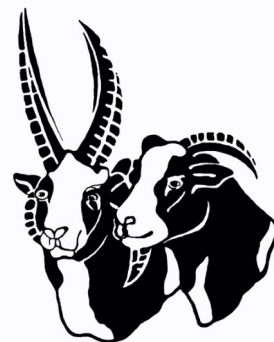


# JACOB SHEEP SOCIETY

## SOUTH WEST REGION NEWSLETTER



### South West Region Introduction

#### Dear South West Member

What an unprecedented summer we have had with three shows cancelled in the region and two others postponed! If you have been disappointed, please do enter the Flock Assessment and Competition now....the deadline is as you receive this, so do please e-mail me and fill in the attached form.

Over 35 filled in the SW Jacob Sale Questionnaire positively, so SW members should have received an entry form from the Sedgemoor Market at Bridgwater. This unofficial sale is on September 13th and is run by the RBST so do come along! The Breed Promotion Team will be there with the SW stand and there will be advice available for any buyers, if required.

I am also attaching an entry form for the **SW AGM** to be held at Old Feniton

### News

**Ivor Coates**, a long standing member & judge has recently been very ill and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

**Show Results.** Chris Slee has started a **SW Facebook** page so do send him results from any local shows!

**The Open Day** held at the Allerbrook flock on July 1st was enjoyed by all. Our thanks go to our hosts, Judy & Cyrena Bell for making this such a good day. Their friend, the felt expert, Gerda Hatton-Ellis gave a wonderful demonstration. Geoff Connabeer hand sheared a sheep and Pete Boyne & Chris Slee prepared a lamb for show for the benefit of newer members. The SW Wool Cup, judged by Sandi Gilbert

Village Hall on October 21st. There is a train station at Feniton, so if anyone wants to come by train please let me know and we will try and organize a lift from/to the station (about 1 mile). Val Grainger who was to have spoken at an SW Open day last year and used to run "The Woolly Shepherd" will give a talk and can advise members on co-operative schemes. This will complete our "wool" based theme this year! We will again be running a photo competition at the AGM, as we always need up to date high quality photographs for Breed Promotion.

Next year we are hoping to organise an Open Day just inside Cornwall in the Spring and another at Powderham in late September, more details will be in the next news letter.

Many thanks to committee members & others who helped at the Open Day. AG

was won by Angela Gilbert, with Lisa Adams a close 2nd & Jeanette Conna-beer 3rd.

We have had 5 new members in the SW region since the last newsletter: Mrs Sarah Throgmorton & young William from Totnes; Young Member, Miss Bethany Osborne from Bude; James Stephens from Taunton, Mr & Mrs Partridge from Dawlish and Mrs Dickens from Wells. Jane Moor has re-joined & Kate Steed (Flock 4628) has moved into the region. A big welcome to you all and I hope to see you all either at the Sale on September 13th or at the AGM on October 21st. Some newer members were also at the Young Handler's Day.

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Royal Bath & West Winners



Devon County Winners



Royal Cornwall Winners

## News (cont)

**Axminster Carpets** are no longer accepting Jacob fleece wool, but there are a few other contacts, at least in Devon. If you have good quality hand spinners fleeces for sale you could try: [devonguildofwsd.live.co.uk](http://devonguildofwsd.live.co.uk) Or: <http://www.wooldirectory.org.uk/>

**Young Handlers Day August 12th** This was held at Mary & David Biggs Dalewode Flock near Axminster. Our huge thanks go to them for halter training sheep and hosting this event. 13 Youngsters aged 14 down to 4 attended and we now hope to see them competing in the shows. A full report will be on the SW page of the JSS website and in the next journal.

**The Regional Breed Promotion Stand won prizes at all the Big Shows** so the team are to be congratulated. They will also be at The Sedgemoor Sale, (see below) so please do go and make yourselves known to those manning the stand there.

**Ram Register.** Ram for hire or require a ram for hire? Please contact Peter Hunt who operates a list of requests.

## The Main Show Results

Chris and Charlotte Slee are to be congratulated for their successes at Devon County (The Points Cup); Also the Reserve Breed Champion at The Royal Bath & West and the Breed Champion & Reserve Breed Champion at Royal Cornwall Show! David & Mary Biggs won The Breed Champion & Reserve Breed Champion at Devon County and John & Anna Milner won the Breed Champion at The Royal Bath & West Show. Well done to all! Full results will be in the Journal and are on the JSS SW Facebook Page.

## Future Dates Summary & Requests

- 1. SW Sale of Jacob Sheep  
Unofficial & in league with RBST  
September 13th 2012** Sedgemoor Auction Centre, North Petherton, Bridgewater TA6 6DF .
- 2. W/e 22nd September 2012  
Flock Assessment/ Competition.**  
Entry Fee £15 per Flock
- 3. SW Regional AGM  
October 21st 2012**  
Village Hall, Old Feniton Nr Honiton, EX14 3BG  
£7.00 includes lunch.

**4. Notices & Requests**  
**a. The outline county maps** showing SW flocks have been popular at the Large Shows. These help new or potential members get in touch and/ or buy stock locally. This will be updated once a year in February.

**b. Minutes Secretary** We would like to thank Nicky Cardew for all her help in the last year, and before that as secretary. Having moved & sold her Jacob

flock, she will now spend more time in her garden. If anyone else is willing to do minutes, please do get in touch. If you have a computer & e-mail and can use Word that would be ideal! Additionally if anyone would like to try their hand at being the **Regional Secretary** or **Treasurer** please let me know. Neither post requires a huge amount of time.

**c. If your email address has changed since the last news letter please can you notify me asap. Thank you.**

**d. Photos needed. Please** do bring some to the AGM for a Photo competition! Nice up to date close ups of good sheep or picturesque flock ones for the boards are needed each year.



Stock Rams at the SW Open Day