

## **Fold Information for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

The Killochries Fold of Scottish Highland Cattle came into being when in 1995 the Highland Cow Seud Bhuidhe 215 of Benmore was bought in calf at the Pedigree Highland Cattle Show at Oban.

This cow's first calf, Seamus of Killochries, became our first stock bull, we do know that his calves were fast growing, sweet cattle of the highest quality. Soon we were expanding, preferring to embrace organic farming we aimed to provide a habitat that benefited not only our newly emerging Fold but also the local wildlife, in particular protected birds and the rare Brown Hare.

The Fold is now in its fourteenth year, includes a specialist Black Fold of Highland Cattle and has gained a reputation of breeding only high quality Highland Cows, Calves and Bulls. We now have over 300 animals based between Killochries Fold and Drumcross Farm.

You can take a tour of our Fold through the pages of our website, [www.killochriesfold.co.uk](http://www.killochriesfold.co.uk) and trace the Killochries lineage through many other Highland Folds in the UK. View the progress of our organic policy and how we are implementing our objectives to improve the habitat for bird life, including protected birds and the Black Grouse here in Scotland.

We look forward to welcoming you to Killochries in September.

### **WOODNEUK FOLD**

The Thomson family is delighted to be one of the Fold visits on Thursday 30th September 2010 as part of the International Highland Cattle Gathering.

The fold was founded in 1954 with only 9 Pedigree Highlanders and today numbers over 250 Highland Cattle of all ages.

Woodneuk is a family operated farm with 250 Highland and 100 Shorthorn Cross cattle. Woodneuk is an exposed hill farm with marginal ground overlooking the city of Glasgow and much of west central Scotland. Some of the ground is situated in a country park where people have open access, and the local council benefit from the conservation grazing of the cattle.

Over the years we have shown Pedigree Highland Cattle at local and national shows with success and some of the cattle we have exported have also done well abroad. In 2006 and 2008 we were the UK large show fold winners. 2009 was also a successful year with 5 show championships with various cattle.

The cattle are not here just to look good but have a function as a fantastic beef animal producing quality beef. Our highland beef is mainly sold locally, therefore reducing our carbon footprint, with low food miles from farm to customer. On the visit we will have Highland Beef prepared for you to taste having seen the conditions they are kept on. We were one of the early farms to be registered in the Farm Assurance Scheme run by Quality Meat Scotland.

As one of the oldest and largest folds in the UK, we would be delighted to share our experiences and show a wide range of cattle in there natural surroundings.

If you would like more details please visit our web site [www.woodneuk.com](http://www.woodneuk.com) or contact us by e-mail at [tom@woodneuk.com](mailto:tom@woodneuk.com)

We look forward to seeing you during this fantastic event.

William, Tom & the Thomson family