

KERRY HILL FLOCK BOOK SOCIETY

JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Member

I trust you have all had a successful lambing season and that you are enjoying the increased prices currently around the markets for your stock.

The Society has been very busy promoting the breed at the three NSA Sheep Events in Breconshire, County Durham and Devon where some excellent sheep were provided by Edward Williams, Robert & Jean Price, Kate Esler & Ed Simmons. It was very obvious how popular the breed is becoming and lets hope this translates into successful sales this Autumn. Very many thanks to the members who provided the sheep and those who helped to man the stands and to the many members who came to visit and share their experiences.

The show season is now in full swing and several reports of increased numbers in the Kerry lines are pouring in. This is further evidence of the increased popularity of our breed. Let us hope we can provide the numbers of quality sheep which prospective purchasers are likely to want at the forthcoming sales. Do remember we have a strict inspection regime which takes place before each sale which guarantees the purchaser that he is buying quality sheep.

Very many congratulations to Tom Evans who took the championship at the RWAS Smallholders and to Kate Esler and Ed Simmons who took the reserve. Also congratulations to Robert Price who took the championship at the Staffordshire Show and Hannah Bratton who took the reserve. Sion Jones took the championship at the Three Counties and Tom Evans the reserve whilst Katie Whybrow took both the championship and the reserve at a very wet Royal Norfolk Show. These are the first 4 shows out of the 10 which make up the Show Points Competition which is hotly contested, the overall winner receiving the Cwmwhitton Cup which is presented at our AGM in November this year.

We have a new venue this year for our AGM and dinner which is Hallmark Hotel Stourport Manor, Stourport on Severn, Worcestershire which is being held on Saturday 11th November. Please book your rooms early to take advantage of the Society's preferential rates which are £80

for a double room for double occupancy and £68 for a double room with single occupancy. The telephone number for the hotel is 01299 289955.

If you are intending to come to the get together at this year's Royal Welsh on Monday evening after the showing then please let Sarah Evans know either by phone or text on 07761 752305. The cost of the ticket is £6.50 but we will need to have an idea of numbers for the catering.

As you are already aware, the new competition for highest number of points earned in the "Any Other Breed" section of various shows around the country will result in the winner receiving a Cup kindly presented by Derek Knowles & Daryl Brown. Please let the Administrator know your results as soon as you are able.

Yours sincerely

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