: “Elizabeth is hugely deserving of this award for her overall contribution to the UK livestock and meat industry and in recognition of the way she devotes herself to the cause of British agriculture in so many different ways.”

ANNUAL MEETING OF CLUB MEMBERS – SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

The Annual Meeting of Club Members (AMCM) was held within the English Winter Fair on Sunday 20th November 2022. Minutes are attached for your consideration. As the meeting was non-quorate, the Club therefore seeks approval through this Briefing. Please raise any points with Secretary Richard Saunders by 31st December 2022.

2023 CLUB OFFICE BEARERS

- President Geoff Burgess
- Chairman Simon Orpwood
- Deputy Chairman Chris Riddle
- Trustee Responsible for Finance & Governance Geoff Burgess
- Trustee William Bedell
- Trustee Julian Hopwood
- Trustee John Dracup

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