**Middle White Pig**

**Breeders’ Club**

Autumn 2017



**Show’s Over!!**

Photo courtesy of Acaster Pedigree Pigs, posted on the Middle White Facebook page.

**from your Chairman**

Hi all

It is that time again to put pen to paper, most of the shows have ended for the year except for the winter fairs which hopefully will have some Middles on show, good luck to all involved.

We will once again be moving the AGM to a different venue, next year it will be back down country – details to follow in the next issue. Hopefully more members will be able to join us – it’s your club so please come and have your say on its future, it’ not just for the showing members.

I hope you’ve all had a successful year and on with your breeding plans for next year.

Brian Merry

**from your Secretary**

It has come to the club’s attention that the breed standard for the Middle White was been changed in Autumn 2013 at the BPA. To ensure everyone is conforming to it we have printed the present breed standard on the next page –

We have also updated the Middle White web site with the present breed standard.

Sarah Marsden

**Miranda’s Legacy -**

I’m sure you all fondly remember our previous secretary and treasurer Miranda Squire whom we sadly lost a couple of years ago. Miranda left a legacy with the RBST for her precious Middle Whites conservation and Sarah recently had a reply from the RBST letting us know what they have done with it so far –

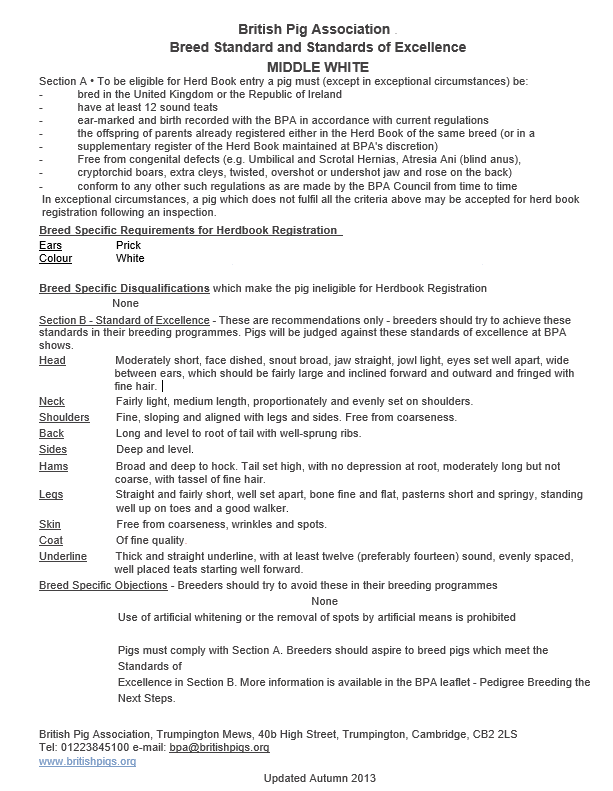
*‘….. we used some of the legacy to fund a collection from the Middle White boar Ballybollen Captain 222, born on January 3, 2016, who won first place at Gosford Park last year.*

*We plan to use the remainder of the legacy on a second Middle White collection….’*

Sarah Marsden

We are always looking for new items for the newsletter so if you have any stories you would like to share, photos, pig sales etc. or if there is something you would like us to cover please let us know.

Ann King - Editor



**Recipe -**

Interested in a basic sausage recipe below is such a recipe taken from Paul Peacock’s book ‘Get Stuck In’.

**Basic Breakfast Sausage**

This basic sausage can be adapted to various recipes. It has a high meat to fat and curing salt ratio and you can alter these according to your requirements. You can freely vary the cut of pork or even go half pork and half of any other meat.

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| Ingredients | Method |
| Basic Filling   * 1kg Middle White pork shoulder * 200g Middle White pork fat * 100g breadcrumbs or rusk * 200ml ice cold water   Seasoning   * 17g curing salt * 3g black pepper   Casings   * 2 metres of sheep casing, soaked for at least an hour in several changes of water and washed inside and out. | Cube the meat into about 1.5cm pieces and chill with the fat in the freezer for 30 minutes.  Mince the port and fat together using the coarse plate in the grinder and put in the fridge for 30 minutes to chill.  Thoroughly mix the dry ingredients so that the curing salt and pepper are completely incorporated.  Finely mince the meat and fat and mix with the dry ingredients and the water.  Stuff into casing and link as required.  Leave for 24 hours to mature. |

The key is keeping things as cold as possible, chill the meat, use ice cold water and grind twice, once with the coarse plate and once with the fine.

You don’t have to use sheep skins you can use hog skins or collagen ones (don’t make the mistake of soaking collagen skins!!)

**Tip:** Trywith 50g finely chopped sage or half a bunch of very finely chopped spring onions or five chopped garlic cloves.

If you have a favourite recipe you would like to share please send it to us, contact details below -

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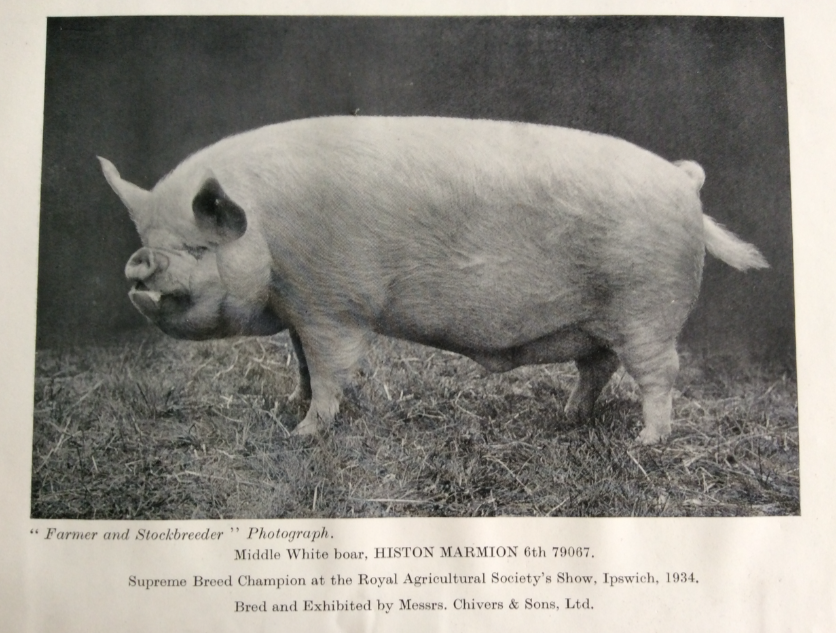
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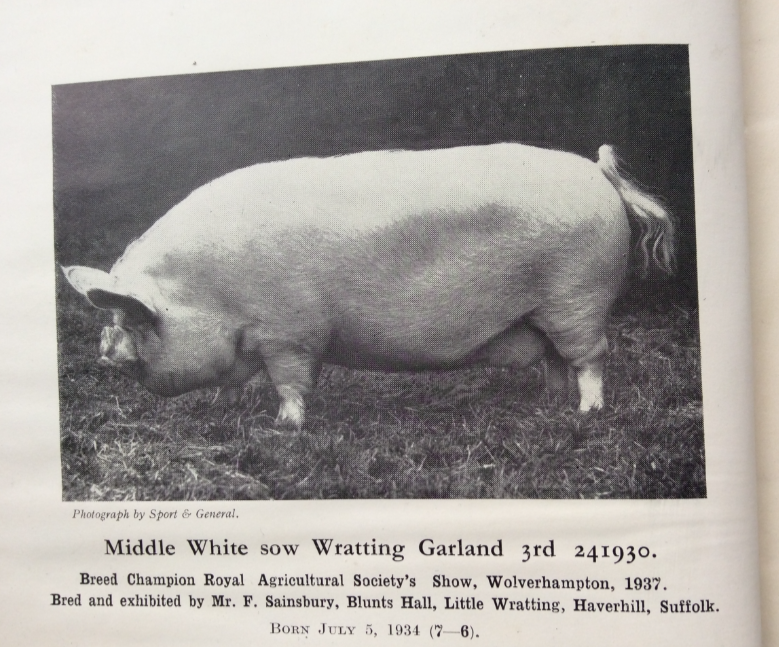
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As promised here are a couple of photos from the 1930’s herd books as in the 1920’s we still have the characteristic short turned up nose, ears forward, strong legs and deep body. This time one example is of a boar and as with the sow he still has a good depth to the body.

It is a shame the modern herd books only show ‘July’ examples of the breeds because it gives a much better feel for the breed with the finished animal, as was nearly always the case in the old herd books. I think it was also good to see the shows they had won giving future generations fine examples of the breed at that time in history – perhaps we could get this re-instated!





We will look to the 1940’s in the spring issue.

If you have any old photos or snippets of history regarding our breed from yourselves or older breeders who are perhaps no longer with us, please send them to the editor (details on the previous page) so we can share them with the membership in future editions.

Ann King - Editor

**New Show Rules for 2018**

As your breed representative at the B.P.A. who also sits on the Show and Sale Committee I would like to draw your attention to a rule change. The new rule has been published in Practical Pigs and B.P.A members have received a letter. The new rule reads **‘Female pigs born on or after 1st January and before 1st July in the year before the show, must farrow and rear to four weeks, a live litter within 18 months of their date of birth’**.

The old rule used up to the 2017 show season was different for most breeds, with some having two different rules depending on just when the pig was born. The change is to help both shows and exhibitors by simplifying the rule and making it the same for all breeds. Please remember this means your pig must farrow by 17 months of age e.g. a gilt born on the 1st January must farrow by 2nd June and raise a litter to four weeks of age before she is 18 months old on the 30th June. The B.P.A. office staff will be checking birth notes to make sure all pigs comply with the new rule. I hope this change will encourage more members to come out showing not just with young sows but pigs of all ages.

If you have any questions regarding either breeding or showing your pigs remember both I and Tracey Bretherton, your B.P.A. breed reps are here to help.

Mick Paddock – Breed Representative

**Late News:**

‘**South of England’** will be having Middle White classes next year – so get your entries in folks.

**Show Results – after the Yorkshire Show 2017 -**

**Newbury Show Results 2017**

**Middle White**  
Judge: Debby Beeby

**Sow**  
1st Alsa Fair Lady 1531 - O Giles

**July Gilt**   
1st Vanilla Woodlands Lady - S Westron

**January Gilt and Boar**  
1st Eaves Revival - M Paddock & S Marsden  
2nd Lewin Dorothy 29 - E Paddock  
3rd Tedfold Fair Lady 101 - O Giles  
4th Eaves Yootha 19 - M Paddock & S Marsden

**Breed Champion:** Eaves Revival - M Paddock & S Marsden  
**Reserve Champion:** Vanilla Woodlands Lady - S Westron

Judge: Jeremy Barber

**Interbreed Senior Boar**  
1st Eaves Captain 5 - M Paddock & S Marsden  
4th Tedfold Captain 55 - O Giles

**Interbreed Junior Boar**  
1st Eaves Revival - M Paddock & S Marsden

**Overall Interbreed Boar**  
1st Eaves Revival - M Paddock & S Marsden  
2nd Eaves Captain 5 - M Paddock & S Marsden

Judge: John Millard

**Veteran Pig**  
2nd Alsa Fair Lady 1531 - O Giles

**Westmorland County Show**

Judge Trish Horsley

**Mixed Classes**

**Boar born before 1 July 2016**

1st Pinehurst Mischief 4 - Brian Merry

**Sow of any age**

1st Pinehurst Alma Rose 11-Brian Merry

2nd GOS

3rd Pinehurst Alma Rose 3-Brian Merry

**Gilt Born after the 1st July 2016**

1st GOS

2nd GOS

3rd Lewin Dorothy 28-Emily Paddock

**Gilt born after the 1st September 2016**

No Middle Whites entered

**January Gilt born after the 1st January 2017**

1st GOS

2nd Tamworth

3rd Lewin Dorothy 29-Emily Paddock

**January Boar born after the 1st January 2017**

1st Tamworth

2nd Eaves Revival- Michael Paddock and Sarah Marsden

**Interbreed Champion**

Pinehurst Alma Rose 11-Brian Merry

**Middle White Champion**

Pinehurst Alma Rose 11-Brian Merry

**Dorset**

**Any other traditional breed boar, born after 1st Jan 2017**

No Middle Whites

**Any other traditional breed sow, must have produced and reared a litter within 6 months prior to the date of the Show**

1st Vanilla Woodlands Lady 2- Chris Sully

**Any other traditional breed gilt, born after 1st July 2016**

1st Vanilla Woodlands Lady 3- Mr and Mrs Westron

**Any other traditional breed gilt, born after 1st Jan 2017**

No Middle Whites

**Edenbridge and Oxted Show Results 2017**

Judge: Alice Newth

**Mixed Classes**

**July Boar**

1st Vanilla Revival - S Westron

**Sow**

1st Alsa Fair Lady 1531 - O Giles

**July Gilt**

4th Vanilla Woodlands Lady 3 - S Westron

**January Gilt**

2nd Tedfold Fair Lady 101 - O Giles

3rd Tedfold Fair Lady 95 - O Giles

**Breed Champion**

Alsa Fair Lady 1531 - O Giles

**Egham Royal Show Results 2017**

Judge: Andrew Brown

**Sow**

1st Alsa Fair Lady 1531 - O Giles

**January Gilt**

3rd Tedfold Fair Lady 101 - O Giles

**Breed Champion**

Alsa Fair Lady 1531 - O Giles

**Reserve Supreme Champion**

Alsa Fair Lady 1531 - O Giles

**Anglesey**

Judge Andrew Robinson

**Boar born before 1ST January 2017**

1st Eaves Captain 5 - Mick Paddock and Sarah Marsden

2nd Pinehurst Mischief 4 - Brian Merry

**Sow born before 1st July 2016**

1st Pinehurst Alma Rose 11-Brian Merry

**Gilt born on or after 1st July 2015**

1st Pinehurst Alma Rose 12-Brian Merry

2nd Pinehurst Fair lady 23-Brian Merry

**Boar or Gilt born on or after 1st July 2017**

1st Lewin Dorothy 29- Emily Paddock

2nd Eaves Revival-Mick Paddock and Sarah Marsden

**Champion Middle White**

Pinehurst Alma Rose 11-Brian Merry

**Reserve Middle White Champion**

Lewin Dorothy 29- Emily Paddock

**Champion Pairs**

Brian Merry- Pinehurst Mischief 4

Pinehurst Alma Rose 12

**Champion group of 3**

Brian Merry- Pinehurst Mischief 4

Pinehurst Alma Rose 12

Pinehurst Fair lady 23

**Chertsey Show 2017**  
Judge: Emily Brown

**MW Results**

**January Gilt**  
2nd Tedfold Fair Lady 101 - O Giles

**MW Breed Champion**  
Tedfold Fair Lady 101 - O Giles

**Apologies if we have missed any results but if you would like them adding in the next issue please send to Sarah or myself so we can get them added.**

**Photo Gallery – thanks to those who have posted on the Middle White Facebook page, keep adding them and we may see you here in the next issue!**



Posted by Emily Paddock – Huffles at Fillongley Show



Posted by Acaster Pedigree Pigs – Three little pigs



Posted by Sarah Marsden – Royal Welsh Show, Emily Paddock



Posted by Sarah Marsden – Newbury Show, Mick Paddock, Oliver Giles



Posted by new member Cathy Baker – 1st venture into Middle Whites!



Posted on Westmorland website – Jeff Lloyd & Brian Merry



Posted by Stefanie Georgetti – youngsters!



Posted by Tedfold – Oliver Giles and judge Bryan Card at Singleton Rare Breeds Show