

Berkshire Pig Breeders Club Newsletter –



Summer 2017

Barlings Trophy

A reminder to those of you who show to complete the points form (copy at back of newsletter) and submit to Sarah Ashcroft.

barlingspigs@outlook.com

Please ensure you send with a delivery & read response.



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Welcome to the summer newsletter

Firstly, thank you to the members who have contributed to this edition, please continue to email me anything you would like including in the winter newsletter.

I am sure the young pig breeders out there have had a busy summer with their “Berkies”, send me some pictures and captions and I will put them in the next issue.

We all have different end products/markets for our pigs, whether it’s selling as weaners or taking to finishing, email me your story to share with members.

My partner Chris and myself are looking forward to seeing everybody at Newbury in a few weeks time for the Champion of Champions, good luck to everybody who has pigs qualified. Although not a Berkshire, congratulations to Team Ashcroft for their success at Great Yorkshire Show winning pig of the year and champion Welsh, not a dry eye around the ring!

Best wishes

Julie

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CHAIRS REPORT SUMMER 2017

Hi All

The summer season of shows is well under way now and from what i have seen there has been quite a few different pigs being placed under different judges this year. So i m thinking different breed types are appealing to different judges which is a good thing. I have two Lassetter boars out this season both as different as chalk and cheese both with good qualities in different ways be interesting to see what they produce when we start to use them.

The exports of Berkshires and other breeds by Wendy and Chris

continues apace with pigs being sourced from any breeders with good quality stock if you would like your pigs to be considered for future exports then do get in touch with either Wendy or Chris.

The membership remains fairly steady but i would encourage anyone selling breeding stock to hand out leaflets for both the BPA and the club lets see if we can pick more before the next AGM.

Would like if poss to have a get together of members at Newbury for and ideas chat on moving forward it seems to be the one place there are most of us about so if you are there and you have something you want to put forward let me or Chris know
Have a great rest of summer season



Sharon Barnfiled

South-west shows 2017 May-July



Both shows—Breed Champion Viki Mills' 13 month old in pig gilt shown by Caroline Williams. Gillhouse Royal Lustre Full results at <https://www.devoncountysow.co.uk/competitions-schedules/results> and <http://royalcornwallshow.org/media/961666/winners-by-section-pigspdf.pdf>

frolies in the show-ring



Yeovil :
Caroline
again, this
Breed
with her pig
Mutterton
20.



Mid Devon
Breed

Dittisham Mermaid 25, Sue
who also won Interbreed
Class. Seen here at home the
day

Both these Sue 'gilt
won the Interbreed Mermai
sisters born 1st August

Submitted by Sue Fildes

There has been much success for the Berkshires this year, with supreme and reserve supreme champions around the show circuit. I am sure all the old hands welcomed those who have tried showing for the first time this year and are looking forward to seeing more



newcomers in 2018.



The shows provide a good opportunity to socialize, exchange ideas and enjoy the odd drop of vino!

Helen – from Swanbridge Porkers has a blog that might be of interest to members, she writes about various aspects of keeping pigs from a personal point of view.



<http://www.valeriechicken.wordpress.com>

A few weblinks that members might find useful

<https://pork.ahdb.org.uk/media/72702/a-pocket-book-summarising-the-key-figures-and-legislative-requirements-for-pig-accommodation.pdf>

<http://assurance.redtractor.org.uk/contentfiles/Farmers-5615.pdf>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/food-and-drink/pork-production-truth-pig-farming-uk-factory-hugh-fearnley-whittingstall-sienna-miller-mick-jagger-a7813746.html>

<http://www.thepigsite.com/swinenews/vars/country/gb/>

Thank you Viki Mills for sharing the letter and photo below with the club.

Al Christian is an American Berkshire breeder of the old school in as much that he still breeds Berkshires similar to the British ones if somewhat bigger. I think several people would have met him when he was over here some years ago selecting pigs to go to the US - and the Parracombe Peter Lad in both pictures was one of them.

I think we also may have visited his herd in one of my earliest World Pork Expo trip.

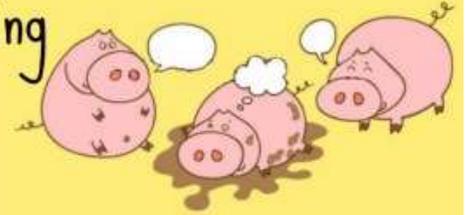


Dear Mr. Mills -
Enclosed is our ad from the Jan/Feb. magazine - I'm ^{not} sure whether you get it ~~or not~~ - I wanted to be sure you saw pictures of your breeding. Tag 88 farrowed 6 alive 1 dead in late Jan., by Peter Lad (frozen semen). At this stage the 2 ♂ + 4 ♀ look interesting and promising. ^{They} Look far different than most Berks in this country! I'm excited to see them grow and develop. I have fond memories of my visit to your country and of

Pig Trivia

Pigs communicate constantly with one another!

More than 20 vocalizations have been identified that pigs use in different situations, from wooing mates to saying, "I'm hungry!"



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#308

**In Denmark
there are twice
as many
pigs
as
people.**



eDidYouKnow.com

PIG FACTS

- Adult pigs can run at speeds of up to 11mph, or in other words, they can run a seven-minute mile.

[Barlings trophy points scheme](#)

The reserve will win the Gillhouse trophy.

All two day or more shows will have their points score doubled and one day shows will stay single score.

	show							
supreme interbreed								
reserve interbreed								
P O Y year								
reserve P O Y year								
Y P O year								
R Y P O year								
P O Y qualifier								
Y P O year qualifier								
champion traditional								
reserve champion traditional								
breed champion								
reserve breed champion								
champion male								
champion female								
first place								
second place								
third place								
total points for each show:								

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