

World Galloway Conference

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Galloway Cattle Society of UK and Ireland 2011 Report.

Today it is a very unique date the 11th day of the 11th month in the year 2011 and of course it is Veterans Day, Armistice Day or Remembrance Day, whatever you call it, it is a day to remember our heroes and be thankful for what we have got. But we are farmers and very good at complaining especially about the weather and this year we have had plenty to complain about, some have had too much rain and some too little, the weather has made it very hard work this year and much worry has been caused as some don't have enough winter fodder either because it has not grown too little rain or because it can't be harvested because the ground is too wet. As ever, the circle of life will go on, the winter will come and go and we can look forward to another year and another crop of calves, much to be thankful for.

Once again the shows and sales have been a major part of our publicity, the sales have been well attended and Galloways much in demand with all the averages seeing significant increases from last year. During the summer there has been much demand for Galloways, which has seen females going to Denmark, Ireland and Prince Charles for the Royal Estate at Sandringham and bulls going to Germany. The show season was cut short due to the weather, but again Galloways was out in force winning champion of champion awards. Our National Show, which was held a Wigtown show was a great success, it was a fabulous day, the sun shone and the quality of Galloways on show was second to none and we took great delight to welcome our overseas visitors and our overseas judge, Mr Robert Ballantyne. Robert awarded the championship rosette to Mr Peter Hunter Blair, Nether Cleugh, Dalry and the impressive bull Kirkstead Nancyboy and the reserve award to Klondyke Farms Ltd, Shancastle, Moniaive and Klondyke Alomond you can see a full report on web site. Our National show in 2012 will be held at The Westmorland County Show, Kendal, Cumbria on Thursday 13th September, 2012 this is one of the largest one day Shows in the Country, the Show attracts over 30,000 people and will offer something for everyone. We would be delighted to welcome you, please contact the office if you would like more details or help planning your visit. The Royals Highland Show, is now the largest show we attend and a show to make Scotland proud, although we don't win any of the major prizes, it was great to see Galloway entries on the increase and an excellent show for all to admire. See full report. The Society would like to thank all our exhibitors for showing at these shows, it certainly keeps the breed to the fore front of UK agriculture.

There have been a few new ventures within the Society, cow classification, fertility bench marking and online registrations. All new tools to help purchasers and vendors to maximise our wonderful breed, details can be found on our web page. For all the latest news and information please go to our web site www.gallowaycattlesociety.co.uk, the site is updated regularly or join us on facebook.

Once again we would like to extend a very warm welcome to anyone wishing the UK and the home of Galloways, please contact the office if you would like help planning your visit.

We would also like to wish your Association every success with the World Congress and hope to see as many friends there as possible.