# NAIRNSHIRE FARMING SOCIETY

**ESTABLISHED 1798** 



# ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2007

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# **Annual General Meeting**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place in the Nairn Golf Club, NAIRN, on FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2008, at 7.00pm, to transact the following business:	
1. Apologies.	
2. To confirm and adopt the minutes of the last meeting.	
3. To adopt the Treasurer's Report.	
<ul> <li>4. To elect Office Bearers for the year:</li> <li>(a) President: Committee's Nomination – I Wilson</li> <li>(b) Vice-President: Committee's Nomination – Mr Donald Green</li> <li>(c) President's Committee: President's Nominees – Mrs L Forbes and Mr P Gordon</li> <li>(d) The Management Committee</li> </ul>	1
5. Election of New Members.	
5. Any Other Competent Business.	
THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held in the <b>Nairn Golf Club</b> on FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2008 at 7.30p.m. (prompt) following the business meeting.	th

THE TOAST OF "THE PROSPERITY OF THE SOCIETY" WILL BE PROPOSED

BY MR KEN FLETCHER FROM 'SCOTTISH FARMER

## Presidents Report for year ending 31st October 2007.

Our Farming Society and the agricultural environment in general has had a demanding year and one that will be remembered for a long time but unfortunately for all the wrong reasons.

The format of our Society remains unchanged and the AGM took place in the Newton Hotel on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007. It was well attended by both town and country

Our office bearers of Angela Veitch (secretary), Jimmy Pringle (treasurer) and Douglas Macarthur (Show Convenor) were all in attendance and assisted with the smooth running of the dinner which is one of the main events in our calendar.

The Dinner followed the AGM and the Prosperity of the Society was proposed by Mr Malcolm Allen, a house builder from Kintore. He provided us with a stream of hilarity and was determined to see the funny side of life in general.

He was supported at the top table by local organic chicken farmer Mr Willie Lean who ably proposed the toast to the "Town and Trade of Nairn". The capable reply was given by the captain of the Nairn Golf Club Mr Harry Sinclair on behalf of the Town.

The vote of thanks to the Chairman was given by our very own Show Convenor Mr Douglas Macarthur who always brings his own exclusive style to the proceedings.

The annual show is the highlight of our Society year but this year we suffered from the heavy rains at midday which unfortunately turned the field into a quagmire. It proved to be the wettest Nairn show day for years.

We were unfortunately forced to cancel the grand parade of livestock for safety reasons but the commercial cattle section was judged to be without question the strongest seen at any event in Scotland.

Lena and Jimmy Forbes from Lochdu Farm, Nairn were my guests on the day and they undertook their duties effortlessly throughout the day.

Our show is indebted to our many supporters including Sponsors, Tradestands, Stewards Attending Members and Committee for their continued support.

The well travelled judges and exhibitors are also to be thanked for their participation and passion in relation to the show.

The day was rounded off at the lively show dance where the numbers seem to grow every year, and where we are assisted by the Croy PTA.

We held the presentation of prizes in the Lion Hotel, Auldearn this year and were delighted with the response from our exhibitors.

Mr Alan McGowan had all the trophies well polished and ready to be presented. Iain MacDonald, the MC kept the proceeding moving and saw all the trophies off to their new homes for the year.

After the show, our secretary Angela resigned and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all the hard work she undertook during her time in office. Thanks Angela.

We have recruited Mrs Trisha Roberts from Brodie to be our new secretary and also Mrs Lillian Riach from Culloden to assist as the membership secretary. I hope you both enjoy your time with us.

I would like to thank everyone who contributes to the show for their hard work and passion which ensures the success of our local show.

W Downie. Ellands.

## Treasurer's Report for year ending 31st October 2007

At the end of my second year as Treasurer, I am pleased to submit my Second Report on the Annual Accounts which are balanced at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007. I refer Members to the Statement of Accounts accompanying this Report.

The figures do not directly reflect the Income and Expenditure in respect of Nairn Show 2007. These transactions appear in the Accounts of Nairn Show Ltd, the Company formed by the Society and given responsibility for making the arrangements for the Annual Show.

Nairn Show Ltd has organised the Shows from 2005 and, in each of the three years to date, expenditure has exceeded income. The weather was responsible for a poor turnout of supporters and the public, in 2007 with a decrease in Admission income amounting to some £6,000 in comparison to Nairn Show 2006. As Nairn Show Ltd has no financial resources to pay for the deficits these have been financed by the Society and at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007 the amount due by the Company to the Society is £8,726.

It has proved difficult to make savings in the Show expenditure as the Management Committee is determined to maintain the standard of facilities offered to exhibitors and the public despite rising costs.

The Society's cash resources remain substantial but it is clear to all concerned that unwelcome decisions may have to be taken within the next few years to stem the deficits.

I give my grateful thanks to the people who have given me assistance in the management of the Society's finances over the past year with particular thanks to those involved in events, not directly associated with the Show, which have raised funds. Special mention is made of Di Wilson who, as Membership Secretary, ingathered outstanding Subscriptions.

I am now in the final year of my term as Treasurer and look forward to dealing with the challenges of Nairn Show 2008 following the Committee's decision to experiment with a larger site for the Show.

James C Pringle Treasurer

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# Profit and Loss Accounts for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007

	12 months to 31.10.07 £	12 months to 31.10.06
INCOME	æ.	£
Members' Subscriptions	6,761	5,675
Donations	295	· -
Interest received	694	563
Rents received	250	750
Wayleave	195	195
Book sales		10
Total Income	8,195	7,193
EXPENDITURE		
Honoraria, telephone, postage and stationery	5,817	5,628
Upkeep of field	798	1,501
Deficit on Social Activities	497	1,578
Audit fee	1,000	235
Provision for replacement and depreciation of equipment	3,694	2,543
Total Expenditure	11,806	11,485
Deficit for year	(3,611)	(4,291)

# Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007

FIXED ASSETS EQUIPMENT at written down value	£	12 months to 31.10.07 £ 33,280	£	12 months to 31.10.06 £ 35,596
INVESTMENT in Nairn Show Ltd		2		2
TROPHIES at cost		807		807
CUDDENIT ACCETS		34,089		36,405
CURRENT ASSETS Cash on Hand Bank Accounts Social Activities Account Nairn Show Ltd Debtors	18,903 - 8,726	_	300 20,588 2,781 2,974 3,506	
	27,629		30,149	
CURRENT LIABILITIES Sundry Creditors	4,686	_	5,911	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		22,943		24,238
TOTAL NET ASSETS		57,032		60,643
Financed by: Torrance Trophy Endowment		50		50
Capital Account Movement:  Balance at beginning of Deficit for year	f year	60,593 (3,611)		62,884 (4,291)
Balance at end of year		56,982		60,593
Total funds available equal to	Net Assets	57,032		60,643

James C Pringle Treasurer

#### List of Members

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1800-01	Alexander Falconer, Nairnside	1857-58	William Stables, Cawdor
1801-02	William MacKintosh of Geddes	1859-60	Robert Anderson of Lochdhu
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1820-11	Captain Fraser of Brackla	1879-70	J D Lamb, Nairn
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1829-30	Captain Fraser of Brackla	1890-91	Robert Anderson of Lochdhu
1830-31	Sir James Dunbar, Bart., of Boath	1891-93	W C Newbigging, Brackla
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1836-37	W Alexander Stables, Cawdor	1902-03	George Bain, Rosebank
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1845-46	Angus Cameron of Firhall	1969-74	J Calder, Raitloan
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1847-48	William A Stables, Cawdor	1981-90	A D Forbes, Little Kildrummie
1848-49	George MacKintosh of Geddes	1990-93	J T MacBean, Milton of Gollanfield
1849-50	Robert Fraser, Polneach	1993-96	J W Campbell, Penick, Auldearn
1850-51	John Gollan of Gollanfield	1996-99	R D Stewart, Nairn
1851-52	James C Brodie of Lethen	1999-2000	J A Stephen, Broomhill, Cawdor
1852-53	Colonel Alexander Finlay of Millbank	2001-03	H McBean, Score Farm, Glenferness
1853-54	Provost John Wilson, Nairn	2003-05	R M Pottie, Easter Dalziel
1854-55	Adam Davidson, Nairn	2005-07	Will Downie, Ellands
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