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THRAPSTON AND DISTRICT FATSTOCK SHOW SOCIETY

Schedule of Classes for

CHRISTMAS FATSTOCK SHOW

Saturday 28th November 2026

THRAPSTON LIVESTOCK MARKET

Supporting our Chosen Charity

Cransley Hospice Trust

Entries Close: **Monday 16th November 2026**

PRIZE MONEY IN EXCESS OF £4,500

*******SUBSIDISED PRE-MOVEMENT TB TESTING*******

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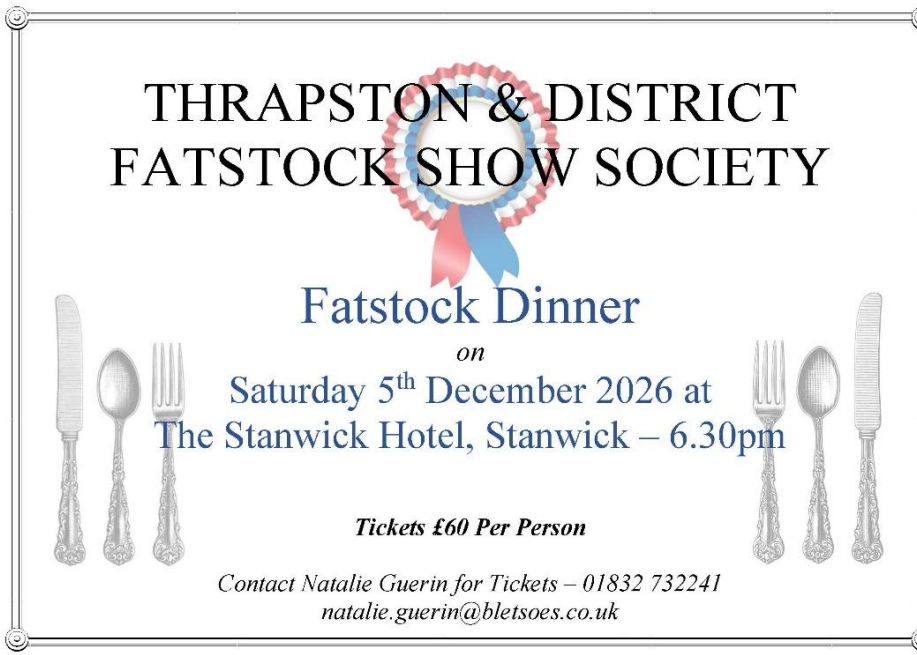
NOTES

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 upon entering the market.
4. 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.



CATTLE

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 650 kgs 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 *(Novice - being the property of an Exhibitor who has not taken a First Prize for a Beast at this or any other Show in the 5 previous years)*
Class 6	One Steer or Heifer *(YFC - being the property of an Exhibitor who is a paid up member of a Young Farmers' Club in 2026/2027)*
Class 7	Best Purebred Native Steer or Heifer *(A current listing of Native Breeds is available)*

Unhaltered Cattle Classes

Class 8	Best Baby Beef - Show Potential, Born on or after 1st January 2026
Class 9	Unhaltered Heifer of any Breed
Class 10	Unhaltered Steer of any Breed

CALVES

Champion Calf - £100
1st Prize £40; 2nd Prize £25; 3rd Prize £15

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 Calf under 42 days old Sired by a Native Bull

Contact Jake Wagstaff on 07487 526803 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.	*Silver Challenge Cup*
A Special Prize given by A W Metherell Esq for the Reserve Champion Beast to be held by the winner for one year.	*Silver Cup*
A Special Prize given by The Late Miss J U Wood for the Champion Heifer to be held by the winner for one year.	*Model of Cow & Calf*
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.	*Silver Cup*
A Special Prize given by the Thrapston & District Fatstock Show Society for the best animal entered by a Young Farmer in Class 6 to be held by the winner for one year.	*Silver Cup*
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.	*Silver Rose Bowl*
A Special Prize given by the Bletsoe family in memory of the late Michael Bletsoe for the Best Commercial Beast in Classes 9 & 10 to be held by the winner for one year.	*Clock*
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 2026, together with a silver trophy to be held by the winner for one year.	*£100*
A Special Prize for the highest number of points attained in the Cattle Classes.	*£50*
A Special Prize for the best turned out, handled and behaved beast.	*£40*
A Special Prize given by The British Blue Cattle Society for the best British Blue or British Blue Cross (*animal to be described as British Blue on its cattle passport).*	Rosette
A Special Prize for the Champion Calf to be held by the winner for one year.	*Silver Cup*

SHEEP

All Lambs must have been lambed in 2026 and may be trimmed, but not coloured

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

Classes 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22

1st Prize £40; 2nd Prize £25; 3rd Prize £15

Class 19 - 1st Prize £50; 2nd Prize £40; 3rd Prize £35

Class 14 Pen of 3 Lambs (44kg and under per lamb)

Class 15 Pen of 3 Lambs (44.1kg - 49kg per lamb)

Class 16 Pen of 3 Lambs (49.1kg and over per lamb)

NB: On the morning of the show, Lambs entered in classes 14-16 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 17 Pen of 3 Lambs
(Novice - being the property of an Exhibitor who has not taken a First Prize for Sheep at this or any other Show in the 5 previous years)

Class 18 Pen of 3 Lambs
(YFC - being the property of an Exhibitor who is a paid up member of a Young Farmers' Club in 2026/2027)

Class 19 Pen of 6 Lambs (any weight)

Class 20 Pen of 3 Lambs, (any weight)
(sired by a UK Native Breed Ram, sire to be stated on entry form)

Class 21 Best Single Lamb (any weight)
(limited to one entry per family, not eligible for Championship)

Class 22 Best Single Cull Ewe

SPECIAL PRIZES

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. *Silver Rose Bowl*

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. *Silver Cup*

A Special Prize given by the late B R Beesley Esq for the Best pen of sheep entered by a novice in Class 17, to be held by the winner for one year. *Silver Rose Bowl*

A Special Prize given by the late R H Hill Esq for the winner of Class 19, to be held by the winner for one year. *Silver Ram*

A Special Prize for the exhibitor with the highest number of points attained in the Sheep Classes. *£50*

THIS YEAR THE SOCIETY WILL BE SUPPORTING

CRANSLEY HOSPICE TRUST

Cransley Hospice Trust raises funds to support and develop the delivery of specialist end of life care for patients and their families both at 'Cransley Hospice' and to those who wish to be cared for in their own homes through the Hospice at Home service.

PIGS

Champion Pen of Pigs - £100
1st Prize £30; 2nd Prize £20; 3rd Prize £15

Class 23	Pen of 2 Porker Pigs (140kg total live weight or under)
Class 24	Pen of 2 Cutter Pigs (141kg total live weight & over)
Class 25	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 Fatstock Show in the 5 previous years, or is a paid up member of a Young Farmers' Club in 2026/2027 to be held by the winner for one year. *Silver Cup*

SPECIMEN ROOTS

Entries close at 9.30am on the morning of the Show

1st Prize £20 2nd Prize £10

Class 26	Best 3 Stubble Turnips
Class 27	Best 3 Swedes or Fodder Beet
Class 28	Best sample of Meadow or Seed Hay
Class 29	Best sample of Wheat or Barley Straw
Class 30	Best sample of Haylage or Silage

SPECIAL CLASSES

Entries close at 9.30am on the morning of the Show
Winners of Classes 31 & 32 to be sold in the Cattle Ring

1st Prize £20 2nd Prize £10

Class 31	Best Homemade Christmas Wreath
Class 32	Best Homemade Christmas Tipple
Class 33	Childrens' Colouring Competition (under 12 years) Image available by request or collection from Market Office/Oakleigh House. To be judged in 2 age groups.

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 9.30am, 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 Fatstock Show Society'.
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 fee to be fixed by the Committee from year to year.
6. All entries shall be made on the printed Entry Form 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, SHEEP AND PIG 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 (with cattle at 9.30am 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.



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The Society is most thankful to all the sponsors listed below who have generously agreed to donate money and prizes to the Show.

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THRAPSTON & DISTRICT FATSTOCK SHOW
SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2026

ENTRY FORM

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2026

The following rules apply for Cattle, Sheep & Pigs:

1. The Rules of the Society and Conditions of Entry as included within the Schedule of Classes apply.
2. The breed of the sire must be notified in the appropriate column overleaf.
3. Ear Tag numbers for all classes are required on this Entry Form.
4. If the beast goes lame or is otherwise unavailable on the day of the show, another can be substituted, provided the Ear Tag number is submitted to the Secretary **by 12 noon on the day before the Show.**
5. If you are unsure of the weight of the cattle for Class 3, a duplicate entry for Class 4 and another class is permitted.
6. All cattle in Class 3 MUST be weighed prior to judging commencing. If entries are not presented to the Stewards by this time, they will be ineligible to enter the class.
7. Entries for Special Prizes for British Blue & Charolais cattle; (according to passport description), together with cattle bought out of a Thrapston Store Sale must be notified in the appropriate column on the entry form.
8. No extra entry fee is required for Specials.
9. Young Farmers must quote their Membership Number.
10. Every animal entered for competition must be in the Market not later than 7.45am, for judging to commence at 8.30am prompt (with cattle at 9.30am prompt).
11. Owners of stock are not allowed in the pen when judging is in progress.

PLEASE LIST ALL ENTRIES ON REVERSE, AND INSERT ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION

ENTRY FEES: **£10 per Beast for Cattle**
£5 per Beast for Calves
£5 per Pen for Sheep & Pigs

****The DINNER will be held on Saturday 5th December: 10 tables of 12 people**. *The number of tickets is restricted. Please book early to avoid disappointment by contacting Natalie Guerin on 01832 732241.*

Dinner Tickets to be booked and paid for in advance

ALL Cheques to be made payable to: Henry H Bletsoe and Son LLP

PLEASE INSERT ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION

Exhibitor's Name: .....

Address: .....

.....Tel No .....

For Young Farmer's Entries Y.F.C. Membership No .....

TB Testing Area : TB1 / TB4 / TB6 *(Delete as Appropriate)*

I hereby enter the animals hereto described for competition, subject to the regulations of the above Show and declare that the same to have been my bona-fide property from 1st September 2026 and that the particulars as stated are correct.

Signature ..... Date .....

Class No.	No. of Animals	Type of Animal & Breed	Ear Tag No. (if applicable)	Description of **Sires, UK Native Breed;** also entries eligible for Special prizes. Please state if entries are Home Bred or bought from Thrapston Market.	FEES £
				** Dinner Tickets – **Saturday 5th December** Number of Tickets = @ £60 per head	
				TOTAL (please tick appropriate box) Cheque enclosed ☐ **OR** Contra'd ☐	