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Bazadaise News

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Calf Registrations 2020

Names should begin with
the letter 'R'



The 2020 Annual General Meeting held in August via ZOOM

An invitation was sent out to all members of the Bazadaise Society to attend our 2020 AGM via Zoom. Although it is the only way to have meetings meantime, it's a format that worked well for us as we are all dispersed quite widely throughout the country – from Aberdeen to Falmouth. Ten members and Council members attended.

Andrew Coombe has stepped down from the role of Chairman after 3 years in the job, and we thank him for his time in this role and for his commitment to the breed. He'll remain as a Council member. Mark Peters now becomes Chairman and Louise Smith becomes Vice Chairman. Treasurer, Breed Info and Breed Admin remain the same.

Two new Council members were elected – we welcome Sarah-Jane Hulme (grandad Alan Buxton is a longstanding Council member) and, new to the Bazadaise breed, Laila Hameed from Homewood School in Kent. They will be an asset to the Council.

We have also asked Gill Smith (Edmarc Herd) to come back onto Council as an Honorary member – Gill has extensive knowledge of the breed from the earliest imports of Bazadaise cattle into the UK and we welcome that wisdom and her input into our future meetings. Gill and family have kindly donated some Ick straws to the Society – see more information on that later in this newsletter.

No events will be attended this year, but last year we attended Beef Expo on May 23rd, 2019 at Kendal where Pat and Bernard Gill kindly loaned some grand Bazadaise Cattle for the stand and provided some lovely refreshments. Thank you, the cattle were a credit to the breed. Beef Expo is to be held at Darlington Farmers Auction Mart on Sat May 22nd, 2021. We will see if this event is likely to take place and if so then we will be looking for some great cattle to be on the stand. Please consider if you can help in any way, either by bringing cattle or helping on the stand.

We intend to hold monthly Zoom meetings on single topics. Some potential topic meetings discussed at the AGM were 'breeding for temperament' and 'sharing information on the offspring of AI bulls'. Any other suggestions, please let us know & we'll schedule a meeting.

We've decided to offer some clothing items with the Bazadaise logo on – gilet, polo shirt, hoodie, hat – in grey, black and navy. Also, some car air fresheners and Baz logo pens. When they are available, we will email members with the details for ordering.

New Chairman – Mark Peters, Plashett Park, East Sussex



**Pure Bazadaise and BlueX cows
hoovering up sweetcorn waste**

My grandfather moved from Dorset to Surrey in 1927 and to Sussex in 1936 where our family still rent our main farm. We were dairy till 1999 and then started rearing dairy bull calves in 2001 after the foot and mouth outbreak. We now rear over 2000 calves a year for finishers and ourselves.

We started the suckler herd in 2009 with blue cross Friesian heifers we'd reared from calves and a Bazadaise bull from Don Hatch, Goose Green. We still have Bazadaise x blue Friesian cows from our first calving in the herd, we put a Bazadaise bull on them and have yet to have to calve one.

How did we get into Bazadaise? I saw a fat stock winner that was Bazadaise Christmas 2008. I researched them then the Society put me in touch with Don who assured me his bull would be a safe cross on blue heifers at 27 months which it turned out to be.

We now have 18 pure Baz cows mostly pedigree. Our pedigree cows originate from Don Hatch's Goose Green herd and Willie Crawford's Macford herd in Edinburgh. This year we are going to AI the pedigrees with the aim of increasing quality further and breeding for temperament. Our commercial cows are all blue and Baz cross.

We run an arable and forage business alongside the stock and have four staff between the arable and calf rearing. The sucklers tend to get whatever feed is going and the Bazadaise seem to thrive on all of it.

We run between 60 & 100 commercials most autumn calving, selling 20-30 with calves at foot. We were doing bull beef but as the calf rearing increased we now sell mainly off the cows.



**Sussex cows with
Bazadaise cross
calves**

Three of the people who have bought these have gone onto buy Bazadaise bulls. We have also hired out Baz bulls to pure Sussex herds and that seems to be a great cross. They have now bought Bazadaise bull.

Mark can be contacted on plashettpark@icloud.com

Bazadaise Herd Book Breed Analysis for calves registered for 2019 and to end October 2020

Name	Herd	Number of calves in 2019	Number of calves to 1Nov2020
PJ & T Akers, Wiltshire	Braydon Forest	C 4m 5f	4m 3f
KJ & PM Bird, Cornwall	Keills	3m 3f	1m 3f
A Buxton, Cheshire	Kerridge	C 2m 3f	
G Chapman, Lincolnshire	Springfields	0m 0f	0m 1f
A Coombe, Leicestershire	Sanham	C 1m 31f	
BD & PM Gill & Son, Lancashire	Yarlsber	8m 6f	9m 6f
W D Hatch, Cheshire	Goose Green	C 1m 0f	
Lloyd Bros, Denbighshire	Afarn	0m 0f	3m 7f
A Malcolm, Aberdeenshire	Hardhillock	C 0m 4f	0m 6f
R Morgan, Carmarthenshire	Castell	1m 1f	
AR Peters & Son, East Sussex		C 0m 0f	
A & L Smith, Buckinghamshire	Brakes	C 5m 5f	4m 7f
J R Smith, Leicestershire	Edmarc	5m 21f	4m 15f
T & E Todd, West Lothian	Helmand	2m 3f	
S L Worrell, Lincolnshire	Marsh	8m 8f	3m 1f
R C Lee	Far Laithe	0m 1f	
Gary Dunmore	Great Fen	1m 4f	
C M Wint	Alverton	0m 0f	1m 2f
E Evans	Growan	0m 0f	0m 1f
		41male 95female	29m 52f

C – denotes Bazadaise Council member

Please notify Breed Admin when animals leave your herd (if you de-register a calf under one year old you are credited with half the registration fee) – it helps us keep the breed records up to date, picks up any animals that have been sold and animals that have died or been culled.

Please register a Pedigree Transfer of Ownership of an animal that you sell on and especially if the new owner is not a Society member, as they are a prospective new member and breeder. The cost of Sale Transfers is £10 + VAT **and should be paid by the seller** as stated in the Bazadaise Rules and Regulations. This is important as it enables the new buyer (and therefore new Associate member) to register calves sired by the bull or born to the females. This does happen and creates awkwardness if the new owner can't register calves because the sire or dam is still registered with the original breeder.

Please email details or queries to Breed Admin registrations@bazadaise.co.uk

If you are using straws from any of the French AI bulls we would welcome feedback on the performance of the calves, calving ease, temperament, growth rates, birth weights, gestation length etc. whether you are using them on pure Bazadaise or any other breed - beef or dairy.

Your experiences will help us advise future enquirers for straws. Phone or email Tessa on 01666 860 470 or enquiry@bazadaise.co.uk We'd like to see photos as well.

To ease admin, we'd like if everyone could pay invoices via online banking, if possible. Our Treasurer, Rachel Loadman will send out invoices by email and these will have our bank details on them. Thank-you.

Calves Registered sired by AI Bulls in 2019 and 2020 so far..

AI Bull	2019		2020 to Oct		Herds
	Calves		Calves		
Babacool					
Bengal			1m	0f	Braydon Forest
Cesar	0m	1f	1m	1f	Marsh, Braydon Forest, Growan
Elysee	3m	1f			Braydon Forest, Yarlshber
Edonil	0m	1f	1m	2f	Braydon Forest, Alverton, Afarn
Garcimore	1m	2f	3m	2f	Marsh, Braydon Forest, Yarlshber
Ibanez					
Imprevu	5m	3f	1m	2f	Braydon Forest, Keills, Yarlshber
Talon	0m	3f	1m	1f	Afarn, Alverton
Heggerscale Adam	0m	1f	0m	1f	Hardhillock, Afarn
	9m	12f	8m	9f	

Update: We've got more Imprevu straws on order, arriving soon, he's been quite popular and recommended for use on heifers.

Bengal, although superseded by newer bulls is still an excellent choice – getting quiet temperament, well-shaped calves - and he is the sire of Elysee. Bengal straws are £20 + vat. Order through website.

Heifers from Willie Crawford's Macford Herd, 2016



Alyn Lloyd's Afarn Bazadaise Herd from Ruthin, Denbighshire

The Smith Family, EDMARC Herd, donate straws from the AI Bull ICK

Gill and the late Robin Smith, Grange Farm, Melton Mowbray were one of the early adopters of the Bazadaise breed in the UK and since then the family have been great advocates of the breed.

Robin's early death in 2014 was sad for all. He and Gill made great efforts to promote the breed in the UK and were great ambassadors. Robin was a past Chairman and Gill is now an Honorary Council Member where her wisdom, expertise and knowledge of the breed are a great asset. The Edmarc herd must surely be one of the largest and best Bazadaise herds in the UK.

One of their early stock bulls was an import from France called ICK. Semen from him has not been available for some time as only a few straws are left but Gill has very kindly donated the last 150 straws to the society, and these are available to members.



Ick in France in 1995

A History of Ick by Gill Smith

"We went to France in early 1995 to look at two young bulls at the farm of M. Belloc, a very good French breeder. Our first Bazadaise heifer came from him in 1989 when the breed first came to the UK.

When we arrived, both bulls had been sold which was very frustrating.

One of the bulls was Ick.

We then later saw Ick at a show in Bazas and Robin liked him immediately. We asked the owner if he would like to sell him but he said no. We then heard in 1997 that he was for sale if we were still interested so we visited the farm of M. Cambours and bought him.

He arrived in England in December 1997. Robin was looking for a bull to add some height and maintain the size of our best cows. Ick did this for us, producing many good offspring. We kept two bulls from him which we used with great success, very easy calving, nice temperaments, good conformation. Longevity also was a trait. Because he adds height and size we would not particularly recommend Ick on heifers – there are other French AI bulls better suited to this job namely Imprevu and Edonil

We never got a photo that did Ick justice, but I do have one of him with M.Cambours in Bazas which is probably the best we have."

If you would like to purchase some Ick straws please get in touch with Breed Info Tessa Akers or place your order via our website <https://www.bazadaise.org.uk/ai2.html>

Straws will cost £10 + vat + delivery charges and they are stored with Genus at Towcester.

The British Bazadaise Cattle Society would like to thank Gill and Family for this kind donation.



Many members will know of SellMyLivestock, the online livestock marketing website, and many of us will have used it already.

At its AGM in August 2020, the Society decided to invest in a Bazadaise branded portal area within the SellMyLivestock online marketing service. For this the Society pays a monthly fee and this gives us an area within SML which is dedicated to the Bazadaise breed and which is directly accessible from the SellMyLivestock home page. Look for our Bazadaise logo on the right hand side and click on it to access the Bazadaise page.

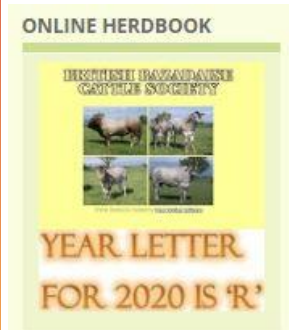
Members and others advertising Bazadaise and BazadaiseX stock for sale will receive a free upgrade to Premium Listings for their adverts and promotion on social media. It will be easy for anyone looking for Bazadaise stock for sale to find what they are looking for in one place on the Bazadaise SML page. Haulage and secure payments can be arranged through SML also.

Please make use of this extra (and free) way of marketing your stock and place adverts on SML in your usual way or through the SML Bazadaise page. Contact Bazadaise Breed Admin 07502 007 265 or Secretary 01666 860740 for help or advice on this if you are unsure.

Bazadaise Online Herd Book

Anyone can look up animals or members using our online Herd Book through our website. Here's how to do it. Firstly, go to <https://www.bazadaise.org.uk/>

1. Click on Online Herd Book on the left-hand side



2. Then click on Register Animal or Animal Search or Member Search

British Bazadaise - Online Registration Home Page

Welcome to the British Bazadaise Cattle Society online registration system.

To register a British Bazadaise animal click the Register Animal link below

[Register Animal](#)

To search the British Bazadaise database of animals or members click the Search Database links below

[Animal Search](#) [Member Search](#)

3. Then fill in the boxes for what you want to search on, then click 'Search' e.g. calves named 'poppy'

British Bazadaise Cattle Society - Animal Search

Enter your search criteria below and click Search

Name:

Eartag:

Sex: Any Male Female

Year of Birth: -

Grade:

Insemination:

Imported: Any Yes No

Imported From:

[Home](#) [Register](#) [Animal Search](#) [Member Search](#)

4. Then click on the name of the 'poppy' of your choice to see the details

British Bazadaise Cattle Society - Animal Search Results

8 matching animals found

Full Name	Eartag	Sex	Birth Date	Grade
WESTERN GREEN POPPY	UKNM0569 00237	F	19/05/1999	Full
NEW HALL POPPY	UKL5450 02531	F	06/03/1999	Full
AFARN POPPY	UKA8034 01223	F	12/11/1999	Full
YARLSBER POPPY	UK125109 300810	F	15/01/2019	Full
BRAKES POPPY	UK289018 400175	F	13/03/2019	Full
GREAT FEN POPPY	UK146961 300225	F	17/03/2019	Full
BRAYDON FOREST POPPY	UK323352 200675	F	03/12/2019	Full
MARSH POPPY	UK140720 500422	F	29/11/2019	Full

[Home](#) [Register](#) [Animal Search](#) [Member Search](#)

You can use the forms to search for all members, their animals, look up pedigrees and see an animal's progeny.

Homewood School, Kent adds a Bazadaise heifer to their herd

Homewood school and Sixth Form Centre in Tenterden, Kent has facilities and a wide range of options that cater for students of all different interests and aspirations. The school provides a great variety of resources and teachers who are passionate about active learning. These range from a vocational Balcony Restaurant, where students learn how to cook and serve food for the paying public, to a fully working Home Farm.

Last year the School added a yearling Bazadaise heifer to their herd with a view to halter training her and showing her locally. Well, the showing couldn't happen this year, but the school has been busy otherwise and here's the evidence!



The farm has become a member of the British Bazadaise Cattle Society and Farm Manager, Laila Hameed, is now one of the newest members of the Bazadaise Council.

Laila has kindly written for us this story of the school's entry into Bazadaise ownership and of their hopes for the future with the lovely Polly.

Laila writes, " Whilst being the farm manager at a secondary school we also run the Young Farmers club. Every July along with the rest of Kent Young Farmers we take part in the Kent County show. This is the biggest show of the year for our kids to take part in and takes almost the full year for them to prepare for.

We were needing to find a breed to enter the "pure bred" class and wanted to find something that was slightly different and would stand out..... That is when we came across the Bazadaise.

We contacted the Bazadaise Society through their Facebook page and subsequently Louise at AJ Smith Farming who was extremely helpful and invited us over to have a look at calves that she had available. She took the time to talk to two of our students who came along with us and answered their questions. We finally decided on a heifer named Polly.

Once Polly had settled our Young Farmers began halter training and she has become an amazing heifer.

Unfortunately, we have not been able show her this year, but we have decided to keep on and will breed from her and plan on taking her forward to show next year.

I would like to thank the society for voting me in to be on the Council and to keep everyone up to date with how our club is getting on with the Bazadaise breed on our school farm."

From Tessa Akers, Breed Info

Dear Members,

Do hope you and all family members are keeping well as we continue living through the strange times of the Covid pandemic.

There will be no lusty singing of "We Plough The Fields And Scatter" in Churches this year but the harvest has been achieved, albeit mixed, the summer weather has been generally kind to us and cattle prices have held up well too. We still have so much to be grateful for and give thanks for.

Through lockdown and ongoing restrictions, we as farmers are fortunate to have so much space and more than enough to do to keep ourselves occupied, how would we cope otherwise. I wonder!

The year so far for the Bazadaise Society has been quite different in so much as no Beef Expo to attend and the fact that we held our AGM via ZOOM. That was new!

Ann set up the ZOOM meeting and it all went well. Thank you Ann for all you do. We are now planning to have more meetings this way, it gives us a great opportunity to cover specific topics and get to know one another. Please do try and join the meetings when you can, if you would like a practise run at any time then Ann would be pleased to help you out.

Also, if there are any topics you would like to share or would like discussed then please let me or Ann know. Temperament is already on the Agenda and we are always grateful for any feedback on any aspects of the breed.

We have the website and Bazadaise Facebook pages to support and another new benefit for members is the fact that the Society is joining the popular Sell My Livestock. This gives members free premium advertising of any stock Bazadaise or Bazadaise cross cattle for sale, it also raises the profile of the breed.

So, you see, there are several ways you can support the Society from your home. This is exciting stuff for us, travelling to meetings etc has always been a big issue in the past but with modern technology we can all be involved (albeit with a bit of help occasionally) and support the Society and take the breed forward.

On a rather sombre note I would like to share with you that Don Hatch, one of our long standing members and breeder of Bazadaise cattle is very poorly fighting cancer. Many of you will know the Hatch family, owners of the well-known bull Heggerscale Adam. We keep Don and the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Please remember also to take a look on the website at the semen available from the various bulls. The Smith family (Edmarc Herd) have kindly donated some Ick straws to the Society, this is available for use.

So, we may have unknown times ahead with Brexit but keep safe, keep positive and keep breeding more great Bazadaise cattle.

Thank you members,
Tessa.