

**THRAPSTON AND DISTRICT
FAT STOCK SHOW SOCIETY
NORTHAMPTON CHRISTMAS
PRIME STOCK CLUB**

**Schedule of Classes for
CHRISTMAS FAT STOCK SHOW
Saturday 29th November 2025**

Supporting Our Chosen Charity
Cynthia Spencer Hospice

THRAPSTON LIVESTOCK MARKET

Entries Close: Monday 17th November 2025

PRIZE MONEY IN EXCESS OF £4,500

SUBSIDISED PRE-MOVEMENT TB TESTING

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NOTES

1. All animals in this Show will be judged as to their suitability for the retail trade.
2. Entire animals will be judged on their merit.
3. To avoid confusion, the Committee have determined that all cattle will be passed through the crush, have their ear number taken, and be permanently numbered, in the usual way, immediately they enter the market.
4. TB Exempt entries will be penned separately to TB Tested entries and sold in the ring after all TB Tested cattle.
5. STANDSTILL REGULATIONS: All exhibitors must comply with standstill movement regulations and movement rule restrictions.

There will be a Special Prize of £50 for the person who attains the highest number of points in each of the Cattle and Sheep Classes based on:

1st Prize - 4 points

2nd Prize - 2 points

3rd Prize - 1 point

In the event of a tie, the number of 1st prizes won will determine the winner.

THRAPSTON & DISTRICT FAT STOCK SHOW SOCIETY

Incorporating

NORTHAMPTON CHRISTMAS PRIME STOCK CLUB

Fat Stock Dinner

on

Friday 5th December 2025

At The Stanwick Hotel, Stanwick – 7pm

Early Bird Tickets - £55 Per Person – Until 23rd November

Tickets £60 Per Person

Contact Beth Kitchener for Tickets – 01832 732241 / 07736 143630

CATTLE

Open to TB Tested & TB Exempt Cattle
TB Exempt entries are **not** eligible for Championship

Champion Beast - £1000 **Reserve Champion Beast - £500**
1st Prize £60; 2nd Prize £40; 3rd Prize £20

Subsidised Pre-Movement TB Testing to the Value of £50 Per Exhibitor

Haltered Cattle Classes

- Class 1 Best Continental Heifer of any Breed
- Class 2 Best Continental Steer of any Breed
- Class 3 One Steer or Heifer of any Breed (weighing 650kgs or more on the morning of the Show).
(For the avoidance of doubt, if the animal does not weigh 650kgs or more on the morning of the Show, it will be eligible to be moved into another Class).
- Class 4 Best Steer or Heifer of any Breed
(Being Home Bred, reared and fed by the exhibitor)
- Class 5 One Steer or Heifer
(being the property of an Exhibitor who has not taken a 1st Prize for a Beast at this or any other Fat Stock Show in the 5 previous years, or is a paid up member of a Young Farmers' Club in 2025/2026).
- Class 6 Best Purebred Native Steer or Heifer
(A current listing of Native Breeds is available)

Unhaltered Cattle Classes

- Class 7 Best Baby Beef - Show Potential, Born on or after 1st January 2025
- Class 8 Unhaltered Heifer of any Breed
- Class 9 Unhaltered Steer of any Breed
- Class 10 Best Cow of any Breed (*Empty or In-Calf, Over 36 Months of Age*)

CALVES

- Class 11 Best Bull Calf under 42 days old of any Breed
- Class 12 Best Heifer Calf under 42 days old of any Breed
- Class 13 Best Native Bull or Heifer under 42 days old, Sired by Native Bull

Contact Jake Wagstaff on 07487526803 for TB & Class Questions

SPECIAL PRIZES

A Silver Challenge Cup presented by the late FG Mitchell Esq for the Champion Beast to be held by the winner for one year.	<i>Silver Challenge Cup</i>
A Special Prize given by A W Metherell Esq for the Reserve Champion Beast to be held by the winner for one year.	<i>Silver Cup</i>
A Special Prize given by The Late Miss J U Wood for the Champion Heifer to be held by the winner for one year.	<i>Model of Cow & Calf</i>
A Special Prize given by D H Hipwell & Son for the best animal in the Novice Beast Class 5 to be held by the winner for one year.	<i>Silver Cup</i>
A Special Prize given by The Thrapston & District Fat Stock Show Society for the best animal entered by a Young Farmer in Class 5 to be held by the winner for one year.	<i>Silver Cup</i>
A Special Prize given by H F Knight Esq for the best animal sired by a Charolais bull, to be held by the winner for one year.	<i>Silver Rose Bowl</i>
A Special Prize given by the Bletsoe family in memory of the late Michael Bletsoe for the Best Commercial Beast in Classes 7 & 8 to be held by the winner for one year.	<i>Clock</i>
A Special Prize given by Bletsoes for the best animal bought out of a store market held at Thrapston Livestock Centre prior to 1 September 2025, together with a silver trophy to be held by the winner for one year.	<i>£100</i>
A Special Prize for the highest number of points attained in the Cattle Classes.	<i>£50</i>
A Special Prize given by IMEL Ltd for the best turned out, handled and behaved beast.	<i>£40</i>
A Special Prize given by The British Blue Cattle Society for the best British Blue or British Blue Cross (<i>animal to be described as British Blue on its cattle passport</i>).	<i>Mug & Rosette</i>

SHEEP

All Lambs must have been born in 2025, and may be trimmed and coloured

Champion Pen of Sheep - £200 Reserve Champion Pen of Sheep £100

Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8 1st Prize £40; 2nd Prize £25; 3rd Prize £15

Class 5 1st Prize £50, 2nd Prize £40, 3rd Prize £35

Class 1 Pen of 3 Lambs (44kg and under per lamb)

Class 2 Pen of 3 Lambs (44.1kg - 49kg per lamb)

Class 3 Pen of 3 Lambs (49.1kg and over per lamb)

NB: On the morning of the show, Lambs entered in Classes 1-3 which are outside the weight range of the Class in which they are entered, will be moved to the correct Class for their weight. Details of the moved Lambs will be pinned to the pen, as they will be different from the catalogue listing.

Class 4 Pen of 3 Lambs

(being the property of an Exhibitor who has not taken a 1st Prize for Sheep at this or any other Fat Stock Show in the 5 previous years, or is a paid up member of a Young Farmers' Club in 2025/2026)

Class 5 Pen of 6 Lambs (any weight)

Class 6 Pen of 3 Lambs, (any weight)

(sired by a UK Native Breed Ram, sire to be stated on entry form)

Class 7 Best Single Lamb (any weight)

(Limited to one entry per family, not eligible for Championship)

Class 8 Best Single Cull Ewe

SPECIAL PRIZES

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| A Special Prize given by the late H Eady Robinson Esq for the Champion Pen of Sheep to be held by the winner for one year. | <i>Silver Rose Bowl</i> |
| A Special Prize given by the late G Cheney Esq for the Reserve Champion Pen of Sheep, to be held by the winner for one year. | <i>Silver Cup</i> |
| A Special Prize given by the late B R Beesley Esq for the Best pen of sheep entered by a novice in Class 4, to be held by the winner for one year. | <i>Silver Rose Bowl</i> |
| A Special Prize given by the late R H Hill Esq for Class 5 to be held by the winner for one year. | <i>Silver Ram</i> |
| A Special Prize given by A A Thornton Jewellers, Kettering, for the best Pen of lambs sired by a Texel Ram. | <i>Whisky Tumbler</i> |
| A Special Prize for the exhibitor with the highest number of points attained in the Sheep Classes. | <i>£50</i> |

Inter County Competition

This year Northamptonshire & Bedfordshire Young Farmers shall be holding an Inter County Competition, for the chance to win a trophy that hasn't been competed for in many years.

For further information please contact NYF County Office
office@northants-yfc.org.uk

PIGS

Champion Pen of Pigs - £100

1st Prize £30; 2nd Prize £20; 3rd Prize £15

Class 1 Pen of 2 Porker Pigs
(140kg total live weight or under)

Class 2 Pen of 2 Cutter Pigs
(141kg total live weight & over)

Class 3 Best Single Pig

SPECIAL PRIZES

A Special Prize given by Curtis & Co (Oundle) Ltd
for the Champion Pen of Pigs to be held by the winner
for one year.

Silver Cup

A Special Prize given by Robert Bellairs (Grain) Ltd
for the Reserve Champion Pen of Pigs to be held by the
winner for one year.

Silver Cup

The Derek Hull Memorial Cup given by
the family of the late Derek Hull to be awarded
to the exhibitor who gains the most points in the
pig classes, to be held by the winner for one year.

Silver Salver

The Bob Reed Memorial Trophy awarded to the
best pen of pigs being the property of an Exhibitor
who has not taken a 1st Prize for pigs at this or any
other Fat Stock Show in the 5 previous years, or is a
paid up member of a Young Farmers' Club in 2025/2026
to be held by the winner for one year.

Silver Cup

SPECIMEN ROOTS

Entries close at 10.00am on the morning of the Show

1st Prize £20

2nd Prize £10

Class 1 Best 3 Stubble Turnips

Class 2 Best 3 Swedes or Fodder Beet

Class 3 Best sample of Meadow or Seed Hay

Class 4 Best sample of Wheat or Barley Straw

Class 5 Best sample of Haylage or Silage

SPECIAL CLASSES

Entries close at 10.00am on the morning of the Show

Winners of Classes 1 & 2 To be Sold in the Cattle Ring

1st Prize £20

2nd Prize £10

Class 1 Best Homemade Christmas Wreath

Class 2 Best Homemade Christmas Tipple

Class 3 Childrens' Colouring Competition (under 12 years)

Image available by request or collection from Market Office/Oakleigh House.

To be judged in 2 age groups. Sponsored by Jollys Toys Ltd.

RULES

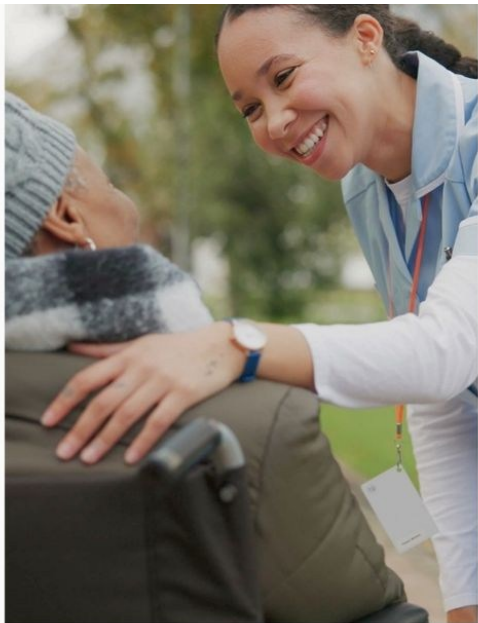
1. There will be no entry fee for the Specimen Roots or Special classes.
2. No person will be allowed to cut or remove any specimen without the consent of the Committee.
3. All Root crops from which specimens are drawn must be open for inspection by the Committee.
4. All specimens to be grown by the exhibitor and brought to the Show before 10.00am, washed and trimmed.
5. All exhibits in the Specimen Roots and Special Classes will be sold after the judging and the proceeds donated to the Society's chosen charity. Except colouring competition.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY

1. The name of the Society shall be 'Thrapston & District Fat Stock Show Society', incorporating 'Northampton Christmas Prime Stock Club'.
2. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Junior Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, which shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. A Committee of Management will be selected from the members of the Society.
3. All monies belonging to the Society shall be vested in the Chairman and Secretary of the Society jointly during the term of their office.
4. The Annual Show shall be held in Thrapston Livestock Market.
5. An Entry Fee in all Classes (other than Specimen Roots or Special Classes) will be charged, such a fee to be fixed by the Committee from year to year.
6. All entries shall be made on the relevant printed Entry Forms available from Bletsoes.
7. These rules shall not be rescinded, amended or altered, except by resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY **CATTLE AND SHEEP SECTIONS**

1. Every animal entered for competition shall have been the bona fide property of the Exhibitor since 1st September previous to the date of the Show.
2. The Exhibitors in the Young Farmers' Classes must have been fully paid up members of a Young Farmers' Club, prior to 1st November in the year of the Show.
3. All animals entered in the Show will be offered for sale, in the subsequent auction. Prize money will be withheld for entries not offered for sale.
4. Commission on all stock offered for sale, whether sold or not, will be charged at the normal commission rate.
5. No animals to be exhibited in more than one Class.
6. Animals within any weight class will be weighed and placed in the appropriate class if outside of that weight.
7. Owners of stock, or their representatives, except for haltered cattle, are not allowed in the Judging Area while the judging is in progress. Any infringement of this condition may disqualify the Exhibitor.
8. Every animal entered for competition must be in the Market on the day of the Show, not later than 7.45am, for judging to commence at 8.30am prompt.
9. All Notices of Objection must be given promptly (in writing) either to the Steward or the Secretary within 15 minutes of the conclusion of judging of that Class of Stock, on the day of the Show, who will take the necessary action. Any dispute shall be referred to the Chairman of the Society whose decision shall be final and binding.
10. The Committee reserves the right to refuse or accept any entry.



Cynthia Spencer

ABOUT US

At Cynthia Spencer, we provide specialist palliative care for people living with a life-limiting illness. We support patients, their families, and those who care for them across West Northamptonshire. We provide inpatient care, outpatient services, wellbeing services, Hospice@Home, lymphoedema services and palliative care services with a clinical nurse specialist service.

Each year, we rely on the incredible support of our community to raise **over £2.2 million**, ensuring that our essential services remain available. Every donation, every effort, will make a difference.

£30 could help buy the resources for a memory box, which helps children remember a loved one and help with their grief.

£135 could help to provide a family with the support of a Hospice@Home nurse for an overnight stay

£504 could provide a days worth of care in our inpatient unit

There are so many ways to support Cynthia Spencer from making a donation, taking part in an event, volunteering, or even visiting our BIG Charity Shop in Moulton Park.



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