

CHAROLLAIS TIMES



December 2021



Great sale season for the breed, finishing with record-breakers



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Please do use the correct identification method for all your lambs. Some breeders continue to use alternative methods when their lambs are first born, but this just leads to queries, delays and mistakes later in the year. Use the proper 5 digit number and then it is plain sailing!

**CHAROLLAIS
 LAMBING BOOK**



Name : _____
 Flock Name : _____
 Flock Reference : _____
 Year/s : _____
 Grassroots Password : _____

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Line up at Bulth Main Sale

Geoff Biddulph judging at the Great Yorkshire Show

Champion presentation at Dungannon Premier Sale

Progeny Group winners at Worcester Premier Sale

We are announcing a whole range of exciting and new changes to our publicity, marketing and social media coverage. Our aim is to create a strong brand identity with clear and impactful messaging, but more importantly create one that is consistent across every area of Society interaction and coverage.

MODERNISE - the current brand image
EMPHASISE - the breed characteristics
STRENGTHEN - the breed position
GROW - the commercial use of the breed
MAINTAIN - consistency of all of the above

WEBSITE

A new site will be launched in early January.

PUBLICATIONS

Details of a new format for our publications; Year Book, Charollais Times, Farmers Stories will be released to members in early January

EVENTS

New graphics, new team for the promotional events

LIVE STREAMING

More live streaming of shows and sales

SALES COVERAGE

Consistent coverage pre and post sale; social media and press

REGIONAL PROMOTION

Special focus on the regions in publications and social media

Council are really enthusiastic about these changes and keen to invest Society funds in an exciting and comprehensive marketing strategy.

Full details to all members will be circulated early in the New Year - so keep a look out for details.

The Council met by Zoom meeting on the 23rd November to review the year and put in plans for 2021.

FINANCES

F&GP committee had met prior to the Council meeting to look at the management figures for the period ended 31/10/2021. They reported that the finances were in a good state; this was through a combination of frugal budgeting and costs stripped back due to the exceptional circumstances of covid restrictions. This would mean that the Society will have adequate funds for expanding activity and promotion over the next few years.

SALES 2021

The meeting reviewed all the sale results for the year. Average prices, clearance rates were up at most venues. The trade for sheep had been buoyant for the whole of the industry in the year. Particularly strong for Charollais was the trade for females. The number and location of female open sales was discussed, but no additional venues or changes agreed. We will ask members what their requirements might be for a pre-tupping sale of ewes. Some regions reported that Charollais had sold better than crossbred tups in the year and that trade later in the year had been particularly strong.

PREMIER SALE 2022

Meeting agreed that the Worcester Premier Sale in 2022 will take place on SATURDAY 2ND JULY. This is to avoid clashing with the Royal Highland Show and the Devon County Show.

JUDGES COMMITTEE REPORT

The meeting received the report from the Judges Committee meeting. They agreed their recommendations for judging appointments for 2022 and 2023 for major shows and sale classes.

They also agreed changes to the Judges Panel.

INSPECTION AT WORCESTER PREMIER SALE

Council agreed the recommendation for inspection at the Worcester Premier Sale as proposed by the Judges Committee.

- Inspection at the sale is an important and necessary procedure for our breed and the quality of the sheep offered for sale
- Our Breed Standard as currently written does not require any alteration and should form the basis for the inspection
- The inspection should cover all the items as set out in the Members Handbook (page 11). This includes structure of feet and/or legs.
- Good locomotion is a trait that is important for 'fitness for purpose' and one at which the Charollais breed excels and should be maintained
- BCSS should employ the services of Andrew Thomas as a veterinary officer to carry out all the inspection at the sale
- The Chief Inspector, Robert Gregory should be in attendance with Andrew Thomas to assist with communication to vendors and oversee the process
- Mr Gregory and Mr Thomas should prior to the sale agree upon the level of tolerance to be given to physical aspects of the animals. This level will be in line with previous inspections carried out at Worcester. Mr Thomas has then indicated his willingness to undertake the inspection to the level BCSS has requested.
- The decision of the inspector shall be final and binding on all vendors and BCSS will not tolerate arguments, bad behaviour or pressure from vendors

On a practical level the meeting also agreed that :

- Inspection should not take place in the pens and animals should be moved to an inspection area

- There will be no review procedure and certainly no comments of faults found to be declared by the auctioneers.

RAM LAMBS AT WORCESTER

Council discussed how best to deter breeders from overfeeding ram lambs to a very high level. Council were concerned that the system of excessive feeding is leading to structural faults and infertility issues. It was not a positive move for the breed and one which we should try to deter breeders from following. Meeting felt that weights of ram lambs has increased quite dramatically over the past years; which is either a result of early born lambs or heavy feeding regime. They considered the implementation of a maximum weight for lambs. But decided that in 2022 we will weigh all lambs to monitor this aspect and consider if a rule on maximum weight needs to be enforced in 2023.

SHOW CLASSES AT SALES

The number of classes at Built II will be cut back, due to the drop in entries and change to :

1. December Born Ram Lamb
2. January Born Ram Lamb
- No untrimmed ram lamb class
3. Signet Performance ram lamb
4. Shearling Ram
- No untrimmed shearling ram class
5. Signet Performance shearling ram

Also in the Pen classes there will NOT be any classes for untrimmed shearling ram. We will also monitor if there are any entries of Pens of 9 ram lambs and over.

At Worcester Premier Sale, there will be a ram lamb class for Young Breeders. Entries must be from a registered flock in the name of the Young Breeder. The age cut off will be 30 years and under. Animals can only be entered into one class.

COUNTY SHOWS

Council would like to urge breeders to attend their local shows in 2022. These shows are a very important shop window for our breed and your flock; so get out and enjoy the company and promote your sheep. If there are insufficient Charollais entries we will be in danger of losing our breed classes.

YOUNG BREEDERS

Council received a report from James Danforth on the activities of the Young Breeders group. They had recently organised a virtual flock competition (results right). Next year they will be involved in the visit to the Edstaston Flock during the AGM arrangements. Also the new class at Worcester Premier Sale will be held. Council agreed to draw up further guidance and structure for the group.

SCRAPIE GENOTYPING

The system of sending samples to Germany for analysis has become more complicated post Brexit. Agrobiogen the German company is aiming to organise pick up from the UK next year on a regular basis, which will smooth the delivery of samples.

Council also agreed to look into the offer from SAC for pooling samples and getting a reduced price. This method needs your veterinary surgeon to take blood samples, but does have the advantage of the results being eligible for export.

Council agreed to discuss the position with export of animals to NI and status of sales in 2022.

Also the meeting agreed to discuss further DNA sampling for stock rams at their February meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 29TH MAY 2022

We have booked the

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for the Annual General Meeting and Dinner for Sunday 29th May 2022.

We have reserved a number of bedrooms, for those who wish to stay over.

During the day we will have a Flock Visit to the Edstaston Flock of Robert and Jeanette Gregory which will include lunch and a mixture of activities.

Further details and booking forms to follow.

ROTATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Two members of Council are up for election in May 2022. David Norman (North of England) has served 3 years, so therefore is eligible for re-election.

Cecil Thomas (Central Region) will have served 2 terms of office, so therefore is not eligible for re-election.

FRENCH BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

The breeders association in France will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary in 2022. They will be holding special events at their breeders sale at the beginning of August.

Further details available on their website

www.mouton-charollais.com

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Lion Quays Resort is a truly magnificent setting for a break. In stunning Shropshire countryside, with an amazing waterside setting. Booking details shortly.



REGISTRATIONS - CHARGES AND DEADLINES

BIRTH NOTIFICATION OF CHAROLLAIS LAMBS

0 - 2 months	Over 2 months but before 30/09 in year of birth	After 1st October	0 - 2 months	Over 2 months but before 30/09 in year of birth	After 1st October
Grassroots £2.00 (£2.40 incl VAT)	Grassroots £4.00 (£4.80 incl VAT)	Grassroots £10.00 (£12.00 incl VAT)	Paper £2.50 (£3.00 incl VAT)	Paper £5.00 (£6.00 incl VAT)	Paper £12.00 (£14.40 incl VAT)

FEMALE REGISTRATIONS (previously birth notified)

	Paper submission plus card certificate	On line submission plus card certificate	On line submission plus emailed certificate
EWE LAMBS Upgraded > 12 months	£8.00 (£9.60 inc VAT)	£7.00 (£8.40 inc VAT)	£6.00 (£7.20 inc VAT)
SHEARLING EWES Upgraded > 24 months	£12.00 (£14.40 inc VAT)	£11.00 (£13.20 inc VAT)	£10.00 (12.00 inc VAT)

MALE REGISTRATIONS (previously birth notified)

RAMS

Upgraded at any time

£20.00

(£24.00 inc VAT)

Male registration is only permitted once a Scrapie Genotype result has been submitted to the Society. All genotypes are acceptable for registration, but will be logged on the record of each animal.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

We do not charge for Change of Ownership. Full pedigree registered animals purchased through an Official Society Sale, will be transferred automatically. Members should inform the Society of any private purchases. You cannot transfer animals **into** your flock on Grassroots.

REGISTRATIONS - CHARGES AND DEADLINES

GOOD VALUE FEES

Our registration fees are less expensive than other terminal sire Societies. We urge you to keep your flock fully up to date - the price of Charollais females has been outstanding this autumn. Keep up the value of your flock.

Save more by doing all your registrations on line. Use the Grassroots system for submitting all your data to the Society and get the cheapest rates. We also count data submitted on spreadsheets as an on-line submission.

We do stick to the deadlines and fee structure, as set out on the opposite page. So don't miss these - get your lambs birth notified, on line before they are 2 months of age to get the cheapest rate.

We do still accept paper submissions - many other Societies are moving to on line only. So please do get to grips with Grassroots - it is not complicated and allows you to search useful information at any time. If you need help, then call the office.

IDENTIFICATION

Numbers for your lambs born from the 1st December 2021 onwards, should follow this example :

Year Number	Flock Reference	5 digit ID number
22	ABC	00201

it is important that whenever you record a sheep ID with us or on Grassroots that you include the whole number, including the year.

You must use tags that are suitable for breeding animals - not slaughter tags.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP 2022

No increase in your membership fee.

Annual Subscription for 2022 is £55 (including £5 VAT)

Invoices will be sent out to all members early in the New Year.

REGISTRATION LETTER FOR 2022

(animals born on or after 1st December 2021)

2022 the letter for ram names is :

'A'

CHANGE IN TAGGING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORT SHEEP

The UK has changed its policy regarding ear tags for livestock exports and movements from Great Britain to the EU and Northern Ireland from 1 January.

Livestock in the UK are currently identified with "UK" ear tags in accordance with the EU's single market rules. From 1 January 2021, the rules for exports of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs to the EU have changed. Exporters from Great Britain will need to ensure their animals are identified with the ISO country code, which is "GB" for the UK. Under the Northern Ireland Protocol, movements from Great Britain to Northern Ireland will also need to meet these requirements.

- For animals which are already individually identified, apply a third (management) tag with the prefix GB followed by the animal's individual number.
- For new-born animals and lambs for export that are not yet individually identified, UK tags with a GB suffix could be applied. (You cannot put the GB suffix on all your tags, only those for export).

Exporters should also contact their ear tag suppliers to ensure that they are able to identify their animals with the correct tags from 1 January 2021.

Animals for export will also need to be accompanied with a new EU Export Health Certificate showing the correct ISO country code and signed by the Official Veterinarian for export.

For information on Northern Ireland exports to the EU, contact Daera directly for further information.

The updated guidance setting out the actions GB livestock exporters will need to take to get ready for 1st January can be viewed at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-animals-and-animal-products-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021>

SHOWS & EVENTS 2022

We are all hoping that shows and events will all be going ahead in 2022, as planned. Council at their recent meeting, discussed what presence we will have at NSA Events. So all being well with the Covid regulations, Charollais will have stands at the following important days for breed promotion.

NSA SCOT SHEEP

WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 2022 @ 9AM

Location: Over Finlarg, Tealing, Dundee

NSA Scot Sheep 2020 has now been moved to Wednesday 1st June 2022, at Over Finlarg, Tealing, where Robert and Hazel McNee have built up a profitable business since moving to the farm in 2011. NSA Scot Sheep 2022 will feature a farm tour, over 200 commercial, educational, sheep breed society, individual breeder and farmers market and craft stands, competitions, working demonstrations seminars, workshops, show and sale of pairs of ewe hogs etc.

NSA SHEEP 2022

WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY 2022

Location: Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire

The show will include a vast array of sheep farming trade stands from commercial companies, sheep breed societies and industry groups as well as offering attendees the chance to join informative seminars, workshops and demonstrations throughout the day. Competitions such as the finals of the NSA Next Generation shepherds competition, fencing and fleece competitions will go ahead with the popular sheepdog sale also returning.

MAJOR SHOWS

BALMORAL SHOW

Wednesday 11th - Saturday 14th May 2022

DEVON COUNTY SHOW

Thursday 30th June - Saturday 2nd July 2022

ROYAL BATH & WEST SHOW

Thursday 2nd - Saturday 4th June 2022

ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW

Thursday 9th June - Saturday 11th June 2022

THREE COUNTIES SHOW

Friday 17th - Sunday 19th June 2022

ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW

Thursday 23rd - Sunday 26th June 2022

GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW

Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th July 2022

ROYAL WELSH SHOW

Monday 18th - Thursday 21st July 2022



MAJOR SALE DATES 2022

WORCESTER PREMIER

Saturday 2nd July **

This may be subject to change, we will inform you all shortly

DUNGANNON EXPORT

Monday 25th July

BUILTH WELLS MAIN

Monday 19th Sept





CHAROLLAIS YOUNG BREEDERS FLOCK COMPETITION RESULTS

CLASS 1 - Female video

- 🏆 Eilidh & Erin Duncan - 17WKH00136
- 🥈 Molly & Lucy Dougherty
- 🥉 James Danforth

CLASS 2 - Female photo

- 🏆 James Danforth - Lodgehill Vanessa
- 🥈 Eilidh & Erin Duncan
- 🥉 Rachel Moore

CLASS 3 - Male video

- 🏆 Eilidh & Erin Duncan
- 🥈 Rachel Moore
- 🥉 James Danforth

CLASS 4 - Male photo

- 🏆 Eilidh & Erin Duncan - Knockin Welterweight
- 🥈 Rachel Moore
- 🥉 James Danforth

CLASS 5 - Ewe lambs

- 🏆 Rachel Moore
- 🥈 Eilidh & Erin Duncan
- 🥉 Molly & Lucy Dougherty

CLASS 6 - Shearlings and ewes

- 🏆 Eilidh & Erin Duncan
- 🥈 Rachel Moore
- 🥉 Oliver Chapman

🏆 CHAMPION INDIVIDUAL 🏆
James Danforth

🥈 RESERVE CHAMPION INDIVIDUAL 🥈
Eilidh & Erin Duncan

🥈 RESERVE CHAMPION FLOCK
Rachel Moore

🏆 CHAMPION FLOCK 🏆
Eilidh & Erin Duncan

Thank you to judges William McAllister, Tom Evans and Bex McBratney. Thank you to everyone who entered and congratulations to the winners.

The Charollais Young Breeders Group organised a 'virtual' flock competition. Flocks had to submit photographs and videos of their sheep. These were judged by top breeder, William McAllister from Northern Ireland together with 2 young breeders. Congratulations to all those who took part and to the winners. Champion Flock was the Braemuir Flock of Eilidh and Erin Duncan from Aberdeenshire.



First Prize Male Photo
Knockin Welterweight from the Braemuir Flock



Champion Individual Lodgehill Vanessa from
James Danforth

SALE RESULTS 2021

	No. Sold	Average £	Top Price Gns
WORCESTER PREMIER			
Shearling Ewes	14	£1,327.50	2,700
Shearing Rams	22	£1,380.75	5,000
Ram Lambs	112	£1,900.50	17,000

DUNGANNON			
Shearling Rams	10	£1,270.50	2,200
Ram lambs	81	£910.91	3,400
Females	38	£511.14	1,200

SHREWSBURY			
Shearling Rams	2	£315.00	300
Ram Lambs	5	£409.50	500

BUILTH I			
Shearling Rams	70	£678.90	1,600
Ram Lambs	41	£504.77	1,000

EXETER NSA SALE			
Shearling Rams	43	£631.05	1,250
Ram Lambs	29	£422.10	2,000
Ewes	12	£400.75	550
Shearling Ewes	6	£354.90	400
Ewes Lambs	2	£420.00	450

CARLISLE - NO DATA AVAILABLE

BUILTH II			
Rams &			
Shearling Rams	143	£775.16	3,500
Ram Lambs	103	£500.00	2,000

BALLYMENA			
Shearling Rams	17	£555.45	820
Ram Lambs	60	£456.75	1,000

WELSHPOOL			
Shearling Rams	28	£551.25	900
Ram Lambs	28	£478.80	650

EXETER FEMALES			
Shearling Ewes	8	£662.81	900
Ewe Lambs	13	£267.35	350

SKIPTON FEMALES			
Ewes	3	£350.00	380
Shearling Ewes	18	£540.75	1,400
Ewe Lambs	20	£398.75	480

DUNGANNON FEMALES			
Shearling Ewes	46	£860.63	5,000
Ewe Lambs	67	£543.90	2,000

WELSHPOOL FEMALES			
Ewes	6	£228.90	350
Shearling Ewes	20	£456.75	800
Ram Lamb	1	£367.50	350



Foxhill Walkabout - Top price Worcester at 17,000gns



21VFO0054 - Top price Dungannon Premier at 3,400gns



20WLS02551 - Top price Builth II at 3,500gns

Charollais sets the bar for 2021 sales season

Charollais breeders set the bar high for the 2021 tup sales season when the breed's Premier Sale, Worcester saw a 17,000gns top call, a trio of five figure sales and a new record ram lamb average.

Setting the sale alight at 17,000gns for Devon-based Michael and Melanie Alford was Foxhill Charollais Walkabout. A son of last year's 4,600gns purchase Thackwood U Corker, this one is out of a dam by Carthorpe Grand Duke who previously bred lambs to 2,500gns. This mid-December-born twin lamb, was subject to a frenzied bidding war, eventually falling to the Ingram family for their Logie Durno and Loanhead flocks.

Second top call at 15,000gns came from a quartet of breeders when buying Cavick What A Boy from Mitchel Britten and Elizabeth Barber, Norfolk. Sired by a Loanhead tup and out of a Loanhead Midas Touch sired dam, and was the pick of Messrs Probert, Worcester, Jeremy Price, Staunton on Wye, T H Roberts, Ruthin and Esmor Evans, Mold.

The Ingram family then took 10,000gns for Loanhead Washington. This one is by the 16,000gns Foxhill Charollais Va Va Voom and out of a dam by Rhaeadr Orlando. He sold to Arwyn Thomas, Whitland and RG and RA Jones, Haverfordwest. Close behind at 8,500gns was another from the Ingrams this time for Logie Durno Wall St, another by the 16,000gns Va Va Voom and this time out of a Loanhead Talisman daughter. Buying this one in a two-way split were Paul Curran, Talgarth and Adrian Davies, Llandeilo.

6,200gns was achieved for Dalby Woki Poki from Charles Sercombe,

Frisby on the Wreake. Sired by Dalby Veainu and out of Dalby Tutti Frutti, a Foulrice Regis daughter which sold for 12,500gns at the recent Dalby Coral Anniversary Sale. He was knocked down to Carwyn Lewis, Haverford West, with an index of 390.

Next at 6,000gns was Knockin Wagamama, a first prize winner from the pre-sale show from Abbie Moseley, Oswestry. By Knockin Vunipola and out of a Loanhead Titan sired dam and sold carrying an index of 369. This one sold to Liam Woods, Mullingar.

Selling at 4,500gns for Gerald Burrough, Honiton, was Sheldon Windsor, a Loosebeare Tornado son out of a dam by Sheldon Rambo. This one found a new home with R Bamforth, Huddersfield.

Then making 3,800gns was the lamb and overall reserve champion from the pre-sale show, Logie Durno War Horse from the Ingrams. This Arbyn Viper son is out of a Rhaeadr Orlando daughter and sold to H E G Davies, Whitecairns.

Jonathan Aiken, Cumbria, then took the same money for his best sale of the day for Carnew Warrior, a Ffrwd Top Notch son out of a Wernfawr Prospect daughter. Buying this one were FA and CJ Elsworthy, Tiverton.

Ben and Amelia Watts, Ashburton, Devon, took a 3,600gns bid for their pen leader, Willow Whiskey, a son of a Ffrwd tup and out of a dam by Oakchurch Smuggler. He headed away with Messrs Gray, Lanark and C D Timm, Pickering.

Then wrapping up the leading lamb trade at 3,500gns was another from Society Chairman Charles Sercombe - Dalby Wun Tun. This one a full ET brother to the 6,200gns Woki Poki and sold to Jonathan Wales, Carlisle.

Shearling rams

Topping the shearling ram trade at 5,000gns was previous lamb

buyer Jonathan Wales' Thackwood Victor, a Tilton Dan son out of a dam by Loanhead Nailer. This third prize winner went home with the judge, Robert Towers, Carnforth.

Getting away at 2,600gns was Loanhead Vantastic from Gregor and Bruce Ingram. This Logie Durno Untouchable son is out of a Rhaeadr Orlando daughter and, having stood champion in the pre-sale show, was taken by G Jones, Chepstow, Monmouthshire.

Following him at 2,400gns was Foxhill Charollais Viagra from the Alford family. A full ET brother to last year's sale topper, Va Va Voom, he was another to head back to Chepstow with Mr Jones.

A 2,250gns call came for another from Jonathan Wales in the form of Thackwood Viking. This Knockin The Nail In son is out of a Loanhead Nailer daughter and sold to Sheila Coghill, Orkney.

Shearling ewes

Completing a strong day's trade for the Alford family and stockman Will Price, they also dominated proceedings with their females when they lead the shearling ewe trade at 2,700gns. Foxhill Venom is a full ET sister to last year's 16,000gns Va Va Voom and she caught the eye of Neil Oughton, Montgomery, for his Lowerye flock.

Second was 2,600gns for a Logie Durno gimmer, 20ZNN32015, by Logie Durno Untouchable out of a dam by Riverdale Noble. This one went to Richard Powell, Armagh.

The same buyer and vendor combination was then responsible for a 2,500gns sale for 20ZNN31989, by Crogham Umpire out of a dam by Rhaeadr Orlando with an index of 303.

Averages:

112 ram lambs £1,900.30

22 shearling rams £1,380.75

14 shearling ewes £1,327.50

(McCartneys)

DUNGANNON PREMIER SALE REPORT 2021

Records Tumble as Prices soar at the Dungannon Premier Sale

The 2021 Premier proved a great success with averages up in both ram sections and the breed record broken by an impressive shearling ram from the Artnagullion Flock of William McAllister sold to 4,400gns.

Kicking off the trade with a tremendous shearling ram, Lot 18 Artnagullion Viceroy, from the pen of William McAllister. Taking first place in the shearling class this tremendous triplet ram by Knockin Shop, out of a Riverdale Preacher dam went on to top the sale with a record breaking price of 4,400gns, sold to a Co. Down commercial breeder.

Shearlings from Graham Foster's Springhill Pen were also in demand with his 4th prize winner, Lot 16 & Lot 17 both going to the Glenmore Estate, County Donegal for 2,200gns and 1,500gns respectively. Also going to Glenmore was Lot 20 from William McAllister's Pen.

The Iskeymeadow Flock of Richard Powell and son Harry, came away with Champion and two of the top prices in the ram lambs, a great achievement. The pre-sale Champion lamb, as judged by Emyr Hughes, was Lot 58 by Arbryn Viper and out of a Loanhead Dam. He stood first in the Early December Class and sold to the Artnagullion and Ballynoe House Flocks of William McAllister and Ian Craig for 3,400gns. His pen mate, Lot 55 another by Arbryn Viper and out of Logie Durno Dam sold to David Argue, Co. Cavan for 3,400gns. Lot 54, by Viper and the first of the Iskeymeadow run, sold to Co.

Wicklow breeder John O Toole for 2,100gns. The Iskeymeadow Flock averaged 1,825gns for six.

Graham Foster's Springhill pen featured well, averaging 1,440gns, in the prizes and the prices, his top price achieved by a Springhill Viper son and out of a Robleston Superman sired dam. County Mayo Breeder Aiden Loftus having to go to 2,750gns to purchase this lot Number 69. Lot 64, (pictured below) another smart Springhill Viper son, who stood first in the late December Class and went on to be placed Reserve Champion sold for 2,300gns to Paul Brophy, County Carlow



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The first ram in the Tullyear pen of Drew and Stephen Cowan generated a lot of interest, Lot 81, by Tullyear Untouchable and out of an Oakchurch Royal Ryan sired dam sold for 3,000gns to Albert Ferguson, Co. Cork. The Tullyear Pen averaged 1,173gns for eight.

The Artnagullion Pen of William McAllister sold to a top of 1,800gns for Lot 121, a Loanhead Upperclass son out of a Knockin Shop sired dam sold to James Walsh, Co. Cork. The Artnagullion Pen averaged 1300gns for 4.

Top out of Alistair Moore's Hillside pen was Lot 38 a Padrig Upperclass son and out of a Kirkhouse Remo sired dam, sold for 1,620gns to County Donegal breeder, Stephen Devlin.

Top lot in the Lornbrook pen of Jim Bell and Diane Christie was 105 and sold for 1,800gns. Jonathan Wales, Cumbria purchased this Loanhead Ur The Boy son and out of a Logie Durno Officer sired dam for his Thackwood Flock in Cumbria.

McConnell Brothers sold their top at 1,100gns to Tommy Fenton, County Antrim.

Topping the trade in the females was the Female Champion, Lot 185 shown by McConnell Brothers, a very smart lamb sired by Hollylodge Voldemort and out of Rheadr Prospect sired dam, sold for 1,200gns to Paul Barnes, Ballymote.

Standing first in the Shearling Ewe Class was Lot 145 presented by Glenn Baird's Aghavilly Flock. Sired by Artnagullion Tornado and out of a Tullyear dam this lot sold for 680gns to Albert Ferguson, County Cork. The Aghavilly Pen sold seven shearling ewes to average 485gns

Alistair Moore sold his four ewe lambs to average 600gns, three of them heading to Tom Newth, Somerset. The Iskeymeadow pen of Richard and Harry Powell sold seven ewe lambs to average 557gns.

Averages:

10 Shearling Rams - £1,270.50

81 Ram Lambs - £910.91

38 Females - £511.14

Charollais female records smashed at Dalby Coral Sale

Having set a new female breed record at their last major celebration sale 10 years ago, Charles and Helen Sercombe of the Dalby flock smashed all expectations on Saturday at their Dalby Coral Celebration sale by setting a new female breed record at 12,500gns.

The Melton Mowbray, Leics-based flock's sale leader was Dalby Tutti Frutti, a 2017-born Foulrice Regis daughter out of one of the flock's most successful females, Dalby Rhapsody. Having won the Great Yorkshire Show as a ewe lamb in 2018, this one carries an index of 369 putting her in the top 1% of the breed and has a scan weight EBV of 12.92, the highest of any Charollais female. After a spirited bidding war between ring side goers and internet bidders, the final bid of 12,500gns was knocked down to W and C Ingram for their Logie Durno flock, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire.

Next up at 3400gns was the highest priced shearling ewe on the day, Dalby Vera. By Edstaston Tulloch, this one is out of Dalby Matilda, a Foulrice Regis daughter. This top 5% index female caught the eye of Messrs Madders and Johnson, Hopton, Stafford.

The second highest shearling ewe at 2800gns was a maternal sister to the sale leader in the form of Dalby Venita, an ET-bred Knockin Shockin daughter out of Dalby Rhapsody. Again, selling with a top 5% performance index, this one went home with Arwyn Thomas, Whitland, Carmarthenshire, for his Arbryn flock.

Just shy of that price at 2500gns was another strong aged ewe, the 2018-born Dalby Uzabelle. This Dalby Ranieri daughter is out of

Loanhead Maggie, a Bawnard Bolt daughter. She was knocked down to Tim Prichard, Llantrisant, Glamorgan, for his Castellau flock.

Then selling for 2350gns was another 2018-born female, an ET-bred female out of Dalby Rhapsody by one of the flock's most influential sires, Rockvilla Golden Promise. This one sold on the internet to David Argue, Co Cavan, Ireland.

At 2000gns was Dalby Ula-iaa, another by Edstaston Tulloch, this one previously stood first at the Norfolk Show in 2019 and she carries a top 1% index of 347. Buying this one for their Crogham flock were Jonathan and Carroll Barber, Wymondham, Norfolk.

A charity auction at the end of the sale saw semen straws being offered from Rockvilla Golden Promise which sold to a top of 290gns/straw with proceeds going to the farming charity RABI.



Sale leader at the Dalby Coral Celebration sale was Dalby Tutti Frutti, selling for a new breed female record of 12,500gns, selling to the Logie Durno flock.



Top priced shearling ewe at 3400gns was Dalby Vera, selling to Messrs Madders and Johnson, Staffordshire.



At 2800gns was Dalby Venita, selling to Arwyn Thomas for his Arbryn flock.

**AVERAGES: 30 BREEDING EWES £1250.90;
41 SHEARLING EWES £850.24 (MCCARTNEYS).**

FEMALE SALE REPORTS 2021

Worcester Saucy Sale sees 3,600gns top for Charollais shearling ewe

Charollais females met a strong demand at the Saucy Sale at Worcester Livestock Market with auctioneer James Amphlett recording clearance rates of 97% for ewe lambs and 96% for shearling ewes. Topping the shearling ewe offering and sale overall at 3,600gns (*pictured below*) was Adrian Davies, Llandeilo.



Glyn Coch 20XCA01541 is by Wernfawr Stormer out of a Brydan ewe that has already produced the 4,600gns Glyn Coch Up and Under. She was sold having been Al'd to the 8,500gns Logie Durno Wall Street to David Roberts for his Boyo flock, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

The second highest priced shearling ewe came from the Edstaston flock of Robert and Jeanette Gregory, Shrewsbury, in the form of the 2,600gns Edstaston 20TG00969. This ET-bred Knockin Shockin daughter is out of Edstaston Petunia, an Arbryn Olazabal daughter. Having been scanned with twins to Knockcroghery Vald'isere, she heads across the water to D&S Cowan, Banbridge.

Next up at 1,900gns was Rigghead 20HR02940 from Helen and Hannah Sloan, Dumfriesshire. By Edstaston Urban Warrior, this one is out of a homebred female by Banwy Pick of the Crop and

was shown successfully at the Royal Highland standing fourth. She was sold having been scanned for twins to Carnew Wisecrack to Steve Stamp, Somerset.

At 1,800gns was the pick of the pen from Victoria Sercombe, Leicestershire. Micklehills Violet is by Edstaston Tulloch out of one of the flock's most consistent breeders, Micklehills Orla. Ranked in the top 1% for scan weight and top 5% for overall index, she sold having been scanned for twins to Dalby Wappy Chappy to Gwyn and Gail Jones, Chepstow.

Next at 1,500gns was another from the Rigghead pen in the form of Rigghead 20HR02964. By Loanhead Rembrandt, this one was scanned carrying a single to Carnew Wisecrack and caught the eye of Justin Evans, Dinas Powys, Vale of Glamorgan for his Sant Andras flock.

Ewe lambs

Leading ewe lamb trade at 3,500gns was the best from Cullompton, Devon-based Michael and Melanie Alford's Foxhill pen. Foxhill Wild Rose is by Rockvilla Ferrari out of a homebred Logie Olympian daughter. This one joined the top priced shearling ewe selling to David Roberts for his Boyo flock.

Next best at 3,400gns was the third lamb in from Inverurie, Aberdeenshire-based William and Carole Ingram in the form of Logie Durno 21ZNN37396. By the 16,000gns Foxhill Va Va Voom, this one is out of a Loanhead Talisman daughter making her full sister to the 8,500gns Logie Durno Wall Street and the 10,000gns Logie Durno Washington. Securing this one was Glen Baird, Arghavilly Charollais, N. Ireland.

The Ingram's second lamb, Logie Durno 21ZNN37385, another by Va Va Voom, this time out of a Logie Durno Jackpot daughter, then caught the eye of Declan Miley, Southern Ireland for 3,000gns.

Then at 2,300gns was another from the Alford family's pen in the form of Foxhill Whitney, a Thackwood U Corker daughter out of a Carthorpe Grand Duke daughter. This one is the natural sister to the 17,000gns Foxhill Walkabout. This one sold to Sheila Malcomson, Ringclare Flock, Northern Ireland.

Next up at 1,500gns was Oswestry, Shropshire-based Abbie Moseley selling Knockin 21XXJ01067. By Knockin Undercover Brother, this one is out of an Oakchurch Ruben daughter and sold to Turret Charollais, Co Cork, Eire.

Saucy Sale Averages 2021 :
50 Shearlings £783.30
29 Ewe lambs £1127.84
Auctioneer : Clive Roads, McCartneys

Foulrice flock supreme championship and top price coup at Skipton

The Marwood Charollais shearling ewe from the family's Foulrice flock at Whenby, was crowned supreme champion, also scooping 1,400gns top price with a December 2019, twin daughter of Foulrice Prelude, out of one of the best ewes in the flock by the Dalby Mount Aloe son. Judge, Oliver Chapman, backed his judgement in the sale ring by claiming her for the day's top call for his own Soloby pedigree flock.

The late 2020-born lamb was consigned by Cyril Dougherty's Shamrock flock at Kirby Misperton.

Kenton Foster had a top of 680gns for a daughter of a tup

from the Thackwood flock in Carlisle and scanned carrying twins to a Loanhead sire. She headed home with Cyril Dougherty. A second Foster shearling ewe made 500gns.

Chris Crowther stood 2nd in the shearling show class with a January 2020, daughter of Knockin Umptuous, out of a home-bred Dudston Percy ewe served by Mortimer Ulysses and sold for 580gns to the Shamrock flock.

David Norman's Kirkhouse flock in Setmurthy, headed the section prices at 480gns. One of the March-born triplets by a Hillside tup, out of a home-bred dam, she became another acquisition by the judge. Mr Norman sold two further ewe lambs at 420gns and 400gns, a price matched by another from David Dennis's Silton flock at Over Silton, Thirsk.

The Tullynessle flock of Messrs Spence, Spence & Wilson sold their 2016 born daughters of Logie Dumo Abama, both run with Cannahars Vive Le Mouton and sold at 380gns. The partnership also sold a home-bred April, 2020, daughter of Padest Ulysses which made 300gns.

Averages :
3 Ewes £350.00
18 Shearlings £540.75
20 Ewe lambs £398.75

Charollais High Flyers Female sale sets a high of 7,000gns

Dominating proceedings at the Hereford High Flyers sale in the shearling ewe section was Whitland, Carmarthenshire-based Arwyn Thomas whose strong run of 22 females topped the day at 7,000gns, setting a new centre record for the breed.

Sale leader was Arbryn 20WRF00701, (*pictured below*) an Artnagullion Turbo daughter out of a homebred daughter of Shamrock Northern Star. She was sold to J Neil and Son, Kelso, Scottish Borders, having been AI'd to the 10,000gns Loanhead Washington.



Next up from Mr Thomas at 3,400gns was Arbryn 20WRF00704, full sister to the sale leader. This one was AI'd to Arbryn Tonto and caught the eye of Emyr Hughes, Haverfordwest.

Then at 3,100gns was Arbryn 20WRF00723, a Tonto daughter out of Arbryn Rihanna, again by Shamrock Northern Star. Having been AI'd to Loanhead Washington, this one was knocked down to D Lewis, Narbeth, Pembrokeshire.

Leading the way in the ewe lamb offering at 3,400gns was David and Paul Curran, Brecon, Powys. Their leader was Wernfawr 21XEVO1765, a Glyn Coch Volcano daughter out of a Wernfawr Powerhouse dam. Re-investing some of his previous earnings was Arwyn Thomas for his Arbryn flock.

Three ewe lambs from the Curran family's pen then sold for 2,200gns, the first being Wernfawr 21XEVO1760, another by Volcano and this time out of a homebred daughter of Glyn Coch Night To Remember who has already produced tups to 3,100gns and daughters to 1,900gns. She heads across the water to D&S Cowan, Co Down.

Also selling at 2,200gns was Wernfawr 21XEVO1742, a

Wernfawr Uptown Funk daughter out of a Wernfawrn Nijinsky daughter which heads to Llandeilo, with AM & RW Davies.

Then at 2,000gns was the best from Colin and Ros Bowen, Haverfordwest, in the form of Gwyndy 21XPR08196. By Boyo Vancouver, this one is out of a home bred daughter of Wernfawr Rokocoko and sold across the water to Trevor Bell, Co Down,

Averages :
3 Ewes £465.50
51 Shearlings £1,346.10
21 Ewe lambs £1,099.35

Auctioneer : Hereford Market Auctioneers
 Sale report: Chrissie Long of Countrygirl Media

Springhill Top at Dungannon Female Sale

The first two Lots in from the Springhill Flock of G Foster procured the two top prices of the day. Lot 1 an In-lamb Gimmer, by Logie Durno Untouchable and out of a Rhaeadr dam selling for the Dungannon Female record top price of 5,000gns to David Roberts, Shropshire.

Next was another Untouchable daughter, out of a Lisfuncheon dam, this lot selling for 3,500gns to David Anderson, Bushmills. The pen averaged 4,250gns.

The Artnagullion Flock of William McAllister's top price in this pen went to Lot 13 a powerful Loanhead Upper Class daughter out of a homebred dam, selling for 2,500gns to T Newth, Somerset. Lot 15 another Upper Class daughter out of a home bred ewe selling to Co. Armagh Breeder Glenn Baird for 1,650gns.

Ian Craig's Ballynoe House Flock had a good days trading with a

Loanhead Upper Class daughter, out of a home bred ewe selling for 1,250gns to Richard Powell for his Iskeymeadow Flock.

Jerrettspass breeder John Waddell took his pick from the Ballynoe House pen purchasing Lot 28 another Upper Class daughter for 1,100gns. The pen averaged 984gns.

Co. Down breeder Sarah Riley sold her top at 1,040gns, a Castellau One In A Million daughter out of a Home bred ewe selling to D&S Cowan for their Tullyear Flock.

David and Liz Mawhinney sold the top in their Rockvilla pen to Richard Powell, Co. Armagh, Lot 3 an Artnagullion Trojan daughter selling for 820gns.

The Ewe lambs of Graham Foster's Springhill Flock set the price for Lot 81, a stylish Springhill Vodka daughter selling to T Henderson, Londonderry for 2,100gns, with the pen averaging 1,011gns.

The Hollylodge pen of McConnell Brothers sold their top ewe lamb, Lot 105 at 1,100gns, this Loanhead Ur The Boy daughter selling to K Kennedy, County Wexford. Co. Cork breeder James Walsh made his choice from the Hillside pen of Alistair Moore, Lot 116 a Gorteen Unique daughter out of a home bred ewe selling for 1,020gns

Wesley Cousins purchased two Rockdale Tornado daughters from Norman McMordie for his Botera Flock - Lot 130 selling for 1,300gns and Lot 129 going for 1,200gns. The Riverdale pen averaging 1,183gns for three sold

Averages :

46 Shearling Ewes £860.63
67 Ewe Lambs £543.90

Record breakers at Tullyear Production Sale

Well what an end to the Charollais Female Sales, another record broken at the Tullyear Production Sale with the guest Consignment of ewe lambs from the Springhill Flock of Graham Foster achieving a top of 8100gns.

Springhill "What A Beauty" an outstanding ET daughter of Springhill Vodka sold to the Boyo Flock of David Roberts, Shropshire, a breed record for a ewe Lamb. Two ET sisters sold to Raymond Douglas, Monaghan for 1800gns and Lot 104 sold to the Shanaghooon Flock of James Walsh, Cork for 3,600gns.

A Springhill Viper daughter sold to Donegal for 1,700gns, another 2 Vodka daughters, sold to Thomas Hunter, Yorkshire for 1500gns and to David Cromie, Rathfriland for 1,400gns. Fourteen ewe lambs from the Springhill Flock averaged 1,687gns

The current trend of on-line bidding proved very successful with 46 sheep exported to the UK and Southern Ireland.

The Dalby Tarquin daughters in the Tullyear pens caught the eye of several breeders with Tullyear Viola, being the favourite selling at 3,800gns to the Martin Family Enniskillen.

Top Price of the Loanhead Topgun daughters was a big powerful ewe selling to Richard and Harry Powell for 2.000gns. A big ended smart Dalby Tarquin Daughter was knocked down to Jim and Joseph Quail for 1,550gns.

Lot 44 was the choice of Cork Breeder, Eddie Buckley, who purchased this flashy Topgun daughter for 1,500gns. Another Topgun daughter, sold to J Foster for 1,350gns.

Thomas McCormack, Strokestown went to 1,340gns to purchase a Loanhead Topgun daughter with great maternal bloodlines and 1,1080gns for a Dalby Tarquin daughter. Armagh Breeder Glenn Baird paid out 1,200gns for a big powerful Topgun daughter in-lamb to Logie Durno Van The Man

A big thank you to Richard Powell of the Iskeymeadow who purchased lot 88, Tullyear Valentine, money from which is going to Children's Heartbeat Trust.

The Tullyear stock ram Loanhead Topgun generated a lot of interest on the day and sold for 2,050gns to a consortium of Southern Breeders.



Springhill What a Beauty sold for 8,100 gns



Tullyear Viola sold for 3,800 gns



Loanhead Topgun sold for 2,050 gns

GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW RESULTS 2021

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Judge : Geoff Biddulph - Dale House Farm, Gawsworth, Macclesfield

Ram

- 1st O Chapman - (19TZ02670)
- 2nd D & J Norman - (19VBK00378)

Shearling Ram

- 1st M & M Alford - (20XWY00606)
- 2nd C Sercombe - (20PE08770)
- 3rd J Danforth - (20TG00934)

Ram Lamb

- 1st C Sercombe - (21PE09567)
- 2nd D Norman - (21XNK02859)
- 3rd R Bamforth - (21XXW00322)

Ewe

- 1st Mrs Henderson - (19ZNN27347)
- 2nd G & B Ingram
- 3rd J Danforth - (17WWJ00085)

Shearling Ewe

- 1st J Danforth - (20WWJ00163)
- 2nd G & B Ingram
- 3rd M & M Alford - (20XWY00599)

Ewe Lamb

- 1st G & B Ingram
- 2nd M & M Alford - (21XWY00619)
- 3rd H Sloan

Group of 3

- 1st M & M Alford
- 2nd J Danforth
- 3rd C Sercombe

Overall Champion - M & M Alford - Shearling Ram

Overall Res. Champion - Mrs Henderson - Ewe

Male Champion - M & M Alford - Shearling Ram

Male Res. Champion - O Chapman - Ram

Female Champion - Mrs Henderson - Ewe

Female Res. Champion - J Danforth - Shearling Ewe



Overall Res. Champion from the Castleview flock of Messrs N, R & S Henderson - 19ZNN27347



Reserve Male Champion from the Soloby flock of Oliver Chapman - 19TZ02670



Group of Three Champions from the Foxhill flock of M & M Alford



Interbreed Champion from the Foxhill flock of M & M Alford - 20XWY00606

DEVON COUNTY SHOW RESULTS 2021



Overall Champion shearling ram from the Foxhill flock of M & M Alford



Aged Ewe from the Gogwell flock of Robert Hopper



Female Champion Ewe Lamb from the Sheldon flock of Gerald Burrough



Male Champion shearling Ram from the Foxhill flock of M & M Alford

DEVON COUNTY SHOW RESULTS

Judge : John Andrew, Rowanston, Maybole, Ayrshire

Ram

- 1st Mr G Burrough
- 2nd Mr R Hopper
- 3rd Mr T Nancekivell

Shearling Ram

- 1st M & M Alford
- 2nd Mr E J Simmons & Miss K Esler
- 3rd Mr G Burrough

Ram Lamb

- 1st Mr G Burrough
- 2nd Mr R Hopper
- 3rd Mr R Hopper

Ewe

- 1st Mr R Hopper
- 2nd Mr G Burrough
- 3rd Mr T Nancekivell

Shearling Ewe

- 1st Mr G Burrough
- 2nd Mr T Nancekivell
- 3rd Mr J Harding

Ewe Lamb

- 1st Mr G Burrough
- 2nd Mr E J Simmons & Miss K Esler
- 3rd Mr E J Simmons & Miss K Esler

Group of 3

- 1st Mr G Burrough
- 2nd Mr R Hopper
- 3rd Mr T Nancekivell

Overall Champion - M & M Alford - Shearling Ram

Res. Overall Champion - G Burrough - Ewe Lamb

Female Champion - G Burrough - Ewe Lamb

Male Champion - M & M Alford - Shearling Ram

Champion Group of 3 - M & M Alford - Shearling

SCOTLAND

It's the 18th of November, it's 15 degrees outside, ours and most of our neighbours' youngstock are still outside and we currently have more grass than we have had all summer! So it really doesn't feel like lambing is only about 2 weeks away!

Covid 19 has again been the driving force behind the cancellation of almost all major social events and shows. Whilst Boris readily opened things up during the Summer in England, Nicola dragged her heels, so we have always been a step behind which meant that very few shows on the calendar went ahead. The Royal Highland Show staged its showcase in June, which was an exhibitor only event but was streamed worldwide. The event was well supported and the standard of stock was very high. Congratulations to the Ingram family on not only winning the breed championship at this one off event but also the interbreed accolades. Other than this only a few of the small, late summer shows managed to hold exhibitor only events.

Sales were running as near normal as possible. Prime lambs and cast ewes have been exceptional, which lead to increased values for breeding stock, both commercial and pedigree. The main sale for rams is

Kelso. After being cancelled last year, Kelso was back, but with no marquees! Vendors were very apprehensive about the outdoor sale but the weather was very kind to us and it was one of the busiest sales I have seen at Kelso. Although Charollais entries were down, only 156, the quality was very high which resulted in a rise in the averages. Jonathan Wales had a top price of £3,800 and the top average of £1,017 for 16 rams, followed by Russell Gray £860 and Ben Radley at £733. Overall the shearlings averaged £657 and the lambs £509.

The other main Charollais sale is at Thainstone. The Braemuir flock topped the Charollais at £930 with a ram lamb. Shearlings averaged £593, lambs £531.

Looking forward to next year Scotsheep will be the first event, held at Dundee early June. The Society will have a stand so any volunteers to take a turn on the stand would be very welcome. Hopefully the show calendar will be back to normal and we will have our first Scottish flock competition.

Happy Lambing, Merry Christmas and stay safe.

Russell Gray

NORTH OF ENGLAND

It's nice to be back to some kind of normality for shows and sales in our region. We were lucky to have a number of shows during the summer season which were all well attended - The Great Yorkshire Show, Wensleydale, Westmorland and Masham in particular.

We also had our first non-zoom meeting for almost 2 years and it was good to see so many faces there.

It is nice to see young breeders from our region taking part in the young breeders flock competition, with



James Danforth doing a great job of helping to organise this. As a region we like to encourage young breeders to get involved.

On that note, it was great to have Oliver Chapman judge the Skipton Female Sale. This was Oliver's judging debut and we thought he did an excellent job. Our thanks go to Oliver.

We hope all our members have a successful lambing season and look forward to catching up next year.

Another year end seems to have rapidly come round once again and lambing is just around the corner, a slightly more normal and recognisable year at the time of writing, after some shows, most sales happened in a more normal format, and as a region we have been able to have meetings face to face and even host the flock competition.

Its safe to say as an area the Eastern Region has put its name back on the map in fashion of having some top Charollais sheep breeders within, this goes back to start in June when the Charles Sercombe's production sale produced an all new female breed record price with the much admired by many 'Tutti Frutti' who sold away to Logie Durno Sheep for 12,500gns. Following this up just a couple of weeks later at the premier sale were team Cavick of Mitch and Elizabeth with their ram lamb 'What a Boy' (pictured below) who sold away for a high of 15,000gns. The success continued both in and out the sale and show rings for many members. With reserve male champion at Great Yorkshire Show and Breed and Interbreed champion at Driffield Show for the Soloby Flock of Oliver Chapman.



EAST OF ENGLAND FLOCK COMPETITION

Judge: Robert Gregory

		Large flock	Small flock
Flock Ewes	1st	J & C Barber	G C & C J Watson
	2nd	M Britten & E Barber	C Hoggard
	3rd	G Maxwell	O Chapman
Shearling Ewes	1st	M Britten & E Barber	G C & C J Watson
	2nd	J & C Barber	C Hoggard
	3rd	G Maxwell	O Chapman
Ewe Lambs	1st	J & C Barber	G C & C J Watson
	2nd	M Britten & E Barber	O Chapman
	3rd	G Maxwell	C Hoggard
Stock Rams	1st	J & C Barber	O Chapman
	2nd	G Maxwell	

Champion Flock - J & C Barber (Crogham)

Reserve Champion Flock - GC & CJ Watson (Sulwood)

Champion Flock Ewes - J & C Barber

Champion Shearling Ewes - GC & CJ Watson

Champion Ewe Lambs - J & C Barber

Champion Stock Ram - O Chapman

Into the autumn many members have enjoyed a very strong and buoyant ram trade which then followed into the female sales in the last couple of months, with many taking advantage of the trade, as shepherds up and down the country look for easier lambing and quality sheep. This year we were even able to host our flock competition and annual dinner which saw Robert Gregory of the Edstaston Flock make the journey across to judge the flocks who entered, with many of the younger members in the region taking the opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge from a long standing breeder. With a good turnout for the annual dinner.

Hopefully 2022 will be as prosperous and trade will be as buoyant as that of the last 12 months.

We hope you all have a happy and healthy Christmas and new year and we look forward to catching up with many across the shows next year.

CENTRAL ENGLAND

As a result of Covid many of the normal events did not take place. Major agricultural shows were cancelled or put back until late in the year, as a result the usual Charollais successes were not there for publicity.

On the sales scene Worcester market hosts several Charollais sales. First off in June, was the first breeding female sale and the prices set the tone for the year with the Dalby reduction topping at 12,000gns. Madders and Johnson making an investment of 3,400gns for another ewe (pictured below right).

The Premier Sale saw good clearance levels with Abbie Moseley achieving 6,000gns for a lamb exported to S. Ireland. Also the Proberts and Jeremy Price being part of a quartet of buyers securing a 15,000gns Cavick ram lamb. The opportunity for Central Region breeders to buy stock brought into the region from all over the country is at times a great help. The local market sales around the region continued the good clearance rates but it was later when the strong commercial sheep trade encouraged fat lamb producers to bid up.

The in-lamb female sales started off well at Worcester but it was two weeks later at Hereford when unfulfilled buyers turned up and really set the trade alight with an average of 1,297gns for the in-lamb ewes and 1,125gns for

ewe lambs. It is good to see the breeders of quality stock rewarded and we hope that their investments will pay off at the sales next year

Meetings this year were mainly by Zoom, a challenge for some of us, but the last meeting was held at The Bluebell, Shatterford. It was good to get back together and we have to thank Mark and Margie Rushbrooke for their influence with the chef who produced excellent food to end the evening with.

The 2022 National AGM is near to Robert Gregory so there will be an opportunity to see his outstanding flock and members wishing to prolong their stay in the area will have an opportunity to see some of the other flocks nearby.



WALES

Due to Covid restrictions easing throughout the year it was great to have the two NSA ram sales at Builth. Both sales proved that there is a high demand for Charollais rams. On the Sunday night it was nice socialising while having a meal with other members from different parts of the Country.



It was a shame that the Royal Welsh Show was cancelled for the second year running as many of us enjoy catching up and socialising.

Welsh breeders have done very well in the autumn female sales. The quality on show in these sales have been exceptional and have therefore been in high demand with trade exceeding expectations.

Discussions were made in the autumn regarding the flock competition however due to Covid numbers rising in different parts of Wales it was decided to leave it for another year. We have already made plans with a judge in place for 2022.

As we go into lambing may I wish you all good luck and look forward to a healthy and successful New Year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yet again a year of disruption but the South West region prevails at shows and sales! Following on from the April edition, there was still a great deal of uncertainty over what the year would look like. Would shows happen? Would sales be able to go ahead? And would we finally be able to meet up face to face?

Well thankfully as the summer started to appear, restrictions eased and there seemed to be an almost 'normal' feeling in the air.

Starting off proceedings was the Premier Sale where congratulations go to Mike & Melanie Alford for topping with Foxhill Walkabout selling for 17,000gns. They also topped the female section with Foxhill Venom selling for 2,700gns. Our region also saw a buoyant trade with Gerald Burrough's Sheldon Flock and Ben & Amelia Watts Willow Flock also having very successful trade on the day. Congratulations to all who presented stock at the sale.

Unfortunately, Royal Bath & West and Royal Cornwall shows had already decided to cancel for the year, but Devon County thankfully managed to carry on, albeit in a different format and at a different time of year!

Taking the championship on the day was Foxhill Vermin and reserve breed champion went to Gerald Burroughs ewe lamb (*pictured below*). Thank you to all those who participated on the day and made the show a success. Many one day shows in the region had also decided to cancel with such an uncertain year, however the few that did go ahead were very well supported and again thank you to all those who took the time to participate. The shows need all our support to survive so I am sure next year it will be more important than ever to go out and show our support.

The NSA sale in August saw Charollais keenly sought. Topping the trade on the day was a



super ram lamb from Laura Monk selling to 2,000gns. Topping the shearing ram trade was Tom Newth selling to 1,250gns twice. Again, I think most of us who sold on the day thought that there was a good buoyant trade with very good clearance rates.

In September we finally managed to come together (*pictured below*) as a region for the first face to face social in over 18 months. This



was held at Ed Simmons & Kate Esler's Kingswater Flock. The day was filled with hens, cows, a gorgeous puppy and of course some Charollais! Thank you to Kate and Ed for allowing us to come and see your stock. Everyone who attended said how much they had enjoyed the day and how nice it was to interact socially with one another again.

Completing the year in the SW region was the Exeter Female sale. Again, the ewes selected sold to a good trade topping at 900gns for Carol & Terry Irwin's shearing ewe.

Looking forward, we wish everyone a Happy lambing and a Merry Christmas.

Amelia Watts



NORTHERN IRELAND

It was great to see Charollais Breeders old and new enjoying a night of relaxation and a catch up with fellow Breeders at their recent Dinner and Awards Night in the Glenpark Estate, Omagh.

Along with many other breeds, members have missed the opportunity at Shows and Sales to chat, this was fairly obvious at the end of the night when no one was in any rush to go home! Following a lovely meal, Chairperson Sheila Malcomson welcomed everyone and thanked Robert Scott for giving his time to Judge the Annual Norbrook Sponsored Flock Competition.

Robert Scott thanked the members for allowing him the privilege of judging the Flock Competition and congratulated everyone who had taken part on the quality of their stock. Taking the Supreme Overall Trophy was the Tullyear Flock of

Drew and Stephen Cowan with the Beechview Flock of George and Jason Booth achieving Reserve Champion.

The Novice Shield for the Best Newcomer went to the Powell Family on winning Supreme Champion at the Premier Sale in Dungannon on their first time showing at the Sale.

The Worcester Trophy for the N. Ireland Breeder who achieved the highest price at Worcester Premier went to William McAllister.

The Chairman's Trophy went to Harold McBratney in recognition of his help and support to the new Chairperson and Secretary.

A presentation was made to William McAllister, past Chairman for his sterling work while in office.

Rebecca McBratney, Secretary, made a presentation to Sheila Malcomson for her dedication and service during her years as Secretary.



Robert Scott congratulates Drew & Stephen Cowan on winning the Large Flock and Overall Champion Flock.

NORTHERN IRELAND FLOCK COMPETITION

Judge: Robert Scott - 20 Lislafferty Road, Newtown Stewart, Co. Tyrone

	Large flock	Medium flock	Small flock
Ewe Lambs	1st D & S Cowan 2nd Alistair Moore 3rd Ian Goudy	David Cromie David Anderson Malcomson family	Jason Booth Graham foster Norman McMordie
Overall Ewe Lamb Winner - Jason Booth - Beechview			
Ewes	1st D & S Cowan 2nd Ian Goudy 3rd Alistair Moore	David Anderson Malcomson family David Cromie	Norman McMordie Jason Booth Graham Foster
Jnr Stock Ram	1st - Malcomson family/N McMordie "Ballyhibben Wingman" 2nd - Alistair Moore "Rockdale Wizard" 3rd - Graham Foster "Boyo Walk This Way"		
Overall Jnr Stock Ram Winner - Ballyhibben Wingman			
Stock Ram	1st - D & S Cowan "Tullyear Untouchable" 2nd - Jason Booth "Riverdale Victor" 3rd - Malcomson family "Elmwick Upfront"		
Overall Stock Ram Winner - Tullyear Untouchable			
Novice Shield - The Powell family		Worcester Trophy - William McAllister	
Chairman's Trophy - Harold McBratney		Champion Flock - D & S Cowan (Tullyear)	
Reserve Champion Flock - Jason Booth (Beechview)			



Robert presents to David & Laura Anderson



Rhonda, Richard & Harry Powell receive the Novice Award



Robert presents to Kenny Malcomson



Rebecca presents to Sheila Malcomson



Sheila presents to William McAllister



Sheila presents to Harold McBratney



Robert presents Jason Booth



We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Society and hope that it will not be too long before you have the opportunity to meet other members at a Society event.

Please do contact the office or your Regional Chairman if there is any aspect of breeding Charollais that you would like to discuss. For some members this may be their first experience with pedigree sheep, so don't be afraid to ask for help. The Charollais Society prides itself on the friendly attitude of it's members and a lack of elitism; so, however small or large your flock, please take an active part. If we all work together the Charollais breed will continue it's rise in popularity amongst lamb producers.

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