

East of England Winter Stock Festival

East of England showground at Peterborough held its 10th Winter Stock Festival on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December. Previously known as the East of England Smithfield Festival, Lincoln Red cattle were well represented, not just in the cross bred baby beef & pedigree calf section on the Saturday, but also in the commercial pure bred native beef sections on the Friday.

This year, both days saw all classes that had Lincoln Red cattle entered held in the main ring and not the cattle sheds. Wonderful for showing the cattle and a relief for the spectators on such a bitterly cold weekend.

Friday classes were judged by Mr Colin Phillips from Herefordshire.



Pure Bred Beef – Pedigree Beef

R I Clough & Son's female Beverley Ella V14 had a tremendous day. This January 2016 born heifer by Beverley Renown out of Beverley Ella R70 won Native heifer. She also won Champion Native, Reserve Champion Pure bred and Champion Exhibitor bred in this section.



2nd and Reserve Native Champion to Beverley Ella V14 was David Plested's Crystal Hazel V180 who won a number of prizes in commercial calf classes in 2016 and more recently was Champion Native at the 2017 Countryside Live Event in Harrogate.

Saturday:

Baby Beef Class – Show Potential – Judge Mr Colin Phillips

Flintham and Lund won Native Sired Heifer and Native Champion with their Lincoln Red Cross heifer Esmerelda.

Lincoln Red Pedigree Calf classes were judged by Mrs Lynda Burditt from Nottinghamshire:

Results

Bull Calf – 1st January to 31st March 2017

Julie Evans' young bull Springwood Willpower by St Fort Texas out of Springwood Dawn R66 took first place in a class of 7, with another of Julie's calves Springwood Whistler, also by St Fort Texas out of Springwood Hazel T102 coming second.

Bull calf – after 1st April 2017

Won by Emma Smith's Houghton Warchief by Beverley Upstart out of Auchmacoy Ada R174, with Chris Page's Foulness William, by Foulness Usher out of Walmer Lobelia S948, coming second.

Heifer Calf – 1st January to 31st March 2017

Another large class of 8; won by RJ & GD Goodwin with Holyoak Treasure W01 sired by Holyoak Teal out of Hemingby Treasure T918. Second place was ME & CF Williams with Woodenhouse Gift W253 by Holyoak Renown out of Brandon Gift T3. Third place went to another Holyoak Sired heifer; Will & Ellie Jackson's Othorpe Gloria W137 out of Holyoak Sultan and Othorpe Gloria P18.

Breed Champion Springwood Willpower - Julie Evans (*on the right*), Judge Lynda Burditt

Reserve Champion Holyoak Treasure W01 - RJ & GD Goodwin (*on the left*)



Early on Saturday afternoon came the Pedigree Calf Interbreed Championships Judged by Dan Bull from Berkshire.

This year the Duke of Norfolk Trophy presented by the Royal Smithfield Club, has been replaced with the Duke of Gloucester Trophy - presented for the best group of three pedigree calves selected by Breeds' respective Judges.

We were absolutely delighted to win the group of three yet again especially against some very strong opposition. Our many thanks must go not only to the Breeders and Stockmen of this trio but also to our Judge Lynda Burditt who did such a wonderful job in picking the correct three. A bitterly cold day did not put her off from standing outside and comparing all the Lincolns to find the best match for the class.

Duke of Gloucester Trophy - Pedigree Calf Group of Three

Springwood Willpower, bred and owned by Julie Evans. Holyoak Treasure W01 bred and owned by RJ & GD Goodwin and Yarn Hill Polly W573 bred by Iken Hall Farms and owned by Mr R Mawer



Charles Horrel; Judge Dan Bull; Yarn Hill Polly W573; R Mawer; Holyoak Treasure W01; Karena Toone; Springwood Willpower; Julie Evans & Phil Lane.