



KERRY HILL FLOCK BOOK SOCIETY FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Member

I would like to wish all our members a successful lambing season, a great show season and a profitable farming year.

Society Officials

Following on from our recent AGM last November, and January Council meeting, the changes to the elected officers are as follows: I am honoured to have been elected as your Chairman with Kate Esler as Vice Chairman. Helen Macleod continues as our Honorary Secretary and Kate Esler continues as our Gift Aid Officer, with Linda Barnard taking over the Treasurer duties. Our new President is Cath Kewley and President Elect is John Owens. Linda Bull is our new Administrator and is the first point of contact if you have any queries regarding the Society. She can be contacted on 07748 541022 or 01461 701045.

I wish to thank all the Officers, Council Members and indeed all the Kerry Hill Flock Book Society Members who have ensured we had a productive year, with the breed going from strength to strength. 48 new members joined the Society this year and we hope to continue this increase in years to come.

Promotion

The Society Stand will be present at the following NSA events in 2020:

NSA Scot Sheep – Wednesday 3rd June at Over Finlarg, Tealing, Dundee, DD4 0QE

NSA Sheep 2020 - Tuesday 28 July at Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6NW

If you have any free time, please come along and support us by helping on the stand. Any help will be much appreciated.

New Photograph Competition

All members are invited to enter photographs for this new competition. The intention is to feature the winning 12 photographs of Kerry Hill sheep in various settings in a 2021 calendar. The entry form will soon be available from the website or from the Administrator.

The Wrotham Cup 2019

(awarded for the most points gained from Any Other Breed Classes 2019)

Very many congratulations to the winner, Louise Barritt of the Fairfax Flock from West Yorkshire and also to S Brown who was 2nd and WE & MA Lewis who was 3rd.

Young Handlers 2019

Very many congratulations to S Brown who won the Kerry Hill Flock Book Society Young Handler competition and also to T Ridge & G Brown who came 2nd and 3rd respectively. Also congratulations to Tolly Ridge, Rose Bostock and Paige Misslebrook . They represented the breed at the National Young Stars competition and they were placed 2nd.

Ram of the Year 2019

was won by Emma Rhys-Roberts from the Five Fords Flock.

Cwmwhitton Cup 2020

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

Ram of the Year

Entrants for Ram of the Year competition will be required to attend at least 2 of the following shows for the 2020 season:

Royal Norfolk	Royal Bath & West	Three Counties
Great Yorkshire	Royal Welsh	Newark & Notts
Pembroke	Burwarton	Westmorland
Dumfries	Kelso	Balmoral
Antrim	Aldbrough&Boroughbridge	

Flock Book

We are in the process of producing this year's 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 Linda Bull know if you want any help in preparing your advert but do not leave this till the last minute since the print deadline is looming 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 2020 it is imperative that you get in touch with Linda Bull straight away.

New Kerry Hill Classes in 2020:

There will be new classes for Kerry Hill Sheep for the first time in 2020 at the Royal Lancashire Show. This is a 3 day show, but competitors only have to attend for the day they are judged, which is a real bonus! Please do try and support this new venue as Nic Padgett, (the sheep organiser!) has tried very hard to get the show society to put on new breed classes. Other new classes which have been arranged are Danby Show, Farndale Show and Ryedale Show (in North Yorkshire).

Kerry Hill Open Day:

Mrs H & Dr I Macleod at Carpenters Farm, Berrow, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6JJ have kindly agreed to host a Kerry Hill Open Day at their farm on Sunday 21st June 2020 running from 12noon until 4 pm. more information about this will follow on the Website and Facebook.

National Show

The Royal Norfolk 1-2 July 2020 has very kindly agreed to us holding our 2nd National Show there this summer. Please try your best to attend either as a competitor or spectator. We are urgently looking for sponsors so can you send any suggestions to Linda Bull please.

AGM and Dinner 2020

The venue for the 2020 AGM & Dinner will be the same as last year, the Crooklands Hotel, Crooklands, Milnthorpe, Cumbria LA7 7NW and will take place on 7 November. The cost of a double room for double occupancy is £99.00 and single occupancy is £84.00. Rooms will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The hotel telephone number is 01539 567432. Tickets will be £22.95 each.

This year's sale dates are:

Ludlow 5th September

Melton Mowbray 11th/12th September

Carlisle 19th September

Membership

must be paid by the end of November every year – if it is late the fee will double. Membership fees are payable annually, not just when sheep need to be registered. If the annual membership is not paid, the member will be unable to register sheep the following year and they will not be allowed to sell their sheep at Society sales either. If membership is not paid for 2 years the membership will lapse. The member will then have to re-apply as a new member and have a new flock name and number, or pay double fees for the last 2 years missed (£140)

Registrations

From 2020 any ram lamb being registered can have a name starting with letter "A" This is not compulsory.

Confusion over numbers for new members

Your Kerry Hill Flock number is a 5 digit number given to you as a new member. Your UK Flock number is your government issued number which starts UK followed by a 6 digit number. Your prefix is the chosen name for your flock which has been agreed by the Society. Your designation letters are 2 or 3 letters given to you as a new member. These letters appear as part of your Kerry Hill ear tag. This should consist of a 5 digit number issued by the government, followed by your designated letters (LKB) followed by the year of birth (20) So a Kerry tag should read 00233/LKB/20. Your UK number will also appear on this tag.

Please find below a list of shows which have Kerry Hill classes

Best wishes to you all!

Yours sincerely

Gwilym Pugh(Chairman)

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DIARY DATES FOR 2020

Shows with Kerry Hill Classes

For livestock information contact:

May 3rd	North Somerset Show	01934 837283
May 9th-10th	Newark & Notts County Show	01636 705796
May 13th - 16th	Balmoral N Ireland	02890 665225
May 16th – 17th	RWAS Smallholding	01982 554408
May 16th	Otley Show	01943 462541
May 23th	Shropshire County	01743 289831
May 27th – 28th	Staffordshire County Show	01785 258060
May 28th – 30th	Royal Bath & West	01749 822209
June 13th	Aberystwyth	0788 068 3861
June 12th – 14th	Royal Three Counties Show	01684 584900
July 1st – 2nd	Royal Norfolk Show "NATIONAL SHOW"	01603 748931
July 3rd – 5th	Royal Lancashire	01254 814712
July 3rd – 4th	Omagh N Ireland	02882 242500
July 4th	Monmouthshire County Show	01291 691160
July 14th – 16th	Great Yorkshire Show	01432 546155
July 18th	Castlewellan N Ireland	0284 0638087
July 18th	Penrith	01228 593595
July 20th – 22nd	Royal Welsh	01982 554403
July 24th – 26th	Border Union Show Kelso	01573 224188
July 25th	County Antrim	07899 746542
July 26th	Aldborough & Boroughbridge	07702 104033
July 28th	Rydale	07984 939701
Aug 1st	Brecon	01559 370529
Aug 1st	Tenbury	01584 810818
Aug 1st	Oswestry	01691 654875

Aug 1st	Dumfries	01461 201199
Aug 6th	Burwarton	01746 787535
Aug 6th	Honiton	01404 41794
Aug 8th	Eglwysbach	01492 580351
Aug 9th	Ripley	07519 585475
Aug 11th - 12th	Anglesey	01407 720072
Aug 12th	Danby	077183077183
Aug 18th – 20th	Pembrokeshire County Show	01437 764331
Aug 20th	Flint & Denbigh	01352 712131
Aug 20th	Leicester County	07748 905306
Aug 26st	Egton	01947 811143
Aug 26th	Merioneth	07786 081392
Aug 28th	Berriew	01686 640262
Aug 31st	Farndale	01751 430885
Sept 10th	Westmorland Show	015395 67804
Sept 12th	Kington	01432 850444
Sept 19th – 20th	Royal Berkshire	01635 247111
Nov 30th – 1stDec	RWAS Winter Fair	01982 553683

