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WELCOME FROM THE SECRETARY

With the news of more diseases circulating in Europe and the UK you can be forgiven for feeling a bit despondent about the sheep sector, but there are many aspects which are good news for us.

Sheep production is one of the most sustainable industries in agriculture and this is an important aspect for us all to consider in the future. It is also an excellent conduit for young entrants into agriculture; you certainly might not be able to afford farmland, but a small flock grazing on rented grassland is a way into sheep farming for many. The increasing interest in regenerative farming is also highlighting the need for livestock and mainly sheep to integrate with crop production.

Thankfully prices for all categories of sheep have been strong during 2024 and look to continue this way. On the flip side we are all too aware of rising costs and expenditure must be kept in check to ensure profitability. The Government will certainly not be filling the gap, as they accelerate the reduction in support payments. There will be rewards for schemes that deliver environmental benefits and reduce our carbon footprint and increase natural biodiversity.

Despite these high prices the consumption and demand for lamb and ewe meat has increased. Lamb is seen as a high-quality protein with a high price tag; so, we have to make sure it is a top quality product and maintain our reputation.

All these factors bode well for our Charollais breed, if we continue to breed the right type of

animals that suit the emerging demands. We have the genetics that can get a quality carcass lamb to market quickly and at a weight that is profitable. Our rams breed prime lambs with length and shape, excellent muscling and tender flavoursome meat. Days to slaughter is one of the most influential factors in the reduction of carbon footprint. We are pushing ahead with genomic selection and this will give us the tools for further improvement on carbon reduction in our stock.

We have always put emphasis on rams that are 'fit for purpose' and this will continue. Charollais rams do live and work hard. We will continue to push all these messages to potential buyers at shows, sales, events and through our social media platforms. There will be a total of five National Sheep Association days this year, so come along to one near you, there is always lots to see and learn and why not do a stint on the Charollais stand and promote your own flock to visitors.

Members shouldn't underestimate the positive aspect that taking part in Society activities can have for your wellbeing. More and more farmers are isolated on their farms with little interaction with others; purchasing is done online contributing to fewer trips to the local market and less staff on farm. It's good to get away from the farm for a time, have a conversation with others and often see things in a different light. So, we urge you to join in with your region.

And if you want a chat we are always here in the office and happy to help. Hope to see you soon.



ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Last year was a mixed year for the Charollais Society. We were all shocked and saddened by the loss of our chairman, Charles Sercombe during the year. There is an obituary to this outstanding man following in this publication (page 18).

On a positive note, we witnessed the new Carlisle Supreme sale in late June with Harrison and Hetherington to great success. We worked our way round the current movement restrictions and featured animals from Northern Ireland via video link.

Congratulations to Graham Foster with his top priced ram lamb selling for 10,000gns. This sale did not detract from our annual event in Worcester Market with the Logie Durno taking the championship ticket and top price of 6200gns with a shearling ram. We will continue to run these two sales and hopefully one day the Carlisle event will be an export sale.

Society finances are in good shape. Council took the decision to raise registration fees by a small amount and this has contributed to a healthy surplus for the year. We have also found ways to reduce costs without impacting on our service to members. In November we agreed to give back to members by reducing the charges for DNA testing.

This has two-fold advantages. Firstly, your costs as breeders and sale vendors will be less and we gain more genetic information on our breed, which will deliver dividends for the future.

Commercial trade for rams has remained strong, with our breed making top prices around the country at numerous locations. Breeders do not have to rely on Society sales as there are now a wide range of outlets for breeding stock, such as selling through local markets, off farm and through social media. Whichever you choose, remember our generic marketing of the breed all helps with those sales. Registered females continue to attract keen buyers with all sales returning excellent averages and top prices.

We thank all Council members and regional officers who give up their time to work on behalf of all members and welcome Patrick Tully as our new national chairman.

Carroll Barber

and the Charollais Sheep Society



Gorteen Charollais

Bred to perform

*1st prize small flock in NI
Signet performance recorded*

Sires for 2025 lamb crop include:

Keadeen Cracker Jack

Oakchurch Admiral

Thackwood Bangkok



Our exciting new stock ram -
Keadeen Cracker Jack. 2nd
top price at Irish Premier
2024



Gorteen Blockbuster - Top
price of £5,000 at NI Premier
2023

Gareth Beacom, Kesh, Co Fermanagh, N. Ireland

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CHARITABLE FUND RAISING

Charollais members have been doing some incredible work this year fund raising for some important charities.

In Northern Ireland they donated £7000 to the NI Air Ambulance from the trimming and stock judging night at Graham and Hannah Foster’s. Much of the money came from an auction and donations. £1000 from that night was also raised for the Children’s Diabetes Society. The region added to that with the raffle and an auction at their annual dinner. Further donations brought the total amount to £2000.



Down in the South West of England the Pedrick family offered a Charollais x Beltex ewe lamb for sale at the Truro Primestock Show in December last year. The lamb re-sold several times and raised more than £8000 for Cancer Research UK and The British Heart Foundation. Sadly, Andrew Pedrick has had a bad year suffering from severe heart problems and also a rare form of cancer. We wish him well for 2025.

Also, huge credit to William Sercombe who is continuing his runs in memory of his father, Charles, to raise funds for Cancer Research. William is running 5km every day for a year. Also on the 14th of each month he doubles the distance. William’s goal is to raise £10,000 and he is well on his way at just under £9k at time of preparing this content for publishing.

If you might be interested in supporting this GoFundMe, here is the link.
[https://gofund.me/c2739939.](https://gofund.me/c2739939)

SIRES OF LAMBS

Remember that the sire of your 2025 lambs MUST have:

- * A scrapie genotype result
- * A DNA completed sample
- * Be fully pedigree registered

If any of this information is missing, then we will contact you and put your birth notifications on hold until it is completed and supplied to the Society. As we build up more information on the Neogen database, we are in a position to sire verify a higher percentage of lambs. This year all animals entered for our Premier Sales will require to have been verified.

AI AND ET CERTIFICATES

All flocks who used AI and/or ET to produce their lambs must submit a signed and dated document from the veterinary surgeon who undertook the procedure. A copy of the breeding company paperwork supplied with details of ewes, rams, dates etc is acceptable.

Again, until we receive this paperwork your birth notifications will be put on hold. You will be invoiced for the registrations at the time they are submitted.



NEWS FROM NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

FINANCES

The meeting received a report from the F&GP committee and figures for income and expenditure up to the end of October 2024. These showed the Society was on target with their budgets and should achieve a modest surplus by the end of the year. The sound financial position of the Society instigated the conversation on how we should best help members.

F&GP COMMITTEE

Council agreed to invite Mr Robert Gregory to join the F&GP committee as an independent member. His knowledge and enthusiasm for the breed and the running of the Society is considerable.

CATALOGUES

The meeting also agreed that the Society office would only mail out catalogues for the three Premier Sales; Carlisle, Worcester and Dungannon. All other sales would have printed copies available at the sale and online. We will also email catalogues for all sales.

MINIMUM SELLING PRICES

It was agreed to increase the minimum selling prices as follows:

Worcester Premier, Carlisle Supreme and Dungannon Premier Sales	
Rams, senior/shearling	600gns
Ram Lambs	500gns
Ewe Lambs	400gns

General Sales	
Rams, senior/shearling	400gns
Ram Lambs	350gns
Empty shearling ewes	300gns
Empty ewes	250gns
In-lamb shearling ewes	400gns
In-lamb ewes	300gns
Ewe Lambs	300gns

This brings the figures more in line with enhanced cull prices.



REGIONAL ELECTIONS

There will be three elections in 2025: East of England, North of England and Central Region.

Stuart Dunkley and David Norman are not eligible for a further term of office, while David Roberts is eligible for another term. All nomination and voting papers will be sent out from the office in early spring.

BTV UPDATE

The UK's Chief Veterinary Officer has announced on the 21st January that we are now in the seasonally vector low period for Bluetongue virus. Due to a decrease in temperature, midge activity is lower, with midges not actively feeding, meaning there is a very low risk of new infections from biting midges.

As a result, some restrictions currently in place to mitigate disease spread will be eased. These include: removing the requirements for postmovement testing of animals out of the Restricted Zone and the need to send animals moving outside of the Restricted Zone for slaughter to designated abattoirs. Farmers are urged to remain vigilant and report any livestock they suspect to have the disease to APHA.

The disease is very likely to over winter from 2024 into 2025 and will therefore reappear earlier than August (when it entered in 2024). While BTV3 appears to be circulating in some areas at a low level even now, another consideration is that before vector activity increases again, there is time to get livestock vaccinated and establish immunity before exposure. It takes several weeks between initial vaccination and onset of immunity, especially in cattle, therefore waiting to vaccinate until the virus has spread to the local area may be too late to provide adequate, timely protection where it is estimated that the mortality rate was 70% for those sheep with clinical signs last year. Midge activity started in March 2024, so this may come sooner than we would like.

While the safety of the vaccines has not been established in breeding males, these are often the highest value animals on the farm. There is evidence that some males never clear BTV infection from semen, even if they recover from clinical disease. Breeding males should not be vaccinated in the 8 weeks before breeding. Another good reason to vaccinate them this winter, and ideally before mid-March.

Whilst vaccination is not a guaranteed prevention to BTV, it does significantly reduce the mortality rates as shown in Germany reducing the overall flock mortality from 25-30% in unvaccinated flocks down to 1-2% in vaccinated flocks.

MV TESTING IN NORTHERN IRELAND

At present DAERA are reconsidering their position on MV testing in Northern Ireland. It is hoped they will continue with funding of the testing scheme and NI will retain its MV freedom status.

NEW FLOCKS WEBINAR

If you are new to the Charollais breed and would like some information on our registration systems, structure, sales, events and anything else you would like to ask us, then join in on webinar sessions.

The Society ran the first one in February and subject to demand, another will follow later in the year. The office will send everyone a link in the Bulletins, so keep an eye out for further information. If there is a subject new members would like to discuss in greater detail, then let us know and we will add it into the presentation.

BIRTH NOTIFICATION INFORMATION

Remember in order to birth notify your lambs:

1. The dam must be full pedigree registered. Have you checked all your shearling ewes that are now coming up to lamb have been upgraded?
2. The sire must be full pedigree registered. Rams must have a result for Scrapie Genotype and a DNA profile. Get a test kit from us if you have sires to test and upgrade.
3. When lambs are the product of embryo transfer, then the donor ewe must have a DNA sample recorded.
4. When lambs are the product of artificial insemination or embryo transfer then you must submit a signed document from the veterinary surgeon carrying out the procedure, which includes the date this was done.

2024 FLOCK COMPETITIONS

The following regions held flock competitions last year. Any regions looking to host flock competitions should contact the Society office to help with organisation of the competition.

NORTHERN IRELAND

JUDGE: JIM AIKEN

NOVICE

EWES

- 1st** Richard Powell - Iskeymeadow
- 2nd** Lauren Ryan - Kinmore
- 3rd** Craig Hewitt - Windell

EWE LAMB

- 1st** Richard Powell - Iskeymeadow
- 2nd** Craig Hewitt - Windell
- 3rd** Lauren Ryan - Kinmore

SMALL FLOCK

EWES

- 1st** Gareth Beacom - Gorteen
- 2nd** Harold McBratney - Ashtongreen
- 3rd** Rebecca McBratney - Ashtonelle

EWE LAMB

- 1st** Gareth Beacom - Gorteen
- 2nd** Harold McBratney - Ashtongreen
- 3rd** Rebecca McBratney - Ashtonelle

MEDIUM FLOCK

EWES

- 1st** Graham Foster - Springhill
- 2nd** David Cromie - Millhaven
- 3rd** Jason Booth - Beechview

EWE LAMB

- 1st** Graham Foster - Springhill
- 2nd** Jason Booth - Beechview
- 3rd** David Cromie - Millhaven

LARGE FLOCK

EWES

- 1st** Kenny, Sheila and Geoffrey Malcolmson - Ringclare
- 2nd** Alistair Moore - Hillside
- 3rd** Ian Goudy - Cardoonan

EWE LAMB

- 1st** Alistair Moore - Hillside
- 2nd** Kenny, Sheila and Geoffrey Malcolmson - Ringclare
- 3rd** Ian Goudy - Cardoonan

STOCK RAM

- 1st** Alistair Moore - Thackwood Braveheart
- 2nd** Harold McBratney - Dunroe Blackjack
- 3rd** Jason Booth - Tullyear Amazon

JUNIOR STOCK RAM

- 1st** Graham Foster - Springhill Casino Royale
- 2nd** Kenny, Sheila and Geoffrey Malcolmson - Ashtongreen Crackerjack
- 3rd** Alistair Moore - Dunseverick Captain

Overall champion flock: Graham Foster - Springhill

Reserve overall flock: Kenny, Sheila and Geoffrey Malcolmson - Ringclare

Overall champion pen of ewe lambs: Graham Foster - Springhill

Chairpersons trophy: Graham Foster - Springhill

Top price sheep sold on mainland from NI vendor: Graham Foster - Springhill

Premier Sale Young handler trophy: Annie and Charlotte Kennedy - Round Tower

Female show champion of the year: Glenn Baird - Logie Durno Wendy

Male show champion of the year: Glenn Baird - Aghavilly Albert

Show team of the year: Glenn Baird - Aghavilly



* Northern Ireland winners

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

JUDGE: TIM PRICHARD

SMALL FLOCK**EWES**

1st Michael Alford
2nd George Dart
3rd Laura Monk

SHEARLING EWES

1st Michael Alford
2nd Steven Lang
3rd Laura Monk

EWE LAMBS

1st George Dart
2nd Michael Alford
3rd Laura Monk

STOCK RAMS

1st George Dart
2nd Steven Lang
3rd Matthew and Holly Halls

JUNIOR STOCK RAMS

1st Michael Alford
2nd Laura Monk
3rd Matthew and Holly Halls

Best ewe lambs: George Dart**Best stock ram:** George Dart**Best junior stock ram:** Tom Nancekivell**Champion small flock:** Michael Alford**Champion large flock:** Tom Nancekivell**Overall champion flock:** Tom Nancekivell**Reserve champion flock:** Michael Alford**SOUTH SCOTLAND**

JUDGE: RYAN TODD

LARGE FLOCK**EWES**

1st R Gray
2nd J Andrew
3rd J Parkhouse

EWE LAMBS

1st R Gray
2nd J Parkhouse

STOCK TUP

1st R Gray
2nd J Andrew
3rd J Parkhouse

SMALL FLOCK**EWES**

1st H Jackson
2nd B Radley
3rd N Henderson

EWE LAMBS

1st H Jackson
2nd B Radley
3rd N Henderson

STOCK TUP

1st N Henderson
2nd B Radley
3rd H Jackson

Show points trophy:
Ben Radley - Loaningfoot**Champion flock:**
Russell Gray - Langside**Reserve champion flock:**
Hannah Jackson - Rigghead**NORTH SCOTLAND**

JUDGE: JOHN ANDREW

LARGE FLOCK**EWES**

1st E and E Duncan
2nd R and K Davidson

EWE LAMBS

1st E and E Duncan
2nd T Dalgarno
3rd J Singer

SMALL FLOCK**EWES**

1st T Dalgarno
2nd C Bacon
3rd J Singer

BOTH FLOCK SIZES**STOCK TUP**

1st E and E Duncan/T. Dalgarno
2nd R and K Davidson
3rd E and E Duncan

JUNIOR STOCK TUP

1st C Bacon
2nd J Singer
3rd J Singer

Champion flock:

Eilidh and Erin Duncan - Braemuir

Reserve champion flock:

Richard and Kathleen Davidson - Corsairty



* South Scotland winners



* North Scotland winners

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BRONWYDD CASANOVA

Sold at the Premier Sale 2024 for 3200gns
to Grant Pink, Bicton flock



BRONWYDD CLOONEY

Sold at the Premier Sale 2024 for 2200gns
to Tom Newth, Prestleigh flock



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LOGIE DURNO CRAFTSMAN

Purchased Carlisle for 3500gns



RIGGHEAD BILLY THE KID

Top priced Kelso 2024,
sold for 3400gns



RIGGHEAD CLASSY LASSIE

1st ewe lamb and reserve champion,
Great Yorkshire Show 2024

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WHAT HAS PERFORMANCE RECORDING REALLY DELIVERED FOR CHAROLLAIS SHEEP



By Samuel Boon, Signet Breeding Services

For nearly 50 years Charollais breeders have measured the performance of lambs on their farms with the aim of enhancing their value at the abattoir.

This hasn't been their sole focus, as they have also worked to produce fit, fertile and structurally correct sires, but by measuring lamb growth rates and using ultrasound scanning to assess muscling they have continually sought to enhance the carcass attributes of Charollais sired lambs.

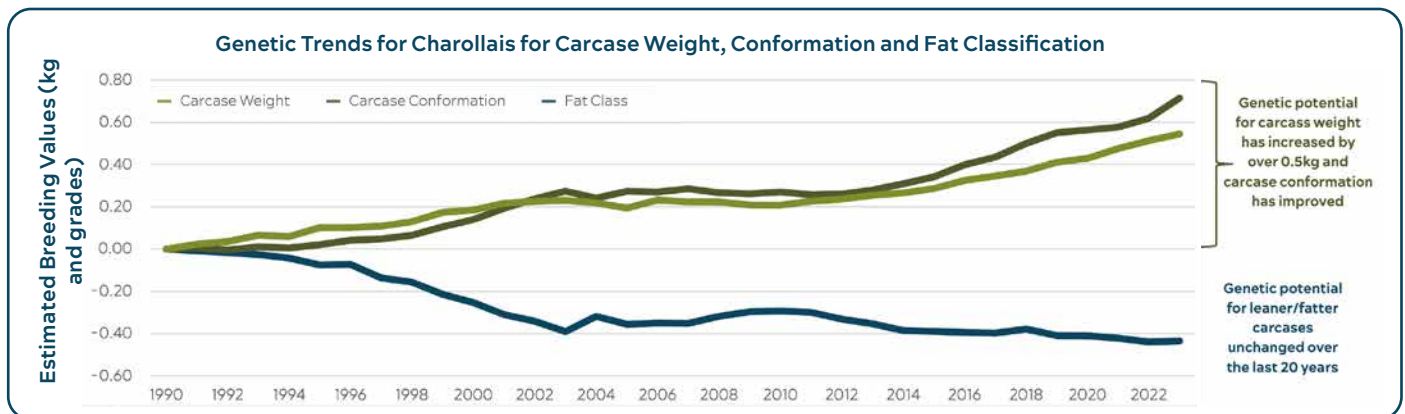
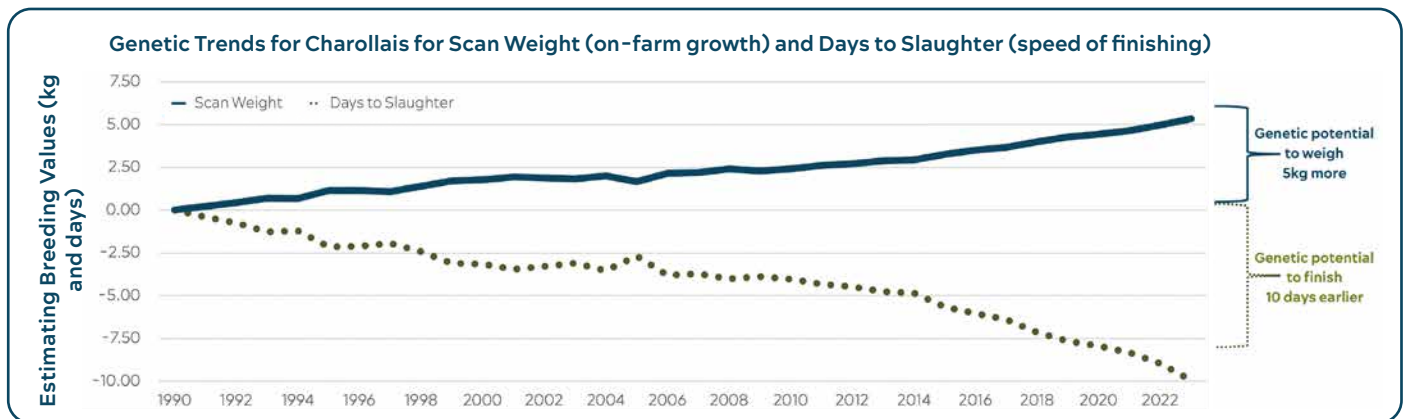
The challenge in this approach is that it has always focussed on proxy measures for the traits of economic interest, namely carcass weight, conformation and days to slaughter.

Through the involvement of Charollais breeders in RamCompare, the National Progeny Test, which includes data from RamCompare's little cousin, ChazCompare, we now have a much better understanding of the genetic relationships that exist between those traits measured in the live animal within our pedigree flocks and those attributes expressed at the abattoir by commercial lambs at the point of slaughter.

In 2025 the National Terminal Sire Evaluation will be enhanced to produce breeding values that are direct predictors of abattoir traits, using the flow of data from both pedigree farms and progeny tests. For the first time producers will be able to confidently select rams on the basis of their EBVs for days to slaughter, carcass weight, conformation and fat class.

DATA ANALYSIS

The latest results derived from AHDB funded research shows exactly what the Charollais breed has achieved through performance recording.



Increasing breeding values for scan weight (an indicator of liveweight gain) has led to reductions in days to slaughter of more than a week accompanied by increases in carcass weight that now exceed half a kilo. Selection for muscling has increased carcass conformation, with little change in carcass fatness over the last 20 years.

HOW CAN CHAROLLAIS RAM BUYERS USE THIS DATA?

When buying Charollais rams, commercial ram buyers should select stock sires with high EBVs for scan weight and muscle depth if they wish lambs to finish quickly and receive a premium for conformation.

In addition to this ram buyers can start using the new breeding values for abattoir traits, such as days to slaughter and carcass conformation to refine breeding decisions and capitalise on the best genetics the breed has to offer.



THE ROLE OF GENOMICS IN ASSESSING EMBRYO TRANSFER LAMBS

Samuel Boon and Laura Eyles, Signet Breeding Services

Despite sharing the same parents, embryo transfer siblings are not identical, both genetically and phenotypically, so they won't have the same breeding values.

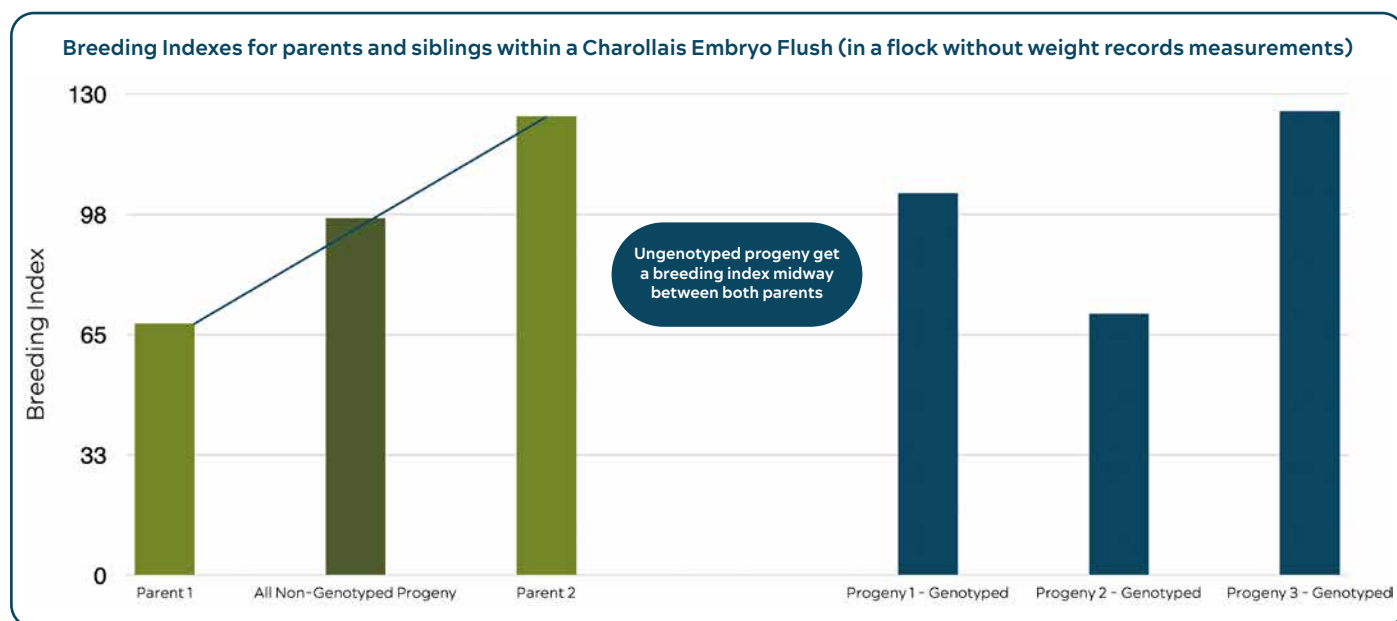
However, the use of genomic data in Signet's genetic analyses means that it is possible to identify exactly which genes are passed on to the progeny from a specific mating and breeding values will reflect this.

When trying to assess the breeding merit of an unrecorded sheep in a pre-genomic era we would know that siblings obtained 50% of their genes from each parent and on that basis lambs would automatically get a breeding value based on "mid-parent average" i.e. half-way between either parent.

In this real-life example, a Charollais ewe yielded a number of embryos and while none of the lambs were weight recorded; the use of genomic information from Charollais lambs that had been weight recorded identified important differences between them.

In the graph below it can be seen that even with a relatively small increase in accuracy it is possible to identify a lamb that is genetically superior to either parent and one that is 26 index points lower than would initially be predicted from this mating.

A difference of more than 50 index points between full ET offspring, highlights the potential in using genomic information to identify elite breeding stock within a Charollais population that often contains sheep with quite similar genetics.



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ARR/ARR - Index 457

Sold at Carlisle Supreme Sale 2024 for 3,000gns to Sercombe Sheep with a half-share retained. He is No.2 indexed lamb on Signet in the UK 2024. Sire is Dalby Ancellotti (Index 358), who was purchased at Worcester 2022 for 4,000gns. Dam is a Shockin daughter, Edstaston Wasabi 20TG00997, who has an Index of 415

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BOYO COMMANDER 24XHE01549

ARR/ARR - Index 224

Purchased privately for £12,000 with Sercombe Sheep from the Boyo Flock of David Roberts. Sired by Oakchurch Apache and dam was the phenomenal Arbryn ewe 19WRF00651.



EDSTASTON CHIP & PIN 24TG01467

ARR/ARR - Index 206

Sire is Tullyear Artemis 22QY04358 purchased at Dungannon 2022 for 3,800 gns. Dam is Edstaston Tamsin 18TG00794 who is a daughter of the renowned Edstaston Madison 12TG00162.

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STOCK SIRES FOR 2025 CROP - ERENAGH BEST BET & SPRINGHILL CHARLIE



CHAROLLAIS BREEDERS SAY GOODBYE TO CHARLES SERCOMBE

By Carroll Barber



In August 2024 the sheep industry was shocked and deeply saddened by the news of Charles Sercombe's death at just the age of 59 years old. This was following a cancer diagnosis, which the medical teams were not able to suppress. Charles has been an integral part of the Charollais Sheep Society and one of its strongest supporters for 37 years and a close friend to many of us in the livestock sector.

I recall in 1987 a young, fresh-faced farmer purchasing his first Charollais, closely followed by a trip to France to inject some imported stock into his Dalby Flock, 'PE'. It soon became

apparent that this young man not only had bags of energy and enthusiasm for this new breed that had found its way to the UK, but also a considerable skill in breeding pedigree livestock.

The Society and the breed have been extremely lucky to have Charles's support over these years. The flock has produced many top show and sale sheep in the breed and held a number of records for top prices. Dalby stock have won championships at all the major shows across the UK and the flock has supported local shows consistently to keep the breed in the spotlight.

But Charles was not one to solely concentrate on his own stock and farming enterprises. He had a passionate interest in the sheep industry and gave his time and intellect to serve on many boards, groups and Government committees. For the Charollais Sheep Society he served as Eastern region chairman, judges committee member, F & G P chairman and was the National chairman at the time of his death. We were all so fortunate to attend the 2024 National AGM at Sandlands Farm and celebrate with friends in best Eastern region style. This was not the first time the Sercombe family had been host to a major Charollais event; many times we have been entertained and thrilled to view the top quality stock on the farm.

Charles loved the show ring. Whether exhibiting or judging, he was certainly a master of both skills. He officiated at all the major Royals and was a top ranked judge of not only the Charollais breed, but several others. But it was not all looks that were important to Charles in his breeding programme. He was a passionate supporter of performance recording and all that entailed and brought to sheep breeding. He was an original member of the Charollais Sire Reference Scheme and more latterly a flock in Signet's Ram Compare trial work, always looking for ways to improve his flock through scientific methods not only for his own rewards but to take the UK sheep industry forward.

Among the organisations that paid tribute to Charles were the NFU and NSA. Phil Stocker, NSA Chief Executive, said: "It is impossible to measure the impact Charles had on our industry. He had real vision and was absolutely committed to improving sheep efficiency, best practice and viability. Yet he never lost sight of the community aspect of our industry and knew the importance of sheep farming to provide a step on the farming ladder for new entrants.

"Charles was a progressive and highly ethical agent of change. His impact was far wider than the UK alone and I had the privilege of travelling to France, China and New Zealand with him, where he made a great impression and earned friends for life.



"Another memory that will last forever was when he told the Sheep Health and Welfare Group's conference he wanted Britain to be the best sheep farming nation in the world. He believed we could do it and got involved in activities to help achieve it. It's an ambition we can all sign up to and carry on in Charles's memory."

NFU Deputy President David Exwood joined the tributes. "Charles was a passionate advocate for tenant farmers and the sheep sector. He was NFU Melton Mowbray branch chair from 2007 to 2010, serving four consecutive terms in the role. His dedication and knowledge were invaluable and he will be fondly remembered right across the farming industry. He became NFU Livestock Board chair in 2012 holding the national post for six years and was also a member of the NFU Policy Board and Governance Board. Charles led the National Livestock Board through a time of great uncertainty for the beef and lamb sector. His dedication and knowledge at such a time were invaluable and he will be fondly remembered right across the farming industry."

The Charollais Society has lost a dear friend and devoted supporter of the breed and the sheep industry has lost a highly skilled and intelligent ambassador. We are delighted that Charles's wife Helen, together with children Victoria, Grace and William are carrying on his work and we send our love and support to them for the future.





WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR EMBRYO TRANSFER

Future use of embryo transfer (ET) will, potentially, be more regulated and may well be combined with other technologies such as, sexed semen, in vitro fertilisation (IVF) and gene editing.

Vet Ian McDougall of Shropshire-based Farmgene says the rapid expansion of ET use which has occurred over the last 20 years is already slowing and is likely to reduce further in the coming years as farm budgets come under pressure from reductions in support payments and higher costs throughout businesses.

“We’ve seen rising costs across sheep farming over the last five years, including higher feed and fertiliser costs, as well as more expensive energy and labour charges. All of this is impacting bottom lines and added to increased costs of ET due to higher drug costs, is having an effect on the amount of ET being done in many breeds,” he explains.

From a regulatory standpoint it is possible to see that a ban on the current surgical method of embryo collection may be implemented,

along with regulation of recipient selection, he explains.

“On the animal welfare side, both of these would be areas which welfare groups could lobby on. Additionally, there is potential for a ban on the use of PMSG based on the animal welfare issues of its manufacture. It is important to note that PMSG use is already banned in Switzerland.

“The surge in ET over the last two decades has been fuelled by the rising popularity of certain breeds and the importation of new breeds and a demand to ‘cash in’ on the best genetics within those breeds while they are still novel,” says Mr McDougall.

Other challenges include the chance that breed societies may change their rules around

the use of ET, (the Valais Blacknose Sheep Society currently charges £250 to register an ET lamb), as well as the potential for a reduction in demand for UK genetics from overseas markets.

“To improve the animal welfare outcomes, it may be that we see a switch to laparoscopic embryo recovery from conventionally super ovulated donors and a move to IVF with laparoscopically collected ova. However, currently both the latter option and cervical embryo collection are not commercially viable.

“Thankfully, there are alternatives to PMSG, including the use of Kisspeptin analogue C6 in its place, as well as the use of teaser rams to synchronise ewes and moving ET further into the ewe’s natural cycle. We could also amend superovulation protocols, so PMSG is not required,” he explains.

Mr McDougall says that if the aim of ET is to improve the genetic value of a flock, then donor selection may also come under scrutiny. “I can envisage a world where donor ewes are more rigorously selected, including selecting for traits such as tolerance to roundworms, footrot resilience, lower methane emissions and increased feed efficiency.

“These are areas where commercial demand could outweigh the current, more aesthetic, selection criteria used by many using ET.

“On top of these, selecting for traits such as improved eating quality and easy lambing and high lamb survival in terminal sire breeds could result in a shift in focus too.”

Overall, he believes that while ET will still be a valuable breeding tool in 10 years time, how it is used will probably change. “I foresee the pedigree sector shrinking over the next decade and the emergence of more breeding companies making use of technologies such as IVF and possibly gene editing.

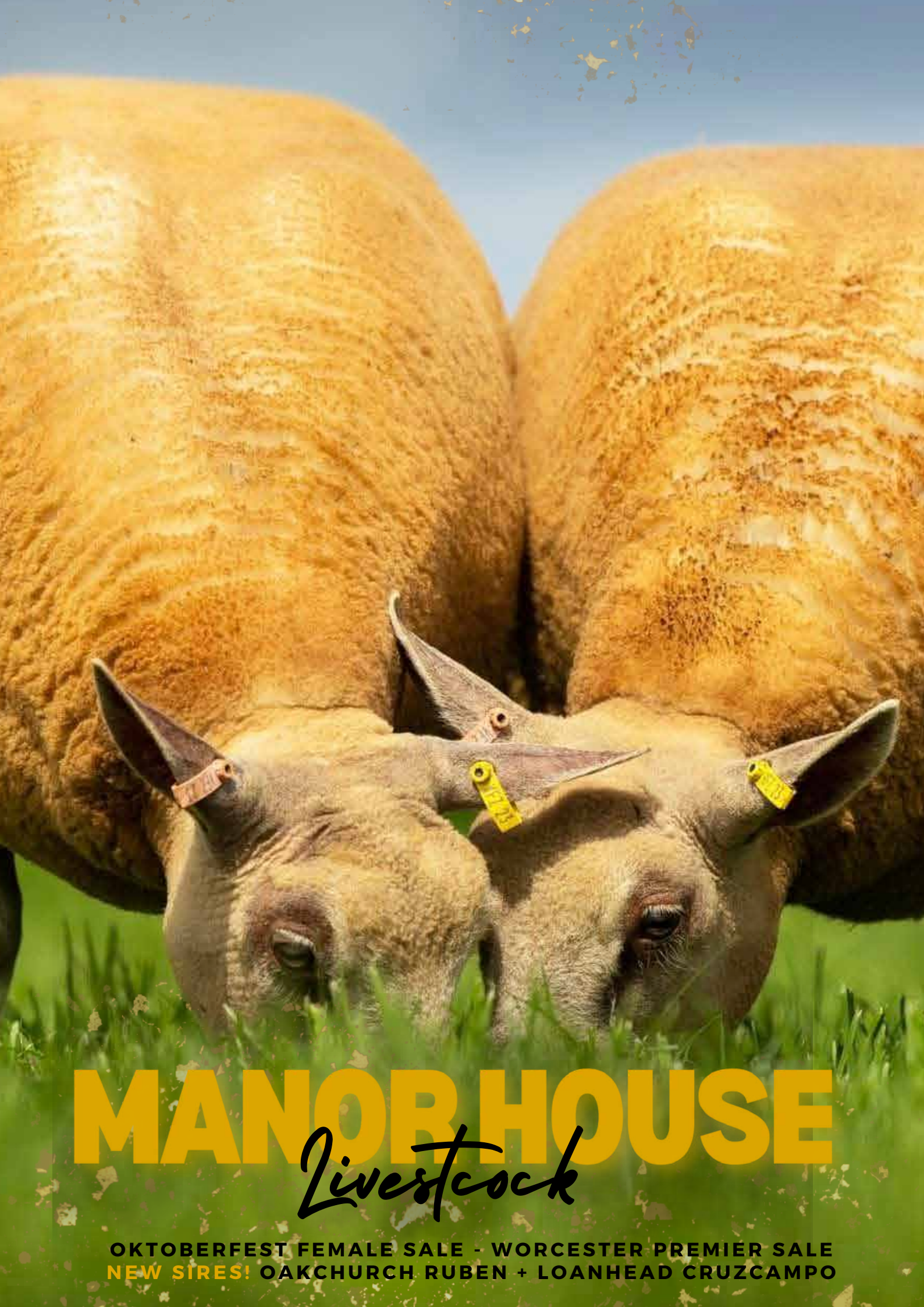
“There’s a chance exports may increase if British sheep genetics are in vogue elsewhere in the world, but what those genetics could be, might be different to those that are currently being sought out.

“Either way I believe sexed semen must be available in the sheep sector in the next decade to truly harness the power of ET and advanced breeding technologies.”

ET’s future

- * Potential increased regulation
- * Changing industry structure
- * Increasing use of IVF
- * Shifting genetic priorities
- * Breed society rule changes





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WELCOME TO THE EASTERN REGION

By Carroll Barber

Let's introduce you to the Eastern region of the Society, not the most densely populated area for sheep and for good reason! We are historically the driest part of the UK and although crops grow well, grass tends not to. We cover all the counties on the eastern side of England from Lincolnshire/ Derbyshire in the north right past London to Kent and Sussex which has its complications for travelling to meetings and events. But despite these concerns the region has punched above its weight over the years.

Firstly, the breed started in Norfolk. On Boxing Day 1976 five ewe lambs and one ram lamb arrived from France to Cavick House Farm in Wymondham. They were imported by the Barber family - father John, mother Anne, sons Jonathan and David and myself (Jonathan's wife to be at the time). The family then set about a plan to promote this rather strange looking breed to the rest of the UK and the British Charollais Sheep Society was born. And to this day is still based in Wymondham, Norfolk.

Many notable flocks came from the region in the early days. Even Frenchman Paul Mascaux who lives in Essex purchased stock in 1979 and was most helpful with negotiations in France for those early importations. Philip Ashford from Norfolk was not far behind and was a significant breeder and National chairman of the Society from 1994 - 1997.

Many Eastern Region flocks were instrumental in the formation of the Charollais Sire Referencing Scheme which has allowed progress to be made in performance data recording over the decades. The groups included well known flocks such as Cold Harbour, Crogham, Dalby, Hazelwood, Hyde, Tilton and Rutland.

For many years Eastern region flocks have been at the top in both show and sale rings. David Gardiner from Derbyshire dominated the royal shows during the 90's. No one who ever met the German jockey, turned dog breeder and Charollais owner would forget Gunther Knoerzer with his Brandy House flock in Newark, an abundant winner and sale topper.

Then it was the turn of Mary and Richard Tulloch from Rutland to be the ones to beat. Charles Sercombe started picking up

championship tickets across the UK and selling stock for record breaking prices, many of which still stand today.

Animals purchased from Eastern region flocks have gone on to be highly influential for their buyers and for the breed. At the Rutland flock dispersal sale, William Ingram purchased (for a very low price) ZFY 5122 who had 35 progeny registered in flock ZNN, many of whom were show winners and top priced animals, including top stock ram Logie Durno Jackpot. Crogham Hannibal II was the leading sire for many years for the Logie Durno flock and the figures for his progeny sales are unlikely to ever be beaten.

Today our young breeders are pushing hard to carry on the name and reputation of the East. George Hoggard was champion at Worcester in 2023 with a ewe lamb from his Manor House flock in Newark. Meanwhile, Mitchel and Elizabeth Britten are certainly making their mark at the sales; winning the ram lamb championship at last year's Worcester Premier Sale with their Cavick lamb (Read more about the Cavick flock on page 31).

A special mention must go to Victoria, William and Grace Sercombe, who together with their mum, Helen, are carrying on the fantastic work of Charles with the Dalby flock, which we are certain will continue to be amongst the best flocks in the UK.

This year we will welcome a new chairperson to lead our region. Our thanks go to Stuart Dunkley who has now completed his second term of office for the region. We look forward to a packed programme of events and interaction with many members old and new.

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A WALK THROUGH THE SULWOOD FLOCK HISTORY BOOKS

The term ‘stalwarts of a breed’ can easily get brandished about regularly within the sheep world, but never is it a truer reflection of a couple than **Geoff** and **Carol Watson**, whose unrivalled passion for the Charollais breed has resulted in interbreed championships the length and breadth of the UK.



From Leicestershire to Anglesey and from Bath and West to the Highland, if Geoff and Carol haven't trimmed a winner under the successful A-Team sheep trimming business, then they've probably won it with one from their own Sulwood flock.

A passion for the Oxford Down breed drew the couple together in 1991 after Carol had asked Geoff to trim a sheep for her at a show.

Having agreed to trim “just the one”, Carol learnt as much as she could from the master of his craft and returned to the Royal Norfolk Show that year with a sheep she had trimmed herself and proceeded to win. Their love for sheep showing and presentation has cemented a successful career in trimming for many noted breeders throughout the UK, as well as themselves.

A move to Herefordshire in their early years saw the couple's first encounter with the Charollais breed, however, not all was positive to start with, as they recall. “We still had our Oxfords and also ran a few Berrichons, but the Oxford was out-performing the others for quick growth rates and fleshing ability,” comments Carol.

In 1997 a change of job meant Geoff was now farm manager for Charles Winfrey in Sibson, Peterborough. The farm was already running Signet recorded Texels and Geoff and Carol managed to persuade them to try a Charollais x Oxford ram on the flock of recently established commercial Lleyns as a comparison.

This slowly morphed into a wider use of the Charollais, so two tups were purchased from Tim Prichard resulting in what Geoff terms a dream of a Charollais x Lley. “We then ran the Oxford back over them as lambs to maximise production from them.”

Sadly, Foot-and-Mouth disease struck and after Charles Winfrey passed, the farm was sold and reverted to arable production with all sheep sold for re-stocking purposes. Geoff recalls how the purchasers of the Lley flock had previously run Rouge tups across them, but they had been so impressed with the Charollais as a terminal sire that they were soon converted.

We first started using an Oxford x Charollais ram then worked with Charollais x Lley females which were a dream of a commercial ewe.

In 2001 Geoff took over the management of Messrs Overman and Son's Osco flock. “The flock was very much a work in progress and by that time we were running our own small flock under the Sulwood prefix with early purchases from Lionel Organ,” recalls Geoff.

“At that point breeders were getting to grips with Scrapie genotyping and with the news that the stock ram was a group five, many sheep were slaughtered in order to run a group one and group two flock,” comments Carol.



The couple went to do a day's work trimming at the Brettles flock and came home with Brettles Angelo, a tup that bred quality females for the Osco flock, while Castellau Banker was then purchased to help improve the scrapie resistance of the flock.

Meanwhile, the Sulwood flock was also growing with purchases from Hyde and Dalby and in 2003, Farmers Guardian accidentally broke the news to Geoff during a spontaneous phone interview that the Osco flock was to be dispersed.

Having been made redundant three times in a row, Geoff and Carol decided to focus on their own Sulwood enterprise and purchased the entire Osco flock. "We split the 120-ewe flock with a commercial producer taking the lower end genotyped females and we kept the rest," says Carol.

Further purchases were added to the flock including females from Rowland Harris and Dai Morris. "The beauty of trimming for other breeders meant we found sheep on the trimming stands that perhaps would go unnoticed in the sale," adds Carol.

"We purchased the last ewe lamb in Dai's sale and she went on to produce Sulwood Lady Bird, a five-time interbreed champion as a one-crop ewe before producing at least six tups herself that have been sold well privately."

Nicknamed "Scud" she lambed twins at 13 years of age with her ram lamb being the first to be sold off farm and the ewe lamb was the last shearing ewe to be sold in the couple's production sale at Skipton last year.

The beauty of trimming for other breeders meant we found sheep on the trimming stands that perhaps would go unnoticed in the sale.

The couple then fully emersed themselves in the show circuit exhibiting at some 10-12 shows in a summer. "We lived for the shows, whether it was trimming for others or with our own sheep, the competition was fierce, but the camaraderie and fun with fellow exhibitors was something that has left many positive memories for us."

But not all memories were positive, some were simply hilarious, as Carol can't help but recall the time Geoff and fellow breeder Percy Tait returned home from the Royal Highland Show and realised they had left the Charollais show team behind, including the notable Pride of Knighton. "By the time we headed to the Royal Show, the news was rife and notes of 'Daddy don't leave me behind this time' were plastered above Percy's pens!"

Notable tups used within the Sulwood flock include Trevadlock Duncan and then later





Castellau Freelanders who was purchased at the Welsh AGM and produced the Great Yorkshire Show interbreed champion Sulwood Gracious Lady. She then stood reserve at the Royal Welsh that summer to Charles Sercombe's Rockvilla Golden Promise. "That year will always be full of fond memories, particularly as Geoff was presented to the late Queen at the Great Yorkshire Show," adds Carol.

We lived for the shows, whether it was trimming for others or taking our own sheep.

Bincombe Kirkpatrick then produced the multi award winning Sulwood Over The Moon and she herself has produced so many success stories for the flock, along with another by Kirkpatrick that was sold to Messrs Christie and Bell and became the All-Ireland champion two years in a row.

Maerdy Nomad was purchased from Myfyr Evans as an aged ram at the Premier Sale. "He had a tight skin and plenty of muscle and being the first sheep in the ring we stole him with one bid at 500gns. "Long, hard as a rock, but a temper that meant loading him at the market was eventful," recalls Geoff. "He produced impressive females for the flock."

Geoff and Carol strongly believe their female lines speak for themselves being show winners and also top breeding ewes that milk well and produce more winners generation after generation. Examples of such standards being Kinky Kitten and her daughter Proper Job, who both won at The Royal Norfolk, Great Yorkshire and Masham shows.

"When selecting stock rams our first thought was always if they would click with the girls, rather than whether the ram's pedigree was flavour of the month," comments Carol. They believe in breeding what you are happy to look at in your paddock not just to follow the masses.

"Spend time watching your stock, select a small number from each section and give them TLC and plenty of exercise. The show sheep will

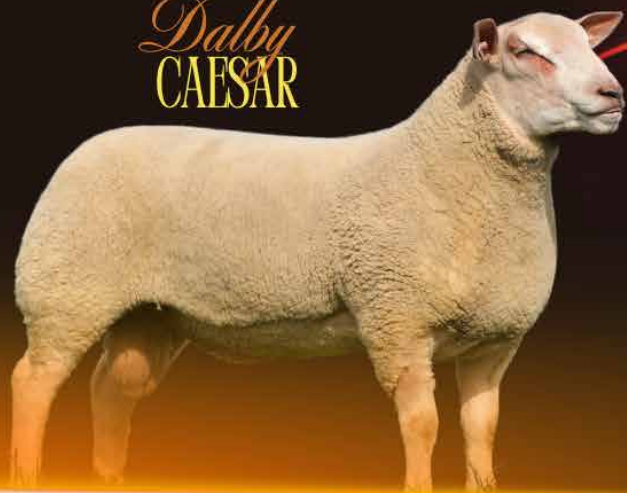
come to the fore. The team need bringing on to be able to compete at Newark in May and still be winning at Masham at the end of September. They must be fit not fat and turned out to the best of your ability," she adds.

Having had two production sales at Skipton, the first blowing all expectations of trade for Geoff and Carol, resulting in a dual top price of 2000gns, the flock is now under a new joint ownership of Messrs Watson and Bennett. Their grandchildren Florence and Oscar are catching the Charollais bug and will be ultimately taking care of the sheep in Somerset alongside mum and dad, Ann-Marie and Luke.

"We obviously reduced heavily due to losing ground, but we hope to start back up with the children by passing on our knowledge and skillset. They're incredibly passionate and without a doubt the breed must do all it can to encourage the next generation of Charollais breeders," adds Carol.



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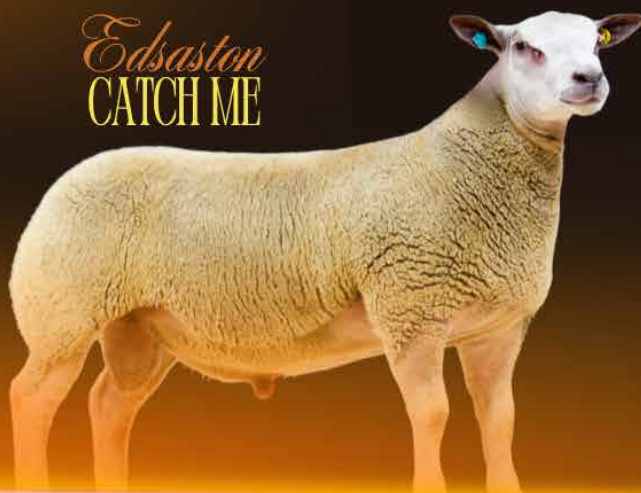
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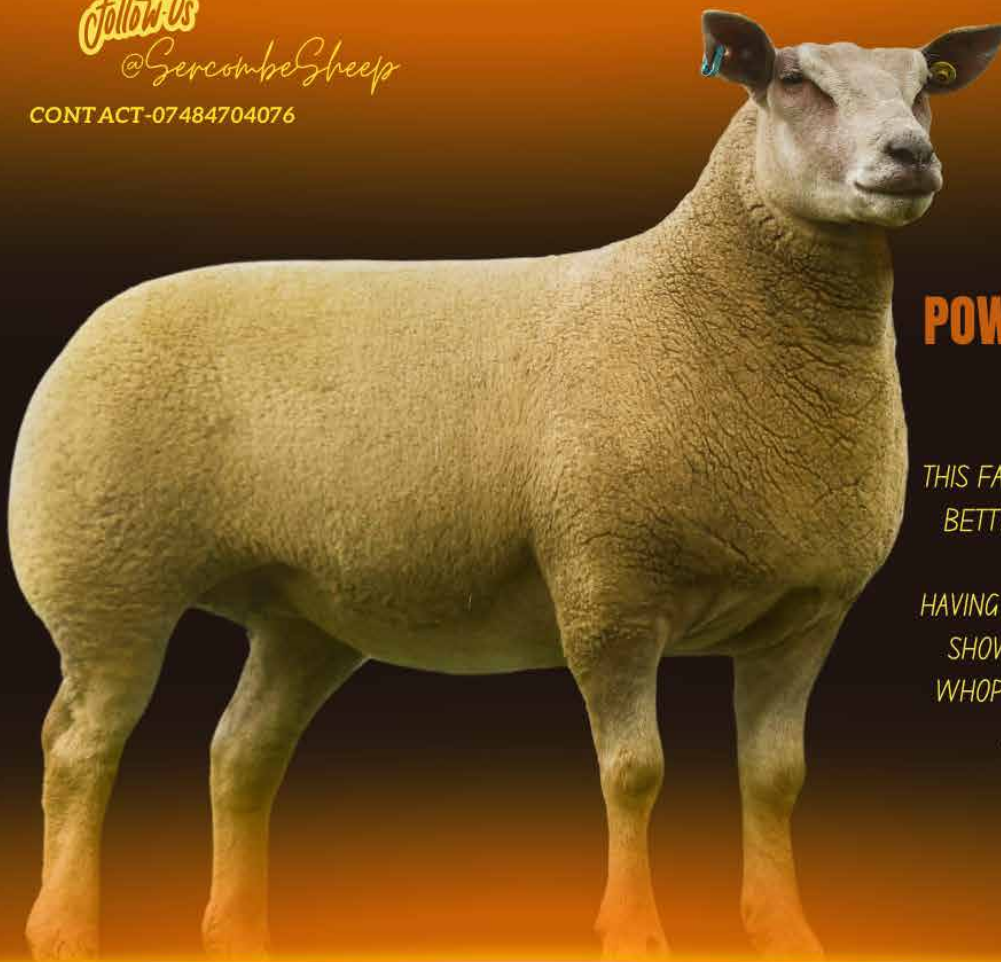
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FUN AND TECHNICAL DAY INGREDIENTS FOR AGM 2024

Charollais members enjoyed a mixture of activities hosted by the **Eastern Region for the 2024 AGM**. The weekend started with an excellent day on the Sercombe family's farm, near Melton Mowbray in Leicestershire.

This was a joint venture with AHDB and covered the introduction of the value of genomics (the study of genes) and explained how important it is for future ram breeding decisions. The large audience of both pedigree breeders and commercial sheep farmers heard the importance of using performance traits to benefit their sheep enterprises.

A super selection of the Dalby Charollais flock and commercial sheep were on display, which confirmed the progress that has been made of 34 years of performance recording on the farm.

A hilarious evening developed during 'Race Night' back at the hotel, featuring frantic bidding to buy your horse and cheering them on. The winner of each race was presented with a metal Charollais logo and these were being fiercely fought after. The next morning resulted in a more sedate visit to Barnsdale Gardens and then onto a boat trip around Rutland Water. Some members found a trip to Melton Mowbray market store sale more to their taste!

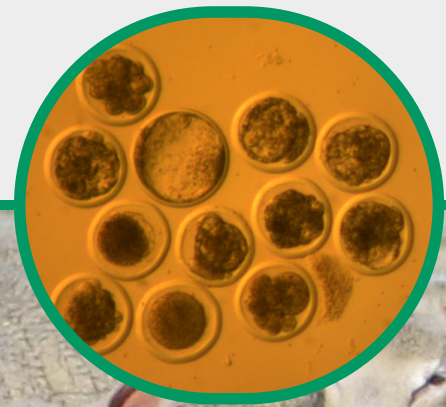
The Society would like to pass on thanks to everyone in the region, but particularly to the Sercombe family for their hospitality. They welcomed a great mixture of younger and more senior members from all regions and everyone agreed it was a really great weekend and they will be back for more fun this May in Somerset.



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PASSION AND DEDICATION IS KEY FOR THE CAVICK FLOCK

Some would say farming pedigree livestock in East Anglia is not without its challenges, including the distance from main pedigree livestock auctioneers, let alone the current threats and issues surrounding Bluetongue virus.



However, one young couple have certainly made their mark in the Charollais breed, showing that hard work, passion and dedication will always reap their reward.

The Cavick flock was established in 2012 by Mitchel and Elizabeth Britten. Mitchel had no prior background in livestock production and was studying computer science at the University of East Anglia. Elizabeth had grown up at Cavick Farm where she had experience of sheep and poultry breeding.

Together the couple began their passion for Charollais sheep and combined their savings

to purchase 11 shearing ewes from the nearby Crogham flock.

They began using artificial insemination with purchased semen from Tony and June Gregory in the form of Logie Durno Navigator. They later purchased Loanhead Midas Touch privately from the Ingram family which set about the first turning point for the flock.

One of the best females from early foundations was 288, which when bred to Midas Touch produced 380 who has been the mother of the noted 15,000gns Cavick What A Boy! and his sister, the 4000gns Cavick What A Girl. “She’s still breeding today with 38 registered progeny off her”, adds Elizabeth.

“Not only is Midas Touch responsible for that successful breeding line, but a group of his shearing rams also won at Melton Mowbray and the following year we won the champion pen of ram lambs,” comments Mitchel.

Some five or six females were then purchased from the Kingsland dispersal which then resulted in the desire to try embryo transfer.

A decision to run a commercial flock alongside the Cavick pedigrees saw the couple establish a 140-ewe Lleyn flock, with homebred Charollais rams from the Cavick flock the chosen stock sires, producing lamb for a strong boxed lamb trade sold off farm.

Midas Touch is responsible for great breeding females, but he also bred the best pen of ram lambs at Melton Mowbray Sale.

“While the pedigree bug was driving us, we needed a solid commercial base for our sheep income”



* Cavick Blood Diamond, sold privately to the Ingram family.



* Completing another milestone for the Britten family was a ram lamb and reserve overall championship at the Premier Sale in 2024 with Cavick Cracker.



* The highest priced ram lamb to date from the Cavick flock, the 15,000gns Cavick What A Boy!



* Selling for 4000gns was Cavick What A Girl.



* The most recent stock sire to be consistently breeding well in the flock is the 7000gns Loanhead Al Pacino.

“It proved a hit with customers and while the pedigree bug was driving us, we also realised we needed a solid commercial base for our sheep income,” explains Mitchel.

The couple also dabbled with a little showing to try and promote the flock, but at the time the cost of showing seemed to outweigh the benefit, so decided to stick to sales.

2020 saw yet another turning point for the couple as they took the champion ram lamb pen at Melton Mowbray and featured on the popular Farmers Country Showdown programme. “The programme certainly raised awareness locally for us and helped sales from the on-farm café,” adds Elizabeth.

The same year saw the purchase of Loanhead Vanquish, bought privately again from the Ingram family. “We always admired their sheep at sales and liked the genetics they were using, so decided to follow a similar path,” highlights Mitchel.

“Not only have we acquired knowledge and genetics from the Aberdeenshire-based Ingram family, but have developed a strong

friendship with the family as well, something that only the pedigree world really offers you,” adds Elizabeth.

Vanquish was purchased blind, but he soon took the flock to another level with his heavy muscling, natural chest width and level tops, he’s certainly cemented a type of sheep the Cavick flock is now known for.

Mitchel recalls that somewhere along his sales travels, a breeder told him it would take at least 10 years to breed anything decent or get to where you need to be and on year nine a trip to the Premier Sale in Worcester resulted in the top price of the day for Cavick What A Boy!

Purchased by four breeders; Geoff Probert, Jeremy Price, Esmor Evans and Huw Roberts, Elizabeth recalls how delighted they were that he was sought after by four leading breeders

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all with very commercial breeding goals at the heart of their flocks.

“Two years later I was standing at Geoff Probert’s open day looking at shearling rams heading to Builth later in the year and included in that group were impressive looking sons of What A Boy! It’s a feeling that’s better than selling the tup himself,” she adds.

The success of What A Boy! opened doors for Mitchel and Elizabeth, resulting in an invite to



the Females with Figures Sale in Worcester at the start of the following sales season. “We needed to build on the success of the previous ram sale and get our females out in front of breeders. A steady sale with a lot of online interest thanks to pre-sale marketing saw a good run of trade, topping at 1600gns for a sister of What A Boy!,” recalls Elizabeth.

“At this point we were producing a certain type, thick ended, slightly pinker head and deep and wide. We wanted to offer something for everyone, a strong pedigree breeder’s tup, but a solid commercial breeder’s ram as well,” adds Mitchel.

Joining the sire line up team in 2022 was the 7000gns Loanhead Al Pacino. “He has bred some phenomenal females with great size, muscling and his rams have great breed character and spark,” adds Mitchel.

In 2023 the couple then sold Cavick Blood Diamond to the Ingram family in a private deal which then went on to produce a Royal Highland Show champion. The couple also retained a homebred ram lamb by Al Pacino that same year in the form of Cavick Balenciaga with a share sold to Mike Jones, Wren and Dewi Evans, Ffrwd.

The following year saw the couple tick another dream off the bucket list, securing the ram lamb championship at the Premier Show and Sale at Worcester with a Balenciaga son, Cavick Cracker, who sold for the third highest price on the day, selling for 5800gns.

Now with young son George joining the family, the passion for the Charollais breed is probably at its strongest for the Britten



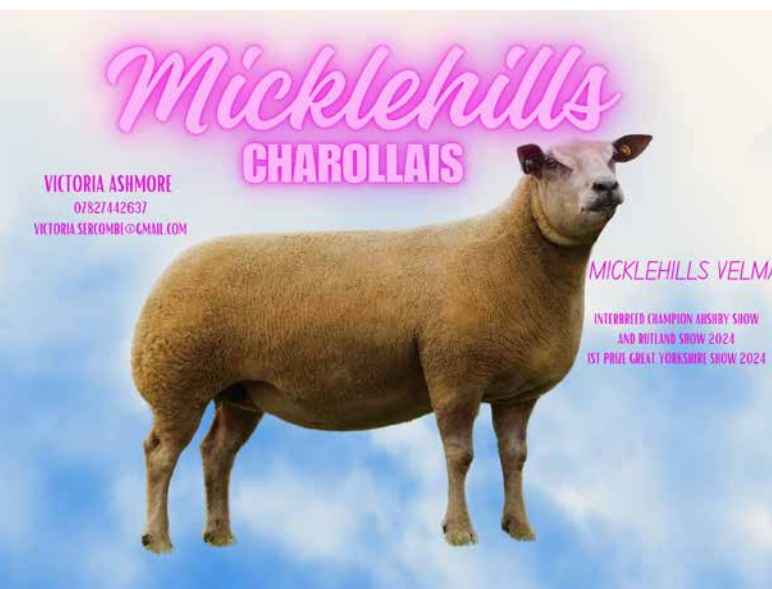
* The couple’s first sale championship success came from Melton Mowbray.

family. “You have to work hard to get a name for yourself in the breed and it’s certainly not just about doing well at sales. Everything from careful planning what you put on social media to promote the sales, from choosing the right genetics is something that takes a lot of dedication,” adds Mitchel, who alongside his work for Shearwell Data is also responsible for 2000 finishing pigs a year.

“We were producing a certain type - a thick ended, deep, wide and pinker type of sheep.”

Looking towards the future the couple say they’re looking to slow down on the ET work and possibly look at shearling ram sales. “This has come more off the concerns of Bluetongue, so we’re wary of putting a lot of effort into ram lambs this year that might not be able to make the sales,” he adds.

“We’re currently running 60 ewes with a further 15 shearling ewes following, but the plan would be to push numbers slightly to enable selling up to 70 tups a year,” believes Mitchel.





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LOANINGFOOT HOSTS JUDGES TRAINING DAY

Ben Radley and family of the Loaningfoot flock, Dumfries, hosted an excellent open day on their farm in mid August, with one of the key activities being the judges training and assessment session. A number of keen members participated and went through all manner of areas including stock selection and judging etiquette.

The following individuals have now joined the Society's judges panel.

Hannah Jackson – Full

Wesley Cousins – Full

Mitchel Britten – Intermediate

Craig Bacon – Intermediate

Rachel Moore – Intermediate

Alistair Moore – Intermediate

Ben Bingham – Intermediate

Also included on the day was a trimming demonstration carried out by Ali Jackson of the successful TipTop and Solway View flocks and he shared some of his secrets on how to trim a Charollais for show or sale.

Host Ben Radley led a walk round his tupps that were being prepared for Kelso Ram sale and a super group of shearling ewes including his top show stock.

There was stock judging and a “name the ram competition” of which Hannah Jackson of the Rigghead flock excelled at both. The day concluded with a fantastic BBQ thanks to Scot Radley and £700 was raised in memory of Alan Kennedy for Blood Cancer UK.



* Robert Gregory with the latest additions to the judging panel.



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GWYNDY DISPERSAL PEAKS AT 3400GNS

Averages:

24 aged ewes **£813.31**

23 shearling ewes **£584.80**

19 ewe lambs **£384.08**

(Hereford Livestock Market)

The **dispersal sale** of the **Gwyndy flock** on behalf of Colin and Ros Bowen, Pembrokeshire, took place at Hereford Livestock Market with a packed ringside of prospective purchasers.

Topping the day's trade at 3400gns was Gwyndy 22XPR08485, an aged ewe by Robleston Vrondi. Out of a homebred Wernfawr Rokocoko daughter, she went home to Tregare, Monmouthshire, with Messrs Heath and Cowles.

Next up at 2200gns was another aged ewe, this time Gwyndy 21XPR08229, who was the pick of Pembrokeshire-based R G and R A Jones and Son for their Robleston flock. This one is out of a homebred Rhaeadr Rocket daughter and sired by Wernfawr Vinnie who goes back to Bronwydd Tomahawk.

Older ewes continued to sell for good money when Gwyndy 22XPR08444 reached 1100gns. Sired by Boyo Vancouver, himself a son of Ffrwd Top Notch, and out of a homebred Rhaeadr Rocket daughter, she caught the eye of C Lewis, Solva, Pembrokeshire.

Following at 950gns was Gwyndy 21XPR08172, who is out of a homebred Wernfawr Rokocoko daughter and sired by Wernfawr Vinnie. She heads home with previous buyers R G and R A Jones and Son.

Shearling ewes topped at 1800gns for the first one in the ring, Gwyndy 23XPR08768. Sired by Robleston Vrondi and out of a homebred Wedderburn Rogue daughter, she was knocked down to previous buyer C Lewis.

Next up was Gwyndy 23XPR08752 who saw the hammer fall at 1000gns. Another daughter of Robleston Vrondi and out of a homebred Padest Sir Lancelot daughter, she was secured by previous buyers Heath and Cowles.

At 750gns was Gwyndy 23XPR08809. Sired by Robleston Vrondi and out of a homebred Padest Sir Lancelot daughter, she was the pick of Monmouthshire-based, B B Farms.

Next trading at 700gns was Gwyndy 23XPR08812. Sired by Wernfawr Vinnie and out of a homebred Wedderburn Rogue daughter, she heads home with Emyr Hughes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, for his Bronwydd flock.

Ewe lambs peaked at 920gns for Gwyndy 24XPR09161 who is by Robleston Vrondi and out of a homebred Wernfawr Vinnie daughter. Securing this one was previous buyer C Lewis.

Other ewe lambs hit 550gns for Gwyndy 24XPR09181. Out of a homebred Wernfawr Vinnie daughter and sired by Boyo Vancouver she was the pick of the pen for James Danforth, Tadcaster, for his Lodgehill flock.



* Topping the sale at 3400gns
Gwyndy 22XPR08485



* Gwyndy 21XPR08229 hit 2200gns



* Realising 1000gns was Gwyndy
23XPR08752



* Ewe lambs topped at 920gns for
Gwyndy 24XPR09161

SPRINGHILL KICKS NEW SUPREME SALE INTO ACTION WITH 10,000GNS TOPPER

Last year saw a new sale for the breed with auctioneers Harrison and Hetherington at the helm of the Charollais Supreme Sale at Borderway Mart, Carlisle, resulting in impressive top prices and strong demand for the quality stock on offer.

To accommodate vendors from Northern Ireland the sale was a mixture of animals in the market and some sold via video recordings.

In fact, it was one of the Northern Ireland vendors whose ram lambs took many of the top prices. Graham Foster's Springhill flock topped the sale at 10,000gns for Springhill Casino Royale. Sired by last year's Premier Sale leader and 24,000gns Boyo Bravemansgame, this one is out of an Oakchurch ewe by Cavick What a Boy. A trio of breeders from Southern Ireland put in the last bid, with John McCafferty, Sinead Brophy and Gavin Fahey proving to be the ultimate new owners and Graham Foster retaining a 25% share.

Another Bravemansgame son, Springhill Crackerjack, then sold for 8000gns. Buyers this time were Ben and Amelia Watts from Newton Abbot, Devon, for their Willow flock, purchasing online having previously visited Graham Foster's flock to view the offering.

Local breeder Ben Radley from Dumfriesshire matched the 8000gns price tag for Loaningfoot Cotton Eyed Joe which sold to Russell Gray, Lanarkshire. A son of Boyo Vancouver, the home-bred dam of this lamb was breed champion at Ayr in 2022.

The Springhill flock dominated the next few prices with Springhill Class Act going for 5500gns to Messrs Douglas, Co Managh and Springhill Craftsman selling for 5000gns to Alan Thomas, Lutterworth, Leicestershire, for his Tilton flock.

The Ingram family from Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, had a strong entry forward and were rewarded with the championship ticket in the pre-sale show classes judged by Robert Gregory of the Edstaston flock. Their champion was a shearling ram, which sold for 2800gns to G B Howsam, Boston, Lincolnshire.

Topping the Ingram family's trade at 5000gns was a Loanhead tup lamb, by Foxhill Va Va Voom,

from brothers Gregor and Bruce. Determined bidding by Richard Bamforth from Yorkshire ensured the purchase for his Lower Denby flock.

Meanwhile, the pick for Messrs Sloan and Jackson's Rigghead flock in Dumfriesshire at 3500gns was a ram lamb from Logie Durno sired by their new stock sire, Cavick Blood Diamond.

Carlisle-based vendor Jonathan Wales and sons sold a shearling son of Foxhill Va Va Voom for 2600gns to Geoff Probert, Herefordshire, while their highest priced ram lamb was the reserve champion, Thackwood Coyote which went for 2300gns to C J Roots, Dumfries.

The Thackwood flock then invested 4500gns of their earnings into Springhill Corker from Graham Foster; another son of Boyo Bravemansgame, this time out of a Gwyndy Whizz Kid daughter.

Pre-sale judge Robert Gregory achieved a top price of 3000gns in his pen, for the highest Signet performance indexed lamb this year. Edstaston Catch Me If You Can was the pick of the Sercombe family for their Leicestershire-based Dalby flock.

Females

Leading female trade at the inaugural sale was a shearling ewe from the Aghavilly flock of Glenn Baird, also sold via video link. A daughter of Loanhead Virgil Van Dijk, this one was knocked down for 1400gns to Messrs Tener, Dungannon, Northern Ireland.

Messrs Mason from Lancashire took the first prize shearling ewe from the Ingrams at 1200gns. Securing the first prize ewe lamb from the Manor House flock of George Hoggard at 1200gns were Mr and Mrs Trafford from Cockermouth.



* Topping the Charollais Supreme sale at 10,000gns was Springhill Casino Royale from Graham Foster.



* Springhill Crackerjack realised 8000gns.



* Loaningfoot Cotton Eyed Joe rose to 8000gns.



* A call of 5500gns secured Springhill Class Act from Graham Foster.



* Springhill Craftsman hit the 5000gns mark.

Averages:

- 9 shearling ewes £1055.83
- 2 ewe lambs £1128.75
- 1 aged ram £2625.00
- 10 shearling rams £1370.25
- 40 ram lambs £2346.75 (Harrison & Hetherington)



* Robert Gregory with his champion and reserve champion.



* Loanhead selling at 5000gns to the Lower Denby flock.



* Springhill Corker sold for 4500gns to the Thackwood flock.



* Logie Durno sell at 3500gns to Rigghhead for a Cavick Blood Diamond son.



* The pre-sale champion from Logie Durno sold for 2800gns.



* Edstaston Catch Me If You Can sold for 3000gns to the Dalby flock.



* Thackwood Coyote stood reserve champion and sold for 2300gns.



LOGIE DURNO PROVES TO BE PICK OF THE PREMIER AT 6200GNS

Top price of the day went to champion from the pre-sale show, a shearling ram from the Ingram family who, year on year, make the long journey down from Aberdeenshire to support the sale.

Averages:

4 shearling ewes **£1443.74**
1 ewe lamb **£525.00**
14 shearling rams **£2205.00**
61 ram lambs **£1443.31**
(McCartneys)

Selling for the top call of 6200gns was a shearling ram, Logie Durno 23ZNN49126, a Logie Durno All Star son out of a homebred dam which is a sister to the 9000gns Logie Durno Walking Thunder. Backing his convictions having given him the championship tap earlier that day was Tiverton, Devon-based pre-sale judge Robert Hopper of the Cogwell flock, in partnership with Patrick Tully, for his Bridgwater, Somerset-based Bincombe flock.

Staying with shearling ram trade, the Ingram family then took 5200gns for their reserve shearling ram champion, Logie Durno 23ZNN49142, this time a son of Crogham Aries II out of a Logie Durno Umpire daughter who stood second at the Great Yorkshire Show in 2021. A brother to the champion at last year's Premier Show and Sale, this one found a new home with D and J Norman, Cockermouth, Cumbria, for the Kirkhouse flock.



* Robert Hopper with his champion from Logie Durno (right) and reserve from Cavick (left).



Ram lambs

Having secured the ram lamb and reserve overall championship, Mitchel and Elizabeth Britten's Cavick Cracker then went on to secure the second highest price of the day at 5500gns. By the homebred sire Cavick Balenciaga, which is owned in partnership with the Ffrwd and Wern flocks, this one is out of a Loanhead female by Rhaeadr Orlando. After much interest, he was knocked down to the Ingram family for their Logie Durno flock.

The Ingram's were back in action selling Logie Durno 24ZNN54305 for 4500gns. By the noted Foxhill Va Va Voom and out of a homebred Logie Durno Untouchable daughter, this one was the pick of Paul and Ollie James for the father and son's Ditton flock, based near Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

Two further ram lambs followed at the 4000gns mark, the first being Pembroke Crafty from Dave Lewis, Narberth, Pembrokeshire. By the 4600gns Foxhill Benedict, this one is out of a 2000gns Arbryn female and caught the eye of Tom Newth for his Shepton Mallet, Somerset-based Prestleigh flock.

The other to hit the 4000gns price tag was the best from Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire-based Adrian Davies. Glyn Coch Corach Rambler is by the privately purchased Moelfryn Bouncer and out of a homebred Wernfawr Ultimate Warrior daughter. Taking this one home back to Wymondham, Norfolk, were Mitchel and Elizabeth Britten, for their Cavick flock.

Meanwhile, the reserve ram lamb champion sold at 3600gns. Thackwood Columbia from Messrs Wales, Carlisle, Cumbria, is by Boyo Vancouver and out of a homebred female by Ffrwd Top Notch. This one was knocked down to D and J Lewis, Sandbach, Cheshire.

Next up at 3200gns was Bronwydd Casanova from Emyr Hughes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire. By the homebred Bronwydd Brenin and out of a Wernfawr Vinnie daughter, this one was the pick of Grant Pink for his Bicton flock, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Also, at 3200gns was Moelfryn Corker from Gethin Davies, Llanon, Ceredigion. By Bronwydd Wise Guy and out of a privately purchased Boyo female by Rigghead Untouchable, this one joined the ram lamb champion on the trailer home to Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, with the Ingram family.

Shearling ewes

A small number of females on the day saw a top price of 1800gns for the female champion, a shearling ewe from the Loanhead flock of Gregor and Bruce Ingram. Loanhead 23WNC49245 is by Logie Durno All Star and is out of a Rhaeadr Orlando daughter. She sold to Taunton, Somerset, with Matthew and Jamie Collard.





* Overall champion from Logie Durno, who also topped the days trade at 6200gns.



* Logie Durno with their reserve shearing champion at 5200gns.



* Ram lamb and reserve overall champion, Cavick Cracker 5800gns.



* Logie Durno, 4500gns



* Pembroke Crafty, 4000gns



* Glyn-Coch Corach Rambler, 4000gns

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Above: Tullyear Crusader sold for 4800gns.

Above: Tullyear Classic Touch sold for 1750gns.

Stock Sires

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Seafinn Candy Crush. Purchased at the Irish Premier Sale 2024. Looking forward to seeing his progeny.

Springhill Black Adder. Purchased privately from Graham Foster. Full ET Sister selling to 4200gns at Dungannon Female Sale.

Wexfo Bunde Aki. Purchased at the Irish Premier Sale 2023 for 4600gns. He has connected very well with our QY4300 Ewe, dam of the above ram lambs.

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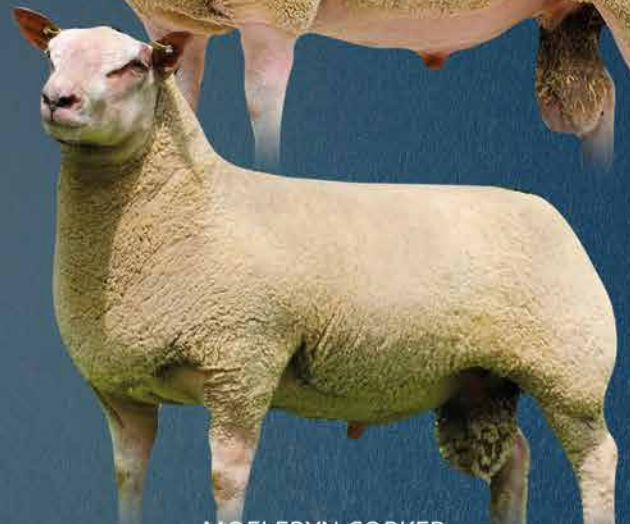
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HOLLYLODGE TOPPED DUNGANNON PREMIER SALE AT 7500GNS

Averages:

6 aged rams £780

62 ram lambs £1062

9 ewe lambs £606

(Dungannon Farmers Mart)

McConell Brothers from Parkgate, CoAntrim had a highly successful Premier Sale at Dungannon.



First off, they were victorious in the pre-sale show classes under the critical eye of Southern Ireland breeder, Sarah O'Neil with their December born ram lamb.

The judge went on to back her judgement with a bid of 7500gns to secure this son of Erenagh Brave Inca out of a home-bred Voldermort daughter. The lamb was born a triplet and its dam had previously bred the top priced ram lamb at Ballymena sale in 2023. The Hollylodge flock went on to sell three further lambs all over 1000gns to average £2900 for their pen.

Next best in the prices was a ram lamb from Drew and Stephen Cowan's Tullyear flock in Banbridge, Co Down. Going to 4800gns were Welsh breeders Gareth Jones, Pembrokeshire and Arwyn Thomas, Whitland. This was a son of Duiske V Man out of a Logie Durno Van the Man ewe. Another son of this sire went for 1750gns to Frank Jordan from Co Kilkenny.

Ian Craig's Ballynoe House flock had an excellent trade for his pen of 5 ram lambs, with a top of 3200gns for a December twin by Artnagullion Bandit out of a Rockdale Vespasian ewe. This one caught the eye of Southern breeder, Edward Buckley from Co Cork.

Also going south was the first in the run, also by Bandit and selling for 2200gns to Michael Power, Co Limerick. The 5 finished the day on an average of £1816.

Graham Foster from Newtown Stewart offered five January born ram lambs sired by his top stock sire, the 24,000gns Boyo Bravemansgame. Jim Devenney, Co Donegal, put in the final bid of 2000gns for one out of Boyo Whitney, purchased for £4000 as a lamb.

Ram lambs from William McAllister's Artnagullion flock crossed over to the mainland; the first at 1900gns sired by the homebred sire, Artnagullion Bandit was the choice of Helen Sloan, Dumfries for the Rigghead Flock, jointly owned with her daughter, Hannah Jackson. Cumbrian breeder, Messrs Graham & Son were purchasers of a very similarly bred lamb at 1050gns.

Shearling rams

The reserve show champion was a shearling ram from Graham Foster's Springhill flock. By Springhill Aston Martin paying 1200gns for this tup was G Taylor from Co Leitrim. At the same money in this section was Hillside Big Mac consigned by Alistair Moore, which went to Thomas Hynes from Co Down.

Ewe lambs

Heading the ewe lambs was a prize winner from Balmoral Show earlier in the season, from Josh Hamilton's Whitehouse Flock. By Springhill Aston Martin she was knocked down for 1500gns to Aiden Loftus, Co Mayo.



* The pre-sale champion topped at 7500gns from the McConell Brothers' Hollylodge flock.



* A Tullyear ram lamb sold at 4800gns to Welsh breeders Gareth Jones and Arwyn Thomas.



* Ian Craig's Ballynoe House flock topped at 3200gns for an Artnagullion Bandit son.



* Another Artagullion Bandit son from Ballynoe House sells at 2200gns.



* A final bid of 2000gns secured this Springhill ram lamb.



* Top for the Artagullion flock of William McAllister at 1900gns.



* Another Tullyear ram lamb from Drew and Stephen Cowan sold for 1750gns.



* Heading the ewe lambs at 1500gns was Josh Hamilton's Whitehouse flock.



* Judge Sarah O'Neil with her pre-sale champion.



AVERAGES SOAR AT EARLY NSA RAM SALE

Averages:

49 shearling rams **£930.21**

13 ram lambs **£630.00**

(Hereford Market Auctioneers)

A solid, level trade resulted in a shearling ram average of £930.21 at the **NSA early ram sale**, held this time at Brecon Market. This was an increase of £161 on the 2023 trade.

Three vendors shared the top spot at 1200gns for their tups. Charles Marwood, a regular consignor at this sale, achieved this price twice for rams from his pen of 15 from the Foulrice flock in Yorkshire. First was a top 5% high index performance tup by Lowerye Vulcan which sold to Michael Miller, Dorset. Also with top figures was the other ram at 1200gns this time sired by Foulrice Atlas, which sold to Jan Boomaars, Surrey.

Bryan Evans, Powys, saw his prize winning shearlings hit 1200gns and 1150gns. They both found new homes with Mr C Jones, Shropshire and regular commercial buyer, A C Phillips, Brecon.

Deborah Witcher had a strong pen of ten shearlings forward from her Yorkshire-based Galtres flock which topped at 1200gns for a son of Bachymbyd Vengeance selling to NSA Wales and Border Chairman, Geoff Probert, Worcestershire. Her pen of 10 averaged £1018.50.

Also averaging more than £1000 for their pen of 10 shearlings were Gail and Gwyn Jones of the Springhill flock from Chepstow. Their buyers were all commercial lamb producers who paid up to 1150gns twice for their best.



* Joint top price at the NSA Early Sale at Brecon at 1200gns was a shearling ram from Charles and Stephen Marwood's Foulrice flock.



* Also selling for 1200gns was a shearling ram from Bryan Evans.



* A ram lamb from Paul Curran's Wernfawr flock which also took the championship honours in the pre-sale show, also sold for 1200gns.

Ram lambs

Best of the ram lambs came from local breeder Paul Curran, Brecon, with a pen of 7 lambs from his Wernfawr flock. Topping his trade at 1200gns was the day's pre-sale champion, selling to Alun Evans, Cnwch Flock. The Wernfawr ram lambs averaged £757.50.

FOXHILL TOPS NSA EXETER AT 1500GNS

Averages:

13 shearling ewes **£495.92**

22 shearling rams **£858.14**

15 ram lambs **£518.00**

(Kivells)

Charollais offering at last year's **NSA Exeter Sale** resulted in a 100% clearance for those forward.

Prices peaked at 1500gns for the pre-sale champion, Foxhill 23XWY00870 from Michael and Melanie Alford, Cullompton, Devon. By the privately purchased Logie Durno All Star, this one is out of a homebred Logie Durno Olympian daughter. He was knocked down to Crediton, Devon-based E J Hosegood.

Following at 1300gns was another from the Alford family's pen in the form of Foxhill 23XWY00842. This one had previously stood male champion at this year's Devon County Show and was again by Logie Durno All Star. Buyers here were R W and G A Pedrick, Ashburton, Devon.

Taking the next best price of 1200gns was Woodhayes 23WDC00464 from George Dart, Cullompton, Devon. This son of Lowerye 21ZVY07708 goes back to Hundalee Volcano and is out of a homebred Lowerye Troubardour daughter. He was knocked down to L Stephens, Okehampton, Devon.

Following him at 1000gns was Sheldon 23XNR01285 from Gerald Burrough, Honiton, Devon. Sired by a Robleston tup out of a homebred Foulrice Shimon daughter, he heads to Padstow, Cornwall, with W H M Geach and Son.

Ram lambs

The best of the ram lambs was the 900gns ram lamb class winner from Laura Monk, Truro, Cornwall, in the form of Saveock 24WYH02069. Sired by Boyo Vicious Sid and out a homebred Edstaston Tulloch daughter, he was the pick of pen for J H Neale and Son, Launceston, Cornwall.

Shearling ewes

Females topped at 550gns on three occasions, the first being the female and reserve overall champion, Heatham 23WWZ06510 from Tom Nancekivell, Bude, Cornwall. This shearling was part of this year's show team and is by Lowerye Vladimir and out of a homebred Bronwydd Undeniable daughter. Purchasers were the Ellacott Brothers, Ashwater, Devon.

At the same money were two shearlings from Honiton-based Gerald Burrough. Sheldon, 23XNR01308 again by the Robleston sire and this time out of a homebred Foulrice Uziah daughter, this one found a home with Witheridge-based F A and C J Elsworthy for their ElsrIDGE flock. Joining her at the same money was Sheldon 23XNR01312, a Padrig Aftershock daughter.



* Overall champion and top price at 1500gns was Foxhill 23XWY00870 from Mike and Melanie Alford, Cullompton.



* 1300gns was another from the Alford pen in the form of Foxhill 23XWY00842.



* Female champion from Tom Nancekivell peaked at 550gns.

RIGGHEAD BILLY THE KID LEADS KELSO AT £3400

A buoyant trade at last year's **Kelso ram sale** saw a top of £3400 for Messrs Sloan and Jackson, Collin, Dumfriesshire, with their pen of 10 averaging £1115.

Averages:

113 shearling rams **£853.10**

21 ram lambs **£630.95**

(Lawrie and Symington)

The sale topper was Rigghead Billy The Kid, a shearling ram by the homebred Rigghead Aphrodite, a Springhill Viking son and out of a Wernfawr female that was purchased as a ewe lamb at the Hereford High Flyers sale. This ram was the pick of Messrs Whiteford, Brampton, Cumbria. A high of £3000 was also achieved by the Rigghead flock in the commercial ring for their Charollais x Beltex ram.

Topping the ram lambs at £2000 was Kelso, Scottish borders- based Stuart Ramsey's Skyefall flock. This was the first lamb offered by Hollylodge Bon Accord, the Dungannon Premier sale champion last year, while the dam goes back to a ewe purchased from the Springhill flock. This one found his new home with Charles and Stephen Marwood, Whenby, York, for the Foulrice flock.

Next best at £1800 was a shearling from the Wales family's Thackwood flock, Carlisle, Cumbria. Their run of 30 shearlings averaged £860.

The pre-sale champion from the Ingram family, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, later sold for £1600, with the flock averaging £1022 for the 25 rams.

Overall sale averages surpassed the previous year, with shearlings up by £103 and ram lambs up by £159.



* Leading Kelso trade at £3400 was the shearling ram, Rigghead Billy The Kid from Messrs Jackson and Sloan.



* Topping ram lamb trade at £2000 was a Hollylodge Bon Accord son from Stuart Ramsey's Skyefall flock.



* Securing the championship and selling for £1600 were the Ingram family.

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ROBLESTON SHEARLING RAMS IN DEMAND AT NSA BUILTH MAIN SALE TO A HIGH OF 3500GNS

The Robleston flock of Messrs R G and R A Jones and Son, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, hit the headlines at last year's **NSA Main Sale at Builth** with their reserve champion shearling ram, Robleston 23WGN06348, selling for 3500gns.



By Boyo Vancouver and out of a Gwyndy female by Wernfawr Vinnie, this one sold in a two-way partnership with J A D and P M Owens, Shobdon, Herefordshire and D Roberts, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

The Robleston flock remained strong with a 2000gns price tag for another shearling ram, Robleston 23WGN06308, a son of Loanhead Washington, this time out of a homebred female by Arbryn Tonto. Taking this one home was R Swift, Little Onn, Staffordshire. Their incredibly strong run of shearling saw the Jones family top the pen averages at £1143.58 for 23 sold.

Three shearling rams then secured a 1600gns price tag, the first being the pre-sale show champion, Mortimer 23HH07942, from Geoff Probert, Worcester and judged by Deborah Witcher of the Galtres flock. By Thackwood U Corker and out of a homebred female by Thackwood Topflight, this one was knocked down to J Gwilliam and Sons, Craven Arms, Shropshire. The Mortimer flock sold their run of 30 shearling rams to average £1022.00.

Also, at 1600gns were two from the Robleston pen in the form of Robleston 23WGN06290 and then the following lot, Robleston 23WGN06359. The first being by Bronwydd Terminator and out of an Arbryn Nugget daughter found a new home with W C G Davies and Son, Dolwen, Powys. His pen mate at the same price, a Robleston Avici son, joined him.

Meanwhile, at 1500gns was another from Geoff Probert's pen, Mortimer 23HH08405, this time by the 15,000gns Cavick What A Boy! and out of a Foulrice Spot On daughter. The buyer here was Lutton Farm, Steeple, Dorset.

Four shearling rams then shared a 1300gns price tag, the first being Foulrice 23DG13016 from Charles and Stephen Marwood, Whenby, Nr York. By Lowerye Vulcan and out of a homebred Foulrice Osprey daughter, this one was knocked down to previous buyer J Gwilliam, Craven Arms, Shropshire.

Two from the Gwyndy flock of Colin and Ros Bowen, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, then shared a 1300gns price tag and helped push their pen average to £966 for 19 sold. Their first was Gwyndy 23XPR08793, a Boyo Vancouver son going back to Padest Sir Lancelot which was the choice of G and K Goulding, Cugley, Glos. Meanwhile, their second, Gwyndy 23XPR08775, another Vancouver son, this time out of a Banwy Picasso daughter, caught the eye of T and M Lewis, Llanbister, Powys.

Wrapping up proceedings with a 1300gns price tag was another from the Jones family's pen in the form of Robleston 23WGN06305, another by Loanhead Washington. This one saw the hammer fall to G Jones, Conwy.



* Leading the trade was a shearling ram from the Robleston flock of R G and R A Jones and Son, Haverfordwest, selling for 3500gns.



* Selling for 2400gns was the highest price ram lamb from the Dafolog flock of D J Thomas, Carmarthen.



* The pre-sale show champion, a shearling ram from the Mortimer flock of Geoff Probert, sold for 1600gns.

Averages:

148 shearling rams **£885.83**
84 ram lambs **£564.00**
 (Hereford Market Auctioneers)

Ram lambs

Peaking at 2400gns, sale topper in the ram lamb offering was Dafolog 24VFC00592 from D J Thomas, Penybont, Carmarthen. By Springhill Boss Man and out of a Logie Durno female by Foxhill Va Va Voom, he went home with O R P and B E I Morgan, Almeley, Herefordshire.

Next best at 1000gns was another from the same home, this time Dafolog 24VFC00560, a Carnew Brave Heart son out of a Robleston female which was purchased from the Hereford High Flyers sale. David Barker, Wellington, Somerset, took this one for his Oakdene flock.

Then at 850gns was Ffrwd 24YET03438 from Dewi Evans, Moelfre, Anglesey. By Cavick Balenciaga and out of an Edstaston Sotogrande daughter, this one was knocked down to Owain Evans, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion.

Then at 800gns was the first prize ram lamb, Pembroke 24VJZ05255 from David Lewis, Narberth, Pembrokeshire. By the homebred Pembroke Bulletproof, this one is out of a Loanhead daughter by Arbyrn Viper and was the pick of Charles and Stephen Marwood for their Foulrice flock.



* Taking championship honours at the main Built sale were the Probert family from the Mortimer flock.



MEET THE NEW CHAROLLAIS CHAIRMAN – PATRICK TULLY

“My flock has changed tremendously since purchasing my two original ewes from Peter Coombs, quickly followed by another two from Viv Crocker back in 1988. We now keep 20 strong ewes mainly home bred, occasionally buying something that catches my eye! It’s a small flock run alongside work commitments and other passions and hobbies.

Recalling successful tups over the years Glyncoch JPR bred us some really good, eye catching large bodied ewes and Artnagulion Ulysses put some shape into the ewes with the added bonus of good skins. We are now looking at lambs at foot from our latest Logie purchase (jointly with Robert Hopper) and very pleased with the results.



We have not shown sheep in the past years due to time constraints and no one to share the load juggling between work and sheep commitments. However, the flock has achieved many breed and interbreed championships in the south west of England over the years.

Having been in the breed for many years, I am lucky enough to achieve good money for shearing rams sold from home to local farmers who return year after year, with the knowledge that the rams will do them well, so I admit, this has made me lazy in getting sheep ready for pedigree sales. However, I have sold rams to pedigree breeders which have brought them success.”

QUICK FIRE ROUND WITH PATRICK TULLY

Q Any work and hobbies outside of farming sheep?

A I am in the building trade, mainly new builds and barn conversions for individuals in the area.

I am also the chair of the Parish Council, and vice chair of the Over Stowey Village Hall and Recreation Ground, taking the lead role in the management of the social club, opening the bar every Friday night and for social functions held at the hall, raising about £50,000 a year to ensure the future of the Charity that has three properties in the Village.

Q What do you do to relax?

A Horse racing. We have been fortunate enough to have owned, bred and raced five horses with success. Dasher Drasher is probably the best horse to date and one that has given us the most fun. Drash on Ruby is consistent if nothing else having been placed in each of her runs and Jiggy Waller is a promising youngster following on behind.

I also love holidays and socialising – I’m a great believer in the “work hard, play hard” ethos!

Q What do you feel is the biggest positive about the Charollais breed?

A They do what they say on the label. We sell to a farm that runs Suffolk cross mules, they pick lambs to sell from nine to 10 weeks, consistently meeting the grade.

Q How do you feel the breed needs to evolve to cope with a sector where costs are increasing and farming hoops are getting bigger to jump through?

A Keep pushing the merits of the breed, keeping the standard high, thus achieving the best prices we can get. Farming is no different to any other industry, being efficient and not afraid to change the way things have been done in the past should be encouraged.

Q Celebrity dinner for six - which five stars of any sector/ industry are you inviting and what would be on the menu?

A James Martin, Shark Hanlon, Matt Chapman, Luke Harvey and Lee Mack - Smoked Salmon, Beef Wellington, Cheese Board accompanied by a good wine and glass of port!

Q Name 3 things you are determined to do while you chair the Charollais breed?

A Keep the Charollais at the forefront of the terminal sire table, through modern technology, good breeding, prominent in the show ring, without losing the good traits the Charollais is known for.

A society for ALL members not just a few larger breeders at the top.

Getting new and younger members involved in all aspects of the Society.

Q Tell us something not many people know about you?

A I’m best friends with our Dyson Hoover!

SOUTH WEST REGION HOSTS AGM 2025

Charollais breeders can enjoy a relaxing, yet fun and varied weekend in beautiful Somerset with fellow breeders for this year's **AGM weekend**.

This year the host region is offering members a range of options. You can stay at the hotel, have dinner and attend the AGM or just join in on the fun day on Saturday (see page 35). With the fun day just eight miles away from the hotel, why not do it all!

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The 47th annual general meeting will be held on Friday 23rd May at 4:00pm so you can arrive at your leisure and visit local sights before gathering for the AGM followed by a three-course dinner included in the package deal.

On Saturday we have the fun day to attend, or you can enjoy the many local attractions such as the medieval city of Wells, with a Cathedral and cobbled streets, it does take you back in time.

Alternatively, you could go on an adventure and explore England's largest gorge at Cheddar Gorge and Caves which boasts awe-inspiring cliffs and extraordinary subterranean stalactite show caves.

Or for those who like to sample a pint or two of the gold stuff, why not take in the delights of Wilkins Cider Farm where you can see the cider press in production and sample the variety of ciders and other locally produced cheeses sat on cider barrels, filling your bags before your departure.

A booking form is available from the Society office and full payment is due before 30th April.





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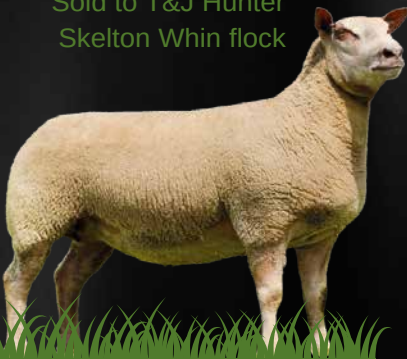
24WGC03481 - Moelfryn Conker
Sold to T&J Hunter
Skelton Whin flock



24WGC03458 - Moelfryn Corker
Sold to Logie Durno flock



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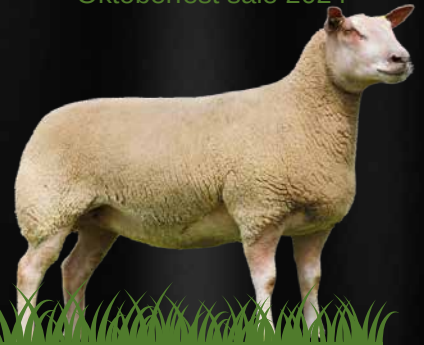


23TZ04235 - purchased at Castellau
dispersal

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from Bronwydd
Wise Guy



23WGC03080 - Interbreed
Champ at St Clears Show 2024



23WGC03082 - Interbreed Champ
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CLASS RESULTS

AGED RAM

1st Gerald Burrough - 21WGN05381

SHEARLING RAM

1st Michael and Melanie Alford -
23XWY00842

2nd Jamie Collard - 23WAJ01008

3rd Robert Hopper - 23NF08709

RAM LAMB

1st Michael and Melanie Alford -
24XWY00919

2nd Robert Hopper - 24NF09102

3rd Gerald Burrough - 24XNR01321

AGED EWE

1st Michael and Melanie Alford -
21XWY00619

2nd Gerald Burrough - 20XNR01097

3rd Jamie Collard - 22XWY00740

SHEARLING EWE

1st Jamie Collard - 23XHE01457

2nd Michael and Melanie Alford -
23XWY00877

3rd Jamie Collard - 23XHE01428

EWE LAMB

1st Robert Hopper - 24NF09112

2nd Robert Hopper - 24NF09136

3rd Gerald Burrough - 24XNR01328

GROUP OF THREE

1st Michael and Melanie Alford

2nd Gerald Burrough

MALE CHAMPION

Shearling ram – Michael and Melanie
Alford - 23XWY00842

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION

Aged ram – Gerald Burrough -
21WGN05381

FEMALE CHAMPION

Aged ewe – Michael and Melanie Alford
- 21XWY00619

RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION

Shearling ewe - Jamie Collard -
23XHE01457

OVERALL CHAMPION

Aged ewe – Michael and Melanie Alford
- 21XWY00619

RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION

Shearling ram – Michael and Melanie
Alford - 23XWY00842

FOXHILL REIGNS SUPREME AT DEVON COUNTY

It was a double top for the Cullompton-based Foxhill flock from Michael and Melanie Alford at last year's **south west feature show**, securing both the breed championship title and reserve.

After winning the aged ewe class she was then tapped out as female and overall breed champion under the watchful eye of judge Tom Newth from the Prestleigh flock. Sired by Rockvilla Ferrari and out of a homebred Loanhead Triathlon daughter.

Describing his championship choice as a ewe he'd love to see at home, Tom added that this aged ewe had the presence he was looking for in a champion, coupled with tremendous size, length and natural fleshing.

The winning streak continued for the Alford family after securing the male championship and reserve breed title with their shearling ram. Out of a homebred ewe and sired by the noted Logie Durno All Star who goes back to their own Foxhill Va Va Voom.

The first class of the day was won by Gerald Burrough with his aged ram Robelston 21WGN05381 who later secured the reserve male championship. Sired by Arbryn Toronto and out of a homebred Rhaeadr Real Deal daughter.

Winning the ram lamb class was a Loanhead Triathlon son from Michael and Melanie Alford's Foxhill flock.

Top of the line in the shearling ewe class was Jamie Collard with Boyo Bryony. Out of an Oakchurch bred Oakchurch Voldemort daughter and sired by Lowerye Vladimir.

Taking the top spot in the ewe lamb class was Robert Hopper and family. Sired by the homebred Gogwell Top Gun and out of a homebred Padest Tenacious daughter.

Successes continued for the Alford family on interbreed day which kicked off with their ram lamb standing reserve interbreed ram lamb champion. Meanwhile their shearling ram and aged ewe went all the way to win the supreme interbreed pairs championship. To finish the hat-trick of titles for the family the aged ewe went on to win supreme interbreed sheep champion.



* Female, overall breed and supreme interbreed champion being the aged ewe from Michael and Melanie Alford's Foxhill flock.



* Male champion and reserve breed champion, the shearling ram from Michael and Melanie Alford.



* Winning the shearling ewe class and standing reserve female champion was Jamie Collard.



* Standing in the reserve male champion spot was the aged ram from Gerald Burrough.



* Class winner and reserve interbreed ram lamb from Michael and Melanie Alford.



* Winner of the ewe lamb class was Robert Hopper.



* Interbreed champion pairs from Michael and Melanie Alford.



* Judge, Tom Newth with his champion and reserve, both residing from the Foxhill flock.

INTERBREED SUCCESSES

RESERVE INTERBREED RAM LAMB
Michael and Melanie Alford - 24XWY00919

INTERBREED PAIRS
Michael and Melanie Alford - aged ewe and shearling ram

SUPREME INTERBREED CHAMPION
Michael and Melanie Alford – aged ewe - 21XWY00619

CLASS RESULTS

RAM, TWO SHEAR OR OVER

1st Diane Christie - 20ZNN32041
2nd Diane Christie - 20XWZ00663
3rd Glenn Baird - 22VAB01950

SHEARLING RAM

1st Alistair Moore - 23GU06531
2nd Alistair Moore - 23VBK01059
3rd Diane Christie - 23XWZ00936

RAM LAMB

1st William McAllister - 24ZGQ06194
2nd Jonathan Aiken - 24ZXJ01412
3rd Moore sisters - 24VNS01333

AGED EWE

1st Diane Christie - 22ZHV01783
2nd Glenn Baird - 21ZNN37396
3rd Glenn Baird - 21ZNN37361

SHEARLING EWE

1st Diane Christie - 23ZHV01828
2nd Alistair Moore - 23VBK01055
3rd Diane Christie - 23ZHV01856

EWE LAMB

1st Richard Powell - 24VfV00635
2nd William McAllister - 24ZGQ06201
3rd William McAllister - 24ZGQ06195

GROUP OF THREE

1st Diane Christie
2nd William McAllister

MALE CHAMPION

Diane Christie's aged ram 20ZNN32041

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION

William McAllister's ram lamb
24ZGQ06194

FEMALE CHAMPION

Richard Powell's ewe lamb 24VfV00635

RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION

Diane Christie's shearling ewe 23ZHV01828

OVERALL CHAMPION

Richard Powell's ewe Lamb 24VfV00635

RESERVE CHAMPION

Diane Christie's shearling ewe 23ZHV01828

ISKEYMEADOW EWE LAMB IS WINNER AT BALMORAL SHOW

David Argue from the Rockdale flock in Co Cavan picked out a ewe lamb as his champion at the 2024 **Balmoral Show**.

Richard Powell from Armagh was thrilled to land the overall championship award, making it a first Blamoral championship victory for the Iskeymeadow flock. The lamb ticked all the boxes for the judge, David Argue. "She was a lovely specimen of the Charollais breed; tight skinned, correct, good carcass and that extra style and presence which caught my eye", he commented. The lamb's dam was purchased for 12,000gns at the Logie Durno production sale in 2022, while its sire is Tullyear Big Bob.

Standing reserve was a shearling ewe from the Lornbrook flock of Diane Christie from Newtownards. Her exhibit was out of home-bred stock on both sides with her sire being 21ZHV01716.

The Lornbrook flock enjoyed a good day taking the red ticket with their aged ewe, by a Logie Durno sire out of a Loanhead ewe and also the male championship award with their senior ram 20ZNN32041, by Springhill Untouchable.

The reserve male championship was won by William McAllister's Artnagullion flock with a strong ram lamb, a son of Artnagullion Bandit.

Meanwhile, Alistair Moore's Hillside flock from Ballymena stood top of the shearling ram class, with his stock ram Thackwood Braveheart. This one was sired by Boyo Vancouver and his dam by Ffrwd Top Notch.

The Charollais breed celebrated two interbreed titles, the first being the interbreed group of three, while Alistair Moore won the interbreed ewe lamb championship.





* The judge David Argue with his championship winner, the ewe lamb of Richard Powell.



* Overall champion, the ewe lamb from Richard Powell's Iskeymeadow flock.



* Standing reserve was a shearling ewe from the Lornbrook flock of Diane Christie.



* Male champion was Diane Christie's aged ram.



* The ram lamb of William McAllister stood reserve male champion.



* Top in the shearling ram class, Alistair Moore's stock ram Thackwood Braveheart.



* Diane Christie's aged ewe class winner from her Lornbrook flock.

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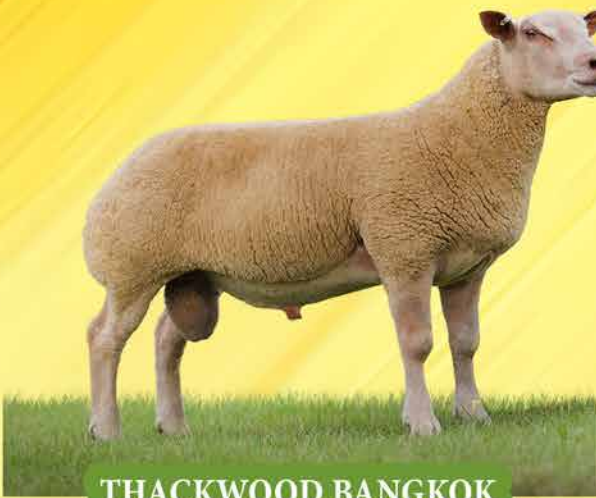
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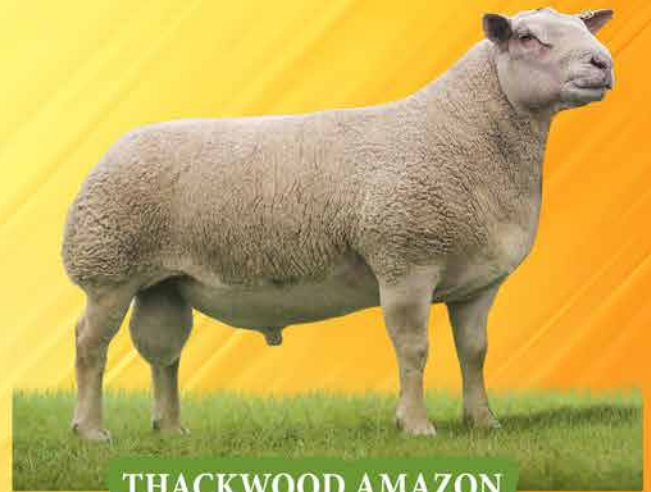
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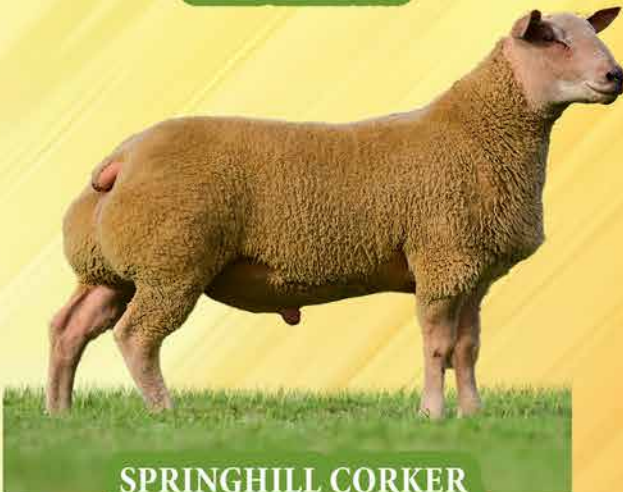
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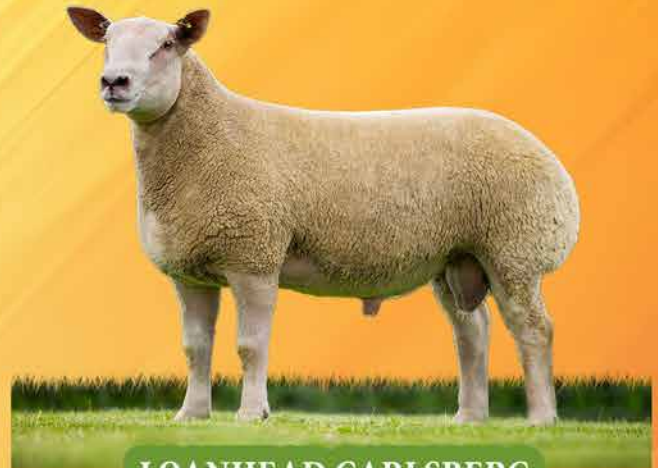
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CLASS RESULTS

AGED RAM

1st Tom Newth - 22XEV01952

SHEARLING RAM

1st G C and C J Watson - 23ZKX05021

2nd Tom Newth - 23WSG01359

3rd G C and C J Watson - 23YST01025

RAM LAMB

1st Tom Newth - 24WSG01416

2nd Dave Roberts - 24XHE01562

3rd Dave Roberts - 24XHE01561

AGED EWE

1st Dave Roberts - 21WNC37494

2nd Tom Newth - 21WSG01213

3rd C D Griffin 18VET01868

SHEARLING EWE

1st Tom Newth - 23WAJ01011

2nd Dave Roberts - 23XHE01494

3rd Jennifer Curtis - 23DQ02976

EWE LAMB

1st Tom Newth - 24WSG01413

2nd Dave Roberts - 24XHE01563

3rd Ben Baker - 24VKX06943

GROUP OF THREE PROGENY LAMBS

1st Tom Newth

2nd C D Griffin

EXHIBITOR BRED PAIRS MALE AND FEMALE

1st Tom Newth

2nd G C and C J Watson

GROUP OF THREE

1st Tom Newth

2nd G C and C J Watson

3rd C D Griffin

MALE CHAMPION

Ram lamb – Tom Newth - 24WSG01416

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION

Ram lamb – Dave Roberts - 24XHE01562

FEMALE CHAMPION

Aged ewe – Dave Roberts - 21WNC37494

RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION

Ewe lamb – Tom Newth - 24WSG01413

OVERALL CHAMPION

Aged ewe – Dave Roberts - 21WNC37494

RES OVERALL CHAMPION

Ram lamb – Tom Newth - 24WSG01416

BOYO TAKES CHAMPIONSHIP RIBBONS AT ROYAL THREE COUNTIES

The aged ewe from Shropshire-based Dave Roberts of the Boyo flock took top honours at last year's **Royal Three Counties Show**.

Commenting on his champion, judge Michael Alford said she was a powerful ewe with a great top, loin and ring presence. This Loanhead bred ewe is sired Logie Durno Upperclass and out of a homebred Dalby Tuilagi daughter.

Taking the male championship and the overall reserve spot was the ram lamb, Prestleigh Come Get Some from Tom Newth, Somerset. This son of Wernfawr Awesome is out of a homebred Boyo Toy Story daughter and was part of the interbreed champion group of three lambs.

Following him all the way to the reserve male champion was the second prize ram lamb, Boyo Colonel from Dave Roberts. Sired by Dalby Ancelotti and out of an Edstaston bred Knockin Shockin' daughter.

Tom secured his first red ticket of the day winning the aged ram class with stock sire, Wernfawr Awesome. Sired by Logie Durno Wall St he's out of an Edstaston Tulloch, Dalby bred daughter.

Winning the shearling ram class was Alloaks Bosun from Geoff and Carol Watson. Out of a homebred Crogham Septimus daughter and sired by Cannahars Victor.

Top spot in the shearling ewe class again went to Tom Newth with a Bronwydd ewe that was previously purchased from Hereford High Flyers sale as a ewe lamb. She is sired by Foxhill Va Va Voom and is out of an Arbryn bred daughter.

The red tickets continued for Tom Newth when he secured not only ewe lamb class but the reserve female ticket with a daughter of Robleston Buckle Up, she is out of a homebred Boyo Untouchable daughter and was also a part of the interbreed champion group of three lambs.



* Female and overall champion, Dave Roberts' aged ewe.



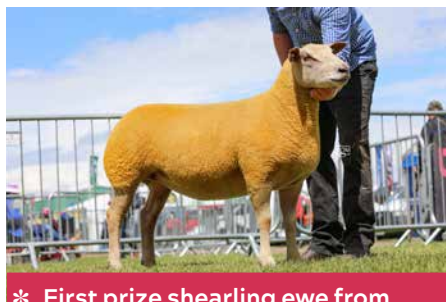
* Male champion and reserve overall, ram lamb from Tom Newth.



* Ewe lamb winner and reserve female champion from Tom Newth.



* Aged ram winner from Tom Newth.



* First prize shearing ewe from Tom Newth.



* Shearing ram winner from Geoff and Carol Watson.



* Second prize ram lamb and reserve male champion from Dave Roberts.



* Group of three winners from Tom Newth.



* Judge, Michael Alford with his overall champion and reserve.



* Interbreed group of three lamb champions from Tom Newth.

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VICTORY FOR LOGIE DURNO AT THE ROYAL HIGHLAND

The Ingram family from Aberdeenshire were in top winning form at last year's **Royal Highland Show** taking first place in six of the seven classes.

Over from Northern Ireland was top breeder, Graham Foster of the Springhill flock to carry out the judging. He chose the two-shear ewe from Loanhead as his champion, describing her as a "faultless, flashy ewe". She's by Boyo Vancouver and her dam is sired by Loanhead Talisman.

Standing reserve overall champion was the winner of the ewe lamb class. This December embryo lamb is by the Ingram's new stock ram, Cavick Blood Diamond purchased privately last July. The dam is sired by Logie Durno Umpire.

In the male classes the champion was the ram lamb from the Logie Durno flock; this is also sired by Cavick Blood Diamond and out of one of the Ingram's most successful breeding ewes, 14ZNN09901 by Logie Durno Jackpot.

Winning the reserve male championship award was the first prize shearling ram from the Logie Durno flock. Sired by Crogham Aries II his full brother was champion ram lamb at the 2023 Worcester premier sale.

Top of the line-up of strong shearling ewes was a Logie Durno ewe, sired by Logie Durno All Star and out of a Dalby Tuilagi ewe.

Jonathan Wales sons from the Thackwood flock in Cumbria, headed the class of senior rams with their stock ram, Logie Durno Walking Thunder by the previous Highland Show winner, Foxhill Va Va Voom.

Topping off the day in the Group of Three were the team from the Ingram family.



* Judge Graham Foster, Springhill flock with his overall champion, an aged ewe from G and B Ingram (left) and reserve, a ewe lamb from W and C Ingram.



* Female and overall champion, the aged ewe from G and B Ingram.



* Male champion and winner of the ram lamb class was W and C Ingram.



* Standing in the reserve female and breed spot was the ewe lamb from W and C Ingram.



* Winning the shearling ewe class was W and C Ingram.



* Taking the top spot in the aged ram class were Messrs Wales.

CLASS RESULTS

RAM, TWO SHEAR OR OVER

- 1st Messrs Wales - 21ZNN37414
- 2nd J Aiken - 22WAJ00881
- 3rd N, R and S Henderson - 22WNC43554

SHEARLING RAM

- 1st W and C Ingram - 23ZNN49142
- 2nd Ben Radley - 23YCR00828
- 3rd Messrs Wales - 23GU06588

RAM LAMB

- 1st W and C Ingram - 24ZNN54291
- 2nd E and E Duncan - 24WHK00011
- 3rd Messrs Wales - 24GU07551

AGED EWE

- 1st G and B Ingram - 22WNC43525
- 2nd Messrs Wales - 21GU05065
- 3rd G and B Ingram - 22WNC43515

SHEARLING EWE

- 1st W and C Ingram - 23ZNN49168
- 2nd W and C Ingram - 23ZNN49186
- 3rd Ben Radley - 23XZR01612

EWE LAMB

- 1st W and C Ingram - 24ZNN54255
- 2nd W and C Ingram - 24ZNN54241
- 3rd E and E Duncan - 24WHK00010

GROUP OF THREE

- 1st W and C Ingram

MALE CHAMPION

- W and C Ingram - 24ZNN54291

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION

- W and C Ingram - 23ZNN49142

FEMALE CHAMPION

- G and B Ingram - 22WNC43525

RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION

- W and C Ingram - 24ZNN54255

OVERALL CHAMPION

- G and B Ingram - 22WNC43525

RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION

- W and C Ingram - 24ZNN54255

RESERVE INTERBREED SHEEP CHAMPION

- G and B Ingram - 22WNC43525



* Following on from her breed championship title the Ingram family's aged ewe went on to take the reserve interbreed title.



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CLASS RESULTS

AGED RAM

1st Messrs Wales - 22GU06016
2nd C W Marwood and Son - 22DG12138
3rd Tom Newth - 22XEV01952

SHEARLING RAM

1st Charles Sercombe - 23WF04514
2nd Sloan and Jackson - 23HR05407
3rd C W Marwood and Son - 23WTA01642

RAM LAMB

1st Charles Sercombe - 24PE13206
2nd Messrs Wales - 24GU07568
3rd Richard Bamforth - 24XXW01020

AGED EWE

1st Charles Sercombe - 20ZWA08953
2nd Messrs Wales - 21GU05065
3rd Tom Newth - 22WRF00886

SHEARLING EWE

1st Charles Sercombe - 23PE11884
2nd D and J Norman - 23XNK03331
3rd Jonathan Aiken - 23ZXJ34501

EWE LAMB

1st Sloan and Jackson - 24HR06199
2nd Jonathan Aiken - 24ZXJ36611
3rd T and J Hunter - 24NN02633

PAIRS

1st Messrs Wales
2nd Charles Sercombe
3rd Jonathan Aiken

GROUP OF THREE

1st Jonathan Aiken
2nd Charles Sercombe
3rd C W Marwood and Son

MALE CHAMPION

Aged ram – Messrs Wales - 22GU06016

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION

Aged ram – C W Marwood and Son -
22DG12138

FEMALE CHAMPION

Shearling ewe – Charles Sercombe -
23PE11884

RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION

Ewe lamb – Sloan and Jackson -
24HR06199

OVERALL CHAMPION

Shearling ewe – Charles Sercombe -
23PE11884

RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION

Ewe lamb. – Sloan and Jackson -
24HR06199

SERCOMBE FAMILY SECURES CHAMPIONSHIP AT GREAT YORKSHIRE

The rain set in at last year's **Great Yorkshire Show** and did not stop, however the downpours didn't dampen any spirits in the Charollais ring with the day's judging being conducted by Robert Gregory of the Edstaston flock.

It was the shearling ewe, Dalby 23PE11884 from Charles Sercombe and family that caught his eye despite the awful weather conditions. Robert described his overall champion as a flashy female with good structure, movement and fleshing attributes. She is sired by Brettles Antonio and out of a homebred Dalby Veainu daughter.

Following the shearling ewe all the way to reserve female and reserve overall champion was the ewe lamb from Messrs Sloan and Jackson, Rigghead 24HR06199. She is sired by Logie Durno Ultimatum who goes back to the notable Loanhead Talisman and is out of a Glyn Coch Vagabound, Wernfawr bred daughter.

Robert started his day with the aged ram class where he also found both his male and reserve male champions from. Top of the line was Thackwood 22GU06016 from Messrs Wales. This son of Ffrwd Top Notch is out of a homebred Greenvale Star daughter.

Following him in second place and picking up the reserve male championship was Foulrice Aaron from C W Marwood and Son. Out of a homebred daughter of Dalby Sherman and sired by Lowerye Vulcan.

Picking up the red rosette in the shearling ram class was Brettles Brunell from the Sercombe family. Sired by Bicton Aftershock, a son of Dalby Wenlock and out of a homebred Dalby Triple Threat daughter.

The red tickets continued for the Sercombe family as they stood top of the line in the ram lamb class with Dalby 24PE13206. Sired by Foulrice Apache who goes back to Lowerye Vulcan and out of a homebred, Midas Gold daughter.

The Sercombe family sustained their winning streak picking up the top spot in the aged ewe class with Micklehills 20ZWA08953. Out of a homebred Dalby Ranieri daughter and sired by Edstaston Tulloch who goes back to the noted Knockin Shockin'.



* The rain didn't dampen spirits for judge Robert Gregory (left), with his champion from Charles Sercombe (middle) and reserve from Hannah Jackson (right).





* Female and overall breed champion, the shearling ewe from the Dalby flock of Charles Sercombe and family.



* First prize ewe lamb, reserve female and reserve overall champion from Messrs Sloan and Jackson.



* First prize aged ram and male champion from the Wales family.



* Second prize aged ram and reserve male champion came from C W Marwood and Son.



* Winning the shearling ram class was the Sercombe family.



* The Sercombe family won the ram lamb class.



* Top spot in the aged ewe class was The Sercombe family.



* Group of three winners from Jonathan Aiken.



* Messrs Wales took the red ticket in the pairs class.

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INGRAM FAMILY TAKES HOME CHAMPIONSHIP AT ROYAL WELSH

A senior ewe from the Aberdeenshire flock of the Ingram family took the championship prize at last year's **Royal Welsh Show**. A tremendous presentation of stock from breeders new and old from right across the UK were expertly judged by David Roberts from Shropshire.

"I could not get past the ewe; she had all the qualities I love in the Charollais breed, scale, flesh, correctness with a touch of spark, but still being feminine" The ewe was sired by Boyo Vancouver out of a Loanhead Talisman ewe.

Females ruled the day and the overall reserve champion came from the outstanding class of ewe lambs. Adrian Davies's Glyn Coch lamb by Moelfryn Bouncer out of a Logie Durno Wall Street ewe showed tremendous presence on the loose and earned her the reserve ticket.

The male championship award went to a home bred shearling ram from the Jones family's Robleston flock in Pembrokeshire. Robleston Be Rich was sired by Loanhead Washington and out of a home bred ewe by Rhaeadr Real Deal.

The winner of the ram lamb class, a Glyn Coch Ace son from Paul Curran's Wernfawr flock in Brecon not only stood top of the Charollais but went on to win the highly competitive Interbreed Ram Lamb section. The interbreed judge, Geoff Probert was impressed by the ram lamb's growth and super shape and fleshing, while remaining correct throughout. The lamb was reserve male champion.

Winner of the shearling ewe class also came from the Ingram family; the Logie Durno ewe was by Logie Durno All Star, out of a Dalby Tuilagi ewe.

The senior ram red ticket went to Charles Sercombe's stock ram, Tullyear Artemis by Duiske V Man. This ram was also part of the winning group of three for the Dalby Flock from Leicestershire.



* Breed championship presentation with judge David Roberts, Boyo.



* Female and overall champion, the aged ewe from the Ingram family.



* Reserve female and reserve overall champion, ewe lamb from Adrian Davies.



* Male champion and winner of the shearling class from Gareth Jones.



* Top of the line in the ram lamb class and reserve male champion from Paul Curran.



* Winning the aged ram class was Tullyear Artemis from the Sercombe family.



* Shearling ewe class winner from the Ingram family.



* Interbreed ram lamb Champion from Paul Curran with judge Geoff Probert.

CLASS RESULTS

RAM, TWO SHEAR OR OVER

1st Charles Sercombe – 22QY04358

SHEARLING RAM

1st Gareth Jones - 23WGN06267

2nd W and C Ingram -

23WVW01608

3rd Charles Sercombe - 23WF04514

RAM LAMB

1st Paul Curran - 24XEVO2452

2nd Gareth Jones - 24WGN06945

3rd W and C Ingram - 24ZNN54279

AGED EWE

1st G and B Ingram - 22WNC43525

2nd G and B Ingram - 22WNC43515

3rd Victoria Ashmore - 20ZWA08953

SHEARLING EWE

1st W and C Ingram - 23ZNN49168

2nd W and C Ingram - 23ZNN49109

3rd Charles Sercombe - 23PE11884

EWE LAMB

1st Adrian Davies - 24XCA02283

2nd W and C Ingram - 24ZNN54255

3rd W and C Ingram - 24ZNN54241

MALE CHAMPION

Shearling ram – Gareth Jones -
23WGN06267

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION

Ram lamb – Paul Curran -
24XEVO2452

FEMALE CHAMPION

Aged ewe – G and B Ingram -
22WNC43525

RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION

Ewe lamb – Adrian Davies -
24XCA02283

OVERALL CHAMPION

Aged ewe – G and B Ingram -
22WNC43525

RES OVERALL CHAMPION

Ewe lamb – Adrian Davies -
24XCA02283



* Winning group of three from the Sercombe family.



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Judge:

Michael Alford
Foxhill flock



ROYAL THREE COUNTIES SHOW

Judge:

Robert Gregory
Edstaston flock



ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW

Judge:

Dewi Evans
Ffrwd flock



ROYAL WELSH SHOW

Judge:

Jonathan Aiken
Carnew flock



GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW

Judge:

Tom Nancekivell
Heatham flock



SALES

PREMIER SALE, WORCESTER

Judge:

Richard Geldard
Wraycastle



CARLISLE SUPREME SALE

Judge:

Adrian Davies
Glyn Coch flock



DUNGANNON PREMIER SALE

Judge:

Gareth Jones
Robleston flock



NSA EARLY SALE, BRECON

Judge:

Victoria Ashmore
Micklehills flock



NSA BUILTH MAIN SALE

Judge:

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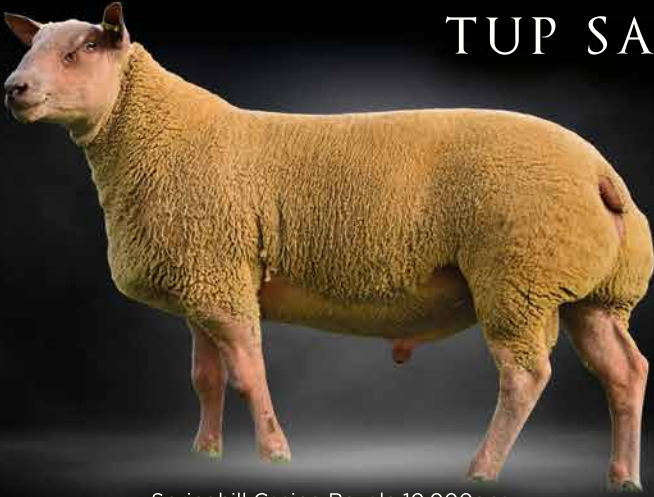
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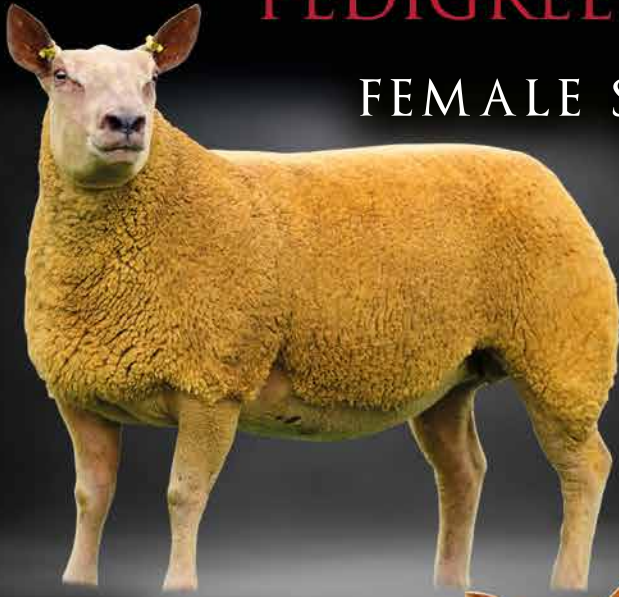
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THE ROLE OF GENOMIC INFORMATION IN BREEDING BETTER CHAROLLAIS SHEEP

By Victoria Ashmore, AHDB & Charollais Performance Recording Committee Chair

Genomics in the dairy sector is fast becoming common place with one in four Holstein Friesian milk recorded heifers being tested last year and other ruminant sectors are hot on their heels.

The Charollais breed now has more than 2500K genotypes thanks in part to the collection of samples through AHDB/HCC/QMS funded projects like RamCompare (which has also enabled historic Charollais reference rams to be genotyped) and also the move by the Society, to ask all vendors of lambs entered into the Premier Sale and owners of stock sires to have a sample taken for parentage verification. The establishment of a bank of genotypes is the first stage in being able to set up genomic evaluations.

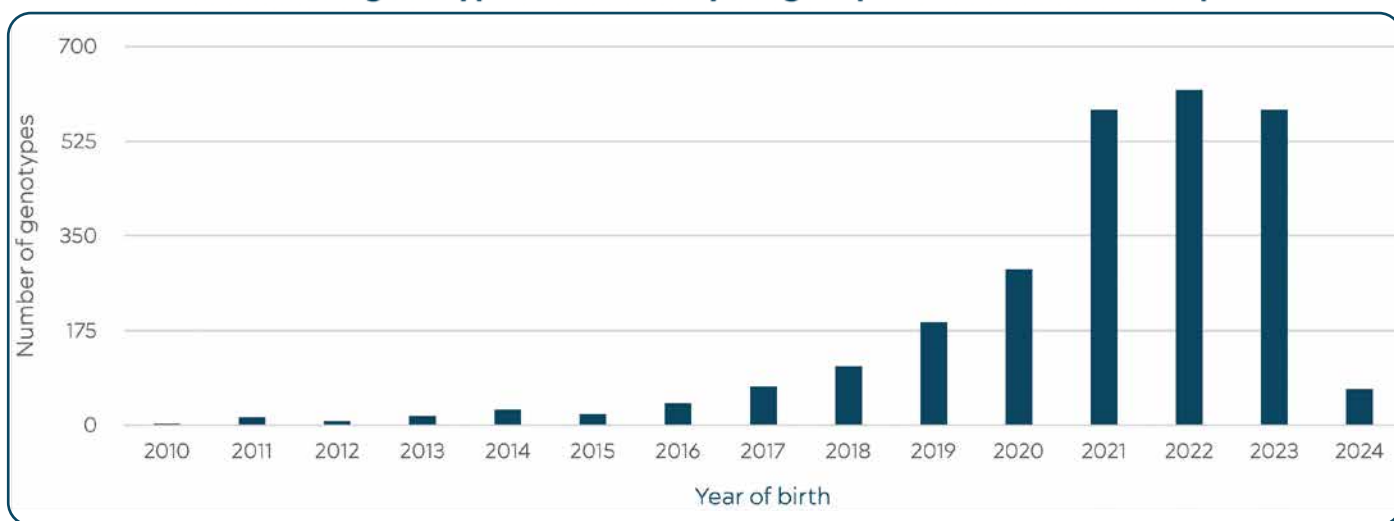
WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Genotype numbers for the breed have increased dramatically for animals born in recent years, noting that these will increase if animals are tested later in life (older stock tups or donor ewes). Based on the Charollais Sheep

Society’s current policy these are required to be sampled for the verification of parentage.

It isn’t uncommon to identify errors in pedigree submissions, but through the use of genomics these can now be corrected quickly, which in turn helps with breeding decisions when choosing sires to be used and minimise inbreeding.

Number of genotypes across the year group for Charollais Sheep



This spring will see the release of genomic breeding values for three of the terminal sire breeds evaluated through Signet (Charollais, Suffolk and Hampshire Down), following in the footsteps of Signet’s work with Hill Sheep which lead to releasing GEBVs in 2022. This means that the new genomic evaluations of an animal are based on its pedigree information, performance recording data and progeny performance (if available) plus the genomic data (or simply put its DNA).

To establish genomic evaluations - there is a requirement for genotyped animals that have many measurements - either on themselves or their progeny (and so a high accuracy traditional EBV proof). This is vital to set up a reference population and create a ‘SNP key’ to indicate

which bits of the DNA (or genes) are responsible for each aspect of an animal’s performance. Once this is determined, young animals or those with little phenotypic data, can have their DNA compared to this key allowing the prediction of the performance and as a result the performance of animals in the next generation.

Genomic approaches have an advantage over traditional pedigree breeding analyses as they take into account the exact mixture of genes that have been passed down from both parents not just assuming exactly half has been received from each parent. A pedigree index calculation for non-identical twins or full siblings would have the same EBVs. However, genomics can identify which siblings are superior or carry poorer traits in the example of an ET flush.

WHAT ARE WE DOING TO HELP BREEDERS?

Following the decision by Council in November to provide members with support for genotyping by funding 50% of the cost, now is the time to make use of the discount that is committed for the next three years. During my involvement in the dairy industry, in part the success and growth in this area is down to the collaborative effort across industry to support evaluations. By the Society offering this support alongside breeders to reduce the cost, it is a combined effort to help move the breed forward genetically without the whole cost being covered by the breeder. In turn these genotypes will provide the basis for further research to encompass those hard to measure traits into the evaluation.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SHEEP SECTOR?

The Welsh Hill Sheep project incorporates genomic information (often collected as part of DNA parentage assignment) into Signet's breeding values to generate genomic predictors that are more accurate, informative and reliable. Genomic data was initially used to enhance the breeding values of seven hill breeds, including the North Country Cheviot (Hill type), Scottish Blackface and Welsh Mountain. Genomic approaches are particularly useful for maternal breeds when trying to predict the genetic merit of animals early in their life and when assessing traits with a low genetic component (like lamb survival), that are expensive to measure (like methane production) or that take a lifetime to be expressed (like longevity).

Another maternal based project – Breed4Change is a three-year initiative funded through DEFRA's Farming Innovation Programme. The project will develop EBVs and GEBVs for 'new' environmental traits and

use these alongside existing measures of ewe efficiency to develop a selection index that will help to identify the best breeding sheep to reduce methane emissions from the flock.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

Hard to measure traits will become more accessible in a genomic world as this allows the introduction of traits where only a subset of the population have well recorded performance. This could lead to the introduction of environmental indexes/traits or those relating to health and welfare. Determining which route will be best in a terminal sire evaluation model is yet to be seen, but useful phenotypes may already exist in the form of CT data which allows the size of the rumen to be calculated and hence providing estimations on the resulting levels of methane production. Alternatively, it may require the collection of data through PAC chambers to measure methane like in the Breed4Change project.

Due to the permanent and cumulative nature of breed improvement, genetic selection (and, therefore, genomics) will have an important role in helping the ruminant sector hit environmental targets. The genomic data being collected on Charollais sheep today will provide an important platform for the Charollais of the future.



Performance Recording Group Committee

This committee was set up in 2023 to create a forum for discussion on all matters pertaining to breed performance and the Charollais breed. The group looks at what is happening within Charollais performance recorded flocks and the Signet scheme and suggests changes and improvements. Commenting on the committee, Carroll Barber explains: "It also has discussed the wider implications of genomic evaluation and what positive aspects that will bring to the breed. The committee reports back to the main Council with recommendations for them to consider. We are very fortunate that we have Victoria Ashmore as our Chair, who not only has a wide breadth of knowledge of data recording and genomics but also a thoroughly practical approach with her own flock."

The following members sit on the Performance Recording Group and welcome interaction from other breeders wishing to discuss performance recording topics ahead of Council meetings:

- * Chair - Victoria Ashmore
- * Andrew Walton
- * Emyr Hughes
- * Robert Whittaker
- * Norman McMordie
- * Laura Eyles (Signet)
- * Carroll Barber

LOGIE DURNO LEADS OKTOBERFEST SALE AT 2200GNS

The in-lamb female sales kicked off at a steady pace last autumn with a new look private sale at Worcester, the **Oktoberfest Sale**, replacing the previous Saucy Sale.

Averages:

50 in-lamb shearling ewes **£918.33**

5 ewe lambs **£745.50**
(McCartneys)

The Ingram family travelled down from Aberdeenshire with consignments from both the Logie Durno and Loanhead flocks and dominated the trade throughout, topping the sale at 2200gns.

Sale leader was Logie Durno 23ZNN49212 from William and Carole Ingram, a Crogham Aries II daughter out of a homebred Logie Durno Umpire daughter that has already produced a former Premier Sale ram lamb champion. Scanned for twins to Moelfryn Corker, this one went home with the breeder of the service sire, Gethin Davies, Llanon, Ceredigion.

Two further females from the same home then shared a 1600gns price tag, the first being Logie Durno 23ZNN49157. A daughter of the 15,000gns Wernfawr Ace and out of a homebred Rhaeadr Orlando daughter, this one is from the same family as the 12,000gns sale leader at the Ingram family's production sale and the 9500gns Logie Durno Walking Thunder. She sold carrying triplets to Moelfryn Corker and was the pick of Messrs Pickles, York, North Yorkshire.

At the same money was Logie Durno 23ZNN49147, another Crogham Aries II daughter, this time out of a Loanhead Talisman daughter. Scanned twins for Corker, Paul Curran purchased her for his Brecon, Powys-based Wernfawr flock.

Three further in-lamb shearling ewes sold for 1250gns. The first of these came from Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire-based Adrian Davies with Glyn Coch 23XCA02104, a Southam Exotic daughter out of a Wedderburn female by Wrenvale Mad 4 Ewe. Al'd and carrying twins to Glyn Coch Ace, the hammer fell to M Lewis, Rhondda, Glamorgan.

The next carrying a 1250gns price tag was Loanhead 23WNC49266 from brothers Gregor and Bruce Ingram. By the noted Foxhill Va Va Voom and out of a homebred female by Logie Durno Untouchable, this one is full sister to the first prize ewe lamb at the Highland Show in 2022. Scanned for a single to Corker, this one caught the eye of the Morgan family, Almeley, Herefordshire.

Another Va Va Voom daughter from the same home and scanned for triplets to Corker, then sold for 1250gns to Emily Scaman, Saleby, Lincs.

Two more females from the Loanhead pen then met a 1200gns price tag, the first being a Micklehills Atlas daughter out of a Cannahars Super Star daughter carrying twins to Corker. Dam here produced a 5000gns lamb at the Carlisle Premier. Taking this one north to the Isle of Islay, Argyll, was D Park.

Sharing that same price tag was another Va Va Voom daughter out of a Logie Durno Untouchable daughter. Scanned twins to Corker, the hammer fell to previous buyer Emily Scaman, Saleby, Lincs.

OTHER VENDOR HIGHLIGHTS:

- * Gethin Davies, Moelfryn 23WGC03098, sold for 1000gns to Dave Roberts, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
- * Robert and Janette Gregory, Edstaston 23TG01366, sold for 900gns to G O Few and Son, Hanbury, Worcs.
- * Messrs Sloan and Jackson, Rigghead 23HR05445, sold for 800gns to Tom Newth, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.
- * Ben Radley, Loaningfoot 23XZR01604, sold for 700gns to Simon Turkington, Melrose, Scottish Borders.



* Sale leader was an in-lamb shearling ewe by Crogham Aries II from the Logie Durno flock of William and Carole Ingram, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, selling for 2200gns.



* Selling for 1600gns was another from the Ingram family, this time for a Wernfawr Ace daughter.



* Also, at 1600gns was another from Logie Durno, this time selling to Paul Curran for his Wernfawr flock.

ROBLESTON BE RICH SELLS IN PRIVATE DEAL TO MAERDY



* Robleston Be Rich from the Jones family sold last autumn in a private deal for £7000 to the Maerdy flock of Esmor Evans.

Esmor Evans of the Mold, Flintshire-based Maerdy flock, purchased a Charollais shearling ram in a private deal worth £7000 from the Robleston flock of R G and R A Jones and Son, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.

Robleston Be Rich is a son of the 10,000gns Loanhead Washington, out of a homebred female by Rhaeadr Real Deal. He was shown successfully as a lamb in 2023 at the Royal Welsh where he stood first in his class and returned last year to Builth Wells to win the shearling ram class and go one step further to secure the male championship.

The tup has been used in the Robleston flock and semen has been retained for private use. Commenting on the sale, Gareth Jones of the Robleston flock praised the ram for his length, scale and power and added that not many win a class at the Welsh as a lamb and can follow it up the following year as a shearling ram.

Esmor Evans, who runs 60 Charollais sheep alongside 250 Texel ewes, 120 Charolais cows and 60 Limousin cows, added: "He looks the ideal tup with size and shape and should hopefully work well across all types of ewes in the flock. He may even be used on some of the Texels for his crossing ability."

KIRKHOUSE TOP OF THE SALE AT SKIPTON

David and Johnathan Norman's ewe lamb from their Kirkhouse flock in Cumbria was pick of the sale at Skipton Market last October, selling for 1600gns. The daughter of Banwy Oh What A Boy and out of the flock's top producing Springhill ewe was knocked down to Tom Newth. The lamb joins his Prestleigh flock in Castle Cary, Somerset.

Helen Sloan and Hannah Jackson's Rigghead flock from Dumfries had a strong pen of shearling ewes forward which topped at 1200gns for a daughter of Foxhill Va Va Voom. The ewe sold carrying triplets to Skyefall Bandit to Adam Richardson from South Yorkshire for his Silkstone flock.

A full sister to this ewe sold for 950gns to K A and J E Gascoinge, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, who also took another from the same pen at

Averages:

23 shearling ewes **£672.46**
17 ewe lambs **£550.94**
(Craven Cattle Marts)

800gns. A third full sister from the Rigghead flock sold for 800gns, this time to John Geldard, Low Foulshaw Farm, Cumbria.

Charles Marwood from the Foulrice flock, near York, had his annual draft of 15 in-lamb gimmers and seven ewe lambs at the sale. His top price was 900gns for the pre-sale champion, a ewe lamb by Foulrice Aristocrat. Her buyer was Robert Towers from Carnforth, Lancs, for his Camp House flock.

Fourlice shearling ewes peaked at 800gns twice, the first being a Lowerye Vulcan daughter carrying triplets to Oldwood Big Boy which sold to S J and J E Hobson, West Yorkshire, and again for a Foulrice Aristocrat ewe carrying triplets to the Oldwood sire. Buyers for this one were A F and K L Hodsman, Malton, North Yorkshire.

AGHAVILLY FLOCK

Glenn Baird



Logie Durno Wendy

- Northern Ireland Champion Charollais Show Ewe 2024
- Danske Bank Champion Northern Ireland Continental Sheep 2024
- Breed Champion & Reserve Interbreed Champion @ Clougher Valley Show
- Breed Champion Antrim Show
- Breed Champion Omagh Show
- Breed Champion Newry Show



Aghavilly Albert

- Northern Ireland Champion Charollais Show Ram 2024
- Senior Stock Ram
- Sire of a good portion of the 2025 lambs



Aghavilly Belvedere

- Senior Stock Ram at Aghavilly
- A son of Logie Durno Wendy & Rhaeadr Orlando
- Sire of the bulk of 2025 Lambs



Aghavilly 23VAB02044

- Sold for 1600gns to Lauren Ryan at Dunagannon Female Sale 2024



Aghavilly 23VAB02042

- Sold for 1600gns to William & Orlagh Donaghy at Dungannon Female Sale 2024



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SIZZLING TRADE FOR FEMALES AT DUNGANNON

Buyers were out in force at the annual sale of Charollais in-lamb shearling ewes and ewe lambs held at Dungannon Market at the end of October last year, which saw averages and clearance rates far exceed the 2023 sale.

Heading the trade at 3200gns was a classy ewe lamb from Graham Foster's Springhill flock, Newtown Stewart. This daughter of the 24,000gns Boyo Bravemansgame and out of a 2500gns Oakchurch ewe was knocked down to David Anderson from Bushmills, for his Ballyhunsley flock.

Messrs A and P Crawford, Augher, topped the in-lamb shearlings at 2100gns with a Ballynoe House Action Man daughter. She was sold carrying twins to Erenagh Best Bet and heads home with Richard Powell, Armagh, who also took another from the same pen at 1600gns.

The Springhill flock was also in the money with their pen of shearling ewes, topping at 2000gns for a Springhill Aston Martin daughter scanned with twins to Bravemansgame. She caught

the eye of Josh Hamilton, Castlederg. Also carrying to this top sire was the next best in the Springhill pen at 1700gns which went south to Gavin Fahey.

The Malcomson family of Kenny, Sheila and Geoffrey, had a strong pen of ten shearling ewes forward, all sired by Ballyhibben Wingman. Their pen leader hit 1800gns and was knocked down to Philip Crothers for his newly formed flock in Ballyclare, Co Antrim.

Also with a quality entry of shearlings was Glenn Baird, Armagh. He achieved 1600gns twice from his Aghavilly pen. First off was a Loanhead Virgil Van Dijk daughter in lamb to their top stock tup Belvedere. Securing this one and another Van Dijk daughter at 1500gns was W M Donaghy from Ballymena. Roger Ryan, Lisnaskea, paid 1600gns for another from the Baird's pen, who sold scanned with twins to their show winning ram this year, Aghavilly Albert. She is out of a homebred Rhaeadr Orlando daughter and sired by Botera Wesley.

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* The Dungannon sale topper at 3200gns came from Graham Foster's Springhill flock.



* Top price shearling from Messrs Crawford, Dunroe at 2100gns.



* Springhill shearlings rose to 2000gns for a Springhill Aston Martin daughter.



* Pen leader from the Ringclare flock at 1800gns.



* Another Dunroe shearling hit 1600gns.



* An Aghavilly shearling capped at 1600gns.



* Another Aghavilly shearling was secured for 1600gns

Averages:

64 shearling ewes **£944.67**

36 ewe lambs **£887.54**

(Dungannon Farmers Mart)

EWE LAMBS

In the ewe lamb section, the Springhill flock of Graham Foster continued to dominate following their sale leading price, with their ten lambs all sired by Boyo Bravemansgame averaging £1490. Purchaser of the second top in the pen at 2200gns was Malcolm McMeel, Co Monaghan. Four lambs came over to the mainland to buyers from Scotland and Devon.

David Anderson's pen of ewe lambs from his Ballyhunsley flock had a good day with three four-figure prices. Firstly, at 1200gns was a Logie Durno Untouchable daughter selling to Robert Tindall, Wetherby. At 1100gns was David's pick of the pen which sold to Michael Brolly, Co Donegal, while at the same money was a Gwyndy Whizz Kid lamb which crossed the water to J P Graham and Son, Wigton, Scotland. Richard Bamforth from Huddersfield picked three out of this pen for his Lower Denby flock.

LOGIE DURNO JACKPOT DAUGHTER PAYS OUT AT 4000GNS

Sale leader at last year's **Hereford High Flyers** sale was a ewe lamb from William and Carole Ingram, Aberdeenshire, selling for 4000gns.

Averages:

5 aged ewes **£745.50**

57 shearling ewes **£961.58**

19 ewe lambs **£942.24**

(Hereford Market Auctioneers)

Logie Durno 24ZNN54249 is by Logie Durno Jackpot out of a homebred Loanhead Talisman daughter who was a class winner at the Highland in 2019 and 2022 and produced the first prize winning ewe lamb at this year's Highland and Welsh. She sold on the telephone to Northern Ireland to Glenn Baird, Armagh, for his Aghavilly flock.

Next up was the shearling ewe price leader, Pembroke Bling Bling 23VJZ04980 from David Lewis, Narberth, Pembrokeshire. By Knockin Attitude and out of a Sant Andras female by Castellau Ulysses, she is a full ET-bred sister to the £9000 Pembroke Bulletproof. She sold having been scanned for twins to Foxhill Benedict, for 3200gns to the Hunter family for their Skelton Whin flock, Hunmanby, North Yorkshire.

At 2900gns, and also heading north, this time to Huddersfield with Richard Bamforth for his Lower Denby flock, was a shearling ewe from the Ingram family, Logie Durno 23ZNN49116. By the 15,000gns Wernfawr Ace and out of a homebred Foxhill Va Va Voom daughter who is full sister to the 9000gns Walking Thunder, she sold carrying twins to Moelfryn Corker.

Back with David Lewis' pen and his second best was the 2000gns Pembroke Black Magic 23VJZ05004, a Foxhill Va Va Voom daughter out of an Arbyrn female purchased at the High Flyers sale in 2021 for 3400gns. A full sister to the £5500 Pembroke Benchmark and scanned for twins to Boyo Vancouver, the hammer fell to Paul Curran for the Brecon, Powys-based Wernfawr flock.

At the same price tag was the best from Arwyn Thomas, Whitland, Carmarthenshire. Arbryn 23WRF00953 is an Arbryn Attila daughter out of a homebred Brettles Sherman daughter. Having been placed reserve champion at Brecon Show and sold scanned in lamb to Arbryn Celt by Al, this was the pick of M L and C O M Pugh, Clifford, Herefordshire.

Another from the Ingram pen then sold for 1600gns, this time Logie Durno 23ZNN49203, another by Wernfawr Ace and out of a homebred Va Va Voom daughter. Sold carrying twins to Moelfryn Corker, she joins the Glyn Coch flock of Adrian Davies, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire.

Meanwhile at 1500gns was another from Arwyn Thomas, in the form of Arbryn 23WRF00987. Again, by Atilla and this time out of an Artnagullion Turbo daughter, she was a class winner at Pembrokeshire Show as a ewe lamb. Al'd to Arbryn Chief, this one was the pick of previous buyer Messrs Pugh, Clifford.

The best from Jennifer Curtis' Elmwick pen was a call of 1450gns for her show shearling ewe from this year, Elmwick Bella 23DQ02976. By Bicton Almighty and out of an Arbyrn Tonto homebred daughter, she was reserve breed champion at Moreton-In-Marsh Show and now joins the Boyo flock of David Roberts, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

OTHER VENDOR LEADING PRICES:

- * Paul Curran, Wernfawr, ewe lamb sold for 1300gns to T and J Hunter, Hunmanby, North Yorkshire
- * R G and R A Jones, Robleston, shearling ewe sold for 1000gns to B J and D E Baker, Hooe, East Sussex
- * Tom Newth, Prestleigh, shearling ewe sold for 900gns to C D Griffin, Dorset
- * Emyr Hughes, Bronwydd, ewe lamb sold for 800gns to Matthew Collard, Somerset
- * Jim Neil, Runningburn, ewe lamb, sold for 750gns to B J and D E Baker, Hooe, East Sussex



* Sale leader was a ewe lamb by Logie Durno Jackpot from the Logie Durno flock of William and Carole Ingram, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, selling for 4000gns.



* Selling for 3200gns was Pembroke Bling Bling, a Knockin Attitude daughter from David Lewis, Narberth, Pembrokeshire.



* At 2900gns was a Wernfawr Ace daughter from the Ingram's Logie Durno flock sold in lamb to Moelfryn Corker.

MEADOW RISE DISPERSAL PEAKS AT 750GNS TWICE

The dispersal sale of the **Meadow Rise flock** on behalf of Roy and Ruth Endacott took place in October last year at Exeter Livestock Centre.

Averages:

51 older ewes (inc. empty) **£401.88**
53 shearling ewes (inc. empty) **£343.73**
45 ewe lambs **£296.75**
(Kivells)



* One of the three stock sires, Elsridge 23VDL00459, topped the day's sale at 750gns.

Topping the day at 750gns twice were two of the three stock rams. First up was Elsridge 23VDL00459, bred by Mr F A Elsworthy, Witheridge. This January 2023-born son of Logie Durno Armani is out of a homebred Wernfawr Stormer daughter. He found his new home with Mr A L Brown and Ms G C Beckley for their Templecombe, Somerset-based Abbascombe flock.

The second ram to hit 750gns was Arbryn Azzurri, bred by Arwyn Thomas. Sired by the Foxhill Va Va Voom son, Loanhead Washington and out of a homebred Bronwydd Terminator daughter, this December 2021-born ram headed home with Mrs S May, Barnstaple, Devon, for her Heanton flock.



* The second stock sire, Arbryn Azzurri also hit the figure of 750gns.

Females peaked at 720gns for the aged ewe, Meadow Rise 21WJV02360. Sired by a homebred Castellau Lord of the Manor son and out of a homebred ewe, she sold having been scanned for a single to Shepton Mallet, Somerset-based Tom Newth for his Prestleigh flock.

Next up at 700gns was Meadow Rise 20WJV02141. By a homebred Castellau Lord of the Manor son, she's out of a homebred Loaningfoot Rooster Booster daughter. She also headed back to Shepton Mallet with previous buyer Tom Newth having been scanned for a single.

Next up at 600gns was Sheldon 21XNR01182, bred by Gerald Burrough. Sired by Loosebeare Tornado and out of a homebred Foulrice Omar daughter, she scanned in lamb with a single. Taking her home to Crediton, Devon, was C and A Smallacombe for their Butterlands flock.



* Top price female, the aged ewe, Meadow Rise 21WJV02360 who realised 720gns.

The 500gns price tag was hit three times, the first being Meadow Rise 22WJV02448 who sold carrying twins. Sired by Crogham Solaris and out of a homebred dam, she was knocked down to Messrs Morgan, Almeley, Hereford.

The Morgan family also secured another at the same money being Meadow Rise 22WJV02467, carrying twins. She is sired by a homebred Castellau Lord of the Manor son and out of a homebred Croham Solaris daughter.

Completing the hat-trick at 500gns was Meadow Rise 22WJV02530, who sold carrying twins. Out of a Foulrice Shimon bred daughter and sired by a homebred son of Castellau Lord of the Manor, she went home with G O Few and Sons for their Bromsgrove, Worcester-based Chessgrove flock.

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- Embryo Flush and Freeze
- On-clinic or on-farm*
- Semen processing, freezing and storage
- Semen collection and ram fertility testing
- Ram vasectomies
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*Minimum charge applies

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CHAROLLAIS

Gareth & Jason Henderson



★ Carrichue Columbo sold to the Hollylodge flock at
Dungannon premier sale 2024 for 1500gns ★

Sires used for 2025 crop :

- Springhill Untouchable
- Carrichue Cantona
- Gogwell king of Trumps
- Springhill Bobby Dazzler

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Foulrice 23DG13114

Sold to Jan Boomaars for 1200gns
at Brecon NSA sale

Stock Sires Contd ..

Foulrice Aaron 22DG12138

Index 323

Lowerye Blitz 23ZVY09708

Index 353

Lowerye Buzz 23ZVY09724

Index 321



Foulrice Aaron 22DG12138

C W Marwood & Son

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Does your land have high value potential?

We can help you unlock its worth

Lower Coates Farm has successfully acted on behalf of landholders and completed legal agreements in order to progress:

- Agricultural land to gain residential consent
- Agricultural land to gain commercial consent
- Agricultural land for the use of Biodiversity Net Gain off site credits for developers

With a proven track record in development whilst crucially understanding the needs of farmers and landowners, Lower Coates Farm can work on your behalf to promote your land to developers or seek alternative planning uses.

We can do this in a number of ways including:

- Outright Sale
- Planning Promotion Agreements
- Option Agreements
- Joint Ventures
- Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (in the case of Biodiversity Net Gain)

No fees to be paid by the farmer/landowner until a deal has completed



Please send through any land that you have for initial feedback:

Adam Richardson BSc (Hons) MRICS – Silkstone Charollais

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Barnsley, S75 4PR

2025 SHOWS AND EVENTS

NSA

NSA WELSH SHEEP

Wednesday 21st May
Tregoed Farm, Brecon, LD3 0SP

NSA NORTH SHEEP

Wednesday 4th June
Greystoke Castle Farm, Greystoke,
Penrith, Cumbria

NSA HIGHLAND SHEEP

Wednesday 11th June
Midfearn Farm, Ardgay, Inverness
IV24 3DL

NSA SHEEP SOUTH WEST

Wednesday 25th June
Weston Farm, East Knowstone,
South Molton, Devon, EX36 4ED

NSA NORTHERN IRELAND

Tuesday 1st July

SALES

CARLISLE SUPREME

Saturday 28th June

WORCESTER PREMIER SALE

Saturday 5th July

DUNGANNON EXPORT SALE

Monday 28th July

BRECON EARLY NSA SALE

Monday 4th August

EXETER NSA

Wednesday 20th August

CARLISLE (AND FEMALES)

Friday 29th August

MELTON MOWBRAY RAM SALE

Saturday 6th September

BUILTH WELLS NSA MAIN SALE

Monday 22nd September

WELSHPOOL

Thursday 25th September

BALLYMENA

Monday 29th September

SHOWS

BALMORAL

14th – 17th May

ROYAL BATH AND WEST SHOW (SOUTH WEST FEATURE SHOW)

29th – 31st May

ROYAL THREE COUNTIES

13th – 15th June

ROYAL HIGHLAND

19th – 22nd June

GREAT YORKSHIRE

8th – 11th July

ROYAL WELSH

21st – 24th July

PRIVATE SALES

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday 4th October

HEREFORD HIGH FLYERS

Saturday 18th October

SOCIETY AGM

Hosted by the South West Region
Friday 23rd May

FEMALE SALES

SKIPTON

Saturday 11th October

DUNGANNON EXPORT SALE

Monday 27th October

EXETER SALE

Friday 31st October

WELSHPOOL

Monday 3rd November

MELTON MOWBRAY

Saturday 22nd November

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