



Whitefaced Woodland Sheep Society

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News letter 116 – October 2020

From the Chairman...

Writing these notes is not going to be easy, as I have spent the last six months shielding for health reasons. My garden has received a lot of attention - the roses and dahlias being very impressive!

Moving to the sheep world, prices have been good all round and remain so into the autumn. The Brexit deadline is not having an impact at the moment. Being of an optimistic nature, I think things will get sorted out.

I wish to thank all those who had sheep registered, and the inspectors for doing a great job. As a Society, I hope we can improve this service, as the more sheep we can get registered, the better. Perhaps more people could become inspectors, so we can cover the country better. As to relaxing standards in the present crisis, I don't think that is a good idea.

I would also like to thank all those who took part in the Zoom calls before the Sale and the subsequent work done so the Sale could go ahead. From what I have heard, the Show and Sale went well. Congratulations to Angela and Robert Crampton for winning the Ken Wild Trophy. A big thank you must also go to all the office holders for their continuing good work.

We had the last committee meeting in February where several things were discussed but no major decisions were taken. As the usual AGM is not possible, it is suggested that people vote by e-mail or post on items put in the Newsletter.

Looking to the future, let's hope we can get back to showing sheep next year and a life more near normal. Wishing you all the best – and look after yourselves.

Neville

Annual General Meeting

In the current climate, we cannot hold a physical AGM, and the Committee can see no way of holding a virtual meeting where everyone gets a chance to contribute. We are therefore setting out the AGM, with proposals to vote on, in this newsletter. Any member can vote on any issue by emailing rachel@cerdan.co.uk or by post to Rachel Godschalk, Plover Hall, Gilmonby, Barnard Castle, Co Durham DL12 9LU. The cut-off date for voting is 31 October.

1. Election of Officers

Although the Chairman (Neville Belfield) and Vice-Chairman (John Jones) have finished their term, it is proposed that they continue in office until the next AGM.

Proposed: R Godschalk, Seconded: R Ford

VOTING: Yes/No If NO, please nominate alternative candidates (with their agreement).

2. Inspection Days

We were going to have inspection days in 2020 based in suitable geographical locations for those members away from the main woodland flocks. For obvious reasons this was not possible, but as soon as we are permitted to have social meetings, we will. Please indicate if you would like to be involved, and we can plan suitable locations.

VOTING: A (yes, I wish to be involved)

B: (yes, I wish to be involved and I have a site which could be used).

3. Reminders

a) Please contact Chareen Kaye on 07799 257812 if you need stock inspecting.

b) The Society Website can be used for stock for sale/wanted. Please email rachel@cerdan.co.uk

c) Annual subscriptions are £10 and are now due.
Rachel Godschalk

Statement of Accounts

	2019/20	2018/19
Opening balance	£5106.94	£3634.12
<u>Income:</u>		
Subscriptions	£590.00	£530.00
Life subscriptions		£300.00
Registrations	£432.00	£436.00
Flock Profiles Book		
Mug		£7.00
Fund Raiser Lunch	£1252.50	£1241.90
Sale of clothing	£191.00	
Sundries		£11.00
Total income	£2465.50	£2525.90
<u>Outgoings:</u>		
NSA membership	£100.00	£100.00
NSA North Sheep		£240.00
Grassroots yearly fee	£378.00	£354.00
Newsletters & postage	£167.00	£165.58
Website		£163.50
Open Day flowers	£30.00	£30.00
Rosettes		
Farmers' Guardian adverts	£288.00	
Holiday Inn deposit	£350.00	
Total outgoings	£1313.00	£1053.08
Excess of income over expenditure	£1152.50	£1472.82
Closing balance	£6259.44	£5106.94

Treasurer's notes

NSA North Sheep takes place every two years. The next event will be on Wednesday 2 June 2021

Grassroots fee has increased by £20 plus VAT (i.e.£24). We appealed to both Grassroots and RBST for a reduction, in view of current circumstances. However, neither was prepared to help just one breed society of the many they deal with.

The Holiday Inn deposit was for the November Dinner Dance which we have had to postpone. It will be held over to next year.

There is a total of £141 outstanding from sheep registered in 2019. Prompt payment would be appreciated!

Karen Lucas

It is with great sadness that we let members know that **John Cottrill** has died. A cheerful and sociable man, he is remembered by many for his infectious laugh and his fund of stories – and for his outstanding moustache. John was part of a traditional farming family who had bred woodlands in the High Peak for generations. He used to show the family woodlands at Hope and Hayfield. Jeff Dowey remembers several occasions working with him many years ago, when John's father, Maurice, invited him to come and help gather "on a proper moor". Dropped off on the Snake Pass and headed towards Kinder, it took them practically the whole day, on foot, to bring the sheep down to the valley. Because of current restrictions, the Society cannot be represented at John's funeral, but we will send flowers, as well as condolences to all his family.

Annual Show and Sale

The number of tups shown this year was considerably reduced, since entrants were limited to one per holding or owner to allow greater distance between exhibitors. Ably judged by Casey Campbell, congratulations go to Angela and Robert Crampton on winning the Ken Wild Memorial Trophy with their aged tup. From the Belfield stable, he went on to sell for £1200 to Philip Onions.

Second in the aged tup class was from Graham Pears, bought by Casey Campbell for £1500.

Third was Chareen Kaye's Cefn Gwyn Noble, bred by John Jones and sold to Ben Thorpe for £680.

Shearling tup places were:

1st and Reserve Champion: Tony Redfearn's Barnsfold tup, sold to Graham Pears for £1500

2nd: James Gill's home bred shearling, sold to Richard Cottrill for £680

3rd: Myles Nicholson's home bred tup, bought on behalf of Lady Onslow.

Tony Redfearn kindly judged shearling ewes and lambs in their pens. Results were:

Pen of 6 lambs:

1st: Angela and Robert Crampton, sold at £95 to Casey Campbell

2nd: Thomas Thackeray, sold to R Driver, High Peak for £65

Pen of 6 shearling ewes:

1st: Thomas Thackeray, sold to £265 and bought by Graham Pears

2nd: Godschalk Partners, sold to Gary Longden, Hope Valley, for £138

Although held under difficult circumstances, this turned out to be a good sale – even if it was sometimes hard to recognise people behind their masks!

28 tups were forward and all but three shearlings and the four tup lambs sold. This was a marked improvement on last year, and suggests that vendors are becoming more selective.

Prizewinners made all the top prices, with the addition of a High Moss shearling at £650. The remainder sold fairly modestly, in the £100-£300 range.

The average price for the 72 shearling ewes forward was £144, again with the top price following the first prize.

Paul Thorp sold four aged ewes to John Jones for £210. Aged ewes made on average £131.

The top pen of ewe lambs from Angela and Robert Crampton went to Casey Campbell for £95; the average for ewe lambs was £73.

We are grateful to Paul Dixon for once more conducting the auction in his inimitable style. Many familiar faces were missing this year, including our Chairman, but the Show and Sale did go ahead, despite misgivings, and it worked. Thanks must go to all those who worked so hard to make it happen, both beforehand and on the day.

AG

Flock Book

Volume 6 of the Hill Register, containing sheep registered in 2019 is now available. Please contact Ann Godschalk for a copy. We currently have spare copies of volumes 1, 4 and 5. Volumes 2 and 3 are out of print, but could be reprinted if there is a demand

The Society's Clothing

Thanks to Laura and Anne Brown, we now have a good range of Whitefaced Woodland Society clothing. Standard colour is navy blue, with the Society's logo, and the option to add your name. Sizes run from Small to XXXL. There are hoodies, fleeces and gilets (the latter as padded or fleece version) all at the very reasonable price of £25. Polo, T- and sweat shirts are available, or if

you're already into winter, you could get a waterproof coat or soft shell jacket for £35. There are children's versions of the hoodie and shirts too, and finally a beanie hat and a Society tie. Full details and prices are on the order form which is attached to, or enclosed with, this newsletter

Order yours in time for Christmas!

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