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DATES TO REMEMBER

2012 Royal Melbourne Show. Please see schedule later in News Letter.

Welsh Black Society Dinner & Presentation Evening, 24th November, 2012, around the Lakes Entrance/Bairnsdale District.

Welsh Black Society AGM, 25th November, 2012, around the Lakes Entrance /Bairnsdale District.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our next Welsh Black Cattle Society AGM, Society Dinner and Presentation days will be over the weekend of the 24th & 25th November, 2012, so how about putting it in your diary now, instead of saying to yourself, "I'll see what else is on first", or "can't be bothered". It was suggested by one of our committee members to have it around the Lakes Entrance/Bairnsdale district, so that's where it will be. The reason for wanting it there was because they hadn't been to "Lakes" since they were a little tacker. When was the last time you were there? Have you been there? If you have been there, I bet you enjoyed it and if you haven't been there, why not come along and see why the others enjoyed their visit. I only live a short two hour drive from Lakes Entrance and I still enjoy visiting the place, and by the way, it wasn't me who suggested the area but I did volunteer to organize it seeing as it was at my back door.

I will have more details on venue, times, etc as it gets organized. I have had discussions with two establishments; both would like to look after us. Also, I've lined up a chef as a guest speaker for the Dinner, a person who has worked in various different countries, the Hilton Hotel chain brought him to Australia and since then has had top restaurants in Melbourne, was a "hatted chef" for many years before semi retiring. The beef he likes to use above anything else, Welsh Black. In the next News Letter, I'll have a profile of our guest speaker.

I'd also like to point out that this weekend is not just for the committee members and their friends, but ALL members, associate members and all their friends.

Steers Arrive at Rutherglen High School By Gab Robinson and Dan Martin

On Monday 16th April we arrived for Farm class ready for what Webby had in mind for us. Maybe we would be drenching sheep, weeding or pruning vines, looking at the cows or fencing. However when we arrived for class we found out that this class would be different as in front of us we saw four animals which we had not seen before.

The animals were in the yards and looked a little scared in their new surroundings. We also looked across and saw Webby talking to two blokes (no not Mr Jackober for a change!) who like the steers we had not seen before. We walked across to the yards and it was explained that in front of us were the four steers that we would be taking to the Melbourne Show as well as two of the people who had donated those steers, Welsh Black President Daniel Laird and Committee Member Colin Sedgman. After gazing at the animals in amazement we were called across by Mr Webb and introduced to the two men. Daniel and Colin explained that in front of us were two Welsh Black Cattle which we will be showing at the Melbourne Show. They explained that these cattle had been donated by Daniel and Colin on behalf of the Welsh Black Society as well as some of the history behind the Welsh Black Cattle.

Next it was explained that we had been donated a Charolais/Welsh Black cross steer by Mrs Winnie Jones. This steer was very different as it was white in colour and Daniel explained that it would be good to have this steer as it was a different breed to the Welsh Black and would give us the opportunity to compare different growth rates of breeds. Also, Daniel showed us a steer that had been donated by Mr Royley Bennett, the VET at the Corowa Clinic. This was an Angus Steer which it was explained had been selected and very kindly donated to the school for the Carcase Competition.

For the first time Webby pointed out that the school was entering a steer which had been bred by the school. This is a Welsh Black steer which will allow the breed to gain entry into the Borthwick Trophy. Later in the session Daniel and Colin used our 'pet' steer Stanley to explain the different parts of steer. It was interesting to hear them talk about rump, rib and legs and we found it very informative. He also explained a little about the Carcase Competition and the importance of feeding the steers correctly so they will do their best at the Royal Melbourne Show.

We would like to thank Daniel, Colin and Winnie for donating steers to the school. We would also like to thank Royley Bennett for donating a steer for the first time to the school.

By Gab Robinson and Dan Martin



Left: Daniel Laird using Stanley to explain the Rutherglen High School students the points of an animal.

Welsh Black Society Uniform. At a previous committee meeting I was asked to include in the News Letter what our breed uniform is. A little history first though. In the very late 90's a few of us were sitting around having a chat, a beer, apple cider or a cuppa one night at the Melbourne Show. The discussion started on white dust coats for showing and breed uniforms, and why don't we have our own breed uniform. At the time there were only a couple of breed societies with registered uniforms. Next meeting it was agreed to look into it and from memory it was Jane Dawe and Irene Henry who agreed to take on the job of putting something together. A uniform was agreed on and registered with the RASV.

What that uniform consists of is; white shirt, red tie, green society woolen vest, bone moleskin trousers and boots. If you would like to purchase any of these items, the society has the red ties and green vests. Just contact Daniel or myself.

Chef of the Year. In the last few weeks, the Victorian Chef of the Year winner was announced from the five state finalists. **The winner was, Michael Ryan.** Some of you may know or have heard of Michael, why? Because he has been a keen supporter of Welsh Black Beef, someone, along with Winnie Jones, who has helped to get Welsh Black Beef recognized out in the market place.

Melbourne Show. This year, for the first time that I can remember, there will not be any Welsh Blacks at the Royal Melbourne Show, **EXCEPT** for the animals donated to Rutherglen High School for the students to prepare for the carcass competition. Please read Gab and Dan's article above. The main day for these steers to be judged on the hoof will be Saturday 22nd September starting with the Borthwick Trophy at 10.00am. There will be more judging on the Sunday for the students to be involved in. **What are you doing these days?** I know there will be a number of members going along on these days to support the students, so why don't you come along also? These students, along with Ron Webb, Mark Woodstock and Daniel Laird, have put so much time into these animals so come along and show them your support. The full Beef Cattle Timetable will be added to the bottom of this News Letter.

Photos. The Welsh Black committee is looking for photographs of Welsh Black animals for a new brochure. Do you have any that you feel may be suitable? If so, please send them to one of your committee members. Please email them if possible.

If you no longer require full membership, for whatever reason, and would like to continue receiving news from the Society, have you considered becoming an Associate Member? There is a cost to produce this News Letter which the Society tries to cover, as advertising does not cover all the expenses.

As of 2010 our Senior Membership is \$100, junior is \$20 and Associate Membership is \$40.



Left: Bethany Rose Richards (Sedgman) born to Alyce and Buddah on the 17th July, 2012. All are doing well, including Grandma, Grandpa and Auntie Mindy.

NEW Updated Herd Book. The Society has updated their herd book, thanks to Carol. If you would like a copy, or copies, please let Carol know and send payment of \$20.00 per copy. See top of News Letter for contact details. If you would like an earlier copy of any of the Herd Books, please also get in touch with Carol.

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know as printing is getting difficult. Originally I wanted this to pay for itself through advertising, but I'm afraid that's not happening due to lack of support, which brings me to advertising.

Advertising Aside from advertising your own stud, do you know of a business that would put an advertisement in, or do you have a business besides your cattle? Rates are very reasonable and it's a lot cheaper than using stock agents. Advertising in this News Sheet has worked well in the past for many of our members. Advertising rates are: 1/8 page \$10.00; 1/4 page \$20.00; 1/2 page \$40.00. If at all possible, could you please email your advertisement to me.

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Merchandise. The Society does have a limited supply of merchandise. Items available are; rugby tops, black polo shirts, windcheaters, uniform show vests, uniform red ties and stubby holders. All of these items are Welsh Black branded merchandise, so if you're interested in anything, please give Daniel Laird a ring.

Colin Sedgman