



Pedigree News



Pedigree Identification Review

BPA chairman Alan Rose has set up a working group to look at the future of pedigree of identification. Identification lies at the heart of pedigree breeding and affects all pedigree breeders regardless of their special interests. For this reason the working group consists of the Chairs of the Conservation, Pork and Show Committees with the Chairman of Council and the Chief Executive. The systems for identification that we have in place at present have developed over the years and the committee will be looking at rationalising and simplifying our procedures to meet the following criteria.

Pedigree Identification must be simple and cost effective

As far as possible it must complement existing legislation for animal movements

It must not prevent Pedigree pigs from taking part in marketing schemes which do not allow notching such as Freedom Foods.

It must provide a reasonable level of security for those taking part in Shows.

The current position is as follows.

The BPA recommends Tattooing or Ear Notching for pedigree identification. Only one system can be used within a breed.

Ear Tagging is an alternative but members wishing to use tags instead of the preferred methods of ID must inform the Association in writing and use tags for all their breeds. A mix and match approach is not possible. If tags are used all Herd Book registered Stock must be double tagged. Plastic button tags should be used with the HDL and Ear number on one side and the Herdmark on the other. Metal tags should not be used for pedigree ID.

Ear Numbers up to 4 digits with a single prefix or suffix letter are permitted

Options under consideration by the committee include:

Matching the number on the pedigree certificate to the number on the pigs ear.

The HDL should appear on the pig as well as the certificate. For breeds which tattoo the HDL letters would be tattooed in the pigs ear. For breeds that notch an additional tag with HDL letters would be applied

Suffix or prefix letters on the certificate should also be on the pig. For breeds which tattoo: the prefix or suffix letters would be tattooed in the pigs ear. For breeds that notch: an additional tag with ear number and suffix or prefix letters would be applied.

Removal of the option to record a secondary ID. Any additional tags used for moving to shows or breeding quarantines would have to match the Primary ID applied at the time of Birth Notification.

Double tagging of birth notified pigs where tagging is used for Primary ID

Increased flexibility to allow herds with more than one breed to use a mix of tattooing and tagging.

Agreed formats for tags and tattoos

Notching for Oxford Sandy and Blacks.

Following consultations by the OSB Breed Reps it has been agreed that the Oxford Sandy and Black breed will use notching as the preferred form of Primary ID. From January 1st 2011 all Oxford Sandy & Black pigs should be notched using the same pattern as the Berkshires and Large Blacks.

Oxford Sandy & Black breeders with any concerns about notching should contact their Breed Representative.



NEW BREEDERS CORNER

Sue Fildes visits the Kingdon's in Cornwall to see their new Pietrain breeding enterprise.



John and Rose Kingdon have kept pedigree pigs for some years and have just branched out into something different - Pietrains.

They chose the Pietrain partly for its relative rarity but mostly for its extreme conformation – huge muscular back-ends make it the pig equivalent of the double-muscled Belgian Blue cattle. Fat cover is almost negligible, but crossed with any other pig they are of the opinion that it will give best of both breeds – to make a jolly good porker. The potential sales of breeding pigs for crossing programs was an important economic consideration. John is sure his decision to buy only pedigree pigs was correct, and to Birth Notify every litter with the BPA, so that potential buyers then have a guarantee that the pig is really what it is claimed to be – pure Pietrain.



They travelled to two separate farms in Carmarthenshire in 2009 to buy their first boar and 2 gilts. One gilt farrowed at 12 months old in January 2010, the other gilt close behind in February. By chance this January litter happened to be the perfect age for showing as the youngest show class at any BPA show is for pigs born in the year of the show. The earliest born pigs have some advantage over a younger pig, as they say 'a good big pig will normally beat a good small pig'. Since that original purchase they have bought another gilt and a boar of different lines so that they have an unrelated mate for any gilts that they retain. Now they have 3 sows and have kept the best gilt from their first registered litter. Rose says: 'I find the Pietrains to be much more intelligent and their friendliness is endearing, the feedback from people who have purchased a boar from us have all said the same, even two people have told me they are more like a dog than a pig!'

Showing They have never taken their other pigs to shows, but took the Pietrains this year to show them off and hopefully pick up some pedigree sales, as they thought that no-one had really heard about them. I met them at Cornwall show where the rarity, and the extreme muscled conformation of the Pietrain gilt and boar attracted much attention. As did their behaviour – they were a bit of a handful! Conversely the person from whom the original stock were bought from said he had trouble getting them to move.



John loved the first show. He says: 'It was a funny old class, modern Pietrains against Kune Kunes in the 'Any Other Breed' class, but I loved the showing and enjoyed meeting such a diverse range of interesting people. One boar was sold direct from the show to Oxfordshire, which was a good result. I went on to show at Okehampton, where I showed a litter brother of the pig that I had sold from Cornwall show. Next year I plan to do Mid-Devon as well – I'm hooked.' For 2011 shows they already have selected the best July gilts and mated two sows in September for January farrowings.

Management: John was born into farming but left it for 20+ years to be 'a digger man', but now he's back farming with a holding of some 90 acres. The land is the historic WWII airfield at St Eval, between Padstow and Newquay, 300 feet up and just 1 mile from the cliff edge, where the wind rips in from the Atlantic with absolutely no shelter other than the actual pig arks. Pigs occupy some 5 – 6 acres and he grows some corn himself for feeding to the pigs. Any unused acreage is let out.



All pigs are currently free-range in curtainless arks, but John and Rose are considering either putting PVC curtains on the arks for heat retention, or perhaps bringing the sows inside for next winter. This is because of their lack of fat compared with the hardy Gloucestershire Old Spots (his first pedigree pigs), he feels that they would benefit from a warmer environment, especially the sows with litters. Gilts will still stay out. Hybrid Vigour is evident when he has crossed a Pietrain boar onto Gloucestershire Old Spots sow as he has had up to 15 born alive. Weaning is at 8 weeks for several reasons – it keeps the pigs on a 6 monthly cycle which is ideal for producing for showing once established; also John says ‘milk makes them grow best’ in addition to the creep area for additional piglet feed that the sow cannot get to. They have noted that the growth rate is considerably greater over a same given period than the Gloucesters.

Feeding: John buys creep pellets for the youngest pigs but likes to produce what he can from his own acreage. Sows get rolled barley with some bought-in Soya to raise the protein levels. A hammer mill is used to crush the Barley further for feeding to the younger stock. Dry sows are strip-grazed on fodder beet, using electric fencing to limit the amount they can reach each day. Some fodder beet is pulled up to feed to the young ones; although this is hard work it all helps keep the feed cost down. These strip-grazed sows only get hard feed in the mornings.



Sales: They took 5 boars to a specialist sale of breeding pigs at Sedgemoor market (two and a quarter hours from home but in a handy location just off the M5 in Somerset) and sold all 5 to homes as far away as Bedfordshire, mainly to people wanting to use them as a sire onto another breed. Pure and cross bred Pietrains also sell well at finished pork auction markets due to their limited fat cover, whereas the more traditional breeds need a more discerning outlet where their fat is appreciated as an indication of meat quality.



Aspirations John has decided that for his farm Pietrains are the way forward and so he will concentrate on them, and continue showing as he is hooked on the experiences he has had this year.

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Welcome New Members



Mrs J M Wilson, SHROPSHIRE

The Marshbrook herd of Tamworth

Mr J Hanson, WEST MIDLANDS

The Exhall herd

Mr & Mrs Collier, OXFORDSHIRE

The Irondown herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr Blyth, YORKSHIRE E.

The Roosefurze herd of British Saddleback

Mr L J Gull, SUFFOLK

The Whatfield herd of Large Black & Tamworth

Mrs MA Williams, CARMARTHENSHIRE

The letgoch herd of British Saddleback

Mr D Haighton, SHROPSHIRE

The Ellerdine herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr & Mrs Gray, TYNE & WEAR

The Ravensworth herd

Mr H Walton, LANCASHIRE

Ms Lucy Andrew, SUSSEX

The Ivyland herd of British Saddleback, Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr Mark Blake, CORNWALL

The Gwindra herd of British Saddleback

Mr B May, DEVON

The Kingsley herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr A Tyson, YORKSHIRE N.

The Stepneyhill herd of British Saddleback

Mr G K Jones, WEST GLAMORGAN

The Wernfawr herd of Welsh

Mr M J Marriage, WILTSHIRE

Mrs Jan McKenty, SOMERSET

The Shireend herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots, Tamworth

Dan & Carla Morris, MID GLAMORGAN

The Felin herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr & Mrs S Shaw, DORSET

The Merrylands herd of Tamworth

Mrs Bev Wills, HERTFORDSHIRE

The Ponsbourne herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr David Challinor, CHESHIRE

The Rusheyhey herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr G Cotterell, DERBYSHIRE

The Banktop herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr M O'Connell, IRISH REPUBLIC

The Dennbawn herd of Tamworth

Mr G Pelling, DEVON

The Lowerhearson herd

Mr RJ & Mrs B Kingdon, CORNWALL

The Hillhead herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr P Hodgson, CO. DURHAM

The Hettmill herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots, Tamworth

Mr Donal O'Sullivan, IRISH REPUBLIC

The Bartlemy herd of Tamworth

Mr A Clare, CHESHIRE

The Brookheys herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Miss B Williams, KENT

The Waddenhall herd of Berkshire

Mr Paul Webber, CARMARTHENSHIRE

The Llwyntew herd of Mangalitz

Mr & Mrs B Hendy, DEVON

Mr J Betteridge, DEVON

The Hollocombe herd of Tamworth

Miss H Macleod, SOMERSET

The Lovington herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr & Mrs M & E Hamilton, YORKSHIRE N.

Mrs Helen Burrows, YORKSHIRE N.

The Hallstandard herd

Mrs Sally Kirk, YORKSHIRE W.

The Holmestyes herd

Mr David Whittaker, CHESHIRE

The Gritstone herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr Ronald Law, SOMERSET

The herd of British Saddleback

Mr John Pybus, CLEVELAND

The Grrewgrass herd

Mr N Wright, LINCOLNSHIRE

The herd of Berkshire

Mrs Burman, SUSSEX

The Benlah herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr & Mrs Cressey-Rodger, CARMARTHENSHIRE

The Draenog herd of British Saddleback

Mrs Jones, CORNWALL

The Treararrow herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Miss Rebecca Clark, SURREY

The Brambly herd of British Saddleback

Mr P Perrin, CHESHIRE

The Etherow herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Miss DC Jarvis, GWYNEDD

The Bronprys herd

Mr Dudley, STAFFORDSHIRE

The Blacklake herd of Middle White

Mr C Gibson, CO. LONDONDERRY

The Aughlish herd

Ms Louise Marshall, IRISH REPUBLIC

The Amara herd of British Saddleback

Mrs Trudy Douglas, STAFFORDSHIRE

The Manderley herd of British Saddleback

Miss Faye Mullin, YORKSHIRE W.

The Deanhouse herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr J Wakefield, CORNWALL

The Polgear herd of British Saddleback

Mrs Carol Radford, WARWICKSHIRE

The Ladyacorn herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots, Oxford Sandy & Black

Mrs H Edwards & Mr D James, CEREDIGION

The Melharad herd of Welsh

Mr Peter Whent, HAMPSHIRE

The Tuckslane herd of British Saddleback & Large Black

Miss Helen Calvert, PEMBROKESHIRE

The Bentlass herd of Welsh

Mr Peter Lyle, MID GLAMORGAN

The Tunnel herd of Welsh

Mrs Lindsay Loxley, HERTFORDSHIRE

The Furneux herd of Large White & Tamworth

Mr John Sanderson, SOMERSET

The Bowerview herd of Mangalitz

Mr P Heald, LINCOLNSHIRE

The Fieldside herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr David Murray, DEVON

The Wheatlandfarm herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr Mike Edmondson, CO. DURHAM

The Lowbollhope herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots, Tamworth & Welsh

Mr T & Mrs C Marshall, YORKSHIRE N.

The Gennelfields herd of British Saddleback

Mrs M Hannigan, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

The Stoneyford herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr KC Dymond, DEVON

The Marcombe herd of British Saddleback

Ms T Ticehurst, SUSSEX

The Bridgefootmeadows herd of

Berkshire, Gloucestershire Old Spots & Large Black

Mrs S Green, ESSEX
The Oldwheatsheat herd

Mr Rory O'Connor, IRISH REPUBLIC
The Garrynagry herd

Mr S Hinchcliffe, YORKSHIRE W.
The Thenale herd of British Saddleback, Oxford Sandy & Black & Tamworth

Mrs Deborah Anderson, CO. DOWN
The Broomcottage herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr Callum Nicholson, NORTHUMBERLAND
The Churchlands herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mrs M Powell, CEREDIGION
The Pencastell herd of Tamworth

Mr Graham Evens, CARDIGANSHIRE
The Cwmiago herd of Berkshire

Mr Justin Aherne, IRISH REPUBLIC
The Glenseskin herd of Large Black

Mrs Diane Fulgoni, ESSEX
The Gullmeadow herd of Berkshire

Mr S Place, SOMERSET
The Galingale herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr R S Bowers, CHESHIRE
The Northrode herd of British Saddleback

Mrs Lisa Ashmore, LEICESTERSHIRE
The Priory herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots & Large Black

Miss S Swain, DERBYSHIRE
The herd of Berkshire, British Saddleback

Mrs Wendy Price, CUMBRIA
The Simgill herd

Mrs D Dale, SCOTLAND NE.
The Crazyacres herd of Large Black, Mangalitza & Tamworth

Mrs Dawn Scovell - Christys, WORCESTERSHIRE
The Makenzieoak herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Miss Joanna Sutcliffe, DERBYSHIRE
The Riversedge herd of Large Black

Mr Andrew Sims, DEVON
The Chattan herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots & Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr P Gentle, SOMERSET
The Laburnums herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr J Gater, STAFFORDSHIRE
The Greenwayhall herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr Jason Brown, SUFFOLK
The Whitefoot herd of British Saddleback

Mr MJ Davies, LINCOLNSHIRE
The Hollandbridge herd of British Saddleback

Mrs C Meheran, GLOUCESTERSHIRE
The Baytree herd of Large Black, Oxford Sandy & Black

Miss Danielle DuBern, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
The Northbrook herd of British Saddleback

Mr Peter Winstanley, LANCASHIRE
The Blackfield herd of British Saddleback

Ms Joanne Court, SURREY
The Wenberge herd of Berkshire

Ms J Willis & Mr W Purcell, CUMBRIA
The Gamblesmire herd of British Saddleback

Mr & Mrs Dews, LANCASHIRE
The Haven herd of Tamworth

Mr Mick Gigg, WEST GLAMORGAN
The Garngoch herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr John Creek, CAMBRIDGESHIRE
The Westmoor herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Miss Karen Benton Worboys, NORFOLK
The Castleblacks herd of Large Black

Miss R Jupp, YORKSHIRE N.
The Afton herd of Large Black

Mr Stephen Barnes, POWYS
The Rhos herd of Berkshire

Mr Simon R Beech, BERKSHIRE
The Davenport herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr & Mrs Paterson, YORKSHIRE W.
The Broadstone herd of Berkshire

Mr C J Smoothy, CARMARTHENSHIRE
The Vallis herd of British Saddleback

Mr Thomas Phillips, MONMOUTHSHIRE
Miss Alice Oliver, MONMOUTHSHIRE

Mr Benjamin Crosby, ESSEX
The Britannic herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots & Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr R E Taylor, DERBYSHIRE
The Summerley herd of Tamworth

Mrs Cheryl Pugh-Morgan, WEST GLAMORGAN
The Penrhysfawr herd of Welsh

Mr Warren Archer, LINCOLNSHIRE
The Clayfields herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr DA & Mrs CL Owens & Son, CARMARTHENSHIRE
The Sancler herd of British Landrace

Mrs Kim Slater, HAMPSHIRE
The Frysfarm herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots & Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr M Crow, YORKSHIRE N.
The Rigghall herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr JB Hackett, CHANNEL ISLANDS
The Longchamp herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mrs VM Blackman, DEVON
The Bradwellmills herd of Tamworth

Mr R Young, SOMERSET
The Summerwood herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr J Balsdon, DEVON
The Espere herd of Welsh

Lady McFarlane, HEREFORDSHIRE
The Overdine herd

Mr D McGowan, CARMARTHENSHIRE
The Graig herd of Tamworth

Mr & Mrs Wing, SOMERSET
The Berehill herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr & Mrs Duckett, PEMBROKESHIRE
The Williamston herd of Large Black

Mr D Eason, SOMERSET
The Cotcombe herd of British Saddleback

Mrs T Green, LANCASHIRE
The Higherkiln herd of Middle White

Mrs T Montgomery, KENT
The Monty herd of British Saddleback & Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr J Darley, STAFFORDSHIRE
The Gladswood herd of British Saddleback

Mr & Mrs I & H Dykes, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
The Herbie herd of British Saddleback

Mr M Shinn, POWYS
The Glynderi herd of Large Black

Mr G W Statham, DERBYSHIRE
The Brickyard herd of British Saddleback & Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mrs A Clarke-Sheward, SUSSEX
The Marringdean herd of Mangalitza

Mr T T Wilson, CUMBRIA
The Geltsdale herd of British Saddleback

Mr R Thorne, HEREFORDSHIRE
The Upperholme herd of Welsh

Mrs K Rayner, INTERNATIONAL
The Maisonneuve herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mrs PJ Baines & Mr JS Brown, LINCOLNSHIRE
The Hopemarsh herd of Middle White

Mr A J Moss, SUSSEX
Mr B Mc Cranor, SUFFOLK
The Sharlands herd of Berkshire



Welcome New Members



Mrs H C Marston, YORKSHIRE N.

The Parklane herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Miss L McCaig, SCOTLAND SE.

The Hazlieburn herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr A Mackenzie, GREATER MANCHESTER

The Tomnook herd

Mr M Denton, BERKSHIRE

The Coldborough herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr John Ferris, LINCOLNSHIRE

The Vinters herd of Berkshire, British Saddleback & Oxford Sandy & Black

Mrs Dwynwen Jones, CLWYD

The Llecyn herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr J Lord, ISLE OF WIGHT

The Whitecroft herd

Ms S Wade, SUSSEX

The Crowshole herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr Worrall, CARMARTHENSHIRE

The Derigillo herd of Pietrain

Miss R Cooper, BERKSHIRE

The Widgeits herd of Berkshire

Mrs C Tye, MIDDLESEX

The Yewtree herd of British Saddleback & Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr & Mrs M Domaille, ISLE OF WIGHT

The Godhill herd of Mangalitza

Mrs Teresa Georgiades, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

The Whiplingvale herd of Berkshire & Oxford Sandy & Black

Miss S Carter, CORNWALL

The Gratton herd of British Saddleback

Mrs F Weston, KENT

The Romshed herd of British Saddleback

Mr M Tittershill, DERBYSHIRE

The Anderton herd of British Saddleback

Mrs F Pratt, ESSEX

The Bencott herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Ms E Houlston, GWYNEDD

The Pyll herd of British Saddleback & Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr D Barraclough, YORKSHIRE S.

The Cherrytree herd of British Saddleback, Large Black & Welsh

Mr Joe Hopkins, SURREY

The Callyn herd of British Saddleback

Miss L Bennett, DERBYSHIRE

The herd of Mangalitza

Mrs J Horton, SUSSEX

The Longbourn herd of British Saddleback, Oxford Sandy & Black & Tamworth

Mr Barry Awan, SOMERSET

The Southstoke herd of British Saddleback & Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr James Haxton, YORKSHIRE N.

The Habtonhouse herd

Mr James Mawson, HERTFORDSHIRE

The Chalkwood herd of British Saddleback, Oxford Sandy & Black

Mrs Dee Thurlow, CEREDIGION

The Dinkys herd of Welsh

Mr Colin Jones, DERBYSHIRE

The Sheldon herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr & Mrs Court, YORKSHIRE S.

The Glenalty herd of Large Black

Mr J Bailey, YORKSHIRE W.

The Popelwells herd of Pietrain

Mrs Rona Strong, ESSEX

The Tropwings herd of Mangalitza

Mr M Culhane & Ms J Dillon, IRISH REPUBLIC

The Ballygreen herd of Tamworth

Mr R Smith, CORNWALL

The Halonmoor herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mrs H Cantrill, STAFFORDSHIRE

The Redhill herd of Tamworth

Mr D Neal, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Miss D Price, LANCASHIRE

The herd of Tamworth

Mr John Reed, CO. DURHAM

The Pontop herd of British Saddleback

Mr LC Horlock, DORSET

The Greenacres herd of Tamworth

Mr Timothy Wells, KENT

The Popesvilla herd of Berkshire & Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr L Scott, DEVON

The Theoldrectory herd of British Saddleback

Mr P Sykes, DERBYSHIRE

Mr & Mrs G J. Hogg, YORKSHIRE N.

The Copgrove herd of British Saddleback

Mr A Greenman, WILTSHIRE

The Greenfarm herd of British Saddleback & Gloucestershire Old Spots

Messrs Bellis & Cummings, SUSSEX

The Isfieldplace herd of Large Black

Mr Lee Evans, POWYS

The Cwmgillo herd

Mr JC Fairclough, MERSEYSIDE

The Heathhouse herd

Miss S Pittwood & Mr Smart, SOMERSET

The Moondown herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots & Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr Rene Gate, CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Miss Charlotte Roberts, YORKSHIRE N.

Mr D Evans, CEREDIGION

The Penlanisaf herd of Welsh

Mr N Smith, YORKSHIRE S.

The Manorash herd of Welsh

Mr R Parkinson, LANCASHIRE

The Springpark herd of British Saddleback

Mrs Julie Taylor, SUSSEX

The Chantry herd of Berkshire

Mr & Mrs Goodenough, DORSET

The Middlelodge herd of Oxford Sandy & Black

Mr C Stephens, CORNWALL

The Discovery herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr M Smith, SOMERSET

The Cosscoombe herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mrs C Brunkard, IRISH REPUBLIC

Mr J Hodson, MONMOUTHSHIRE

The Ferrier herd

Mr Tom Smith, YORKSHIRE S.

The Ottersbarn herd of Berkshire & Gloucestershire Old Spots

Mr D Wilson, CUMBRIA

The Edenholme herd of Tamworth

Miss Fiona Nichols, CO. DURHAM

The Summerhouse herd

Mr Simon Griffiths, CHESHIRE

The Churchend herd of Gloucestershire Old Spots

Revd S Carolan-Evans, KENT

The Springfield herd

Congratulations to long serving members

On the previous three pages we have listed almost 200 new members who have joined the Association since the last newsletter. We welcome you all and especially our newest herd of British Landrace. We hope that many of you will remain pedigree breeders for many years to come so that in the fullness of time you will also feature on this page.

Herds which have bred pedigree pigs continuously for 50 years receive a Gold Prefix Certificate and a facsimile of their first herdbook entry. In some cases the herd has passed from father to son during this time. Where the member has been breeding pedigree pigs for 50 years or has been retired from breeding but continues to act serve on committees or as a judge we present an engraved glass bowl.

These awards usually take place at the Annual General Meeting. Over the summer Alan Rose caught up with a few who had not been able to attend the AGM.



Arthur Uglow (left) has been breeding Large Whites for more than 50 years and also serves as Chief Pig Steward at Devon County Show. Martin Snell, represents P G Snell & Sons who started breeding Large Blacks after the First World War. Martin is Chief Pig Steward at the Royal Bath & West.



Alan caught up with William and Linda Gregory at Great Yorkshire Show. A W Gregory & Sons have been breeding Large Whites in Yorkshire since 1951. T W Wilson & Sons started breeding Tamworths in 1946. Geoff Wilson judged the Tamworth classes at the Show and received his award from the Chairman

Practical Pigs

In partnership with the Publishers of Practical Poultry the BPA is launching a new magazine for small scale pig keepers. The new magazine Practical Pigs will be sent out to all BPA members and will contain a series of pages devoted to BPA news.

Information that is of specific interest to BPA members will be distributed as inserts with the new magazine or by direct mailing from the office.

The first issue of Practical Pigs will be mailed out in November.



British Pig Association Notice of Annual General Meeting



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The British Pig Association will be held on Friday 3rd December at 11.00 am at the Jersey Cattle Society Pavilion, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2RG

AGENDA

Annual General Meeting of The British Pig Association
Friday 3rd December at 11.00 am at the Jersey Cattle Society Pavilion
Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2RG

- To read the notice of the meeting
- To confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 23rd January 2009
- To receive the report of Council
- To receive the Audited Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December 2009
- To elect the President: The Council recommends for election as President, The Marquess of Salisbury PC DL
- To appoint the Auditors for the 2010 accounts

The Annual report will be published on the BPA website in advance of the meeting. Any member wishing to receive a printed copy of the Annual Report should contact the office in writing and a copy will be sent out by post.

The 2010 Herdbooks will be printed in the new year. These books contain the complete record of all the pigs herdbook registered in each year. They are published in two volumes, Modern Breeds and Traditional Breeds. They are A4 size hardback books with gold stamping on the cover.

If you would like to order any of these herdbooks please complete the order form and return it to the office with your cheque before November 30th. You can also pay over the phone with a credit card. The books cost £16.00 plus £3.65 post and packing.

This form can also be used to order the first volume of Cloke Memorial Herdbook featuring the Middle White Breed from 1978 to 1998. See page 7 for details

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Address			
Prefix			
HDL			
	Quantity	Price including P&P	Total
Cloke Memorial Herd Book Middle White		£50.00	
Modern Breeds Herdbook 2010		£19.65	
Traditional Breeds Herdbook 2010		£19.65	
Total			