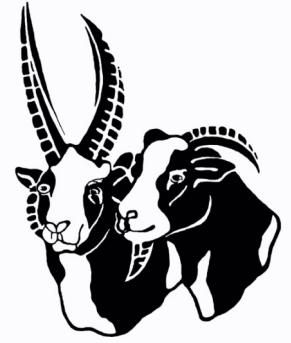


JACOB SHEEP SOCIETY

SOUTH WEST REGION NEWSLETTER



South West Region Introduction

Dear South West Member

I do hope that those that attended the "Lambing Live Day" in January have managed to put some of the information to good use by now? I want to thank all the Slee family for allowing this to happen on their farm in North Devon, and looking after us all so well, and to Chris and Charlotte demonstrating various skills. Also a big thank you to their vet Liz, who we remembered from her previous excellent ram assessment talk.

Our planned **Open Day on May 12th** (details enclosed) is now to be at Peter Gorrings's farm at Bere Ferrers. Julia Staughton has had to postpone the Open Day at her farm near Liskeard, until next year, owing to an operation the same week, so we all wish her well and a speedy recovery. Peter has 13 ewes lambing this year and has kept quite a few of last year's lambs too for us all to look at, and we have a full day planned. Please do fill in your application forms asap.

News

Secretary You will see in the Right Hand Side column that Sarah Weaver has very kindly volunteered to be the Secretary for the SW Region, and undertake the minutes of our meetings, so we are all very grateful to her for agreeing to do that.

New SW Members. It is wonderful that we continue to attract new members and I look forward to meeting you all and I hope you will come to some of our events this year. Since the last news letter in November the following

The **SW Jacob Show & Sale** this year will be on September 26th at the RBST Sale at Sedgemoor Market so do keep that date free in your diary. Sue Blacker of the Natural Fibre Company is very kindly sponsoring both the Jacob Breed Champion and Reserve and Wool on the Hoof Champion and Reserve, and even judging the Wool on the Hoof classes and Fleece Competition herself, so please keep your best fleeces to compete for the SW Wool Cup.

SW Breed Promotion will have the stand at **Devon County** (May 16, 17,18) and **The Royal Bath & West Show** (29th May-1st June) , so please go and talk to Vicki, Chris and Charlotte there. I will also be there on the first day of each show, so look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new members. The stand and some of Chris Slee's sheep will be at the **NSA SW Open Day** on June 11th, near South Molton. Do try and go to that as you will find it a fascinating day. Please come and make yourselves known! AG

new members have joined the JSS: Mr Alexander Darwall with the Sandridge Flock No 4958 from Ivybridge, Mrs S Thompson with Rookleigh Flock No 4960 from Tiverton and Mr J Hooper with Great Fir Flock No 4965 from Ottery St Mary, Devon.

Website Chris Slee has been asked to help the JSS with their website in future. He also looks after the SW Facebook page. I hope to keep the SW Regional page updated, and you can download copies of entry forms there.

March 2013

Regional

Council Member:

Angela Gilbert
01803 872112
gilbertam@gmail.com

Regional Committee

Secretary :

Sarah Weaver
01258 840884
richard-weaver1953@btinternet.com

Treasurer:

Vacant

Breed Promotion

Vicki Hammond
01363 84829
hammond.keymelford@gmail.com

Breed Promotion

Charlotte Slee
01237 451269
info@halsburybarton.co.uk

Breed Promotion

Christopher Slee
01237 451269
info@halsburybarton.co.uk

Field Officer

Anna Milner
01258 840373
annamilner@waitrose.com

Ram Register

Peter Hunt
01647 440322
peter@beesindevon.co.uk

Committee Members

Roy Tucker
01822 860213
susan@exeter.anglican.org

Regional Council Member
&
Editor of the SW Newsletter

Mrs Angela Gilbert
Compton Castle
Marldon, Paignton,
Devon, TQ3 1TA

Jacob Sheep Society

secretary@jacobsheep.org.uk
Grassroots System Ltd
Tel. No. 0300 111 0003

Jacob Sheep Society Website:

www.jacobsheepsociety.co.uk



Chris Slee demonstrating tubing a lamb at the Lambing Live Day. John Slee looking on!



Lambing Live Day. Vet Liz explaining about lamb mal presentations.

News (cont)

Good luck to all members who are showing at Devon County and Royal Bath & West and also to all newer members who are hoping to have a go at smaller shows this year.

Please all take your cameras with you and take lots of photos for the photo competition at the Regional AGM. We do need these photos for Breed Promotion each year!

National AGM in April. Hope to see you there!

National Field Officer Jean Blacknell will be retiring from this position at the National AGM after many years. Please do use your vote in voting for your preferred new candidate, whom we will hope to see during this year in the South West Region.

NEW Wool Directory. Any member with an email address or website can now advertise Jacob wool goods on the Breed Promotion Page of the JSS website as a listing. Please get in touch with Chris Slee.

NEW Meat Directory. As above, please contact Chris if you have Jacob meat for sale and would like to have your contact details added to the listing on the Breed Promotion page of the JSS website.

STOP PRESS: The Open Day at Julian Newth's farm is just being organized. He is very kindly arranging for some lamb grading instruction in the morning and butchery instruction of a lamb in the afternoon, or you may try stock judging pigs! He will have 6 week old piglets, has show pigs, runs a pig business and also runs sheep with a small flock of Jacob sheep.

Future Dates Summary & Requests

- Open Day** at Peter Gorrings's Shutecombe Flock (4805)
Sunday May 12th 2013
Barn Cottage, Hensbury Lane,
Bere Ferrers, PL20 7LA
£7 to include lunch & glass of wine
(Children 1/2 price)
- Open Day** at Julian Newth's Prestcombe Flock (3608)
Sunday August 18th 2013
Manor Farm, Prestleigh, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4NJ
(Opposite Bath & West Showground)
£7 to include hog roast & glass of wine
(Children 1/2 price)
- NSA Sheep SW Open Day**
11th June 2013
Moortown Barton, Knowstone,
S. Molton, Devon, EX36 4RZ
- Show & Sale of Jacobs (RBST)**
Sedgemoor Auction Centre,
N. Petherton, Bridgwater, TA6 6DF .
Thursday 26th September 2013
- SW Regional AGM**
Sunday October 20th 2013
Old Feniton Village Hall, Nr Honiton,
EX14 3BG £7.00 includes lunch & glass of wine. (Children 1/2 price)

5. Notices & Requests

A. Photos. Please could you send in lots of good quality photos for the website and news letter!

B. If your e-mail address has changed recently please can you give me the updated version.

C. If you no longer keep Jacob sheep please let me know (re updating regional county maps)



Lambing Live Day. Vet Liz explains how the lambs are positioned in the ewe's uterus.