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the Elmwick flock**

**On farm with the
Ffrwd flock**

**In the hot seat with
James Amphlett**

**Gorteen flock leads
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WELCOME FROM THE SECRETARY



**CHAROLLAIS
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As many of you will now know, Council took the decision to move Charollais Matters to a yearly publication, so I have great pleasure in bringing you the first annual publication. This edition encompasses all the news and views from last year's show and sale season, a focus on the successful Central region and a look towards what the rest of 2024 has to offer.

Sadly, many of you are coming out of a lambing period that has not only seen unprecedented rain fall in some areas of the UK, but many of you have suffered at the hands of Schmallenburg this year with reports hitting the office of some terrible losses.

It appears this is the year for animal health issues to continue to present problems as the threat of Bluetongue has meant disruptions to export opportunities for breeders with some of you holding on to stock from past sales.

While every effort was made to accommodate an export sale at Borderway Mart, Carlisle, this year, it sadly looks like this won't be able to happen due to current Bluetongue restrictions in place. The Society will be holding the annual Premier Show and Sale at Worcester Livestock Market on the 5th and 6th of July, as well as a new format sale in Carlisle on the 29th June which will see sheep offered via video link from Northern Ireland, as well as live sheep in the ring at Borderway Mart.

Demand for Charollais females has continued to rise with successful private sales at Shrewsbury and Hereford, alongside the Society sale at Skipton proving fruitful for vendors. The Society will not only be bringing the Exeter sale back under Society auspices but welcomes a new sale towards the end of October at Worcester for all vendors.

Last year saw the first open day for Charollais Young Breeders and we hope to build on that this year by combining an event at Ben Radley's in Dumfries with a judges' training day.

Alongside that event, the AGM takes place in the Eastern region this year with Society chairman Charles Sercombe and family playing host this year. The stand will no doubt be in full action at this year's Scotsheep and the main NSA Sheep Event at Malvern where commercial interest in the breed remains high.

Show season will no doubt be fast upon us in conjunction with sale season, so I'd like to wish all exhibitors and vendors the very best of luck as the year proceeds.

Best wishes,

Carroll Barber

and the Charollais Sheep Society

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CHAIRMAN'S FOCUS

The challenges of running a breed society certainly do not get any easier! After long and involved discussions at the end of last year, the Society's Council felt it had an excellent solution for this year's sales – one to accommodate the export trade for the breed and the Society's Premier Sale at Worcester.

But as ever, the best laid plans have gone awry, thanks to the discovery of Bluetongue positive cattle and sheep on our shores. This has meant the export doors are currently completely shut. What the spring and summer will have in store for us, we just do not know.

Maybe the UK will be lucky and the midges that carry BTV will not fly our way, but the alternative is also a possibility and we may record many more positive cases. This might in turn lead to zoning of the country, which may disrupt sales, shows and everyday trading for the livestock industry. Not what we all need on top of the ever-increasing costs and decreasing margins within the sector.

On a brighter note, Helen and I are very much looking forward to welcoming many members to our farm and locality for the National AGM at the end of May. This will be my last year as National Chairman and it is great that I have the opportunity to host this important event.

We should not underestimate the importance of groups such as the Charollais Society. Over the many years I have been a member, the gatherings for the AGM have proved to be a catalyst for lasting friendships, with people I would never have known. I now have a network of people who I can call and swap experiences with at any time of the year.

So, I urge you to come and join in. We have a range of fun activities planned alongside a day with AHDB on RamCompare. The information and data coming from this trial puts the Charollais breed in a great position, so come and hear the good news for a change!

And it is these good traits that has seen Charollais excel in the commercial markets. Without question Charollais rams produce fast growing, quality prime lambs that weigh. We have seen during the last 12 months that the old adage weight pays has never been truer.

The prime lamb market is looking for heavier lambs that are still lean and well fleshed and buyers are prepared to pay for them. Charollais tups get your lambs to those weights, with shape better than any other breed. The Society will continue to promote and push these traits to your potential customers.

To continue the Society's promotional work requires your support as members, both financial and in man hours. Traditional methods of selling stock continue to change. This gives you as breeders the opportunity to market your animals through alternative outlets to the Society's sales. This has had an impact on Society income streams.

The Society has reduced costs where possible and continues to explore ways to cut down expenditure. But, if you as members desire the Society's support to promote and develop the Charollais breed, then as chairman I have to ask you to continue to keep your flocks registered with the Society.

The value of Charollais females is without doubt enhanced by their pedigree status. I also urge you to join in at NSA Events and shows where the Society mounts promotional stands. Find new customers, meet other breeders and enjoy a great day out.

Best wishes,

Charles Gercombe
Charollais Sheep Society chairman



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PREMIER SHOW AND SALE AND EXPORT SALE NEWS

As many members will be aware, much discussion has been made lately regarding the possibility of holding an export qualified sale at Borderway Mart, Carlisle, through auctioneers Harrison and Hetherington.

While every effort was made to facilitate this sale, sadly due to Bluetongue restrictions still very much likely to be in place, the Society will now be using that date for the new Hybrid Sale which will take place at Borderway Mart on Saturday 29th

June and will be the first of its kind, with both live sheep available to purchase in the market on that day, as well as the viewing and ultimately purchasing of sheep offered from Northern Ireland via video link.

The Society’s Premier Show and Sale will take place at Worcester Livestock Market on the 5th and 6th of July in its normal format.

Every effort will be made to host an export sale in the future once restrictions have been lifted.

REGISTRATION OF LAMBS BORN BY EMBRYO TRANSFER

When registering lambs born by embryo transfer, it is highly important to check that the correct breeding details of animals registered with the Society are recorded. Therefore, for the 2024 breeding season, in order to register lambs in 2025 that are the outcome of embryo transfer, the DNA samples for the dams of these lambs will have to be submitted.

Those breeders wishing to flush ewes in 2024 should have a blood sample taken and this submitted to the Society. For those flocks who are members of the Signet Performance Recording system, Signet is offering several free DNA tests for ewes in your flock. Contact Laura Eyles (Email laura.eyles@ahdb.org.uk Telephone 02476 478 788) for details. We would, therefore, recommend that you do flush ewes with this offer.

BABY BRITTEN MAKES HIS APPEARANCE!

Society events manager Elizabeth Britten and her husband Mitchel of the Cavick flock welcomed George Maxwell into the world on 9th October at 1:12pm weighing 8lb 3oz.



“He is such a happy baby. He loves being outside on the farm watching his sheep. We can’t wait for you all to meet him at shows and sales this year. We would like to say thank you for all the cards and presents we have received from members,” says Elizabeth.



CHAROLLAIS YOUNG BREEDERS HEAD TO LOANINGFOOT FLOCK FOR OPEN DAY

This year’s Charollais Young Breeders Open Day and Training Day will be hosted by Ben Radley and his family of the Loaningfoot flock, based in Dumfries.

Taking place on the 17th August, the day will also play host to the Jugdes’ Training Day. More information will be released via the Society website and social media platforms in due course.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

The following members are appointed as honorary life members of the Charollais Sheep Society.

- * Mr Jonathan Barber
- * Mr Charles Marwood
- * Dr David Morris
- * Mr David Mawhinney
- * Mr Lionel Organ

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

All changes of ownership will be charged a fee of £5 (+VAT) per animal transferred into your flock. This charge came into effect from 1st January 2024. This fee is payable by the buyer. New owners must inform the Society of the full identification and sex of the animals purchased and the name of the vendor. Full pedigree animals may only be transferred into flocks.

REMINDERS...

Samples for Neogen should be submitted by 2nd May in order for them to be back in time for the Premier Show and Sale.

Registration letter for 2024 is C for animals born on or after 1st December 2023.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL

Here's a run-down of some of the major topics that were discussed at the last Council meeting on the 14th and 15th November last year.

FINANCES

The meeting reviewed the income and expenditure for the period ending October 2023. Although the Society has had a sound year, there were clear trends visible surrounding the way members sell their stock. This has had a significant impact on the Society's income streams, therefore, to maintain service to members, Council members considered ways to increase income. It was agreed to add a small increase in registration fees and also introduce a change of ownership fee.

F&GP COMMITTEE

Council appointed Patrick Tully to service on the F&GP committee, as a Council representative.



OTHER SALES NEWS FOR 2024

Dungannon Premier Show and Sale – Runs of sheep will be limited to a maximum of five per vendor. Those vendors who wish to enter more than five animals will be balloted at the end of the sale.

Skipton Female Sale – Council was unhappy that two breeders had chosen not to sell under the auspices of the Society, but instead had booked their sale on the same day as the Society sale. The Society will be in communication with the auctioneer to ensure this doesn't happen again.

Exeter Female Sale – This sale will be brought back under the auspices of the Society and will take place on the 1st November. It will be promoted and catalogued as it was previously.

Worcester Female Sale – An open Society Sale for in-lamb ewes, in-lamb shearling ewes and ewe lambs will be organised at Worcester Livestock Market. A provisional date has been secured as Saturday 26th October 2024.

Welshpool Female Sale – Sadly, the Society did not receive sufficient entries to run a sale of in-lamb females and ewe lambs at Welshpool Market 2023. The sale will be on the 2024 calendar, so it is hoped it will be better supported.

Welshpool Female Sale – The Saucy Sale has changed location from Shrewsbury to Welshpool Livestock Market and will take place on the 5th October.

GRASSROOTS SALE ENTRIES

Until further notice the Society will not be using Grassroots for sale entries. Members are being asked to continue to use the system for all other transactions. The Society and vendors have found the system to not be entirely reliable or complete for sales. Also, Grassroots wished to levy the Society an extra £1 for each entry through the system, which we felt was unjustified for a breed Society. Those members wishing to enter a sale should complete and submit a Society sale entry form.

SALES REVIEW

Council reviewed all the sale results for the year. Average prices and clearance rates were up at most venues, although entries at sales were down.

Females continue to sell well, including empty females at the Premier Sale. All regions reported strong, improved trade for commercial rams.



JUDGES COMMITTEE

Council received a report from the Judges' Committee which agreed judging recommendations for 2024 and 2025 major shows. Details of these appointments will be revealed further in the magazine on page 104.

Also included in discussion were rules and etiquette over exhibiting animals in which the judge has an interest or link in one or more of the entries. It was agreed that it was not acceptable to exhibit an animal that was either owned or bred by the judge. Any further restrictions would neither be practical or possible to impose. However, when a judge is unsure as to how to proceed, then they should request the steward find and appoint a referee.

It was also decided that at the Worcester Premier Show and Sale and Hybrid Sale in Carlisle, there will be no championship between the male and female champions.

Congratulations to the following members who have been promoted to the full judging panel from the intermediate panel.

James Danforth

Tom Newth

Grant Pink

A full judge's panel listing can be found on page 106.



PUBLICATIONS

Council agreed to continue with the two major publications for the breed in 2024; Charollais Matters and The Farmer's Future. The success of the latter commercial publication was agreed upon. It had been picked up by farmers at shows, events and at a large number of markets that it had been circulated to.

The Society is always on the search for suitable farmers to feature in the commercial publication, so if you have any suitable contacts, please pass them on to Chrissie Long or contact the office.

Considerations were also given to circulating the Farmers Future commercial publication through national farming newspapers. Prices are being sought.

Advertising in Farmers Guardian has been restricted to two larger adverts in their sheep supplements during the year.



RESIGNATION OF CHIEF INSPECTOR

Council has regretfully received and accepted the resignation as chief inspector of the Society from Robert Gregory. Robert has undertaken the role for many years with great dedication, skill and diplomacy. He will be incredibly difficult to replace, and Council now has the challenging task of finding a suitable replacement. Council also wished to record their thanks to Robert's wife, Jeanette, who has supported him in this role.

SIRE VERIFICATION

Council agreed that all rams entered for both the Worcester Premier Sale and the Hybrid Sale in Carlisle will have to be DNA sampled and sire verified prior to the sale. This information will be printed in the sale catalogue.

Where it is impossible to verify a sire, as it is missing from records then the entry will be accepted. However, if the ram has sufficient semen in store, then this must be submitted for analysis.

2024 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

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Charles Sercombe

F&GP

David Sloan (*Chairman*)

Arwyn Thomas

William McAllister

Stuart Dunkley (*Council rep*)

Patrick Tully (*Council rep*)

Council

David Norman

Adrian Davies

Stuart Dunkley

Dave Roberts

Sheila Malcolmson

Russell Gray

Patrick Tully

NORTHERN IRELAND FLOCK COMPETITION RESULTS

Here's the run down from this year's **Northern Ireland flock competition**. Congratulations to all those who took part in the competition.



LARGE FLOCK – EWES

- 1st Alistair Moore – *Hillside*
- 2nd Ian Goudy – *Cardoonan*
- 3rd T and D Fenton – *Lineside*

MEDIUM FLOCK – EWES

- 1st David Anderson – *Ballyhunsley*
- 2nd David Cromie – *Millhaven*
- 3rd John Graham – *Riverview*

SMALL FLOCK – EWES

- 1st Graham Foster – *Springhill*
- 2nd Harold McBratney – *Ashtongreen*
- 3rd Norman McMordie – *Riverdale*

NOVICE FLOCK – EWES

- 1st Rebecca McBratney – *Ashtonelle*
- 2nd Alister and Philip Crawford – *Dunroe*
- 3rd Jamie Davidson – *Springfarm*

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- 3rd Jamie Davidson – *Springfarm*

CHAMPION EWE LAMBS

Graham Foster – *Springhill*

STOCK RAM

- 1st Alistair Moore – *Seefin Ace of Spades*
- 2nd Harold McBratney – *Artnagullion Trojan*
- 3rd Graham Foster – *Springhill*
- Aston Martin*

RAM LAMB

- 1st Rebecca McBratney – *Dunroe Blackjack*
- 2nd David Anderson – *Springhill Bobby Dazzler*
- 3rd Alister and Philip Crawford – *Erenagh Best Bet*

OVERALL CHAMPION FLOCK

David Anderson – *Ballyhunsley*

RESERVE CHAMPION FLOCK

Graham Foster – *Springhill*

CHAIRMANS TROPHY

Harold and Rebecca McBratney – *Ashtongreen and Ashtonelle*

NOVICE EXHIBITORS' TROPHY

Jamie Davidson – *Springfarm*



SULWOOD FLOCK TAKES TOP HONOURS IN THE EASTERN REGION FLOCK COMPETITION

The **Eastern Region** held their annual flock competition and dinner on Friday 22nd September. Last year's judge Ryan Todd of the Thorn Edge flock travelled down from North of England to judge last years entries. Commenting on his judging experience, Ryan would like to thank the Eastern region for asking him to judge.

Ryan commented, "I felt very honoured to be asked to judge the Eastern region flock competition, even with only a handful of entries it still was a very challenging task due to the quality and consistency of all flocks.

My champion came in the way of the Sulwood flock. You could see the consistency of breeding from the ewes down to the ewe lambs, all meriting a style and stamp of sheep that was breeding through the flock.

It was great to see such a quality bunch of flock ewes from the Micklehills flock, giving plenty of hope for the breed to keep pushing forward with young enthusiastic breeders. They looked picture perfect Charollais carrying all the breed characteristics.

Stock ram champion at the Dalby Flock – Foulrice Ace. He carried all the attributes I liked in a ram correct, leg in each corner, strong masculine head and full of power.

A special mention must go to the Furrow Hill flock of Ben and Gemma Hinton, very promising to see such enthusiasm for the breed and to build up to a large flock in a short space of time".



OVERALL CHAMPION FLOCK

G C and C J Watson - Sulwood

CHAMPION FLOCK EWES

Mrs V Ashmore - Micklehills

CHAMPION SHEARLING EWES

G C and C J Watson - Sulwood

CHAMPION EWE LAMBS

G C and C J Watson - Sulwood

BEST STOCK RAM

C Sercombe - Dalby

BEST JUNIOR STOCK RAM

C Sercombe - Dalby

SHOW POINTS WINNER

C Sercombe - Dalby

SHOW SHEEP OF THE YEAR

C Sercombe - Dalby

NOVICE SHOW WINNER

Messrs Reader and Whitehead - Brightside

BEST NEWCOMER

B W and G E Hinton - Furrow Hill

2024 AGM HEADS TO LEICESTERSHIRE

This year's **Society AGM** and social weekend heads to Leicestershire over the weekend of the 24th and 25th May.

Starting off on the Friday, Society chairman Charles Sercome and his family will welcome you to Sandlands Farm to view the Dalby and Micklehills flocks along with the crossbred flock which is part of Signet's RamCompare trial.

The AGM will then be held on the Friday afternoon before an evening of entertainment at Sysonby Knoll Hotel in Melton Mowbray, including a race night.

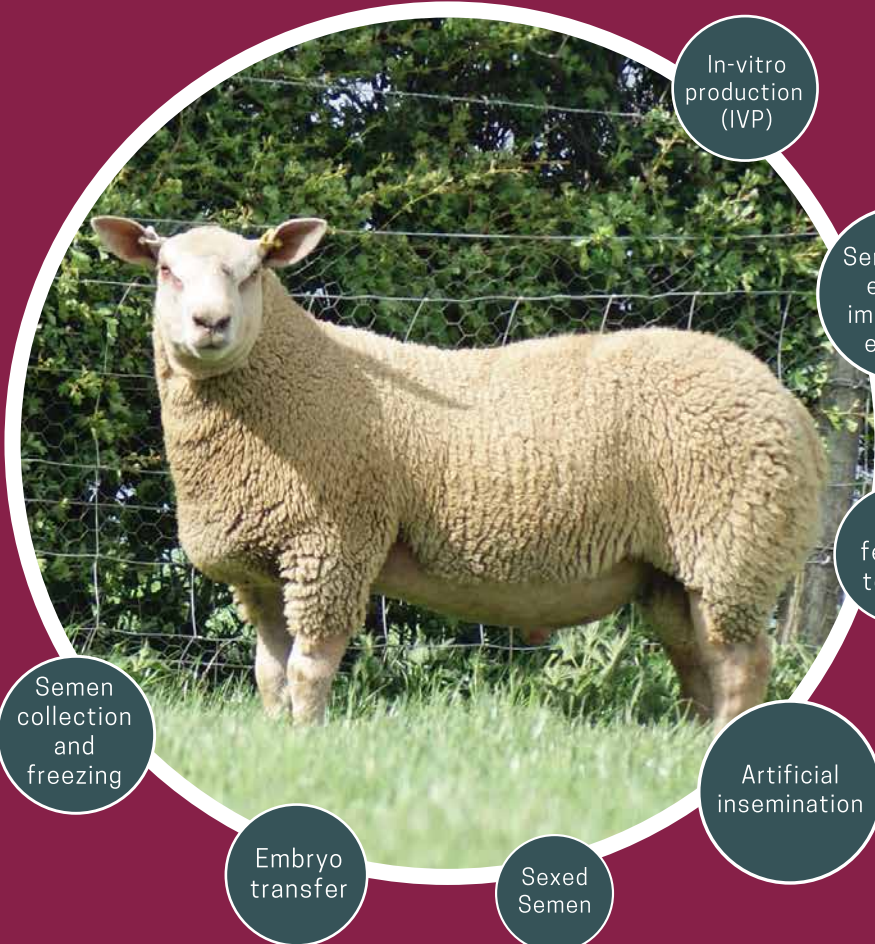
The hotel is only a short drive away from Rutland Water which offers a variety of water-based entertainment. For those seeking active entertainment, the water park hosts paddle boarding and kayaking activities, as well as a paddle steamer. Also close by is Geoff Hamilton's Gardens for those with green fingers.

Guests will then return to the hotel for the Saturday evening with a leisurely Sunday breakfast available before heading home.



Booking forms are available via the Society office.

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UK'S OLDEST CHAROLLAIS FLOCK DISPERSES

The oldest flock of Charollais sheep, the **Crogham flock** of **Jonathan and Carroll Barber**, Wymondham, Norfolk, has been sold in a lock, stock and barrel sale.



* Jonathan and Carroll Barber have dispersed their Crogham flock, having first imported Charollais in 1977.

The oldest flock of Charollais sheep, the Crogham flock of Jonathan and Carroll Barber, Wymondham, Norfolk, has been sold in a lock, stock and barrel sale.

Founded from the original importation by the Barber family in 1977, the Crogham flock has been sold in its entirety to young breeder Will Whiting and family, Cornwall.

Commenting on the sale Carroll Barber said the couple had made the difficult decision to sell the flock for a number of reasons. "Ultimately, it was the right time to give another generation the chance to progress with our genetics.

"There have been many highlights for the flock over the years, including top priced ram sales of Crogham Frankie, Crogham Hannibal and Crogham Cannon and winning all lamb classes at the Royal Show in one year. Breeding top performance animals and seeing significant increases in muscle and growth while maintaining good looking stock has also been a satisfying achievement," she adds.

"Both our children are pursuing successful careers away from farming, so it made sense to offer the opportunity to another youngster," added Jonathan Barber.

"Will is a passionate supporter of the Charollais breed and firmly believes in many of the same principles in breeding as we do, including the

use of performance recording technologies to progress the flock forward."

In selling the flock the Barbers hope they have enabled a young breeder to take a leapfrog in the breed, something they felt was appropriate, given the family's long-standing relationship with the breed.

Included in the sale were 30 flock ewes, 26 shearing ewes and the entire 2024 lamb crop of 50 lambs at foot, sired by Edstaston Bodhi.

"Having been involved with the original importation of the breed to the UK we have always been passionate about ensuring it is developed by each new generation. We wish Will and his family the best of luck with the Crogham ewes and look forward to seeing his Charollais journey progress in the coming years."

Will Whiting said the opportunity to acquire such a unique and well-developed flock was too good to miss.

"The reputation of the Crogham flock needs no explanation to anyone within the Charollais breed. Being able to buy the flock as a going concern to add to our already established Fursdon flock will give us a head start in terms of genetic progress," he believes.



* Buyer of the Crogham flock, Will Whiting, says the heritage and depth of genetics of the flock, combined with the performance figures will no doubt benefit the growth of the family's Fursdon flock no end.

THACKWOOD FLOCK

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RAMCOMPARE UPDATE FOR CHAROLLAIS BREEDERS



By Bridget Lloyd, RamCompare Project Manager

Our ability to assess a ram’s genetic potential for carcass traits provides an important way to demonstrate their economic worth, therefore, providing commercial ram buyers with an accurate and unbiased way to compare the breeding merit of different animals.

RamCompare, the national progeny test, supports those Charollais breeders that performance record their flocks with Signet by showing how Charollais rams with high EBVs perform on commercial farms and has enabled the development of more accurate genetic predictors of carcass value.

Complimenting the long-standing breeding values for Scan Weight, Muscle Depth and Fat Depth, we have a series of new breeding values which include Days to Slaughter, Carcass Weight, Conformation and Fat Class. Since the combined breed evaluation update last spring, these abattoir derived traits are published for all performance recorded rams.

CHAROLLAIS INVOLVEMENT IN RAMCOMPARE

The Charollais breed has always been an early adopter of research and breeders have been extremely supportive of our work. Over 100 different Charollais sires have been tested to date by RamCompare producing more than 19,000 Charollais sired lambs.

RamCompare findings clearly show:

- * A ram’s Scan Weight EBV has a major impact on the speed his progeny will finish.
- * Both Muscle Depth and Gigot EBVs influence carcass conformation.
- * Breeding values for Fat Depth strongly influence a lamb’s fat classification.

A new index called Lamb Value has been produced to rank rams according to the expected profitability of their lambs.

ECONOMIC MERIT SHINES THROUGH AT DUPATH FARM

Few RamCompare farms have tested more Charollais than Adrian and Lyn Combe at Dupath Farm in Cornwall. At Dupath farm they have assessed 14 different terminal sire breeds as part of RamCompare including 19 Charollais sires. Rams are mated to a March lambing Mule flock and their lambs are finished off grass from late summer through to early February.



Progeny Test Results for Charollais sired lambs at Dupath Farm	Records*	Carcass Weight (kg)	Age at Slaughter (days)
Lamb Value - Leading five sires	183	18.6	166
Lamb Value - Average performance	942	18.4	192
Lamb Value - Bottom five sires	239	18.2	217

* Rams have different numbers of lambs depending on whether they are AI or Natural Service

While both environmental and genetic factors will clearly influence the speed of finishing on any commercial farm, the impact that high genetic merit Charollais have at Dupath is clear to see. At 15p/day, the reduction in finishing time achieved by the best sires is easily worth an extra £3.90/ lamb – and these lambs were heavier at slaughter too.

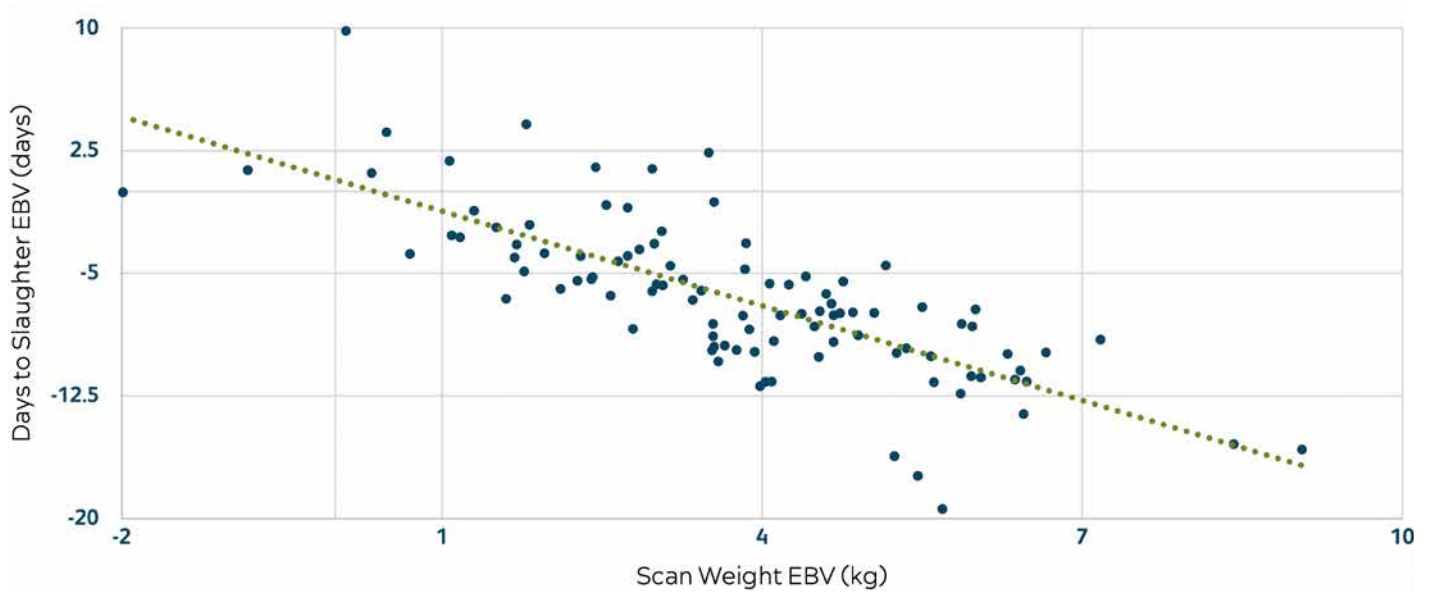
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Finishing speed is important on any farm. Slow growing lambs consume more food over their lifetime, are more likely to succumb to disease/forage shortages and have a higher carbon footprint.

Recent AHDB funded research at SRUC shows that while a lamb's carcass weight is influenced by several genetic factors including both growth and muscling traits, the speed with which lambs are finished is greatly influenced by their sire's Scan Weight EBV. This is clearly demonstrated in this chart, where the breeding values for Scan Weight and Days to Slaughter are plotted for 100 progeny tested Charollais rams.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCAN WEIGHT EBV AND DAYS TO SLAUGHTER FOR 100 PROGENY TESTED CHAROLLAIS SIRES



The message for commercial ram buyers is, therefore, simple. If you want lambs that are away quickly then select rams with high Scan Weight EBVs.

To find a recorded Charollais flock near you, head to
<https://signetdata.com/sheep-search/flock-finder/>

With farmers showing an increasing interest in getting lambs finished more quickly from forage, ram breeders should use EBVs when selecting their future stock sires and also consider how they can get their carcass data included in the National Terminal Sire Evaluation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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RAM SELECTION IN AN EASY LAMBING BREED

By Laura Eyles

It's no revelation to hear that one of the attributes of the Charollais is its ease of lambing, producing lambs that are born with minimal assistance and that are quickly on their feet.

Yet even within an easy lambing terminal sire breed there are differences between rams which are important in commercial flocks, particularly extensively managed flocks and those mating ewe lambs.

Signet has recently updated its genetic evaluation to enhance the breeding values for two traits that influence the level of intervention required at lambing time.

If we look at data collected in Charollais flocks we can see that more than 80% of lambing events are unassisted, but through the selection of rams with positive lambing ease EBVs this figure can be increased further.

- * **Birth Weight EBV** – an indicator of size at birth and thus an indicator of ease of lambing; with large single lambs tending to require more assistance
- * **Lambing Ease EBV** – a direct indicator of ease of lambing

WHAT'S NEW?

- * Data validations have been reviewed and relaxed to include records from more lambing events.
- * Lambing ease scores are no longer adjusted for birth weight in the analysis. This means the expression of the EBV is more informative to ram buyers.

PROPORTION OF UNASSISTED LAMBING EVENTS AT A GIVEN BREEDING VALUE FOR LAMBING EASE IN CHAROLLAIS SHEEP



HOW BREEDERS CAN RECORD LAMBING EASE AND BIRTH WEIGHT

Traits influencing ease of lambing have an important genetic component and Charollais breeders should record lambing ease and birth weight data on the Grassroots database whether they record with Signet or not.

Lambs should be weighed within 24 hours of birth. Weigh lambs in kilograms, ideally to the nearest 0.1kg. Breeders weigh lambs in various ways, with many using a clean bucket attached to hanging (luggage) scales.

Lambing Ease scores relate to each lamb – so two lambs by the same ewe can have different

scores. If you are unsure as to whether a lambing event has been assisted, leave the record blank. Blank scores are interpreted as “no score” rather than “no difficulty”. Score as many lambs as possible, including dead lambs.

The analysis requires variability within the flock to produce EBVs, thus it is important to record data accurately. Where there is little or no variation in lambing ease scores the data supplied it will not be included in the evaluation.

SCORE	DESCRIPTION
1	No assistance
2	Slight assistance by hand
3	Severe assistance
4	Non-surgical veterinary assistance
5	Veterinary assistance, surgery required / caesarean section

Ram buyers can use EBVs to avoid the selection of sires that may have poorer than average lambing ease.

Pay attention when sires have high birth weight EBVs (potential for over sized lambs) or very low birth weight EBVs (as small twins and triplets can have higher mortality). Though actual flock

performance will also be influenced by farming system and ewe breed type.

Ram breeders should consider recording birth weight and/or lambing ease to monitor the genetics for this trait within their flocks – and keep the easy lambing Charollais, an easy lambing breed.



IN THE HOT SEAT WITH JAMES AMPHLETT



As market manager and head of pedigree for McCartneys, we go behind the scenes with the Society's official auctioneer **James Amphlett** to see what drives him on a daily basis in his work environment and how he thinks the Charollais breed is placed in the commercial marketplace in years to come.

Q What's your career path to date?

A "Having studied at Harper Adams, I undertook my work placement with McCartneys at Worcester and must have made some sort of impression as I returned after graduation and seven years later, I'm still here."

Q Career highlight?

A "Every auctioneer likes to hit the headlines selling the big money animals and while I've sold various tups in the 17,000-20,000gns range, nothing pleases me more than a solid day's trade in any ring with great clearances and averages."

Q Who is your career role model?

A "Without doubt Clive Roads. I've been very fortunate to train under Clive and learn from him every day of my career to date, but without question the man's aura and true gentlemanly characteristics are a pleasure to witness."

Q Every auctioneer has one, what's your go to line when selling?

A "I'm not sure I have a line as such, but if it's a bad day and I'm having to knock down a few fictitious bids, well put it this way, it can look like a scene from Reservoir Dogs – I'm a man of colour when it comes to surnames!"

Q Within your role at McCartneys, what gets you out of bed in the morning?

A "I love nothing more than sorting sheep for sale. It's the most important part of the job, knowing how to sort the pens so you know them when it comes to selling them. You can have all the patter in the world when standing in that box or on the gantry, but if you don't know instantly what you're selling and how to value it, the buyers will soon see through you."

Q What does your down time involve?

A "Working six days a week means I sadly have no time for playing rugby anymore, so as much as it sounds mad having dealt with sheep all day, there's nothing better than coming home to sort sheep. I even enjoy late night lambing, largely as it means the mobile phone is quiet!"

Q How do you think the Charollais breed is currently placed in the industry?

A "In the commercial marketplace, the Charollais breed remains a big player. You can't beat a Charollais for speed and quality of finish, length of carcass and that tight skin. Charollais lambs weigh well, hit any spec you need them to and particularly in this area are in hot demand. However, from a pedigree point of view we've seen the dominance of the "sexier show breeds" take over in recent years which has seen the Charollais remain static. I'm not saying that's what the breed deserves, but I do think it shouldn't try and deviate from its core characteristics."

Q As the Society's official auctioneer, what one thing would you change about the breed?

A "I'd change the lambing date. It's a debate I hear often within breeders and one I am confident should happen for the future of the breed. Numbers have dwindled for various reasons, some outside of the control of the Society, but with the cost of housing sheep for lambing increasing year on year and the ability for this breed to finish quickly off grass, more should be made of the commercial power the breed has."

Q You've been given a magic wand – name one thing you would instantly change about the Premier Sale?

A "I'd keep the wand for longer and change a few things! A later sale date, as a result of later lambing, would be my first call. Easing off the desire for huge lambs and a focus on stronger shearling rams would draw in a significant increase in commercial customers. You've only got to see the quality of Charollais cross lambs coming in this market on a weekly basis, the demand is there. From an excitement point of view when it comes to selling, I'd love to see fewer tups being shared at the lower end of the price range, as this would obviously improve clearance rates and averages."

Q What are three things you can't live without?

- A**
1. My wife, Ellie.
 2. Our dog, Poppy.
 3. Medium rare steak and peppercorn sauce.

Q How can Charollais breeders better fulfil the needs of commercial sheep farmers and does the breed need to redefine itself to increase commercial appeal?

A “If you can put the right type of ram in front of the buyer then it will be in demand. Breeders need to remember what is required though, good legs, less wool, fit not fat and great tops and ends. It sounds like I’m preaching to the converted, but variation in breed type is probably stronger than it ever was and I’m not sure that’s a good thing as we’re seeing the breed stray away from the strength it has as commercial crossing sheep. There’s a huge market for Charollais cross sires as well. Produced right, the demand for hardy rams with hybrid vigour is strong.”

Q Would you say the quality of lamb coming through the market is improving?

A “One hundred percent! A few years ago, some vendors were regular stand outs week in week out, with everyone else significantly behind them. Now those vendors are still producing fantastic lambs, but others have improved to match them and now we see more of a steady high quality across the board. Not only has dam and sire choice improved, but overall, the quality of farming has improved. Those that are still in sheep farming are doing it better than ever. With costs rising, constant weather challenges throughout the year and more and more hoops to jump through for various schemes, a greater business focus is being placed on all aspects of livestock production, rather than the traditional way of life approach to farming.

“Price is obviously key and while trade is strong, farmers are generally happy, but we can see from areas in Wales where the struggle is real and the future is looking blurred for some farmers. Whether we’ll get to a full state of French revolt across the UK I don’t know, but it’s certainly close in Wales. We need farming business minds in government, those who can respect the quality of British produce, but equally who understand what it takes to deliver that produce.

Q What do you believe the Charollais breed can offer the UK sheep industry in the next decade?

A “The same it can offer now – good quality lambs that finish early, weigh well and are capable of hitting most specifications to suit all purposes.”

Q From an industry perspective more and more is being asked of farmers with regards the environment and climate change. Where does farming go from here?

A Farming is certainly part of the climate change solution. It’s great to offset carbon by planting a few trees, however, as a country we have to start prioritising food production. We’re being told to eat less sugar, less processed foods, we’re all having to work longer hours, therefore, opt for ease, speed and cheap as cost of living continues to increase. There’s no better product than British farm grown produce, but meeting standards and environmental targets does mean an increase in the cost to produce it.

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*Picture shows Tullyear "Big Bob" 1st Prize Winner at RUAS 2023
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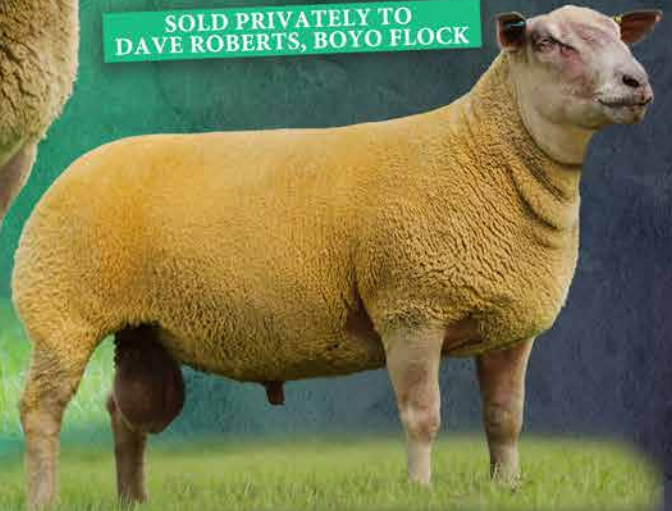
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THE HEART OF CHAROLLAIS CONTINUES TO BEAT STRONG

It's certainly been a year to remember for the Central region with success across the board for many members at both sales and shows, as well as some new events taking place to help grow the interest of the breed in the area.

It feels wrong to start with a little of my own success, but the sale season started strong with great success at the Premier sale at Worcester at the start of July with sale leader Boyo Bravemansgame selling for 24,000gns and Edstaston Beau Jangles at 10,000gns from Robert and Jeanette Gregory hitting the second highest price of the day, both selling into notable flocks outside of the region.

Geoff Probert and family flew the flag for the region at the main NSA Built sale in September topping trade at 4000gns with a shearling ram from their Mortimer flock and setting a fantastic average of £1139. It's results like this at sales such as Built that really cement the demand for good quality, strong rams for commercial customers.

Later in the year, a change of venue for the Saucy Sale saw a move to Shrewsbury which saw the Edstaston flock on top again, this time with the lead price at the sale at 3000gns for the region with their cracking consignment of in-lamb shearling ewes.

Congratulations must also go to Jennifer Curtis and the Elmwick flock selling one of their show shearling ewes at 1400gns at the Hereford High Flyers sale in October.

It was great to see the shows in our region so well supported last year, a personal highlight was the increase in exhibitors at the Royal Three Counties and welcoming breeders to the region from as far afield as Pembrokeshire and North Yorkshire, let's hope we can build on that for the 2024 show.

If you're a fan of The Farmers Country Showdown you may have spotted Central region breeders Ben James and his partner Laura featuring in an episode. Not only was it great to see them do so well, but what a great advert on national television for the Charollais breed.

Towards the end of the summer on a rainy day in August, the first of the Charollais Young Breeders events took place with Boyo and Mortimer jointly hosting the day. Even though the weather wasn't on our side all day it was encouraging to see some 21 young breeders

getting stuck in with all aspects of the day and great to see some new faces too. More can be found on this on pages 28 and 29.

The annual flock competition was yet another resounding success with members welcoming Laura Monk of the Saveoak flock all the way from Cornwall to come and judge the classes. Record attendance at the celebratory lunch completed a fantastic weekend of judging.

As chairman of the Central region, I urge members to support shows both regionally and locally, as well as offer sheep at Society sales. But remember, breed what the market wants. If the goods are right, the purchasers will battle! It's also vital we all promote our flocks either through supporting Society events, or via our own forms of marketing, promotion and social media. I'd like to wish central region members and breeders across the UK a successful year and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible throughout my travels.

Dave Roberts

Central region chairman



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A STRONG FAMILY BOND FORMS THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE COMMERCIALY DRIVEN DITTON FLOCK

A background in commercial sheep farming influences everything the **James family** do with their pedigree flocks, including the 50-ewe **Ditton** Charollais outfit.



* The James family of Paul, Mandy and Ollie pride themselves on working as a team across the whole workload of flock management.

Owned and managed by father and son Paul and Ollie James, alongside Paul's wife, Mandy, and Ollie's wife, Kaylee, the flock was founded some 22 years ago with a brace of Dalby ewes and a further two from Tullyear.

Historically, the family had run a 200-ewe commercial flock but switched to pedigree breeding as a way of increasing the value of their output, says Paul. "We never had great aspirations of showing or selling top end pedigree stock, our focus was, and still remains, on selling strong commercial rams to local customers.

"That said, we now do a bit of showing, both locally and further afield, enjoying the time we spend showing as family time, with everyone fully involved on show days," he explains.

Early in the flock's development ewes were taken to Peter Vaughan's Kingsland flock for tugging, but as numbers grew, so has investment in ram power to help develop the flock further, says Ollie.

"One of the first tups to really have an impact was Kingsland Mighty, a ram we bought at the Premier Sale. He left size, power and really cemented the female base in the flock."

"Then we bought Rhaeadr Olympic which also proved to be a real female breeder, knitting well with the Mighty daughters and taking another step forward. He went on to be male champion and reserve overall champion at the Royal Welsh Show having been bought relatively cheaply as he was a type two scrapie genotype. He also stood interbreed pairs champion alongside Adrian Davies."

"While we appreciate why there is a continued drive for type ones it is important to recognise that a good sheep which is a type two can still do a lot of good in a flock," he adds.



* One of the highlights of the flock's showing career was winning the male and reserve overall championship at the Royal Welsh Show.

The next male to have an impact in the flock was another from Myfyr Evans, in the form of Rhaeadr Rolls Royce. “Yet again he’s delivered strong females and like all the rams we’ve used has provided the right type of tup for our customer base, strong, naturally fleshed and easy lambing.”

As well as focussing on structure and correctness, the last four or five years have seen the family seek out rams with good indexes too. “Growth rate and carcass traits are top of our priorities as they are what makes a difference to our commercial ram buyers. If they can get lambs away quickly and earn premium prices then they’ll come back for more rams.”

“Equally important is an ability to flesh naturally off forage. Feed prices are high and unlikely to drop massively, so we have to produce sheep which thrive off forage. Feed can still play a role, but it should add the finishing touch, not be the foundation everything is built on.”

On this front the latest stock tups have come from Logie Durno, Dalby and Edstaston, along with Arbryn Supreme Deal from Arwyn Thomas.

“All of these have delivered what we hoped they would and continue to have an influence on the flock,” he adds. More recently the privately purchased Lowerye Vladimir has joined the flock. “His immense muscling and power were traits we felt we needed in the flock and having seen him in the flesh at the Three Counties Show we were impressed with him,” comments Paul.

On the female front recent years have seen an added emphasis on harder culling across the flock, he explains. “In the past we perhaps



* Some of this year’s lambs, largely sired by Lowerye Vladimir.

Growth rate and carcass traits are top of our priorities for our commercial customers.



* 2022 Charollais Group of Three winners at the Royal Three Counties Show.



* The latest stock ram to join the Ditton flock is Lowerye Vladimir, purchased privately from Dave Roberts.

held on to a few older ewes for too long. Now we cull harder, keep the flock younger and see the benefit of having a fresher flock in a number of ways.”

Selling mainly from home, the flock benefits from Ollie working for Agrii as an animal health specialist. “Regular contact with local flocks over the years has helped build the customer base, with about 40 rams sold every year from home, alongside a few females too.”

We’ve improved grazing quality through slot seeding to increase the level of young grass in the swards.

Lambled in the first week of December, ewes are synchronised in small batches and tugged over a few days to level out the workload.

“We then aim to wean lambs at 8-10 weeks, to prioritise the best grazing for lambs, allowing ewes to recover over a longer period. Lambs receive creep feed from early on, helping maximise the benefit of the Charollais early growth rate and ensuring any lambs which don’t make the grade for breeding earn premium prices when culled.”

“We’re hard on legs and mouths, only keeping back lambs which we believe will go on and thrive in a commercial setting,” says Ollie.

Flock management benefits from Ollie’s day-to-day work, with faecal egg counts done on a regular basis to avoid unnecessary anthelmintic treatments, with a mineral bolus used throughout the year too.

“We’ve also improved grazing quality through slot seeding to increase the level of young grass in the swards.”

Now regulars on the showing circuit, the family credit local breeders with giving them early encouragement. “Notably David Roberts of the Boyo flock judged us at Newport Show in our early years and gave us a lot of confidence that we had good stock.”

“Alongside that we’ve been fortunate to benefit from Will Price’s trimming expertise, with James and Ellie Amphlett also having learnt a hand with the shears too. Without a doubt having these experienced breeders around us has helped hugely,” says Paul.

“Nowadays Mandy is in charge of trimming, while I manage the feeding and Ollie takes charge when it comes to showing. Kaylee then keeps us all in check and makes sure the finishing touches are applied!”

With both Paul and Ollie actively judging shows having completed their judges training, the pair praise the Society’s judging training and selection regime. “While judging will always be about personal opinion, having judges that have been through a training process and understand the breed points as well as having the right etiquette and style in the ring is an important aspect of showing,” he adds.

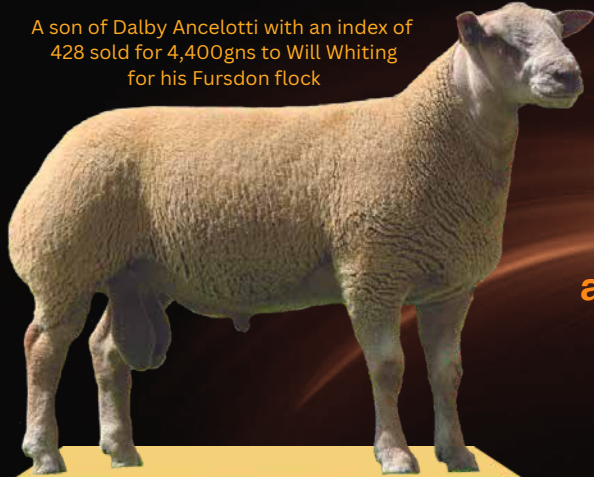


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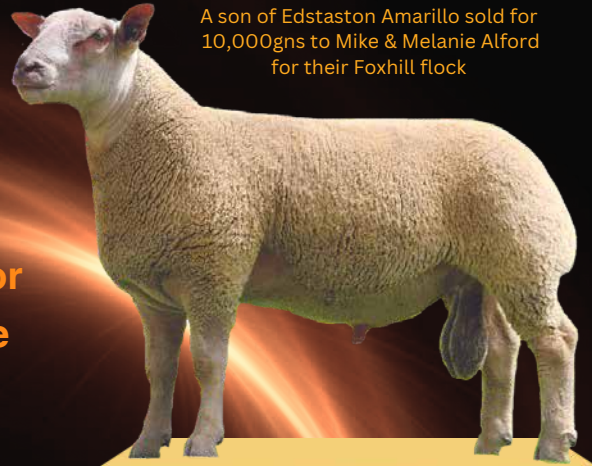
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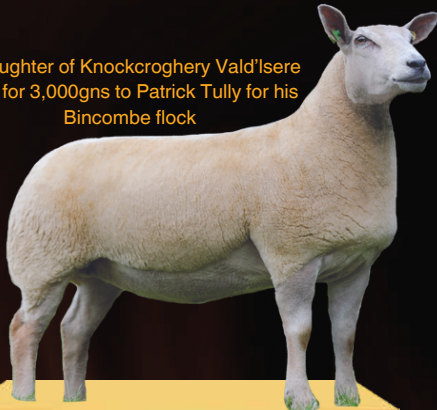
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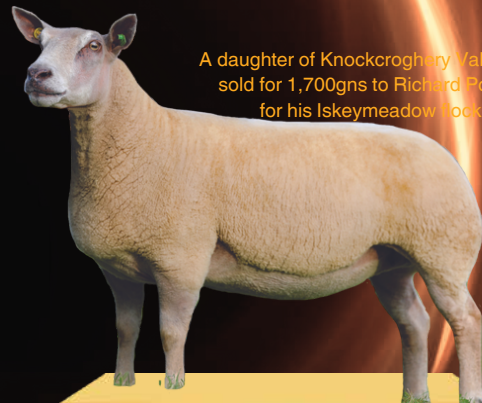
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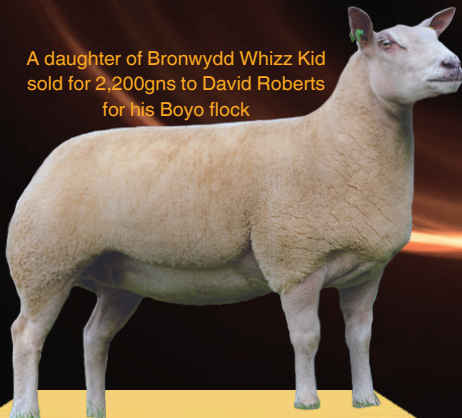
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FIRST YOUTH DAY HAILED GREAT SUCCESS

The first Charollais Young Breeders day took place in August with Dave Roberts of the Boyo flock and Geoff Probert and family of the Mortimer flock co-hosting the day in the central region.



* Part of the Boyo flock on show at the Youth Day.



* Geoff and John Probert with some of the ewes from the Mortimer flock.

The day started with some 21 young members meeting at the home of the successful Boyo flock just outside of Shrewsbury in Shropshire for a farm tour of the Charollais flock, as well as the other Continental breeds that are run on the farm and how smaller scale breeding policies have resulted in a fantastic season for the Boyo flock.

Despite the wet weather on the day, spirits were high while viewing such tremendous stock and the day continued with a trimming demonstration from recently established Charollais breeder Ben Baker, before taking the trimmed lamb through to the photography process with a demonstration carried out by Society photographer Chrissie Long of Country Girl Media, where members went through the finer “behind the scenes” aspects of standing sheep for photos.

Robert Gregory also took the lead in a breeding points discussion talking about pre-show and sale selection. With complimentary refreshments offered throughout the day and a chance to view some fantastic genetics, joint Charollais Youth chairmen, Oliver Chapman and James Danforth and Society events manager Elizabeth Britten presented Dave with a thank you gift for hosting the day.

Members then moved counties over to Worcestershire for a tour of the Probert family’s pedigree and commercial sheep operation.



* Stockjudging winners with judges Geoff and John Probert.

Running both pedigree Charollais and Texel ewes alongside a commercial flock of Scotch Mules, members were greeted with a fantastic display of livestock from ewe lambs right through to shearing rams that were on offer from the flock at the NSA Built Main sale.

A stock judging competition was held which saw members judge lambs and breeding ewes with Craig Bacon from Aberdeen taking first place, Emma Reader from Suffolk coming in second and Laura Monk of Cornwall coming in third. Prizes on offer for this were a selection of Charollais merchandise including sweatshirts, hats and ties.

The day ended with a hog roast and drinks in the garden. With young members travelling as far afield as Cornwall and Scotland to attend the day, the first ever Charollais Youth open day was hailed a huge success for the breed.



* Dave Roberts of the Boyo flock presented with a gift for hosting the day.



* Ben Baker demonstrating the art of shaping a sheep with clippers prior to trimming.



* Hosts Geoff and Bridget Probert and Society events manager Elizabeth Britten being presented with thank you gifts from Oliver Chapman and James Danforth.



* The Mortimer flock’s Charollais and Texel ewe lambs on show.

Rainbow Flock of Charollais Sheep XPU



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The 2024 crop of high index lambs are sired by:

Foulrice Bengamin (23DG12564) - bought in partnership with Redhill and Lowerye. This eye-catching ram was purchased for his muscle depth EBV of 3.44 easily within the Top 1%. Used on ChazCompare and RamCompare we eagerly await his progeny.

Rainbow Bushi (23XPU04791) - last year's stand-out ram lamb from a great bunch! One of the best we have ever bred, great skin, style, width and length. His CT eye muscle area EBV is in the Top 1% and the Top 10 of all time!

Rainbow Assembly Line (22XPU0455) - the highest index son of Foulrice Wellhard (21DG10855) with a gigot muscularity in the Top 1%. Reluctantly for sale in 2024 due to many related animals in the flock!

Rainbow Avalon (22XPU04634), this block of meat performed exceptionally well within the 2023 ChazCompare trial. Out of 46 lambs 29 had E or U grade carcasses and averaging 95 days to slaughter. He is now enjoying life with the Mendip Flock of Andy Coombs and one of his sons being sold to the Newmarket Flock of Gemma Maxwell.



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EDSTASTON FLOCK WINS CENTRAL REGION FLOCK COMPETITION

The Central region welcomed Laura Monk of the Saveoak flock to judge the annual flock competition, with a presentation of prizes and lunch held in October to celebrate the winners.

Having made the journey up from Cornwall, Laura visited some 13 flocks across the region and while presenting the awards she commented on such a high standard across all the flocks.

“It was a privilege to be asked to judge and I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to see some fantastic flocks of sheep, whether they were long established breeders or new starters,” she said.

The champion small flock went to Ben James of the Cinders flock. “I could see that Ben was retaining only the very best in order to maintain a small flock of exceptional females.”

Meanwhile, the large and overall champion flock went to Robert and Jeanette Gregory’s Edstaston flock. “It was clear to see the type of sheep Robert was hoping to breed with a consistent quality across all the classes he entered.”

Members enjoyed a fantastic lunch at the Dickin Arms in Loppington, Shrewsbury, with record attendance. Central region chairman Dave Roberts thanked Laura for her time and thorough judging skills with a thank you made to Central secretary Grant Pink for organising the meal and driving Laura to the flocks.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS:

LARGE FLOCK CHAMPION

R and J Gregory, Edstaston



RESERVE LARGE FLOCK CHAMPION

Madders and Johnson, Blythe



SMALL FLOCK CHAMPION

Ben James, Cinders



RESERVE SMALL FLOCK

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CHAMPION EWE LAMBS

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A WALK THROUGH THE ELMWICK FLOCK HISTORY BOOKS

More than 40 years of dedication to the Charollais breed have combined to make the **Elmwick** name one of the most recognisable in the breed.



* Jennifer and Geoff Curtis of the Elmwick flock.

Having been drawn to the breed at a South West NSA open day in 1981, Jennifer Curtis' father, Derrick Daffurn, purchased three rams that year to run with the family's flock of 1500 North of England Mules.

From that moment on the family were hooked on the breed and began their pedigree journey the same year with the purchase of an in-lamb ewe, visiting France the following year to purchase 10 ewe lambs and a ram.

Now numbering 80 ewes, as well as 60 crossbred ewes, the couple sell up to 60 ram lambs a year, 30 shearling rams and a number of yearling ewes for MV ET recipients.

"Our foundation ram, Jasper A193088, did a lot of good for us and was also shown successfully, helping broaden the interest in the breed both locally and further afield," explains Jennifer.

"Back when we started, we were selling all our prime lambs on a deadweight basis and the Charollais cross lambs were perfect for it. They had great skins, a well fleshed carcass and exceptional growth rates. That combined with their ease of lambing and vigour at birth, as well as the ability to convert grass and feed to meat meant they were ideal for our system.

Now the couple sell lambs locally at Worcester or privately for the freezer. The last three years

have seen a championship win at the Easter Show and Sale at Worcester.

"That said, we struggled to convince anyone else locally of the merits of a Charollais ram in the early days. Dad went so far as hiring Charollais rams out to convince local farmers of their merits. It worked and nearly everyone that tried one came back and bought the following year! Some are still with us as customers to date."

Looking back Jennifer says the breed has evolved significantly since those early days, but has also retained its key attributes.

"Back then they had a decent hindquarter, but maybe not so extreme as some we see today and had great length. That length, which is so important commercially, is still there today and is something that really sets the breed apart from others.

When we started, we were selling prime lambs on a deadweight basis, which the Charollais cross lambs were perfect for.

"Heads were generally much pinker back then too, the whiter heads have become more in demand over the years, but in our early days in the breed we'd be clipping heads and adding colouring products to make them look pinker," she recalls.

"Ultimately the commercial buyers have been attracted to the whiter headed types and we've responded as breeders by prioritising that type.

Jennifer recalls the family started showing early in their association with the breed, largely to promote the flock locally and expand their customer base. "As a family we'd always shown ponies, so showing sheep was a natural next step.

“We’ve certainly celebrated some phenomenal wins over the years,” recalls Jennifer as she thinks of the good old days of the Royal Show. “With sheep like Elmwick Chardonnay winning the champion of champions title at Westmorland Show and Elmwick Dustie, Elmwick Diana and Elmwick Isobel winning countless interbreed championships across the UK.”

“A little further down the line, along with Arwyn Thomas, Dilwyn Davies and Tim Prichard, Jennifer helped stage a female production sale, initially at the Three Counties Showground and then to Ross on Wye, Builth and latterly Hereford under the title of Hereford High Flyers.

“These have been highly successful over the years, drawing both existing and new breeders to invest in females. We’ve enjoyed some great days at those sales, with Elmwick KitKat a notable sale with this one bought by Arwyn Thomas as a foundation ewe for his re-established flock in 2011.

“She’d been in the show team that year, having been reserve interbreed at Three Counties and interbreed champion at Burwarton,” she adds.

“That same year we sold to Ireland at 2000gns, with others in following years heading to Northern Ireland and to many other noted flocks this side of the water.”

The couple also sold a show winning ewe lamb, Elmwick 19DQ02098 for 3000gns to Dave Roberts, along with many other private sales, with many sales acting as foundation starter flocks for younger members.

On the male side notable stock rams have been both homebred and purchased, with one from the early days being Elmwick Charlie, a son of the family’s original import, Jasper.

“Others which have had a lasting impact include Highway Mr Softie, a ram purchased in 1999 from Dilwyn Davies in partnership with Roger Brewer and Richard Willcox.

“Homebred rams of note include Elmwick Gladiator and Elmwick Mr McGregor, both of which have left great females. It is important for us that a ram breeds females that will breed well for us, but they must also leave rams which suit the needs of our commercial customers.

“That always has been and remains the number one priority for us,” says Jennifer who farms in partnership with her husband, Geoff, who manages the 175 acres of arable and a further 125 acres of grass.

“We also had great success using Shamrock Northern Star and Glyn-Coch JPR, with Elmwick KitKat being a JPR daughter and Northern Star being the sire of Elmwick Paige who was interbreed champion as a ewe lamb at the Royal Welsh Show in 2015 and part of the interbreed group of three. More recently Boyo Theinval has been among the sire team and is doing a great job.”

Still committed to showing, Jennifer and Geoff concentrate mainly on local shows, particularly The Three Counties Show, aiming to support the breed at these events which, in many cases, have seen shrinking entry numbers over recent years.

“Part of that commitment is about supporting younger breeders locally who are taking part in these one day shows. As a breed we must encourage the next generation and ensure the breed has a strong future.

“The Charollais breed is in a strong position, with Charollais cross lambs in demand both in liveweight sales and also on the hook. The breed’s natural, easy fleshing abilities must be the focus going forward, as well as maintaining correctness of legs and feet with fast growth,” she adds.



SOME OF THE FLOCK'S HISTORY MAKERS...



* Jasper, the foundation ram for the flock.



* Jennifer and her father Derrick Daffurn with the Devon County interbreed winning pair, Elmwick Diana and Chestnutpark Cyberman.



* Elmwick Isobel - interbreed winner at Royal Bath and West and reserve interbreed at the Royal Welsh Show.



* Elmwick Gladiator.



* Elmwick Diana and her haul of trophies having stood reserve interbreed at the Royal Show.



* The highly successful and prolific Elmwick Kit Kat, sold as a foundation female for the Arbryn flock.



* Highway Mr Softie.



* Elmwick Paige, interbreed ewe lamb at the Royal Welsh 2015 and interbreed group of three.



* Elmwick Chardonnay - champion of champions title winner at Westmorland Show.



* Multiple breed championship winner, Elmwick Dustie, winner of titles at Shropshire County, Three Counties, Royal Cornwall, Royal Show and Royal Welsh.



* Elmwick Upfront, sold for 3000gns at Buih Main Sale in 2019 to the Malcolmson family in Northern Ireland.

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CASTELLAU FLOCK DISPERSAL HITS TOP CALL OF 2800GNS

Having established his Castellau flock of Charollais sheep in 1987, Friday 26th May saw Tim Prichard disperse his flock on farm in Llantrisant, Mid Glamorgan, to a top price of 2800gns.

Averages:

32 flock ewes **£762.56**

27 shearling ewes **£633.88**

27 ewe lambs **£674.72**

2 stock rams **£1391.25**

(McCartneys)

Sale leader was the shearling ewe, Castellau 22TZ03828, a Logie Durno Olympian daughter out of a homebred female by Wernfawr Spartacus, himself a former interbreed pairs champion at the Royal Welsh Show. This one caught the eye of Arwyn Thomas for his Arbryn flock, based at Whitland, Carmarthenshire.

The second highest call of the day at 2600gns came for the top priced aged ewe, Dalby 19PEO7800, a 2018-born Dalby Ranieri daughter. Purchased at the Dalby Coral sale, this one is out of a Loanhead female by Bawnard Bolt and she went back home to Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, with her breeder Charles Sercombe.

Sticking with the aged ewes, Adrian Davies, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire, went to 2100gns to secure the 2019-born Castellau 20TZ02994 for his Glyn-Coch flock. This one is a Knockin Shockin daughter out of a homebred female by Castellau Nockout.

Meanwhile, at 1700gns was another 2019-born Shockin daughter, Castellau 20TZ03045. This time out of one of the most successful ewes in the flock, Castellau Rhianna, a Castellau Powerhouse daughter. Taking this one home to Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, were William and Carole Ingram for the Logie Durno flock.

Also at 1700gns was the shearling ewe, Castellau 22TZ03807, a daughter of Arbryn Tonto and out of a Dalby Ranieri daughter. With three generations of Royal Welsh winners in her pedigree, she was knocked down to C H Rees, Llantwit, Mid Glamorgan.

The same buyer also paid 1500gns for the aged ewe, Castellau 19TX02636. This one is a daughter of the 6200gns Ffrwd Tyrone and out of a Castellau Rockafella daughter.

Then at 1400gns was another shearling ewe, this time Castellau 22TZ03853. This ET-bred Arbryn Viper daughter is out of a homebred female by Castellau Powerhouse and caught the eye of A Richardson, Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

Ewe lambs

Ewe lamb trade saw a top price of 2000gns for Castellau 23TZ04232, a Thackwood U Corker daughter out of a homebred Boyo Uncle Ted daughter who won her class at the Vale of Glamorgan Show on her only show outing. This one sold to Dave Roberts for his Boyo flock, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Next up at 1800gns was another Thackwood U Corker daughter, this time Castellau 23TZ04214, out of a Castellau Nockout daughter. She heads up to Dumfries, Dumfriesshire, with H W Sloan for the Rigghead flock.

Her full sister, Castellau 23TZ04213 sold just before her for 1600gns to Robert Gregory, for his Edstaston flock at Shrewsbury, Shropshire and Abbie Mosely for her Knockin flock, Oswestry, Shropshire.

Rams

Leading trade for rams at 2100gns was one of the flock's stock rams, Logie Durno Watchman, an Arbryn Viper son out of a Rhaeadr Orlando sired Logie Durno-bred daughter. Heading across the water to Co Kilkenny, Eire, he was knocked down to Frank Jordan.

Ram lambs then peaked at 1000gns for Castellau 23TZ04251, a son of Watchman and out of a Dalby Ranieri daughter. He headed to Barnsley, South Yorkshire with previous buyer A Richardson.



* Castellau 22TZ03828, sold for 2800gns to Arwyn Thomas, Arbryn.



* Dalby 19PE07800, sold for 2600gns to Charles Sercombe, Dalby.



* Castellau 20TZ02994, sold for 2100gns to Adrian Davies, Glyn-Coch.



* Castellau 23TZ04232, sold for 2000gns to Dave Roberts, Boyo.



* Castellau 23TZ04214, sold for 1800gns to H W Sloan, Rigghead.



* Logie Durno Watchman, sold for 2100gns to Frank Jordan.

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BRAVEMANSGAME SMASHES PREMIER SALE AT 24,000GNS

A jam-packed ringside at Worcester in July witnessed a top price of 24,000gns at the **Premier Sale**, courtesy of a ram lamb from Dave Roberts' Shrewsbury, Shropshire-based Boyo flock.

Averages:

18 shearling ewes **£1160.83**
10 ewe lambs **£1163.40**
22 shearling rams **£1663.30**
89 ram lambs **£1713.60**
(McCartneys)

Boyo Bravemansgame is by the flock's senior stock ram, Lowerye Vladamir, himself a regular class winner and male champion throughout the 2023 show season and is out of an Edstaston-bred female by Knockin Shockin. Bravemansgame has also been shown successfully taking the male and reserve overall championship at Stafford Show on his only outing.

After spirited bidding, the hammer finally fell at 24,000gns to Graham Foster for his Springhill flock, based at Newtownstewart, Northern Ireland.

Second highest call on the day of 10,000gns fell to Edstaston Beau Jangles from Robert and Jeanette Gregory, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. By Edstaston Amarillo, he's out of a homebred female by Edstaston Shropshire Lad. Taking him home to Cullompton, Devon, were Michael and Melanie Alford for the Foxhill flock.

The Alford family recouped some of their outlay when selling their best lamb, Foxhill Bandit for 6500gns. By the privately purchased Logie Durno All Star who was breed champion at Devon County Show and reserve breed champion at Royal Cornwall Show on the 2023 show circuit, he's out of a homebred Rockvilla Ferrari daughter. Taking this one home were E and E Duncan, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire for the Braemuir flock and T Dalgarno, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, for the Clackriach flock.

His pen mate, Foxhill Benadict, then met a 4600gns bid. Again, by All Star and this time out of a Logie Durno Olympian daughter, this one sold in partnership to David Lewis for his Pembroke flock, Narbeth, Pembrokeshire and

Gareth Lee, Kidwelly, Pembrokeshire, for the recently established Calogale flock.

Next up at 4400gns was another from Robert and Jeanette Gregory in the form of Edstaston Best Bar One. Carrying a top 1% index of 428, this one is by the 4000gns Dalby Ancelotti and is out of a homebred Knockin Shockin daughter. Taking this one home to Liskeard, Cornwall were Graham, Sarah and son Will Whiting for the Fursdon flock.

Then at 3800gns was the first placed Skyefall Bandit from Kelso, Scottish Borders-based Stuart Ramsey. By Springhill Adonis, this one is out of a homebred Springhill Untouchable daughter and caught the eye of Messrs Sloan and Jackson for the Rigghead flock, Dumfries, Dumfriesshire.

Meanwhile, selling for 3400gns was the best from the Logie Durno string of William and Carole Ingram, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, with Logie Durno Barbarian. This Crogham Aries II son is out of a homebred Loanhead Talisman daughter. Picking this one out in partnership were R G and R A Jones and Sons, Haverfordwest, Carmarthenshire, for the Robleston flock and Arywn Thomas, Whitland, Carmarthenshire, for the Arbryn flock.

Then at 3200gns wrapping up the final part of the dispersal of the Castellau flock was Tim Prichard, Llantrisant, Mid Glamorgan. Castellau Ball Boy is by Logie Durno Watchman and is out of a homebred Knockin Shockin daughter. This one caught the eye of Tom Nancekivell, Bude, Cornwall, for his Heatham flock and Ben and Amelia Watts, Ashburton, Devon, for the Willow flock.



* Sale topper at 24,000gns was Boyo Bravemansgame from Dave Roberts.



* At 10,000gns was Edstaston Beau Jangles from Robert and Jeanette Gregory.



* Next at 6500gns was Foxhill Bandit from Michael and Melanie Alford.



* Edstaston Best Bar One sold for 4400gns.



* The overall champion, Manor House Bond Girl, a ewe lamb from George Hoggard, sold for 3800gns.



* Shearling rams topped at 3400gns for Logie Durno 22ZNN43622 from William and Carole Ingram.



* Top price shearling ewe at 3200gns was Boyo Amelia from Dave Roberts.



* Judge Graham Foster with his Premier Sale champion, a ewe lamb from George Hoggard and the reserve a ram lamb from the Ingram family.

Shearling rams

Shearling ram trade met a top call of 3400gns for Logie Durno 22ZNN43622 from William and Carole Ingram. By Boyo Vancouver, this one is out of a homebred dam by Logie Durno Jackpot and was knocked down to S Mason, Lancaster, Lancashire.

From the same pen came the shearling ram champion, Logie Durno 22ZNN43646. By the 17,000gns Foxhill Walkabout, this one is out of a Logie Durno Umpire daughter. Taking this one home to Crediton, Devon, at 2800gns were E W Quick and Sons.

Then at 2600gns was Logie Durno 22ZNN43657, this time by the multi award winning 16,000gns Foxhill Va Va Voom and out of a Tullyear female by Logie Durno Finnegan. This one was the pick of Simon Turkington, Melrose, Scottish Borders.

The Foxhill flock was then back in action selling Foxhill A-One, a Thackwood U Corker son out of a Loanhead Triathlon daughter who was interbreed champion at Honiton Show. Buying this one together were Mitchel and Elizabeth Britten, Wymondham, Norfolk, for the Cavick flock and James Danforth, Tadcaster, West Yorkshire, for the Lodgehill flock.

Female trade

Leading female trade at 3800gns was the overall champion from the pre-sale show, Manor House Bond Girl from George Hoggard, Newark, Nottinghamshire. Described by the judge, Graham Foster, Springhill, as simply oozing style, presence and fantastic carcass attributes, this Springhill Vodka sired ewe lamb is out of a Springhill Untouchable-sired Logie Durno bred daughter. Taking this one home to Pembrokeshire was previous buyer Gareth Lee.

Shearling ewes then met a top call of 3200gns with Dave Roberts back in action, this time selling Boyo Amelia. By Thackwood Tyson Fury, she's out of a Gwyndy-bred female by Wedderburn Rogue. Having previously picked up the reserve breed title at Shropshire Show, this one joins George Hoggard's Manor House flock.

Next up at 2600gns was Loanhead 22WNC43578 from Gregor and Bruce Ingram, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire. Having come through as winner of the shearling ewe class, this Foxhill Va Va Voom daughter joined the trailer back home to Lancaster, with S Mason, for the newly formed Brown and Mason flock.



* Foxhill Benedict, sold for 4600gns to Dave Lewis, Pembroke.



* Skyefall Bandit found a new home with the Rigghead flock at 3800gns.



* Logie Durno Barbarian from the Ingram family, sold for 3400gns.



* The last of Tim Prichard's ram lambs, Castellau Big Ben, sold for 3200gns.



* At 2800gns was Carnew Brave Heart from Jonathan Aiken.



* The shearing champion from Logie Durno sold for 2800gns.



* Second highest priced female, a shearling ewe from Loanhead, selling for 2600gns.



* The reserve shearing ram champion from Gregor and Bruce Ingram made 2400gns.

GORTEEN FLOCK LEADS DUNGANNON PREMIER SALE AT 5000GNS

Dungannon Farmers Mart witnessed a strong interest from both pedigree and commercial buyers at the summer **Premier Sale**. The buzz around the sale ring generated a top price of 5000gns for Gorteen 23VCT06973.

Averages:

10 aged and shearing rams **£1132**

96 ram lambs **£834**

18 ewe lambs **£673**

(Dungannon Farmers Mart)

By Oakchurch Admiral, this one is out of a homebred female by Rhaeadr Orlando. With a top 10% index, he caught the eye of Jonathan Wales, for his Carlisle, Cumbria-based Thackwood flock.

The second highest price on the day was another ram lamb selling for 3200gns for Messrs A and P Crawford. Dunroe 23VKP00042 is a son of Ballynoe House Action Man and is out of a Springhill ewe by Logie Durno Untouchable. Taking this one home to Bangor, Co Down, was Harold McBratney.

Then at 3000gns was Ballynoe House 23YCR00828 from Ian Craig. This Rockdale Vespian son is out of a homebred daughter of Loanhead Upperclass and caught the eye of Dumfries-based Ben Radley for his Loaningfoot flock.

At 1800gns was the champion from the pre-sale show from Messrs McConnell Bros. Hollylodge 23WZ00913 is by Bawnard Allaho and out of a homebred female by Loanhead Ur The

Boy. Backing his choice to tap this one out as champion was Jim Neil, Kelso, Scottish Borders, buying for his Runningburn flock.

Then just shy of that figure at 1700gns was Artnagullion 23ZGQ05728 from William McAllister. By Iskeymeadow Wagamama, he's out of a Knockin Shop daughter and was knocked down to Rodney Goudie, Co Donegal.

Two ram lambs then shared a price tag of 1600gns, the first was Springhill 23WLK07098 from Graham Foster. This Ballynoe House Playboy son is out of a Logie Durno Untouchable daughter and is maternal brother to Springhill Aston Martin. Securing this one was Aiden Loftus, Crossmolina, Co Mayo.

At the same money was Iskeymeadow 23VfV00155 from Richard Powell. This Loanhead Villain son is out of a Rockvillabred Artnagullion Trojan daughter and found a new home with Ryan McElhinney, Letterkenny, Co Donegal.





* 5000gns Gorteen 23VCT06973, selling to Messrs Wales for the Thackwood flock.

Shearling rams

Leading a small offering of shearling rams at 1900gns was the reserve champion, Ballyhoe House Action Man, offered by Graham Foster. Used successfully, this Rockdale Vespien son is out of a Knockin Shop daughter. He sold to Alistair Craig, Claudy, Londonderry.

Two shearling rams then met a 1200gns price tag, the first being the male champion from last year's Balmoral Show, Lornbrook 22ZHV01796. By a Logie Durno ram and out of a Loanhead female by Rhaeadr Orlando, this one caught the eye of Sean Naughton, Ballinasloe, Co Galway.

The other at that money was another from Diane Christie, Hollylodge 22XWZ00791. Bred by Messrs McConnell Bros, this Loanhead Ur The Boy son is out of a Hollylodge female by Edstaston San Miguel. He was knocked down to P Murphy, Dungiven, Co Waterford.

Ewe lambs

A bid of 1500gns secured the top priced ewe lamb on the day from William McAllister's Artnagullion pen. By Iskeymeadow Wagamama, Artnagullion 23ZGQ05709 is out of a homebred female by Knockin Shop. She sold to Stewart Thompson, Ballybofey, Co Donegal.

Meanwhile at 1400gns was Glen Baird selling Aghavilly 23VAB02021 to Richard Powell, Co Armagh. By Loanhead Virgil Van Dyke, this one is out of an Artnagullion female by Loanhead Upperclass.





* Dunroe lamb from A and P Crawford, selling at 3200gns.



* At 3000gns was a Ballynoe House ram lamb from Ian Craig, which sold to Ben Radley.



* At 1800gns was the pre-sale champion from Messrs McConnell Bros' Hollylodge flock.



* Artnagullion 23ZGQ05728 from William McAllister at 1700gns.



* 1600gns for Springhill 23WLK07098 from Graham Foster.



* Judge Jim Neil with his champion from the Hollylodge flock.

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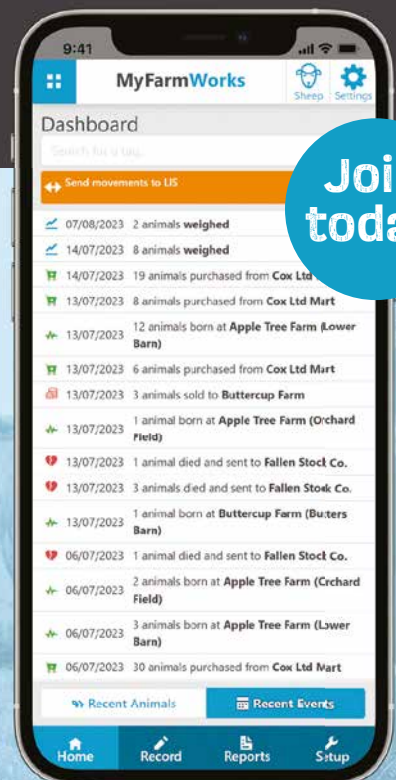
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FOULRICE TAKES TOP PRICE AT BUILTH EARLY SALE AT 3800GNS

Averages:

67 shearling rams £768.85

17 ram lambs £462.00

(Hereford Market Auctioneers)

The Charollais breed kicked off to a great start for the commercial sale season at the NSA Built Early Sale as the breed took the overall top price of the sale. Leading the way at 3800gns was Foulrice 22DG12139 from C W Marwood and Son. This February-born shearling by Lowrye Vulcan is out of a homebred dam and sold to Hywel and Avril Rees, Llynfi flock, Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan.

Next best at 2000gns was a shearling 22WGN05844 from R G and R A Jones and Son's Roblestone flock. Taking him

home were R J and J Towers for their Camp House flock, Ingleton, Carnforth.

Securing the breed championship under Young Breeder's chairman James Danforth was 22WRF00905 from Arwyn and Jane Thomas's Arbryn flock. This one later sold for 1100gns to S J and R M Lang, Plymouth, Devon. Commenting on his champion James described the tup as a powerful, correct and stylish tup which handled well on the loin with good tight gigots. "He was the stand out sheep on the day for me," he added.

Securing the reserve championship was a ram lamb 23TZ04265 from Tim Prichard, which went on to take the top price ram lamb on the day at 650gns.



* Leading the NSA Built early sale at 3800gns was a shearling ram from Charles Marwood and Son's Foulrice flock.



* Second highest price on the day at 2000gns was one from R G and R A Jones and Son's Roblestone flock.

THACKWOOD SHEARLING RAM LEADS CARLISLE

Averages:

11 shearling rams £925.90

15 ram lambs £553.00

14 females £470.00

(Harrison and Hetherington)



* Pre-sale champion, Rigghead 23HR05404 sold for 900gns for Messrs Sloan and Jackson.

A solid day's trade in Carlisle saw a shearling ram, Thackwood 22GU06156, take the top price of 1300gns for local vendors, the Wales family. This Lornbrook Wild Card son is out of a homebred dam and sold to R H Walton, Hexham.

Taking the second top price and helping realise a pen average of £1187 for Thackwood was 22GU06030. This Ffrwd Top Notch son was knocked down to J A Herbert, County Durham. Meanwhile, heading to Kendal was another Ffrwd Top Notch son, Thackwood 22GU06021, which sold for 1000gns.

Next best was 22XNK03146 a December-born shearling ram from David and Johnathan Norman's Kirkhouse flock. Selling for 1000gns, this one headed to Ayrshire with S Rorison.

Lamb trade

Mother and daughter team, Helen Sloan and Hannah Jackson led the ram lamb trade at 950gns selling Rigghead 23HR05412. A Foxhill Va Va Voom son out of a homebred dam, this one went to Messrs Smith for their Priestdykes flock in Dumfriesshire.

Having secured the pre-sale championship, Rigghead 23HR05404 from the same pen then sold for 900gns. By Carnew Wise Crack, this one had previously stood reserve male champion at last year's Great Yorkshire Show. Buyers were S C and N C Hodgson for their Halfpenny flock in Carlisle.

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PRESTLEIGH FLOCK SETS NEW RECORD AT NSA EXETER SALE

Topping trade and taking the top price of the entire sale at the **NSA South West Ram Sale**, as well as setting a new centre record for the breed at 2600gns was the pre-sale champion and winner of the shearling ram class, Prestleigh Achilles from Tom Newth, Castle Cary, Somerset.

Averages:

37 shearling rams **£640.00**

20 ram lambs **£387.00**

4 ewe lambs **£310.00**

12 shearling ewes **£338.00**

4 aged ewes **£330.00**

(Kivells)

Sired by Cavick What About That, a tup shared with the Willow flock, and out of a dam by Boyo Untouchable, he sold at 2600gns to the judge Geoff Probert for the Mortimer flock, Worcester. The tup was described by Geoff as “a solid handling ram with a leg in each corner and tremendous fleshing ability.”

Following him came a brace of 1100gns bids with both of these coming for shearling rams from Michael and Melanie Alford’s Foxhill flock, with the first being Foxhill Almighty, a Thackwood U Corker son out of a dam by Logie Durno Olympian. This one was knocked down to Peckmoor Farming, Henley, Crewkerne.

The same buyers then took the pen mate at this money, Foxhill 22XWY00727. He’s by Rockvilla Ferrari and out of a Logie Durno Olympian-sired dam.

A pair then made 800gns, with the first being a shearling ram from the Quick family’s Loosebeare flock in the form of Loosebeare 22XWD12509. He’s by the homebred Loosebeare Star and out of a dam by Robleston Unit and sold to A R Henson, Washfield, Tiverton.

The other to make this money was the best of the ram lambs and pre-sale reserve champion from Denby Smith’s Leytown flock. This was Leytown 23WZP00451, an Elsridge Ambassador son out of a dam by Rhaeadr Jethro. He sold to R J Cole, Ashreigney, Chulmleigh.

Topping the female trade at 600gns was a shearling ewe from George Dart’s Woodhayes pen, 22WDC00427. She’s by a Lowerye sire and is out of a dam by Rainbow Road To Utopia and sold to R J Berry, Kenn, Exeter.



* Judge Geoff Probert with his champion from Tom Newth’s Prestleigh flock (right) and reserve from the Leytown flock of Denby Smith (left).



* Prestleigh Achilles at 2600gns which sold to the judge Geoff Probert.



* Leytown 23WZP00451 at 800gns headed to R J Cole, Ashreigney.

INGRAM FAMILY LEADS KELSO SALE AT £2200

AVERAGES:

108 shearing rams **£750.28**

20 ram lambs **£471.50**

(Lawrie and Symington)

A solid trade at last year's **Kelso Ram Sale** saw a top price of £2200. The pre-sale champion, judged by Jim Neil, took the top price for the Ingram family, Aberdeenshire, with their pen of 17 shearlings averaging £1015.

Taking the second top price of £1500 and averaging £856 for 25 shearing rams, were the Wales family and their Thackwood flock.

Joint next best was a shearing ram from Ben Radley's Loaningfoot flock selling for £1000, with his pen averaging £780.83 for 12 rams. Also selling a shearing ram for £1000 was James Clanachan of the Maryholm flock.

Overall, a great day's trade for shearing rams with averages up by £93 from last year's sale.

Leading ram lamb trade at £1000 were Charles and Stephen Marwood, with their Foulrice flock averaging £495 for 14 lambs.

Next best was a ram lamb from S and A Moore's Balhall flock, selling for £500.



* Kelso sale leader at £2200 from the Ingram family.



* The Wales family with a £1500 shearing ram from their Thackwood flock.



FLYING TRADE FOR RAMS AT BALLYMENA

Strong demand for rams was the key to a successful evening sale held at Ballymena Market in September last year. Averages were up in all sections with a couple of four-figure bids for the sale leaders.

Topping the trade at 1020gns was a shearling ram from Glen Baird's Aghavilly flock. This strong tup was tapped out as champion in the pre-sale show classes and was the choice of local farmer, Catherine O'Melvenna.

Close behind in the shearling section was an Edstaston Ultravox son from Norman McMordie, Saintfield. Taking this one at 900gns was Jenna Chambers from Banbridge. William McAllister achieved 800gns for a Rockdale Vespasian son, which went to another local producer James Carey.

A near total clearance saw the shearling rams finish on an average of £656.53 which was more than £100 up on the 2022 prices.

Two stock rams at the beginning of the sale found new homes at 880gns and 780gns.

Meanwhile, leading the ram lambs at 1000gns was one from the pen of Jim Anderson, Bushmills. Selling late in the evening their January-born

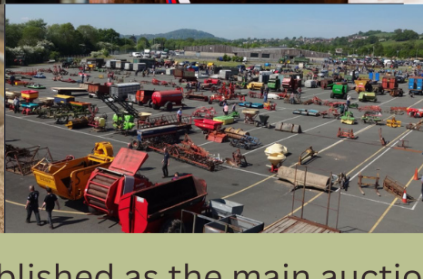


* Champion and top price was a shearling ram from Glen Baird.

son of Foxhill Walkabout caught the eye of Tom Fenton from Ballymena for his Lineside flock.

Next best came from Alistair Moore's Hillside flock. Selling for 850gns was a Rockdale Wizard son which went to William McCracken, Loughgall.

At 820gns was Derek Bell's son of Hollylodge Utopia which found a new home with J and D Boyle, Ballyclare, while the Artnagullion flock of William McAllister had a good run with one at 800gns as did Messrs McConnell Bros, Hollylodge flock. Their five lambs topped at 800gns and averaged £562.80. The 63 ram lambs sold to average £533.83 up £45 on the 2022 result with a near 90% clearance rate.



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MORTIMER FLOCK TOPS BUILT MAIN SALE TRADE AT 4000GNS

A strong consignment of shearling rams from the Probert Family, Worcester, lead the way at last year's **NSA Built Main Sale** with a top call of 4000gns for their pen leader, Mortimer 22HH07089.

This Cavick What A Boy son is out of a homebred Foulrice Notorious daughter and was secured by S Furness, Tideswell, Derbyshire.

Another two from the same pen hit 1300gns, the first being Mortimer 22HH07268. Sired by Knockin Whiskey Mac, he was knocked down to R J Rowe, Minehead, Somerset. The second at the same money was Mortimer 22HH07334, with homebred lines on both sides he heads to A Simpson, Hope Valley, Derbyshire.

Continuing their dominance in the sale ring on the day, five further shearlings saw the hammer fall at 1200gns. The first being Mortimer 22HH07271, who had previously stood reserve champion in the pre-sale show. Sired by Mortimer Supersonic and out of an Oakchurch Real Deal daughter this one caught the eye of previous buyer R J Rowe.

Next in line was Mortimer 22HH07515, by Cavick What A Boy and out of a homebred ewe, he was knocked down to B Wilson, Haughton, Staffordshire, while Mortimer 22HH07086, another Cavick What A Boy son headed off to B Chilman, Presteigne, Powys.

Following on was Mortimer 22HH07144, sired by Bachymbyd Untouchable and out of a homebred Foulrice Spot On daughter, he was bought by S Ayres, Ludlow, Shropshire. Finishing this run at 1200gns was Mortimer 22HH07085, a Tawelfa Vunipola son and out of a homebred Cannahars Oscar daughter. Taking this one home was S Lane, Newtown, Powys.

Averages:

118 shearling rams **£814.45**
(up £122 on the year)

87 ram lambs **£555.78**
(up £34 on the year)

(Hereford Market Auctioneers)



* Judge and Society chairman Charles Sercombe with his champion from Arwyn Thomas and reserve from Geoff Probert.

Ram lambs

Topping the ram lambs at 3000gns was Glyn Coch Boomerang from Adrian Davies, Llandeilo, Carm. By Crogham Hanniball II and out of a homebred ewe, he caught the eye of M Petherick, Launceston, Cornwall.

Having secured the pre-sale show championship under judge and Society chairman Charles Sercombe, Arwyn Thomas, Whitland, Carm, sold Arbryn 23WRF00984 for 1200gns. Out of a homebred ewe and sired by a homebred Loanhead Washington son, this one previously stood second at last year's Royal Welsh and was bought by C Dougherty, Malton, North Yorkshire, for his Shamrock flock.

Other lambs hit 900gns for Padrig 23WZT05511 from Dyfed and Mari Williams, Anglesey, Wales. Sired by a homebred Knockin Pucker Up son and out of a Ffrwd ewe, he headed to Devon-based Gerald Burrough for his Sheldon flock.



* Sale leader at 4000gns from the Mortimer flock.



* Glyn Coch Boomerang at 3000gns.



* Pre-sale champion from Arbryn, selling for 1200gns.



A LITTLE ACTION FROM BEHIND THE



SCENES OF THE 2023 SALE SEASON



FFRWD FLOCK STRIVING TO MEET BOTH PEDIGREE AND COMMERCIAL NEEDS

A clear focus on easy fleshing, well conformed ewes is the backbone of **Dewi Evans' Ffrwd** flock, with a desire to produce both males and females which meet the needs of local commercial customers, as well as suiting pedigree breeders.



"The breed has huge potential as farmers look to manage their input costs and reduce their reliance on bought-in feed.

"Charollais cross lambs have an innate ability to grow and finish quickly off grass and milk and while concentrate feed can quicken that, they can still do exceptionally well without it," says Dewi.

Having founded the Ffrwd flock in the early 1990's while working away from home as a herdsman, Dewi admits his early years with the breed weren't as fruitful as they could have been.

"I probably didn't go hard enough soon enough. It took quite a while to get the basis of the flock established and I could have probably cut out some time if I'd invested more heavily sooner," he adds

Having moved home to farm in the latter half of the 1990s, Dewi increased the flock size and started to invest more heavily in stock rams. "I began to realise it was a case of spending a bit more money to improve the flock or accept I'd always struggle to compete. I took the first option and started to see the benefits coming through.

Going out to grass early has reinforced a natural hardiness in the lambs, the breed can cope with it.

"One of the first rams to make an impact was a Logie Durno tup. He certainly changed things for me and reinforced in my mind the importance of seeing the flock behind a potential stock ram. Seeing the flock helps understand how the ram you're buying has been produced and also the type of females you can expect him to breed," he explains.





Next in the line of rams to make an impact was Edstaston Sotogrande. “I went to see Robert Gregory’s ram lambs at home and the minute I saw him coming in from the field I knew he was the tup I needed. He just had everything I wanted, strength, power, length, bone and backend.

“It’s fair to say I’ve never had quite the same gut feeling about a tup since that day, no matter how many I’ve seen through the years. As well as him putting more scale in to his daughters, which has really helped the flock through the years, he also produced the 22,000gns Ffrwd Top Notch sold at the Premier Sale in 2018, who was out of a Majestic daughter.

And while female purchases were a hallmark of the flock in its early days, more recent years have seen Dewi concentrate on homebred females, with bought-in females few and far between.

“Mortimer Majestic lambs were like peas in a pod, full of flesh and plenty of character.”

In the flock’s infancy Dewi had limited access to buildings, so ewes and lambs were out to grass quickly, something he believes made a big difference to the stock. “I think it helped reinforce a natural hardiness in the lambs, something that perhaps we’ve lost a bit of since we’ve been able to house them for longer after lambing.”

Through the years, Mortimer Majestic was the next significant influence at Ffrwd. “I’d entered the flock competition and Geoff Probert judged and I took the opportunity to take all the advice I could. As a result, I bought some Majestic semen and he put a real roundness in the backends of his progeny.

“The last ewe I bought was a Parkgate ewe from the Wedderburn dispersal. She has bred well, but it can be hard to keep consistency in a flock if you’re constantly buying in females.”

When it comes to flock management Dewi says the aim is to target the best lambs at the Premier Sale, with more sold from home and another pen targeted at the Main NSA Ram Sale, Builth Wells.

“Lambing starts in the first week of December, with ewes and lambs generally staying in until early January, depending on the weather. We don’t often suffer with snow, but we can be hit





“Customer is king and that’s the commercial customer.”

hard by strong winds and rain. Being exposed to the weather does harden them off and having them outside helps keep costs down.

“Straw is an expensive commodity in this corner of Wales, so the less we have to buy the better,” he comments.

Lambs are introduced to creep feed at about six weeks old, usually starting off on a 20% creep pellet before moving on to a coarse mix as they grow. “Ewes are usually housed about a fortnight ahead of lambing, with a 19% concentrate feed introduced about a month before the first lambs are due.

“This investment in feed helps ensure any lambs not suitable for breeding are sold on a good trade, with a local butcher taking many of these. It’s great to see the quality of lambs the breed is capable of producing hung up in a local outlet,” he adds.

With lambs weaned in March, Dewi casts a critical eye over the ewes at this point, culling anything which hasn’t performed or has had a problem. “I don’t worry how its bred or what its produced, if it’s wrong it goes. Carrying passengers is expensive and that applies right across the flock.”

Looking ahead Dewi believes the breed has a bright future, but breeders must uphold the standard within the breed. “I feel the breed has lost some of its backend and could perhaps do

with a little more chest width. However, what we mustn’t do is overcorrect and lose the ease of lambing and natural fleshing ability the breed is known for. That would be a huge mistake.

“We don’t show much, usually only doing Anglesey Show to support our local event, but it is important to keep promoting the breed and shows are a great way of doing that.

“While breeding sheep is very much personal preference and we all have to like what we look at every day, we do have to remember that the customer is king and that’s ultimately the commercial customer.”



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MARKET HIGHLIGHTS FROM AROUND THE UK

Cementing the breed's position in the commercial marketplace, Charollais sired lambs were tipping the scales at strong money up and down the country last year. Here's a few of the top highlights that have been supplied in conjunction with the Society's social media driven "market report Friday".

FEBRUARY

THIRSK

- * Hoggs, D and P A Bowe, 47kg - £137

BENTHAM

- * Cull ewes, R Towers - £180

BALLYMENA

Charollais hoggs

- * 32kg £120 - J Lynn
- * 25.5kg £118 - S Crawford
- * 23.5kg £115 - G Martin
- * 23kg £113 - M Mcann

Cull Ewes

- * £120 - J Kennedy

EXETER

- * Cull ewes, B and A Watts - £169
- * Cull ewes, A Pedrick - All proceeds went to Cancer Research UK - £165

RUGBY

- * Hoggs, H L Goode and Son, 45.5kg - £118

THAINSTONE

- * Cull ewes, Messrs Duncan - £171

ASHFORD

- * Cull ewes, H F and J H Glover - £122

THIRSK

- * Hoggs, P Baker - £155
- * Cull ewes, J and J C Ashbridge - £150

WINTER SHOW SUCCESS

A pair of Charollais sired lambs were on winning form at this year's Royal Welsh Winter Fair for exhibitor Enfy's Williams, Pumpsaint, Carmarthenshire.

The lambs, which were out of a Balwen ewe were entered in the Continental sired class out of a Welsh Hill breed of sheep and not only did they win this section out of 17 pairs of lambs, but the 83kg pair went on to win the Crossbred section championship on day two of the show. The sire of these lambs is a tup bred by Gareth and Meinir Jones at Llanrhystud, who sell rams commercially.



MARCH

BENTHAM –

Easter Spring Show and Sale

- * Champion - Deborah Whitcher
- * Reserve champion - C W Marwood and Son
- * 41kg, Deborah Whitcher - £172 (419.50p/kg)
- * 43kg, C W Marwood and Son - £172 (400p/kg)

DARLINGTON

Easter Show and Sale

- * 1st Pens of 3, T and J Hunter, (50kg) - £194 (388p/kg)
- * 2nd D Whitcher, (41kg) - £175 (426p/kg)
- * 3rd T and J Hunter, (48kg) - £165 (343p/kg)

MALTON

Show and Sale

- * Lambs topped at 400p/kg for a pen of first prize Charollais cross 43kg (£172) from C Dougherty.
- * In the 45kg weight range, Charollais cross lambs from James Danforth topped at 333p/kg (£150)

MARCH

THIRSK

- * Hoggs, A R Sutcliffe - £163.50
- * Cull ewes, T Parkinson - £155

HAWES

- * Cull ewes, K Foster - £190

WELSHPOOL

- * Cull ewes, A Moseley - £219

SKIPTON

- * Cull ewes, C W Marwood and Son - £244.50
- * Tup hoggs, C W Marwood and Son - £166

EXETER

- * Cull ewes, Mark Hayman and Abi Dart - £190

BALLYMENA

- * Hoggs, M McBurney - £126
- * Hoggs, J Martin - £126
- * Cull ewes, T McConnell - £152

CRYMYCH

- * Cull ewes, E Hughes - £250

HAWES

- * Cull ewes, K Foster - £170

WHITLAND

- * New season lambs, E Hughes - £135

WELSHPOOL

- * New season lambs, G R Moseley - £152

RUGBY

- * Hoggs, H L Goode and Son - £129.50

SHREWSBURY

- * Cull ewes, G Pink - £250

MELTON MOWBRAY

- * Cull ewes, G and C Watson - £229

SKIPTON

- * New season lambs, C W Marwood and Son - £170
- * New season lambs, R Towers - £170

SEDGEMOOR

- * New season lambs, Y Underwood - £146
- * New season lambs, P F A Williams - £146
- * New season lambs, M B and K N Crabb - £144

EXETER

- * Cull ewes, P Quick - £190
- * Cull ewes, Helen Pearse - £187

TRURO

- * New season lambs, L Monk - £153

SOUTH MOLTON

- * New season lambs, D Smith - £147

APRIL

WHITLAND

- * New season lambs, A and J Thomas - £166

BALLYMENA

- * Hoggs, G D Graham - £136
- * Hoggs, D Steele - £136
- * Cull ewes, S Reid - £206

TRURO

- * New season lambs, L Monk - £164

RUTHIN

- * Cull ewes, Andrew Walton - £212

SKIPTON

- * New season lambs, R Towers, 46kg - £184

BENTHAM

- * Cull ewes, C Timm - £245

EXETER

- * New season lambs, C Elsworthy - £170

MOMMOUTHSHIRE

- * New season lambs, B Baker - £158

THAINSTONE

- * Cull ewes, C Bacon - £187.50

HOLMFIRTH

- * New season lambs, R Bamforth, 53kg - £189

THIRSK

- * New season lambs, C W Marwood and Son - £189

LANARK

- * Cull ewes, R Gray - £252

SKIPTON

- * New season lambs, D Whitcher - £182 & £190

HOLMFIRTH

- * New season lambs, R Bamforth - £180

LLANDILO

- * Cull ewes, M Bevan - £200
- * Hoggs, M Bevan - £140

SKIPTON – SHOW AND SALE

- Robert Towers took the championship honours and three first place prize cards out of the four classes.
- The Champions weighed 45kg and sold for £195 (433p/kg) to Knavesmire Butchers of York.
- The reserve champions, a pair of cross lambs from C W Marwood and Son, weighed 42kg and made £188 each (447p/kg) when selling to J and E Medcalf Wholesale Butchers of Halifax.



HILLSIDE REIGNS SUPREME AT BALMORAL SHOW

The 2023 show season kicked in to gear with judge Arwyn Thomas of the Arbryn flock taking to the ring to judge an exceptional entry of Charollais at **Balmoral Show**.

The female classes were particularly strong, with some 17 entries forward in the shearling ewe class. But, it was the aged class winner that went all the way as breed champion, a Hillside bred two-shear ewe from Alistair Moore. By Gorteen Vagas, a Knockin Shockin son, which the Hillside flock purchased from Gareth Beacon, this one is out a homebred ewe by Wolston Magnum.

Arwyn commented on her presence in the show ring along with a great carcass attributes and feminine head.

Securing the reserve championship was a homebred shearling ewe from the Artnagullion flock of William McAllister. This one is by Rockdale Vespasian out of a Loanhead Upperclass bred dam. The judge complemented the ewe for her powerful, yet feminine character with great hind quarters and she was turned out perfectly on the day.

The first prize ewe lamb came through in a strong class of excellent quality lambs and again came from the Artnagullion team. Her sire is Ballyhibbon Kickstart and the ewe lamb is true to type for Kickstart progeny with great style and superb conformation.

Clinching the male championship on the day was a homebred shearling from the Lornbrook flock of Jim Bell and Diane Christie. He's out of a Loanhead ewe and by a Logie Durno bred sire. Meanwhile, the reserve male champion was the second price shearling ram, this time from the Springhill flock of Graham Foster. By Gwyndy Whizz Kid, he is out of a homebred daughter of a Rhaeadr bred ewe which has produced so many top quality females over the years for the flock.

The aged ram class winner was Hollylodge Viscount owned by the Lornbrook flock. This tup is by Loanhead Ur The Boy who has bred well for The McConnell's over the past number of years.

The Tullyear flock of Drew and Stephen Cowan won a strong ram lamb class with a Duiske V Man son out of a homebred Dalby Tarquin bred ewe.

The Northern Ireland Charollais club wish to thank Arwyn for doing a fantastic job of judging a great turnout of sheep on an afternoon interspersed with a couple of heavy showers and thanks to the breeders who turned their sheep out to perfection.

Interbreed success

In the Animax sponsored interbreed competition, the Charollais breed certainly reigned supreme on many occasions under judge and Texel breeder Kirree Kermode.

Shearling ewes from Graham Foster's Springhill flock took the top spot in the interbreed pairs class of shearling ewes, while Graham also took the red rosette for the interbreed single ram lamb. Meanwhile, William McAllister took the top spot with his single ewe lamb and Alistair Moore took the pair of ewe lambs class with lambs from his Hillhead flock.



* A pair of shearling ewes from Graham Foster's Springhill flock on winning form in the Animax interbreed competition.



* Animax interbreed ewe lamb champion from William McAllister's Artnagullion flock.



* Female and overall champion, two-shear ewe from Alistair Moore.



* Judge Arywn Thomas with his champion from the Hillside flock and reserve from Artnagullion.





* Shearling ewe winner and reserve overall champion from William McAllister.



* Ewe lamb class winner from William McAllister.



* Standing male champion was a shearling ram from the Lornbrook flock.



* The reserve male champion, a shearling ram from Graham Foster.



* Taking the top spot in the aged ram class was one from Lornbrook.



* Winning the ram lamb class was Drew and Stephen Cowan.

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23WGC03101 Moelfry Bouncer
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22WGC02754 sold to Arwyn and
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A TRIPLE WIN OF INTERBREEDS AT ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW

Last year's south west regional feature show took to the rings of The **Royal Cornwall Show** with Robert Gregory of the Edstaston flock taking care of the judging proceedings.

Following a strong show of aged ewes, Robert found his female and overall breed champion in the form of an aged ewe from Tom Nancekivell's Heatham flock. This one is by Bronwydd Undeniable and out of a homebred ewe by Robleston Styler. She had been shown successfully prior to Cornwall Show winning the interbreed at Okehampton in 2021.

She also went one better to catch the eye of interbreed judge John Campbell of Thrunton to take the interbreed crown on the second day of the show.

Clinching the reserve breed section was a shearling ram from Michael and Melanie Alford's

Foxhill flock, Logie Durno All Star. Purchased privately last summer as a ram lamb, he is by Foxhill Va Va Voom out of a Loanhead Talisman daughter. This one had already stood breed champion at Devon County Show last summer.

Both All Star and Tom's breed champion teamed up to clinch the reserve interbreed pairs title, again under John Campbell.

Also flying the flag in the interbreed ring was the first placed ram lamb from Ben, Amelia and young Finley Watts' Willow flock. Willow Bruce is by Oakchurch Apache and out of a homebred ewe by Artnagullion Ubolt.





* Aged ewe, female, breed and interbreed champion from Tom Nancekivell's Heatham flock.



* Ewe lamb winner from Gerald Burrough.



* Ram lamb winner from Ben and Amelia Watts



* Shearling ewe class winner from Tom Nancekivell.



* Interbreed Ram Champion from Ben and Amelia Watts.



* Judge Robert Gregory with his champion from Tom Nancekivell.

CLASS RESULTS

SHEARLING RAM:

- 1st Michael and Melanie Alford
- 2nd Tom Nancekivell
- 3rd Gerald Burrough

SHEARLING EWE:

- 1st Tom Nancekivell
- 2nd Michael and Melanie Alford
- 3rd Tom Nancekivell

AGED EWE:

- 1st Tom Nancekivell
- 2nd Tom Nancekivell
- 3rd Michael and Melanie Alford

RAM LAMB:

- 1st Ben and Amelia Watts
- 2nd Gerald Burrough
- 3rd Laura Monk

EWE LAMB:

- 1st Gerald Burrough
- 2nd Laura Monk
- 3rd Michael and Melanie Alford

GROUP OF THREE:

- 1st Tom Nancekivell
- 2nd Gerald Burrough
- 3rd John Barker



MALE CHAMPION:

Shearling ram from Michael and Melanie Alford

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION AND INTERBREED RAM LAMB:

Ram lamb from Ben and Amelia Watts

FEMALE CHAMPION:

Aged ewe from Tom Nancekivell

RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION:

Shearling ewe from Tom Nancevill

OVERALL AND INTERBREED CHAMPION:

Aged ewe from Tom Nancekivell

RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION:

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BOYO FLOCK TAKES TOP HONOURS AT ROYAL THREE COUNTIES SHOW

Standing top of the line under judge John Geldard to take the breed championship honours at last year's **Royal Three Counties Show** was an aged ewe from Dave Roberts' Boyo flock.

Tullynessle Valarie was purchased from the Tullynessle dispersal at Welshpool in 2021 and is by Padest Ulysses and is out of a Logie Durno Obama daughter. This was her third time shown having stood interbreed champion at Shropshire County and first place ewe at Stafford earlier in the season.

Taking the reserve championship rosette back home to Pembrokeshire was David Lewis with a shearling ewe. Purchased from Abbie Moseley's Knockin flock as a ewe lamb at the Saucy Sale, this shearling ewe is by Bronwydd Wild Thing.

Coming through as winner of the aged ram class was the stock ram from the Boyo flock in the form of Lowerye Vladimir. By Knockin Tickle My Fancy, he's out of a Lowerye Nelson daughter.

He had previously stood male champion at both Shropshire and Stafford Shows last year.

David Lewis was back in action in the male classes to win the shearling ram class with a homebred ram by Boyo Vancouver and he also picked up a red rosette in the ram class with a ram lamb by Bicton Almighty.

Then standing top of the class in the ewe lamb class was one from the Woodspring flock of Yannick Underwood. This one is by Arjane Klansman and had previously stood reserve champion at North Somerset Show at the start of the season.

The Woodspring flock also won the Group of Three Class, while Jennifer Curtis stood top of the line in the pairs class with a pair of shearling ewes from her Elmwick flock.



* Judge John Geldard with his champion from Dave Roberts (left) and reserve from David Lewis (right).



* Breed champion, Tullynessle Valarie, an aged ewe from Dave Roberts.



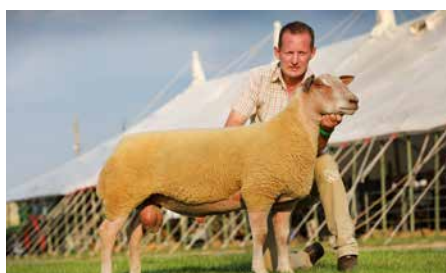
* Reserve champion and shearling ewe winner from David Lewis.



* Aged ram winner, Lowerye Vladimir, from Dave Roberts.



* Shearling ram class winner from David Lewis.



* Ram lamb winner from David Lewis.



* Ewe lamb winner from Yannick Underwood.



* Group of Three winners from Yannick Underwood.



* Pairs winners from Jennifer Curtis.

CLASS RESULTS

GROUP OF THREE

1st Yannick Underwood – Woodspring

2nd Thomas Hunter – Skelton Whin

AGED RAM

1st David Roberts – Boyo

SHEARLING RAM

1st David Lewis – Pembroke 23VJZ05002

2nd Yannick Underwood – Woodspring

3rd Thomas Hunter – Skelton Whin

RAM LAMB

1st David Lewis – Pembroke

2nd David Roberts – Boyo

3rd Yannick Underwood – Woodspring

AGED EWE

1st David Roberts – Boyo 20WXW00121

2nd Thomas Hunter – Skelton Whin

21XHE00822

SHEARLING EWE

1st David Lewis – Pembroke 22XXJ01256

2nd David Roberts – Boyo 22WKW00972

3rd Jennifer Curtis – Elmwick 22DQ02756

EWE LAMB

1st Yannick Underwood – Woodspring
23VBC00415

2nd David Roberts – Boyo 23XHE01420

3rd Paul Amphlett – Tawelfa 23WBX02492

EXHIBITOR BRED PAIR

1st Jennifer Curtis – Elmwick

CHAMPION

Aged ewe 20WXW00121 from Dave Roberts' Boyo flock

RESERVE CHAMPION

Shearling ewe 22XXJ01256 Knockin Amethyst from David Lewis' Pembroke flock



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LOANINGFOOT FLOCK CLAIMS ROYAL HIGHLAND CHAMPIONSHIP TWO YEARS ON THE BOUNCE

Having clinched the breed and interbreed title at the 2022 **Royal Highland Show**, Ben Radley and his Loaningfoot show team returned to Edinburgh once again to re-take his breed championship honours and go on to win the reserve interbreed and interbreed pairs titles.

This shearling ewe, 22XZR01394 is by Foxhill Va Va Voom and is out of a Foulrice ewe by Foulrice Osprey. She teamed up with her sire and winner of the male championship from the breed classes, Foxhill Va Va Voom, to take the interbreed pairs title. Va Va Voom is no stranger to winning ways having been a formidable force on the 2022 show circuit.

Commenting on his overall champion, judge Arwyn Thomas of the Arbryn flock said: “She was as close to perfect on the day, exhibiting natural fleshing, great locomotion and breed character, a real show girl.”

Clinching the reserve breed honours under Arwyn was the reserve female champion and winner of the aged ewe class, a 2020-born Springhill Untouchable daughter from

Gregor and Bruce Ingram. This one is out of a homebred female by Rhaeadr Orlando.

Securing the reserve male championship was the shearling ram winner, Wernfawr Ace, from William and Carole Ingram. Purchased at the 2022 Premier Sale for the top price of the day of 15,000gns, this one is by Logie Durno Wall St and is out of a Wedderburn female by Wrenvale Mad 4 Ewe.

Winner of the ram lamb class were sisters Eilidh and Erin Duncan of the Braemuir flock with 23WHK00343, a son of their second prize aged ram Knockin Welterweight. This ram lamb is out of a Ffrwd Urbane daughter.

Meanwhile, standing top of the ewe lamb class was a Logie Durno All Star daughter from William and Carole Ingram. This one is out of a homebred Dalby Tuilagi daughter.



* Judge Arwyn Thomas, Arbryn with his champion from Ben Radley.



* Female and overall champion, shearling ewe from Ben Radley.



* Reserve male and shearling ram class winner from William and Carole Ingram.



* Reserve breed and reserve female champion, and aged ewe from Gregor and Bruce Ingram.



* Reserve male and shearling ram class winner from William and Carole Ingram.



* Ram lamb winner from E and E Duncan.



* Ewe lamb winner from William and Carole Ingram.

CLASS RESULTS

RAM, TWO SHEAR OR OVER

1st W and C Ingram – Foxhill Va Va Voom - 20XWY00604

2nd E and E Duncan – Knockin Welterweight - 21XXJ01030

SHEARLING RAM

1st W and C Ingram – Wernfawr Ace - 22XEV01914

2nd Messrs N R and S Henderson – Loanhead Ambassador - 22WNC43554

3rd Messrs Sloan and Jackson - 22VFC00352

RAM LAMB

1st E and E Duncan - 23WHK00343

2nd Messrs Sloan and Jackson - 23HR05401

3rd W and C Ingram - 23ZNN49188

AGED EWE

1st G and B Ingram - 20WNC32141

2nd Jonathan Aiken - 19ZXJ25563

3rd Charles Sercombe - 21ZNN37419

SHEARLING EWE

1st Ben Radley - 22XZR01394

2nd G and B Ingram - 22WNC43540

3rd Jonathan Aiken - 22ZXJ32284

EWE LAMB

1st W and C Ingram - 23ZNN49168

2nd Ben Radley - 23XZR01616

3rd Messrs Sloan and Jackson - 23HR05418

GROUP OF THREE

1st W and C Ingram

2nd Charles Sercombe



CHAMPION MALE

W and C Ingram's aged ram – Foxhill Va Va Voom - 20XWY00604

RESERVE CHAMPION MALE

W and C Ingram's shearling ram Wernfawr Ace - 22XEV01914

CHAMPION FEMALE

Ben Radley's shearling ewe - 22XZR01394

RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE

G and B Ingram's aged ewe - 20WNC32141

OVERALL CHAMPION

Ben Radley's shearling ewe - 22XZR01394

RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION

G and B Ingram's aged ewe - 20WNC32141

RESERVE INTERBREED

Ben Radley's shearling ewe - 22XZR01394

INTERBREED PAIRS

W and C Ingram's aged ram – Foxhill Va Va Voom
Ben Radley's shearling ewe - 22XZR01394



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LOANINGFOOT CARRIES ON WINNING FORM AT GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW

Repeating his success from the Royal Highland Show, Ben Radley of the Loaningfoot flock took the breed championship at last year's **Great Yorkshire Show**.

His shearling ewe, 22XZR01394, is a homebred Foxhill Va Va Voom daughter out of a Foulrice ewe by Foulrice Osprey and she was the pick of judge William McAllister of the Artnagullion flock in Northern Ireland.

The Wales family then celebrated success by clinching the male and reserve overall championship with their ram lamb class winner, Thackwood 23GU06554. This ET-bred Boyo Vancouver son is out of a homebred female by Ffrwd Top Notch and has been retained for use within the Thackwood flock.

Adding to their rosette haul, the Wales family then took the reserve female championship having come through as winner of the aged ewe class with Thackwood 21GU05065. This 2020-born daughter of Ffrwd Top Notch is out of a homebred female by Loanhead Nailer.

Meanwhile, reserve male honours went to Messrs Sloan and Jackson with their second placed ram lamb, Rigghead 23HR05404. By Carnew Wise Crack, he's out of a homebred female by Edstaston Urban Warrior.

The Rigghead flock also took top spot in the shearling ram class with Dafolog 22VFC00352, a Ffrwd Vunipola son out of a Buckland bred ewe by Wernfawr Platinum. This one had previously stood third at the Royal Highland Show. They also won the ewe lamb class with Rigghead 23HR05418, a Carnew Wise Crack daughter.

Meanwhile, winning the aged ram class was Carnew Wildthing 21ZXJ30749, a 2020-born ram from Messrs Robert and Samuel Tindall. This one is by Ffrwd Top Notch out of a Wernfawr Prospect sired Carnew female.



* Judge William McAllister with his champion from Ben Radley (middle) and reserve from Messrs Wales (right)



* Female and overall champion, shearling ewe from Ben Radley.



* Male and reserve champion, the ram lamb winner from Messrs Wales, Thackwood.



* Reserve female champion, an aged ewe from Messrs Wales, Thackwood.



* Reserve male champion and second place ram lamb from Messrs Sloan and Jackson.



* Aged ram winner from Messrs Robert and Samuel Tindall.



* Ewe lamb winner from Messrs Sloan and Jackson.



* Pairs winners from Charles and Stephen Marwood.



* Group of Three winners from Messrs Sloan and Jackson.

CLASS RESULTS

RAM TWO SHEAR OR OVER:

1st Messrs Robert and Samuel Tindall
Carnew Wildthing - 21ZXJ30749

2nd Mr S J and Mrs J E Hobson
Edstaston Venture Scout - 20TG00934

SHEARLING RAM:

1st Messrs Sloan and Jackson - 22VFC00352

2nd Mr C W Marwood and Son - 22DG12138

3rd Mr C Sercombe - 22PE10681

RAM LAMB:

1st Messrs Wales - 23GU06554

2nd Messrs Sloan and Jackson - 23HR05404

3rd R Todd - 23TOD02371

EWE:

1st Messrs Wales - 21GU05065

2nd R Bamforth - 19XXW00095

3rd Mr C Marwood and Son - 21DG11138

SHEARLING EWE:

1st Mr B Radley - 22XZR01394

2nd Messrs G C and C J Watson
- 22YST00985

3rd Mr Oliver Chapman - 22VCN00110

EWE LAMB:

1st Messrs Sloan and Jackson - 23HR05418

2nd Messrs D and J Norman - 23XNK03331

3rd Messrs D and J Norman - 23XNK03327

PAIRS, ONE RAM AND ONE FEMALE:

1st Mr C Marwood and Son, Foulrice

2nd Messrs Wales, Thackwood

3rd Messrs D and J Norman, Kirkhouse

GROUP OF THREE, ONE RAM AND TWO FEMALES:

1st Messrs Sloan and Jackson, *Rigghead*

2nd Messrs Wales, *Thackwood*

3rd Messrs D and J Norman, *Kirkhouse*





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TAWELFA ON TOP TO WIN THE ROYAL WELSH SHOW

Having won the breed championship at the 2022 show, it was time for Adrian Davies of the Glyn Coch flock to return to the **Royal Welsh Show** Charollais ring, this time as judge for the day's proceedings.



And with a much cooler temperature gracing the 2023 exhibitors than previous, he found his champion in the first prize winning shearling ewe, Tawelfa 22WBX02113 from Paul Amphlett, Brecon, resulting in a first time Royal Welsh Show championship win for him, his wife Ali and sons James and Ben.

Having won two local shows as a ewe lamb, this one is an ET-bred daughter of Rhaeadr Vogue out of a homebred female by Edstaston Sotogrande. Commenting on his champion, Adrian said she handled incredibly well with a great top and loin. "The top three shearling ewes were fantastic examples of the breed, but she just edged it for handling that bit harder on her top."

Standing reserve having come through as the winner of the ewe lamb class and then reserve female champion was Wernfawr 23XEVO2191 from father and son team Dai and Paul Curran, Brecon.

Praised for having tremendous style and presence, this one's sire is full brother to the 15,000gns Wernfawr Ace who stood top of the line in the male championship for William and Carole Ingram's Logie Durno flock.

Ace is by the 8500gns Logie Durno Wall St and is out of a Wedderburn female by Wrenvale Mad 4 Ewe. He was sale topper at the 2022 Premier Sale and was also reserve male champion at the Royal Highland Show earlier in the season.

Clinching the reserve male honours was the aged ram and prolific championship winner Foxhill Va Va Voom from the Ingram family. By Loanhead Triathlon, he's out of a Foxhill bred daughter by Crogham Hannibal II and had previously stood male champion at this year's Highland Show, as well as countless championships previously including reserve at the 2022 Royal Welsh.

Standing at the top of the line in the ram lamb class was Robleston 23WGN06267 from R G and R A Jones and Son, Haverfordwest. By Loanhead Washington, this one is out of a homebred female by Rhaeadr Real Deal.

Meanwhile, the winner of the aged ewe class came from Charles Sercombe in the form of 19PE07800, a Dalby Ranieri daughter out of a Loanhead female by Bawnard Bolt.

Having won the group of three breed class, Arwyn Thomas reigned supreme in the interbreed group of three championship, while the Charollais breed continued its winning form when the breed champion from Tawelfa and the male champion, Wernfawr Ace, from the Ingram family teamed up to win the interbreed pairs.





* Female and breed champion from Paul Amphlett, Tawelfa.



* Reserve female and reserve overall from Dai and Paul Curran.



* Male champion, Wernfawr Ace from William and Carole Ingram.



* Reserve male champion, Foxhill Va Va Voom, from the Ingram family.



* Aged ewe winner from Charles Sercombe.



* Ram lamb winner from R G and R A Jones and Son.



* Interbreed Group of Three winners from Arwyn Thomas.

CLASS RESULTS

AGED RAM

1st G and B Ingram Foxhill Va Va Voom - 20XWY00604

2nd C Sercombe Crogham Windsor - 21AB01901

3rd L M Buckland - 21XLT03950

SHEARLING RAM

1st W and C Ingram Wernfawr Ace - 22XEV01914

2nd C Sercombe - 22PE10681

3rd R G and R A Jones and Son - 22WGN05844

RAM LAMB

1st R G and R A Jones and Son - 23WGN06267

2nd P A Thomas - 23WRF00984

3rd Gethin L Davies Moelfryn Balls of Fire - 23WGC03077

AGED EWE

1st C Sercombe - 19PE07800

2nd G and B Ingram - 20WNC32141

3rd M Roberts - 20ZNN32001

SHEARLING EWE

1st P G Amphlett - 22WBX02113

2nd C Sercombe - 22PE10691

3rd G and B Ingram - 22WNC43540

EWE LAMB

1st D J Curran - 23XEV02191

2nd W and C Ingram - 23ZNN49168

3rd P A Thomas - 23WRF00953

GROUP OF THREE

1st P A Thomas, Arbryn

2nd G and B Ingram, Loanhead

MALE CHAMPION

W and C Ingram's shearling ram Wernfawr Ace
- 22XEV01914

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION

G and B Ingram's aged ram Foxhill Va Va Voom
- 20XWY00604

FEMALE CHAMPION

P G Amphlett's shearling ewe - 22WBX02113

RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION

D J Curran's ewe lamb - 23XEV02191

OVERALL CHAMPION

P G Amphlett's shearling ewe - 22WBX02113

RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION

D J Curran's ewe lamb - 23XEV02191





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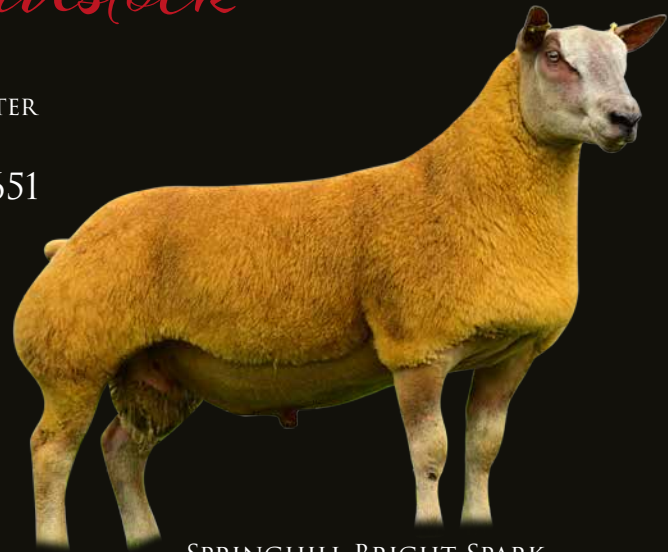


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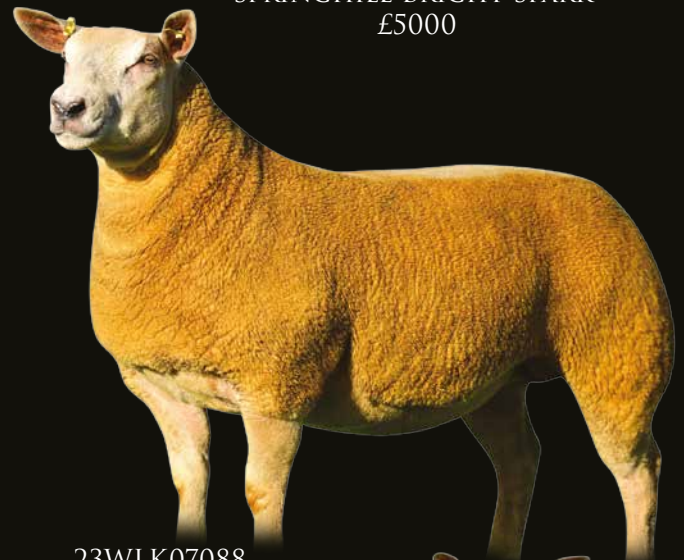
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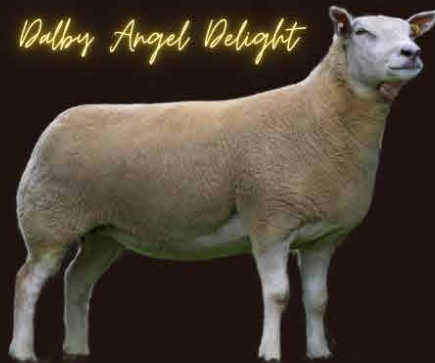
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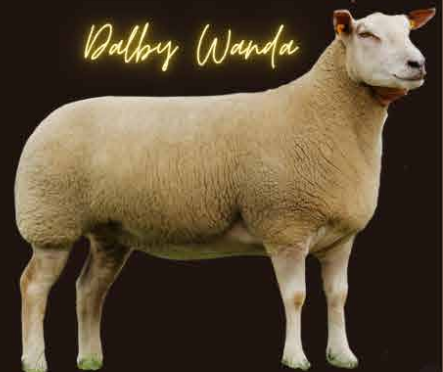
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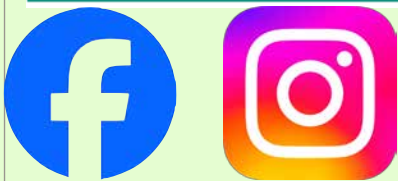
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EDSTASTON LEADS SAUCY SALE AT 3000GNS

Having moved location to Shrewsbury Livestock Market, last year's **Saucy Sale** saw a top price of 3000gns for one from the Edstaston flock of Robert and Jeanette Gregory.

Averages:

54 shearling ewes **£902.81**

11 ewe lambs **£614.73**

(Halls)

Sale leader from the Shrewsbury-based flock was Edstaston 22TG01202, a daughter of the €4400 Knockcroghery Val D'Isere and out of a homebred female by Arbryn Olazabal. Having been scanned for twins to Edstaston Amarillo, she caught the eye of Patrick Tully for his Bincombe flock based at Over Stowey, Somerset.

Next up were a pair of females selling for 2200gns, the first being Rigghead 22HR04707 from Helen Sloan and daughter Hannah Jackson, who made the journey down from Collin, Dumfriesshire. By Tawelfa Rioja and out of a homebred female by Banwy Pick of the Crop, this one was scanned for twins to the 3400gns Carnew Wisecrack and was knocked down to Messrs Heath and Cowles, Raglan, Monmouthshire.

At the same money was another from Robert and Jeanette Gregory in the form of Edstaston 22TG01235, a Bronwydd Whizz Kidd daughter out of a Knockin Shockin sired homebred female. Scanned for a single to Edstaston Amarillo, this one stayed local and joined the Boyo flock of Dave Roberts, Shrewsbury.

Meanwhile at 1800gns was the best from Michael and Melanie Alford, Cullompton, Devon. Foxhill 22XWY00726 is by Thackwood U Corker and out of a homebred Loanhead Triathlon daughter. Her full brother sold at the Premier Sale in 2022 for 2500gns, while she sold having ran with the 10,000gns Edstaston Beau Jangles to David Lewis for his Pembroke flock, Narberth, Pembrokeshire.

Then at 1700gns was another from the Edstaston flock, 22TG01195. Again, by the Irish sire Val D'Isere and out of a Knockin Shockin sired homebred dam, this one was scanned for twins to the homebred Amarillo. Taking this one across the water for the Iskeymeadow flock was Richard and Harry Powell, Keady, Co Armagh.

Just shy of that price tag Abbie Moseley went to 1600gns to secure Edstaston 22TG01198 for her Knockin flock, Oswestry, Shropshire. A daughter of Edstaston Voice of Reason, this one was scanned for twins to Tullyear Artemis.

At 1550gns was another from the Rigghead flock in the form of Rigghead 22HR04708. A full sister to the pen sale leader, this one was knocked down to Simon Evans, Glangwili, Carmarthenshire.

Then at 1500gns was Edstaston 22TG01193, a Ffrwd Wingman daughter out of a homebred female by Edstaston Shropshire Lad. Scanned twins to the homebred Amarillo, she also joined the Boyo flock of Dave Roberts.

The best from Llanon, Ceredigion-based Gethin Davies reached a price tag of 1350gns selling to Arwyn Thomas for his Arbryn flock at Whitland, Carmarthenshire. This one is by Wernfawr Warrior and stood champion at Aberystwyth Show last year. She's out of a homebred female by Castellau Lumber Jack.

Meanwhile, another at the same price, Edstaston 22TG01218 from Robert and Jeanette Gregory, then caught the eye of Messrs Madders and Johnson, Stafford for their Blythe flock. This one is a full ET-bred sister to the overall sale leader.



* The headliner of the Saucy Sale was Edstaston 22TG01202 from Robert and Jeanette Gregory selling for 3000gns to Patrick Tully.



* Selling for 2200gns was Rigghead 22HR04707 from Messrs Sloan and Jackson.



* Edstaston 22TG01235 sold for 2200gns to Dave Roberts' Boyo flock.



* Foxhill 22XWY00726 found a new home with David Lewis flock, selling at 1800gns.

Ewe lambs

Ewe lambs met a top price of 1300gns for the best from the Alford family with Foxhill 23XWY00853 selling to previous vendors Helen Sloan and Hannah Jackson for their Rigghead flock. By the privately purchased Logie Durno All Star, this one is out of a Logie Durno Olympian daughter.

Next in the ewe lamb offering was Knockin 23XXJ01381 from Abbie Moseley, selling for 800gns. By Mortimer Wide Boy and out of a Rainbow Lindisfarne, this one joined previous buyer David Lewis for his Pembroke flock.



* Top priced ewe lamb was Foxhill 23XWY00853 selling for 1300gns.

KIRKHOUSE FLOCK LEADS SKIPTON FEMALE SALE WITH CHAMPIONSHIP HONOURS

Having clinched the pre-sale championship under judge Ben Radley of the Loaningfoot flock, father and son team of David and Johnathan Norman, Cockermouth, Cumbria, took the top price of the day at 1100gns for their ewe lamb.

Averages:

2 ewes **£420.00**

3 empty ewes **£393.00**

18 shearling ewes **£599.00**

18 ewe lambs **£491.00**

(CCM Auctions)



Kirkhouse 23XNK03339 is by Crunklaw Whisky Mac and is out of a homebred female by Kirkhouse Optimus. After strong bidding from the ringside and online, the hammer fell to Richard Powell for his Iskeymeadow flock in Armagh, Northern Ireland.

Next up was the best of the in-lamb shearling ewe offering from yet another successful father and son team, Charles and Stephen Marwood, Whenby, Near York. Their best at 1000gns was Foulrice 22DG11785, a Sheldon Supreme daughter out of a homebred female by Foulrice Osprey. Having been Al'd to Padest A Class, a tup purchased from the Main NSA Built sale last year, this one was knocked down to S and S Murray, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

Then at 800gns was the Marwood family's reserve champion, Foulrice 22DG11891, another by Sheldon Supreme and this time out of a Dalby Sherman sired homebred daughter. Again, Al'd to A Class, this one found a new home with G and S Sinclair, Carspairn, Castle Douglas.

Two shearling ewes then met a price tag of 650gns, the first being Kirkhouse 22XNK03161 from the Norman family. By a Hillside ram and out of the 3000gns Parkgate Super Hot, a Carnew Nijinsky daughter, she sold scanned for twins to Crunklaw Whisky Mac to Gelston Castle Farms, Gelston, Castle Douglas.

The next at that money was another in-lamb shearling ewe from the Marwood family, Foulrice 22DG12459. By Bachymbyd Voyager and out of a Dalby Sherman daughter, this one sold having been Al'd to top index ram Foulrice Atlas to C Exley, Halifax, West Yorkshire.

Back with ewe lambs and the second highest price in this offering was the second placed ewe lamb from David and Johnathan Norman with Kirkhouse 23XNK03340. A full sister to the sale leader and pre-sale champion, she caught the eye of K A and J E Gascoigne, Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

Two more ewe lambs then followed at 500gns, the first being Foulrice 23DG12627 from the Marwood's. By Skelton Whin Waldgeist and out of a homebred Sheldon Supreme daughter, this one sold to James Danforth, Tadcaster, West Yorkshire.

Next at that money was another by the Skelton Whin tup, this time Foulrice 23DG12879. Out of a Dalby Mount Aloe daughter, this one was knocked down to C Mitton, Clitheroe, Lancashire.



* The pre-sale champion Kirkhouse 23XNK03339 from David and Johnathan Norman, realising 1100gns.



* Charles and Stephen Marwood's Foulrice 22DG11785, sold for 1000gns.



* Foulrice 22DG11891, the pre-sale reserve champion from the Marwood family, sold for 800gns.



* Judge Ben Radley with his champion (right) from David and Johnathan Norman and reserve (left) from Charles and Stephen Marwood.

SPRINGHILL LEADS DUNGANNON EXPORT FEMALE SALE AT 4200GNS

The final Society sale of the year took place at **Dunagannon Farmers Mart** for the female export sale of in-lamb shearlings and ewe lambs.

A packed ringside of buyers from near and far saw a top call of 4200gns for ewe lamb Springhill 23WLK07088 from Graham Foster.

By Ballynoe House Playboy and out of a homebred Logie Durno Untouchable daughter, she went across the water to Devon-based Ben and Amelia Watts for their Willow flock.

Secondly at 1800gns, was another ewe lamb from the Springhill pen, 23WLK07073. Sired by the homebred Aston Martin and out of

a Lisfuncheon ewe, she headed home with previous buyers, Ben and Amelia Watts.

Following on was Iskeymeadow 23VfV00179, from R Powell. Out of a Logie Durno ewe and sired by a homebred Arbryn Tonto son, she was bought by Sam Rankin, Castlederg, Co Tyrone for 1500gns.

The hammer fell at 1450gns for Springhill 23WLK07034 from Graham Foster. Sired by the homebred O'Driscoll and out of a homebred ewe who goes back to the Boyo flock. She was knocked down to Paul Brothy, Kellistown, Co Carlow.

Averages:

8 in-lamb ewes **£751.41**

33 empty ewes **£817.40**

(Dungannon Farmers Mart)

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In-lamb shearlings

Leading the offering of shearling ewes at 2100gns was Kenny, Sheila and Geoffrey Malcomson with Ringclare 22YBX00918. Sired by Elmwick Up Front and scanned in lamb to Hollylodge Bulls Eye, she caught the eye of Ben Radley for his Dumfries-based Loaningfoot flock.

Next up at 1500gns was Hillside 22VBK00903 from Alistair Moore. Sired by Padrig Upperclass and out of a homebred Kirkhouse Remo daughter, she sold scanned in-lamb to Millhaven Attitude. Taking this one home to Ballymoney, Co Antrim, was James Reid.

At the same money was Rockvilla 22VV03734 from Mr and Mrs D Mawhinney. Due in December to a Tullyear tup and sired by Artnagullion Trojan, she headed to Omagh, Co Tyrone with Wesley Cousins.

Three females then claimed a 1300gns price tag, the first being Glenn Baird's, Aghavilly 22VAB01947. Scanned in lamb to the homebred Belvedere and sired by Loanhead Virgil Van Dijk, she was purchased by John Waddell, Newry, Co Armagh.

Next at 1300gns was Rockvilla 22VV03729 from the Mawhinney family. Out of a homebred Glyn Coch Mr T daughter and sired by Artnagullion Trojan, she was scanned in lamb to a Tullyear tup. Securing her at 1300gns was M Power, Askeaton, Co Limerick.

The last at 1300gns came from Drew and Stephen Cowan in the form of Tullyear 22QY04384. Sired by Duiske V Man and out of a homebred Ardcaith Sullivan, she sold scanned in-lamb to Logie Durno Van The Man and was knocked down to previous buyer M Power.

Closely following at 1250gns was another from Glenn Baird's pen, Aghavilly 22VAB01942. This one is by the Logie Durno Umpire son, Loanhead Virgil Van Dijk and out of a Tullyear ewe. She scanned in lamb to homebred Belvedere and went home to Co Roscommon with C O'Neill.

Back with the Cowan family and selling for 1200gns was Tullyear 22QY04233, a Logie Durno Van The Man daughter out of a homebred Oakchurch Royal Ryan daughter. She sold having ran with Duiske V Man to Paul Brophy, Co Carlow.

Two then followed with a 1100gns price tag, the first being Rockvilla 22VV03678 from the Mawhinney family. By Artnagullion Trojan and out of a homebred female by Glyn Coch Mr T, this one sold to previous buyer Paul Brophy.

The last of the in-lamb females on offer on the day was Tullyear 22QY04428 from the Cowan's pen. By Duiske V Man and out of a homebred Ardcaith Sullivan daughter, this one found a new home with Martin Manning, Rathowen, Co Westmeath.



* Topping the export female sale was a Springhill ewe lamb realising 4200gns.



* 1800gns for another ewe lamb from the Springhill flock.



* 1500gns for an Iskeymeadow ewe lamb.



* In-lamb shearlings peaked at 2100gns for Ringclare



* Rockvilla in-lamb shearling to 1500gns

ARBRYN FLOCK LEADS HEREFORD HIGH FLYERS SALE AT 2600GNS

Sale leader at the **Hereford High Flyers** sale of in-lamb females and ewe lambs saw a top call of 2600gns for an in-lamb shearling ewe from Arwyn Thomas, Whitland, Carmarthenshire.

Averages:

14 ewe lambs **£703.57**

63 shearling ewes **£782.50**

(Hereford Market Auctioneers)



* High Flyers sale leader at 2600gns was a shearling ewe from Arwyn Thomas, selling to Tom Newth.

By the 10,000gns Loanhead Washington, Arbryn 22WRF00886 is out of a homebred female by Bronwydd Terminator. With an EBV index of 323 and carrying a single to the 3400gns Logie Durno Barbarian, she was knocked down to Tom Newth for his Castle Cary, Somerset-based Prestleigh flock.

Next best at 2000gns was another from the Arbryn pen, this time Arbryn 22WRF00912. By one of the flock's successful homebred sires, Arbryn Tonto, she is out of a homebred Rhaeadr Real Deal daughter. She sold having been served to the homebred Arbryn Atilla to B J and D E Baker, Hooe, East Sussex.

Next up in the shearling ewe offering was the best from the Robleston flock of R G and R A Jones and Son, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire. Robleston 22WGN05857 is again by the 10,000gns Loanhead Washington - a tup shared with the Arbryn flock - and out of a

homebred Rhaeadr Real Deal daughter. At 1500gns she joined the Pembroke flock of David Lewis, Narbeth, Pembrokeshire.

Also selling for 1500gns was the best from Kelso-based Jim Neil, with Runningburn 22VDU00323. By the privately purchased Logie Durno Winston, she's out of a Wernfawr bred female by Ffrwd Tyrone. She had scanned a single to Hollylodge Bon Accord and was the pick of D Anderson, Bushmills, Co Antrim.

Next up and selling for 1400gns was one of the show team shearling ewes from Jennifer Curtis, Evesham, Worcestershire. Elmwick 22DQ02756 is by Runningburn Warlord and out of a homebred female by Wraycastle Platinum. She sold having been AI'd to Sant Andras Barnstormer to Dave Roberts for his Boyo flock, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Then at 1200gns and back with the Jones family's pen was Robleston 22WGN05865, another Washington daughter out of yet another Real Deal homebred daughter. Having been AI'd to the 2800gns Carnew Brave Heart, this one joined the Prestleigh flock of previous buyer Tom Newth.

Next up selling for 1000gns each was a pair of shearling ewes from sale leader vendor Arwyn Thomas. The first at this money was Arbryn 22WRF00904, another by Washington and this time out of an Artnagullion Turbo daughter. AI'd to Logie Durno Barbarian, she caught the eye of N Sheldon, Swansea, West Glamorgan.

At the same money was Arbryn 22WRF00877. Again, by Washington and this time out of a Rhaeadr Prince daughter, she sold carrying twins to Barbarian to T Lewis, Llanharon, Mid Glamorgan.



* Selling for 2000gns was another from the Arbryn pen of Arwyn Thomas. Buyers were B J and D E Baker.



* Pen leader at 1500gns from the Robleston flock was a Washington daughter selling to David Lewis.



* Topping the ewe lambs at 1500gns was a Foxhill Va Va Voom daughter from Emyr Hughes, selling to Tom Newth.



* At 1400gns was an in-lamb shearling ewe from Jennifer Curtis, selling to Dave Roberts.

Ewe lambs

Ewe lambs met a top call of 1500gns for the best from Emyr Hughes' flock based at Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire. Bronwydd 23WAJ01011 is by the noted Foxhill Va Va Voom and is out of the 3400gns Arbryn Wanda, who was purchased at the 2022 High Flyers sale and is by Artnagullion Turbo. Joining the top priced shearling ewe on the day, she headed to Somerset with Tom Newth.

Three ewe lambs then met a price tag of 1000gns, the first being Kirkhouse 23XNK03334 from father and son team, David and Johnathan Norman, Cockermouth, Cumbria. By Loanhead Vanquish and out of a homebred female by Kirkhouse Robinson, she went across the water to G Houston, Randalstown, Co Antrim.

The next at that money came in from Dai and Paul Curran, Brecon, Powys. Wernfawr 23XEVO2183 is by Glyn Coch Arkle and is out of a Glyn Coch Volcano daughter and caught the eye of G E Powell, Cockshutt, Shropshire.

The final ewe lamb at 1000gns was another from the Curran team, this time Wernfawr 23XEVO2169, a daughter of Galtres Fortune out of a homebred Wernfawr Uptown Funk daughter. Taking this one back to Tregare, Monmouthshire, were Messrs Heath and Cowles.

Then at 800gns was another from Emyr Hughes, this time Bronwydd 23WAJ00999. By Boyo Vancouver and out of an Arbryn-bred daughter by Arbryn Tonto, she headed north to George Town, Dumfries, to Ben Radley's Loaningfoot flock.

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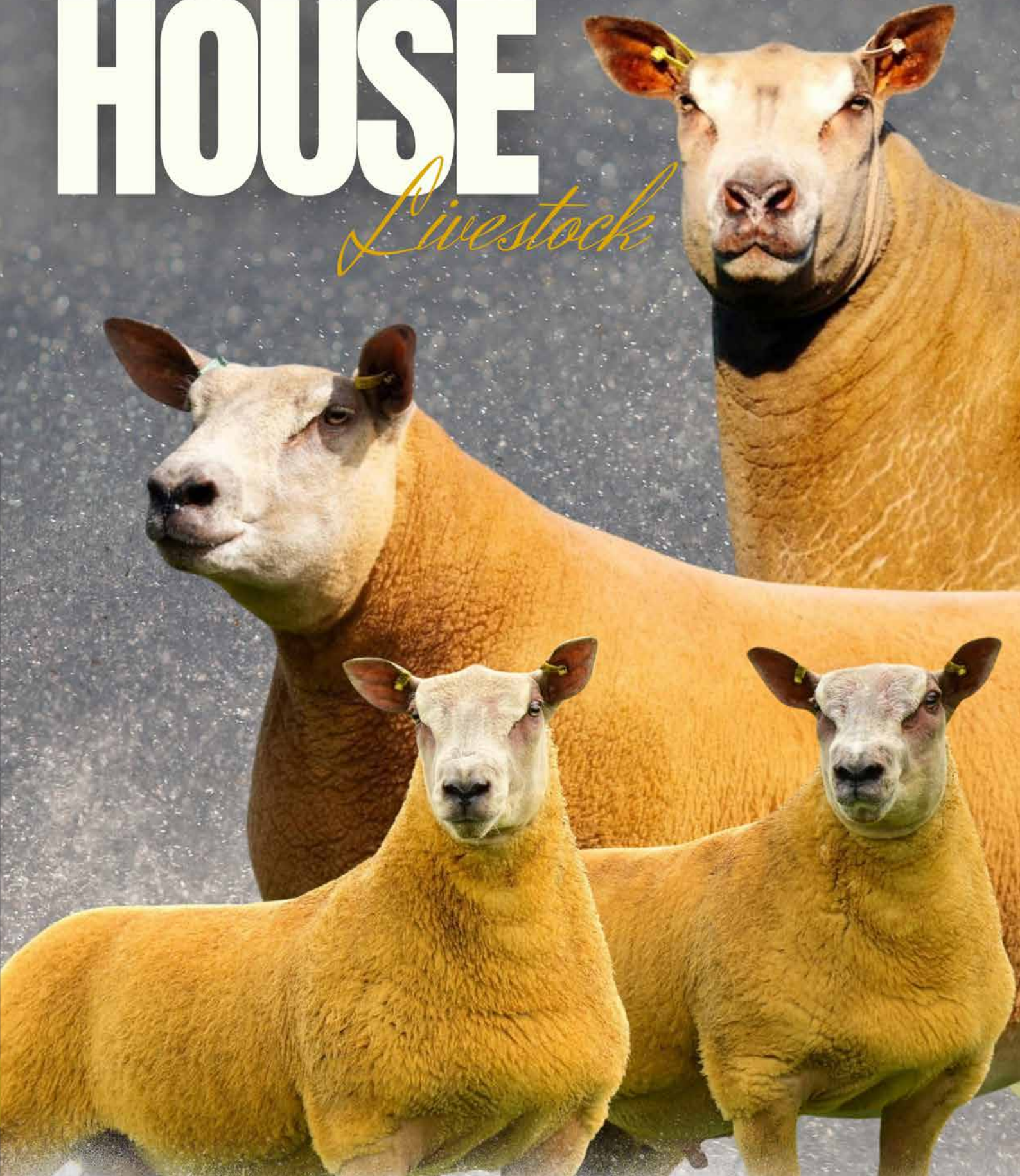


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2024 SHOW AND SALE JUDGES

This year's show and sales season will see the following Charollais breeders step in to the ring to take care of judging proceedings.

BALMORAL SHOW

David Argue
Prefix: Rockdale



Co Cavan-based David Argue says he has always admired the calibre of sheep shown at Balmoral and is really looking forward to meeting the breeders and seeing the quality of this year's lambs on display.

Balmoral will be my first show to judge so I am very honored to have been asked. I've attended the show for many years the first time back in 2009 where I was drawn straight to the Charollais pens. There's always a great buzz at the show.

"The main characteristics I will be looking for is tight skin, good carcass, correctness and a presence that will catch my eye. A good shoulder and top line are also must have attributes."

DEVON COUNTY SHOW

Tom Newth
Prefix: Prestleigh



Tom will be taking care of proceedings at this year's South West feature show. Tom has hit the headlines over the last few years securing some of the best genetics from female sales as he continues to grow the Prestleigh flock.

A keen showman in the South West, he's picked up breed and interbreed wins at local shows and at the Royal Bath and West Show, as well as setting a new centre record at Exeter last year.

He's judged locally and this will be his first official duty having come off the intermediate panel this year. "Legs, feet, tops and ends with that added bit of show ring character and presence will hopefully be the characteristics I hope to find in my ultimate champion," he says.

ROYAL THREE COUNTIES SHOW

Michael Alford
Prefix: Foxhill



An avid show man and noted breeder of many breeds of livestock, Michael knows all too well what it takes to breed a champion, as the Foxhill flock has dominated proceedings over recent years, both in the show ring and in the sale ring with ram lambs hitting the heights at Premier Sales.

As a butcher Michael will no doubt be paying close attention to carcass conformation, looking for the traits that he believes sets the Charollais breed apart from any other. "A good handling top, shoulder and loin are vital for me, then it's all about that added strength and power in a ram and femininity and class in a female."

ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW

Graham Foster
Prefix: Springhill



Having judged last year's Premier Show and Sale at Worcester, Graham will be taking to the summer show season with a trip across the water to Edinburgh for this year's Highland Show.

A noted breeder of show winning and sale topping stock, Graham's Springhill flock is no stranger to selling quality males and females across all corners of the UK. "You hope you spot your champion when it enters its class, looking for that bit of show ring star quality and bit of sparkle, along with breed character, correctness and great conformation."

GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW AND THE HYBRID SALE AT CARLISLE

Robert Gregory
Prefix: Edstaston

A highly regarded judge of the Charollais breed across the world at shows and sales, Robert is one of the most experienced judges on the panel.



This year he will be centre of the ring in Harrogate for the Great Yorkshire Show where he will be looking for that all important correct, championship worthy sheep. "Correctness is key for me, a leg in each corner, good pasterns, good conformation, not over fat, all the characteristics that make it hard not to go past them in a championship line up." Prior to that he will be the first to judge the new format Hybrid sale at Carlisle at the end of June.

ROYAL WELSH SHOW

Dave Roberts
Prefix: Boyo

Coming off the back of a phenomenal year for the Boyo flock with a top price at the Premier Sale in both the male and female offerings, championship wins at various shows and a successful year as central region chairman, Dave Roberts has certainly flown the flag high for the Charollais breed.



A respected judge of various Continental breeds of sheep, Dave heads to Builth Wells for the Royal Welsh Show where he will no doubt be graced with an impressive line-up of sheep. "Ultimately you want a champion you'd love to see at home in your own flock. Granted you look for correctness, shape, power, style, but you always hope you find something that just makes you go, wow I'd like to see you in my flock."

DUNGANNON PREMIER SHOW AND SALE

Sarah O'Neill
Prefix: Bolinaspect

Farming alongside her husband Michael in Wexford in the South East of Ireland, Sarah runs a flock of 50 pedigree Charollais ewes alongside 30 pedigree Suffolk ewes. The couple have judged all over Ireland and Sarah has had the privilege of judging the Northern Ireland Flock Competition, as well as representing Ireland at an international Charollais judging competition in Charollais in France at their 60th Anniversary Show.



"I like Charollais sheep to be of medium size with a well-muscled broad back and well-developed deep gigots, pinkish grey head and bone not to be excessive and front legs not to be set too wide apart. I prefer the wool to be dense, fine and short (not open).

WORCESTER PREMIER SHOW AND SALE

Robert Hopper
Prefix: Gogwell

Robert runs one of the oldest flocks in the UK, the Gogwell flock. He has judged Charollais at many of the major shows across the country, including the Royal Welsh, Royal Three Counties, Great Yorkshire and the Main



Builth Wells Sale. "I am certainly looking forward to seeing the entry of sheep at Worcester. This is the Premier Sale, so animals must be correct and full of meat, with length and growth. An attractive head and style will be the final piece of the jigsaw to win that championship ticket."

NSA BUILTH MAIN SALE

Deborah Witcher
Prefix: Galtres

A highly regarded producer of quality rams for both pedigree and commercial flocks, Deborah knows all too well what it means to produce rams for the NSA Builth Main Sale.



An experienced judge at both shows and sales across the UK, Deborah will be paying close attention to the quality of rams in front of her at Builth. "At this sale, it's important to choose a ram that you would want to use yourself, something with breed character granted, but more importantly the carcass attributes you need to produce quality Charollais lamb. I'll be looking for a tight skin, a solid back end and shoulder right the way through the top, all set on a good set of legs."

2024 OFFICIAL SOCIETY SALE DATES

THE HYBRID SALE

Borderway Mart, Carlisle

Saturday 29th June

The first sale of this kind - bringing together a virtual online sale offering from Northern Ireland vendors and live sheep from the rest of the UK in one sale.

THE WORCESTER

PREMIER SALE

Worcester Livestock Market

Saturday 6th July

The Society's premier offering of males and females from the heart of the breed.

DUNGANNON PREMIER SALE

Dungannon Farmers Mart

Monday 29th July

The Society's main live sale of sheep in Northern Ireland.

All three sales will be held under the auspices of the Charollais Sheep Society

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2024 SHOWS AND EVENTS



NSA

NSA SCOT SHEEP

Wednesday 5th June 2024

NSA SHEEP 2024

Tuesday 30th July 2024

SHOWS

DEVON COUNTY SHOW

Thursday 16th - Saturday 18th May

BALMORAL SHOW

Wednesday 15th - Saturday 18th May

ROYAL THREE COUNTIES SHOW

Friday 14th - Sunday 16th June

ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW

Thursday 20th – Sunday 23rd June

GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW

Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th July

ROYAL WELSH SHOW

Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th July

SALES

HYBRID SALE - BORDERWAY MART, CARLISLE

Saturday 29th June

WORCESTER PREMIER SALE

Saturday 6th July

DUNGANNON EXPORT SALE

Monday 29th July

BRECON EARLY NSA SALE

Monday 5th August

EXETER NSA

Wednesday 14th August

CARLISLE

Friday 30th August

BALLYMENA RAM SALE

Monday 16th September

BUILTH WELLS MAIN NSA SALE

Monday 23rd September

WELSHPOOL

Thursday 26th September

FEMALE SALES

CARLISLE

Friday 30th August

SKIPTON

Saturday 12th October

WORCESTER FEMALE SALE

Saturday 26th October

DUNGANNON EXPORT

Monday 28th October

EXETER

Friday 1st November

WELSHPOOL

Monday 4th November

PRIVATE SALES

WELSHPOOL SAUCY SALE

Saturday 5th October

HEREFORD HIGH FLYERS

Saturday 19th October

SOCIETY AGM

24th - 25th May 2024

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