

NATIONAL HOLSTEIN SHOW PREVIEW

THREE-PAGE SPECIAL FEATURE

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Celebrating the breed's centenary

This year's National Holstein Show, amalgamated with the All Britain All Breeds, will be held at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, on February 14-16. **Katie Lomas** reports.

The National Holstein Show is set to be one of the highlights of the breed's centenary year. To make it more special, an 'elite' sale will be held after the judging.

Younger members of the breed will also have a chance to get involved in the calf show on February 14 and 15. The National Holstein Show and elite sale follow on Monday 16.

The combination of the two events take the tally of cattle

forward to somewhere in the region of 800.

Last year's event was cancelled due to movement restrictions. This year the National Holstein Show will be 're-launched' as it returns to Stoneleigh and its traditional February date.

The organisers hope the new date will attract more spectators because it falls at a quieter time of year for many dairy farmers and does not clash with other shows.

The master judge is Brian Carscadden, from Guelph in

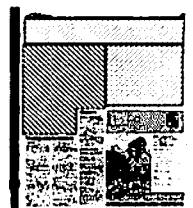
Ontario, Canada. Brian works for the Semex Alliance as a sire analyst and is involved in buying bulls from across Ontario, the US states of Wisconsin, Ohio and Kentucky and the UK and Ireland.

He is no stranger to the show ring, having judged at many high profile Holstein events including International Dairy Week in Australia, the European dairy event in Italy. He recently judged the World Expo in Madison, Wisconsin.

Show information

- **Date:** Monday 16 February
- **Venue:** Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire
- **Times:** 7am-8pm
- **Tickets available online and on the gate**
- **Entrance fee:** Adult: £12 on the gate (£10 in advance)

- **Child (under 16):** £10 on the gate (£8 in advance)
- **Family (2 adults/2 children):** £36 per family (£28 in advance)
- **To buy advance tickets call 01823 695 261 or email pennyhamza@holstein-uk.org**





National Holstein Show timetable

Sunday February 15 (afternoon)

1. Best Red and White animal
2. All-Britain produce of dam or daughter/dam pair
3. All-Britain breeders group

Monday February 16 (from 7am)

4. Junior calf
5. Intermediate calf
6. Senior calf
- Calf championship*
7. Junior heifer
8. Senior heifer
- Junior championship*
9. Heifer in-milk
10. Junior cow
11. Intermediate cow
12. Senior cow
13. Mature cow
- Grand championship*

Judge: Brian Carscadden, Canada.

Elite sale

FOLLOWING the National Holstein Show judging, around 30 females will go under the hammer in the Centenary Elite Sale.

The sale, organised to highlight the increasing level of internationally-renowned genetics available in the UK, is being conducted by Norton and Brooksbank auctioneers and will start at 4.30pm after the judging on Monday.

The catalogue will contain members of many of the breed's most sought after families including Barbie, Elegance, Licorice, Promis, Roxy and many more.

