



The Silent "U"

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN BREEDING SALE

United Auctions, Stirling

234 Head
comprising

40 In Calf Heifers (29 Sim-Luing)
113 Bulling Heifers (31 Sim-Luing)
15 Cows & Unregistered Luings

Including Dispersals

Balintore Herd
25 Cows + followers

Lochan Herd
24 Cows + followers

Luings



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DNA SAMPLES

for bulls intended
for sale or own use

Breeders are strongly encouraged to submit hair samples
at the **earliest opportunity** - by end August would be ideal.

Any older stock bulls not already DNA profiled - please send samples ASAP

***Young bulls intended for sale at Castle Douglas or Dingwall should also
send samples at the earliest opportunity, if not already done so***

Luings

Chairman's message

The Luing Society has had a good reception at events attended throughout the summer and I hope that the interest we have seen in the breed follows through in the upcoming sales season. We attended the Scottish Beef Event, held at Dalswinton Estate in Dumfriesshire in early June, and picked up the award for our Breed Society Trade Stand, which was very pleasing. Thanks to Robert, Andrew and Margaret Whiteford, and Andrew McNee for providing excellent stock for our display.

The new council members have had two meetings thus far, and all Council members are distributed among the various committees, which bring proposals back to the full Council for its approval, based on the guidelines developed in the Strategy. A clearly stated common direction has been a welcome focus over the last 12-18 months, and an opportunity to reflect on the achievement and the "To-Do" list is also appreciated. As we approach the nomination season, we will be seeking 3 new Council members – nominations due in mid-November, please see the relevant section in this Newsletter and nomination form enclosed. This is an opportunity to work with the existing group to further the Luing breed. For those who are thinking of putting themselves forward, please have a look at the Director's Handbook which is available on the website. By the time this year's nominations are elected a completely new set of personnel from even 3 years ago will be in place.

The Finance committee is monitoring the finances, and although it has not been in a position to strengthen the investment account this in the last 12 months, you will see that investment has been targeted towards our online presence. In particular, this has manifested itself in a newly published web page focusing on Luing Beef – nativebeef.co.uk. Please have a look and we would like to hear from any member who has their own farm shop, is supplying a local farm shop, or is providing a mail order service – and is currently not featured in our list of members who supply this service. Please drop us an email along with your logo, and we will add you to the list. The Breed Development Committee continues to monitor DNA requests and an expected drop is expected given that the vast majority of older herd sires are already profiled. Members are reminded that the Society has withdrawn funding for any DNA analysis from the beginning of 2023. Also from the beginning of 2022, all male calves registered as males intended for breeding ("L" registrations) are expected to be able to be sire verified. The Breed Development committee has identified a very small number of male calves that don't meet this criteria and will discuss a plan at their next meeting. The Breed Development committee have also embarked on a trial with SIGNET that will allow all breeders to submit measures for animals (performance recording)- at no cost to the Breeder (Society funded). More information will be available in the near future, once we get set up with SIGNET.

Our Fieldsman is engaged in bull inspections over the autumn. The Council have negotiated an early spring sale of bulls and heifers at United Auctions, to be held within the annual Stirling Bull Sale calendar. The sale is to be held on the same day as the Simmental sale, and a more detailed timetable will be available nearer the time. Entries should be made as normal, on Grassroots. This additional sale is an option, which is in addition to the Premier Sale to be held at Castle Douglas on 9th February.

The change in our secretarial contract to Pedigree Cattle Services has been in place for over a year now. The net result has been no change in service to membership, but with access to a bigger team of people, trained on the same software. The transition has been seamless and is bringing with it the increased degree of security that the Luing Society has not seen before.

The Luing Open Day was a huge success, and thanks go to the Graham family and many helpers for opening up their herd for the day. We had a busy programme and were very well looked after, and most importantly saw some tremendous cattle. A good number of members and non members alike turned out, and it was an excellent "catch up" with members old and new. I would like to thank the many members and Council members who help with our events; putting up and taking down the stand, manning the stands, providing refreshments and cattle. The list of ways that members are helping is endless and very much appreciated.

SPRING SALES

STIRLING BULL SALES

United Auctions
Stirling

Monday 19th February

Entries due Friday
15th December

UnitedAuctions
Scotland's Leading Livestock Auctioneers

PREMIER SALE

Wallets Marts
Castle Douglas

Friday 9th February

Entries due Friday
8th December



CADZOW BROTHERS-LUING

5th Annual Production Sale

High Health Status
Pedigree Luing Cattle

United Auctions
Oban Livestock Centre
11th November 2023



Johnes 1, IBR, BVD accredited since 2012
Signet recorded performance data
Sold purely off grass

LUING JOURNAL 2024

Advertising Booking Forms Available
www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/publications
Deadline 15th October

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Important Dates For Your Diary

Luig Journal Advertising

Application and Artwork Deadline - 15th October

Autumn Breeding Sale

Saturday 28th October, 2023

United Auctions, Stirling

Cadzow Bros 5th Annual Production Sale

11th November, 2023

Oban Livestock Centre

Premier Sale Entry Deadline

8th December 2023

Stirling Sale Entry Deadline

15th December 2023

Deadline for Census Update on Grassroots

31st Dec 2023

Premier Sale

Friday 9th February 2024

Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

Stirling Bull Sale

Monday 19th February 2024 (provisional)

United Auctions, Stirling

Registration Deadline

28th February 2024

Council Nominations

The Luig Council has 3 retiring members at the next AGM for which nominations are sought for these three places. A nomination form is included with this mailing which must be fully completed and **returned to the Secretary by Tuesday 21st November**. Nominees must be fully paid members and be seconded by two other fully paid members (Proposer and Secunder), both of which must be declared on the form. Should there be more nominations than places available, an election will be held. Nominees are encouraged to provide a biographical profile, which will be circulated with ballot papers in the event of an election. Biographical notes should consist of your background, agricultural business profile, experience with Luings, and importantly, skills that you can bring to Council. Proposed nominees are invited to review the Luig Cattle Society's DIRECTORS' HANDBOOK ahead of agreeing to nomination, which is available on the website on the publications page. Proposed nominees will be expected to have read and agreed to abide by the terms of the handbook, having signed their nomination form. Proposed nominees are reminded that as Council Members, company directors have legal responsibilities, and behavioural expectations, to the business of the Luig Cattle Society.