



Cotswold Sheep Society Newsletter

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Bob Palmer and his breed champion ram at the RBST Day in June

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WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

Paul Froehlich has worked on producing an up-to-date website for the Society. We thank him for his efforts and here he introduces us to new technology.

When I was a lad a long time ago my mum, being a modern farmer's wife, would ring the grocer, butcher or other suppliers with her order and they would deliver it, the bread man came regularly as did the fruit man and the fishmonger. Then somewhere along the way she became really efficient and started going and standing in queues in lots of shops and fetching the groceries herself. Personally I have never worked that one out. It would appear that I am not alone here as a lot of modern mums now have the same idea and instead of phoning several shops they just e-mail one and their order is delivered. Wow, wonder where they got that idea from!

What's that got to do with Cotswold sheep you may well ask. The history of the Cotswold is very similar, at one time the Cotswold was exported from its native Cotswold hills all over the country and indeed the world. The history books would lead us to believe that the mighty Cotswold was at one time a world leader. I suppose the Romans would not have brought it with them if they had not thought it worth the effort. It was not until the breeders on the Cotswolds stopped developing the breed that it started to decline and soon became imprisoned on the Cotswold Hills, where it continued to decline. It was not until the mid 1960's that a few farmers realised that if no one bothered to change things the old Cotswold breed would disappear.

And that is my point!

I have been a member of the Society for about 25 years and I have seen it grow and change dramatically. I well remember the small Society when everyone knew everyone else and the winter social was held in the secretary's house or at Bemborough Farm. I can remember sitting in a council meeting thinking, this Society cannot function or survive without these guys. I doubt if anyone will ever know just how hard they worked to get the Cotswold Sheep Society to a state where the Society could stand on its own feet and grow to where it is today. One inevitable casualty was the small Society where everyone knew each other and they met for dinner.

Or has it?

The Cotswold is once again expanding beyond its native hills, not to everyone's liking, but history tells us the Cotswold does better when it looks beyond its traditional homeland. In order to preserve that friendly society where people keep in touch and share ideas, we not only need to develop these new areas but we must have efficient ways of communicating with each other.

The Internet has rapidly become a very effective way of keeping in touch especially over distances and with new people that you are not familiar with. I know that not all members have Internet access - nor want it, but I don't think any member would subscribe to the idea that the society should not develop and exploit the opportunities it offers. I believe the majority of new members will expect to have e-mail communications with the Society. Many Breed Societies now have their flock/herd book on-line, making registrations quicker and cheaper to do. Researching pedigrees

has become as easy as the click of a mouse, eliminating the need to have countless flock books spread across the floor while you hunt for your next ram. This obviously makes breeding programmes much simpler and effective as animals can be researched and located easily. Several years ago I went to Stowell Park to buy a ram, the old shepherd not only knew the pedigrees of his sheep he pointed most of them out to me, but those old boys have gone so has the era when people had the time to learn and carry that information in their heads. But this information is not lost, it can now be made available on-line, allowing you to print off the pedigrees for buyers, or trace progeny.

An important aspect of the e-mail is it can be dealt with when it is convenient to the Society Secretary (as we rely heavily on the good will of both secretary and registrar) and anything that reduces the work load has to be good thing. The information and service that made that fledgling Cotswold society great, must once again be accessible, not locked away in a museum or jealously guarded. It needs to be at the click of a mouse as this is where a growing number of members, old and new, are turning to for services and information.

Since I launched the website www.cotswoldsheepsociety.co.uk in April it has received over 4000 visitors. That is 4000 times someone interested in Cotswold sheep has looked at the society and our sheep. Also the amount of information being downloaded from the website has steadily increased.

I have built the website so that any information can be found quickly and simply, but it is only as good as the information you supply. Although the site is still very new and the number of users is small we have been able to re-home a small flock of Cotswolds quickly. There is a user discussion group and if you send me your e-mail address I will add your name to it. Obviously, the more members that sign up to this the more benefits there are, remember this is invaluable to new members seeking advice from experienced hands. The site is growing and developing, I need your favourite lamb recipes so that anyone purchasing our lamb can get the best out of it. There are pages with sheep for sale, and I think just as important to the small flock owner, rams for hire. Another aspect is the spinner's corner where fleeces can be advertised and ideas shared. I have also added the Society Forms, so when you lose your registration form, you can download it from the website instead of having to ring the office and get them to post you a replacement.

The best thing to do is visit the site and let me know what you think and what you would like added. One last thing, please send me your flock advert so that anyone visiting the site can see that the Cotswold Sheep Society is alive and flourishing with lots of flocks offering good stock for sale to everyone that wants it.

Should we bother?

Put simply, if those farmers in the 1960's had not bothered, we would not be able to ask that question. I would say if it was their turn then, maybe it is our turn now to develop the breed and the Society for the next generation. If we don't, who will?

Paul Froehlich

COUNCIL CORNER

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

**** AGM and Open Day at Wyck Rissington Village Hall – Sunday 10th August ****
All members are most welcome. This is going to be a very enjoyable day so please put it into your diary.

Coffee will be served from 10.15am and the AGM will start promptly at 11am.

The Agenda for the AGM with Annual Reports and Accounts for year ending 31st March 2008 are enclosed with this newsletter.

Everyone is then invited to enjoy a social and informative walk around Mr Derek Cross's farm. Please bring your own picnic lunch. The day will end at approximately 4pm.

Mr Cross will have some of his ewes in a pen on the village green and there will be a pen of lambs for people to guess their weight for a small charge. Any money raised will be donated to the Society funds.

Full postal address: Wyck Rissington **Village Hall**, Wyck Rissington, Cheltenham **Gloucestershire** GL54 2PN (2 miles from Bourton-on-the-Water).

Directions: From the A429 drive into the village. In the centre of the village, set on the road on the left hand side, is the new hall, next to the duck pond. (The event will be signed off the A429).

Membership Subscriptions: Although it would not affect Income for 2008/09 it was unanimously agreed that a motion should be laid before the 2008 AGM to increase the Membership Subscription from £20 to £30 pa. A second class of Membership – Associate Membership would be created. The subscription for Associate Membership would be £20. An Associate Member would be entitled to all the benefits of full membership, excepting that they would not be allowed to vote at any AGM or EGM, and would not be entitled to a complimentary copy of the annual Flock Book.

Members Day held at Aldsworth Village Hall on 18th May 2008: The Chairman gave a report and a number of points highlighted by the Members Day were then discussed. The key points agreed being:

a. Training and open events for inexperienced members had been highlighted as the second most important task for the Society. The reasons for this were discussed. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact the Blakemans in Cheshire to explore the possibility of co-ordinating a Cotswold Sheep Meeting in the Cheshire area. Possibly in conjunction with the local Rare Breed Group. With particular focus training for less experienced breeders.

b. Thomas Jackson agreed to co-ordinate the licensing of the Meat and Wool Trade Mark Schemes. To ensure that annual royalties were collected from users and that all the requirements for the Trade Marks to remain valid were complied with.

c. A list of Cotswold “friendly” shearers would be co-ordinated through the website.

d. That a hard copy of the Flock Book would continue to be published each and every year.

The Chairman informed Council that he believed wool and textiles was clearly the way to involve membership, and that it was important that the Society became actively involved with the work being carried out by the Stroud Text Group.

The Frank Williams Trophy: A nomination form is enclosed with this newsletter. Please ensure all nomination forms are returned to the Secretary by 1st September 2008.

Winter Social – Sat 29th November 2008 at Aldsworth Village Hall

**** AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY ****

FORTHCOMING SHOWS:

Please refer to Page 9 of the April 2008 edition of the newsletter for all show dates and contact numbers.

The Society Summer Show – 6th July 2008

All members are warmly invited to this Show. Please let Kate Kay know if you would like a complimentary pass to the show. Her contact number is: 01453 833458.

NSA Sheep 2008 – Wednesday 30th July

The Society have a stand at this show so please do come and see us. All members manning the stand for the Society will be issued with complimentary passes.

Breeds of Gloucestershire Sale – Friday 1st August 2008

It is not too late to advertise in the catalogue so please do ring Lynne Parkes on 01451 830461 if you would like to place an advertisement - £60 full page, £40 half page, £20 quarter page. Please contact Lynne Parkes if you require any further information about this sale.

Monmouthshire Show – Thursday 28th August

Blue Tongue permitting, we hope to have a good display of “Cotswolds” at this show. Please contact Kate Kay if you require any further information.

New Members - A warm welcome is extended to new members of the society. Since the beginning of this year the following have joined as members:

Mr & Mrs John Petrie

Mr Richard Christmas

Mr & Mrs Smallwood

Mr Bennell

THE MEMBERS' OPEN DAY

Some forty enthusiastic members came along to our Members' Open Day on Sunday 18th May at Aldsworth Village Hall, and they were well rewarded. The day was full of interesting speakers and we succeeded in doing much thinking and talking about how we might develop and market our Cotswold meat and products. To help us we had three speakers.

Jonathan Brunyee - Box Schemes

Jonathan recounted his experience in retailing Cotswold lamb using a box scheme that he began some three years ago at Aldsworth. He has fifty Cotswolds and other livestock, selling his produce direct to consumers in 8 – 10 kg. cool boxes insulated using recycled wool. Marketing is by e-mail, website and word of mouth. They sell at premium prices, using the cachets of animal welfare, local known sourced lamb, quality and value. He added that buyers are not necessarily interested in the fact that the lamb is 'Cotswold'. They sell at £7.95 per kg. (at May 2008)

The lessons he made were: Start small and build up; only produce what you can sell; don't under price your product; understand your costs and what your customer wants; be honest – traditional meat is fatter but tastes great; develop a brand with a unique selling point

Helen Newman is a clothes designer and produces skins

Helen talked of marketing skins. She shears in April and the sheep are sent to the butcher in July. Butchers charge some £6 extra if you want to retain the skin. The cost of tanning is about £16. Helen sells all her skins privately.

She added that Britain burns some 90% of its woolclip each year. Wool can be used for felting, for insulation, but it is not used for carpeting now due to the pollution from the washing process. Long staple wool lends itself to derivative products but is very labour intensive and tanneries do not like staple that is too long. You have also to be careful about additives that may stain the wool. She has found a very satisfactory organic tannery.

Rob Harvey Long fascinated us with information about wool

He described wool as "the most wonderful natural sustainable product". He sells all his wool to spinners and said there is a growing market for wool and dyes. One must find a reliable company that can spin the wool. It is vital to sort the best wool from the rest if you want to achieve decent prices. We should aim, he said, for £25 for each fleece

After a break for food we divided into small groups to look at “**The Way Forward**”, each of which then reported back on ideas for marketing. The main points (with the number of members agreeing in brackets) from the main session were:

- The desirability of developing collaborative wool marketing/collection (11);
- Education for beginners (10);
- Collaborative meat marketing/collection (8);
- Buy/share vaccines and treatments (8);
- Society should have a flock advisor (7);
- Compile a list of shearers (7);
- Develop a niche market for our wool, and specific labels (5);
- Have a celebrity chef support pedigree Cotswold lamb (5)
- Maintain the hard copy of the Flock Book (3);
- Historical interest/links (3);
- Provide more technical support to improve the breed (2);
- Scheme for skin/tanning collection (2).

The whole meeting heard of Council’s aims for the next few years:

- To increase the number of Cotswold flocks to 200 by 2012. At present it stands at 120.
- To involve our membership in extra events, such as workshops, visits, the winter social, the summer show and so on.
- To establish ‘breeders’ clubs’ of Cotswold keepers in various areas so that we involve members more effectively across the country.
- We provide specific support to members by having Council members with specific ‘portfolios’.
- We develop Internet connections for members through our website
- We shall encourage marketing initiatives for the membership.

All these were greeted well by all who attended, and they agreed that it had been a worthwhile and interesting day.

Norman Kay

Cotswold Sheep Trademarks

Thomas Jackson writes:

How many of you know that the Society owns two registered trademarks?

Some of you will do but some of the newer members may not as these have not been widely advertised to the members in the last couple of years. The Society has owned trademarks for both meat and wool since 2001 and a number of members have sold both meat and wool under them.

Up to a couple of years ago I was licensed to use the meat trade mark which is for **Pedigree Cotswold Lamb**, both parents must be registered Cotswolds, which help us identify **REAL** Cotswold lamb rather than just lamb reared on the Cotswold hills. If you are selling to the local pub, butcher or are using a box scheme and want to enable your customers to identify your lamb as Real Cotswold you could register to use the **Society trademark**. It involves a small amount of paperwork and the payment of a £5 licence fee if you are the producer, £1 if you are a butcher or processor.

Some of you who were registered may wish to renew your licence agreement, it must be renewed each year, either for meat or wool or both and hopefully some other members would like to use the trademarks, in either case can you please contact me, Thomas Jackson Phone 01285 760544 Evenings or leave your number on the answerphone and I will ring you back, as Council have asked me to try and get the licence agreements back up and running.

Thomas Jackson

THREE COUNTIES SHOW 2008

How good it is to be at a position where we can once again attend shows with our sheep.



Winners at the RBST Day Derek Cross and Bob Palmer. Derek's fleece took the breed and the longwool championships

RESULTS FROM SHOWS

Three Counties Show, Malvern, 14 June 2008 - Judge: Mr. T.E. Jackson

Ram (5 entries)

- 1st. Miss D. Stanhope
- 2nd. Miss D. Stanhope
- 3rd. Mr.Mrs. J.N. Cater
- 4th. Mr. D. Cross

Shearling ram (8 entries)

- 1st. Miss. D. Stanhope
- 2nd. Miss. D. Stanhope
- 3rd. Mr. Mrs. J.N. Cater
- 4th. Mr. Mrs. J.N. Cater

Ram lamb (7 entries)

- 1st. Miss A. Field
- 2nd. Mr. Mrs. J.N. Cater
- 3rd. Mr. S. Parkes
- 4th. Mr. D. Cross

Ewe (9 entries)

- 1st. Mr. Mrs. J.N. Cater
- 2nd. Miss D. Stanhope
- 3rd. Miss D. Stanhope
- 4th. Mr. S. Parkes

Shearling ewe (8 entries)

- 1st. Miss D. Stanhope
- 2nd. Miss. D. Stanhope
- 3rd. Mr. D. Cross
- 4th. Miss A. Field

Ewe lamb (6 entries)

- 1st. Miss D. Stanhope
- 2nd. Mr. D. Cross
- 3rd. Mr. S. Parkes
- 4th. Mr. D. Cross

Group of three (4 entries)

- 1st. Miss D. Stanhope
- 2nd. Mr. Mrs. J.N. Cater
- 3rd. Mr. S. Parkes
- 4th. Mr. D. Cross

Breed Champion Miss D. Stanhope senior ram Tingewick Hogan

Reserve breed champion Miss A Field





**National Rare & Minority Breeds Show, Malvern, 15 June 2008 -
Judge: Ms. D. Stanhope**

Ram (7 entries)

- 1st. Mr. S. Palmer
- 2nd. Mr. N & Mrs. K. Kay
- 3rd. Mr. Mrs. J.N. Cater
- 4th. Mr. D. Cross

Shearling ram (10 entries)

- 1st. Mr. Mrs. J.N. Cater
- 2nd. Mr. N. & Mrs. K. Kay
- 3rd. Mr. S. Palmer
- 4th. Mr. D. Cross

Ram lamb (10 entries)

- 1st. Mr. Mrs. J.N. Cater
- 2nd. Miss A. Field
- 3rd. Mr. N. & Mrs. K. Kay
- 4th. Mr. D. Cross

Ewe (7 entries)

- 1st. Mr. Mrs. J.N. Cater
- 2nd. Mr. N. & Mrs. K. Kay
- 3rd. Mr. S. Parkes
- 4th. Mr. D. Cross

Shearling ewe (10 entries)

- 1st. Mr. Mrs. J.N. Cater
- 2nd. Mr. D. Cross
- 3rd. Mr. N. & Mrs. K. Kay
- 4th. Mr. D. Cross

Ewe lamb (10 entries)

- 1st. Mr. N & Mrs. K Kay
- 2nd. Mr. S. Parkes
- 3rd. Mr. D. Cross
- 4th. Mr. S. Palmer

Group of three (3 entries)

- 1st. Mr. D. Cross
- 2nd. Mr. Mrs. J.N. Cater
- 3rd. Mr. S. Parkes

Breed Champion Senior ram. Mr. S. Palmer

Reserve champion: Senior ewe Mr. Mrs. J.N. Cater

Congratulations to everyone placed

Report on Three Counties Show

It was my pleasure to judge the Cotswolds at the Three Counties Show this year. I was pleased to see a good number of sheep forward despite the Bluetongue restrictions, so well done to those with sheep forward.

The standard of sheep was good as was the standard of turnout and nearly all the sheep led well, so well done everyone.

As always there was a great variation in the sheep forward especially so this year in wool quality - with some with very fine wool ranging through to some very straight rather coarse wool which I felt was not really typical, although I had a ewe with a similar fleece 10 or 12 years ago.

One thing I also noticed was, there were very few spots on ears which we used to see a lot. Are these disappearing in our quest for whiter faces?

There was also at least one new member I had not seen before showing sheep who went on to do really well, which is what we need to see.

As for the results which will be published elsewhere in the newsletter, I know I got the order right. Those at the top will agree with me those at the bottom may not but remember there will be a different judge at the next show who may have different priorities and then it will be your turn to be up at the top - but only if you enter so give it a go. I am sure if you have not shown before the more experienced members will help you, and the Society has help sheets to guide you should you need them.

Good luck.

Thomas Jackson



Davina Stanhope and Alex Field with their breed champion and reserve champion sheep

WOOL

"David Jones is Regional Manager at the BWMB Welsh Regional Office. He is an expert on wool, and often judges the wool classes at our shows. He has kindly provided the following article on the various wool types that he has found within the Cotswold breed."

Nature has clothed the sheep in a protective material so it can live in a varying climate always protected from the varying conditions. Consequently this coat will vary according to the local conditions which are imposed by the elements. These can vary from wet to dry and from extreme cold to heat.

The first thing to bear in mind is that the animal's coat is primarily influenced by



Photo courtesy of Rob Harvey Long

genetics but health and herbage also play a large part, along with the management of the flock, i.e. by feeding supplements to the sheep you do not necessarily improve the quality of the wool; the sheep itself may have grown in conformation and grow a lot of wool, but the quality of the wool does not come to the desired type for the breed.

Sheep tend to adapt themselves to the prevailing soil and climate conditions in their particular district. Cotswold sheep, from a wool point of view, tend to be better in their indigenous area.

Within the breed itself we see two distinct types of wool being produced. One has a very thin staple, in some instances very fine in quality, with a soft handle; ideal for knitting yarn. The other type has a broad staple with a hard harsh handle with strong wool properties more ideal for carpet yarn or bunting. Then we come across sheep that has both types of yarn (dilemma wool). This is the type of wool that would be sorted, but very little sorting takes place nowadays.

At the end of the day we are dealing with a natural product which takes twelve months to grow, therefore it goes through the four seasons. It also goes through lambing where there is a stress factor involved. A flush of grass in the spring, feed additives through winter and lambing time; all these factors will have a direct effect on growth and quality of the fleece.

Descriptive matchings sorted from Cotswold fleeces in 1889

1. Short Course
2. Livery
3. ARB
4. Second
5. Down Rights
6. Head or Chief
7. Super Head
8. Choice Lock
9. Prime Lock
10. Pick Lock

Value one shilling per pound

Matchings would be made today from Cotswold fleeces, but under different names and numbers.

1. Fleeces would be skirted
2. Wool from the shoulder and neck area of fleeces
3. Middle back would be made
4. Britch

David Jones

BLUETONGUE

The Welsh borders and Cornwall moved into the bluetongue protection zone at the end of June and Gloucestershire and Warwickshire move into this zone on the 7th July.

THOUGHTS ON FLOCK MANAGEMENT

In our last issue we presented an article by Angela Reid, who won the 2007 Flock Competition for large flocks. In this edition we follow up with an article by Kate Kay, who likewise won the Flock Competition for small flocks.

The Middlewick Flock



*Kate Kay with C5543 Middlewick Iceberg
interbreed champion at Painswick Show*

We bought our first Cotswold ewes in 1986. Little did we know that what started out as a way of keeping the grass in the paddock down was to develop into a passion.

In 1993 we bred six ewe lambs. We were still learning about the breed and uncertain about whether we should keep them. We asked Robert Boodle the Society Flock Advisor to come and have a look. We spent a delightful few hours soaking up all his knowledge and on the basis of his advice kept them all. These six ewes became the foundation stock for our flock.

One ewe in particular, Middlewick Frost, has had an immense influence particularly when paired up with an exceptional ram, Haskins Napoleon, bought from the late Frank Williams. Between 1994 and 2000 Frost produced three breed champions (two of which went on to be interbreed champions). Her grand-daughter was also breed champion at the Three Counties Show in 2006 and reserve longwool champion. One of her great grand-daughters won the ewe lamb class this year at the Three Counties.

We were therefore delighted to welcome Robert back as judge during the Flock Competition last year and very honoured to win the small flock award, as clearly he had given us very sound advice!

So what have we learned in the intervening fifteen years:

- Good sheep tend to breed good lambs. Always keep correct animals. They do not have to be show animals but avoid obvious faults such as bad mouths, poor conformation and poor wool.
- Choose your rams with exceptional care. He has the capacity to improve your flock if you choose wisely, and the capacity to set you back for generations if you do not. If you are very lucky you may get a match made in heaven, like Frost and Napoleon.
- Look after your land. Cotswold sheep are large framed animals with the biggest appetites of any sheep I have come across. They are slow maturing and the rams do not achieve their full growth until their third or fourth years. They require patience and good fodder to flourish.
- Never be afraid to learn more or to ask for advice. We have benefited over the years from the wisdom and knowledge of friends in the Society. There is always someone who can spark a new idea and everyone is happy to share ideas and views. When, we can ask, would you find a Cotswold sheep breeder who was not prepared to talk for hours about their sheep!
- Finally, if you have the opportunity do come to a few shows and look at the sheep. Try judging them in your own mind and work out what you like and what you don't. Back at home look at your own sheep – do they fit in with your preferred style?

My ideal Cotswold has to be a substantial, large boned sheep with a noble aspect and clearly defined features (nothing wishy-washy and no pink features!). The best animals will draw your eyes to them and have an imperious look. As someone said to me at the Three Counties Show “They really are the most beautiful sheep here. There is nothing to beat a good quality Cotswold”. For ourselves we are still trying to breed the perfect Cotswold sheep. We haven't got there yet but it is always good to dream!



Middlewick Frost and daughters

Kate Kay

SHEEP FOR SALE/WANTED

This is a free service to buyers and sellers.

The list is constantly being updated, so please do contact the Secretary with requests to buy or sell. Any adult rams advertised for sale must also have their genotype results available.

Also available to buy and sell sheep is the section on the website at
www.cotswoldsheepsociety.co.uk

FOR SALE:

Mr Roy Forward, Dolebury House, Jews Lane, Churchill, Winscombe, N Somerset.
Tel. 01934 852344

HAS FOR SALE:

- **Middlewick Ruraigh**, C8205, DOB 17/02/2003
Sire C7409 Middlewick Nocturne Dam C7304 Middlewick Nora

Mr Paul Hazel, Roel Hill, Hawling, Cheltenham, Glos. **Tel. 01451 850955**

HAS FOR SALE:

- **Roel Hill Noah**, C8963, ARQ/ARQ, DOB 13/03/2005
Sire C7721 Roel Hill Jack Dam C6922 Harford Ewe

"other older sheep available"

Mrs Pam Nieto, The Ridges, 37 Oxford Road, Hampton Poyle, Oxon, OX5 2QA

Tel. 01865 379748

HAS FOR SALE:

- **Ridges Amber**, C9787, ARR/ARR, DOB 09/03/2006
Sire C6999 Gatcombe Ram Dam C6962 Ridges Crumpet

Mrs Vicky Robbins & Mr John Gush, Rose Cottage, Southend, North Nibley, Wotton Under Edge, Glos. **Tel. 01453 543988** or **Mobile 07711847392**

HAVE FOR SALE

- 4 Females of mixed ages
- 4 Shearling Ewes by Middlewick Monsoon C6870
- **Tyndale George**, C10096, ARR/ARR, DOB 13/04/2006
Sire C6870 Middlewick Monsoon Dam C8847 Tyndale Freya

Miss Fiona McMahon & Mr Barry Pollock, Station Stables, Lydford, Devon, EX20 4BW, **Tel:01822 820225**

HAVE FOR SALE - later this spring

- 1 ewe born April 2006 COT387

For Sale: 5 Colesbourne shearlings by Bramble Knight

Tel: Mrs Powell on 01242 870265.

FOR SALE Continued...

From the overstocked **Harford Flock**, a few top quality ewes with twin lambs at foot for sale.

Lambs by Burfords Larry C8058

Harford ewes by Oakhill Victory C6888, Northleach George C6702,

Give Pat Quinn a ring on 01451 850346, Fax 01451 851034

or email: pq@patquinn.plus.com

Norman and Kate Kay telephone 01453 833458

Have for Sale

* Ram lamb Middlewick Bilbo. Sire Bramble Kipper; dam Middlewick Eowyn,

* Shearling ewe Middlewick Arwen. Sire: C7743 Middlewick Frodo; Dam: C8577

Middlewick Silmarillion

* Shearling ewe Middlewick Ariadne Sire: Middlewick Frodo; Dam: Middlewick

Taldur C9229

Frodo was breed champion at the Three Counties Show and interbreed champion at the Berkeley Show

DID YOU KNOW

Sheep Dairy Products

With people becoming allergic to more things one recommended change, if the allergy is to cow's milk (not lactose) is to try sheep dairy products. Changing to goat's milk and cheese and soya or rice milks have been the most obvious choices for these allergies, however, sheep dairy products are becoming popular again. Sheep's milk is richer and creamier than cow's milk without the musty taste of goat's milk. It also contains a higher content of minerals, calcium and zinc, and some vitamins.

A variety of other sheep dairy products include; cheese - there is now a number of differing types of sheep cheese from all over the British Isles, as the milk is creamier the cheese is richer; yoghurt is available in natural, flavoured and organic and ice cream can be found in a large range of flavours.

I have tried some of these and think they are well worth a try, unless you have to keep to a low fat diet as the milk contains around 500 calories per pint, and almost twice as much fat as cow's milk.

Sandra Rath

FROM THE EDITORS

Articles Wanted

Would you like to join the debates currently ongoing in the newsletter, or would you like to start another one?

Do you have an interesting article that you would like to contribute to future editions of the newsletter? If so contact either of us at the telephone numbers or Email addresses below.

We would love to hear about your flock with a few words and a picture, or your views on the future of the breed or anything else about your sheep that you would like to share with us.

Thanks

We would like to thank everyone that has contributed towards this edition of the newsletter.

Newsletter in Colour

This newsletter is available as a PDF file, so if you would like to receive a copy in full colour, rather than black and white, please contact Lucinda or Norman with your Email address.

Views in the Newsletter are not necessarily those of the editors or the Society.

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