



Dear Member

I hope you are keeping well, it certainly has been a strange 14 months, never did we imagine we would still be enduring Covid restrictions in 2021 and a summer of no local shows for the second year running. At least some lockdown rules are being lifted and we can look forward to meeting with friends and family and some normality returning.

Speaking of some normality, as some of the restrictions have been lifted and the children have returned to school, I am now back in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays and I look forward to hearing from you either by email, land line, mobile or Facebook.

### **AGM**

As we had to delay last year's AGM, I enclose notice for last year's AGM and this year's AGM to be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 within Walleys Marts, Castle Douglas, this is to allow for the current social distancing rules. These meetings are hybrid meetings - you will be able to attend in person or by Zoom. If you are planning to attend the meetings by Zoom, please register with the office to enable your invite to be emailed to you. The accounts are now available to view on our website, and if you would like a hard copy of the accounts posted to you, please just let me know.

### **Galloway Beef Promotion**

We are delighted to announce once again we will be working with Scottish Aldi for their Christmas beef promotion and we are now sourcing Galloways for an October kill. The cattle need to be Scottish bred and reared and Galloway Farm Assured. If you would like more details or have suitable cattle, please contact Scott McKinnon or myself.

### **Galloway Beef Website**

The Galloway Beef website is ongoing and we would love to help promote your Galloway beef, please contact us via the Galloway beef Website [www.gallowaybeef.co.uk](http://www.gallowaybeef.co.uk)

### **Cattle Sales & Registrations**

After the tremendous spring sales, we are pleased to see this interest continuing in the Galloway breed across the UK and we are happy to help any members with selling or sourcing cattle. We have received several enquiries for Galloways, so if you have any Galloways for sale please let me know.

Pedigree registrations are on going, so please send your registrations to the office or if possible complete on line, if you don't have your passwords, please contact the office. Please ensure your 2021 membership is paid, and if you are paying invoices by cheque please write the invoice number on the back of the cheque. As per our recent email in regards to Grassroots having updated the online registrations system, this is now completed and if you have used this in the past, it will appear slightly different. Please contact the office if you are having difficulties. If you did not receive this email, please ensure we have your current email address.

## **Galloway Journal**

We are already planning the Galloway Journal for 2021 and we are now looking for news stories, farm profiles and advertisers. We have seen strong demand for copies of the Journal this year, so it's a great way to connect with Galloway enthusiasts and it's a cost effective way to get your business message in front of people by placing an advert. If you would like to place an advert please contact the office for more details.

## **Shows Grants**

The 2021 summer show season is looking very different with some shows announcing they are planning to go ahead and some shows announcing their postponement to 2022. With the hope of some shows going ahead, your Finance Committee have agreed to the following show grants.

The Society will award £50 per animal up to a maximum of £150 to members exhibiting at the following shows:- The Royal Highland , Great Yorkshire , Livescot, Westpoint. Please note we are delighted to include Westpoint Winter Show instead of Smithfield show.

If a Galloway wins the Overall Native prize at the Livescot, and or Westpoint the Society will present £250 to the winner.

Also £50 to any member who is travelling more than 250 miles one way to a show.

And please don't forget about the **2021 HERD OF THE YEAR COMPETITION.**

Please remember to send your show results to the office, there does not have to be a Galloway section at the show, points will be awarded even if you enter in the Any Other Breed section. Points will be awarded for 1st to 5th place and champion and reserve, so please forward your placings to the office and any photos, we would love to include them in the Journal.

## **Keeping In Touch**

Please do keep in touch, let us know if you have any news to share and keep an eye on the Galloway Cattle Society Facebook page and the Galloway Beef Facebook page. A reminder too that we are happy to post out Journals to anyone interested in the breed, if you'd like a copy do let us know. Also please ensure we have your newest email address, please email to the address below.

I look forward to hearing from you either by email, [info@gallowaycattlesociety.co.uk](mailto:info@gallowaycattlesociety.co.uk) , landline 01556 502753, mobile 07760623985 or by Facebook messenger.

Best wishes

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