

# *Cotswold Sheep Society Newsletter*

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*Mrs Yvonne Brown and Mr Derek Cross with Cote Ram (see Breed Sale Report)*

## **EDITORIAL**

With Winter fast approaching and plenty of rain (at least here in Wales), it seems hard to believe that earlier in the year there were drought conditions in some parts of the country. In my last editorial I once again commented about the weather, but then I was complaining about the dry spell; it just proves that farmers never seem to be satisfied with the weather. One thing is for sure, we can moan all we like but we cannot change it.

In this edition, I am delighted that Robert Boodle, our new Vice President, has kindly written an article about how he became involved in Cotswold sheep and it makes fascinating reading, as does the article by Richard Mumford on black sheep.

The annual Breed Sale took place in August and it proved to be very successful with high quality stock and, generally, good prices being paid. The sale is an excellent opportunity to assess the quality of stock from a range of flocks, and for those wishing to introduce new bloodlines it provides the chance to see, and buy, what is available without having to travel the length and breadth of the country.

The biennial sheep industry exhibition, Sheep 2010, took place at Malvern in early August and it was very successful with the Society stand being very professionally set out. If any members have not been, it is well worth a visit; the next one is in 2012.

As usual if anyone has any comments to make, please get in touch.

Finally, as editors, Angela Reid and I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

John Flanders

## **MESSAGE FROM THE NEW VICE PRESIDENT**

At the AGM this Summer I was elected Vice President of the Cotswold Sheep Society. This is an honour that probably comes with age. I first came to work with Cotswold sheep when I was shepherd for Oscar Colburn of Crickley Barrow. Mr

Colburn had bought a small flock of Cotswolds from Mr Garne a few months before the dispersal sale of the Garne flock of Aldsworth.

I had no idea at the time what an historical event this would turn out to be; it coincided with the realisation among a few enlightened people that these sheep could be gone forever, unless something was done.

None of these sheep had been recorded and so they were tagged and given names – such as Bibury, Northleach, Aldsworth, so that a breeding programme could be set up and family lines established.

After the Garne sale, when unfortunately some of them went to dealers for killing, the new owners were contacted and the Cotswold Sheep Society was re-activated.

The first meeting was held at Crickley Barrow, and it was my job to present Mr Colburn's flock for inspection by the new members of the Society.

Many years later I was invited to become a judge, a task that has become much more exacting. The quality of the stock and the ability of the owners to produce first class exhibits, has been instrumental in bringing the breed to the status that it now holds.

I write this having just returned from the Moreton in the Marsh show where Cotswolds have been exhibited for over a century and I look forward to a long and successful future for the breed.

Robert Boodle

## **THE VIEW FROM HERE**

**West Wales**

**John Flanders**

Autumn is once again upon us and by the time you read this the tups will have left their ladies for another year and I shall be eagerly awaiting the scanning results in mid-December. Will the new tup that I bought at the breed sale prove to be as good as I am hoping?

The past few months have been interesting to say the least. On the land side the rape that was sown produced a good crop and the weight gain of the lambs was greater

than the creep feed; however, the downside was that four suffered from photosensitisation but now have recovered. The field has since been ploughed and grass sown; unfortunately, the rain that was forecast came two hours early and the final task, rolling, could not be carried out. Since then, ground has been too damp. Nevertheless the grass has germinated and, hopefully, we will be ready for the Spring.

We took up the offer by Lynne Gibbings to use stored semen from Holy Brook Hector and ten ewes were artificially inseminated in mid-September at Aberystwyth; it was very interesting to see how Innovis carried out the procedure. As to how many of the A.I. ewes have conceived will be revealed in the next sixteen days when they are running with the other ewes and tup. All quite exciting!!

Also, for the first time, we decided to change crayon colours on an eight day cycle instead of sixteen in an effort to give more accuracy when the ewes are due to lamb. The theory is fine, but the practice may be different

In late August we managed to get a second cut and the result was good hay, although, for storage reasons, most of the big bales were wrapped, but we kept three unwrapped and it smells lovely.

Finally, a friend cast gloom and despondency the other day when he announced that the Winter is supposed to be harder than the last one – joy oh joy!!

John Flanders

## **Gloucestershire**

### **Judy Wilkie**

This is the time of year I check the flock over and continue to prepare for tugging.

The sheep are moved into fresh one acre paddocks separated by electric netting to make best use of the grass. I have thought about a mains unit but with several battery fencers available continued use of a battery seems the cheapest option. The system has been improved by running a wire along the boundary on insulator nails above the permanent sheep netting. The main field is 4 acres and about 50 metres wide so cross fences can be joined to the wire as needed. The fencer unit is tucked in the hedge out of sight for security and convenient recharging. It is important there is a really good earth spike as without that the fence will not work efficiently. In dry

weather it helps to wet the ground around the spike.

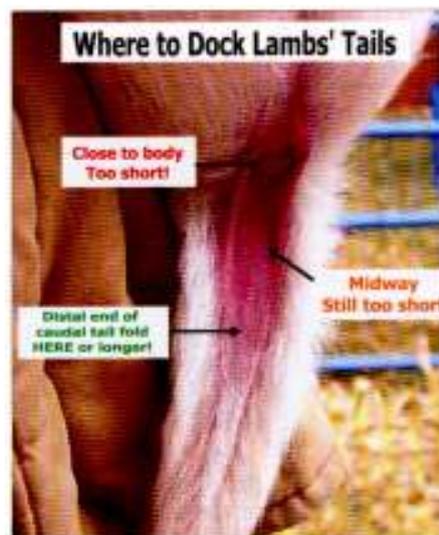
When the lambs first go out they soon learn to respect the fence. Years ago one old ewe used to know if the fencer was off and plunge through it. I discovered if I touched the dead fence then clicked my finger nails and leapt in the air with a scream they would back all off. This was very helpful when I used to strip graze.

With the offer of transport I sent a batch of lambs to Frome market. It will be interesting to see what they make and how it compares to selling boxed lamb privately. I think we all know the answer to that.

Judy Wilkie

## TAIL DOCKING

The Sheep Farmer, which is the journal of the National Sheep Association, recently published a photograph showing where **not** to put the ring when docking a lamb's



tail and that photograph is reproduced by kind permission of Shepherd Publishing. If members wish to see the original it is in Volume 29 No.5 .

John Flanders

## BREED SALE

The annual breed sale took place at Cirencester Livestock Mart on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Of the 44 sheep entered in the sale, 10 were not put forward and 4 remained unsold. Prices achieved were similar to the 2009 sale with the exception of the winning shearling ram (Cote Ram C11492), which sold for £525; the highest price achieved since 1998. Interestingly, of the 18 shearling ewes forwarded for sale the fourth highest price achieved was for a yellow carded shearling ewe, clearly the purchaser, an experienced breeder, could see other attributes beyond only the card grading.



*The Breed Society Sale Ring*

One of the advantages of buying at the Breed sale is that the sheep are card graded before the sale. This is of particular advantage to less experienced flock keepers as they can buy with confidence. Like any sale there will be winners and losers, and sometimes even a red-carded sheep goes for less than expected, and the successful bidder finds themselves with a real bargain. It is important to remember that blue and yellow-carded sheep are also good stock and with careful breeding their fault may well not be replicated in their lambs.

## **Card Grading**

The card grading system, which is shown below, applies to all sheep entered for the sale.

Red card – correct sheep

Blue card – sheep with a minor fault

Yellow card – sheep with a more serious fault

White card – unacceptable sheep, which is automatically de-registered

For various reasons not all the sheep entered for the sale are forwarded the following grades are only for those sheep that were finally put up for sale.

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Senior rams    | 1 yellow |
|                | 1 blue   |
| Shearling rams | 5 red    |
|                | 1 blue   |
| Ram lambs      | 1 red    |
| Senior ewes    | 1 blue   |
| Shearling ewes | 10 red   |
|                | 7 blue   |
|                | 1 yellow |
| Ewe lambs      | 4 red    |
|                | 2 blue   |

## **Prices Achieved**

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Senior rams    | £120 top/£110 average |
| Shearling rams | £500 top/£288 average |
| Ram lambs      | £100 top/£100 average |
| Senior ewes    | None sold             |
| Shearling ewes | £180 top/£115 average |
| Ewe lambs      | £140 top/£103 average |

Overall the sale was a success and very well attended with some buyers travelling a round trip of over 350 miles.

John Flanders

## **THE ROYAL SHOW TROPHY**

The Royal Show trophy, kindly donated by Paul and Yvonne Froehlich, was awarded for the last time in 2009. Since the sad demise of the Royal Show, Paul and Yvonne have agreed that the trophy should now be awarded to the Champion on the National Rare and Minority Breed day at the Three Counties Show, Malvern.

Angela Reid

## **TO SHOW OR NOT TO SHOW...?**

The word 'Showing' provokes a variety of feelings in people. When I first decided to have a go several years ago, I had never shown as much as a budgerigar before, so the prevailing feeling before my first show was terror! As I stood at the bottom of the line, clutching the lead rope of one of my ewe lambs, trying not to feel like a failure, I confess I did wonder why I had got out of bed so early, spent a frantic hour trying to get everything loaded – and that wasn't just the sheep, there were the white coats, the brushes, the halters, hay, water buckets ... all before spending an hour driving the trailer very carefully down seemingly endless winding roads. Then there had been the weeks before when I had agonised over which were my best lambs (it's simpler dipping your toe in the showing water with lambs - they are much easier to train to walk on a lead rope than a full grown ram or ewe). Then eventually having made my decisions, I had spent hours worrying about their condition, their size, their colour (just how white is white?), their wool... and now I was at the bottom of the line – the whole thing had been a ridiculous waste of time...

Then I realised suddenly that it hadn't been a waste of time at all. Wherever I ended up in the line really didn't matter. The important thing was I had learnt an enormous amount. My lambs weren't thrown out, indeed they were referred to as 'good breeding stock'. So I was on the right track. I needed a bit more crimp in the wool, and a bit more size, and maybe a bit more condition - perhaps then I would be in with a chance of possessing some show winning sheep. I had been to several shows before as a spectator, and I had an idea what prize winning sheep looked like, but that is just not the same as being able to stand your sheep alongside a Show Champion and seeing exactly how they compare.

Many Cotswold flocks are small and isolated from other Cotswolds (not surprising of course, being a rare breed!) and it is extremely hard to judge sheep in isolation – so do they look like Cotswolds should? For example, Cotswolds are supposed to be big sheep – but how big is big? This year I took a ram lamb to Moreton Show, convinced he wasn't really quite large enough, however he was, and he won his class. Then I went to buy a ram recently, I liked him, but again wasn't certain he was really big enough. I was amazed when I got him home, and found he towered over my ewes!

Quite apart from anything else, taking part in shows is fun. The Society tent is the source of tea, coffee (and very occasionally something a little stronger) and delicious cakes. There are always real Cotswold experts around to offer advice, and plenty of friendly chat. For those who live too far from Society shows there are always your local shows. They may not provide you with an opportunity to compare your sheep against other Cotswolds, but our sheep frequently do well in longwool classes and just by taking your sheep to such shows, you will be 'raising the breed profile'!

So do please consider showing your sheep next year. Anyone who attended Davina Stanhope's excellent showing workshop earlier this year, or who read the report of the event in the newsletter, will know the basics of how to prepare a sheep for the show ring. The Society Summer Show at Cirencester Park in July, is the perfect place to start as the Society is planning on running Novice classes.

Over recent years I have managed to win a few red rosettes, but I know I have a long way to go before my sheep can consistently impress in the show ring. But actually I don't mind. I love leaning on the fence studying my sheep each summer, and wondering which combination of bloodlines might give me that perfect lamb next time? It may never happen, but all I can say is that it is huge fun trying.

Angela Reid.

## **BIRTH NOTIFYING LAMBS**

Many members only Birth Notify lambs that they intend in due course to register. It is however a very good idea to Birth Notify all lambs – one reason for this is that it provides proof of a ram's fertility if he is to be sold, or hired out. A lamb does not have to meet the breed requirements to be Birth Notified, although only lambs, which do reach breed standards, as set out in the flock book, can be registered.

The easiest way of Birth Notifying all your lambs, if you have access to the internet, is to visit [www.cotswoldsheepsociety.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldsheepsociety.co.uk) and log in to the Flock Book (if you have not yet got a password, just contact Lynne Parkes). Once there you need to click on 'Manage Your Flock' and then you will be asked to enter your email address so that anything you add, or change, can be confirmed with you afterwards. Lastly, all you have to do is to click on 'Births' to enable you to easily fill in the details of all your lambs. If you do not have the internet, then you can fill in the form sent to you each year by Lynne.

Remember, there is no fee at all for Birth Notifying lambs, and it is only £3 to register a ewe lamb by 30<sup>th</sup> September in the year of its birth, while a ram lamb will cost £10. You can still register a lamb the following year; however it does cost more - £5 for a ewe lamb and £15 for a ram. However, just be aware that no lamb can be registered in its second year, unless it has been Birth Notified in its first.

Angela Reid

## **BLACK SHEEP?**

Does the Cotswold breed black sheep? Yes.

Does the Cotswold Sheep Society approve of black Cotswold sheep? No.

I have to admit that this is not a topic that is discussed in open conversation between Cotswold sheep breeders, but the English Leicester have a section of their breed which specialises in black Leicester sheep.

It had been thought that any black in the Cotswold sheep had come from the use of an English Leicester ram.

In 1977 the blood lines were extremely small and closely related. Mr. Frank Holtom, an old stalwart of the breed, who lived at Aldsworth, persuaded some in the Cotswold Sheep Society that we should revert to the English Leicester, which is a very similar sheep, to bring in new blood. Joe Henson, Tony Foster, Frank Holtom and myself, visited the Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate and purchased the winning English Leicester ram there. Through the good offices of Joe Henson, he was brought back to the Cotswolds and I had him on my farm and used him, registering the first offspring in 1978. Oscar Coburn also used the ram and had some pure bred English Leicester ewes. Tony Foster came to use the ram and a Mr.

Woodhead from Bath.

Some breeders were very much against this move and after a few years the ram was sold at the Rare Breeds sale at Stoneleigh.

I have had a total of four black lambs born, one was one of a twin and its twin brother was a white lamb in 1981. The other three have been in recent years, with a ewe lamb born in March 2008. The dam, C8080, was one of a twin born in 2002, by a Harford Ram C6643 out of Pensham Swell X11 C5075.



The following year the same ewe had a black ram lamb, also one of a twin with the twin being white.

I had kept the ram and therefore put the black ram lamb to the black ewe and lo and behold had a white lamb. But in 2010 I had another ewe, C8828 that had a black ram lamb with a white female lamb. Both lambs were very small and died at a young age.

The sire of all the recent black lambs was in each case C7894.

The ewe that had a black lamb in 2010 was the granddaughter of C5075, Swell X11, and the ewe that had the black lambs in 2008 and 2009 was a daughter of Swell X11. There must have been, therefore, a black gene carried in that blood line, which

manifested itself with the ram.

I have traced both ewes back to 1978 and there is no connection with the Leicester ram. Equally, the sire C7894, I have traced back and can find no connection with the Leicester ram.

The black gene is a dominant gene and it would seem, therefore, that a combination of the two blood lines has come together to form a black gene. The dam of the 2008 and 2009 black lambs had a prolapse in 2010 and has now gone, as has the ram. It would not seem, therefore, that we will get the same direct combination again.

I have now sold the black sheep for slaughter, but it was an interesting experiment. Obviously black sheep cannot be registered and the Society does not in any way encourage the breeding of black Cotswolds. Although, when I had a reduction auction sale of Cotswold sheep in 1982, there was a Leicester breeder who came looking for the black lamb.

Are there other people who have had black lambs? And have there been sales of particular rams, or possibly ewes, which have periodically bred black lambs? I don't know, but see no harm in bringing the subject out into the open for general discussion. Clearly it is not a gene that is passed on necessarily, as was evidenced in my mating of the two black sheep. Obviously I have used my rams on many different ewes and this is the only combination that has produced black lambs.

Even with the same ewes it is only these three cases that have occurred. Will it show up in the future? I don't know, but it might be interesting to find out. Is it certain combinations of bloodlines that occasionally produce black lambs? If so which ones?

The one thing that should not happen is that good rams are 'black listed'. After all in a rare breed, all bloodlines are precious.

Richard Mumford

## **RBST and EID ISSUES**

The Rare Breed Survival Trust has written to breed society Secretaries concerning the tagging of lambs and their letter includes, inter alia, the following:

“Since EID has been implemented RBST has unfortunately been hearing of issues related to the EID tagging of lambs. These include tags being ripped out and infections that cause severe damage to the lambs’ ears. The reports coming in relate to all types of tags and therefore it does not appear to relate to one manufacturer who may have a design fault or something else wrong

In light of the problems that are being raised RBST is happy to make another attempt at the derogation of rare and minority breeds with DEFRA and the EU, this time on welfare grounds. In order for this to happen however, we do need as much factual information as possible on the problems that have occurred. In particular we need the following

- Details of the tagging procedure followed
- The type of tags used
- The date of tagging
- Weather conditions
- Details of the problems encountered
- Photographic evidence of the damage caused

Lynne Parkes is coordinating a response and if any members have experienced problems with the new Regulations could they send their evidence, set out in the manner shown above, to Lynne for onward transmission to the RBST.

John Flanders

## **SHEEP 2010**

The biennial sheep industry trade exhibition took place at the Three Counties Showground in Malvern on 2<sup>nd</sup> August and, as usual, almost all those businesses involved with sheep, as well the breed societies, were in attendance trying to sell their wares. If you are interested in sheep it is worthwhile visiting the show, which will next be held in 2012.

The Society stand retained its consistently high standard and there was considerable interest in the breed from members of the public. Thanks must go to those members who manned that stand, as well as to our President, Mrs Pat Quinn, and Davina Stanhope for supplying sheep.

John Flanders

## **SMELLY FLEECES**

Has any body come across/can anybody supply and explanation of this? In nearly 30 years of sheep-keeping I have never come across it before and I am puzzled because it does not seem to make sense.

I show fleeces. In most years my show team will include one, possibly two, ram fleeces. The rams are not in must when they are shorn and my fleeces have never smelt of ram. I usually show them between July and mid-September. Between shows my fleeces are stored in a very airy shed, not even on the same holding as that where I keep the rams themselves.

This year, my show team consists of three fleeces from rams (two six-year-olds and a four-year-old, two of them well proven). I have shown them more widely than ever before and, this summer being what it was in the south, the result is that they have spent days in a hot car. Since it has been so dry they have not even smelt of wool.

The last time the fleeces went out was for the Stroud/Singleton weekend just over two weeks ago (I am writing this the day after Sheep 2010). So I had five fleeces in a hot car for almost five days. Nothing.

My senior rams came into must last week. The youngsters are not in must yet. Late on Monday evening I put two of the fleeces in the car for Sheep2010. Within minutes the car stank of ram. The fleeces stank so much that we relegated them to the boot for the journey to Malvern. They stank all day. Why? How?

Kate Elliott

## **THE INTERNATIONAL “BACK TO BACK” WOOL CHALLENGE**

There are undoubtedly other ways of promoting wool, while at the same time raising funds for both the Society and cancer research, but the International ‘Back to Back’ Wool Challenge must potentially be one of the most exciting.

The Challenge has a long history. In 1811 in Newbury a thousand pound wager was made that wool from a sheep's back could be made into a coat on a man's back in one day. 5000 people apparently watched as the coat was completed in 13 hours. From the sheep's point of view, things went downhill when it was eaten as part of the celebrations.

The Challenge was revived in 1992 when a Richard Snow, a young spinner at the Scottish Wool Centre in Aberfoyle, Scotland, developed thyroid cancer. His desire to raise funds for cancer research sparked off the resurrection of the 'Back to Back' Challenge, though instead of a weaving a suit, they knitted an adult sized jumper. From the sheep's point of view things looked up, as it no longer appeared on the menu after the Challenge was completed. The event caused an enormous amount of interest in the UK, not only because of the clever way it promoted wool, but also because the funds that it raised for charity. That same year a similar contest was held in Australia, and by 1994 the Challenge had become a truly International event.

In June this year, 2010, teams competed in countries as far afield as Australia, Canada, Japan, the Czech Republic and of course, the UK. The fastest team were the Toronto Spiders, from Toronto, Ontario, Canada, who completed the Challenge in a remarkable 5hr 52min 48sec. However the UK team, The Cotswold Woolgatherers, from Stroud, were tenth, completing their challenge in a very respectable 10hr 10min 00sec. The current World Record was set in 2004 when the Australian team, the Pembroke Merriwa Jumbucks, completed the Challenge in an incredible 4hr 51mins 14secs.

Each team consists of 8 members. There is one blade shearer, with a 'country of origin' sheep and seven hand-spinners (with spinning wheels) and knitters, who follow the identical Challenge rules, and pattern, to knit the adult size jumper. The hand-spinners and knitters can exchange jobs as required, e.g. a knitter can spin, or, of course, a spinner can knit!

So if you are nifty with a pair of hand shears, a fast knitter and/or a keen spinner, we need you. If you would like to help out in other ways, such as helping to promote the event, finding sponsors, or being another pair of hands on the day, we need you too. The 2011 "Back to Back" Wool Challenge will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May in Alison Garne's barn at Villars Farm, Meysey Hampton. For further information, please do contact Lucinda – this really could be an enormous day for the Society.

Angela Reid

## WOOL COLLECTION

Richard Martin from Cotswold Woollen Weavers is keen to have an opportunity to buy Cotswold wool, at auction, from the Wool Marketing Board. Steve Spencer from the Wool Marketing Board has kindly agreed to help with this, and to progress the idea it would be helpful if members could let Lucinda have a rough idea of the following:

- 1 How much wool do you usually have?
- 2 What month is it usually ready to deliver to a collecting point?
- 3 Where do you usually take it?

Council are keen to support this idea and if there is enough interest a form would be included with some blue “Cotswold “labels with the January 2011.

John Flanders

## SHEEPY INTELLIGENCE

This story has been in the Cotswold Sheep Society Newsletter before, but in a much-truncated version, which, I think, missed the point a little.

Those of us who take the trouble to know our flocks as individuals know very well that sheep are **NOT** stupid. I have had a healthy respect for the intelligence of sheep for years, but this incident staggered even me.

Years ago, Nancy Young and I bought from Alan Lyons, Oakhill Mission, known as Tiny, a four-year-old unproven ram. The reason he was unproven – and for sale – was that he had been Alan’s Cotswold ram in his Sheep Show, which he had just stopped taking around the agricultural shows. The Sheep Show essentially introduced to the public the various breeds of sheep and showed where they came from on a map of Britain.

A few months after we had bought Tiny, the Coloured Sheep Breeders Association hosted the World Coloured Sheep Congress and as part of the celebrations planned to do a coloured version of the sheep show at the Big Sheep in Devon. Alan was

lending them the script and the equipment. As there were (then) no black Cotswolds, I volunteered Tiny's services to play the Cotswold ram.

The day of the performance was fairly cold and miserable. We did not have time for rehearsal, so the sheep all had handlers whose duty it was to listen for the cues in the script and walk their rams out to the appropriate markers. The script was being read by a woman who had never read it before, so the cadences, rhythms and pauses must have been quite different from when Alan was performing it.

I was handling Tiny, and became aware very early on that he was listening intently. He was also gathering himself for his entrance. At what was clearly the right place he took a confident step forward. But the commentator accidentally missed out the bit about Cotswolds. Tiny was shaken, stopped and looked up at me, asking what he should do. I decided we should go to his mark anyway, and he strode out with me and was much happier once he was there.

We did the show again in the afternoon, but this time the commentator had been reminded that she must remember the Cotswolds. Tiny listened carefully again, but this time with less confidence. He actually waited for his cue before he relaxed and did what he had done so many times before.

If Alan had been reading the script I probably would not have been surprised. But it is clear to me, given what happened, that Tiny could understand and associate with him the single word "Cotswold" in a flow of hundreds of other words spoken in an unfamiliar voice and rhythm. Can anyone beat that?

Kate Elliott

## **OLD PRINTER CARTRIDGES**

Members are reminded that old printer cartridges can be recycled and in return valuable funds flow back to the Society. Lynne Parkes is co-ordinating this and if members have disused cartridges please send them to Lynne.

John Flanders

# **COTSWOLD SHEEP SOCIETY**

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS**



**Photo by Derek Cross, 'The Westcote Flock in Snow'**

(Message inside reads - 'Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year')

The Society Christmas cards (148 x 105 mm) are now available  
from either

Lucinda Foster - 01285 851197

or

Lynne Parkes - 01451 830461.

The cost is £3.95 per pack of 10, if collected.

Postage and Packing are extra, please ask when ordering.

The cards will be available for sale, or collection, at the Winter  
Social.

# COTSWOLD SHEEP SOCIETY SHOW & SALE

## SHEEP CLASSES

Nominated Show for the Frank Houlton Trophy

6<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Judge: Mr Thomas Jackson

**Senior Ram** (0 Entry)

**Shearling Ram** (5 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Mr J W Hook

2<sup>nd</sup> Ms D Stanhope

3<sup>rd</sup> Mr J W Hook

**Ram Lamb** (1 Entry)

1<sup>st</sup> Ms D Stanhope

**Senior Ewe** (0 Entries)

**Shearling Ewe** (6 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Ms D Stanhope

2<sup>nd</sup> Ms D Stanhope

3<sup>rd</sup> Mr S Parkes

**Ewe Lamb** (4 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Ms D Stanhope

2<sup>nd</sup> Ms D Stanhope

3<sup>rd</sup> Ms D Stanhope

**Champion:** Mr J W Hook - Shearling Ram C11492 Cote Ram

**Reserve Champion:** Ms D Stanhope – Shearling Ewe C11513  
Tingewick Kirsten

## PETER WALWIN PERPETUAL TROPHY:

Mr J W Hook - Shearling Ram C11492 Cote Ram

## BERKELEY SHOW

### SHEEP CLASSES

Nominated Show for the Frank Houlton Trophy

30<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Judge: Mr R Mumford

**Senior Ram** (3 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Ms D Stanhope

2<sup>nd</sup> Mr & Mrs N Kay

3<sup>rd</sup> Mr S Parkes

**Shearling Ram** (4 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs N Kay

2<sup>nd</sup> Ms D Stanhope

3<sup>rd</sup> Ms D Stanhope

**Ram Lamb** (3 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Ms D Stanhope  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mr S Parkes  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mr & Mrs N Kay

**Senior Ewe** (5 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Ms D Stanhope  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mr & Mrs N Kay  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mr S Parkes

**Shearling Ewe** (4 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Ms D Stanhope  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ms D Stanhope  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mr & Mrs N Kay

**Ewe Lamb** (2 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Ms D Stanhope  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mr S Parkes

**Champion:** Ms D Stanhope – Senior Ram – C8927 Tingewick Otis

**Reserve Champion:** Mr & Mrs N Kay – Shearling Ram– C11195  
Middlewick Celenborn

**ACORN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY**

Ms D Stanhope – Senior Ram – C8927 Tingewick Otis

**MORETON IN MARSH SHOW**

**Cotswold Sheep Society National Show**

**SHEEP CLASSES**

Nominated Show for the Frank Houlton Trophy

4<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Judge: Mr S Parkes

**Senior Ram** (4 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Ms D Stanhope  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mr & Mrs N Kay  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mr D Cross

**Shearling Ram** (5 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs N Kay  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ms D Stanhope  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mr D Cross

**Ram Lamb** (6 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Hon Mrs A. Reid  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mr D Cross  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mr & Mrs N Kay

**Senior Ewe** (5 Entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Ms D Stanhope  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mr D Cross  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mr D Cross

**Shearling Ewe (6 Entries)**

1<sup>st</sup> Ms D Stanhope  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mr & Mrs N Kay  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ms D Stanhope

**Ewe Lamb (7 Entries)**

1<sup>st</sup> Ms D Stanhope  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mr D Cross  
3<sup>rd</sup> Hon. Mrs A Reid

**Group Of Three (4 Entries)**

1<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs N Kay  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ms D Stanhope  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mr D Cross  
4<sup>th</sup> Hon. Mrs A Reid

**Champion** : Ms D Stanhope – Senior Ram C8927 Drointon Otis

**Reserve Champion**: Ms D Stanhope – Shearling Ewe C11499 Tingewick Kalise

**TONY FOSTER CHALLENGE TROPHY (Champion):**

Ms D Stanhope – Senior Ram C8927 Drointon Otis

**THE COLBURN CUP (Best Senior Ram):**

Ms D Stanhope – Senior Ram C8927 Drointon Otis

**THE OAKHILL CUP (Best Shearling Ram):**

Mr & Mrs N Kay - Shearling Ram C11195 Middlewick Celenborn

**THE WILLIAM GARNE CUP (Best Female):**

Ms D Stanhope – Shearling Ewe C11499 Tingewick Kalise

**THE LES ARNOLD CHALLENGE TROPHY (Best Lamb):**

Ms D Stanhope - Tingewick Ewe Lamb

**RARE BREED INTERBREED RESERVE CHAMPION:**

Ms D Stanhope – Senior Ram C8927 Drointon Otis

## **COUNCIL CORNER**

The Society has decided to print in the newsletter a brief outline of what the Council is discussing at its meetings: Currently this includes:

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT DATE FOR THE DIARY\*\*\***

**TRAINING DAY - "STARTING WITH SHEEP COURSE"**

**ON SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

**TO BE HELD AT THOMAS JACKSON'S FARM,**

**OXSTALLS FARM, FRAMPTON MANSELL, STROUD, GLOS GL6 8HZ**

**Tel: 01285 760544**

The training day will be given by Mike Pengelly, a qualified City & Guilds trainer, with an attendance certificate to be given at the end of the day.

The purpose of the day course is to give you some of the knowledge and information you need to make the most of your flock, and will be particularly useful for those who are new, or fairly new, to keeping sheep

The course will be held out in the barns and fields, so please bring suitable clothing and footwear for the weather conditions on the day.

Price: £35 per person

Please bring a packed lunch.

For further details, or to book a place, please contact Lucinda on 01285 851197 or by email on [15barnsley@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:15barnsley@dsl.pipex.com)

**\*\* IMPORTANT DATE FOR THE DIARY \*\***

**WINTER SOCIAL TO BE HELD AT THE WESTWOOD CENTRE,  
NORTHLEACH ON SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

**AT 7.00pm FOR 7.30pm**

Do come along to this fun, social gathering. It's a great way to make new friends in a relaxed atmosphere.

Please return the enclosed form to Lucinda by 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

**\*\* FLOCK BOOK ADVERTISEMENTS \*\***

In order to keep the costs down of producing the flock book it is vital that we increase the number of advertisers in the flock book this year. We would therefore be very grateful if members could **contribute an advertisement** at a cost of £15 for a quarter page, £25 for a half page and £40 for a full page, plus £20 to include a photograph with a half or full page. Please note our printers will not crop or change the photographs in any way as this costs too much time and money. Please email or send your advertisement to Lucinda as soon as possible.

Please do also **encourage local businesses to advertise** in the flock book too. The costs for these advertisements will be £30 for a half page and £60 for a full page with an additional £20 for any photograph included.

- **Christmas Cards:** The Society Christmas cards are now available. For further details see advert in the newsletter.

- **Fund Raising:** It would help our funds hugely if members could ask their local bookshops if they would be happy to have a pile of our Cotswold Sheep books for sale on a ‘Sale or Return’ basis. If they are Lucinda and Lynne would be very happy to arrange delivery of the books if you can let them have the details of the bookshop.
- **Frank Houlton Trophy:** It has been decided to include the new Cotswold Hunt and Farmers Show at Andoversford in the Frank Houlton trophy for 2011.
- **Email Addresses:** If you are not currently receiving CSS emails from Lucinda and would like to, please do let her have your email address ([15barnsley@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:15barnsley@dsl.pipex.com)). It is the best way to keep you regularly updated on Society information and events. It will also alert you to any additions to the ‘Sheep for Sale’ page on the new website
- **Society Web Site:** Council hope that the new website will be up and running shortly. They also hope that if members have any suggestions, or concerns, regarding the new website, that they will contact Angela Reid on 01865 343133.

## DIRECTORY

This directory gives a list of members' products derived from pedigree Cotswold sheep and useful e-mail addresses/phone numbers. If anyone wants to be added to the list please let me know on 01545 590438. Cotswold cross products will be shown only in the Miscellaneous Section.

### Meat

Boxed lamb, mutton, and BBQ packs – **Jonathan Brunyee** – 01451 844342;  
[www.conygreefarm.co.uk](http://www.conygreefarm.co.uk)

### Skins

Lamb skins - **Steve Parkes** – 01451 830461  
Lamb and sheep skins – **Angela Reid** – 01865 343133

### Woollen Goods

Knitting wool, body warmers, throws, scarves, cushions - **John Flanders** – 01545 590438; [www.hendraveancotswolds.co.uk](http://www.hendraveancotswolds.co.uk)  
Knitting wool – **Edna Powell** – 01453 883646

### Miscellaneous

Sticks, crooks – **John Flanders** – 01545 590438  
Sewing machine repairs, knitting wool – **Edna Powell** – 01453 883646  
Coloured lamb skins – **Angela Reid** – 01865 343133

### E-mail Addresses/Phone Numbers

National Sheep Association – 01684 892661; [www.nationalsheep.org.uk](http://www.nationalsheep.org.uk)  
Farming Connect Service Centre – 08456 000 813;  
[www.wales.gov.uk/environmentandcountryside](http://www.wales.gov.uk/environmentandcountryside) (Wales only)

## **SHEEP FOR SALE/WANTED**

This is a free service for buyers and sellers

If you wish to advertise in the next Newsletter, please contact me by 10th January.

### **FOR SALE**

**Mr John Flanders**, Glyn Yr Eryr, Talgarreg Llandysul, Ceredigion

Tel. 01545 590438

E-mail [info@hendraveancotswolds.co.uk](mailto:info@hendraveancotswolds.co.uk)

HAS FOR SALE five ewe lambs

**Ms Davina Stanhope**, 2 Upper Longwood, Eaton Constantine, Shrewsbury

Tel. 01952 740731

E-mail [DStanhope@countrywide.co.uk](mailto:DStanhope@countrywide.co.uk)

HAS FOR SALE six ewe lambs

### **WANTED**

Would members please supply details of sheep that are wanted

### **RAMS FOR HIRE**

**Mr Steve Parkes**, 47 King George's Field, Stow On The Wold, Gloucestershire

Tel. 01451 830461

HIRES OUT RAMS and members should contact him for further details.

**Mr Jon Shaw**, Clapsgate House, Arlingham, Gloucestershire

Tel 01452 740597

HAS A RAM for hire

## **SHEEP RELATED EQUIPMENT**

**Mr John Flanders**, Glyn Yr Eryr, Talgarreg, Llandysul, Ceredigion

Tel. 01545 590438

E-mail [info@hendraveancotswolds.co.uk](mailto:info@hendraveancotswolds.co.uk)

HAS FOR SALE a foot bath and a round bale cradle.