

Youth Development Event

The Irish Shorthorn Society held an Open Evening and Youth Development Event at the farm of James and Gerry Pye's farm in Redbrae, Tullaghan Co. Leitrim on 10th August 2018.



The Redbrae Shorthorn herd was established in 1960 by the late Gerry Pye, father of James and Gerry. The Pye's have been showing shorthorn cattle at local shows since the 1960's winning several prizes the most notable winning the Manorhamilton mart cup for shorthorn heifer with no more than 2 teeth for fifteen consecutive years from 1972 to 1987.



Gerry Pye Senior (RIP) with PJ Coyle in 1980



Robert Pye (RIP) with PJ Coyle in 1985

A crowd of over 200 people descended on the Pye's farm basked in beautiful sunshine. The evening commenced with James Pye welcoming the large crowd to Redbrae and providing a history of the shorthorn herd.



A group of under 12s receiving their prizes following the cattle judging with Lisa Dowd

A live clipping demonstration was presented by Shorthorn Council Members, Anthony Dockery, Rockville Pedigrees, and Padraig Flanagan, Lismacool Shorthorns with Lisa Dowd, Creaga Shorthorn, providing practical tips on washing, clipping and grooming.



Anthony Dockery



Padraig Flanagan



Lisa Dowd

There was a number of **stock judging** categories, under 12's, under 18's and seniors. Judge for the evening was David Lillie who provide an excellent guide to the younger members of how to judge the stock on show.

Prize winners in the under 12's



1st William Pye



2nd Darragh Lippset



3rd Matty Harte

Prize winners in the under 12 - 18 section



1st Matthew Hunter



2nd Christopher Hunter



3rd Jack Lannon

Senior Men's winners



1st Damien McKeon

2nd Dessie Hughes

3rd George Carter

Senior Ladies winners



1st Kathleen Daly

2nd Kerry Smith

3rd Celine Ward

Following the main event a barbeque and music was provided late into the evening when stock judging prizes and sponsored prizes were presented.

Many thanks to the Pye family, members of the shorthorn council and master judge David Lillie. A thoroughly enjoyable evening for both young and old with a chance to learn something new.

Further YDP events are scheduled at a number of shows in the coming months. Information shall be posted on the Irish Shorthorn Website and facebook pages in the coming weeks.

The Pye Family would like to thank all the local sponsors for their generosity.

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Videos of the night