

KERRY HILL FLOCK BOOK SOCIETY

JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Member

I would like to wish all our members a happy, healthy and prosperous 2019 and hope that you have a successful lambing season.

Society Officials

Following on from our recent AGM last November and January Council meeting I am writing to let you know who the elected officials are. I am honoured to have been re elected again as your Chairman with Gwilym Pugh as Vice Chairman. Our new Honorary Secretary is Helen McCleod and Kate Esler continues as our Honorary Treasurer and Gift Aid Officer. Our new President is Robert Price and our President Elect is Cath Kewley. Tim Ward continues as our Administrator and is the first point of contact if you have any queries regarding the Society. He can be contacted on 07773 086690.

I wish to thank all the Officers, Council Members and indeed all the Kerry Hill Flock Book Society Members who have all ensured we had a productive year and that the breed is going from strength to strength. We did in fact have a total of 42 new members, long may it continue.

Promotion

The Society Stand will be present at the following NSA events in 2019:

NSA Welsh Sheep - Tuesday 21 May Glynllifon College, Gwnyedd LL54 5DU

NSA North Sheep - Wednesday 5 June New Hall Farm, Rathmell, Settle, BD24 0AJ

NSA Sheep South West - Tuesday 18 June Umberleigh, Devon EX37 9LF

NSA Sheep Northern Ireland – Monday 1 July Ballymena Livestock Market

We welcome any support you can offer on these stands so do come and see us and offer your experiences with the Kerry Hill Sheep to the visitors. It will be much appreciated.

2018 Flock Competition

Very many congratulations to Mr & Mrs J & P Owens of the Woodhouse Flock who won this years flock competition and to Mr & Mrs R F Price of the Pentrenant Flock who had the reserve position.

The Wrotham Cup awarded for the most points gained from Any Other Breed Classes 2018

Very many congratulations to Louise Barritt of the Fairfax Flock from West Yorkshire who won the cup and also to Yvonne Brown who came 2nd and Chris Adamson who came 3rd.

Young Handlers 2018

Very many congratulations to Tom Evans who once again won the Kerry Hill Flock Book Society Young Handler competition and also to Joe Wood and Sammy Brown who came 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Cwmwhitton Cup 2019

All shows will now be eligible for points towards the Cwmwhitton Cup providing it has been judged by a Society approved judge.

Flock Book (Volume 119) (Registrations for 2018)

We are in the process of producing this years flock book. For those members who would like to advertise their flock the cost per member is £50 for a full A5 page and £25 for a half page. Please let Tim Ward know if you want any help in preparing your advert but do not leave this till the last minute since the print deadline is 1 March and space will be available on a first come first served basis. For anyone who has missed sending in their flock return which includes your membership fee of £35 for 2018 it is imperative that you get in touch with Tim Ward straight away.

New Kerry Hill Classes in 2019:

There will be new classes for Kerry Hill Sheep for the first time in 2019 at the Otley Show, Otley, West Yorkshire on Saturday 18 May and at the Leicester County Show, Market Harborough on Saturday 24 and 25 August. Please do try and support these new venues since considerable effort has gone into setting them up.

Kerry Hill Open Day: 1 June 2019

Mr & Mrs Dean & Katie Whybrow have very kindly agreed to hold an open day on Saturday 1st June at Lower Wilbury Farm, Stotfold Road, Letchworth Garden City.

National Kerry Hill Show: Three Counties 14 – 16 June 2019

The Three Counties Showground has very kindly agreed to us holding our very first National Show there this summer. Please try your best to attend either as a competitor or spectator. We are looking for sponsors so can you send any suggestions to Tim Ward please.

AGM and Dinner 2019

Through popular requests from members we have decided to move the AGM further north in order to allow those members who are geographically distant a chance to attend. The new venue for the 2019 AGM & Dinner will be the Crooklands Hotel, Crooklands, Milnthorpe, Cumbria LA7 7NW and will take place on 9 November. The cost of a double room for double occupancy is £95.00 and single occupancy is £79.00. Rooms will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The hotel telephone number is 01539 567432.

This years **sale dates** are: Ludlow 7th September, Melton Mowbray 13th/14th September and Carlisle 21st September.

Good luck with your shows and sales this year.

Yours sincerely

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January 2019

Shows in 2019 where Kerry Hill Classes are being held

May 6 : North Somerset Show
May 11-12: Newark & Notts County
May 15-18: Balmoral (NI)
May 18-19: RWAS Smallholders Event
May 18 : Otley Show, West Yorkshire
May 25 : Shropshire County Show
29-30 May : Staffordshire County Show
29 May-1 June : Bath & West

June 8 : Aberystwyth
June 14-16 : Three Counties
June 26-27 : Royal Norfolk

5-6 July : Omagh (NI)
July 6 : Monmouthshire County Show
July 6 : North Wales/Caernarfon Show
July 9-11 : Great Yorkshire Show
July 13: Castlewellan (NI)
July 22-25: Royal Welsh
July 26-27 : Border Union Show
July 28: Alborough & Boroughbridge

August 1 : Burwarton
August 3 : Tenbury
August 3 : Brecon
August 3 : Oswestry
August 3 : Dumfries
August 10 : Eglwysbach
August 11 : Ripley, North Yorkshire
August 13-14 : Anglesey
August 13-15 : Pembrokeshire County Show
August 15 : Flint & Denbigh
August 21 : Egton
August 24 : Berriew
August 24-25 : Leicester County Show
August 28 : Merioneth

September 12 : Westmorland Show
September 14 : Kington
September 21-22 : Royal Berkshire Show

November 25-26 : RWAS Winter Fair