

KERRY HILL FLOCK BOOK SOCIETY JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Member

I do hope you have all had a successful lambing season and that your show season is going well.

The Society has been busy promoting the breed at the NSA Welsh Sheep Event in North Wales where some excellent sheep were provided on our stand by Robert & Jean Price and Gwilym Pugh. We were also present at the NSA North Sheep Event in Settle, North Yorkshire where Derek & Cindy Steen provided some wonderful sheep too. At the Sheep South West event Kate Scott provided some very good sheep and at the NSA Sheep Northern Ireland event Robert McConnell and Wallace Clarke provided some very good sheep too. Thank you to all our members who kindly manned the stands for these NSA Events it is much appreciated.

Very many congratulations to the **Woodhouse** and **Calcot** flocks who took both the championship and reserve at the RWAS Smallholder Event. Also the **Woodhouse** flock took the overall interbreed and the **Calcot** flock took the overall interbreed group. Also congratulations to the **Pentrenant** flock who took the championship at the Staffordshire Show with the **Tysoe** flock in reserve. The **Downwood** flock took the championship at the Three Counties where the Society held its inaugural National Show and the **Woodhouse** flock took reserve. The **Downwood** flock was also the reserve overall interbreed Champion and Supreme champion on the Rare Breed day. The **Nidderdale** flock took the championship with the **Cardington** flock in reserve at the Royal Norfolk and the **Nidderdale** flock also took the championship at the Great Yorkshire with the **Fairfax** flock in reserve. The **Orchard** flock won the championship at the Royal Bath & West Show with the **Kingswater** flock in reserve. The **Kingswater** flock took both the championship and reserve at the North Somerset Show. The **Tysoe** flock took the championship with the **Nidderdale** flock taking reserve at the Nottingham County show. Classes were held for the first time this year at the Otley show in West Yorkshire where the **Whitfield** flock took the championship with the **Fairfax** flock in reserve. The **Trecelynen** flock took the championship at Monmouthshire show with the **Ledicot** flock taking reserve. The **Reidstown** flock took the championship with the **Glenfield** flock in reserve at the Balmoral Show. Full results can be found on the Society's website.

Shirley Hill who runs the **Pendin** flock competed against 72 other sheep in the Any Other breed championship competition at Lincoln show and took the overall championship. Sammy Brown owner of the **Belthorn** flock took the championship of the Any Other Breed section at the Cheshire show.

These are some of the first few results from those people competing for the Show Points Competition which is hotly contested with the overall winner receiving the Cwmwhitton Cup which is presented at our AGM later this year.

Our AGM and dinner is being held on Saturday 9th November at The Crooklands Hotel in Cumbria. The Yorkshire Shepherdess, Amanda Owen will deliver an after dinner speech and we are busily arranging a Saturday afternoon flock visit. Please book your rooms early to take advantage of the Society's preferential rates which are £95 for a double room for double occupancy and £79 for a double room with single occupancy. The telephone number for the hotel is 01539 567432.

As you are already aware, the new competition for the highest number of points earned in the "Any Other Breed" section of various shows around the country will result in the winner receiving the Wrotham Cup to be presented at the AGM. Please let the Administrator know your results as soon as you are able.

Thanks must go to Dean & Katie Whybrow & family who held a wonderful Open Day at their farm where members were able to view the Cardington flock and take part in stock judging competitions. Gwilym Pugh won the adult section whilst Sophia Taylor won the junior section.

Members also listened to a talk on sheep structure from Dan Bull, a summary of the Young Stars competition from Chris Adamson and a spectacular trimming demonstration from Darren Bevan. We were all treated to some wonderful food and drink. Thank you to all members who donated prizes for the raffle which raised £168.00 for Society funds.

We are looking forward to a successful sale season so do remember to send your entries in as soon as possible. The closing date for the Ludlow sale is 30 July, for Melton Mowbray 4 August (paper entries) and 11th August for on line entries, and for Carlisle 13 August. The draw for the Ludlow sale will be conducted at the next Council meeting which is on the 4th August. The sales will take place as follows at Ludlow 7th September, Melton Mowbray 13-14 September and Carlisle 21 September. Do remember to register your animals for these sales.

Good luck to everyone!

Yours sincerely

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