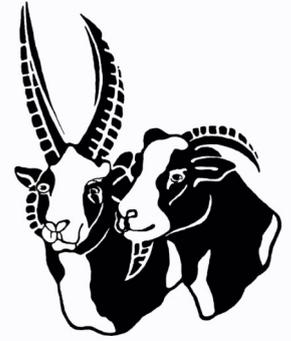


JACOB SHEEP SOCIETY



SOUTH WEST REGION NEWSLETTER

South West Region Introduction

Dear South West Member

Firstly I want to thank Vicki Hammond, who will be running Breed Promotion for the Region, and also Chris and Charlotte Slee who will be helping her. They will be manning the stand at the main shows, so do go and make yourselves known to them.

It was lovely to see many of you at the Two Open Days in May and July this year and also at the Regional AGM at Sowton. I would like to thank all those who kindly brought food to the latter. (see the JSS website regional page for up to date news and photographs). Please can you put **July 1st** in your diaries now for the Open day next year near Newton Abbot.

We have seen five new members joining the JSS recently so I would particularly like to welcome them. They are

News

The Fortescue Cup. This is awarded to a Young member or failing that a new breeder for dedication to Jacob sheep and this year James Barlow from Simonsbath must be congratulated for winning this.

Registrations of Jacob sheep: Following the Council meeting on November 3rd the cost of registering ewe lambs will be going up by £1 to £4 and ram lambs by £2 to £12. This is the first increase for about 10 years. In future individual JSS flock numbers will be re-introduced in the eartag recording on the pedigree certificates and also in the flock book, as you all wanted. The individual recorded number will mirror the UK individual num-

ber, to avoid confusion with animals having two individual numbers.

Mr & Mrs Tucker from Totnes, Mr & Mrs Greenhalf from Crediton, Mrs Brooker from Yeovil, Mr Young from Swanage and in November, Mrs Coate from Cullompton.

I attended a Wool Culture Forum on Dartmoor in November. There were some interesting talks especially one by a Norwegian, Lise Hauge who set up a very successful felting business using unwanted low grade fleece wool. Amongst those attending were wool producers, wool users and three Jacob breeders! Good advertising for Jacobs. If any of you have e-mail addresses, or have recently changed them, please can you let me know.

I hope you all have a marvellous Christmas and lambing goes well for those that lamb in the early New Year. AG

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JSS Wool Cup: Please do enter this, the Region needs three entries for a Regional Entry and individuals can also enter. Anna Milner can give you more details.

Appendix ewes. Anyone with unregistered ewes now has the chance to upgrade these, following photographs to Jean Blacknell, JSS Field Officer and then inspection by a Regional judge. This means their lambs can also be registered into the Appendix by their breeders without further inspection. Full details will follow from the JSS

Regional AGM: Many thanks to all who attended this. There was lively

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**Winning photo of a ram lamb
by Chris Slee to be used for
a pull up banner for the SW
Region.**



**James Barlow receiving the
Fortescue Cup at the AGM.**

News (cont)

discussion and the meeting was attended by the JSS Chairman, Gareth Jones. We had a good light hearted but informative talk by Graham Ragg, Mole Valley agronomist after lunch. He told most of us we did not need an expensive certificate as we were probably born after a certain date! Mari-gold gloves were not suitable for spraying purposes, and disposable boiler suits should be worn. The photographic competition was won by Chris Slee and he also he won the runner up prize, so well done. His photo may be used for a pull-up banner being designed. Roy Tucker's Christmas Nativity photo of lambs was Highly Commended.

Regional Show Results

Full results will be in the next Journal, accompanying this news letter. Please do let me or Breed Promotion committee members have the results from the local shows, so I can keep up to date. The main success was the shearing ewe Interbreed Champion at Honiton Show bred by Mary & David Biggs, being unbeaten all summer....brilliant!

Future Dates and Requests

1. SW Open Day on July 1st 2012

This will be at Judy Bell's farm at Coffinswell. Janet East has agreed to give a sheep dog demonstration and we have a felt making demonstration by an expert and also hope to have a demonstration of clipping sheep for show.

2. Young Handlers Competition

We are hoping to hold one of these next year (2012) for members, member's children or grandchildren under 12 years of age. Anyone slightly older could still apply. We need at least 5 to run this, so please let me know if you are interested

3. Flock Competition

This will happen on the w/e of **September 22/23rd 2012**

Please put this date in your diary. The committee will be discussing the exact timetable when we know who has entered. The judges will be John Fozzard from

East Yorkshire and David Tuffney from Nottingham. They will be asked to be sympathetic, especially with new breeders and those of a nervous disposition! The likely entry fee will be £15 per flock, as we must cover all the costs within the region. This is a great way to get your flock assessed by a judge from out of the region, so I do hope masses of you will enter. It can also be very helpful to have your sheep compared with others in the region.

There will be **entry forms** going out with the Spring Journal for this and the Open day and also A Young Handlers competition, which will be held subject to enough entries.

4. SW Region Treasurer still needed! If you are a new member and could handle this please do get in touch. It is not an onerous appointment, and does not require a huge amount of time!

5. The RCM could do with a Regional Secretary Please!! (no minutes required)