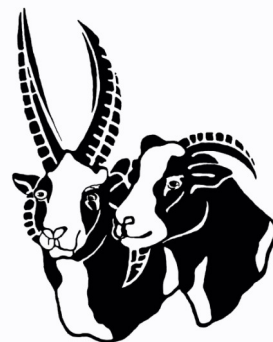


JACOB SHEEP SOCIETY

SOUTH WEST REGION NEWSLETTER



South West Region Introduction

Dear South West Member

Those who entered the Flock Competition had some very good advice from Dave Tuffney and John Fozzard, and we hope this will help some members improve their flocks. It was really kind of them to come all the way from Yorkshire and Nottingham to undertake this. (Full Results on website)

The Jacob Sale went well with some good prices and excellent stock, and thanks particularly to Chris Slee for liaising with the auctioneers. Next year we will have an official Jacob judge and inspection. If you have not been before, do come to this next year! Sedgemoor is a very good and extremely conveniently situated venue & could become part of the SW calendar!

It was great that so many members came to the AGM this year. We heard some excellent talks from both Diana Willoughby who attended NSA meetings on our behalf and also from Val Grainger who spoke in the afternoon about getting better value from our

wool and skins. Many thanks to both of them and to all those members who produced food and/or raffle prizes and especially to all the unsung heroes who spent hours washing up and clearing up in the background!

I am enclosing a form for a "Lambing Live Information Day" being held on January 20th 2013 at the Slees' farm in North Devon. Their vet will kindly attend as well to answer your questions for an hour. Some ewes, not necessarily Jacobs, should be lambing on that day, so newer members & older ones, should find this particularly helpful.

An Open Day will be held on May 12th near Liskeard at Julia Staughton's flock and details will be in the next news letter. Her ram was judged best in the flock competition, so we look forward to seeing him. Please do keep that date free in your new diary!

Hope to see and meet new members at the Lambing Live Day, and good luck to everyone lambing early in January.

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News

Flock Competition. Congratulations to Vicki Hammond who won the Small and Overall Flock & to Julian Newth for winning the Large Flock and Best Pen of Ewe Lambs & to Julia Staughton who won Best Ram. Both Young members who entered were congratulated. James Barlow won a new South West Region Shield for the Best Novice Flock, and Bethan Keenor's flock, currently being partly upgraded from unregistered, was highly commended. Mathew Wilcox won the Promising

Young Member's Fortescue Cup, well done all. The photo competition, was won this year again by Chris Slee, with Vicki Hammond as runner up! Some other photos were really nice, but not sharp enough. Perhaps they were taken using a mobile phone? Please next time do go out with your cameras!

Good news! Flock numbers will now be printed on all Pedigree Certificates issued by Grassroots in future. Also flock numbers will be shown in all future Shows & Sales catalogues.

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Mathew Willcocks receiving the Fortescue Cup from Anna Milner



Winning photo by Chris Slee



**Julian Newth & Vicki Hammond
Winners of the large and small
flocks in the flock competition.**

News (cont)

Many members are now on e-mail, so hopefully have been able to access the JSS website and regional page too. There you will find details and photographs of events we have organized and also any future events with copies of the Entry Forms for those that have mislaid the posted ones!

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

All the results of one day shows are now on the website, and those that had more than 3 entrants will also be in the Jacob Journal.

We have had 4 new members in the SW region since the last newsletter in August: Mrs Tracy Ford with her Hudgell Flock (no. 4935) from High Bickington, Umlerleigh, Mrs J Willcocks with her Love Lane Flock (no. 4942) from Bickington, Newton Abbot; and Mrs Heathcote with her Whitestone flock (no. 4943) from Whitestone, Exeter. Now also Kerry Morish with Kez-mor Flock (4946) from Cheriton Bishop. A big welcome to all & hope we will see you at some of the events we organize for members in the region.

The One Day Show Quick Round Up.

David & Mary Biggs ewe won Interbreed Champion for the second year running, this year being Melplash Show, well done indeed. They also won Breed Champion at Honiton. Chris & Charlotte Slee won Champion & Reserve Breed Champion at Okehampton, Woolsery and Mid Devon, and Reserve Breed Champion at Honiton Show. John & Anna Milner won Champion and Reserve at Gillingham & Shaftesbury and Reserve Breed Champion at Melplash. Chris Fisher won Breed Champion at Totnes and James Shinner won Reserve Breed Champion at Totnes. Congratulations to all. NB. Next Year's Show Dates for SW are at the bottom of the SW Regional Page of the JSS website! I can e-mail this on request to members.

Future Dates Summary & Requests

- Lambing Live Information Day**
at The Slees' Halsbury flock (4204)
Sunday January 20th 2013
Halsbury Barton, Buckland Brewer,
Bideford, Devon EX39 5EN
£3pp Please bring your own picnic and
warm clothes, boots & folding chairs!
- Open Day** at
Julia Staughton's Tooma Flock (3526)
May 12th 2013
Bodithiel Farm, Middle Taphouse,
Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 4NF
£7 to include lunch
- Sale of Jacobs at Sedgemoor**
Sedgemoor Auction Centre,
N. Petherton,
Bridgwater, TA6 6DF.
(Date TBA) September 2013
- SW Regional AGM (TBC)**
Sunday October 20th 2013
Old Feniton Village Hall, Nr Honiton,
EX14 3BG £7.00 for lunch.
- Notices & Requests**
**a Please keep me updated regarding
your contact details for the outline
county maps** showing SW flocks. Flock
name/ Tel.nos./post codes needed. This
year these maps will be distributed to
potential members at Devon County,
Bath & West, FibreFest and the NSA
SW Day. These help new or potential
members get in touch and/ or buy stock
locally and will be updated in February
each year.
b Have you all filled in and returned
your Grassroots forms? In future, filling
in registration forms online will be easier
once this is done initially! Permission
form is needed for the new handbook.
c Diary date: **NSA Sheep SW 11.06.13**
Moortown Barton, Knowstone, S. Molton