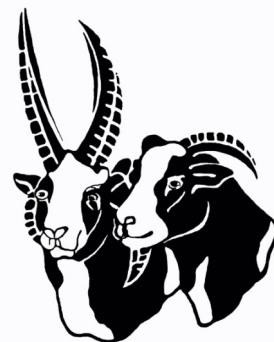


JACOB SHEEP SOCIETY



SOUTH WEST REGION NEWSLETTER

South West Region Introduction

Dear South West Member

Many of you that are on e-mail or have access to the internet and the JSS website may know that I have now taken over from Anna Milner as Regional Council member. I would like to officially thank Anna on behalf of you all. Anna took on the role in late 2009 and has represented your interests well.

Please do contact me if you need any information and I will do my best to help. E-mail is usually easier than telephone, (please send me your e-mail address) We do have an answer phone!

I now seem to judge more than show

sheep, so I hope all members, especially new members, even those who do not currently show sheep, will join in the informative and fun Open Days that the Region holds.

If you have lost or mislaid your form for the **Open Day on July 17th** you could go to the JSS website and print another from the SW Regional Page. There will be a ram assessment session from a vet and Jean Blacknell, Field Officer will be present to give a talk in the afternoon, followed by sheep racing! The Slee family are kindly hosting this event.

I look forward to seeing you there or at some of the shows or at our local AGM on October 23rd. AG

News

Flock Book 2010 lambs

Following the discovery of errors in the above, I have been asked by the JSS Chairman, Gareth Jones, to tell you that the Flock book errors will be re-done as a project. A temporary errata has been sent out by e-mail to all who ordered the flock book. Additionally there is to be consultation regarding the JSS recording of eartags. It is hoped that individual JSS flock numbers within ear-tags, which many of you requested, will be re-instated.

Wool Cup: Many congratulations to Vicky Hammond, who received Highly Commended for her individual entry on show at the AGM in Cumbria in April.

S.W Region Open Day in May. It was good to see many members at this

event, which was kindly hosted by Sasha & Simon Schwerdt in Somerset. We had an extremely interesting farm walk, and delicious home cooked food. After lunch Peter Hunt gave a good talk about intrepid bee keeping, following a talk from Sasha about the use of flowers in cooking, and a lively question and answer session on EID ear-tagging, lambs collars & fly traps!.

NSA Sheep South West. On 14th June the SW region took space at this event near Paignton. We were grateful to Anna Milner who brought and helped set up the stand & man the display. 2 Jacob Shearling ewes from the nearby Compton flock were on show. Judy Bell kindly helped on the day. Thousands of members of the public attended and it proved a big success, with a lot of interest shown in the Jacobs & the stand.

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Devon County Show: From left:
Champion & Reserve Breed Cham-
pions: See results above right.

News (cont)

Please see attached details for the AGM at Sowton Village Hall on 23rd October.

Regional Show Results to date!

Full results will be in the next Journal. Congratulations to the following:

Devon County Show: Breed Champion, & Female Champion: David & Mary Biggs' Shearling ewe; Male Champion & Reserve Breed Champion: Charlotte Slee's Senior Ram. Wool on the Hoof: 1st: Pearl Chaffe's ewe.

Royal Bath & West Show: Breed Champion: Jerry Strong's Ram; Reserve Breed Champion: John & Anna Milner's shearling ewe.

Royal Cornwall: Breed Champion: David & Mary Biggs' Shearling ewe. Reserve Breed Champion: Charlotte Slee's Senior Ram.

Future Dates and Requests

SW Open Day at the Sles Farm nr Bideford. July 17th All welcome. Do send in your forms now!

Photographs Needed. We will be having a photo competition **at the AGM** as we always need up to date sharp photographs for the stand. This goes to shows and advertises our sheep. Close ups of Individual sheep, groups or landscape pictures, or photos taken at Shows. Anything will be considered!

Photographs of good quality need to be printed out and show good examples of our lovely breed of sheep. (more details next Journal)

We also need some photos for the website and news letter, please send by e-mail (1MB)

1. SW Region Treasurer

If anyone knows of someone who could take this on please can you let me know? It is not an onerous appointment, and does not require a huge amount of time!

2. Regional Breed Promotion.

Jackie Williams, who has been doing a fantastic job at this for

several years would like **someone OR several members** to take over from her from October. It requires going to the main shows (3) in the SW and setting up a stand (supplied). Free entry tickets (2 per day) are issued and travel costs are claimable. Please do get in touch with me or Jackie if you are interested. It would be sensible to have at least 3 members who live relatively near these show grounds. I will bring a rota calendar for 2012 to the AGM and hopefully it will be filled! The Shows are Bath & West, Devon County and an NSA Sheep SW day, all to be confirmed annually by Breed Promotion Chairman, Janet East.

3. We also need a Regional Secretary from Oct 23rd, (no minutes!)

Regional SW AGM:
October 23rd 2011 Sowton Village Hall, Nr Exeter (**see attachment**)

A small thatched village hall, with parking in an well drained field nearby. Only 6 spaces outside the village hall. A speaker has agreed to talk about "Specific weed killing & safety measures" in the afternoon. Max 50 attendees.