

**East of England Smithfield Festival 16 November 2016**



**Mr J Hopwood, Steward; Vickers Field Victoria V46; Emma Benge; Vickers Field Venus V40; Chrissie Tyrell; Premier Vulcan; Tommy Charlton; Rob Mawer and Judge Mr Iain Green**

If ever there could be a show to remember it would be East of England Smithfield Festival 2016. The quality of animals forward for all the breeds was plain to see. How far our own breed has advanced in the last few years was evident by such a wonderful turnout of Lincoln Red cattle, every one of which you would be proud to have in your herd.

Sue Grace had kindly travelled up from Cornwall to do the judging. Two classes of super young bulls forward, with R Mawer's bull Premier Vulcan taking the first class and J Evans Springwood Victor taking the second class. These were followed by wonderful heifer classes; the first taken by T Charlton's Vickers Field Venus V40, the second class by T Charlton's Vickers Field Victoria V46.

Lincoln Red Breed Champion being Vickers Field Venus V40 with Premier Vulcan Reserve Champion. The Interbreed was so exciting, the Supreme Championship eventually going to a Charolais bull with Vickers Field Venus V40 named as Reserve Supreme Champion.

The climax of the day came when the 2016 Lincoln Red trio; selected by Judge Sue Grace; made up of Vickers Field Venus V40, Premier Vulcan and Vickers Field Victoria V46 triumphed to win the prestigious Duke of Norfolk Trophy, once again.

Receiving that trophy in 2014 was a tremendous achievement. To take it for a second time in three years really does prove how far our Breed has come and is testament to all our breeders around the Country.

All this of course could not happen without the tremendous support of the show teams. Our thanks to all those involved in any way whatsoever is immeasurable, for without their time, effort, determination and dedication to the Breed we would not have the recognition and standing within the cattle breeds that we have today.

*Catherine Bettinson*