

Middle White Pig Breeders' Club



SPRING 2017



It's that time of year again....

Photo supplied by Stefanie Georgetti

News

Firstly it is time again for our AGM which will be held at Tatton Park Farm in Cheshire at 2pm on the 2nd April. Hopefully we can have a great turn out again and as much fun! On a later page is the agenda, so if there anything you would like to discuss or if you have any ideas how to improve the club let us know, so it can included and discussed. Also if you planning on coming could you please let me know so we can make sure that Emily makes enough cakes.

To find the room it's best to enter the park at the Rostherne entrance (as shown) and follow the signs to the main car park. Any one who can't walk to far can park at the farm. Just please drive slowly down the farm drive! Full map of the park on page 4.



Secretary's Report

Hello all,

I hope you have all got through this wet winter in one piece and are raring to go for what will hopefully a sunny summer. Just a quick reminder could everyone please check that their standing order has been increased to £20.00. Also if you address or email address has changed please could you let Ann King know on 01606 882201 or ann_king0@talk21.com so we can make sure you get your news letter.

We have up dated the members list on the web site so potential customers can find you. If you would like to be added please let me have the following details Name, address, e-mail address, phone numbers and if are you currently breeding Middle Whites. Also if your details are on the website but are incorrect or not complete or if you don't want your name on the list, please e-mail me at middlewhiteclub@hotmail.com.

Sarah

Chairman's Report

Hi all,

Hope all your July's and January's are growing on well because the show season will soon be upon us again, time flies when you're having fun.

It was good to see traditional pigs represented on BBC1's new program 'The Farmers Country Showdown'. It's a shame they didn't follow a Middle White breeder but our breed was represented on the day by Sharon and David Groves lovely little gilt, unfortunately they didn't show her on the TV.

Our AGM will this year be held at Tatton Park in Cheshire (details given elsewhere in the newsletter) we are planning to have the rosettes ready and we are also having some new leaflets printed with a very kind donation from Pugh's Piglets. Look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the AGM, bring any new ideas with you to move the club on.

Brian

For Sale

For Sale- suitable for breeding or meat
22 pigs they are 24 weeks old this
week.. 11 are breed standard. All are
birth notified.

For further information contact
Oxon Middle White Pigs
Tel 07770 129 179

If you have pigs for Sale please let us
know and we will add them to the
Facebook page, website and
newsletter.



2016 Breed Audit



The sharp eyed among you may have noticed that this in the past was called the breed survey but that this year the name has been changed to the breed audit, it still contains the same information just with a new name. If you are an active breeder of Middle White pigs and you are member of the BPA you will have been asked to complete the audit either on line or by Tracey Bretherton on the phone. Tracey, after much perseverance and a little help off Sarah Marsden, received replies off everyone which is great as it gives us a true picture of the what is happening with the breed.

The audit shows a small drop on both boars and sows but with different lines faring very differently. The boars seem to be holding their own in terms of both numbers and people keeping them. The sows however are a very mixed picture with some lines very scarce indeed while others are flourishing. Not only are some lines low in numbers but all the pigs are situated in one small area, which leaves them vulnerable to a disease outbreak.

So if you are looking for new female it would help the breed as a whole, as well as add genetic diversity to your own herd, to choose one of the rarer lines. Some people may think that these rare lines are rare for a reason but this is not the case, sometimes these lines have just been over looked or have been unfortunate in the past, so well worth giving one a try. However please remember that only birth notified progeny can be registered as pedigree and this can only be done through the BPA.

Mick Paddock

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN progeny		Registered Sows without BN progeny		Total Sows	
2016	2015		2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
18	16	Alma Rose	18	14	29	31	47	45
4	5	Carnation	5	8	19	30	24	38
9	8	Dorothy	4	6	19	22	23	28
31	34	Fair Lady	36	38	38	38	74	76
3	3	Ladys Maid	4	5	10	16	14	21
9	6	Modiste	8	6	21	11	29	17
3	3	Purity	1	2	15	21	16	23
13	12	Silk	10	11	23	19	33	30
22	18	Woodlands Lady	18	17	24	29	42	46
23	18	Yootha	19	13	27	29	46	42
			123	120	225	246	348	366
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars					
2016	2015		2016	2015				
15	13	Captain	19	20				
6	5	Mischief	8	7				
12	15	Rajah	16	23				
11	8	Revival	13	10				
12	11	Sovereign	13	12				
			69	72				
Members keeping registered Middle White pigs			83					

Notice of Annual General Meeting

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

SUNDAY 2 April 2017 @ 14.00hrs ..

At Tatton Park's Farm

Tatton Park,

Knutsford,

Cheshire,

WA16 6QN.

AGENDA

- 1 - Apologies for Absence
- 2 - Minutes of the AGM held on 24th April 2016
- 3 - Matters Arising from the Minutes
- 4 - Chairman's Report
- 5 - Secretary
- 6 - Treasurer's Report
- 6 - Election of Officers and Committee
 - (a) President
 - (b) Chairman
 - (c) Vice Chairman
 - (d) Secretary
 - (e) Treasurer
 - (f) Members of the Committee
- 7- Presentation of trophies
- 8 – Club Website
- 9– Any other business.



Middle White Pig Breeders' Club AGM 2016

Held at the Greyhound Inn, Rotherfield Peppard Henley-on-Thames on 24th April 2016

Meeting commenced at 14.05.

Members present; B. Merry, A. King, B. Card, S. Marsden, M. Paddock, E. Paddock, J. Lloyd, C. Pedley, M. Card, A. Westron, O. Giles, A. Scott, D. Staig, Sharon Groves, R. Wylie, L. Dean and B. Clack.

Apologies for absence; M. Forster, Sue Groves, C. Sykes

Minutes of the A.G.M held on the 12th April 2015

The minutes had been distributed in the newsletter. It was agreed these were accurate and were signed by B. Merry. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Chairman's report

B. Merry showed the meeting the new 25 year rosettes and the new badges. He also explained the new rule for the Champion of Champions to get more pigs in the ring. The rule states each exhibitor may choose one of the unqualified pigs to compete in the final.

Secretary report

S. Marsden reports it had been a difficult year taking on the role after the death of Miranda as so much information was held in Miranda's head. The membership numbers were still uncertain as 3 members had left with several new members joining and some still not paid. She asked members for articles for the newsletter to try to keep it fresh. Barry Clack asked if it was possible to keep in the touch with former members so as not to lose their knowledge.

Treasurers report

A. King presented the accounts which had been circulated at the start of the meeting. These were passed.

Election of officers and committee

President. C. Pedley was asked if he was willing to continue, he replied he was so was elected unopposed.

Chairman. B. Card proposed B. Merry, seconded by J. Lloyd agreed unanimously.

Vice chairman. B. Merry proposed B. Card seconded by J. Lloyd agreed unanimously.

Secretary. A. King proposed S. Marsden seconded by J. Lloyd agreed unanimously.

Treasurer. B. Card proposed A. King seconded by M. Paddock agreed unanimously.

Committee. B. card proposed R. Wylie and E. Paddock be added to the existing committee seconded by S. Marsden, agreed unanimously.

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Middle White Pig Breeders' Club AGM 2016 cont...

Presentation of trophies

All but one of the trophies were available for presentation.

The Joan Staig Memorial Trophy (Middle White Champion) T. Bretherton with Gracebank Woodlands Lady 30.

Marshlands Cup (Opposite sex to the champion) M. Paddock and S. Marsden with Eaves Captain 5.

The Rose Bowl (January boar) B. Merry with Pinehurst Revival 6.

The W. H. Hill Plate (January gilt) C. Hitchman with Forthill Alma Rose 3 and C. Dunstan with Nancenoy Fair Lady 15.

The July Trophy (July gilt) T. Bretherton with Gracebank Woodlands Lady 30.

The Gillhouse Novice Cup (Club member who has never won any of the above Middle White trophies) Sharon Groves with Tedfold Yootha 4

Club website

E. Paddock explained how the club website had been taken in house and re-vamped. The meeting felt the new site to be more modern and to be a success. D. Groves noted a few spelling mistakes but said he would be happy to proof read and correct. E. Paddock thanked Barry Clack for his input and asked members for the contributions to the website.

Any other business

At the Great Yorkshire Show a buffet meal for all members to be held on the Tuesday night. The Champion of Champions to be held on the Thursday after Yorkshires young pig competition with T. Alty as judge. The club patron A. W. Thompson will be at Yorkshire to present the trophy.

The Champion of Champions to be held at G. Y. S in 2017 but the members were asked to put forward a venue for 2018 preferably in the south of the country.

S. Marsden reported that the Welsh Spring Festival had offered the club a stand at their show. Suzi Westron offered to help man the stand if the club provided materials.

Sharon Groves asked if it would be possible for her to have any of the clubs banners for the Isle of Wight Show, these to be given at the Three Counties Show.

R. Wylie reported that the Yeovil Show was re-opening pig classes.

Sharon Groves asked about T-shirts and other merchandise. S. Marsden reported that C. Dunstan was having polo shirts made for sale around £20 each. M. Paddock asked to find prices for china mugs and ties.

T. Bretherton to be asked to use Middle White pigs at the new show at Blenheim Palace with the Young Pig Group to help promote the breed in our 25th year as a club.

B. Merry reported he had been approached by the Irish Pig Club with regard to having a stand in their marquee at the ploughing match. The cost was £350 which the meeting felt was far too much so had to declined.

Next year's A.G.M. provisionally set for the 2nd April somewhere in the north of the country. M. Paddock suggested Temple Newsome in Leeds.