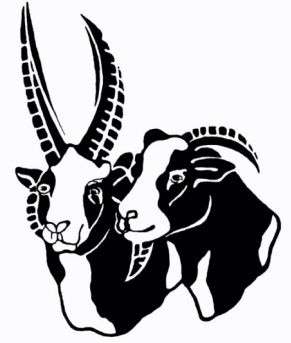


JACOB SHEEP SOCIETY



SOUTH WEST REGION NEWSLETTER

South West Region Introduction

Dear South West Member

I hope all those that lamb early have had a good lambing this year.

Please do support the Bi-Annual Flock Competition September 22/23 even if you do not show your sheep.

This is a good opportunity to have your sheep assessed by 2 panel judges from outside the region, who have been asked to be sympathetic to new members. If you use a ram and he is not present on your holding you will need to show the judges a pedigree certificate of the ram you have already used or will be borrowing.

We spoke at the Regional AGM about the possibility of having a Regional Sale or Show and Sale for our Jacob sheep. I am including a questionnaire which please post or e-mail back by return to check the level of support. JSS Council has agreed to an unofficial "Sale Only" this year and if successful a "JSS Show & Sale" in the

News

JSS Wool Cup: Please enter! The Region needs three entries for a Regional Entry and individuals can also enter. Anna Milner has all details.

The SW Breed Promotion committee now have a very smart new Pull-Up Banner to display at any venue under cover. This banner used the winning photo of a ram lamb by Chris Slee, from the regional AGM competition, see last news letter ...now enlarged to 2 metres high!

We would like to welcome The Eastern Regional Council member, Lisa Adams

future. The regional committee looked at all the options and the general consensus was that the Sedgemoor Market just off Exit 24 of the M5 may get the best exposure for our sheep.

There are now several young members within the region so we will be holding the **JSS Young Handlers Day** this summer on August 12th at Payhembury, Nr Exeter subject to there being enough interested (at least 5) This should be a fun day out, and is open to member's children and grandchildren as well as young members from all regions, all of whom can bring a friend... Please see entry form for more details.

I am hoping to see many of you at the **Regional Open Day** near Newton Abbot on July 1st. A form is attached.

Please do have a look at the Regional Page of the JSS website for some more updates and attached forms also available online. Many thanks AG

moving into our area in April to work as shepherd for a tenant farmer on the Powderham Castle Estate... and naturally bringing her flock of Jacobs too!

We have had 9 new SW members since July. Since the last newsletter: Mrs Lesley Semenenko from near Truro (Lesley Holmes, the artist designed the JSS Christmas card in the past). Also a new young member, Miss Keenor from near Crediton, Mrs Holman from Bovey Tracey, Mr S Cornish from Penzance; A big welcome to you all to our region and we hope to see you all on July 1st.

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**Pictures from the lambing
shed at Furzdown Flock
January 2012**



News (cont)

The Regional Breed Promotion Stand will be at Devon County, Royal Bath & West and Royal Cornwall, the latter in a separate area reserved for Breed Societies) Please do go and make yourselves known to the team manning the stands at these shows.

Ram Register. If you have a ram for hire or require a ram for hire please get in touch with Peter Hunt who has a regional list. Rams for sale can go on www.farmingads.co.uk with a disclaimer for accuracy from the JSS who will not be manning ads on this website and will not be hosting ram advertisements from members on the JSS website in future.

NSA Diana Willoughby has agreed to be the JSS member attending NSA meetings. She will be reporting back to the Region.

FibreFest will not take place at Bicton this year.

Regional Show Results

It was stated in the recent Council meeting that all regional shows that have 3 or more competitors (not entries) will now have the results published in the Journal, contrary to an earlier ruling that only the larger shows would be featured. Hopefully all judges will forward the results of any shows they judge to make sure this happens.

Future Dates Summary & Requests

1. Open Day July 1st 2012

Flock Visit Near Newton Abbot by kind permission of Mrs Judy Bell. Cost £7 per adult. Children £4. Please bring your fleece (£1) for judging for the **SW Wool Cup**.

2. Young Handler's Day, Sunday August 12th 2012

at Payhembury, Nr Honiton by kind permission of Edward & Janet East. Cost £3 per child. Accompanying adults essential and free.

Please bring a picnic & also a folding chair if you have one.

3. SW Sale of Jacob Sheep (TBC). September 13th 2012

Sedgemoor Auction Centre.

4. W/e 22nd September 2012 Flock Assessment/ Competition.

Entry Fee £15 per Flock

5. SW Regional AGM October 21st 2012. (Venue TBC)

Notices & Requests

Map: We are planning to put an outline A4 map showing SW flocks & on the back, flock names only &

tel nos. This sheet to be include inside handout leaflets. If you would rather not be included please can you make contact. The map would help new or potential members get in touch and/ or buy stock locally.

If anyone would like to try their hand at being the **Regional Secretary** or Treasurer please do get in touch.

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

Photos needed. Please do send me any good quality up to date photos with captions by e-mail for news letters and the website. Many thanks.
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