

THRAPSTON AND DISTRICT FAT STOCK SHOW SOCIETY

INCORPORATING

NORTHAMPTON CHRISTMAS PRIME STOCK CLUB

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

for the

CHRISTMAS FAT STOCK SHOW

on

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023

at

THRAPSTON LIVESTOCK MARKET

ENTRIES CLOSE : MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2023

PRIZE MONEY IN EXCESS OF £3,400

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NOTES

1. All animals in this Show will be judged as to their suitability for the retail trade.
2. Entire animals will be judged on their merit.
3. To avoid confusion, the Committee have determined that all cattle will be passed through the crush, have their ear number taken, and be permanently numbered, in the usual way, immediately they enter the market.
4. TB Exempt entries will be penned separately to TB Tested entries and sold in the ring after all TB Tested cattle.
5. STANDSTILL REGULATIONS: All exhibitors must comply with standstill movement regulations and movement rule restrictions.

There will be a Special Prize of £50 for the person who attains the highest number of points in each of the Cattle and Sheep Classes based on:

1st Prize - 4 points

2nd Prize - 2 points

3rd Prize - 1 point

In the event of a tie, the number of 1st prizes won will determine the winner.

CATTLE

Open to TB Tested & TB Exempt Cattle.
TB Exempt entries are **not** eligible for Championship

Champion Beast - £300 **Reserve Champion Beast - £100**
First Prize £60; Second Prize £40; Third Prize £20

Subsidised Pre-Movement TB Testing to the Value of £50 Per Exhibitor

Haltered Cattle Classes

- Class 1 Best Continental Heifer of any Breed
- Class 2 Best Continental Steer of any Breed
- Class 3 One Steer or Heifer of any Breed (weighing 650 kgs or more on the morning of the Show).
(For the avoidance of doubt, if the animal does not weigh 650kgs or more on the morning of the Show, it will be eligible to be moved into another Class).
- Class 4 Best Steer or Heifer of any Breed
(Being Home Bred, reared and fed by the exhibitor)
- Class 5 One Steer or Heifer
(being the property of an Exhibitor who has not taken a First Prize for a Beast at this or any other Fat Stock Show in the 5 previous years, or is a paid up member of a Young Farmers' Club in 2023/2024).
- Class 6 Best Steer or Heifer sired by a Native Breed Bull
(A current listing of Native Breeds is maintained by the Society)

Unhaltered Cattle Classes

- Class 7 Unhaltered Heifer of any Breed
- Class 8 Unhaltered Steer of any Breed
- Class 9 Best Cull Cow of any Breed *(Over 36 Months of Age)*
- Class 10 Best Store in Forward Condition of any Breed, Steer or Heifer

CALVES

- Class 11 Best Calf under 42 days old of any Breed

Contact Alastair Brown on 07885 804450 for TB & Class Questions

SPECIAL PRIZES

- A Silver Challenge Cup presented by the late FG Mitchell Esq for the Champion Beast to be held by the winner for one year. *Silver Challenge Cup*
- A Special Prize for the Champion Beast to be won outright. *Photo Frame*
- A Special Prize given by A W Metherell Esq for the Reserve Champion Beast to be held by the winner for one year. *Silver Cup*
- A Special Prize given by The Late Miss J U Wood for the Champion Heifer to be held by the winner for one year. *Model of Cow & Calf*
- A Special Prize given by D H Hipwell & Son for the best animal in the Novice Beast Class No. 5 to be held by the winner for one year. *Silver Cup*
- A Special Prize given by The Thrapston & District Fat Stock Show Society for the best animal entered by a Young Farmer in Class No. 5 to be held by the winner for one year. *Silver Cup*
- A Special Prize given by H F Knight Esq for the best animal sired by a Charolais bull, to be held by the winner for one year. *Silver Rose Bowl*
- A Special Prize given by the Bletsoe family in memory of the late Michael Bletsoe for the Best Commercial Beast in Classes 7 & 8 to be held by the winner for one year. *Clock*
- A Special Prize given by Bletsoes for the best animal bought out of a store market held at Thrapston Livestock Centre prior to 1 September 2023, together with a silver trophy to be held by the winner for one year. *£100*
- A special prize given by Newline ASP for the highest number of points attained in the Cattle Classes. *£50*
- A Special Prize given by IMEL Ltd for the best turned out, handled and behaved beast . *£40*

A Special Prize for the Champion Heifer. £30

A Special Prize for the Champion Beast. £25

A Special Prize given by The British Blue Cattle Society Mug & Rosette
for the best British Blue or British Blue Cross (*animal*
to be described as British Blue on its cattle passport).

A Special Prize to the Herdsman who has tended the Champion Beast. £20

A special prize, for the best beast or heifer given by the *Silver Rose Bowl*
the late Mr C E Thorpe, for any exhibitor who has a
holding within a radius of 20 miles of Northampton.
To be held by the winner for one year.

A Special Prize, for the Best Beast from any exhibitor £100
who has a main holding within a radius of 20 miles
of Northampton.

A Special Prize, for the Reserve Best Beast from any exhibitor £50
who has a main holding within a radius of 20 miles
of Northampton.

SHEEP

All Lambs must have been lambed in 2023, and may be trimmed, but not coloured

Champion Pen of Sheep - £100 Reserve Champion Pen of Sheep £50

Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 1st Prize £40; 2nd Prize £25; 3rd Prize £15

Class 5 1st Prize £50, Second Prize £40, Third Prize £35

Class 1 Pen of 3 Lambs (Standards under 39kg average per lamb)

Class 2 Pen of 3 Lambs (Mediums 39.1kg - 45.5kg average per lamb)

Class 3 Pen of 3 Lambs (Heavies 45.6kg and over average per lamb)

NB: On the morning of the show, Lambs entered in classes 1-3 which are outside the weight range of the class in which they are entered, will be moved to the correct class for their weight. Details of the moved lambs will be pinned to the pen, as they will be different from the catalogue listing.

Class 4 Pen of 3 Lambs

(being the property of an Exhibitor who has not taken a First Prize for Sheep at this or any other Fat Stock Show in the 5 previous years, or is a paid up member of a Young Farmers' Club in 2023/2024)

Class 5 Pen of 6 Lambs (any weight)

Class 6 Pen of 3 Lambs, (any weight)

(sired by a UK Native Breed Ram, sire to be stated on entry form)

SPECIAL PRIZES

A Special Prize given by the late H Eady Robinson Esq for the Champion Pen of Sheep to be held by the winner for one year. *Silver Rose Bowl*

A Special Prize for the Champion Pen of Sheep. *Photo Frame*

A Special Prize given by the late G Cheney Esq for the Reserve Champion Pen of Sheep, to be held by the winner for one year. *Silver Cup*

A Special Prize given by the late B R Beesley Esq for the Best pen of sheep entered by a novice in Class 4, to be held by the winner for one year. *Silver Rose Bowl*

A Special Prize given by the late R H Hill Esq for Class 5 to be held by the winner for one year. *Silver Ram*

A Special Prize given by A A Thornton Jewellers, Kettering, for the best Pen of lambs sired by a Texel Ram. *Whisky Tumbler*

A Special Prize given by The Society of Merchant Venturers for the exhibitor with the highest number of points attained in the Sheep Classes. £50

A Special Prize Shepherd who has been in charge of the Champion Pen of Sheep. £20

A Special Prize for the best Pen of Lambs, given by the late Mr J L Seers, specifically for any exhibitor who has a main holding within a radius of 20 miles of Northampton. To be held by the winner for one year. *Silver Cup*

A Special Prize, for the Best Pen of Lambs, specifically for any exhibitor who has a main holding within a radius of 20 miles of Northampton. £50

A Special Prize, for the Reserve Pen of Lambs, specifically for any exhibitor who has a main holding within a radius of 20 miles of Northampton. £25

PIGS

Champion Pen of Pigs - £100

First Prize £30; Second Prize £20; Third Prize £15

Class 1 Pen of 2 Porker Pigs
(140 kg total live weight or under)

Class 2 Pen of 2 Cutter Pigs
(141 kg total live weight & over)

SPECIAL PRIZES

A Special Prize given by Curtis & Co (Oundle) Ltd
for the Champion Pen of Pigs to be held by the winner
for one year.

Silver Cup

A Special Prize given by Robert Bellairs (Grain) Ltd
for the Reserve Champion Pen of Pigs to be held by the
winner for one year.

Silver Cup

The Derek Hull Memorial Cup given by
the family of the late Derek Hull to be awarded
to the exhibitor who gains the most points in the
pig classes, to be held by the winner for one year.

Silver Salver

The Bob Reed Memorial Trophy awarded to the
best pen of pigs being the property of an Exhibitor
who has not taken a First Prize for pigs at this or any
other Fat Stock Show in the 5 previous years, or is a
paid up member of a Young Farmers' Club in 2023/2024
to be held by the winner for one year.

Silver Cup

SPECIMEN ROOTS

Entries close at 10.00am on the morning of the Show

First Prize £20 Second Prize £10

- Class 1 Best six Stubble Turnips
- Class 2 Best six Swedes or Fodder Beet
- Class 3 Best three Stems of Kale
- Class 4 Best sample of Meadow or Seed Hay
- Class 5 Best sample of Wheat or Barley Straw
- Class 6 Best sample of Haylage or Silage

SPECIAL CLASSES

Entries close at 10.00am on the morning of the Show

First Prize £20 Second Prize £10

- Class 1 Best Homemade Christmas Wreath
- Class 2 Best Shaped Christmas Tree (Max height 6')
- Class 3 Childrens Colouring Competition (under 12 years)
Image available by request or collection from Market Office/Oakleigh House.
To be judged in two age groups. Sponsored by Jollys Toys Ltd.

RULES

1. There will be no entry fee for the Specimen Roots or Special classes
2. No person will be allowed to cut or remove any specimen without the consent of the Committee.
3. All Root crops from which specimens are drawn must be open for inspection by the Committee.
4. All specimens to be grown by the exhibitor and brought to the Show before 10.00 am, washed and trimmed.
5. All exhibits in the Specimen Roots and Special Classes will be sold after the judging and the proceeds donated to the Society's chosen charity. Except colouring competition.

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Incorporating

NORTHAMPTON CHRISTMAS PRIME STOCK CLUB

Fat Stock Dinner

on

Friday 8th December 2023

At The Stanwick Hotel, Stanwick – 7pm

Tickets - £40 per person



Contact Beth Kitchener for Tickets – 01832 732241 / 07736 143630

THIS YEAR THE SOCIETY WILL BE SUPPORTING

Marie Curie is the UK's leading end of life charity, here to support people through all aspects of dying, death and bereavement – and to fight for a society where everyone gets to have the best experience possible at the end of their life. Marie Curie Nurses and Marie Curie Healthcare Assistants work night and day, in people's homes and in our hospices, offering specialist care and support to people with any terminal illness, wherever they feel most comfortable. Our Support Line officers are here to help them, as well as their family and friends, through their final years, months, days and hours of life. And our Bereavement Service supports loved ones left behind. Marie Curie's researchers push to discover more about what makes a good end of life, and our policy experts and campaigners fight for a society where everyone gets to have the best possible quality of life while living with an illness they're likely to die from.



In Northamptonshire we have two services that are provided. Hospice Care at Home where our Marie Curie Nurses and Marie Curie Healthcare Assistants work night and day, in people's homes across Northamptonshire, providing hands-on care and vital emotional support. They help people living with on end of life care to feel safe, supported and cared for, in the place where they're most comfortable. We also have our Urgent Hospice Care at Home where registered nurse will help with pain management 24 hours 7 days a week. Both of these services work side by side to provide essential care to those at the end of their life.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY

1. The name of the Society shall be 'Thrapston & District Fat Stock Show Society', incorporating 'Northampton Christmas Prime Stock Club'.
2. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Junior Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, which shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. A Committee of Management will be selected from the members of the Society.
3. All monies belonging to the Society shall be vested in the Chairman and Secretary of the Society jointly during the term of their office.
4. The Annual Show shall be held in Thrapston Livestock Market.
5. An Entry Fee in all Classes (other than Specimen Roots or Special Classes) will be charged, such a fee to be fixed by the Committee from year to year.
6. All entries shall be made on the relevant printed Entry Forms available from Bletsoes.
7. Any Exhibitor who has a main holding within a 20 mile radius of All Saints Church, Northampton, and has declared their eligibility on the Entry Form, will be eligible for the special Northampton prizes relating to Best Beast, Reserve Beast, Best Pen of Lambs and Reserve Pen of Lambs.
8. These rules shall not be rescinded, amended or altered, except by resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY – CATTLE AND SHEEP SECTIONS.

1. Every animal entered for competition shall have been the bona fide property of the Exhibitor since 1st September previous to the date of the Show.
2. The Exhibitors in the Young Farmers' Classes must have been fully paid up members of a Young Farmers' Club, prior to 1st November in the year of the Show.
3. All animals entered in the show will be offered for sale, in the subsequent auction. Prize money will be withheld for entries not offered for sale.
4. Commission on all stock offered for sale, whether sold or not, will be charged at the normal commission rate.
5. No animals to be exhibited in more than one Class.
6. Animals within any weight class will be weighed and placed in the appropriate class if outside of that weight.
7. Owners of stock, or their representatives, except for haltered cattle, are not allowed in the Judging Area while the judging is in progress. Any infringement of this condition may disqualify the Exhibitor.
8. Every animal entered for competition must be in the Market on the day of the Show, not later than 7.45 am, for judging to commence at 8.30 am prompt.
9. All Notices of Objection must be given promptly (in writing) either to the Steward or the Secretary within 15 minutes of the conclusion of judging of that Class of Stock, on the day of the Show, who will take the necessary action. Any dispute shall be referred to the Chairman of the Society whose decision shall be final and binding.
10. The Committee reserves the right to refuse or accept any entry.

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