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Pat Quinn and Joe Henson discussing the finer points of.....?

EDITORIAL

It seems not very long ago when I penned the last editorial, but as they say time marches on and we are already into Autumn, certainly down here in Wales the trees have shed many of their leaves, in fact some began in early September.

In this edition I am delighted that Joe Henson has agreed to update his 1998 article on the Bemborough Flock and in particular his work with the establishment to the RBST. It really is fascinating reading and although I have been a member of the Society since 1996 I have learnt a huge amount particularly as one of my rams comes from the RASE flock and Joe's article fills in a number of gaps in my knowledge.

As you will see in the AGM Report, Pat Quinn has stepped down as President and Robert Boodle has taken over that position with Judy Wilkie becoming Vice President. On a personal basis, I would like to thank Pat Quinn for her willing help in supplying articles for the Newsletter and the appointment of Judy Wilkie is a fitting tribute to someone who has worked tirelessly over many years for the Society – thank you and well done to you both.

Immediately prior to the Moreton Show, Robin Leach was taken seriously ill and I am sure members will join me in wishing him a full and speedy recovery.

This year the shows seem to have been well attended and the breed sale in early August was a great success with a new member from Wales buying nearly half the shearling ewes that were for sale. However, it is a great shame that no members let me know how they get on in local shows that do not have Cotswold classes. Are members embarrassed about their success or are they just not bothered, thinking that no one else will be interested. The general response from the show people I have spoken to is that they do it to promote the breed rather than fill tea chests with rosettes, so why not let others know how successful the breed is in other parts of the country.

The decision by Council to have trophies for young handlers is much overdue, for it is the “youngstock” that will provide a secure future for the breed and for the sheep industry as a whole.

As an aside and looking for inspiration for this Newsletter, I looked up Cotswold Sheep in Wikipedia on the internet and it made very interesting reading. It was

clearly written from the American point of view, but I found it quite useful and filled my knowledge about the export of Cotswolds to America has increased.

Finally, may I wish you all a happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

John Flanders

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

I was surprised and honoured to be elected Vice President of the Cotswold Sheep Society at the AGM.

There have been many interesting times since my first Cotswolds arrived in 1989 when there were 72 flocks recorded in the annual census. In 2010 there were 97 flocks but the fortunes of any breed are affected by many external factors.

One of the worst threats has been foot and mouth disease and it is very important that flocks are not all in their native Gloucestershire. This is one of the reasons why our members in other counties are doing such an excellent job by going to their local shows and showing their Cotswold sheep.

Since joining the Society and later becoming a Council member, I have met many interesting people and attended shows and other events such as lectures and workshops where there is always something new to learn.

If you have any talents you can offer the Society to continue to promote our unique breed please do please let any member of Council know.

If you can find an hour or so to help at any of the events we attend there are many tasks that need doing from making tea and coffee to manning the stand and chatting to our visitors. You do not need to be an expert to be able to talk about our Cotswolds as if anyone wants technical details there is always someone who can supply the answer.

The future of our breed is very important and I am sure that we will continue to flourish.

Judy Wilkie

THE VIEW FROM HERE

West Wales
John Flanders

The past few months have been interesting to say the least.

To begin, for the first time I tried my hand at showing using a senior ram, a shearling ram, a ram lamb and a ewe lamb in the local village show where most of the exhibits were taken from the fields on the day of the show. There were no longwool classes and certainly no Cotswold classes, so the senior and shearling rams and the ewe lamb were entered in the lowland classes; but all ram lambs were judged in one class. To my delight the senior ram was first and the shearling was third, with a Suffolk second; but to put it into perspective there were only three in the class. However, the ewe lamb was second in her class of ten. Unfortunately, the ram lamb came nowhere in his class of about 15. Nevertheless it was enjoyable and there was plenty of interest in the breed particularly with comments such as what are they, how do you shear them, and the Welsh equivalent of b-----y h---l they're big. At the same show, and again for the first time, I entered 5 sticks that I had made and, out of 100 or so sticks there, I finished up with 3 seconds, 2 firsts, and Best in Show. Quite a memorable start to showing!!

We managed a first cut of haylage in late June on the 3 acre in-bye field and then left it for a second cut later in the year. It was just getting to about 2 ft high and ready for cutting when the neighbouring farmer's dairy herd decided that my grass was greener and invaded; it was an amazing sight to see 280 cows in such a small field. Eventually they were persuaded to depart, but the field was unusable for sheep fodder. The farmer was very apologetic and the loss of the feed was amicably resolved. Unfortunately I failed to take a photo of the intruders and I asked the farmer if he would like to put the cows back in the field so that I could record the incident – I really cannot understand why he declined my request! Interestingly, that number of dairy cows eat around 8 acres of grass per day, so my field was really afternoon tea to them.

I have always tried to ensure that the fields are well-fenced and stock proof. However, a neighbour (not the one with the cattle) put some of his Lleyne ewes in an adjoining field to where a few of my shearling ewes and the shearling ram were. Unfortunately his Lleyne ewes were real tarts, as evidenced by the very worn grass where

they had been parading their wares, and for my ram the temptation was too much, so over he went and enjoyed himself – I think the ewes had a smile on their faces as well. Our neighbour was quite understanding, but I am expecting, at some stage, his ram to be persuaded to join my ewes. Then we will be able to compare Cotswold onto Lleyn and Lleyn onto Cotswold.

Last year we planted rape to fatten the lambs, but it was not completely successful due to the limited availability of grass, so this year we tried chicory and followed precisely the advice of another farmer who thinks chicory is the best thing since sliced bread. Unfortunately the lambs failed to make the expected weight gain, so next year we will revert to rape, but with much more grass.

On the good side the wool cheque arrived, so the bank account will not look like the Greek economy.

With that I shall close this month's entertainment from Wales.

Gloucestershire

Judy Wilkie

The years seem to pass very fast and the Wheatears have passed through on their way South spending a couple of days on our track as they do every year in Spring and Autumn as they do not breed here.

The ewes have been weaned and wormed ready for the ram. I had been waiting for a wet day or two as it makes foot trimming much easier and the job was done very quickly. Udders and teeth have been checked and the ewes will go onto a rising plane of nutrition before the ram goes in.

One of the problems of weaning lambs is that ideally they should go out of earshot of their mothers. However on a smallholding this is not usually possible and in many cases there may be non agricultural neighbours near enough to be disturbed by the noise. The only solution seems to be to put the lambs the other side of a stout wire fence so that they can sit by the ewes if they want to. They very quickly move away and after a few days the problem is solved.

The grass is growing again with the Autumn flush and we have broadcast some patching mix on three acres this year as our grass has become very thin in places due to our son's wedding last year. We hope this has improved the situation but may have to get a slot seeder on some of it next year and compare the results. In the

meantime the battle must continue to prevent the thistles getting established which always means using my thistle stick (a sharp blade about two inches wide on a stick). To chop them off while they are small so they do not get established. A few done each day when checking the ewes keeps on top of them and any that get away can be strimmed off later.



Members enjoying a pause during the farm walk organised by Pat Quinn at her farm

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG HANDLERS!

Council are delighted to announce that there will be a Young Handlers class at each of our Frank Houlton Shows next year where the younger members could accumulate points towards their own trophy. There will be two age groups for this:

- 7 – 11 year olds and
- 12 – 16 year olds.

Margaret Pursch and Caroline Cunningham, have both kindly agreed to donate a trophy for these two new classes and it is hoped that these new trophies will be on display at the Winter Social.

It would be wonderful if young members could also contribute to our newsletters

from time to time. Please do feel free to send John Flanders any sheep news or photographs at any time and he would be delighted to include it in the next newsletter. John's postal address is

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Lucinda Foster

NEWS FROM RBST

(This will be the first of many articles by the RBST on their sheep related work – Ed.)

I am Richard Broad, the Field Officer for the RBST covering the South. For me that includes all of Wales, Shropshire and south of a line from Birmingham to The Wash. I live in sunny Pembrokeshire, and for those that know your geography I live very centrally to my area! My job involves meeting and advising with many people from our support group, breed societies and groups, as well as attending shows (such as the Smallholders Show at Builth Wells where John Flanders kindly loaned some of his flock), sales and so on all of which is aimed to promote and protect rare breeds

Some work I have undertaken over this summer resulted from a meeting with the Portland Sheep Breed Group (PSBG). I was asked to measure and weigh a number of registered and birth notified Portland adult males and females. This was to be done at a number of flocks and venues over the country with digital scales, measuring stick and card grade the animals.

Flocks and venues were selected by the Portland Group to represent the groups within the breed. I visited 8 flocks and also included sheep weighed at Sherbourne Castle County Fair, the PSBG open day in Sussex, Melton Mowbray Show and Sale together with the Stoneleigh Show and Sale.

Individual date sheets were kept for all the animals I measured. Data was collected from 71 males and 41 females. The ram numbers are about half the breeding population of the breed and this has provided a good range of the bloodlines and

flocks. Within the Portland breed there are three bloodlines, two from the very start of the Combined Flock Book and the third in 1991 when the whole Calke Abbey flock were registered.

This information has enabled the Portland group and the RBST, who run the Flock Book, to understand better the changes within the breed and have actual data for the breed. In summary the breed was found to be heavier than most breeders thought, with an adult ram range of 44 to 65kgs.

Richard Broad

BEMBOROUGH FLOCK

I am not a country boy by birth. Mum and Dad were in the theatre and I started life in a London flat. I had a model farm in my room and each week used to spend my Saturday sixpence on a new lead farm animal. If I still had them today they would be worth more than the real ones! When I was four we moved out to Northwood which was as far as you could get from London and still have a tube station. I used to walk to a nearby farm which was still run in the old way, just before the war. It had changed little when I went back to work there on leaving school twelve years later. This was the life for me. The Shorthorn dairy herd was hand milked in cow sheds, the hens and pigs were free range and the land was worked and the milk we bottled, delivered by horses and ponies. I consider myself very fortunate to have worked in a farming system not seen today other than in picture books. Having worked on two other more modern farms I went to Cirencester College and then became Assistant Farm Manager on Lord Bathurst's Cirencester farms. Later I managed the Salperton Park Estate close to where I now live which was supervised by Travers Legge, the Editor of the Farmers Weekly. This opened many doors for me and introduced me to the leaders of our industry.

In 1962 the 400 acre Bemborough Farm came up to rent on a 3,000 acre Estate owned by Corpus Christi College, Oxford and my old school friend John Neave and I got the tenancy. Thirty three years later we are still here but now farming 1,600 acres with the same Landlords. The great thing about renting from an Oxford College is that they talk about short term planning over the next hundred years!

When we started farming the economic climate demanded a large scale arable system of continual corn. The reason I went farming in the first place was to work

with animals and they were sorely missing. We had a few sheep and chickens and the children had ponies but the farm seemed soulless compared with my lovely old fashioned farm in Northwood alive with its traditional farm stock, and I yearned for the past.

When my eldest daughter, Libby, was twelve she had a fall from her pony and impacted a disc in her spine. She was lying in a plaster bed in Standish Hospital forbidden to move for ten weeks. I had the unenviable job of telling her that she would never ride again and that her pony should be sold. Having sold it for her I then asked her how she would like to invest the money. She said she would like to buy some sheep and chose the Cotswold as her favoured breed. I talked to the late Oscar Colburn who had a small flock which he had picked out from the Garne flock before the dispersal sale having married into the Garne family. He always encouraged the young and invited Libby to choose six ewes from his whole flock on condition that she had no help from me. Robert Boodle, who was Oscar's Shepherd at the time, caught and held them for her and I suspect the odd wink helped, but one way or another Oscar reckoned she picked the best six ewes in his flock. Shortly after that the late Frank Houlton advertised his flock dispersal and I bought six more ewes and a ram which set up our Bemborough flock. We have never bought any Cotswold ewes since and as you know, years later, Libby became Society Secretary and later Chairman. I can remember taking her with me as a little girl to attend Cotswold Sheep Society Council meetings in the stone built shed in Oscar Colburn's garden at Crickley Barrow. In those days it looked as though the day of the Cotswold sheep were numbered and I doubt any of the older members present would have seen in their wildest dreams the way the Society and the breed have developed. I remained on Council and took part in that success story by becoming Society Chairman in 1977. In 1983 I was given the honour of being made Vice President on my retirement from the chair.

Having bought our first Cotswolds I was bitten by the livestock bug, and I then added the two other county breeds by buying two Gloucester cows from the late Dowdeswell Sisters at Wick court and two Gloucester Old Spot sows from Mr Cullimore of Berkeley.

It was about this time, at the end of the 1960's that there was a change of curator and policy at Whipsnade Zoo. You may know that Whipsnade on Dunstable Downs, was, in Victorian times, a farm for producing fodder for the animals at London Zoo. It then became the first zoo to keep equatorial animals out of doors extensively all year round. The late Lord Zukerman had realised, when he was chairing a scientific committee for the Ministry of Agriculture after the war, that we were losing the

genetic diversity of our farm livestock. He persuaded the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), of which he was also chairman, to establish a collection of endangered breeds at Whipsnade Zoo which became known as Sir Solly's Gene Bank. By 1968 the need to commercialize Whipsnade Zoo and cut costs meant that the Gene Bank had to go.

Professor John Bowman managed to persuade his colleagues at Reading University to take half the breeds for scientific research and Sir Dudley Forward persuaded the Royal Agricultural Society of England to take the other half for publicity purposes. Conservation was becoming the buzz word and for the National Agricultural Centre (NAC) to be preserving a living part of the national heritage looked like good news. For your interest the Cotswolds from Whipsnade had gone to Reading and Oscar Colburn who was on the Royal Agricultural Society of England (RASE) council donated a breeding group of Cotswolds to the NAC. The staff of both locations "suffered" the Gene Bank breeds reluctantly and it was about this time that I was invited to join the joint committee responsible for the breeding policy of both groups set up by the RASE and ZSL.

I felt strongly that two things were needed. A national organisation registered as a charity to ensure the survival of our minority breeds and a shop window where the public and supporters of the work could see these breeds living and breeding.

To cut a long story short I decided to establish the "shop window" at Bemborough as nobody else seemed inclined and I could see that tourism was going to become an important part of the Cotswold scene. By 1970 Reading wanted to pass on their half of the Gene Bank and the Royal were realizing, as the Whipsnade, that these "unwanted" animals are prolific and rapidly outgrow the resources available for them. I therefore bought all the stock from Reading except for the Cotswolds which I could not afford as I already had Libby's flock here. I also started buying all the surplus stock bred at the Royal and had, by 1971 re-established the Gene Bank at Bemborough. The list read like this:

From Whipsnade

Longhorn Cattle
White Park Cattle
Highland Cattle
Jacob Sheep

From Reading

Soay Sheep
Portland Sheep
Norfolk Horn Sheep

From NAC

White Park Cattle
Manx Loughtan Sheep
Lincoln Longwool Sheep
Norfolk Horn Sheep

To these I added many breeds including North Ronaldsay, Whitefaced Woodland,

Hill Radnor, Castlemilk Moorit and Shetland sheep, and several breeds of pigs, poultry, goats and horses. It was without a doubt the most comprehensive collection of Rare Breeds of British farm animals in the country and the first public animal exhibition specialising in farm livestock in the World.

Lord Barber, then head of the National Agricultural Advisory Service (now ADAS) in Gloucestershire coined the name Cotswold Farm Park when he and I were in discussion at the planning stage. The name “Farm Park” has now gone in to the language. If they go on spreading at the present rate there will eventually be one in every parish! They say copying is the greatest compliment so I suppose I should be flattered.

By the way, in case you were wondering, the Reading Cotswolds went to a school in Berkshire and eventually finished up at Cogges Museum, Witney thanks to Chris Page who was curator there before he moved to the Isle of Man.



*Joe Henson receiving his MBE
from HRH The Princess Royal*

In 1973 the working party decided to launch the Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST) and did me the honour of appointing me its founder chairman. I employed Peter Hunt, a professional charity manager and fund raiser to write the Trust Deed and get

it accepted by the Charity Commissioners. He became so involved that he agreed to become Trust Secretary and it was thanks to him that the Trust was so successful in the early days. To start with he ran it from his spare room at Abbots Bromley and provided all the office equipment.

The first job for the Trust was to find out what was left of our rare breeds and where they were. Bill Longrigg, the chief livestock officer of MAAF directed his county livestock officers to do a census of breeds in their area and Prof. Bowman persuaded one of his Ph.D. students, C.T. Aindow to fill in the grey areas and write up the national census as his thesis. It was published under the names of Bowman and Aindow and I still have a copy.

From this information I was able to collect more groups of unwanted animals in particular Moorit sheep from the Castlemilk Estate in Dumfriesshire which would otherwise be extinct today.

The first major project of the Trust was to buy the Island of Linga Holm as an alternative sanctuary for the Orkney sheep of North Ronaldsay. I flew up to the Orkneys in 1974 and bought the Island for the Trust together with a ruined house in the shore of Stronsay overlooking Linga Holm. I returned the following year with my eight year old son Adam and we moved 125 sheep to the island and brought 100 sheep home to found flocks in England. Also 25 sheep went to the Island of Lihou of Guernsey. Last summer I returned to North Ronaldsay for the first time with a film crew and made a film about the story for "Heart of the Country". It brought back many happy memories.

The next job for the Trust was to enlist the help of the Milk Marketing Board to collect semen from Rare Breed Bulls for their Bank of Genetic Variation. This enabled people with only one rare cow to breed it pure, and did much to ensure the survival of our rarest breeds like the Gloucester. We supplied many of the early bulls.

By 1976 I was heavily involved with television having sought publicity for my Farm Park and the Trust and I had been adopted by the BBC National History Unit as its tame farmer! On a world trip televising domestic animals I found myself in Australia where I met Phil Carter, owner of the Woorak stud of Tamworth pigs near Tamworth, New South Wales. I flew out to his farm where I saw more Tamworth pigs than we had in the whole of Britain. Phil arranged for the shipment of three young Tamworth boars and three Berkshires back to Britain for the Trust which did much for those breeds in this, their country of origin.

With my television appearances the Farm Park flourished and by 1991, twenty years on, we were getting over 100,000 visitors through our gates in a sixth month season. I was honoured to be made a Vice President of the Trust and with the coming of Michael Rosenberg the Trust also flourished. We now had our own office at Stoneleigh with a full time staff and Show Programme the envy of many commercial breed societies.

Sadly the remnants of the Gene Bank at the NAC disappeared leaving only a small herd of White Park Cattle to beautify the Park. Their Cotswolds were crossed with commercial rams and eventually sold to a member of this society who I hope still has them.

It has been a fantastic twenty-five years for me since we opened the Farm Park and I have had a great deal of fun and satisfaction. I only hope that those of you who have been kind enough to read this and who breed Cotswolds and other rare breeds will be inspired to continue this vital work and will derive as much pleasure out of it as I have.

Joe Henson

(This article was originally printed in 1998, and although a few things have happened since then, such as Joe's son Adam taking over the tenancy and consequently Adam highlighting the rare breeds through Countryfile, newer members may not be aware of Joe's initial work in founding the RBST for which he has recently received the MBE – Ed.)

TRACE ELEMENTS

This article on trace elements is taken from a booklet entitled “Trace Element Supplementation of Beef Cattle and Sheep” published by Hybu Cig Cymru (Meat Production Wales); there is probably a similar publication by EBLEX. Members should seek advice from their vet or animal health adviser before administering any trace element supplements.

Introduction

Sheep need at least 15 different minerals for good healthy and productivity. The major elements such as calcium and phosphorous are required in relatively large amounts, but others, the trace elements, are required in much smaller quantities. The

most important trace elements are copper, selenium, cobalt, and iodine. Zinc and manganese deficiencies are much less of a problem.

Other minerals can interfere with the utilisation of essential trace elements, for example the impact of molybdenum and sulphur in precipitating a copper deficiency.

Clearly the geology and soils of an area determine the extent of particular trace elements and it is essential to sample either the animals or herbage prior to giving supplements.

Copper

Copper is an essential part of a number of different enzymes in the body and excess copper is stored in the liver. Sheep are very susceptible to copper toxicity, but there is varying ability between breeds to absorb it.

Deficiency – The classic deficiency is “swayback” in lambs where the deficiency results in damage to the spinal cord. It can also result in poor growth, scouring, and in extreme case thickening of bones around the joints.

In cases of copper deficiency diagnosis may be made through blood samples; however, in cases of toxicity blood samples may be normal, whilst the liver is overloaded with copper. Thus liver samples give a more accurate result.

Pasture levels – Copper deficiency is either a primary deficiency due to low copper intake or due to the interference of other elements specifically iron, molybdenum, and sulphur, which reduce the availability and absorption of copper from the rumen.

Feed Compounds – Compound feeds and minerals formulated for sheep do not have added copper, whilst cattle feeds do. Due to the risk of copper toxicity, cattle feeds and cattle minerals should not be fed to sheep.

Preventing Deficiency – Due to the risk of causing toxicity, animals should only be supplemented with copper when laboratory tests confirm that extra copper is needed.

Cobalt

Cobalt is an essential component of vitamin B12 associated with energy metabolism. This vitamin is produced by micro-organisms in the rumen and hence animals require a regular supply of cobalt in the diet. Growing animals generally have a higher requirement for vitamin B12 than adults.

Deficiency – Also known as “pine” results in ill-thrift accompanied by poor appetite; weaned lambs are most at risk of cobalt deficiency. Other signs of deficiency include lethargy, poor appetite, an “open” fleece, tear staining of cheeks and poor condition. In cases of ill-thrift, lambs are more prone to clostridial diseases

and pasteurellosis. Heavy worm burdens reduce the absorption of vitamin B12 from the gut, so may induce cobalt deficiency even dietary cobalt is adequate.

Pasture levels – Pasture levels of cobalt tend to be lower in the Spring than the Autumn and different plant species take up different amounts of cobalt, for example clovers will contain much higher levels than ryegrass in the same sward. In general, the concentration of cobalt in pasture grasses declines as soil pH rises, hence liming can induce cobalt deficiency.

Preventing deficiency – Oral drenching with cobalt or vitamin B12 injections need to be given every 3-4 weeks. For longer term supplementation, cobalt can be supplied in a rumen bolus. However, before embarking upon any of these preventative actions seek the advice of your vet or animal health adviser.

Selenium

Selenium acts with vitamin E to protect tissues against oxidation and breakdown of cell membranes. It is also important for immune function.

Deficiency – Most widely recognised as white muscle disease, ill thrift, and infertility, although the occurrence of white muscle disease is now generally low. A deficiency in lambs can show as an inability to stand because leg muscles are affected. In a female selenium deficiency can cause early embryonic death, resulting in poor scanning figures, and in a male it affects the fertility; thus if there is a deficiency it is important that both male and female are supplemented. Excess selenium is toxic to sheep although the risk is very much less than with copper. Diagnosis of selenium deficiency is usually by blood sampling and measuring the levels of the enzyme, glutathione peroxidase, which usually contains selenium.

Pasture levels – Unlike most trace elements, there is a good direct relationship between selenium in soil, grassland and in the animal; however, different plant species take up different amounts of selenium for example clovers contain less than ryegrass. Sulphur which is now increasingly used in fertilisers for grass silage can interfere with selenium uptake by plants and hence an overuse can exacerbate a marginal deficiency of selenium.

Preventing deficiency – Supplementation can be carried out by oral drenching, or injection, or giving a rumen bolus.

Iodine

Iodine is a component of the important hormone thyroxine which controls the animals' energy metabolism and is also essential for the growth and development of the foetus.

Deficiency - As it is needed for the proper thyroid function, a deficiency is typically associated with an enlarged thyroid. Usual signs are late abortions with still born or weak lambs.

Pasture levels – There is no clear relationship between the level of iodine in herbage and rock or soil type, although coastal regions see the highest level of pasture iodine due to the influence of the sea. Pregnant and lactating ewes have a much higher iodine requirement compared with dry stock and pasture is often unable to fully satisfy requirements. Some forage crops, for example brassicas, contain goitrogens which interfere with the production of thyroxine and thus animals grazing brassica crops have an increased requirement for iodine compared with those on grass.

Preventing deficiency – Iodine can be given by oral drench or in a slow release rumen bolus. However, over-supplementation could result in reduced absorption of colostrums in lambs.

Manganese

Manganese is an important trace element and is essential for the correct functioning of several enzymes in the body.

Deficiency – Low manganese intakes are reported to cause a delayed or irregular oestrus and poor conception. However, in England and Wales deficiency is unlikely in grazing animals since the majority of pastures contain sufficient to satisfy requirements.

Pasture levels – Soil pH has a major influence on plant uptake and legumes are a richer source than grasses. A deficiency is extremely unlikely in hill and upland pastures, but over liming (to over 6.5 pH) will significantly reduce pasture levels.

Zinc

Zinc occurs widely throughout the body with the greatest concentrations in skin, wool, hair, and horn. Zinc is involved in many biochemical processes and hence a deficiency affects a wide range of body functions including deterioration of wool texture, stiff joints, scaly cracked skin, and poor growth, but clinical signs do not usually manifest themselves unless the diet contains zinc levels well below those recommended as acceptable. Zinc is not easily mobilised within the body and thus the animal requires a continuous dietary supply.

Summary

Trace elements are essential for the good health of animals and before embarking upon supplementation members are strongly advised to consult their vet or animal health adviser so that the correct quantity of supplement, if required, can be assessed.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The 2011 Christmas cards are now on sale and can be seen the advert in this Newsletter. This year they feature the Richard Mumford's Pensham flock and Pat Quinn's Harford flock.

If you would like your flock to have a chance of starring on the Society Christmas cards next year, please do remember, if the snow falls, to take photos of your sheep. Good quality digital photos can be emailed to me at amreid343@msn.com or prints can be sent to Angela Reid, Queenford Farm, Dorchester on Thames, Wallingford, OX10 7PH. I will not return any prints unless specifically requested.

Angela Reid

LISTERIOSIS – a Cautionary Tale!

Last winter when I fed my sheep some haylage the left over from the previous year to my flock, I was obsessed by thoughts of listeria. I carefully examined every slice to make sure it still smelt sweet, and showed no signs of powdery mould. I noted every twitch of every sheep's ears when I checked them each day. I had been told to look for sheep that were lop-sided, twitching, shaking, circling, depressed... but I had absolutely no problem - the haylage was fine - the sheep were fine. As the last bale of haylage was eaten the sheep moved onto hay, then summer came, and the dreaded word 'listeria' faded from my mind.

So when a few weeks ago I checked my sheep, I was surprised to notice one lamb had a drooping ear. She seemed a fraction shaky, but was eating well and so I was not too concerned. I thought possibly she had an ear infection brewing, so just to be on the safe side I gave her a generous jab of long acting antibiotic and an anti-inflammatory painkiller and decided to wait and see what happened.

Actually nothing happened – she neither got better, nor worse. It was only when the vet was here on another matter that I asked him to check her. He pointed out her eyelid was drooping, and the cud was leaking slightly from one side of her mouth. I wondered if she had had a stroke. However the vet was positive - she had listeriosis.

I was amazed: this sheep had never in her entire life eaten even a mouthful of

haylage. Fortunately I had spotted she was not right early, and the treatment of antibiotics and anti-inflammatory happened to be just what I should have given her. The vet explained that listeria is in the environment – not just in silage or haylage - and that it particularly attacks young sheep as it can get into the blood stream through the gums where teeth are erupting.

According to *Nadis* the most common form of disease, is *Listerial meningo-encephalitis* and this is what I was told my lamb must have been infected by – this ‘*is caused by formation of micro-abscesses in the brainstem. The clinical signs vary in severity depending upon the degree and precise location of the abscesses, and include fever, anorexia, profound depression and various specific neurological signs. Affected animals frequently drool saliva and have unilateral drooping of the eyelid, lip and ear. Some sheep show deviation of the head and walk compulsively in circles. Severely affected animals may become frenzied or comatose and die in 10-14 days.*’

Hopefully my mildly affected lamb will still grow into a decent ewe, even if she remains a little lop-sided. But I will certainly be taking drooping ears more seriously in future. What had seemed such a small problem, was potentially very serious. I was lucky, so was the lamb.

For further advice and information on listeriosis, talk to your vet!

Angela Reid

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to

Mrs S Sarikhani of Oxfordshire
Mr and Mrs R Park of Carmarthenshire
Miss C Brown of Oxfordshire
Sam Furlong and Neil Hatch of Gloucestershire
Mr E Hannis of Gloucestershire
Mr G Fenemore of Oxfordshire
Mr T Tame and son of Warwickshire
Mr R Jones of Shropshire
Chipping Camden School of Gloucestershire
Ruth Clifford and Vernon Morris of Ceredigion

Mr A Palmer of Gloucestershire
Mr and Mrs J Webb of Bristol
Mrs R Morello of Shropshire
Mr M Puffett of Berkshire
Mr D Kelly of West Sussex
Miss S Evans of Herefordshire
Mr M Forster of the West Midlands
Mr D Mansbridge of Hertfordshire
Mr M Johnson of Oxfordshire and
Mrs F Whiteman of Gloucestershire

who have joined the Society recently.

Lucinda Foster

PRESS EXTRACTS

I am grateful to Alison Garne for sending me extracts from the Financial Times relating to the Cotswolds and Cotswold sheep.

Published in November 2010, the article tries to see beyond the twee and the vulgar to discover the true Cotswold experience. As far as the sheep are concerned it comments that

“the mediaeval fortunes of the Cotswold country were based upon the wool of its myriad sheep, in a region that was in those days one enormous sheep run – “cots” were sheep-folds, “wolds” were grazing grounds – and the particular breed that made its people rich was nicknamed the Cotswold Lion. It became more or less extinct when arable farming took over but I met a survivor at the Cotswold Farm Park at Guiting Power. With its curly mane and bold kind eye, this amiable animal, nibbling at my fingers, seemed to me a living conciliation of past and present.”

The last sentence really sums it up.

John Flanders

CHRISTMAS CARDS 2011



Richard Mumford
“The Pensham Flock”



Pat Quinn
“The Harford Flock”

(The 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 **£4.00 per pack of 10**, (includes 5 cards of each design) if collected.

Postage and Packing are extra, please ask when ordering.

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

(26th November at Condicote Village Hall)

SHOW and SALE at CIRENCESTER MARKET

The annual breed sale of Cotswold sheep took place on the 6th August at Cirencester Market as part of Voyce Pullin's Rare, Native and Traditional Breeds Sale. The sale was well attended with an encouraging number of buyers around the sale ring. There were 43 Cotswolds forwarded for sale.

The average price paid for a shearling ram was an encouraging £245, while Miss J Yeates's Teasey Darcy achieved £310, the top price of the day. The shearling ewes were the most numerous category, with 32 sheep forward. The highest price, £230, was paid for Davina Stanhope's Tingewick Prudence, while the average price paid

was a healthy £136. There were no senior ewes, and just one entry in the Senior Ram and Ram Lamb categories.

Alan Lyons had kindly judged the show the previous evening, for which, as usual, only 'red carded' sheep were eligible. The card graders this year were Robert Boodle and Richard Mumford. Of the 43 sheep graded, 12 were blue carded, and 31 were awarded red cards.



*Pat Quinn receiving the Peter Walwin Perpetual Trophy
from Alan Lyons*

The Show Championship, and the Peter Walwin Perpetual Trophy, went to Mrs Pat Quinn for her shearling ewe C11644, which sold the following day at the sale for a £150. The Reserve Champion was Davina Stanhope's ewe lamb, Tingewick Blaise, however, the top price for a ewe lamb in the sale was the £140 paid for Davina's Tingewick Polo – auctions truly are most unpredictable! The average price of a ewe lamb was £120.

In these difficult times it was most encouraging to see so many people buying their first Cotswolds; essential for the future security of the breed.

Card Grading:

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

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|-----------|--------------------------|
| 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 Red 1 Blue
Shearling rams	3 Red
Ram lambs	1 Red
Senior ewes	0
Shearling ewes	20 Red 12 Blue
Ewe lambs	5 Red

Prices Achieved:

Senior rams	None sold
Shearling rams	£310 top / £245 average
Ram lambs	£100 top / £100 average
Senior ewes	None sold
Shearling ewes	£230 top / £136 average
Ewe lambs	£140 top / £120 average

The overall average price paid for a Cotswold sheep was £139.

Angela Reid

2011 SHOW RESULTS

THREE COUNTIES SHOW

SHEEP CLASSES

Nominated Show for the Frank Houlton Trophy

17th - 18th June 2011

Judge: Mr Robert Boodle

Senior Ram (5 Entries)

- 1st Miss D Stanhope
- 2nd Miss D Stanhope
- 3rd Mr D Cross

Shearling Ram (7 Entries)

- 1st Miss D Stanhope
- 2nd Mr D Cross
- 3rd Mr D Cross

Ram Lamb (6 Entries)

- 1st Mr D Cross
- 2nd Miss D Stanhope
- 3rd Mr D Cross

Senior Ewe (6 Entries)

- 1st Miss D Stanhope
- 2nd Mr D Cross
- 3rd Mr D Cross

Shearling Ewe (6 Entries)

- 1st Miss D Stanhope
- 2nd Miss D Stanhope
- 3rd Mr R Jones

Ewe Lamb (6 Entries)

- 1st Miss D Stanhope
- 2nd Mr D Cross
- 3rd Mr D Cross

Group of Three (2 Entries)

- 1st Miss D Stanhope
- 2nd Mr D Cross

Champion

Miss D Stanhope - Shearling Ram – C11886 Tingewick Corrigan

Reserve Champion

Miss D Stanhope - Shearling Ewe – C11875 Tingewick Elkie

Brain Challenge Trophy (Champion)

Miss D Stanhope - Shearling Ram – C11886 Tingewick Corrigan

FLEECE CLASSES

Nominated Show for Golden Fleece Trophy

17th - 18th June 2011

Judge: Mr S Spencer

Lustre (7 Entries)

- 1st Mr R Harvey Long
- 2nd Mr D Cross
- 3rd Mr R Harvey Long

Interbreed Reserve Champion Fleece

Mr R Harvey Long

Attendance point also awarded to:

Mr R Mumford, Miss D Stanhope

NATIONAL RARE & MINORITY BREED SHOW

SHEEP CLASSES

Nominated Show for the Frank Houlton Trophy

19th June 2011

Judge: Mrs C Cunningham

Senior Ram (6 Entries)

1st Mr S Parkes
2nd Miss D Stanhope
3rd Mr D Cross

Shearling Ram (5 Entries)

1st Miss D Stanhope
2nd Mr S Parkes
3rd Mrs S Furlong & Mr N Hatch

Ram Lamb (6 Entries)

1st Miss D Stanhope
2nd Miss A Field
3rd Mr S Parkes

Senior Ewe (5 Entries)

1st Miss D Stanhope
2nd Mr D Cross
3rd Mr S Parkes

Shearling Ewe (7 Entries)

1st Miss D Stanhope
2nd Miss D Stanhope
3rd Mr S Parkes

Ewe Lamb (6 Entries)

1st Mr R Jones
2nd Miss D Stanhope
3rd Mr D Cross

Group of Three (3 Entries)

1st Miss D Stanhope
2nd Mr S Parkes
3rd Miss A Field

Champion

Miss D Stanhope - Shearling Ram – C11886 Tingewick Corrigan

Reserve Champion

Miss D Stanhope - Shearling Ewe – C11875 Tingewick Elkie

The Bramble Trophy

Miss D Stanhope - Shearling Ram – C11886 Tingewick Corrigan

FLEECE CLASSES

Nominated Show for Golden Fleece Trophy
19th June 2011

Judge: Mr S Spencer

Longwool - White Class (9 entries)

1st Mr R Harvey Long

2nd Mr R Harvey Long

Reserve Interbreed Champion Fleece

Mr R Harvey Long

Attendance point also awarded to:

Mr D Cross, Miss A Field, Mr R Mumford, Mr S Parkes, Miss D Stanhope

COTSWOLD SHEEP SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW

SHEEP CLASSES

Nominated Show for the Frank Houlton Trophy

3rd July 2011

Judge: Mr Thomas Jackson

Senior Ram (5 Entries)

1st Mr S Parkes

2nd Miss D Stanhope

3rd Mr & Mrs N Kay

Shearling Ram (7 Entries)

1st Miss D Stanhope

2nd Miss S Furlong & Mr N Hatch

3rd Mr S Parkes

Ram Lamb (9 Entries)

1st Mr D Cross

2nd Miss D Stanhope

3rd Mr R Harvey Long

Senior Ewe (9 Entries)

1st Mr S Parkes

2nd Miss D Stanhope

3rd Mr D Cross

Shearling Ewe (11 Entries)

1st Miss D Stanhope

2nd Miss D Stanhope

3rd Mr S Parkes

Ewe Lamb (9 Entries)

1st Miss D Stanhope

2nd Mr R Jones

3rd Mr S Parkes

Group of Three (6 Entries)

1st Miss D Stanhope

2nd Mr S Parkes

Wool on Hoof (14 Entries)

1st Mr R Harvey Long

2nd Miss D Stanhope

3rd Miss S Furlong & Mr N Hatch

3rd Mr S Parkes

Novice (3 Entries)

1st Mr R Jones

Champion

Mr S Parkes - Senior Ram - C10497 Kespar Finn

Reserve Champion

Miss D Stanhope – Shearling Ewe - C11875 Tingewick Elkie

Calcot Shield (Champion):

Mr S Parkes – Senior Ram - C10497 Kespar Finn

Pensham Trophy (Best Opposite Sex)

Miss D Stanhope – Shearling Ewe - C11875 Tingewick Elkie

Millenium Rose Bowl (Best Senior)

Mr S Parkes – Senior Ram - C10497 Kespar Finn

Millenium Cup (Best Shearling)

Miss D Stanhope – Shearling Ewe - C11875 Tingewick Elkie

Millenium Salver (Best Lamb)

Mr D Cross – Ram Lamb – C12005 Westcote Izod

Merlin's Trophy (Champion Wool On Hoof)

Mr R Harvey Long - Shearling Ewe – C11669 Pickwick Imaculada

FLEECE CLASSES

Nominated Show for Golden Fleece Trophy

3rd July 2011

Judge: Miss K Elliott

Fleece (12 Entries)

1st Mr R Harvey - Long

2nd Ms D Stanhope

3rd Mr R Harvey - Long

Attendance point awarded to:

Mr D Cross, Miss S Furlong & Mr N Hatch, Mr S Parkes

STROUD SHOW

SHEEP CLASSES

Nominated Show for the Frank Houlton Trophy

16th July 2011

Judge: Miss D Stanhope

Senior Ram (1 Entry)

1st Mr S Parkes

Shearling Ram (1 Entry)

1st Mr S Parkes

Ram Lamb (4 Entries)

1st Mr R Harvey - Long

2nd Mr S Parkes

3rd Mr R Harvey - Long

Senior Ewe (3 Entries)

1st Mr S Parkes

2nd Mr R Harvey - Long

3rd Mr R Harvey - Long

Shearling Ewe (5 Entries)

1st Mr S Parkes

2nd Mr & Mrs J Webb

3rd Mr R Harvey - Long

Ewe Lamb (2 Entries)

1st Mr S Parkes

2nd Mr R Harvey Long

Group of Three (2 Entries)

1st Mr S Parkes

2nd Mr R Harvey Long

Wool on Hoof (Adult)(8 Entries)

1st Mr S Parkes

2nd Mr R Harvey - Long

Wool on Hoof (Lamb)(10 Entries)

1st Mr S Parkes

2nd Mr R Harvey - Long

3rd Mr S Parkes

Champion

Mr S Parkes- Shearling Ram – C11928 Kespar Ivor

Reserve Champion

Mr R Harvey Long – Ram Lamb – Pickwick Coeur De Lion

Interbreed Wool on the Hoof

Mr S Parkes

FLEECE CLASSES

Nominated Show for Golden Fleece Trophy
16th July 2011

Judge: Mrs S Blacker,
Natural Fibre Co.

Longwool Fleece (9 Entries)

1st Teeswater
2nd Miss D Stanhope
3rd Mr R Harvey – Long

Attendance point awarded to: Mr S Parkes

COTSWOLD SHEEP SOCIETY SHOW & SALE

Nominated Show for the Frank Houlton Trophy
5th & 6th August 2011

Judge: Mr Alan Lyons

Senior Ram (1 Entry)

1st Mr R Morris

Shearling Ram (3 Entries)

1st Mrs A Reid
2nd Miss J Yeates
3rd Mr J Follows

Ram Lamb (1 Entry)

1st Ms D Stanhope

Senior Ewe (0 Entries)

Shearling Ewe (6 Entries)

1st Mrs P Quinn
2nd Miss D Stanhope
3rd Miss D Stanhope

Ewe Lamb (5 Entries)

1st Ms D Stanhope
2nd Ms D Stanhope
3rd Ms D Stanhope

Champion

Mrs P Quinn – Shearling Ewe C11644 Harford Ewe

Reserve Champion

Ms D Stanhope – Ewe Lamb C12024 Tingewick Blaise

Peter Walwin Perpetual Trophy (Champion):

Mrs P Quinn – Shearling Ewe C11644 Harford Ewe

COTSWOLD HUNT & FARMERS SHOW

SHEEP CLASSES

Nominated Show for the Frank Houlton Trophy

21st August 2011

Judge: Mr R J Palmer

Senior Ram (4 Entries)

1st Miss D Stanhope

2nd Mr D Cross

3rd Miss D Stanhope

Shearling Ram (3 Entries)

1st Miss D Stanhope

2nd Miss S Furlong & Mr N Hatch

3rd Miss D Stanhope

Ram Lamb (4 Entries)

1st Mr D Cross

2nd Miss S Furlong & Mr N Hatch

3rd Miss D Stanhope

Senior Ewe (5 Entries)

1st Mr D Cross

2nd Miss D Stanhope

3rd Mr D Cross

Shearling Ewe (8 Entries)

1st Miss D Stanhope

2nd Miss D Stanhope

3rd Mr D Cross

Ewe Lamb (5 Entries)

1st Miss S Furlong & Mr N Hatch

2nd Mr D Cross

3rd Mr D Cross

Champion

Miss D Stanhope – Shearling Ewe – C11876 Tingewick Nia

Reserve Champion

Miss D Stanhope – Shearling Ram – C11888 Middlewick Fergal

BERKELEY SHOW

SHEEP CLASSES

Nominated Show for the Frank Houlton Trophy

29th August 2011

Judge: Mr S Parkes

Senior Ram (1 Entries)

1st Miss D Stanhope

Shearling Ram (4 Entries)

1st Miss D Stanhope

Ram Lamb (3 Entries)
1st Miss S Furlong & Mr N Hatch
2nd Mrs J Attwooll
3rd Miss D Stanhope

Senior Ewe (3 Entries)
1st Miss D Stanhope
2nd Miss D Stanhope
3rd Miss S Furlong & Mr N Hatch

Shearling Ewe (5 Entries)
1st Miss D Stanhope
2nd Miss S Furlong & Mr N Hatch
3rd Mr & Mrs J Webb

Ewe Lamb (3 Entries)
1st Miss S Furlong & Mr N Hatch
2nd Mr R Jones
3rd Miss D Stanhope

Champion

Miss D Stanhope – Shearling Ram – C11888 Tingewick Fergal

Reserve Champion

Miss D Stanhope – Shearling Ewe – C11876 Tingewick Nia

Acorn Perpetual Challenge Trophy (Champion)

Miss D Stanhope – Shearling Ram – C11888 Tingewick Fergal

MORETON IN MARSH SHOW Cotswold Sheep Society National Show

SHEEP CLASSES

Nominated Show for the Frank Houlton Trophy

3rd September 2011

Judge: Mr R Mumford

Senior Ram (7 Entries)
1st Mr & Mrs N Kay
2nd Miss D Stanhope
3rd Mr D Cross

Shearling Ram (8 Entries)
1st Miss D Stanhope
2nd Mr S Parkes
3rd Miss S Furlong & Mr N Hatch

Ram Lamb (10 Entries)
1st Mr D Cross
2nd Miss D Stanhope
3rd The Hon. Mrs A Reid

Senior Ewe (13 Entries)
1st Miss D Stanhope
2nd Mr & Mrs N Kay
3rd Mr D Cross

Shearling Ewe (12 Entries)
1st Miss D Stanhope

Ewe Lamb (14 Entries)
1st Mr R Jones

2nd Miss D Stanhope
3rd Mr R Jones

2nd Mr & Mrs N Kay
3rd Miss D Stanhope

Group of Three (6 Entries)

1st Mr & Mrs N Kay
2nd Miss D Stanhope
3rd Miss S Furlong & Mr N Hatch

Champion

Mr & Mrs N Kay – Senior Ram – C10072 Middlewick Albert



*Kate Kay receiving the Championship trophy
from Richard Mumford*

Reserve Champion

Mr D Cross – Ram Lamb - C12005 Westcote Izod

Tony Foster Challenge Trophy (Champion)

Mr & Mrs N Kay – Senior Ram – C10072 Middlewick Albert

The Colburn Cup (Best Senior Ram)

Mr & Mrs N Kay – Senior Ram – C10072 Middlewick Albert

The Oakhill Cup (Best Shearling Ram)

Miss D Stanhope - Shearling Ram - C11888 Tingewick Fergal

The William Garne Cup (Best Female)

Miss D Stanhope – Shearling Ewe - C11876 Tingewick Nia

The Les Arnold Challenge Trophy (Best Lamb)

Mr D Cross – Ram Lamb - C12005 Westcote Izod

SOCIETY RAFFLE

A huge thank you to all members who contributed so generously towards our Society raffle this year – we made just over £1,000 profit which will be a great help to our funds. We're very grateful for everyone who contributed fantastic prizes which certainly helped our ticket sales along. We're also extremely grateful to Margaret Pursch and her daughter, Emma, for producing some really outstanding



and the winning ticket is.....

hampers. A very special thanks goes to John Flanders, Frances Whiteman, Alison Garne and Judy Wilkie for being our “star” raffle ticket sellers! Well done to the Jackson family who won the Pam Ayres print.

Lucinda Foster

WINTER SOCIAL

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2011

6.45pm for 7.00pm

at

CONDICOTE VILLAGE HALL,
Nr. STOW ON THE WOLD, GL54 1ES.

We do hope you can come. If so please can you kindly complete the enclosed Winter Social booking form and return it to Lucinda with your payment by Monday 14th November. Don't forget the 'Back to Back' jumper will be auctioned after dinner as well as the usual raffle. It is also hoped to be able to show a short DVD filmed at the AGM this year which is kindly being donated to the Society by Pat Quinn. We hope that this will be a good social evening for members of all ages and so please do encourage your friends and family to join us as well.

Lucinda Foster

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

COUNCIL CORNER

- **CO-OPTIONS:** Council is delighted to announce that Sam Furlong and Sarah Robinson have agreed to be co-opted onto Council for the next twelve months.
- **FLOCK BOOK ADVERTISING:** Once again we need to keep the costs down of producing the flock book and Council would therefore like to 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, £30 for a half page and £45 for a full page. **New advertisements, with or without photographs, must be sent in complete and ready to print.** We would encourage members who wish to include a photograph in their advertisement, to use a new one each year. Please email or send your advertisement to Lucinda as soon as possible by 30th November.

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.

- **ON-LINE BIRTHS, DEATHS & REGISTRATIONS:** Members are encouraged to keep postage down by registering and transferring more sheep on-line. If anyone would like any help with doing this please contact Lynne on 01451 830461.
- **AGM MINUTES:** These have been emailed out to members who have provided an email address to the Society. Further copies can be downloaded from the Society website. Please contact Lucinda if you require a hardcopy posted to you.

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

Skins

Lamb skins - **Steve Parkes** – 01451 830461
Lamb and sheep skins – **Angela Reid** – 01865 343133
Lamb skins – **John Flanders** – 01545 590438

Woollen Goods

Knitting wool, body warmers, throws, scarves, cushions - **John Flanders** – 01545 590438; 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
Rare breed pork – **Fiona Park** – 01558 669160

E-mail Addresses/Phone Numbers

National Sheep Association – 01684 892661; www.nationalsheep.org.uk
Farming Connect Service Centre – 08456 000 813
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 15th December.

FOR SALE

Would members please supply details of sheep that are for sale.

Mrs Caryl Barefoot, Bagendon Manor Farm, Bagendon, Cirencester,
Gloucestershire

TEL. 01285 831387

HAS FOR SALE/HIRE ram Kington Kosmic C9069

Mrs Victoria Robbins, Rose Cottage, Southend, North Nibley, Wotton Under Edge,
Gloucestershire

TEL. 01453 543988

HAS FOR SALE 3 rams and 8 shearling ewes

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.

SHEEP RELATED EQUIPMENT

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

Tel. 01545 590438

E-mail info@hendraveancotswolds.co.uk

HAS FOR SALE a round bale cradle, and a heat lamp

