



CHAROLLAIS SHEEP SOCIETY

Bulletin

5th January 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our best wishes to all members for a successful 2021. We have started off with a lockdown, but fingers crossed with the rolling out of the vaccination programme, as the year progresses things will get back more to normal. We will keep you updated with news on events, shows and sales as they come in. A number of shows have altered their dates in hope that they will be able to continue and NSA is still positive on the outcome for their days around the country.

CHAROLLAIS OFFICE

The torrential rain that fell just before Christmas had a disastrous outcome at the Charollais offices and Crogham House - we were flooded. Two feet of water cascaded through the buildings. The consequence is that 2 of the offices were deluged and are now undergoing drying out and sanitisation. So please bear with us, we are still open and working but there will be disruptions as restoration work is carried out. Elaine will be working from home, but Carroll, Wendy and Liz will be in the office as per normal.

Hope no one else suffered the same problems.

FUN QUIZ FOR ALL

An invitation from Amy Pedrick and the South West Region.

“The South West Region would like to invite you to join in with a Quiz v our region. We have undertaken quizzes since the first lockdown nearly 12 months ago and they are by no means a serious affair-more a chance for people to say hello and have a chat. The quiz will take place on **Wednesday 17th February at 7.30pm**. Please can you let either Amy or Amelia know if you wish to join in so we can send you a link.”

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CHAROLLAIS SOCIAL MEDIA

New year, new ideas - we will soon be putting together a Social Media strategy for 2021. It would be great if you could let us know (either direct to Carroll or to your regional chairman) what you like to see on Facebook and Instagram, what new features we could push, what you have really liked in the past. Looking at the figures on Facebook; sale images and reports are the most viewed and create the highest engagement from viewers.

This year we want to use social media to contact more commercial farmers (potential customers) - any bright ideas and thoughts you have to help us reach these groups would be great.

Don't forget to let us have images that we can use - either tag CarrollBarber or email them to the office. Some ewes and lambs outside would be perfect.

Council is holding a meeting on Sunday 17th January.

REGISTRATIONS

The first registrations have started coming in. All those early December lambs will be due for birth notification by the end of January. It is worth checking your listing to see all ewes that lambed are in your flock. Also check that rams have been upgraded. Log on to Grassroots and then under Animal Search enter just your flock letters and F under Sex; this will then bring up a list of all the females. Click on the Breeder Column to get the list sorted into your flock. You will see that the notified animals are highlighted in grey, so you can check if any require upgrading. Do the same but inserting M in the Sex box to check the rams.

If you are new to Grassroots, remember there is a guide on our website and please do call the office if you need some further help.