

KERRY HILL FLOCK BOOK SOCIETY

JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Member

I would first of all like to wish all our members a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017 and hope that you are all blessed with a successful lambing season.

Society Officials

Following on from our recent AGM last November 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 Anthony John again being re elected as Vice Chairman. Our new Honorary Secretary is Yvonne Brown who is continuing as our webmaster and our new Honorary Treasurer is Kate Esler who is continuing with the Gift Aid work. Our new President is Alan Symonds and our new President Elect is Alan Brimble. 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.

2016 has been a very challenging year and I wish to thank all the Officers and Council Members who have helped enormously to put us back on track. I also thank you the members for your patience during this difficult period. Our Administrator, Tim Ward has settled into his post most admirably and is readily available to help all members with any problems you might have. I am happy to report that our difficulties with the Constitution and Accounts have been regularised with the help of a Lawyer and Accountant.

We can now turn our attention to the important job of promoting and developing our wonderful breed.

Promotion

NSA Sheep Events

The Society will be present at the following events in 2017:

NSA Welsh Sheep - Tuesday 16th May 2017 Breconshire

NSA North Sheep - Wednesday 7th June 2017 County Durham

NSA Sheep South West - Tuesday 20th June 2017 Devon

We are always happy for your support on these stands and for you to share your experiences with the visitors who come to them. Please come to see us even if you can only stay a while. It will be much appreciated.

Results of the Biennial 2016 Flock Competition (Judges: The Barrett Family)

Very many congratulations to Robert and Jean Price who were judged Champion flock and to James McClintock who had the reserve champion flock in the 2016 flock competition. The Barrett family had commented that the standard of sheep in the flocks entered was very high. Full results of the competition can be seen on the website.

Young Handlers 2016

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

2016 Flock Book (Volume 117)

We are in the process of producing this year's flock book containing registrations for 2016. **If anyone has not sent their flock return in yet I would urge you to do so as a matter of urgency since the print date is looming.** For those members who would like to advertise their flock in the new flock book can you please get in touch as soon as possible so that we can help you to create it. The cost per member is £50 for a full A5 page and £25 for a half page. We believe this is good value since you will be reaching all members of the Society and at the same time your fee will be helping the Society pay for the printing costs.

2017 Kerry Hill Open Day - 2nd July

John & Phillipa Owens and family have very kindly agreed to hold the Kerry Hill Flock Book Society Open Day at their farm - Woodhouse Farm, Shobdon, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 9NL on Sunday 2nd July. Please make a note of this; it is an event not to be missed. More details of the day will follow as plans develop.

2017 Flock Returns

We are very pleased to report a simplification of the fee structure from this year. The 3 categories of annual subscription £25, £35 and £45 have been replaced by a single category of £35. Junior membership will be £15. The NSA levy of 5p per ewe has been abolished. The reporting of different ages of ewes has also been abolished, it will only be necessary to report your total number of ewes and ewe lambs. You will still be required to report the prefix, tag number and registration number of the rams you use this year as now.

Shows in 2017 where Kerry Hill Classes are held (those in bold are the 10 designated shows which make up the points show competition)

May 1 : North Somerset Show
May 13-14: Newark & Notts County
May 10-13: Balmoral (NI)
May 20-21: RWAS Smallholders Event (judge-Laura Howell)
May 27: Shropshire County Show

31 May-1 June : Staffordshire County Show (judge – Ron King)
31 May- 3 June : Bath & West
June 10: Aberystwyth
June 16-18 : Three Counties (judge – James McClintock)
June 28-29 : Royal Norfolk (judge – Yvonne Brown)

30 Jun/ 1 July : Omagh (NI)
July 1: Monmouthshire County Show (judge – John Terry)
July 1: North Wales/Caernarfon Show
July 15: Castlewellan (NI)
July 24-27: Royal Welsh (judge – James Barr)
July 28-29 : Border Union Show

August 3 : Burwarton (judge – Robert Price)
August 5 : Tenbury
August 5 : Brecon
August 5 : Oswestry
August 12 : Eglwysbach
August 15-16 : Anglesey (judge – Russell Howell)
August 15-17 : Pembrokeshire County Show (judge – John Owens)
August 17 : Flint & Denbigh
August 23 : Merioneth
August 26 : Berriew

September 9 : Kington (judge – Geraint Roberts)
September 14 : Westmorland Show
September 16-17 : Royal Berkshire Show
November 27-28 : RWAS Winter Fair

E mail Addresses

Thank you to those members who have agreed to have their correspondence from the Society sent electronically. It is of enormous benefit to us both in financial costs as well as time savings.

Yours sincerely

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