



COTSWOLD SHEEP SOCIETY

Newsletter

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Mr. S. Parkes, Mrs. M. Pursch, Mr. J. Dale, Ms. D. Stanhope,
Mrs. M. French, Mr. G. Birtwhistle, Co-opted Mr. J. Palfrey, Mr S Gardener and Miss M Hobbs

Council Corner

- **New on Council** – We would like to welcome Maggie Hobbs on to Council following the AGM in July. We are also grateful to John Palfrey, and Sam Gardener who have agreed to be co-opted back onto Council?
- **Trademark** – There are two trademarks owned by the Society, one is for Cotswold pedigree lamb, the other is for Cotswold wool. Please do consider joining either, or both, schemes as the more they are used, the stronger our case for enforcement will be should anyone try to infringe our rights. For further information, please contact the Secretary.
- **Lamb Registrations** – All lambs should have been Birth Notified by 30th September in the year of their birth, even if they do not meet the breed standard. If they do meet breed standard then they can be registered when they are Birth Notified, or the following year if you want to see how they grow on. This can be done via the online Flock Book or by filling in the Lamb Registration form (Downloadable from the website).
- **Sheep for Sale** – Adding photos to the Sheep for Sale page has proved popular this year. Please could you let Angela Reid (web@cotswoldsheepsociety.co.uk) know when you have sold your sheep so the page can be kept up to date.
- **The Frank Williams Trophy** – The nomination form is included with this newsletter. Each year members can each nominate someone, not necessarily a member, for outstanding service to the Society. Council will then take the final decision as to who will be awarded the trophy that year. Putting forward someone's name is an excellent way of thanking them for all they have done for the Society, often over many years. It cannot be awarded to anyone who has received it in the last five years, consequently Council thought it would be useful to publish the list of the five most recent winners.
2014 - Mrs Edna Powell 2015 – The Hon Mrs Reid 2016 – Mr Ian Brooksbank
2017 – Mr John Flanders 2018 – Mr Jim Dale
- The following rises in subscription and registration fees were approved at the AGM in July.
 - **Annual Subscription (Adult)** - £30.00 to £35.00 (*from 1st April 2020*)
 - **Registration Fees** – (immediate effect)
 - Females £3.00 to £4.00
 - Late Females £5.00 to £6.00
 - Males £10.00 to £11.00
 - Late Males £15.00 to £16.00
 - Initial Flock Registration £2.00 to £5.00
- **'Care of the Cotswold' Workshop** – (Sunday 20th October) Every breed of sheep has its own characteristics and this workshop day will look at what makes a Cotswold different to other sheep. Lunch and a talk on the history of the Cotswold are included. For more information, or to book places, contact Marie French at marielouisefrench@hotmail.co.uk. It will be a fascinating day. Members Free, Non-members £3. Bring your chairs!!!
- **Winter Social** – A date for your diary – Saturday 23rd November at the Westwood Centre, Northleach – it's always a great evening – do come along and bring your friends and family.

The society has, over the years, used Standing Order mandates for members to use to pay annually for their membership. But when fees increase this relies on members going into their bank and authorising the mandate change. It is proposed that the payment platform moves across to paperless Direct Debit system using a company called GoCardless. This would involve members signing up to the system via an emailed link; that would be all that is required. Once the mandate is successfully set up the Membership subscription will be taken annually 1st April each year - members would receive a notification before any funds are collected and all payments will be protected by direct Debit Guarantee. If you have any question about the new system, please give Lynne a ring on 01451 830461.

The Obituary for Joan Colburn



Born Joan Garne of Cockle Barrow, Aldsworth, she married Oscar Colburn of Crockley Barrow, Northleach

This is one of the many connections with Cotswold sheep. Joan's Uncle, William Garne farmed at Aldsworth and had the last remaining flocks of Cotswolds. Her husband Oscar Colburn took a keen interest in the potential of the breed for its scale and wool. William Garne gave up farming and the sheep were sold but not before Oscar had the pick of the flock, including four rams, Meanwhile Joan was busy having the next generation of offspring, Angela, Sally and Anthony came along in quick succession. Joan was a great homemaker and turned a rather formidable Victorian house

into a warm and welcoming home. A lot of hard landscaping transformed the garden, new stone walls were built. A tennis court was also built and Joan held many mini tournaments with her friends and neighbours. She was also keen on her vegetable garden, enclosed by a dry stone wall. Together with her love of roses the whole area took on a much more friendly atmosphere. There were always two black Labradors to welcome new visitors to the house. Girl guides were another of her interests and she supported and helped the County organisation, using Crickley Barrow as a venue for fund raising. Within the garden was a stone built circular Summer house this where these meetings took place including the newly formed Cotswold Sheep Society, which had previously lapsed due to lack of support. This brought a Joan in contact with all the new members of the Society who had bought sheep at the dispersal sale of the William Garne Flock. A welcome and tea and cake was always to be had after the meeting. After the tragic death of her husband Oscar she kept contact with the Society attending all of the AGM's and Winter Socials. The Church played a great part in her coming to terms with Oscar's death and together with her Family she rallied round after the Family had left home she moved into the old Farm house in the farmyard. She later moved into a small house in Northleach very near the Church and the shops. Joan was awarded a life membership of the Society for all of her support over the years.





The Obituary for Joan Colburn was written by Robert Boodle, for the newsletter mentions her Families importance in the work of preserving Cotswold sheep.

The following short piece outlines the history of the Society, which over the last fifty years has evolved into the Society we know today.

The photograph was taken of Richard Boodle judging in 2018 at Berkeley Show, with Davina Stanhope who has helped shape the Society in recent years and Tingewick Chablis who has been a Cotswold Champion throughout 2018 and 2019.

The first Cotswold Sheep Society was formed in 1892. Their first flock book contained the histories of 22 flocks, which had owned 12,639 ewes between them. The oldest of these flocks had been established prior to 1790, several dated back to the late 1790's and most had been established by the mid 1800's. The Society was active for many years, but as the numbers of Cotswold sheep slowly declined, the Society became less active and finally lapsed in the mid 1920's.

In 1966 a small group of breeders gathered at the home of Mr. William Garne, in Aldsworth, Gloucestershire, to discuss the reformation of the Society. Mr Garne, who was 85 years old at this meeting was a living link to the original Society, whose formation he remembered. His family had bred Cotswold sheep at Aldsworth for at least 200 years. Mrs O.H. Colburn was also a member of the Garne family and had a small flock of Cotswolds at Crickley Barrow near Northleach. The other large flock at this time belonged to the Dowager Lady Vestey. She took an active interest in her sheep which she was very careful to ensure remained pure.

A new Society was formed at the Aldsworth meeting, with Col. E.G.D. Kennedy as chairman. Col. Kennedy had been co-director of 'British Livestock Exports' with Mr. W Garne since before the 1939-45 war, and was interested in Cotswolds in Canada, Australia and Germany. He was also involved in exporting Cotswold rams to Iran. Rodney Stanford agreed to be the first secretary of the new Society.

At first individual sheep records were kept on the farms, but in 1974 the Rare Breeds Survival Trust published its first combined flock book which included Cotswold sheep. The R.B.S.T. maintained the registry on behalf of the Society until 1966 when the Cotswold Sheep Society took on running their own registry and published 'Flock Book 1: The Flock Book at that time contained 110 members, quite a few of whom remain members today.

BERKELEY SHOW 23 June 2019

Judge: Alan Lyons

Nominated for the Frank Houlton Trophy

Ram Any Age (3 Entries)

1. Palfrey & Stayt
2. D Stanhope
3. D Stanhope

Ram Lamb (2 Entries)

1. Palfrey & Stayt
2. D Stanhope

Ewe Any Age (4 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. D Stanhope
3. Palfrey & Stayt

Ewe Lamb (2 Entries)

1. Palfrey & Stayt
2. D Stanhope

Group of Three (2Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. Palfrey & Stayt

Acorn Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Champion: D Stanhope – Senior Ewe – Tingewick Chablis – C13982

Fleece Class

Nominated for the Golden Fleece Trophy

Judge: Robert Clark, Woodford

Longwool – White – (3 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. D Stanhope

Champion Fleece – D Stanhope

Hanbury Show 2019

Hanbury Show in Worcestershire was held in July, now in its 72nd year, but only in its third year of running Cotswold breed classes. The Cotswold Sheep lines were full with five members exhibiting.

The Cotswold classes judged by Caroline Cunningham, resulted in the overall Cotswold Champion being Tingewick Chablis owned and shown by Davina Stanhope. Reserve Champion was a senior ram Tingewick Gideon also owned by Davina

This is the second year running that this beautiful and very correct ewe has won the title and the Middlewick painting a fabulous Cotswold sheep watercolour, presented by the Cotswold Sheep Society.

Tingewick Chablis then went on to become Wool on the Hoof Champion, judged by Ian Brooksbank from the British Wool Board. Chablis then won the Interbreed class becoming overall Show Champion, again for the second year running.

This success was a remarkable achievement for Davina and a wonderful day for Cotswold Sheep.



HANBURY COUNTRYSIDE SHOW 6 July 2019

Judge: C Cunningham

Nominated for the Frank Williams Trophy

Ram, Shearling and Over (4 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. D Stanhope
3. Palfrey & Stayt
4. S Gittings

Ram Lamb (4 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. M.L. French
3. S Gittings
4. Palfrey & Stayt

Senior Ewe (5 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. D Stanhope
3. Palfrey & Stayt
4. S Gittings

Shearling Ewe (5 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. D Stanhope
3. Palfrey & Stayt
4. M.L. French

Ewe Lamb (2 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. Palfrey & Stayt

Group of Three (3 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. Palfrey & Stayt
3. M.L. French

WOOL ON THE HOOF

Judge: Ian Brooksbank BWMB

Shearling or Over – Any Breed

1. D Stanhope
4. D Stanhope

Lamb – Any Breed

2. D Stanhope

Middlewick Trophy & Champion: D Stanhope – Senior Ewe – Tingewick Chablis – C13982
Reserve Champion: D Stanhope – Senior Ram – Tingewick Gideon – C14448

Interbreed Champion: D Stanhope – Senior Ewe – Tingewick Chablis

CSS Summer Show

Burghfield House, Bourton on the Water



COTSWOLD SHEEP SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW

Sunday 21 July 2018

Nominated for the Frank Houlton
Trophy

Judge: S Parkes

Senior Ram (7 Entries)

1. Palfrey & Stayt
2. P Cross
3. D Stanhope
4. P Cross
5. A Field
6. S Gittings

Shearling Ram (4 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. Mrs A Reid
3. F Laidler
4. P Cross

Ram Lamb (7 Entries)

1. F Laidler
2. D Stanhope
3. Palfrey & Stayt
4. Mrs A Reid
5. S Gittings
6. Mrs A Reid

Senior Ewe (11 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. Palfrey & Stayt
3. D Stanhope
4. Mrs A Reid
5. P Cross
6. F Laider

Shearling Ewe – Clipped (11 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. Mrs A Reid
3. D Stanhope
4. Grove Park Partnership
5. Grove Park Partnership
6. Palfrey & Stayt

Shearling Ewe – in wool (2 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. A Field

Ewe Lamb (9 Entries)

1. Palfrey & Stayt
2. Grove Park Partnership
3. Mrs A Reid
4. Mrs A Reid
5. Grove Park Partnership
6. D Stanhope

Group of Three (7 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. Palfrey & Stayt
3. Mrs A Reid
4. F Laidler
5. Grove Park Partnership
6. P Cross

Dam & Daughter (5 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. Palfrey & Stayt
3. P Cross
4. P Cross
5. A Field

Veteran (4 Entries)

1. P Cross
2. Mrs A Reid
3. D Stanhope
4. P Cross



Young Handler – 7 – 11 yrs old (1 Entries)

1. Bridget Coombes

Young Handler 12 -16 yrs old (3 Entries)

1. Amelia Gittings
2. Anya Cove
3. Imogen White

**Wool and Fleece Classes****Nominated for the Golden Fleece Trophy (Fleece Class)****Judge: Ian Brooksbank BWMB****Wool on the Hoof (9 Entries)**

1. D Stanhope
2. D Stanhope
3. P Cross
4. Mrs A Reid
5. P Cross
6. Mrs A Reid

Fleece (9 Entries)

1. S Parkes
2. J & W Dale
3. G Birtwhistle
4. D Stanhope
5. P Cross
6. S Parkes

Champion & Calcot Shield: D Stanhope – Senior Ewe – Tingewick Chablis C13982

Reserve Champion – Palfrey & Stayt – Senior Ram – Queenford Pete C14449

Pensham Trophy – Best opposite sex to Champion – Palfrey & Stayt – Senior Ram – Queenford Pete – C14999

Millenium Rose Bowl (Best Senior – Ram or Ewe) – D Stanhope – Senior Ewe - Tingewick Chablis C13982

Millenium Cup (Best Shearling – Ram or Ewe) – D Stanhope – Shearling Ram -Tingewick Caleb C15229

Millenium Salver (Best Lamb – Ram or Ewe) – F Laidler – Ram Lamb – Poppleton Odin

Merlins Trophy (Wool on the Hoof) – D Stanhope – Tingewick Cliona C15180

The Annual Show and Breed Sale

Cirencester Market. 2nd & 3rd August 2019. By Angela Reid

The Society's annual Breed Sale took place on Saturday 3rd August at Cirencester Market as part of Voyce Pullin's annual Rare, Native and Traditional Breeds Sale. The previous afternoon the sheep had arrived in time to be card-graded. With more than 40 sheep entered, chief card grader, Caroline Cunningham, with the assistance of Gary Birtwhistle and myself, would be busy.

Card grading is a challenging task. First the ear tags are checked to ensure the sheep is legally tagged and its Society tag matches the one published in the Sale Catalogue. The three card graders then look at the overall size and condition of the sheep (minimum weights are included in the Flock Book). The basics are then checked, which includes examining the mouth to ensure that the bottom teeth close neatly on to the top plate, confirming that there is no sign of entropion, and checking the number of teats, particularly in rams. Four teats in ewes is not ideal as two of these teats may be blind, and a lamb latching onto one of these might look as if they are feeding, but may in fact be starving to death. Breeding from a ram with four teats can spread this fault throughout the flock.

Card graders also inspect the wool carefully for black fibres, there must be none, and check that the fleece has a consistent crimp, staple width, and lustre throughout. Finally, the sheep is set loose so that the card graders can see that it moves well and has no problems such as dropped pasterns. A good correct

breeding sheep is then awarded a red card, one with several minor faults is handed a blue card, while a yellow card is awarded to a sheep that reaches the minimum breed standard.

The show followed the card grading, and Richard Mumford was judging. The Peter Walwin Challenge Trophy went to Davina Stanhope for Show Champion Tingewick Georgina, while the Reserve Champion was Tingewick Hengist. The show was followed by a delicious, and well-attended, barbecue, cooked by Steve Parkes with a little help from his family and friends!

The sale the next day was a mix of high and low points. While two red-carded ram lambs did not sell, Roelcots Buster, who had had a successful season in the show ring, went for a very healthy £300. Show Champion Tingewick Georgina, a shearling ewe, sold for a remarkable £470 but then, the rather ironically named, Tingewick Prudence went for a spectacular, and record breaking, £570. The low points were that a surprising number of good, red-carded sheep did not reach their reserve prices. Many of these were however, sold afterwards, these sales being added to the official results as they went through Voyce Pullin's office. It is extremely important that these 'after sales' do go through the auctioneers' books, as otherwise the buyer will not have the correct movement license, while the missing sales will not only distort the average prices, but also unnecessarily antagonise the auctioneers.

Sale Results 2019

			Cards	Top Price	Av. Price
Senior Rams	1 Forward	0 Sold	1 Red	£0	£0
Shearling Rams	6 Forward	3 Sold	3 Red, 3 Blue	£490	£377
Ram Lambs	3 Forward	1 Sold	3 Red	£300	£300
Senior Ewes	1 Forward	1 Sold	1 Red	£150	£150
*Shearling Ewes	20 Forward	16 Sold	16 Red, 3 Blue, 1 Yell.	£570	£187
Ewe Lambs	3 Forward	3 Sold	3 Red	£140	£137

*It should be noted that the average price of shearling ewes has been substantially raised by the high prices paid for two of them. A more realistic, average price for a correct shearling ewe, excluding Tingewick Georgina and Prudence, would be £140.

COTSWOLD SHEEP SOCIETY SHOW & SALE 3- 4 August 2019

Judge: Mr R Mumford

Senior Ram (Entry)

Senior Ewe (1 Entry)

2. R. Harvey Long

Shearling Ram (7 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. S Parkes
3. Henson & Andrews

Shearling Ewe (24 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. D Stanhope
3. V Tyack
4. S Parkes
5. R Harvey Long
6. D Stanhope

Ram Lamb (4 Entries)

1. Henson & Andrews
2. Palfrey & Stayt
3. S Parkes

Ewe Lamb (4 Entries)

1. Henson & Andrews
2. Henson & Andrews
3. Henson & Andrews

Peter Walwyn Trophy: Champion – D Stanhope - Shearling Ewe - Tingewick Georgina – C15181

Reserve Champion – D Stanhope – Shearling Ram – Tingewick Hengist – C15228

Natural Fibre Company and Blacker Yarns

These sister businesses both spin yarns for farmers and crafters and also make branded knitting yarns sold mainly online. They are at Launceston in Cornwall where they are about to celebrate their fourteenth birthday in September.

As a specialist spinning mill, The Natural Fibre Company has processed Cotswold amongst many rare and special British breed wools and can spin either woollen or worsted style yarns, finishing to a wide range of yarn specifications and finished in balls, skeins or on cones. This means yarn can be made for onward processing by knitting manufacturers or weavers or else finished for home and craft use.

NFC is keen to work with breed societies to celebrate and promote rare breeds so would welcome either individual spinning customers or possibly a group. We

also have a regular newsletter and are able to supporting promoting sales of the yarns we make for our customers. All of our processes can be done to organic requirements if you are accredited organic.

Blacker Yarns makes and markets both single breed and blended yarns for knitting and crochet and one regular favourite is the Tamar blended lustre yarn, which includes Cotswold wool, so we are also interested in purchasing good quality clean fleeces for this purpose as well.

Please see our websites or email or phone us for more information.
Enquiries@blackeryarns.co.uk. 01566 777635


100% NATURAL
FIBRES

Our yarn is made out of 100% pure and natural fibres - wool, alpaca, linen and mohair.


QUALITY BRITISH
YARN

We produce high quality British yarn, products and patterns. All our yarn is spun and processed here in Cornwall, UK.



Reasons to Promote Wool

- Wool is strong and long lasting, wool carpets and rugs look better for longer and are hard wearing.
- Wool is the World's oldest renewable fibre which is still as versatile in the modern day. You can walk on it, wear it, insulate with it and wrap things in it.
- Pure wool is 100% natural, 100% renewable, 100% sustainable, 100% biodegradable
- Wool is flame retardant, it produces less smoke and toxic fumes than other choices of material making it a safer option for our homes.
- Wool has hypoallergenic and anti bacterial properties.
- Wool will keep you warm and cool regulating temperatures of the wearer.
- Wool blankets and duvets create a perfect climate for sleep.

Moreton Show



Moreton Show was once again displayed an exceptional showcase of British livestock, the cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and poultry represented were magnificent examples of their type.

Many rare and minority breeds were represented including our Cotswold sheep.

Moreton hosts the National Cotswold Championships and the number of sheep entered this year has once again increased. Several new Flocks were entered as well as many of the Champion Flocks from around the Country.

The classes were well subscribed with the difficult task of judging being carried out by Jon King, with his steward Gary Birtwhistle, thanks to them both.

The overall Show Champion was owned by Davina Stanhope from the Tingewick Flock.

The Cotswold hospitality marquee was run by Margaret Pursch and her sister Frances who together produced a buffet feast for lunch as well as tea and cakes throughout the day.

A huge thank you to them both for feeding Cotswold members and friends in style.

The merchandise tent and raffle were both successful in raising funds for the Society and were run by Helen Butlin and Kate Elliot, Frances Pursch and Alison Garne, a big thank you to them all, without their help and time neither would have been possible.

A huge thank you to Daniel Colwell and his team for their support for another year, and for sponsoring Society rosettes.

Thank you for every member who entered sheep and supported the show, making the classes a Cotswold showcase.

Steve and Lynne Parkes deserve huge thanks from us all for the organisation and support in making this Society fixture one of the best in the yearly calendar.



MORETON IN MARSH SHOW

Nominated for the Frank Houlton Trophy

7 September 2019 Judge: Jon King

Senior Ram (8 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. Palfrey & Stayt
3. P Cross
4. Miss A Field
5. Mis A Field

Ram Lamb (9 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. Miss R Parkes
3. Mrs M L French
4. Mrs K Wheeler
5. Palfrey & Stayt
6. Miss A Field

Shearling Ewe (11 Entries)

1. Mrs P Kruczko
2. D Stanhope
3. D Stanhope
4. Palfrey & Stayt
5. Mrs N Walker
6. P Cross

Group of Three (7 Entries)

1. Palfrey & Stayt
2. D Stanhope
3. P Cross
4. Miss R Parkes
5. Mrs K Wheeler

Tony Foster Challenge Trophy: Champion

D Stanhope – Shearling Ram – Tingewick Caleb – C15229

Reserve Champion – Mrs P Kruczko – Shearling Ewe – Tingewick

Prudence – C15183

The William Garne Trophy (Best Female)

Mrs P Kruczko – Shearling Ewe – Tingewick Prudence – C15183

The Colburn Cup: Senior Ram

D Stanhope – Senior Ram – Tingewick Gideon – C 14448

The Oakhill Cup – Best Shearling Ram

D Stanhope – Shearling Ram – Tingewick Caleb – C15229

The Les Arnold Challenge Trophy: Best Lamb

Mrs K Wheeler – Ewe lamb – Waterloo.....

Joe Henson Plate – Rare & Minority Breeds Interbreed Championship

D Stanhope – Shearling Ram – Tingewick Caleb – C15229

MORETON IN MARSH FLEECE COMPETITION

Nominated for the Golden Fleece Trophy

Judge: Mr Ian Brooksbank BWMB

Lustre (14 Entries)

1. Mrs W Dale
2. Mrs W Dale
3. D Stanhope
4. D Stanhope
5. Mr G Birtwhistle

COTSWOLD JUNIOR HANDLER (7 Entries)

1. Master William Walker
2. Miss Heidi Walker
3. Miss Grace Hope
4. Sam Branston
5. Martha Colwell
6. Pollyanna Drinkwater
7. Florence Colwell

Champion Young / Junior Handler – Bridgett Coombes

Reserve Champion – Master William Walker

Shearling Ram (5 Entries)

1. D Stanhope
2. P Cross
3. Mrs K Wheeler
4. Mr J Follows

Senior Ewe (10 Entries)

1. P Cross
2. D Stanhope
3. Mrs M L French
4. D Stanhope
5. P Cross
6. Miss R Parkes

Ewe Lamb (11 Entries)

1. Mrs K Wheeler
2. D Stanhope
3. P Cross
4. Miss R Parkes
5. Mrs K Wheeler
6. Mrs M L French

Pair – Nominated by the judge

Shearling Ram – D Stanhope

Shearling ewe – Mrs P Kruczko

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Shearling ewe – Mrs P Kruczko

Shearling Ram – D Stanhope

Shearling ewe – Mrs P Kruczko



Henley Agricultural Show

Saturday 14th September 2019

The Annual Henley Agricultural Show took place as usual in show ground surrounded by hills just starting to turn Autumnal.

A beautiful show with many attractions and due to the weather was very well attended. The selection of sheep classes were minimal however these classes were well supported with an average of 16 good quality sheep in each class. Also a new separate wool tent promoted fleece showing and wool crafts including a vibrant group of Buckingham Spinners. Cotswolds were represented by Angela Reid, Marie French and Grace Hope.

Angela Reid's Shearling Ram won a strong Ram Class and Marie French won the Ewe class. The Championship was taken by Marie's ewe however the Judge deemed Angela's Shearling Ram as "very promising" Wool on the Hoof was won by Grace Hope with her Cotswold. Marie also won the White Long Wool Fleece and had Reserve Champion Fleece. Hopefully next year we will see more members at this end of the season show.

Joan Mordue



Winter Social

23rd November 2019

Westwood Centre, Northleach

A chance to meet up for pre Christmas drinks and a delicious supper.

Annual Society presentations will be made.

All members, friends and Family welcome.

Christmas merchandise will be available.



"161st Year"

Egham Royal Show 2019

Cotswold Ewe from the Yew Tree Flock wins Supreme Champion of the Show. Another Yew Tree Cotswold was Reserve Champion in Wool on the Hoof. 27 British breeds were represented at the Show with many breeds on RBST watchlist.