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Chairman's Introduction

I had intended to write my second Journal introduction as Chairman on an upbeat mood following on from a successful year 2000, however, events have overtaken us. Foot & Mouth Disease has been the cause of much heartache and has placed huge financial pressures on all livestock producers. I, along with my fellow Directors, extend our deepest sympathies to all producers caught up in the crisis and I hope that by the time you read this Journal the authorities have the disease under complete control and have taken appropriate action to ensure the situation cannot be repeated.



The Texel breed has lost a number of flocks, and the influence that these flocks have had will be sorely missed. It is up to the remaining breeders to ensure that the early work undertaken in these unfortunate flocks continues and that we all work towards continuing the expansion of our market share. The Texel breed is the obvious choice in current times - it can deliver a high quality carcass from a low input system at minimal cost. Texels are and always will be in demand - they are the true carcass sheep of the 21st Century.

At the time of writing, we are unsure as to the number of shows and indeed sales which may have to be cancelled. The Society is working closely with the various governing bodies and is already preparing contingency plans, with other breeds, to ensure that sales in some format can go ahead. I assure you of the Society's intention, MAFF willing, not to allow FMD to completely scupper our members' normal activities.

This will be a very tough year and I hope that we can all work together to help each other through the difficult times. The Society will try to be as helpful and as flexible as possible. If you are having difficulty in complying with the Society's deadlines or in paying fees, please contact our Chief Executive in order that he can look at your circumstances and grant dispensation if appropriate.

Finally, this year, even more than last, I need to thank the one person who allows me to spend the time I do on Society business - my wife, Mary. Without her continued support I would not be able to continue in office. Wishing you all good health and a quick return to normality.

Regards

Graham W Jones

Board Chairman & Society President

SOCIETY NATIONAL

SALES 2001

(For a full list of Society Sales, please contact the Society Office)

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Sale of Females: 6.00 pm

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Texel Origin and History

The Texel Sheep originates from the Island of Texel, one of the North-Western Islands off Holland where it has been known since Roman times. Throughout the centuries, selection, as well as an infusion of British blood, principally from the Lincoln as well as a little from the Border Leicester, Leicester, South Down, Hampshire Down and Wensleydale, has improved its potential.

About 1933, the Texel was introduced to France and has since become established, particularly in the Northern provinces. In 1970, the first Texels were introduced to the United Kingdom with an importation organised by the Animal Breeding Research Organisation, who brought in four rams for experimental purposes. Another four followed in 1971 and ABRO initiated extensive trials to compare the Texel with other terminal sires. The verdict was that the Texel excelled in carcase quality and in particular, in lean meat yield.

In 1973, thirteen Lanarkshire sheep breeders joined forces with ABRO to import twenty-seven Texel females and thirteen rams from France. Further importations were made throughout the 1970s, with the first direct import from Holland at the end of that decade.

DESCRIPTION OF TYPE

Head: The length of head from crown to nose should be one and a half times the width when viewed sideways. The crown should be flat and unwooled, the nose dark, preferably black. The head must be covered with fine white hair; when spots occur on ears or eyelids, these should be of a bright black colour.

Body: The body and the neck should be thick-set, without impairing the general appearance. Furthermore, it must be well proportioned with strong loins, a solid square stance and round well developed gigots. The udder is covered with fine hair and is usually lined with wool, the scrotum is covered with fine hair or short wool. The wool of the trunk extends to the end of the throat.

Legs: The legs are strong with shanks of sufficient size to correspond with the thick-set build of the body. The front legs are woolled at least down to the middle of the forearm, the hind legs at least down to the middle of the shank. In so far as the legs are not woolled, they are covered with fine hair.

ADAPTABILITY

The Texel has primarily been developed as a meat breed but its native environment has endowed it with invaluable commercial traits. The Texel ewe is hardy and exceptionally thrifty and her lambs have a tremendous get-up-and-go attitude, searching hard for milk as soon as they are born. Again, the breed's harsh native environment has led to the development of a sheep that thrives on poor pastures and requires only modest amounts of feed in the run-up to lambing and whilst suckling.

In Great Britain, the Texels have shown that they are capable of withstanding the rigours of the Scottish winter without any hardship and their progeny have proved to be as adaptable in our climate and altitude as the flocks in Holland and France.

The Breed is well known in Europe and in the continents of Africa and South America as a provider of a high quality carcase which has a high killing out percentage. It is also well known in many countries as a breed which transmits its qualities to its progeny when used for crossing purposes.



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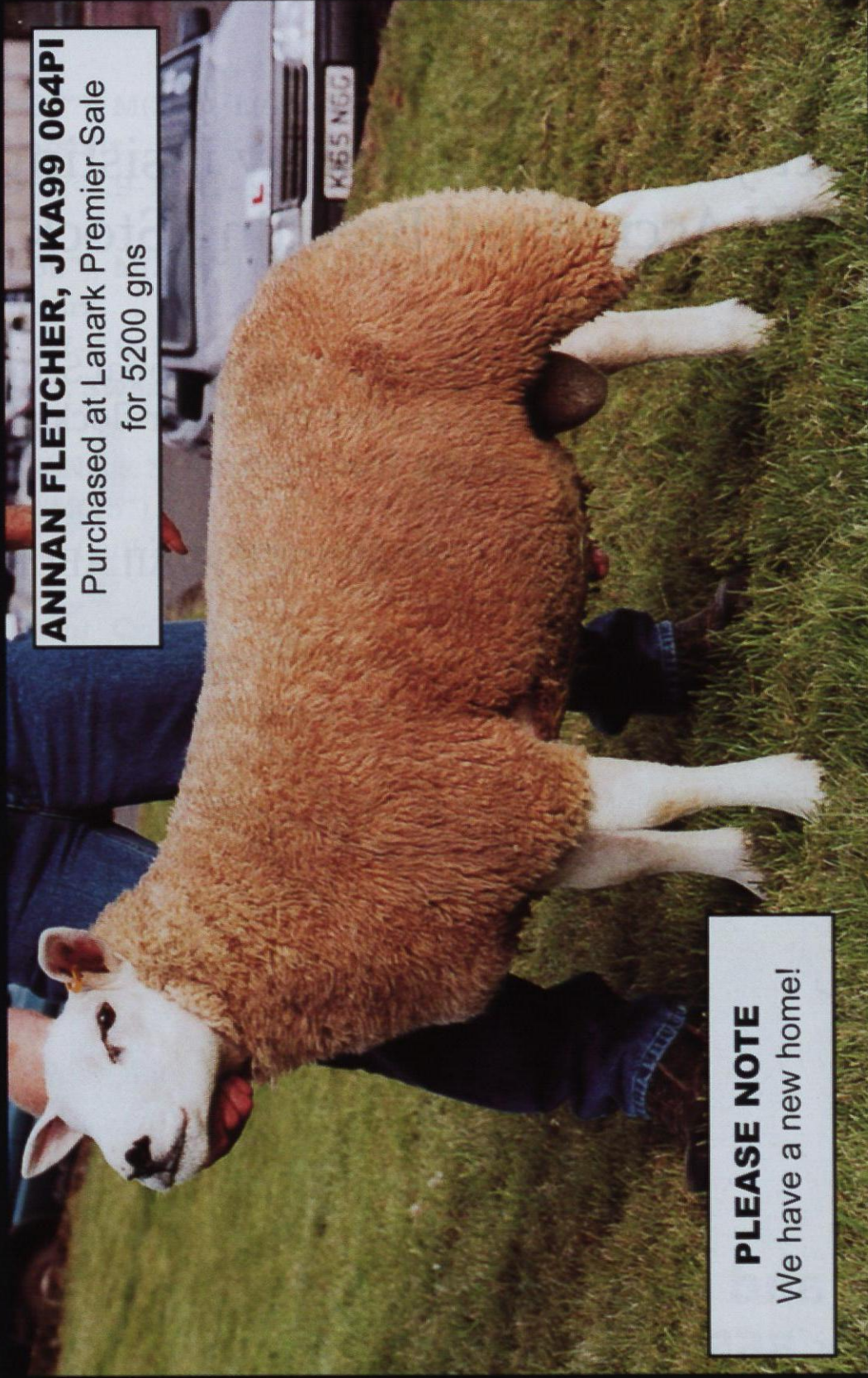
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National Flock of the Year

● Winner is from England ●

One of the most consistently successful competitors in regional flock competitions went one step further to win the 2000 national Flock of the Year competition. In the final, the English champions, Jean and Mick Gould's Woodmarsh flock, based at Bomere Heath, Shrewsbury, beat the three other finalists, the champion flocks of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Judge Chris Lewis praised the overall quality of the flocks, run under a variety of conditions "from cold, open farms and in very wet boggy fields to hard, high hills with sparse feed." He said: "The breed's original importers would have been pleased to see the hardiness and good legs and feet along with the obvious carcase qualities.

"All the flocks were very well presented, sometimes in atrocious weather conditions."

Mr Lewis' "close second", was Douganhill Farms' 65-ewe Douganhill flock at Orchardton Mains, Castle Douglas.

The Northern Ireland finalist was Victor Chesnutt's Clougher flock at Bushmills, Co. Antrim and leading the way for Wales, Geraint Jones' Erw flock at Nanterwhaidd, Corwen, Denbighshire.

The judge described the 80 Woodmarsh flock ewes as being "extremely well matched with good length and tight skins. The staple was of reasonable length - an important factor if we are not to lose this

in pursuit of tight skins".

"The ewes showed great character with plenty of depth and size and were good on their legs. They had classic Texel heads without being too powerful. I was impressed by the Goulds' choice of rams which were clearly adding depth of gigot without losing length and topline.

"Their breeding policy reflected good commercial awareness. Rams from this flock would clearly produce the type of lambs demanded by the meat trade."

Outstanding stock sires used by the Goulds have included Annan Burnished Gold. A son of Woodmarsh All Gold and a full brother to Annan



Jean and Mick Gould winners of the Texel Flock of the Year 2000

National Flock of the Year

• WOODMARSH FLOCK VICTORIOUS •

Born Free. He was purchased privately in 1995, has left tremendous size and his daughters have bred extremely well.

The following year Kirtle Craftsman, the first prize ram lamb at the Royal, was purchased at Lanark for 6,500gs. "A more compact type," said Mr Gould, "bought for his solid muscle, great skin and his very correct legs and feet." Fifty per cent of the breeding females are by Craftsman.

In 1999, a joint purchase at 11,000gs bought Baltier Freddie to the flock. He was the first prize MLC ram lamb at Lanark, "a great scopy lamb on good legs and feet with tremendous gigot characteristics that he is passing onto his progeny."

Freddie was shown twice last year, standing second in the shearling ram class at the Royal Show and taking the breed championship at the Royal Lancs. His first crop included the first prize recorded ram lamb at the Welsh Premier and a second prize ram lamb at Chelford.

The Goulds have won the Shropshire & Borders flock competition for the past four years. Main enterprise on their 400-acre farm is a highly successful 200-cow dairy herd and they have applied their cattle breeding know-how to the flock they founded in 1988.

Says Mick Gould: "We must attract the commercial man. In the past, commercial producers criticised Texel cross lambs as not having the growth rate or weight of Suffolk crosses so we are conscious of size while recognising that we must not lose the breed's special conformation qualities.

"What surprises me is that people pick out a tup lamb but don't ask to see the mother or sister. It's said that an average-looking bull out of a good family is a better bet than a good-looking bull out of an average family.

"I think it's the same with sheep. Every year when we go through the lamb crop it's the same families that throw up the good lambs."



Mick & Jean
Gould's
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Flock Profiles

● Champion Flock of Wales ●

The Champion Flock of Wales Trophy, contested between three winners of the Welsh Clubs' Flock Competitions and ably judged by Nigel Gibbs, was awarded to Mr Geraint Jones, Nant Erw Haidd, Gwyddelwern, Corwen, representing the Ruthin Club. In the subsequent National Flock Competition, the Erw flock was placed a proud fourth.

Geraint's Erw flock is one of the best known flocks in Wales and can boast a string of past achievements in flock competitions and on the showground, at local and national level, which includes winning the Ruthin Champion Flock Competition on ten occasions out of twelve, winning the Champion Flock of Wales three years out of five, and the Male and Female Champion at the Royal Welsh Show. The Erw flock has produced the Ruthin Sale Champion on three occasions, the Welsh Premier Male Champion on two occasions and also the Chelford Champion with rams being sold all over the country.

The Erw flock was established in 1979 by Geraint and his late wife Linda, with the purchase of three females from leading Scottish flocks and one Dutch import. The following years Grougfoot Legacy and Midhill Kiev joined the flock. Further quality rams from Muirfoot, Cambwell, Tinwald, Oakhead, Bague and Stainton have all helped to produce the strong, well grown female flock at Erw. The flock has been a closed one with few outside purchases. By now, the Erw flock consists of a hundred pedigree ewes, plus followers. The

rams in use at present are Muiesk Firecracker, Kirtle Decoy, Green Dipper and Kiltariff Freelanders. They run alongside a commercial flock of 1,200 ewes put to Texel Border Leicester and Welsh rams on this upland grassland farm, also carrying suckler and store cattle at a height of 700 to 1,100 feet above sea level. All produce is marketed through Ruthin Farmers Auction Mart and Texel Club and Society Sales.

Geraint is one of the most enthusiastic Texel breeders in North Wales, and through his many achievements is a worthy ambassador for the breed and deserving winner of the accolade Welsh Flockmaster of the Year. Congratulations!



WHAT MAKES TEXELS TICK?

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Big is Beautiful

● Report on Tamnamoney Flock ●

Roger Strawbridge says his late father, Ivan, taught him about sheep and fellow pedigree breeder, Victor Chestnutt, provided tutoring in Texels!

The Tamnamoney Texel flock of Roger and his wife, Barbara, is the main enterprise on their family farm near Coleraine, County Londonderry. However, Tamnamoney tups now sell far from Ulster's scenic north coast to leading flocks nationwide.

"Growing up on a sheep farm where my father had the motto: 'big is beautiful', I learned a wee lamb makes a wee gimmer and a wee gimmer makes a wee ewe!" Roger recalled. "A conviction which greatly influences the type of Texel we select to produce pedigree sheep with power and commercial lambs with the size and shape to give good grades and fast finishing to pleasing prices. Sheep need size and substance for success!"

After Agricultural College, Roger, apart from working on the home farm part-time, spent four years helping Victor Chestnutt of Clougher Texels fame.

"When, ten years ago, I turned 21, a burning ambition to establish a pedigree Texel flock became a reality. Mum and Dad gave me a birthday present of a pedigree Texel ewe, as did my three sisters and Victor, who offered a free choice from his flock! Those three ewes, plus a fourth bought with my savings, were the foundation of the Tamnamoney Pedigree Texel flock."

"Victor then let my four ewes run with his leading tup which sired a first crop of six lambs, four of them ram



Roger and Barbara Strawbridge display a top class Texel ewe with the milk and mothering ability to rear three quality lambs

lambs. Thus, the new enterprise was up and running with minimal outlay and had good ram lambs to sell."

Ten years later, the Strawbridge family's commercial flock of 260 has been largely replaced by their pedigree Texels. The remaining 100 commercial ewes are half-Texels put back to Texel rams.

Scanned this year, despite endless wet autumn days, at 197% these ewes were winter-clipped at housing; an easy chore for Roger as a former contract shearer.

PROLIFIC

"The half-Texel ewe is hardy and prolific with plenty of milk and makes an excellent and attentive mother. Texel bred lambs certainly tend to stay cleaner than those from some common terminal tups and need less worming."

"In fact, it was working as a youngster with Texels in our commercial flock that led me into pedigree breeding. In the 1980s, Dad was one of the first commercial men hereabouts to use Texels. The change in the quality

● Report on Tamnamoney Flock ●

was clear Texels were ideal for the modern market."

"20 years later, Texel breeding dominates our local Causeway Coast Lamb Group with 80% of members using Texels to breed better grades for larger cheques with almost all of their lambs killing out at 22kg half weight in E, U and R grades."

Roger lacks the time to exhibit at all the Province's shows, but supports his local events and has enjoyed considerable success. No surprise, given the effort made to breed the very best type of Texel often in co-operation with former employer, Victor Chestnutt, of nearby Bushmills.

Together in 1995, they bought Chessy Batman at the Irish Republic's Maynooth Texel Show and Sale. The following season came Whitehall Commander, a very big sheep placed first in the Royal Ulster Shearling Class at Balmoral the following year.

MALVERN

"Then in 1997, Victor and I bought a true carcase maker, Millend Double Diamond, the Malvern Overall Champion and MLC Class Winner," Roger recalled.

"A grandson of Baltier Aerostar this ram bred lambs with tight skins and added a lot to the Tamnamoney gene pool. In 1999, we purchased Sportman's Frontier at the Lanark Premier Sale for 2,200gns. Sired by the famous Annan Elite, he was the RASE 1999 Second Prize Ram Lamb and is breeding good, strong lambs with excellent gigots and tight skins."

"Our current stock ram, Glenleary Garni, was bought at the Portadown Club Sale for 1,900gns from Coleraine breeder, Sharon Millar. I am very

excited about Glenleary Garni and really looking forward to seeing his progeny at grass."

Having invested in top class Texels and bred lambs with size and shape, Roger Strawbridge became a regular vendor at major mainland sales including Lanark.

Last year, for example, Roger and Barbara sold four lambs at Lanark to average £1,470, compared to a 1999 average of £1,498 over three lambs. Their top selling ram lamb out of Sportsman's Frontier was Tamnamoney Guinness at 2,200gns purchased by W J P & W G Thomas, Bryn Garth, Anglesey. Another son, Tamnamoney Glenfiddich, cost J S & A Howells of Tycan Llanwenog, Ceredigion, 2,000gns. To date, the highest price received was 2,800gns paid by Scottish breeder John Forsyth of Glenside for Tamnamoney Finnegan out of Clougher Dominator.

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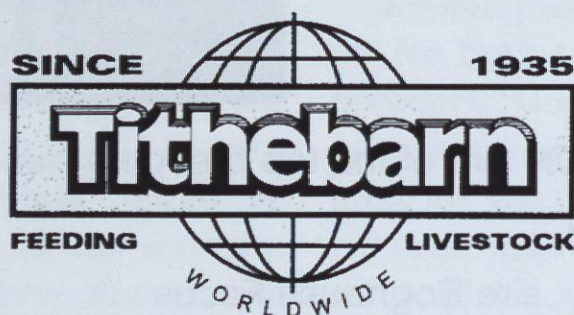
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Quality on Isle of Man

REPORT ON BALLAGLONNEY FLOCK

Texels came and have stayed at Ballaglonney, Crosby, Isle of Man, for strictly commercial reasons as producers of prime lamb to meet the island's highly quality conscious market. The result has been that Ballaglonney breeding has also built up a formidable reputation on the pedigree circuit with a string of major show and sale successes including at the Royal Manx, Royal Highland, Royal, and Royal Welsh Shows.

Ballaglonney is very much a family farming business with father, Colin Creer, son Danny, daughter Kate, and Danny's wife, Paula. The land is spread over three units: Ballaglonney itself which is just 70 acres of low lying ground; Coilingel, an upland unit of about 300 acres; and West Baldwin, an upland unit but also a good grass farm, again about 300 acres. There are also 100 acres of rented grazings at West Baldwin and the family lease hill grazing for up to 2,000 ewes.

Sheep are about 1,000 Mule and Texel cross commercial breeding ewes put to Texel tups; plus about 180 pedigree Texel ewes and a pure Blackface flock kept on the top ground. Blackface and Swaledale draft ewes are put to Bluefaced Leicester tups for Mule production.

The farms also carry 140 cattle; mostly Limousin and Blonde cross beef suckler cows put to Limousin and Belgian Blue bulls for spring calving with calves sold as stores the following autumn.

"There is a good market on the Isle of Man for a high quality product that



The farming family at Ballaglonney; Colin Creer with son Danny, daughter Kate, Danny's wife, Paula and baby Aalish

meets the right specification, but we are heavily penalised if we cannot meet these requirements. There is just one abattoir, a modern government owned unit that is run by a farmers' committee. About 60 per cent of meat produced on the island is exported mostly to England and France."

"The pricing structure is heavily quality-orientated with a base price set at R3L, then 20p per kg bonus for E3L/E2 and 10p per kg for U3L/U2. Over fat animals such as O4H are hit by a 35p per kg penalty. The required weight range is 16.5 kg to 19.5 kg carcass weight with a discount of 24p per kg on lambs below 16.5 kg and 10p per kg for lambs over 19.5 kg. In addition there is an additional 8p per kg paid for Farm Assured lambs. These are the prices for February 2001."

"The abattoir sources all its stock direct from farms, the live auction on the island handling just store and breeding stock," he said. "In 1978 I advised a company, Kennaa, on the import of Texels from France resulting

● BALLAGLONNEY TEXELS ●



Part of the Ballaglonney Flock

in an initial shipment of 125 ewe lambs and five ram lambs. Of these, five females and one tup came to Ballaglonney," said Colin.

The story is taken up by Danny saying: "We have always kept to the French Texel as we need size and good growth rates to compete with the Suffolk. Simply, our Texels have to match the Suffolk on weight and growth and produce a better lamb for our market."

"Apart from natural service, we have used AI since 1993 which helps to streamline our lambing and to make maximum use of our best genetics. We are looking for size, conformation and leanness but also breed for the tight skins which are favoured by buyers in the pedigree ring."

"Key tups over the years have included Kennaa Hermit, our first tup that was bred by Billard; Freeford Newboy bought in the mid '80s at Chelford; Hull House U Know Who, a big tight skinned ram bought at Lanark in 1992; Wollascott Winning Shot, another big ram that was strong on breed character and which then cost a record 5,600 gns at Lanark, only exceeded in 2000 by a grandson bred by Neil Crichton of the Tweed flock for £7,800 sold at Kelso; and

Baltier Diamond bought in 1997 at the Scottish Premier Sale for 10,000 gns," he said.

Stock tups used include a new addition for 2000, Castlecairn Good Luck, that is strong on breed type and it is hoped will breed well on the Winning Shot daughters; who has once again been used on any unrelated females.

Ballaglonney Texels have taken the coveted Rose Bowl for the supreme sheep at the Royal Manx Show three times. The flock has also provided a string of winners at the Royal Welsh Show and Ballaglonney topped the Welsh Premier Texel Sale for five years running from 1994 to 1998, as well as providing the sale champions in 1997 and 1998. Then last year Ballaglonney Dan Dare shown by Stephen Williams topped everything by becoming Texel champion at the three mainland Royal shows, wins that were all the sweeter for Stephen who bred Dan Dare's sire, Wollascott Winning Shot.

Shearling rams and ewes will be sold again during 2001 at Lanark, Builth Wells, Carlisle and Chelford with a further 50 locally on the Island.



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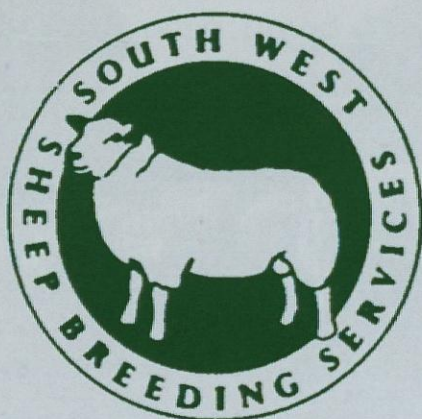
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Tip Toe into the 21st Century

● Report by Peter Johnson ●

Kilobytes and megabytes, gopher and binary converter, split cells and hypertext, ribosomes and pleiotropy, recombination and relationship matrix, centromere and mitochondria – the small change of chit-chat from suburbs and markets in the 21st Century. Can you cope?

Most weeks, the posh papers carry news of yet another advance in mapping the human genome. Worldwide, major projects in genome research are also in hand for all major livestock species. Their first fruits are being enjoyed by pig and poultry breeders. Cattle and sheep breeders will benefit from the new technologies within the next few years.

The value of a genome map as far as humans are concerned is that it advances the investigation and possible treatment of a wide range of diseases with a genetic component. In livestock, genome maps should help breed for resistance to some diseases. Markers for economically important traits will accelerate conventional selection programmes and identify genes of possible interest for gene transfer. Some traits are controlled by a single gene and their effect is clearly visible, coat colour or polledness for example.

Most of the commercially important traits, such as growth rate and carcass composition, vary considerably between individuals and are controlled by a number of genes. These variable (or quantitative) genes are located at quantitative trait loci (QTL) on the chromosome.

Genome maps identify the location

of individual genes or other sequences of DNA (molecular markers), genes that are either close together or on the same chromosome. Most markers are signposts, rather than destinations. They are located in the same region of the chromosome as the gene, or genes, of interest.

Any segment of DNA which identifies the variation between animals can be used as a marker. Markers can be used to speed up the introduction of genes from one breed to another, for example the Booroola gene for prolificacy. They can also be used to increase selection pressures for traits of economic importance. This is termed marker-assisted gene introgression and it can save two to three generations in the time taken to introduce a desired gene. Conversely, markers can also be used to avoid introducing unfavourable genes.

Marker assisted selection, on the other hand, involves altering the frequency of an existing gene. Selection to increase resistance to scrapie by testing genotypes in the flock is a classic example.

Sire reference schemes are an ideal structure for identifying genetic markers. Very large families are needed to find associations between a genetic marker through analysing DNA from a blood or hair sample, and a production trait.

Marker assisted selection is of most use for traits that are difficult or expensive to measure; for traits that are sex-limited or for traits that are expressed later in life. Examples here are carcass or meat quality traits, dis

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ease resistance and reproductive traits.

Because of recombination (see below) the marker and the gene/genes of interest will sometimes become separated from each other from one generation to the next.

To find a marker related to a specific trait, DNA samples are needed from at least two generations, parents and progeny, and performance records are needed from the progeny. Again, a sire reference scheme is an ideal vehicle.

As far as sheep are concerned, the current state of play is as follows: Collaborative research between New Zealand and the United States, with contributions from Australia, France and Germany, has produced a linkage map of 500 markers; some known genes but the majority are identified segments of DNA.

Identifying important regions of the genome, those containing influential QTL, using these markers is well under way through large projects in experimental populations in New Zealand, Australia, the USA, France and Kenya.

The next step is to identify and make use of QTL in commercial populations. This is where the UK steps in with research already under way involving the three major terminal sire reference schemes, Roslin, the SAC, Edinburgh University and the MLC. This three-stage UK initiative involves first comparing the performance of progeny within half-sib families with different marker genes at different places along the chromosome. Second, detailed investigation of the candidate regions and/or genes identified in stage one

and finally, devising strategies to use the results in breeding programmes, the research to be concluded by the autumn of 2003.

Ribosomes are the cell's protein factories. Pleiotropy occurs when a gene affects more than one characteristic, eg., Double muscling in cattle, affecting both muscularity and fertility. Recombination is the crossover of segments of a pair of chromosomes during cell division. Relationship matrix is the expected proportion of genes in common in a group of animals. Centromere is part of a chromosome and mitochondria is a cell's power station.

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Royal Ulster Show Report

Judge: Brian MacTaggart, Douganhill Farms, Palnackie, Castle Douglas.



Royal Ulster Show Champion - HBR00 048
Ballynahone Golden Boy, bred and exhibited
by Richard Henderson

The Millennium Royal Ulster Show will be remembered for the tremendous show of Texel sheep and the exceptionally warm weather.

Show Judge, Brian MacTaggart, showed no hesitation in placing Richard Henderson's ram lamb as Show Champion. This was Richard's second Royal Ulster Championship with a home-bred exhibit which won him considerable praise from Judge, Brian MacTaggart.



The Reserve Championship was awarded to Henry Gamble's Springwell flock with an outstanding shearling ewe.

Royal Ulster Show Reserve
Champion exhibited by Henry
Gamble

s: FTS 98065 PI(3) Springhill Expert	s: CVC 97002 PI(2) Clougher Duo	s: LJHI 96022 PI(1) Whitehill Commander d: CVC 93067 PI(2)
Champion HBR 00 048 (1) Ballynahone Golden Boy	d: FTS 95060 PI(2)	s: FTS 94058 PI(2) Springhill All Star d: GCW 93022 PI(3)
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Royal Ulster Show 2000

Full Results

AGED RAM:

- 1st M & J Watson – Hillhead (WHM)
- 2nd T J Carson & Sons – Downkillybegs (CTD)
- 3rd J Foster – Springhill (FTS)

SHEARLING RAM:

- 1st H George – Haramar (GHG)
- 2nd J Foster – Springhill (FTS)
- 3rd J Foster – Springhill (FTS)

SENIOR EWE:

- 1st H George – Haramar (GHG)
- 2nd A Cochrane – Seneirl (CAS)
- 3rd V Chestnutt – Clougher (CVC)

SHEARLING EWE:

- 1st H Gamble – Springwell (GRS)
- 2nd H Gamble – Springwell (GRS)
- 3rd R Henderson – Ballynahone (HBR)

RAM LAMB:

- 1st R Henderson – Ballynahone (HBR)
- 2nd R Henderson – Ballynahone (HBR)
- 3rd M & J Watson – Hillhead (WHM)

EWE LAMB:

- 1st A Cochrane – Seneirl (CAS)
- 2nd Miss L Reid – Castlenavan (RLC)
- 3rd J Foster – Springhill (FTS)

CHAMPION: R Henderson – Ballynahone (HBR) – Ram Lamb

RESERVE CHAMPION: H Gamble – Springwell (GRS) – Shearling Ewe

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Royal Highland Show Report

Judge: Robert Forsyth, Baltier Farm, Whithorn, Wigtownshire.

A record entry of 208 Texels were described by Judge, Robert Forsyth, as: "As good a show as I have seen at the Highland" His leader, the three-shear ram, Ballaglonney Dan Dare also found favour with Interbreed Judge, John Mackie, who placed him Reserve to the commercial ewe and lambs. Stephen and Carolynne Williams purchased Dan Dare, by Wollascott Winning Shot and out of a Ballaglonney ewe, for 4,600gns as a shearling ram at the National Sale in Builth Wells. The top ewe for three years in a row has come from Douganhill Farms. However, this time it was a Cambwell Yer Man daughter bred by Steven

Harrison who stood in Overall Reserve position.



The Princess Royal discusses the finer points of the Texel Breed



Reserve Champion, Douganhill Farms aged ewe.



Reserve Male Champion Muireisk Forever from the "Muireisk Forever syndicate"

Royal Highland Show 2000

● Full Results ●

AGED RAM:

- 1st S P & C P Williams – Wollascott (WSW)
- 2nd T MacTaggart – Rascarrel (MTR)
- 3rd A & J Alston – Drumchapel (AAD)

SHEARLING RAM

- 1st W J Knox – Haddo (KWJ), S G Mair & Sons – Muireisk (MSK), J P Forsyth – Glenside (FPG) and N & B Renwick – Castlecairn (RNA)
- 2nd G K Jamieson – Annan (JKA)
- 3rd D & S MacPherson – Hexel (MZH)

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RAM LAMB

- 1st S G Mair & Sons – Muireisk (MSK)
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- 3rd R Capper Jnr – Auchans (CAK)

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- 1st S G Mair & Sons – Muireisk (MSK)
- 2nd W J Knox – Haddo (KWJ)
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SENIOR EWE

- 1st Douganhill Farms – Douganhill (GCK)
- 2nd G K Jamieson – Annan (JKA)
- 3rd T Nesbitt & Son – Alwent (NTA)

SHEARLING EWE

- 1st W J Knox – Haddo (KWJ)
- 2nd A R W Barrie – Blackmount (BQA)
- 3rd C Scott – East Middle (SCE)

EWE LAMB

- 1st G H Gray – Ettrick (GGH)
- 2nd D M Milne – Turin (MDT)
- 3rd S G Mair & Sons – Muireisk (MSK)

MALE CHAMPION: S P & C P Williams, Wollascott (WSW) – Aged Ram

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION: W J Knox, Haddo (KWJ), S G Mair & Sons, Muireisk (MSK), J P Forsyth, Glenside (FPG) & N & B Renwick, Castlecairn (RNA) – Shearling Ram

FEMALE CHAMPION: Douganhill Farms. Douganhill (GCK) – Senior Ewe

RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION: W J Knox, Haddo (KWJ) – Shearling Ewe

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
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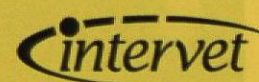
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Royal Show Report

Judge: David Chave, Peacehay Farm, Sampford Arundel, Somerset

2000 Royal Show saw exceptionally good Texel Classes, with Judge, David Chave, enjoying the challenge of picking his winners. The judging will be remembered by exhibitors and spectators as being both good humoured and light-hearted. David's Champion came from the Wollascott flock of Stephen and Carolynne Williams, in the shape of Ballaglonney Dan Dare, who went on to take the Interbreed Championship. The Reserve was an aged ram from Colin and Kate Ponting's Penstones flock.



Judge, David Chave, demonstrating the game of 'snakes and ladders' Texel style.



Reserve Champions in the Interbreed Pairs, Stephen & Carolynne Williams' Ballaglonney Dan Dare and Doug Nesbitt's Senior Ewe.



Reserve Champion, Colin & Kate Ponting's Senior Ram.

Royal Show 2000

● Full Results ●

PERFORMANCE RECORDED RAM LAMB:

- 1st G K Jamieson – Annan (JKA)
- 2nd V Chestnutt – Clougher (CVC)
- 3rd R M Sym – Callerton (SRC)

SENIOR RAM:

- 1st S P & C P Williams – Wollascott (WSW)
- 2nd C S Ponting & Co – Penstones (PCP)
- 3rd T MacTaggart – Rascarrel (MTR)

SHEARLING RAM:

- 1st H J & J R Draper – Claybury (DHL)
- 2nd M & J C Gould – Woodmarsh (GCW)
- 3rd R C L Watts – Rowden (WRR)

RAM LAMB:

- 1st A D Bishop – Luggs Hill (BCL)
- 2nd Boden & Davies Ltd – Sportsman's (BGS)
- 3rd G H Gray – Ettrick (GGH)

SENIOR EWE:

- 1st T Nesbitt & Sons – Alwent (NTA)
- 2nd R M Sym – Callerton (SRC)
- 3rd G K Jamieson – Annan (JKA)

SHEARLING EWE:

- 1st G K Jamieson – Annan (JKA)
- 2nd C Scott – East Middle (SCE)
- 3rd V Chestnutt – Clougher (CVC)

EWE LAMB:

- 1st T MacTaggart – Rascarrel (MTR)
- 2nd Boden & Davies – Sportman's (BGS)
- 3rd R & M Harvey – Netherkeir (HMN)

MALE CHAMPION: S P & C P Williams – Wollascott (WSW) – Senior Ram

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION: C S Ponting – Penstones (PCP) – Senior Ram

FEMALE CHAMPION: T Nesbitt & Sons – Alwent (NTA) – Senior Ewe

RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION: G K Jamieson – Annan (JKA) – Shearling Ewe

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Royal Welsh Show Report

● Judge: Graham W Jones, Garth Hall Farm, Llanfabon, Mid Glamorgan ●

Society Chairman and President, Graham Jones, judged the largest show of Texel sheep in the world. After a mammoth task, interrupted half way through by the arrival of His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, to inspect the ram lambs, Graham found his Champion in Stephen and Carolynne Williams' Ballaglonney Dan Dare. The Reserve Championship went to A. Wynne Davies's Bronallt flock in the form of his Aged Ewe. Commenting on the overall quality of the Texels exhibited, Graham said: "Without a doubt, this was the best show of Texel sheep to be seen at the Royal Welsh".



His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, discusses the attributes of the perfect Texel with Judge, Graham Jones.



Graham hard at work with some of the 80-strong ram lamb class.



A. Wynne Davies' Senior Ewe which was Reserve Champion

Royal Welsh Show 2000

Full Results

SENIOR RAM:

- 1st S P & C P Williams – Wollascott (WSW)
- 2nd C S Ponting & Co – Penstones (PCP)
- 3rd T G Williams – Caron (WLT)

SHEARLING RAM:

- 1st T G Williams – Caron (WLT)
- 2nd C S Ponting & Co – Penstones (PCP)
- 3rd Mr C E Pryce – Caereinion (PEC)

RAM LAMB:

- 1st J Morris – Green (MGG)
- 2nd A & J Hughes – Marlsbrough (HMJ)
- 3rd T G Williams – Caron (WLT)

SENIOR EWE:

- 1st A Wynne Davies – Bronallt (DWB)
- 2nd C S Ponting & Co – Penstones (PCP)
- 3rd J Morris – Green (MGG)

SHEARLING EWE:

- 1st A D Bishop – Luggs Hill (BCL)
- 2nd T G Williams – Caron (WLT)
- 3rd S J Smith – Penparc (SJP)

EWE LAMB:

- 1st R M & G L Watkins – Millend (WCM)
- 2nd A D Bishop – Luggs Hill (BCL)
- 3rd Mrs A M Evans – Raglan (EKR)

MALE CHAMPION: S P & C P Williams – Wollascott (WSW) – Senior Ram

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION: C S Ponting & Co – Penstones (PCP) – Senior Ram

FEMALE CHAMPION: A Wynne Davies, Bronallt (DWB) – Senior Ewe

RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION: A D Bishop, Luggs Hill (BCL) – Shearling Ewe

OVERALL CHAMPION: S P & C P Williams, Wollascott (WSW) – Senior Ram

RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION: A Wynne Davies, Bronallt (DWB) – Senior Ewe

BEST GROUP: S J Smith, Penparc (SJP) – Ram Lamb & 2 Ewe Lambs



Andrew Bishop's First Prize
Shearling Ewe

Great Yorkshire Show Report

Judge: Steve Smith, Penbryn, Castle Caereinion, Welshpool,

Judge, Steve Smith found his Champion at the Great Yorkshire Show in John North's Loxley Fancy Pants, a meaty gimmer. John showed this Loxley Cracker daughter out of a Pergill ewe last year and she was unbeaten as a ewe lamb. Reserve Champion was a super ewe from Peter Longdin's Wellingley flock. The Male Champion, Earnshaw General, was from the small flock belonging to Miss J E Mortimer. By Kirtle Chieftain and out of a Blowplain YooHoo ewe, this lamb was destined for sale at Skipton.

The Commercial Lamb Carcase Section was won by C R Fawcett with a Texel x Suffolk 35kg lamb, killing out at 59% to be a 20kg E2 and scoring 90 out of 100 points.



Steve Smith drawing his line up from the Shearling Ewe class.



Great Yorkshire Champion Loxley Fancy Pants from John North

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d: PMF 96015 PI(2)		d: NJL 92010 PI(2)
	d: PMF 93019 PI(2)	s: BWR 92025 PI(2) River Dale West Tip
		d: WHM 90033 PI(2)
		s: MDN 91019 PI(2) Noresk Vampire
		d: PMF 90030 PI(2)

Great Yorkshire Show 2000

Full Results

AGED RAM:

- 1st P Jewitt & Son – Osbaldeston (JPO)
- 2nd Parker Bros – Titus (PBT)
- 3rd P Jewitt & Son – Osbaldeston (JPO)

SHEARLING RAM:

- 1st Parker Bros – Titus (PBT)
- 2nd G Taylor – Parkholme (TGP)
- 3rd R & N Orr – Halbeath (ONH)

RAM LAMB:

- 1st Miss J E Mortimer – Earnshaw (MOJ)
- 2nd J L North – Loxley (NJL)
- 3rd T Nesbitt & Sons – Alwent (NTA)

AGED EWE:

- 1st H M & P C Longdin – Wellingley (LJW)
- 2nd H M & P C Longdin – Wellingley (LJW)
- 3rd R & N Orr – Halbeath (ONH)

SHEARLING EWE:

- 1st J L North – Loxley (NJL)
- 2nd Mrs M Perrings – Pergill (PMF) & Mr D Currie – Beauty (CUB)
- 3rd T Nesbitt & Sons – Alwent (NTA)

EWE LAMB:

- 1st H M & P C Longdin – Wellingley (LJW)
- 2nd J L North – Loxley (NJL)
- 3rd M C North – Flashley (NMF)

RAM & TWO FEMALES:

- 1st Mrs M Perrings – Pergill (PMF) & Mr D Currie – Beauty (CUB)
- 2nd Ms J E & F Booth – Wigglesworth (BEW)
- 3rd R & N Orr – Halbeath (ONH)

BEST MALE: Miss J E Mortimer – Earnshaw (MOJ) – Ram lamb

BEST FEMALE: J L North – Loxley (NJL) – Shearling Ewe

OVERALL CHAMPION: J L North – Loxley (NJL) – Shearling ewe

RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION: H M & P C Longdin – Wellingley (LJW) – Aged Ewe

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Winter Fairs Roundup

"A tremendous show, all the way through the classes," was judge Brian MacTaggart's verdict on the prime lambs he judged at the Scottish Winter Fair at Perth.

It was a rewarding stint, but not an easy one. There was little between the the champion and reserve pairs. "Both pens were evenly fleshed and well presented," said Mr MacTaggart. "The champion pair had just that little extra depth of gigot."

The supreme award went to a pen of Texel x Texel cross gimmer lambs shown by first-time exhibitors Callum and Vivienne Angus from West Mey, Thurso, home to a 1,400 predominantly Cheviot ewe flock and 230 sucklers.



Scottish Winter Fair Champion pair from Callum and Vivienne Angus, West Mey, Thurso.

The champion pen, by a Dutch sire, weighed 44kg and sold for £350, £7.95 per kg. They pipped to the post a pen of Suffolks out of a Texel x Suffolk ewe, from Malcolm Stewart, Brotherstone, Melrose..

Leading awards:

Texel cross light

- 1, A Morton (78kg)
- 2, R.Johnstone (79kg)
- 3, W.Howat (79kg).

Texel cross medium

- 1, C.Angus (88kg)
- 2, C.Angus (84kg)
- 3, J.Bogue & Co. (87kg).

Texel cross heavy

- 1, J.Bogue & Co.,(98kg)
- 2, H.Young (101kg)
- 3, A.Morton (102kg).

David Bishop and family, Colwall, Malvern, again enjoyed outstanding successes at major Winter Fairs. At Smithfield their butcher's weight winners, Beltex and Texel crosses, went on to take the supreme championship and their pen of Texels stood reserve for the short-woolled title.

At the National Primestock Show at Stafford, David took the championship with a Beltex pair and his son Andrew and daughter-in-law Becky the reserve award in both the live and carcass sections with Texels.



National Primestock Reserve Champions in the live section from Andrew and Becky Bishop, Malvern.

Champion carcass at Stafford was a 20.5kg Texel from O.P. & A. Berresford, Fenny Bentley, Derbyshire.

The Welsh Winter Fair saw further Bishop triumphs with both the supreme and reserve awards in the live pairs section and the carcass championship.

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Junior Stock Judging

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The Junior Stock judging Competition was again held after the Texel classes at the Royal Show. There was good interest with six club teams participating as well as junior individuals, and onlookers were encouraged to take part in a sweepstake – judging the same three classes from the outside of the ring.

In the team competition, the Scottish Club came up trumps for the second year running with Carol-Anne Warnock, John Struthers and Andrew Barrie accumulating 387 points. The Scotland 'B' team of Ian Struthers, Robert Allison and Caroline Orr came second with 363 points, only 1 point ahead of James and Hannah Draper and Anna Hughes of the Shropshire and Borders Club.

Individual honours were fiercely contested with Joshua Boden and

Adam Richardson tying in 1st place with 139 points. After being asked to discuss their placings with one of the official judges, Josh lifted the newly presented Martin Family Trophy. Carol-Anne Warnock took 3rd place and the top girl's trophy. The sweepstake was shared by the winner, Steve Richardson, and in second place, Steve Smith.

Many thanks go to official judges John North, Victor Chestnutt and Bob Lamb; for all assistants – especially Gordon Gray and Aubrey Andrews – and particularly those who brought out their sheep. Well done to all competitors, we hope you enjoyed the stockjudging and that you'll be back in 2001. If you are under 21 and interested in the competition, get in touch with your local club and give it a go this year!

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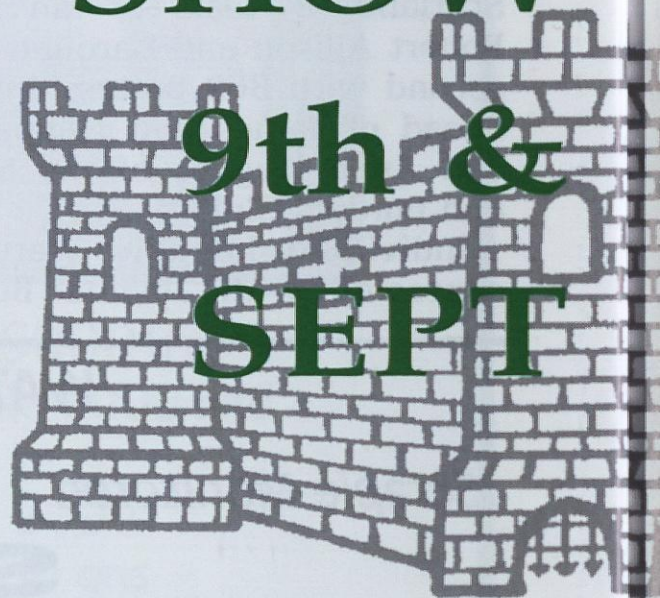
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Sire Reference Scheme

Question marks over premiums, the National scrapie plan, Signet reorganisation, exchange rates, etc., all reinforce the conviction that Easter, rather than mid-winter, would have been a much better bet to survey a new ETS sheep season.

In general, its a promising outlook, with:-

- Increasing demand for performance recorded rams;
- A successful first season using CT, the computer tomograph whole body scanner;
- Genetic resistance to nematodes now moving from the research phase to the field;
- A more flexible Sheepbreeder Mark 2 in the pipeline;
- A head-start in selecting for scrapie resistance with three of last season's reference rams genotyped ARR/ARR;
- A decision to increase the group's commitment to marketing;

In July of last year, ETS members sent 353 ram lambs to the CT unit. They were among the most promising lambs from ETS flocks, judged by performance - growth rate and ultrasound scan - and conformation.

Dr Mark Young, the Scientist in charge of the Unit, reported that overall, the Texel consignments were characterised by high muscle to bone ratio and well developed loins and gigots. For the first time he identified lambs with muscle to bone ratios greater than 5.0. Some lambs had remarkable development of muscle in the loin that warrants further investigation.

Results from CT are incorporated into members' performance data to

give a much more accurate picture of carcase composition in the live lamb. EBVs were published for muscle and fat depth measured, as previously, by ultrasound, but also for total weight of lean and total weight of fat.

CT will bring other benefits. For instance, answers to the many questions on relationships between conformation and carcase composition.

Also, convincing proof that the progeny of high index rams can benefit the prime lamb producer and the wholesalers and their multiple retail customers who are increasingly involved in lamb production through allied producer groups. This, and forthcoming results from the high/low trials, will be a valuable weapon in ETS' increasing involvement in marketing.

The high / low trials are a bolt-on to the Crossing Sire Project. This is a Project to develop a selection index for Longwool breeds such as the Bluefaced Leicester, to improve their carcase traits without losing valuable attributes such as prolificacy. It involves nearly 5,000 Mule ewes on farms in England, Scotland and Wales.

In the four-year, bolt-on programme, the Mules are mated with high and low index rams followed by a comprehensive assessment of their prime lamb progeny, both pre-slaughter and post-slaughter.

Following collaborative research involving ETS, Roslin, the Glasgow Vet School and MLC, selection for genetic resistance to nematodes is now moving into the field. The research has identified a high degree of inherited resistance in pedigree flocks.

● Sire Reference Scheme ●

This is not before time. Initial indications from a survey conducted by the Moredun Research Institute show that resistance to white drenches is found in some 60 percent of Scotland's sheep, compared with 24 percent 10 years ago. In the lowlands resistance could be up to 80 percent.

The familiar Sheepbreeder programme, designed for recorded flocks long before the advent of sire reference schemes, has been patched and adapted to cope with the increasing demands of the schemes. Now, MLC has approved the design of a new software programme to be in operation next year. It will involve electronic input and output systems, allow whole-breed blupping of all recorded flocks, provide a flexible means of extracting data and allow for easy inclusion of additional recorded traits, genetic resistance to nematodes for example.

Breed specific indexes will be possible and a much more realistic assessment of the inherent attributes of ram lambs born outside sire reference schemes. This will remove a major cause of friction where, under the present system, bought-in ram lambs, whatever their pedigree, start with a substantial handicap as far as performance is concerned.

If the final version of MAFF's National Scrapie Plan does not deviate markedly from the consultative document, all pedigree breeders will have to seriously consider their options, sooner rather than later. It is clear that 'a voluntary scheme' will be a fairly short-term prelude to a compulsory scheme.

Whatever the final version of the

Scrapie Plan, Texel breeders will have a good deal of work to do to meet MAFF targets, simply because of the genetic make-up of our breed. With a genetically-linked population of some 10,000 ewes, ETS members are well-placed to make progress without jeopardizing selection for other characteristics.

Texel sales are certainly buoyant but history has shown time and again that complacency is the pedigree breeder's besetting sin. Hence a marketing drive. This will target an increasingly receptive audience; the growing number of substantial prime lamb producers who appreciate the need for high performance, in growth rates and lean meat yield. They will be targeted by direct mail, through prime lamb groups and via the World Wide Web, with details of both ETS group activities and progress and the stock available from members' flocks. Although there is no crock of gold in the export business, the possibilities here are also being addressed.

Finally, a public thank you to Richard Oates who has stepped down as Chairman of ETS after nine years at the helm. During this time, the Texel sire reference scheme has grown from 20 members recording 4,000 lambs to 60 members recording more than 6,000 ewes and in excess of 10,000 lambs. His successor is Chris Lewis whose Edingthorpe flock was profiled in the 1999 Journal.

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Flock Profiles

• LOXLEY TEXELS •

Although it was only founded in 1990 the Loxley Texel flock has already made a big impact on the shows and sales circuit in northern England and beyond.

John North was introduced to the breed in 1984 by his father, also called John, on the family farm at Fenwick

Grange, by the village of Moss, near Doncaster. He was impressed with the high quality commercial traits apparent in the breed's conformation so John decided to invest in a Texel flock of his own and his Loxley flock was first registered in 1990. It is founded on Flashley females, bought from his father, along with a handful of other selective purchases.

The Loxley flock has made immediate impact, with rams selling to 1600gns at the Lanark sale and regular show and sale successes recorded at the Northern Area Club Sale at Skipton. John now runs 50 pedigree breeding females on the 40 acres of grassland he has around Fenwick Grange.

Now the pedigree flock is at its optimum level a small commercial flock is being developed for breeding Easter-type lambs out of season to enter in the winter primestock shows.

This follows John's win at the 1999 National Primestock Show at Birmingham. His two pure-bred Texel



A portion of the pedigree Loxley Flock of Texels

lambs were first in their class on John's only winter primestock show entry so far. The family have also shown commercial lambs only once during the summer show season – they took fl Texel lambs to the Great Yorkshire Show in 1987 and won the supreme championship!

"To compete seriously on the winter primestock circuit you have to lamb ewes in the summer to have them at their peak at the right time of year," John explained. "I purchased a well muscled lamb from John Currie in Northern Ireland which has gone to Texel and Texel cross Roussin ewes to produce lambs for the 2001 shows. I am sure the scale of these ewes combined with the fleshing qualities of this ram will produce the modern type of butchers' lambs which are wanted."

"The Texel is a carcase breed," said John. "It came into this country to do a job – and that was to put carcase quality into the UK flock. The Texel's greatest quality is its meat yielding carcase and that is why it has made

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such rapid progress in its growing domination as a terminal sire."

John does strike one note of caution to Texel breeders however. He urges them not to go too far down the road of breeding excessively large-farmed sheep.

"The Texel breed is not supposed to be big. It does not have the limbs or frame to carry a big carcass. Its beauty is its small compact frame which can carry lots of meat and provide good killing out percentages. If the butcher wants bigger sheep the commercial ewe can be used to add scale," he said.

Throughout the planning and development of his Loxley flock John has concentrated on maintaining this fleshing quality and on breeding sheep which are correct and true to breed type.

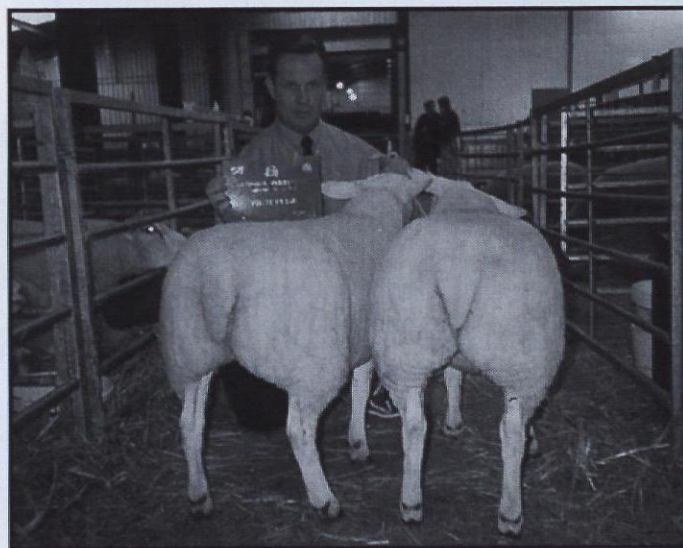
In 1988 John purchased a ewe lamb at the Skipton sale. She came from the Drake Hill flock and cost 490gns. She has since gone on to make her mark in the breeding lines of the flock.

The Drake Hill ewe was served by Milton of Noth Sir Neil, which was purchased at Chelford, and her first daughter went on to produce an outstanding pair of ewe lambs when served for the first time by Sportsman's Vice Chancellor. These ewe lambs have proved to be the backbone of the flock.

Another ewe, purchased at the Wold Newton dispersal, produced a ewe and a ram lamb by Vice-Chancellor and it was this ram lamb, Loxley Will Scarlet, which sold at Lanark for 1600gns in 1992.

The buyer of this ram was Geoff Boden who runs the Sportsman's flock and it was he who bred the sire, of which a half share had been purchased at Lanark in 1991. Several other selective female purchases were made over the next few years before John made the decision to breed all his own flock ewes.

Success in the show ring was beginning to become a regular occurrence for the Loxley Texels and John was delighted in 1994 when a ewe lamb he had bred, out of one of the Vice-Chancellor twins, was reserve female at the Lincolnshire County Show and third in a strong entry at the Great Yorkshire. She was sired by Grayrigg Velox, which was an outstanding ram, owned by the late Mike Perrings. The Perrings family also served some of John's ewes with their Noresk Vampire ram and John heaps great praise on Mike and his family for all the help and encouragement they gave him as a new starter in the breed. Brian MacTaggart has also been a source of helpful advice and it was he who



First prize Texel lambs at the National Primestock Show,

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encouraged John to take part in the National Primestock Competition.

As the Loxley flock developed, its quality was recognised by show judges and buyers and homebred females began to make their mark on the circuit. Loxley Alison made her name on the show circuit before selling at Skipton in 1995 for 595gns. She was the first of a line of Loxley gimmers which have become a feature of this Skipton event.

From 1996 till 2000 John has won every reserve supreme championship at the show prior to this sale. However in 1999 he went one step better and won both the championship and the reserve championship awards. His champion was a ram lamb and his reserve was a gimmer both were by his homebred ram, Loxley Cracker.

At the Skipton sale in 1998 five Loxley-bred gimmers sold for a centre record average of 660gns. This included the sale of Loxley Dawn Run, the pre-sale reserve champion and second prize gimmer at the Yorkshire Show. She took the bidding to 1550gns. At the same sale a ewe lamb, Loxley Madame Butterfly, was snapped up at 950gns.

In 1996, 1997 and 1998 John was awarded the small flocks' championship in the Northern Area Texel Club's flock competition. In all those years he also won the Club's show points trophy.

Loxley Cracker was born in 1996 and on his one and only show outing as a lamb he was the first prize ram lamb in a big class at the Great Yorkshire Show. John took him to the Lanark

sale with high hopes but he was in the last lot to go into the ring and unfortunately he had to come home again. So John sold a half share to his brother in-law's farming partnership, C and A Jordan, for the Hales flock and used the ram himself.

The following lambing time the disappointment of Lanark turned to relief. John was delighted to have secured the services of this outstanding stock sire for his own flock. Cracker has proved to be a first class sire of both males and females and he had countless breed and interbreed championships as a shearling.

The Great Yorkshire Show has always been one of John's favourite shows and one which he regards as being amongst his greatest challenges. So when he won the Texel supreme breed championship in the Millennium year he was more than delighted. His winning gimmer, Loxley Fancy Pants, is being retained at Fenwick Grange as a new recruit for the pedigree flock.

John is a young breeder with a true enthusiasm for the breed and a desire to be part of its continued success in the 21st century. He was elected to the judging panel in 1998 when he was just 30-years-old and takes a real interest in the development of the breed society. This enthusiasm, together with the quality of his Loxley flock, is sure to secure John a major part in the continued progress of the Texel breed.

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• The Campbells and Cowal Texels •

"I look upon the sheep as a pleasure and relaxation".

Keith Campbell, who holds this seemingly insane view, runs almost a thousand ewes in one of the wildest and most challenging areas of the U.K. - Argyll, in Scotland's wild west. The 3,000 plus Severely Dis-advantaged acres of Drimsynie rise to 2,600 feet above sea level, with the lowest ground nestling at an un-cosy 1,400 feet. The area is "refreshed" with 110 inches of annual rainfall.

This is definitely sheep-only country, and the vast majority of the Drimsynie flock are Scottish Blackfaces. There are however 75 pedigree Texels - the "Cowal" flock, these are the source of the "pleasure and relaxation", so valued by Keith and brother Alan. A third brother - Roy, runs the Lakeland Sheep and Wool Centre at Cockermouth in Cumbria. The three brothers trade as K., A. and R. Campbell (the Good, the Bad and the Ugly?).

Gone are the days when a thousand hill ewes could support a couple of families, and farmers have been urged to diversify for decades. The Campbells were some of the first to respond.

In 1968 they provided a caravan park in the nearby village, which was developed as a scout camp, on the condition that they were allowed to manage the caravan park themselves. From that small seed has grown a major tourism enterprise, employing over 180 people, located at Drimsynie and at Dunoon, on the River Clyde, with over 1200 holiday homes; static caravans, chalets and lodges. Of these 230 are owned by the Campbells, the remainder are privately owned, with

the Campbells receiving a ground rent.

With more holiday homes than sheep to care for, it becomes clear as to why the Campbells find their four legged friends more relaxing than the thousands of two legged tourists who holiday in the "Campbell Kingdom".

The location of Drimsynie at the head of Loch Goil, with the surrounding land reaching dramatically for the clouds, is stunning, yet less than 50 miles from the 2.5 million inhabitants of Glasgow (and its airport). Sheep are needed to keep the vegetation on the steep slopes tourist friendly, and sheep in these parts generally means Scottish Blackface.

In September 1984 however Drimsynie welcomed its first Texel. "We had seen them at the Royal Highland where we had been showing Highland ponies", explained Keith, "and we were really impressed with the shape of them, we couldn't get over the backsides on these sheep", he added.

Over the next few years the Campbells bought a few more Texels and chopped and changed the bloodlines, in what they regarded very much as a "hobby" flock. "We had a lot of fun showing them and promoting the breed at the local shows at a time when there were very few pedigree Texels in Argyll", said Keith. "The locals were quietly curious to see just how these meaty sheep would fare in such a demanding environment", he added.

By 1990 the Campbells had realised that the breed was worth taking seriously and pedigree numbers had increased to around 40. Ten years later

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they had almost doubled to 75; the current number.

In fact it was on a buying mission to the "Grougfoot" flock of the McKerrow family at Linlithgow, near Edinburgh, that Keith spotted a particularly striking female called Irene. This female, sired by David McKerrow, was eventually secured by Keith and taken back to Drimsynie as Mrs. Keith Campbell.

The purchase of Tinwald Yorkie in 1993 for 17,000 gns, along with Irene McKerrow's brothers, plus Gordon Gray of the "Ettrick" flock at Selkirk and Keith Jamieson of the "Annan" flock in Dumfriesshire was, in Keith's view, a major step forward. "He put some real quality through our females and many of our current flock carry his blood", he said.

Yorkie was followed by North Quarter Deluxe, bought by the same group, minus the McKerrows, for 15,000 gns. This sheep brought "a good skin, strength and character" to the "Cowal" flock.

Cowal Firecracker, which won the MLC ram class at the 1999 Royal Highland carried a blend of Yorkie and Deluxe breeding.

These hefty ram investments are paying off; with Cowal Dynamite selling at Lanark in 1997 to John Morris of Anglesey for 4,000 gns. Two sons of Dynamite have each won a first prize at the last two Royal Welsh Shows.

Ulster breeder Henry Gamble bought Cowal Enterprise the following year for 780 gns. His progeny have also done well in the Province.

The November 1999 sale of shearling ewes at Lanark was topped at 3,000 gns by a Cowal gimmer who had collected a fistful of show rosettes during the summer. She was bought by the Mairs of the "Muiresk" flock in

Aberdeenshire.

The "Cowal" flock currently holds, for the second time, the title for the Best Large and Overall Texel Flock in Scotland.

The Campbells, utilising their tourist facilities, hosted a "Texel Weekend" in November 2000. The highlight of this event was an invitation sale of 18 gimmers. The plan was to send as many people as possible home with a gimmer, (hopefully not the one they came with). The top price of 4,000 gns was hit twice, with the Campbells clocking up a very acceptable 2,800 gns for their offering.

In fact there has been a social Texel Weekend for breed enthusiasts at Drimsynie for the last ten years. All who attend are able to enjoy, amongst other things, curling, bowling, laser shooting, golf and even a little liquid weight lifting!!!

The Texels have not been confined to pedigree breeding at Drimsynie. Sixteen years ago the Campbells experimented with the Texel sire over 20 Blackface ewes. The next year they put 75 Blackies to the Texel. The year after that - half the flock. By the fourth year the entire Blackface flock was mated with Texel tups and nothing has changed since.

Blackie replacements are now bought in from John Wight of Midlock in Lanarkshire. "We want them big, with good skins and legs, the colour of their heads is immaterial", said Keith.

So what was it that persuaded the Campbells to go 100% Texel with their rams? Money of course!

"When we first started using the Texel as a crossing sire we were selling the bulk of our lambs as stores at Dalmally, and the Texel crosses were averaging five pounds a head more than the pure Blackies", explained Keith. "That as much as

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anything made the local hill farmers take a second look at the Texel!".

Since then that premium margin has widened to around £7.50 per head.

The Blackies start lambing the third week of April. All cross lambs are sold fat with the first draw being the singles straight off the hill from the end of August/early September through to early November. The remainder are over-wintered off the farm, eventually landing at Roy Campbell's Sheep and Wool Centre in Cumbria. Part of Roy's sheep show is a shearing demonstration, so each Drimsynie hogg gets a minute of stardom before being drafted into batches of 30 or 60 and traded on the electronic auction run by Harrison and Hetherington of Borderway Mart at Carlisle.

"We reckon that on average, 23 out of every 30 of these hoggs earn a grade premium, which considering they are out of Blackface ewes and born and bred in bonny and wild Argyll, says a lot for the Texel influence", said Keith.

A market premium is all very well, but you have to have a live lamb to sell and Blackies had been bred in this wild environment for generations, mainly because of their liveability. The hope of a "softie" Continental enduring the climate and thriving seemed, at the least, optimistic.

"That fear was obviously in our minds the first year the Texel cross lambs were born", said Keith. "But we soon discovered that we didn't need to worry - we couldn't believe how hardy the Texel crosses were. They were treated exactly the same way as the pure Blackies, and we were amazed how well they stood the weather - they're real survivors and we're confident that they are the best shaped sheep we can produce off our

hills", he added. "And what's more - since crossing with the Texel our lambing percentages have increased!".

Until recent times the subsidy system had deterred the Campbells from retaining some of the Texel cross Blackface ewe lambs. The change of subsidy rules has resulted in the Campbells now keeping a few as another "experiment". Watch this space!

The conspicuous increased income the Texel crosses have earned for the Campbells has resulted in them developing a strong local market in Argyll and Dunbartonshire for shearling tups, particularly over the last couple of years. They also sell shearlings at Kelso, Perth and Stirling.

"The future for Texels here is very, very strong", said Keith. "Also, earlier this year I spent a couple of weeks in New Zealand, and the Texel is fitting into the lamb market there really well too. They have adapted the breed to suit their "Easycare" system, where just one man cares for a couple of thousand ewes. With sheep being one of the mainstays of the total New Zealand economy, the Texel is set to have a major impact on the whole country!", he explained.

Back home at Drimsynie, Keith and his brothers accept that the scenery they market so well needs ovine lawn mowers, so they have no choice but to keep sheep. "The Texel breed has given us a totally new dimension to sheep breeding - they've not only put money in our pockets, but also give us a passport to visit and be part of great events like the Royal and Royal Highland Shows. They're a great breed to be involved with - they're great sheep and the people are great company too!".

SAC Research Update



SOME of the commonest questions at Texel breeders' meetings include:-

◆ Are the relative weightings of live weight, muscle and fat in the lean growth index used by Signet still appropriate for all breeds?

◆ Shouldn't conformation be included in this type of index?

◆ Is selection on this index leading to crossbred lambs which are more difficult to finish?

As a direct result of these queries, a BBSRC and MLC-funded PhD studentship was set up at SAC to address the first two of these issues.

Huw Jones was appointed to the studentship, and he is about half way through his studies at the moment. He will have results on the relevance of continued selection for lower fatness within the next year and results on conformation, including the role that CT scanning can play in the following six months.

PART OF LARGER PROJECT

The third of the issues mentioned is being addressed as part of an MLC-funded trial which involves mating high and low index Texel, Suffolk and Charollais sires to Mule ewes; this is part of a larger project investigating genetic improvement of crossing breeds, funded by MAFF and MLC, and involving SAC, WIRS and ADAS.

Lambs from the first year's matings are on the ground now (wishing they had webbed feet!), and there will be a further three lamb crops produced to get sufficient numbers of animals to properly answer questions about finishing patterns, and the value of high index terminal sires.

So the final results should be available in about four years' time, but there should be good indications of the final results before then.

HELP FROM ETS MEMBERS

Many Texel breeders will be aware of the fact that Elite Texel Sires members have been helping us for the last three years with MAFF MLC and SERAD-funded research to identify the most cost-effective use of CT scanning in the UK sheep

industry.

This has involved scanning about 3,000 lambs in sire referencing schemes (SRS), to get reliable estimates of the association between CT and Signet ultrasound measures.

Although there is still some work to do in this area, it is likely that the best use of CT will be in identifying potential reference sires after an initial screening of animals based on Signet scanning results.

MLC SUPPORTS SRSS TO USE CT

MLC have recently agreed a three year programme of support, to help the major meat breed SRSSs use CT to identify rams with high lean growth, and other favourable carcase attributes.

Rams from some of the earlier-lambing breeds have already been scanned at the time of writing, and others are being booked in for this first year of the programme.

The results will have an immediate impact on the accuracy of EBVs and index scores, both for scanned animals and their relatives.

We also hope to have a BSc student working this year on the existing CT data, to validate the use of ultrasonic scanning in identifying high and low lean growth animals in different breeds.

Although we have done some preliminary work on this issue with Dutch Texel breeders, we would like to do more work on exactly how best to define good muscularity, and how to use CT to measure this effectively. We hope to work closely with the Society in the future in seeking resources for this area of work.

GENOTYPING MAY HELP SELECTION

ETS members have also been helping us in a joint Roslin/University of Edinburgh/SAC trial, funded by MAFF and MLC, which is looking for DNA markers of growth and carcase attributes in sheep.

If we do find useful associations between animals' genotypes for one or more marker genes, and their growth and carcass attributes, then genotyping may increase the accuracy of selection for these traits, when it is combined with current performance recording methods.

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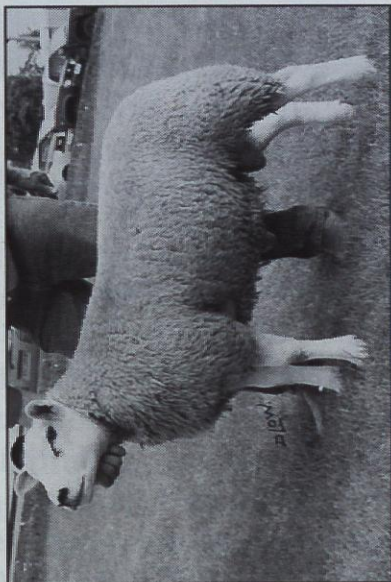
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Baltier Glory

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Sire : Turin Fantastic

Club Reports

• SOUTH EASTERN •

At our AGM in May, we saw the Chairman of the past two years, Ian Taylor, step down. Our thanks to Ian for all his hard work. Jim Kerr was elected as the new Chairman and Irainne Styles took on the role of Secretary.

On 13th May, some of the members attended Kent College in Canterbury for a training day with some Young Farmers. The day included selecting fat lambs, showing techniques, foot trimming, worming and scanning. The Young Farmers Clubs were grateful for the time we had given them.

Our show season got underway in a very wet May with Heathfield Show being cancelled due to the bad weather. The Reserve Championship at Surrey County Show went to Dinah Morrison and Ian Taylor with their ram lamb.

Our Biennial Flock Competition was held on 5th and 6th June and was kindly judged by Mike Horton from Burghill, Hereford, and sponsored by Youngs Animal Health. The overall winner and winner of the large flock went to Tim Healy (Wealden Texels). Tim also represented the South Eastern Club in the National Flock Competition. Jim Horn (Beechlands Texels) was the winner of the small flock.

The South Of England Show saw success for Dinah Morrison and Ian Taylor's Shearling Ram which took the Championship and Jim Horn's Shearling Ewe which took Reserve.

At the Royal Show, Robert Page's three children represented the South

Eastern Texel Club in the Junior Stock Judging Competition.

John & Kate Marshall took the Championship at Kent County Show with their Shearling Ram. Dinah Morrison and Ian Taylor picked up Reserve with their Ram Lamb.

At Cranleigh Show, Robert Page swept the board taking the Championship with his Shearling Ewe and Reserve with his Ewe Lamb.

Edenbridge & Oxted Show saw the Championship won by Jim Horn with his Shearling Ram and Syd and Mary Chaplin's Shearling Ewe Reserve.

On 9th September, Bill Baldock, Tony & Charlie Oliver and Jim Horn were kind enough to hold farm walks. Everyone who attended had an enjoyable afternoon and our thanks go to the hosts.

Louis Andreozzi from Petworth agreed to judge our Annual Show & Sale, which was held at Maidstone Market on 21st September and sponsored by Grain Harvesters Ltd. The judge chose a Shearling Ram from Syd and Mary Chaplin as Champion which sold for £340. The Show & Sale saw an average of £237.80, which was slightly up on the previous year and a good proportion of the rams forward were sold.

In October, a joint social evening was held with the Eastern Breeders Club and those who were brave enough to tackle the floods had a most enjoyable evening.

The South Eastern Club members have done well in this year's Primestock Shows. At the South

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Eastern Primestock Show, Angley School took the Championship with their pair of Texel Cross Lambs; they also went on to take the Championship at Maidstone & District Fatstock Show. Tim Healy was Reserve in the Carcase Competition at the South Eastern Primestock Show.

Anthony & Melvin Pearson & Irainne Styles won the Champion Live lambs at Ashford Cattle Show with a pair of Texel Cross Lambs.

Bertie Bull won the Carcase Championship and Bill Baldock was Reserve. Texel Cross Lambs are commanding a good premium at all the local markets.

Irainne Styles
Secretary

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Club Reports

• CENTRAL SOUTHERN BREEDERS •

Our small Club continues to fly the Texel flag in our area. Club members gathered several awards at the region's main shows. Drayton Farm Partnership did very well as usual at the Surrey County and New Forest Shows and Waid and Georgie Helyer gained Reserve Champion with their shearling ram at the Royal Bath & West.

Our Annual Show and Sale at Wilton attracted many regular, but increasingly discerning, buyers with the top price going to a Langford ram sired by Langford Daniel. Drayton farms gained the Show Champion and Adrian Dufosse did well in the sales, both at this sale and the later ones.

In November, we organised a "Sheepy Evening" at Salisbury Livestock Market by kind invitation of Southern Counties Auctioneers and Lillico Attlee were our main sponsors. This was, we thought, a great success

with about 90 people attending. Chaired by John Wood from Lillico Attlee, John Thorley was our first speaker, followed by Steve McLean from BTSS and Andrew Pine from Vitamealo and finally, a lamb cutting demonstration by David Granger from the Chitty Food Group. We were shown how modern housewives who shop at the modern supermarkets can be tempted to buy lamb by cutting them in fancy ways and wrapped in fancy packets. Many who came to the evening went home with tasty looking meals. Our Treasurer, David Farmer, made sure that no one dare enter the meeting without a raffle ticket – which greatly helped our finances!

**Remember our Sale – 2nd
Thursday in August
(9th August 2001)**

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Club Reports

• EASTERN TEXEL BREEDERS •

Its 23rd November 2000, its raining (of course) and the deadline for submitting the Club Report is approaching fast. Looking back over the year, the Club's annual gathering at Newmarket for our AGM and Dinner was the most enjoyable for a long time. Nearly all remaining members who have stayed loyal to the Club turned up. Our guests from the South Eastern Club – a tough crowd of tall men and softly spoken, pretty women (but equally tough) – battled through the darkness and driving rain to be with us.

We particularly enjoyed the company of SETG's Chairman, Jim Kerr, and his wife, Ann, who had entertained a small contingency of the ETBS at a social evening in Sissinghurst in early November. Amongst others, we had also invited Auctioneer Mark Cleverdon from Ashford Market. Having lost most local markets,

ETBC Club members regularly drive south to sell at Ashford's ram sales in October. Ashford simply must be one of the best-designed markets in the country. Originally occupying a town centre site, a new out-of-town market was opened in May 1998. Its almost elegant design, which was developed in-house after careful research includes such user-friendly and unique features as overhead walkways and a light and airy shopping precinct with a restaurant, and even a barbers shop for all those wild men from the Romney Marshes!

ETBC news? We are down to 31 paid-up members. There is a great determination amongst the last of the pride of East Anglian breeders to keep the Club going. Talking about pride, I should mention that we have some high achievers in our boutique of a Club - the export of rams to Holland (T

Prentice); the export of semen to Germany (CDM Lewis). Rams are selected by the ETS (K Williams) and top ETS stock sire (R Clay).

Other Club members continue to do well in competitions, be it at County Shows or Winter Fairs. Showing real tenacity and fighting spirit, they steam up and down the M6 with their big trailers with even bigger sheep to sell at Society and Club Sales!

Another bit of hot news is that Roy Mallows (our present Club Chairman) and his partner Kim had a baby boy, named Harry. Asking Kim about Roy's attendance at antenatal classes she said: "Roy thinks he knows enough about the subject so it's unnecessary for either of us to go!" I gather Roy didn't need his lambing ropes.

As if she wasn't going to be busy enough, Kim has also kindly agreed to be our new Secretary. Being an ace with PCs and managing Roy for some time now, she is well-equipped to keep this small flock of ETBC members together.

So finally, like all Club secretaries would say, I thoroughly enjoyed shepherding my obedient little flock, in good times as well as bad times – but hang on.....wait a minute..... "Come bye, Skip, come bye... get that little *@# + **!!

Sylvia Rawlings
(No longer) Club Secretary!



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Club Reports

• SOUTH WEST •

Despite all of the wet weather, it has been another busy and exciting year for the South West Club.

We started the year in November at our AGM, at which I was elected Chairman again, with Caroline Winkworth as Vice Chairperson and Michael Lear as Treasurer and John Robinson as Club Secretary agreeing to carry on their posts for another year. David Laphorne was presented with the Primestock Cup for gaining the most points in the Carcase Competition held over the previous twelve months for the second year running. Our famous skittles team surprised us all this year and beat the SW Suffolk Club. A lot of members attended the match and everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner was held in December, again at the Waie Inn, Zeal Monachorum, where everybody present had an excellent evening. Our first major Show was in May at the Devon County Showground, Exeter, which was judged by Jim Warnock who travelled down from Lanark. He was presented with a lot of good quality sheep and he placed the F H Chave and Son aged ram as Breed Champion and Marshall Farms Ltd shearling ewe as Reserve Champion. Nick Cook had another good year and was placed Reserve Champion in the Carcase Competition.

Our next major Show was the Royal Cornwall Show. Again there were a lot of good quality sheep and the Judge, Mr P Barnes from Tamworth, placed Marshall Farms Ltd aged ram as Breed Champion and Bicton College's aged

ewe as Reserve Champion. Robert Watts had another excellent day, winning a third prize with his shearling ram at the Royal Show.

Our Exeter NSA Ram Sale in August was kindly judged by Mr Don Wrench from North Wales who gave Champion to E W Quick & Sons with a shearling ram, and Reserve Champion to Mrs C M Gale with her shearling ram. Quality sheep were selling very well again this year but unfortunately there were too many sheep forward for the amount of buyers present.

Our last Club Sale was held at South Molton. This Sale was most successful with most lots sold and good prices obtained. At the NSA Sale at Bulth Wells, Robert Watts had a brilliant day, winning Champion with his shearling ram.

We unfortunately had a very wet day for our Open Day held in late October. But the weather did not spoil the excellent day that Gerald David & Sons from Porlock provided us and the SW Suffolk Breeders with. They showed us their cattle which they show all across the country. We then had an interesting and detailed tour of the abattoir and a demonstration of how they cut the joints of meat for their shops across the South West. They then provided us all with a pork roast and drinks.

At the Festival of Meat at Smithfield in late November, Robin Slade did extremely well and got Reserve Champion Overall, with Michael Lear getting first prize and Clinton Devon Farms getting a second prize.

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• SOUTH WEST •

Our Flock Competition was judged by Steve Smith. The results were:-

Large Flock

- 1st F H Chave & Son
- 2nd N Tavernor
- 3rd R Watts

Small Flock

- 1st Sarah Chambers
- 2nd John Studley
- 3rd J Robinson

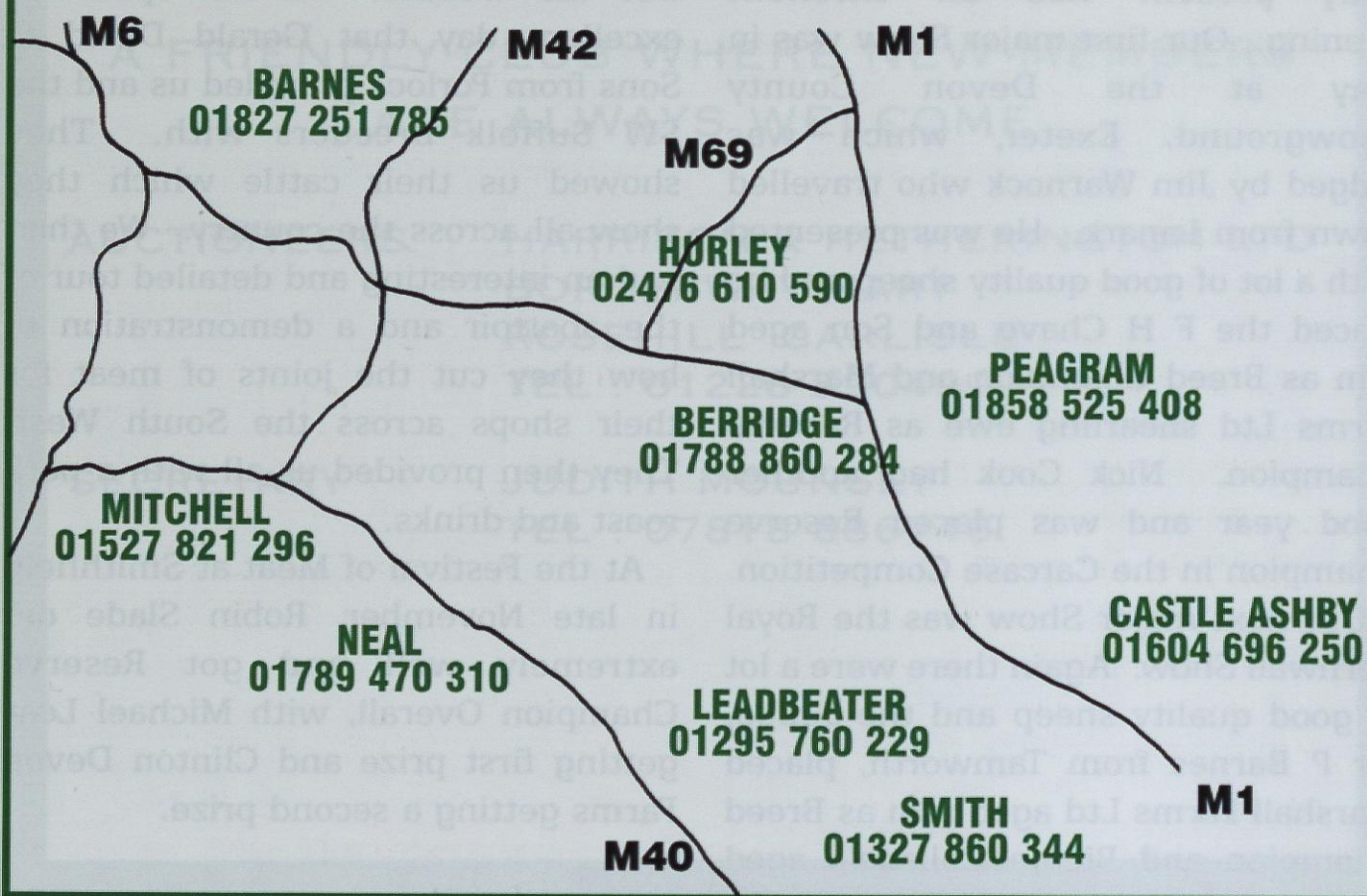
Nick Tavernor won the ewe lamb class.

Once again, it has been a very busy year but most enjoyable and I would like to thank all those members who have given their time to help with the running of the South West Group. I would also like to wish all members and everybody associated with the Club the very best for 2001.

Jim Pile
Chairman

MIDLAND TEXEL BREEDERS CLUB ~ ANNUAL SALE 28 SEPTEMBER 2001

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Club Reports

• SOUTH WALES •

The year began with a progeny competition at Sennybridge. This is proving to be a very popular family outing with the largest entries to date. Mr Steve Smith judged and the winners were:-

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| 1st | Mr and Mrs Colin Phillips
Weobley |
| 2nd | Mr and Mrs Adrian Windsor
Fern |
| 3rd | Mr and Mrs Gwynfor Richards
Ynysau |
| 4th | Mrs Avril Evans
Raglan |

The evening ended with a delicious buffet prepared by the lady members of the Club.

In May, we had a well-attended Open Day at the home of our successful and outgoing Chairman, Mr Adrian Windsor, at Whitland. It was a very wet, cold day which failed to dampen the spirit because of a well-organised farm walk where we saw an excellent flock of Texels and the dairy herd. Thank you to Adrian and Amanda for the warm welcome and splendid tea that ended the visit.

Later that evening, we held our AGM at the Bowls Club in Whitland. We were delighted to have our National Chairman, Mr Graham Jones, and his wife, Mary, with us. Also, our Field Officer and his wife, Mr Don and Mrs Jean Wrench.

The Club Officials for the year are:
Chairman

Mr Eirwyn Morgan – Dulais

Vice Chairman

Mr Powell Jones - Llanthomas

Secretary – Mr Mike Tompkinson
Re-elected hard-working Secretary

Flock Competition

This was held in the middle of July where Club members responded well with fourteen flock entries. This gave our Judge, Mr Bill Quick, a difficult but most enjoyable task with very little sleep because he had 400 miles to cover which took two days to complete. The weather was sunny and warm to match the welcome and hospitality received and it was great to see so many excellent flocks.

Large Flock Winners:

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| 1st | Mr and Mrs Brian Thomas
Carswell |
| 2nd | Mr and Mrs Gwynfor Richards
Ynysall |
| 3rd | Mr and Mrs Colin Phillips
Weobley |

Small Flock Winners

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|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 1st | Mr Andrew Richards
Richley |
| 2nd | Mr Gwyn Davies
Trefere |
| 3rd | Mr and Mrs Desmond Lewis
Nanteinon |

Champion Flock

Mr and Mrs Brian Thomas – Carswell

During the summer months, I attended numerous agricultural shows across the country and it was a pleasure to see such quality stock so well turned out. Congratulations to all you good stock people.

In the middle of October, three very keen teams travelled up to

Club Reports

• SOUTH WALES •

Shrewsbury Club for a Quiz Night. A good evening and meal was had by all but I shall not mention the results!!

The Club Sale was held this year at Sennybridge in October where cash-back incentives were given to buyers for all four classes. There were more sheep sold than in the previous year. The In-lamb Sale held at Llandovery in December was well-attended. Shearlings averaged at £191 and peaked at 500 guineas.

The following Club members were successful at Christmas Primestock Shows at the time of going to press.

Bath and West

Mr Bill John – Pantyderi – Reserve Champion Butchers Lambs.

Gower

Mr and Mrs E Evans & Sons – Scurlage Castle – Champion

Llandeilo

Mr Jim Jones – Preswylfa – Champion Whitland

Mr Adrian Windsor – Fern – Champion

Congratulations to you all!

Annual Dinner

An event that was looked forward to as the extension to "The Ponderosa" was completed. The venue was the White Hart, Llandeilo, where members relaxed and enjoyed an excellent meal in a friendly happy atmosphere. Guest speaker was Mr David B. Walters, Chief Executive to the RWAS, who gave a most interesting, humorous and informative talk on the development of the Royal Welsh Show and Welsh Winter Fair.

Presentations were made to the Flock Competition winners. The Club Person of the Year was awarded to Mike Tompkinson for his tireless services to the Club, who has been Secretary since 1978.

To conclude, despite the continued



Presentation of Champion Flock 2000 award

Left to Right: Brian and Betty Thomas, David Walters (Guest Speaker) and Eirwyn Morgan (Chairman)

depressed state of farming (and the weather), it is encouraging that Texel prices are higher this year than last. We must be positive and continue breeding Texels of quality as it is evident that more people are buying Texel tups.

May I take this opportunity to thank Officials and Club members for their support and welcome to all new members.

Eirwyn Morgan
Chairman

Club Reports

• MIDLANDS •

We began the new millennium with a skittles match against the Northamptonshire Stockmen's Club at Great Brington; unfortunately so many of our members were laid low with flu that we were unable to field a full team and had to co-opt some of the stockmen onto our team. That said, an enjoyable evening was had by all those well enough to attend!

In June when we had all recovered from lambing, we joined forces with the Gloucester and Borders Club for a visit to Steve and Helen Smith's Penparc flock. After a good lunch at the local pub we set off to see Steve's sheep which came up to everyone's expectations. His rams were much admired especially as we could enjoy a cup of tea and a piece of Helen's home-made cake at the same time. Our thanks go to Steve and Helen for a great day out.

We held our Annual Show in July at the home of our Club President, Tom Berridge, and we were pleased to have several of our newer members showing there for the first time. Roger Gilbert travelled up from Gloucester to judge and did a very good job for us, placing Rob and Barbara Smith's aged ram as Male Champion and Castle Ashby Farm's aged ewe as Female Champion, with Rob and Barbara's ram as Overall Champion. It was a good day altogether for the Smith family as Jo Smith won the Young Handlers Class. We finished off a very happy and informal day with a barbeque.

Our Annual Ram Sale was held as usual at Rugby Ram Fair at the end of September where John and I won the class for the individual shearling ram and Rob and Barbara Smith won the class for a pen of three shearling rams. Ours is not the best area for selling rams; being predominantly arable

with sheep as a sideline which are mainly traditional breeds. However, we did manage a total clearance at respectable if not generous prices to a peak of just over £300, so hopefully we are beginning to make an impact with Texels.

The Shropshire and Borders Club organised the Inter-Club Quiz again this year and our team of Phil and Meg Barnes, John and Lavinia Lockhart and Dick and Liz Pickering went to Shrewsbury to represent us. They did a very good job coming third out of fifteen. Congratulations to Phil and the rest of the team!

Our year concluded with a Christmas meal at the end of November at the Stag's Head, Watford, which was attended by twenty-three of our members. We enjoyed some excellent food and conversation and altogether had a truly enjoyable evening.

All in all, it has been quite a good year for both the Club and the Texel breed in this area as Texel cross lambs have been selling extremely well at Rugby Market throughout the whole of the year. They frequently outsell other breeds and feature in the market newsletter as some of the highest priced of the day. This is due in part to the competition for them between several local butchers and Farmers Fresh who have re-opened a local slaughterhouse. We hope this situation will continue in 2001 and that it will convince other sheep farmers of the benefits of the Texel breed.

Barbara Leadbeater
Club Secretary

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• GLOUCESTER & BORDER COUNTIES •

The Club's year began with a change of Chairman and Secretary. Both David Corfield and Sue Andrews have worked very hard for the Club over the years and felt it would be good for the Club to have a change. So with a new Chairman, Matt Hobbs, and Secretary, Janice Neal, the Club moved into the 21st century.

At the end of May, the Club joined forces with the Midland Club on a flock visit to Steve and Helen Smith's Penparc flock. It was a very interesting and enjoyable afternoon and Steve and Helen were wonderful hosts. For those that were reluctant to go home, they were able to see Steve's birds of prey which for me was a super end to a very good day.

As the year moved on, a number of

our members had success in the showing and it was nice to see new members showing for the first time. I look forward to seeing them again next year. Andrew & Becky Bishop seem to have dominated the Carcase Competitions this year - well done to them both - and all our other members who show in the Carcase and Fat Lamb Competitions.

The Club's year ended with our sale at Gloucester Market. Though most animals sold, on the whole trade was not very good. However, at the time of writing this report, the lamb trade has picked up for export quality lambs which should follow through on the home trade. Hopefully this bodes well for the Texel.

Janice Neal, Secretary

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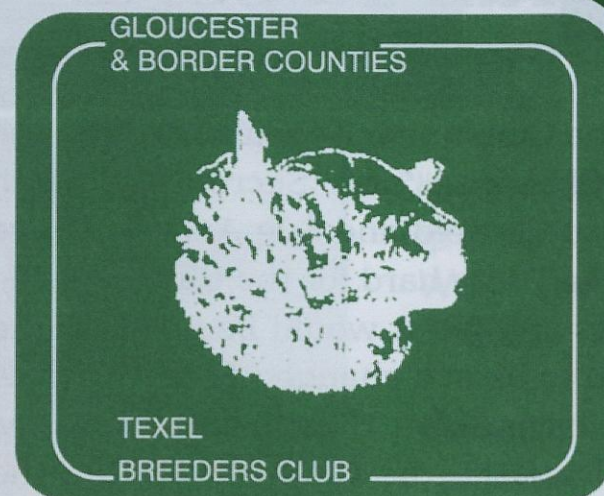
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Club Reports

• SHROPSHIRE & BORDERS •

Chairman's Report 2000

The Shropshire & Borders Texel Club has experienced a blistering entry into the new millennium with our members winning many regional and national awards. Our thanks and congratulations go to SP & CP Williams of the Wollascott flock, with their triple success at the three Royal Shows this summer - a rare achievement indeed - with their ram Ballaglonney Dan Dare. Not to be outdone, their near neighbours, Mick and Jean Gould, won the Shropshire and Borders Flock Competition, then the English section of the National. With the UK title of the British Texel Sheep Society Flock of the Year to add to their list, it was a tremendous achievement from an incredibly hard working team at the Woodmarsh flock.

Our Club year started well, with a very well-supported tenpin bowling night in the Shrewsbury Superbowl, complemented afterwards with a meal and prize-giving at the Corbett Arms. This year's winners were Martin Pritchard, with Mary Price taking the ladies title. Congratulations to them both and thanks to everyone for their support.

After lambing, a break was taken by members and friends of the Club, with the Emerald Isle being the chosen destination. For this, our base was the Ardboyne Hotel, County Meath, from which we visited the flocks of Michael Bird, Pat Farrel and Flor Ryan, where the hospitality we experienced was second to none. In between flocks, we found the time to gamble away an afternoon at the Fairy House

Racecourse, visit the past at a newly opened visitor centre (Neolithic site) at Newgrange and finish the day buying gifts of Irish crystal. We also incorporated the Irish National Stud; not forgetting to mention eating until we were full, drinking until we wobbled, talking until we were hoarse and laughing until we ached.

For me it was a very memorable occasion and I hope all those who came along enjoyed it as much as I did. A special 'thank you' to all of our hosts, especially the Irish Texel Sheep Society Secretary, Gerry More O'Ferrall.

Next came the Shropshire and West Midlands Show with the championship going to SP & CP Williams and the reserve going to Mick and Jean Gould. The interbreed group of three went to S & C Evans, Fourtiacre flock. Texels also took the carcass championship with a lamb from Andy Bishop's Luggs Mill flock winning the Club's sponsored prize.

The Club sponsored a fat lamb competition at Bridgnorth Market with an excellent entry both in terms of numbers and quality forward, the champions coming from the flock of Mr C Griffiths. The overall returns for the show lambs were 10p/kg more than the average for the whole. An excellent result for all concerned.

The Club has been represented at various events with the two most noted being Primestock Producers Ltd launch at Builth Wells where the Penparc flock supplied the sheep, and the Sheep 2000 event at Malvern with Club officials promoting the breed and

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• SHROPSHIRE & BORDERS •

sheep supplied by Wollascott and Penparc flocks.

The annual flock competition was held in late June with 12 flocks ably judged by Mr Joe Barlow, Mossiel flock. The results were:-

LARGE FLOCK:

- 1st Woodmarsh – Champion
- 2nd Penparc
- 3rd Crickheath

SMALL FLOCK:

- 1st Edgton
- 2nd Claybury
- 3rd Tushingham

GIMMERS:

- Large Flock: Jonsland
- Small Flock: Ravensmoor

For our one day trip, the Club was entertained by Mr Mick Wright at his farm in Crickhowell, Powys, who gave an excellent guided tour (complete with police escort) showing us his Texels, Lleys, British White Cattle and his dairy herd. This was enjoyed by members and friends with lunch at the Bear Hotel.

Our Club sales now sell nearly 800 sheep for our members through three sales.

Shrewsbury was our first sale, ably judged by Mr Robert Cartledge (Plattin), who chose a ram lamb from the Claybury flock for his Champion. After a slow start, the trade developed into a very good sale with an excellent clearance.

The Welshpool Male Sale at the end of September had as good a standard of sheep as I can recall in its twelve-

year history which this year was judged very efficiently by Mr D Williams (Criccin flock). The Champion was awarded to C Watkins (Lawnt flock) for a tremendous shearing ram. The sale held right to the end with a sound commercial trade throughout.

The first Welshpool Female Sale was held at the beginning of December, judged by Mr Roger Williams (Clun flock) who awarded the Championship to Mr Frank Griffies (Tushingham flock) with his aged ewe. The clearance was good and an acceptable trade ensued throughout.

At the Inter-Club Quiz night, 60 people entered this event with teams from South Wales, Ruthin, Midlands and Derbyshire. The title was retained by the Shropshire Club for the third year running with Philip Pughe as quizmaster doing his usual excellent job.

Finally, I wish to thank all members of the Shropshire Club and friends of the Society who have supported our sales and social events. Here's to keeping up the good work in the coming year.

Regards,

Steve Smith
Chairman

Club Reports

• DERBYSHIRE TEXEL BREEDERS •

Another successful year for the Derbyshire Texel Club started with the AGM at the Bull 'i' Thorn on 26th October 2000, with no changes on the Committee and John Pattinson serving his second year as Chairman. We were very privileged to have the newly-elected Society Chairman, Mr Graham Jones and his wife, Mary, attend to entertain us with a talk on the work of the Society and his own farm. As usual, we had bad weather for our Christmas Party but despite this, we had a large turn-out and everybody enjoyed themselves, dancing to Second Time Around.

We had our Winter Meeting in January, this was with Chris Hamilton of Carrs Agriculture. Lambing was the next thing on the agenda with Robert and Liz running our lambing bank but they let Mick down – he had to have a Suffolk lamb!

After lambing, we were all ready for a break so in May we joined our Northern Club friends for a coach trip to Aberdeenshire; very well organised by Robert Cartledge and Steve Richardson. Pete, the driver, who had taken us to Ireland two years ago was in good form – taking us on a detour in Edinburgh to see the Royal Yacht, Britannia, before arriving at the Queens Hotel, Dundee.

We had a relaxed start the next morning, as we had only one visit - a good job too as Steve got us lost! But we eventually arrived at Turin and here, there was no chasing sheep as David had them presented to us in small groups. We were very impressed with the quality, especially

the ram lambs. We also had a look round his very impressive seed potato store, then we moved on to Aberdeen for the night.

Next morning to Haddo, where we found the sheep shorn, first seeing stock rams and shearling ewes which were exceptional and very fit and then to see the main flock.

After lunch to Muiresk, where the sheer power and scale of the sheep were quite something. The next day to Milton of Noth, where John Mackie took us around his farming empire with high quality suckler herds and wonderful yards of bull beef. Then to the sheep which was of the same high quality as the cattle.

Pete decided to take us along the scenic road past Balmoral and over the mountains to the Hilton Strathclyde. The next day we went to see the Garngour flock of Jim Clark, where we saw some very stylish shearling ewes worked well by two good Collie dogs. The ewes and lambs were brought in where we could walk amongst them and the show team were very impressive. Finally, we got back on the coach for a long trip home. At this point, we would like to thank our hosts for the wonderful way we were treated on our tour.

We arrived home at 2.00am to get ready for the Derby County Show the next day where Mick Young had champion with a ewe lamb. Steve Smith, Penparc, judged.

Our other County Show, Stafford, came the following week with Steve Evans having a field day with an excellent display of judging by Simon

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• DERBYSHIRE TEXEL BREEDERS •

Bradley-Farmer. The Club Open Day hosted by Mick and Janet Young came at the end of May with Eugen Ritter winning champion with a ewe lamb judged by Tom Ironmonger. An excellent turn-out.

At the end of August, Duncan Currie came to judge the Flock Competition - large flock was won by Eugen Ritter, Pennine flock; small flock: Robert Cartledge, Platin flock, who went on to win the champion flock and therefore represented the Club for the Millennium Flock of the Year Competition.

Before the Sale, the Club held its Annual Carcase Competition at Sargeants of Bramshall where Owen Beresford, a relative newcomer to our Club, cleaned up taking Champion and Reserve, these being bought by another member, Richard Hobday, for his

butchers shop.

The Club changed its venue for its Sixth Annual Sale, kindly sponsored by A E Williamson, Carrs Agriculture, High Peak Feeds and Blue Merle, which was held at the new Agricultural Centre at Bakewell. The atmosphere was brilliant and trade very buoyant, with folk looking for females to start up new flocks. The championship was won by Tony Stone, Emlou flock.

In October we were invited by the Shropshire Club to an Inter-Club Quiz where our team came fourth out of sixteen. During the year, the Club awards a points trophy, which is for points taken at all our events and shows which was won by Tony Stone, Emlou flock. A very good year was had by all.

Janet Young, Club Secretary

Shropshire & Borders Texel Club

23rd Annual Show & Sale on

Saturday 8th September 2001
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Club Reports

• NORTH WEST BREEDERS •

The year 2000 has been another difficult time for farmers whether arable or stock but the low margins on fat lambs with a premium for Texel crosses has fuelled the demand for Texel tup. This has helped our sales and, compared to other Club Sales, prices have generally been favourable. Top quality breeders' sheep continue to be in demand, which holds well for the future of the breed.

Our year started on 7th January with the AGM, followed by a Dinner Dance at the Dixon Arms with dancing to live music from "Twice Around". The highlight of the evening was the auction of a signed football by the Manchester United football team. Surprisingly, it went north of the border to Keith Campbell for a three-figure sum, chased all the way by Steven Symes. A good time was had by all.

The following day, the Millennium Female Sale was held. The £2,000 prize money brought in some top quality ewes. Trade was brisk and good prices were achieved. The show was judged by Jim Clark who, after due deliberation, placed a shearling ewe of George Foy's as Champion. Reserve Champion was a shearling ewe exhibited by David Williams (Criccin) – thanks to Jim for his time and effort.

Top price – shearling sold by Charlie Boden - 1,450 gns

2nd highest – shearling sold by David Houghton - 1,400gns

Throughout the summer, various events and functions were held.

Once again, we sponsored Texel Cross Prime Lamb Competitions, increasing the shows to 7 auction centres: Clitheroe, Sedbergh, Congleton, Chelford, Chester, Preston and Lancaster.

Prize money was £250 per class in vouchers to be spent at Chelford or Lancaster Club Sales.

The Flock Competition for the Alderley Edge Texel Trophy, with five show results to count from eleven qualifying shows, was strongly contested. The result will be announced at the end of the report.

A very successful summer social took place at Stephen and Janet Symes' – various competitions and draws were held including a sheep judging competition – kindly judged by Steve Richardson. An excellent buffet meal with drinks, provided by Stephen and Janet, followed. Many thanks not only to Stephen and Janet but to all of the Symes family and other helpers who made this a most enjoyable day.

The Royal Show gave the North West Texel Club the opportunity to show off their young talent when the Junior Stock Judging Competition was held. Josh Boden won the individual and Josh and Rosie joined forces with Solway to win the team event. Congratulations to both of them.

The Chelford Show was judged by David Chave who awarded the championship to Jill Mortimer's ram lamb. Reserve Champion was R W Hudson's shearling ewe.

The Junior Shepherd Competition was again popular, being ably judged by Cynthia Withenshaw.

Club Reports

• NORTH WEST BREEDERS •

The winners were:-

- | | |
|-----|----------------|
| 1st | Anna Hughes |
| 2nd | Kiree Kermode |
| 3rd | Thomas Kermode |

Well done to all competitors and thanks to both judges. A reception and buffet followed at the Dixon Arms.

At the Sale, there was a reasonable demand for both good quality breeders sheep and commercial sheep. As the sale season progressed our prices looked better. Top price of the day was for a ram lamb sold by Peter Woof for 5,200gns.

The Lancaster Sale attracted 114 ram entries – about 50% increase on the previous year. Good commercial tups sold well, with a good overall clearance. The show was judged by Robert Pigg, who awarded the championship to a Lineside Texels ram lamb (420gns). Reserve Champion was Peter Pimbley's shearling ram (410gns). Top price of the day was 480gns for a shearling sold by Brian Mitchell. Thanks to Robert for his time and effort.

On 4th October, Edinburgh Genetics and Frank R. Marshall sponsored a talk by Ian McDougal covering AI – collecting and freezing semen and embryo transfers, and genotyping for scrapie. The latter provoked the most response from members, who were obviously concerned as to the effect any legislation may have on their flocks. Since then, we have been informed by the British Texel Sheep Society that they are holding a meeting with MAFF in early January. We will get further information in due course. A buffet was provided, giving the members the

opportunity to discuss the points raised.

I would like to thank all the companies and individuals who have sponsored shows and socials:-

Chelford, August, Nat West Bank
£1,000

Lancaster, Our President, £150

Lancaster, Barclays, £100

Lancaster, BOCM/Paul, £25 voucher

January 2001, NWF Agriculture, £50

January 2001, Wright & Morten
(vets), £50

And others who donated raffle prizes at the various functions.

Now I would like to thank our President, Peter Birchall, for his long standing support to the North West Texel Breeders Club; first as a breeder, then auditor and general benefactor. I am very pleased to announce that he is prepared to carry on his duties for a further 12 months.

Thanks also to Gwyn Williams, our Honorary Secretary who, in spite of being a very busy man still finds the time to ensure that the administration of our Club runs efficiently and is very ably assisted by his Secretary, Cynthia.

Also thanks to Joan Boden, Club Treasurer. She keeps our books in order, ensures that we are solvent and always has the good of the Club at heart.

Thanks also to Jack Davies, our Vice-Chairman. He is always willing to help and is available whenever needed. He has been much involved with Stephen Backhouse in running last year's Lancaster Sale.

Club Reports

• NORTH WEST BREEDERS •

Thanks to Charlie Boden, our Membership Secretary. Besides these duties, he is always helpful and available for advice and if we are stuck for a judge or jury he will always pull something out of the bag.

Of course, thanks are also due to the rest of the Committee: Stephen Backhouse, Ian Bates, Richard Eades, Richard Fitton, George Hunter, Pat Moore and Stephen Symes. They have given up so much of their spare time to attend meetings, sales and social events to ensure that if possible, everything runs smoothly.

Things just don't happen, they have to be made to happen.

Last but not least, I would like to

thank all members for their support during the year. Particularly, those who have attended functions and sales.

On a closing note, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year and a happy and easy lambing time.

The Chairman

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Club Reports

• NORTHERN AREA •

The year 2000 was a special year for the NATSB as it marked our 21st year since inauguration. It has also been a busy year (as always!) as we remain committed to providing opportunities for our members to meet, socialise and further their interests both inside and outside the "Texel World".

CLUB TRIP

Tuesday 16th May 2000 saw a joint Club visit with the Derbyshire Texel Club to the North of Scotland. Here, we were warmly welcomed by David Milne (Turin), W Knox (Haddo), S G Mair (Muiresk), J Mackie (Milton of Noth) and J & H Clark (Garngour). All members saw some fantastic sheep on their trip and were amazed at how far forward the lambs were at such an early stage of the season. Our heartfelt thanks go to all breeders who allowed us to visit their homes and flocks.



Members inspect the Garngour Flock

OPEN DAY

In June, we visited Eugen & Valde Ritter's Pennine flock in the heart of the Derbyshire Peak District. Hard though it is to believe, we enjoyed the one "scorching" hot day of the sum-

mer and this, along with the beautiful scenery and the most impressive flock of sheep made it a wonderful day out for all members. Many thanks to both families for their welcoming friendship.



Ritter Bros ewe and lambs at the Open Day

POINTS TROPHY COMPETITION

2000 saw a slight change in format to the competition as members selected a maximum of 5 show scores to put forward for entry. This appears to have opened up the competition to a wider audience across our Club's extensive membership. The results were:-

- 1st: Philip Hughes (Angram)
- 2nd: R H & E Chamley
(Brunthwaite)
- 3rd: R Newby (Rudding)

FLOCK COMPETITION

Club Chairman, John Haigh, kindly judged this year's competition travelling the width and breadth of Lancashire and Yorkshire.

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• NORTHERN AREA •

SMALL FLOCK

- 1st J & F Booth (Wigglesworth)
- 2nd B Mitchell (Lanefield)
- 3rd R Hanson (Hanarth)

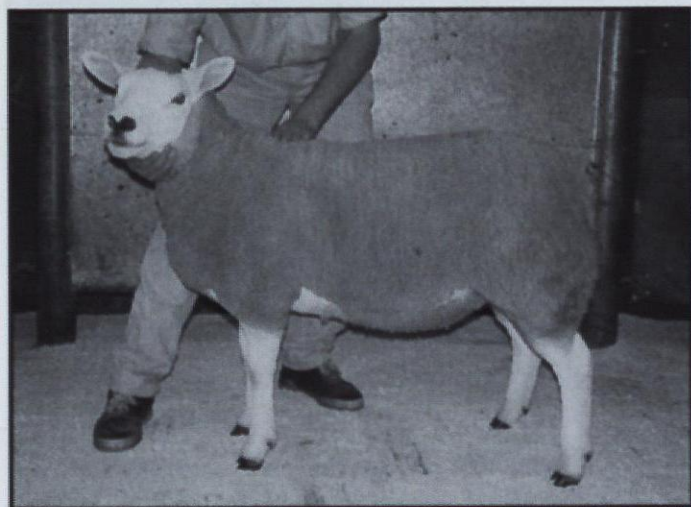
LARGE FLOCK

- 1st D Houghton (Tophill)
- 2nd RS & J Bradley (Far Hey)
- 3rd P Hughes (Angram)

The Champion flock, which represented the NATSB in the Society Millennium Flock Competition, was awarded to D Houghton.

ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE – SKIPTON AUCTION MART

This was perhaps the most interesting of show and sales to date, due to the fuel crisis! Robin Bell was due to judge but unfortunately could not make the trip down so on the morning of the Sale, George Hunter kindly agreed to come along and do the honours. Many thanks to him for helping us out of a tight spot!



Supreme Champion - shearling ewe
sold by J W Mellin



Loxley Grand Slam - Male and
Reserve Champion at Skipton Sale

SALE AVERAGES

	Top Price	Av. Price
Shearling	760	293
Rams		
Aged Rams	520	392
Ram Lambs	900	208
Shearling	900	157
Gimmers		
Ewe Lambs	390	164

CLUB 21st ANNIVERSARY DINNER

This was, once again, held at the Millstones Restaurant, Harrogate, where 80 members and guests enjoyed an excellent meal followed by humorous after dinner speaking from Gary Verity. Gary is an executive with a top firm of Insurers in London (he won't say which one!) and he enjoys breeding Wensleydale sheep on the family farm back in Coverdale, Hawes. Gary kindly presented the trophies to the Yorkshire Show winners.

SOCIAL EVENTS

In late September, members enjoyed an Antiques Valuation Evening held at The Buckles Inn, Tadcaster, and was conducted by Boulton and Coopers Auctioneers and Valuers from Malton.

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• NORTHERN AREA •

This was followed in November by a visit to Burnhill Feeds Ltd, Mill Inspection, talk and supper at Cleckhampton, West Yorkshire.

DECEMBER IN-LAMB SALE

Judge:- I R Clough, Harrogate.



(pictured above)

Supreme champion : Shearling ewe
sold by Lineside Texels, Garstang

(pictured left)

Reserve Supreme Champion ewe
lamb sold by B & J Mitchell,
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Club Reports

• RUTHIN TEXEL BREEDERS •

With the introduction of increased prize money and Phillip Jones' Memorial Trophy for the best consignment of shearling rams to this year's sale we, as a Club, ensured our buyers the very best quality sheep were offered for sale. With our 14th Annual Show and Sale held on 10th and 11th September 2000 attracting a record entry of 605 sheep, only the highest of standards could be met and indeed they were as the Judge, Mr Martin Cromie, from Northern Ireland awarded Sale Champion to ram lamb "Smithy Goldfinger" from the flock of D W Roberts, Smithy Farm, St Asaph, a February-born lamb out of "Tophill Faberge" purchased by the Show Judge for 500gns.



Ruthin Sale Champion "Smithy Goldfinger" from the Smith Flock

Reserve Champion was awarded to Mr B Owen, Cloch y Clwt, Caenarfon, for his shearling ewe by "Clynnog Erin" realising 720gns and purchased by Mr Jones, Preswylfa, Nant Caredig, Caerfyrddin.

1st Prize shearling ram was awarded to Mr J R Morris, Green Farm, Anglesey, and sold for 420gns to local buyers R E Roberts & Co, Tyn Celyn,

Corwen.

Top price of the day went to Mr R A Morris of the Pencoed Flock for a shearling ram "Pencoed Foxy" by "Muiresk Emperor", purchased by A W Davies, Bronallt, Morfa Nefyn for 1,050gns.

The "Beidiog Isaf" Perpetual Trophy was awarded to H G Williams of the Llyfni Flock.

Sale averages were as follows:-

Shearling rams	£287
Shearling ewes	£193
Ram lambs	£205

Auctioneers, Ruthin Farmers Auction Co. Ltd, reported an exceptional trade on quality sheep. With the quality forward excelling previous years achieving an overall average of £241 with an 86% of sheep forward sold to 177 local and distant buyers.

The winner of the Small Flock Competition went to I. P. Jones, Bryn Medrad and the Large Flock winner was G. W. Jones, Nant Erw Haidd, as the Judge, Mr Ray Davenport, reported a very high standard of exhibits.

This leads me on to congratulate all of our members who have shown and sold with great success throughout this last year. I would never come to an end if I was to name you all but I feel I must mention Geraint's outstanding achievements this year. Having won the Ruthin Flock Competition on ten out of twelve occasions and winning the Champion Flock of Wales three years out of five, Geraint's flock took a proud fourth place this year at the National Flock

Club Reports

• RUTHIN TEXEL BREEDERS •

Competition. This, in itself, is a great advert for the Ruthin Club as Geraint has produced a Champion at Ruthin on three occasions.

Prime Lamb Competitions at Ruthin Market and around our local shows still attract a lot of interest as vouchers for up to £50 could be won and redeemed against a purchase at our sale. The top price Texel x lambs at Ruthin Market was achieved at their Christmas Sale, where G W Jones, Nant Erw Haidd, sold a pair of lambs weighing 43kg for £76. Reserve Prize Pair went to H L Griffiths, Ty Isaf, weighing 40kg, which were sold for £70.

May I, on behalf of the Club, thank our retiring Chairman, Mr Lawrence Hughes, for all his hard work during the year and on the same note welcome our new Chairman, Mr Peter Lewis, and new Vice Chairman, Mr Tony McArdle, to their positions. In conclusion, I would like to wish every Club member the very best for the 2001 season.

Elfor Morris
Club Secretary

DUTCH TEXEL PRODUCER GROUP FIFTH ANNUAL SALE IN RUTHIN FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2001



Club Reports

• DUTCH TEXEL PRODUCER GROUP •

The year began with a trip to Sheep 2000 and another opportunity to display sheep on the B.T.S.S. stand. It proved to be a worthwhile venture with interest and enquiries still filtering through weeks later.

During the summer months, many of our members continued to promote the breed both on the hoof and on the hook and I congratulate them all on their success. Particular congratulations to Gerwyn Davies of Llangernyw who exhibited the Supreme Champion Carcase at the RWAS and then went on to prove that he had more of the same at home when he took top honours with a carcase at the Denbighshire and Flintshire County Show some weeks later.

As in previous years, the £50 vouchers offered as prizes at various shows proved to be successful with winners eager to redeem them against purchases at the Sale.

Our Fourth Annual Sale at Ruthin on 15th September once again left us in no doubt about the demand for shapely and well-muscled sheep from buyers who had travelled from all corners of the UK. (There was almost as much demand for white diesel but that's another story!!)

With increased entries, a packed sales ring, keen bidding, a great atmosphere and a 93% clearance of stock, the Sale signalled another success for the Group.

Top price of the day was 1,150gns for the first prize shearling ram "Glenkens Favourite" a son of Wiston Edge from the Blyth Family Trust, Castle Douglas.

Show Champion "Turbo Dapper" was a three shear ram from S & C Davies, Denbigh, sold to GR & A Foy, Lancaster, for 700gns.

Reserve Champion was a yearling ewe from Messrs Barrow, Bolton Gates, Carlisle, was snapped up for 750gns by S J Smith, Welshpool.

Show Results

Judge: Mr R Slade, Somerset

Aged Ram:

1st S & C Davies (Egryn)

2nd N Tavernor (Salocin)

3rd J Rodenburg (Turbo)

Shearling Ram

1st Blyth Family Trust (Glenkens)

2nd J Rodenburg (Turbo)

3rd P Ritter & Sons (Pennine)

Ram Lamb

1st J & P Barlow (Mossgiel)

2nd S & C Davies (Egryn)

3rd J Wrench (Cae Hic)

Yearling Ewe

1st Messrs Barrow (Greenwood)

2nd S H C Rawlings (Wiston)

3rd J Rodenburg (Turbo)

Ewe Lamb

1st R D Williams (Criccin)

2nd JP & CM Oliver (Llanelwy)

3rd

I would like to thank everyone who has supported us this year and I look forward to seeing old faces and new faces at this year's Sale on:

Friday 14th September 2001

Wishing you all a very successful year.

Paula Barlow
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CLOUGHER GALAXY

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CLOUGHER GIGOLO

Sold Carlisle 2nd sale 1400 gns
D Houghton "Tophill"

MAIN STOCK RAMS

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NEW STOCK RAMS

GLENLEARY GARNI - purchased Portadown second sale, 1900 gns bursting with character. This ram is one to look out for.

RAMS GOLD DUST - Great carcase. Reserve champion Ballymoney.

LLENELWY GAMESMAN - purchased Lanark. This lamb is impressive.

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Club Reports

• NORTHERN IRELAND •

Northern Ireland Texel Breeders once again enjoyed a better trade than many had feared as British farming slogged through the worst slump since 1939. True, commercial lamb prices were not good but much improved compared to 1999, though the differential between returns for decent grades and the merely mediocre widened. Good news for members of the NI Texel Sheep Breeders' Club as more lamb producers opted to move up to Texel.

Clearly quality pays, in bad times even more than good, so the Texel share of the ram market keeps on growing. Equally encouraging the trend towards using Texel breeding on the female side of commercial flocks continues.

Club officers and members worked hard to achieve this success with two new events organised to help promote the breed.

CARCASE

A very successful Carcase Competition was hosted by the Doherty & Gray processing plant in Ballymena just before the show season started.

Then with North West lamb producers in mind a new annual show and sale was launched at Lisahally on the outskirts of Londonderry. A successful event despite the close proximity of the UK's only land frontier across which rams are available in Irish punts. Currently worth 25% less than our pound sterling!

Clearly a well organised show and sale if properly promoted will move more quality stock. Our first Lisahally

event was won (on her first outing as a pedigree breeder) by one of our younger members, Sandra Middleton.

However, several other sales had too many entries including stock of only moderate genetic merit, especially in the shearling ram class as there were often lots which should not have been entered. Might they have left a better return at a processing plant the previous year? An issue this Club is now addressing. Training will be offered to members and the true cost of producing ram lambs and shearling rams discussed. Even more experienced breeders are shocked when the figures for shearling ram production are highlighted!

ROYAL

NI Club membership continues to grow with an impressive number of young people active in Texel breeding. Not least Richard Henderson, who again won the Royal Ulster Championship in May.

Success breeds success and a well run Club attracts sponsorship, which eases some of the pressure on the finances. The Northern Bank once again played a key role in supporting the Premier and Main Sales.

Progressive Texel Sires organised a very popular summer open night on the family farm of Victor Chestnutt with Club members lending support and organising stock judging classes.

Equally enjoyable was our Annual Dinner Dance in Ballymena, attended by over a hundred members and their friends.

Padraic Niland from Galway in the Irish Republic judged the Janssen

Club Reports

• NORTHERN IRELAND •

Flock of the Year Competition with results as follows:-

Overall Winner:

Victor Chestnutt, Clougher, Bushmills.

Reserve:

A & J Minnis, Mossvale, Comber

Large Flock Class

- 1st V Chestnutt, Clougher
- 2nd Samuel Chesney, Kircubbin
- 3rd John Foster, Castlederg

Small Flock Class:

- 1st A & J Minnis, Mossvale
- 2nd John Watson, Dundonald
- 3rd Harper George, Crumlin

The Warnock Rose Bowl presented by our former Society President, Jimmy Warnock, for the best pen of ewe lambs viewed during the Flock of the Year went to Harper George, with Alan Cochrane a worthy runner-up.

When it came to the Deosan Show Flock of the Year Event, Alan could not be bettered as his Seneirl Flock had the highest number of points gained at Shows. Harper George came second and John Foster third.

In looking forward to the New Year, a word of thanks to past Chairman, Martin Cromie, a man of boundless energy and hard work. Sadly our highly experienced Secretary Brian King also stepped down. A great loss to fellow office holders.

Finally, sincere thanks to all our sponsors, the Society team at Stoneleigh and above all, our customers; be they pedigree breeders nationwide or local lamb producers.

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Club Reports

• SOLWAY & TYNE •

Well! Here we are again a full 12 months on, with lambing looming big time on the horizon once again. A year which began with some measure of optimism as we moved into a new century.

Thankfully, quality will always sell, even in a bad market and at least the breed gives us the means to keep ahead of the rest. Times are indeed hard but when the going gets tough, the tough get going!

Our calendar opened with the Club's star appearance at North Sheep 2000. Hulne Park, Alnwick, set the stage for a follow-up to Texel x '98 and one of the high points of the year. We were out once again to impress upon the as yet unconverted commercial man, just what a Texel could do given the opportunity. A massive teamwork effort enabled us to do just that – a promotional exercise to be proud of with an impressive show of 19 breeds with Texel lambs at foot.

The 19th July saw the Annual Progeny Show at Borderway, which gave the first airing to our Club Millennium trophies. These were proudly presented to R Pigg and Sons of Gaitsgill - Winners of the Large Flock - and to Colin and Hilda Horsley of Edenhall who took the Small Flock honours.

The trophies, a limited edition of just 15 in all, were specially designed pedestal bowls engraved with the Texel head and Club logo, which were awarded to the first prize winners in each class of our main Club events, turned out to be highly sought after.

Our first Club visit took us jointly to Watchknowe and Carlinside, a day of much fun and entertainment – courtesy of the infamous "Messrs Warnock and Currie", where a good day was had by all. The second took us, just two weeks later, to visit the Woof family at Storth End, Stainton, for a very socially laid-back afternoon of sheep viewing, pig judging, barbequeing and in general some "good crack"! Sincere thanks to all for their hard work and excellent hospitality.

The two main sales came and went, both with marked success, which only emphasised that Carlisle has fast become the "in" place to sell.

Rounding things off nicely in September was the Flock Competition where a record number of entries made a certain Club Secretary's week.

Our trusty Judge, Colin Creer of Ballaglonney fame, braved the ocean waves to oblige. After much head scratching, he awarded in true Miss World fashion, the Ewe Lamb Trophy and Overall Reserve Championship to Messrs G H & C M Wilkinson, Arkle, and the Overall Championship to Brian MacTaggart of Douganhill Farms.

This then gave Brian his passport to enter the National Competition in which he came a very honourable second place – well done all!

Judith Mounsey
Club Secretary

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• SCOTTISH TEXEL BREEDERS •

2000 was another busy year for the Scottish Club who continued to promote the Texel Breed throughout Scotland.

FLOCK VISIT: 21 members and friends travelled to the Isle of Man to visit the Ballaglonney flock of Colin and Danny Creer. They saw an outstanding display of Texels and enjoyed excellent hospitality.

ROYAL SHOW YOUNG HANDLERS COMPETITION: Three members, namely Carol Anne Warnock, Andrew Barrie and John Struthers represented the Club at Stoneleigh during Royal Show week and were rewarded for their hard work by winning the competition with Carol Anne winning the overall championship.

RAM SAFARI: Once again the Club organised a day visiting a number of flocks in and around the Lanark area to view the ram lambs to be sold at the Lanark Premier Sale. This was well attended and many thanks go to the Currie family of Carlinside who organised the catering at lunchtime.

LIVE LAMB COMPETITIONS: These events are proving a great success and the Club continues to give £100 prize money at five Auction Markets throughout their area to promote the breed. All centres are reporting excellent responses in their market with vendors receiving major premiums for Texel lambs. The championships were awarded to the following flockmasters: St Boswells – R D Rennie & Son, Sydenham; Ayr – D M Walker, Laigh Alticane; Lanark – T & R Laird, Cambwell; Stirling(UA) – J Pollock, Balglass; Caledonian, Stirling – R

Squair, Oatfield.

CARCASE COMPETITION: This was held at Biggar Abattoir by kind permission of Biggar Wholesale Meats and 121 lambs were entered for the competition. The Championship was awarded to Mr Stephen Campbell, Baads Farm, Harthillwoth, a 21.5kgs lamb classified an E3L. The reserve award was won by Messrs Tom and Robert Laird, Cambwell, Biggar, with a pure lamb scaling 23.5kgs and grading an E2. The Judge, Mr Jacques Cartean, Barbizon, France, stated that it was one of the best shows of lambs he had seen and they were ideal for today's market.

SHOW AND SALE: Once again, the Club enjoyed a successful sale at Lanark where 90% of the ram lambs forward for sale were sold. The championship was awarded to Jim Frame, Little Galla, for a ram lamb which was later sold for 700gns. Top price was 2,400gns for a ram lamb from the Kininmonth flock of Mr Clark Stewart. This was followed at 2,000gns for a lamb from John Forsyth's Glenside flock. The 320 ram lambs sold averaged £250.20 and the 42 shearling rams levelled at £281.50.

FLOCK COMPETITION: Andrew Barr Snr, Parkhouse, acted as our Judge for this year's event sponsored by Alistair Beaton. After three very busy days, Andrew gave the following awards:-

Large Flock:

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|-----------------|--|
| 1 st | Keith, Allan and Roy Campbell, Cowal flock |
| 2 nd | Tom and Robert Laird, Cambwell |

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3rd George and Mary Gibb, Rusha.

Medium Flocks:

1st Laine Daff, Greenside;

2nd Hugh Dunlop, Doon Valley;

3rd David McCall, Noresk.

Small Flocks:

1st David Arkley, Cauldcoats;

2nd Robert Struthers, Collielaw;

3rd Robert and Lindsay Dunlop, Auchengray.

The overall championship was awarded to the Cowal flock of Keith, Allan and Roy Campbell. The best pen of ewe lambs was awarded to the Greenside flock of Laine Daff.

STOCKJUDGING: 96 competitors took part in this popular event with Alistair Beaton (alias Dick Advocat) acting as the master judge. The open class was

won by Mary Gibb with Elizabeth Main winning the under-16 section. Caroline Orr was the victor in the under-12 class.

DINNER DANCE: This was held in the Kaims Country Club where 80 members attended and enjoyed an excellent evening.

As you can see, the Scottish Club had a busy and successful year and are looking forward to the challenges that the forthcoming year will bring to all flockmasters.

Brian Ross

Club Secretary

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Club Reports

• NORTH OF SCOTLAND BREEDERS •

The Millennium year once again proved to be an extremely busy and successful one for the North of Scotland Club. The New Year saw a continuation of our now well established **Prime Lamb Voucher Competition** giving a monthly £100 ram voucher to consignors of the top price per kilogram at local sales. Further vouchers were also distributed to ten local shows.

The **Annual Prime Lamb Competition** was won by George and Melvin Stuart, Milltown of Birness, Ellon, with pure lambs and the Reserve Championship going to Messrs Stephen & Gibb, Hare Moss, Turriff.

Our **Annual Flock Visit** to West Knock was very well attended with Albert & George Howie providing hospitality to match their equally as good stock. Our thanks to them for allowing us the privilege of viewing their stock.

The **Club Affiliated Sale** in September at Thainstone resulted in most consignors heading home happy. An excellent show of well-grown quality ram lambs found homes easily at favourable prices with shearling rams also in great demand:-

124 Shearling Rams av. £279.52

179 Ram Lambs av. £250.49

Overall Champion was a shearling ram from A & G Howie, West Knock, Stuartfield, which realised 700gns. Messrs S G Mair & Sons, Kinnermit, Turriff, won the Reserve Championship with a ram lamb which later realised 750gns. Paul Johnson,

Corriecravie, Stoke on Trent, judged the show and must be thanked most sincerely for doing an excellent job.

The **Annual Flock Competition** was won by W J Knox, Mid Haddo, Fyvie, with the Reserve placing going to S G Mair & Sons, Kinnermit. The judge of the event was Mr Keith Jamieson, Southgill, Annan, who did an excellent job and must be thanked for travelling up to the area. His awards were as follows:-

Large Flock

1st W J Knox, Mid Haddo, Fyvie – "Haddo"

2nd S G Mair & Sons, Kinnermit, Turriff – "Muiresk"

3rd A & G Howie, West Knock, Stuartfield – "Knock"

Small Flock

1st Marina Gibb, Hare Moss, Cuminstown – "Hare Moss"

2nd Rodney Blackhall, Milton, Durris – "Sheeoch"

3rd James Young, Muirton of Corse, Lumphanan – "Colliehill"

Best Ewe Lambs from Large Flock

1st W J Knox, Mid Haddo, Fyvie – "Haddo"

2nd A & G Howie, West Knock, Stuartfield – "Knock"

3rd Mr and Mrs R Imlah, 2 Wood Cottages, Kingseat, Newmachar – "Bennachie"

Best Ewe Lambs from Small Flock

1st James Young, Muirton of Corse, Lumphanan – "Colliehill"

2nd Mrs E Alexander, Auchenbreddie, Inch – "Breddies"

3rd Rodney Blackhall, Milton, Durris – "Sheeoch"

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Best Stock Ram – "Muiresk Forever" jointly owned by W J Knox (Haddo), S G Mair & Sons (Muiresk), J Forsyth (Glenside) and B Renwick (Castlehill)

Overall Champion Flock – W J Knox, "Haddo"

Reserve Champion Flock – S G Mair & Sons, "Muiresk"

The **Christmas Classic Female Sale** saw the top price of the sale go to Colin Mair and Partners, Muiresk Villa, Wood of Muiresk, Turriff. This Overall Champion Gimmer realised 1,000gns to W & Carol Ingram, Logie Durno, Pitcaple, Inverurie. Reserve Champion went to a ewe from Mr and Mrs R Imlah, 2 Wood Cottages, Kingseat, Newmachar, 480gns to

David Stott, Westlatch, Newburgh, Ellon.

Trade throughout the evening sale proved buoyant with all consignors heading home extremely happy. Judge for the evening was Mr Jimmy Young, Muirton, Corse, our thanks to Jim for his excellent efforts.

So with the overall sheep trade well up on the year, we begin 2001 on a cheery note, looking towards the forthcoming year with optimism and great faith in the commercial producers continued demand for Texel rams.

Colin Slessor
Secretary

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Sale Reports

● N. IRELAND PREMIER SHOW & SALE 2000 ●

Ram lambs and shearling rams from Henry Gamble's Springwell flock at Bangor, Co. Down dominated the Society's Northern Ireland Premier Show & Sale at the Automart Livestock Centre, Portadown. And one particular sire left an indelible mark on the proceedings. This was Cowal Enterprise, sire of the top priced ram lamb and the sale leader among the shearling rams.

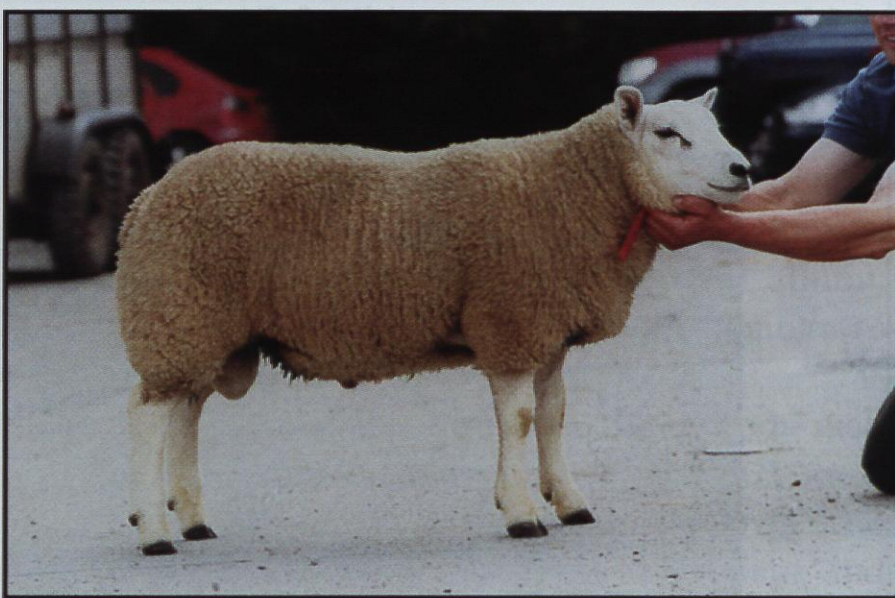
Enterprise's progeny at the sale earned more than £10,000 with a substantial contribution made by the much admired 2,000gn ram lamb, bought by Malcolm Reid for his Meadowvale flock at Ballygawley.

The eight Enterprise-sired ram lambs offered averaged £803 and five shearlings £920.

A lamb by Vern Fisherman from John Foster's Springhill flock attracted a lot of attention eventually changing hands at 1,600gs and a well-muscled lamb from John Currie & Sons, sired by Glenside Four Square and out of a dam by Pennine A-One, went to Nigel Hamill at 1,500gs.

A similar sum was secured by John Garrivan for a son of Clougher Elvis and at 1,400gs a consortium of four breeders bought a son of Easterseat Fugitive from Robbie and Kim Mulligan.

Although no records were broken, as in 1999, bidding was brisk throughout the sale. A total of 190 ram lambs changed hands to average £306, com-



Henry Gamble's ram lamb sold to Malcolm Reid for 2,000 gns

pared with £321 for 225 the previous year. A bigger entry of shearling rams averaged £327 for 159 against £333 for 134 and there was a particularly brisk demand for females with 105 returning £237 apiece compared with £196 for 74 in 1999.

Leading the way in the female section was a gimmer by Annan Daktari from Michael and James Watson. She had enjoyed a successful summer show season, stood reserve supreme at Portadown and made 1,600gs to join Robert Robinson's Cloughbane flock at Dunngannon.

Mr Robinson also paid 1,100gs for a gimmer from Henry Gamble, again by Cowal Enterprise.

The show and sale champion was a gimmer by Bishopton Diamond from Sam and Robin Chesney's Balligan flock at Kircubbin, County Down. She made 750gs.

Auctioneers were Automart Livestock Sales.

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Ram lambs

Henry Gamble's ram lamb (sire Cowal Enterprise) 2,000gs to Malcolm Reid (Meadowvale).

John Foster (Vern Fisherman) 1,600gs to P.Niland

John Currie & Sons (Glenside Four Square) 1,500gs to Nigel Hamill (Ballynadrenta)

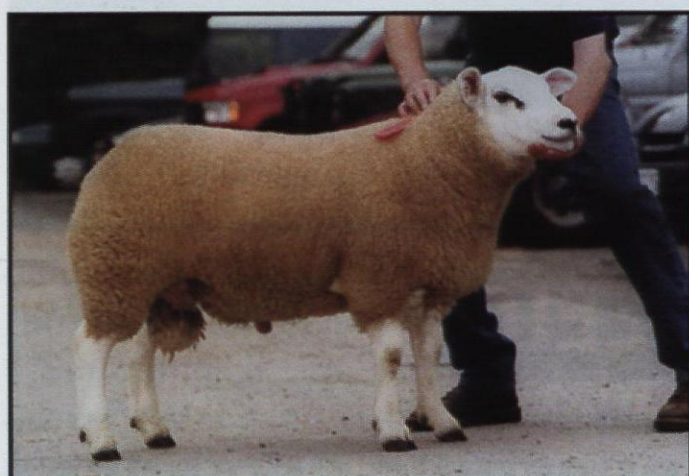
John Garrivan (Clougher Elvis) 1,500gs to Mrs M. Clarke (Ballyrussell)

Robbie & Kim Mulligan (Easterseat Fugitive) 1,400gs to Messrs S. Simpson , R.Calvin (Ballyhivistock), Kerr & Miskelly (Carnfogue)

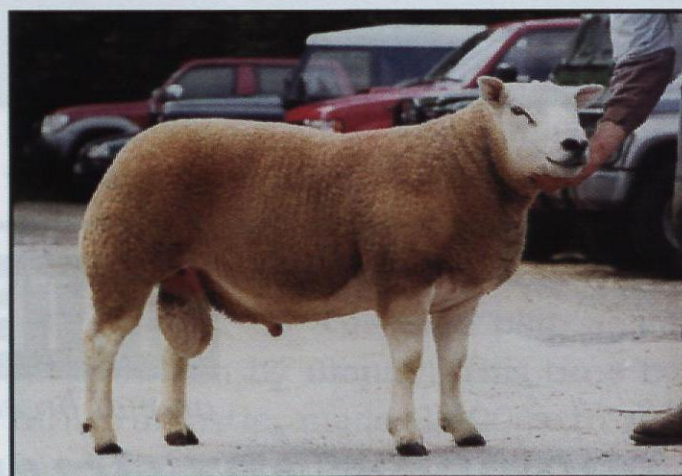
Henry Gamble (Cowal Enterprise) 1,000gs to S.Carson

Shearling rams

Henry Gamble (Cowal Enterprise) 1,900gs to P.Reilly.



John Foster's ram lamb sold to P Niland for 1,600 gns



Henry Gamble's shearling ram sold to P Reilly for 1,900 gns



M & J Watson's shearling ewe, the Reserve Show Champion, sold to Robert Robinson for 1,600 gns



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Sale Reports

● Scottish National Show & Sale 2000 ●

With the breed on an all-time high, a fast and furious trade at Lanark looked a foregone conclusion. There were pre-sale doubts however, not least because of the general malaise in all sectors of the industry with little light at the end of the tunnel..

In the event, the optimists were right. A record number of ram lambs changed hands, the average of £918.87 for 443 was up £141.62 on 1999, there was a ceiling bid of 21,000gs and a further four four-figure prices.

Of most encouragement, the excellent trade was not confined to top breeders' flocks.

Forecast changes to the hill subsidy system and an increasing number of lowland flockmasters seeking an infusion of Texel blood in the prime lamb dam meant a firm base to prices throughout the sale.

Summing it up, Chief Executive Steven McLean said, "Texel cross lambs in the south, sold through the live market and through Farmers Fresh attract between £3 and £7 per head premium as long as they have the necessary conformation and fat cover."

"Texel cross ewes are also attracting substantial premiums compared with other breeds and crosses."

Yet again, the dominance of the Glenside flock at Lanark and beyond was underlined with the 21,000gn top price of the day and a tremendous average of nearly £5,000 for seven lambs.

John Forsyth's sale leader looked the part in the catalogue and certainly drew the eye on the day. This was

Glenside Gurka by Muireisk Forever and out of a dam by the 33,000gn Muireisk Blondin.

Muireisk Forever, in the joint ownership of the Mairs and Willie Knox, was the first prize shearling ram and reserve male champion at the 2000 Royal Highland.

Gurka eventually went to a syndicate of the Mair and Knox families and Mrs Margaret Lyon.

Gurka was the first of the Glenside pen into the ring. Next came Glenside Great Scot, again out of a dam by Blondin but by Glenside Footprint, a son of Culterallers Exocet and running in the Glenside flock..

Buyers were Mr & Mrs D. Lewis, Cwmnanteinon, Rhos, Carmarthenshire, the Nanteinon flock, one of a number of flockmasters from Wales who stamped their mark on the sale.

The last of the Glenside pen, again out of a dam by Blondin, this time by Turin Fantastic, made 3,000gs to the Jones family, also from the Principality, for their Coedmore Hall flock near Lampeter, Ceredigion.

The Lewis's came again for the Knox's Haddo Gonzales, first prize ram lamb at Turriff Show. They paid 4,200gs for this son of the 9,000gn Glenside Forsyth out of a dam by Glenside Drum Major.

Gordon Gray had a flier with eight Ettrick lambs averaging £3,891.56. Six of the pen were by the 4,200gn Knock Firefly, two by Annan Braveheart. The first lamb into the ring, by Firefly, showed the shape of things to come. The opening bid was

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1,000gs, the closing bid 3,800gs and the lamb went to Baltier.

At 5,800gs Ettrick Glenbreck, the second prize lamb at Biggar Show, by Firefly and out of a dam by Tinwald Yorkie, joined David Houghton's Tophill flock. Then came the most keenly contested lamb, Ettrick Glenmorangie. By Firefly, out of a dam by Milnbank Yesterday and from the same family as the 11,000gn Ettrick Drambuie, Glenmorangie had been placed fifth in the ram lamb class at the Highland.

After a fierce battle, the victor at 16,000gs was a consortium of the Jamiesons (Annan), the Cullens (Craighead), Caroline Hastings (Courthill) and the Campbell brothers (Cowal).

Glenside was again in the picture with the third highest price of the day, 12,000gs paid by John Mackie (Milton of Noth) and Gordon Wilson (Glenisla) for Brian Buchan's Clinterty Geronimo, a son of Glenside Eurostar and out of a Watchknowe-bred ewe. The breeder retained a share.

At 10,000gs Keith Jamieson's Lanark supreme champion and first prize ram lamb in the MLC class was bought by Cumbrian breeders Bob Sutton (Crosscrake) and Peter Woof (Stainton). The lamb, Annan Goldsmith, is by Annan Born Free and out of a maternal sister to Annan Dazzle.

The fifth five-figure bid, 11,000gs, came for one of an eye-catching pen from Bruce and Kenny Mair's Muireisk flock. This was Muireisk Grand Slam, first prize ram lamb at the Highland

and a son of the 5,500gn Turin Fantastic, bought in 1999 by the Mairs in partnership with Glenside and Baltier. Buyers were Albert and George Howie.

The eight Muireisk lambs averaged £3,661.88.

Two lambs made 9,000gns apiece. The Howies recouped some of their outlay on Grand Slam when they received 9,000gs for Knock Gizmo, a son of the 16,000gn Glenside Eurostar, sire of Knock Firefly, and out of a ewe by Haddo Bertie. Buyers were Andy Frazier, the Menithwood flock and Mrs Avril Evans (Raglan).

Jim Neil's Neills Gucci by Stonebridge Fantastic changed hands at a similar figure, joining the Auchans, Watchknowe and North Quarter flocks.

At 8,000gs Angus McColm's Crailloch Goldeneye, a son of Ettrick Emperor, went in a joint purchase to the Lairds, (Cambwell) and the Clarks, (Garngour.)

Demand for shearling rams mirrored that for lambs with an increase in the average of £46, to £447, with 18 more sold.

At the top of the shearling price list was Robin and Nancy Orr's Halbeath FBI, by the 5,500gn Haddo Equal and out of a ewe by Ettrick Action Man. The Halbeath shearling, with a successful summer show season behind him, joined Bob Johnstone's Crawfordjohn flock.

At 1,700gs Bob and Anne Payne bought Doug Nesbitt's Alwent Famous, second in his class at the Royal as a

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ram lamb and male champion at the Northumberland Show as a shearling.

Alwent's shearlings led the averages here with four at £816.38. Two other four-figure bids came sons of Forgue Edward. At 1,400gs, a shearling from Jim and Helen Clark joined Jim Black's Corrie flock and at 1,100gs the Laird's Cambwell Fusileir went to the University of Wales.

Even without the help of a spectacular sale, as in 1999 when a Blondin daughter changed hands at 7,500gs, the average for shearling ewes rose from £275 for 160 to £327 for 151.

However, as in '99, John Forsyth

again paraded the sale leader, a gimmer by the 7,500gs Culterallers Exocet, that changed hands at 2,800gs to Mrs Margaret Lyon, Milnbank. Mr Forsyth's pen of four averaged £1,391.25.

Another Glenside gimmer, again by Exocet, made 1,200gs and another four, including the female champion from Alan Cochrane, made four-figure prices.

Auctioneers were Lawrie & Symington

Leading ram lamb flock averages

	Top (Gs)	Averages £	
		2000	1999
Glenside (7)	21,000	4,905.00	2,864
Ettrick (8)	16,000	3,891.56	609
Muiresk (8)	11,000	3,661.88	2,993
Baltier (6)	7,800	3,496.50	3,553
Crailloch (3)	8,000	3,185.00	-
Knock (7)	9,000	2,767.50	1,388
Neills (4)	9,000	2,677.50	-
Annan (8)	10,000	2,644.69	1,919
Green (4)	5,000	2,310.00	1,750
Milnbank (10)	4,400	1,743.00	962
Cambwell (8)	5,500	1,498.88	905
Haddo (8)	4,200	1,601.25	605
Tamnamoney (4)	2,200	1,470.00	1498
North Quarter (5)	2,800	1,320.90	315
Clougher (5)	4,200	1,260.00	1,344
Ballynahone (4)	3,200	1,189.13	-
Woodmarsh (6)	4,000	1,172.50	1467
Corrie (5)	4,000	1,037.00	-
Humeston (3)	1,300	1,032.50	-
Thinacres (5)	4,000	1,012.20	247

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Glenside Gurka sold to S G Mair & Sons, W J Knox and Mrs M Lyons for 21,000 gns



Ettrick Glenmorangie sold to G K Jamieson, J Cullen, Mrs C Hastings and K A & R Campbell for 16,000 gns



Clinterty Geronimo sold to J T Mackie for 12,000 gns and G J Wilson



Muiresk Grand Slam sold to A & G Howie for 11,000 gns



Annan Goldsmith, Show champion, sold to R T Sutton and P K Woof for 10, 000 gns



Neills Gucci sold to R Capper, J Warnock and A Frame for 9,000 gns

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Knock Gizmo sold to Mrs A Evans and Mr A Frazier for 9,000 gns



Crailloch Goldeneye sold to T A & R Laird and J & H Clark for 8,000 gns



Baltier Glory sold to G Gray, H Jackson & Son, G O Tennant and M Jackson for 7,800 gns



Green Golden Boy, Reserve Show Champion, sold to Boden & Davies for 5,000 gns



Halbeath FBI, top priced shearling ram, sold to R Johnstone for 2,000 gns



Top price sharling ewe from Glenside sold to Mrs M Lyons for 2,800 gns

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J.Forsyth's Glenside Gurka (sire Muiresk Forever) 21,000gs to S.G.Mair & Sons (Muiresk), W.J.Knox (Haddo), Mrs M.I.Lyons (Milnbank)

Gordon Gray's Ettrick Glenmorangie (Knock Firefly) 16,000gs to G.K.Jamieson (Woodhead), J.Cullen (Craighead), Mrs C. Hastings (Courthill), K.A.& R.Campbell (Cowal)

B.Buchan's Clinterty Geronimo (Glenside Euostar) 12,000gs to J.T.Mackie (Milton of Noth), G.J.Wilson (Glenisla) - share retained.

S.G.Mair & Sons' Muiresk Grand Slam (Turin Fantastic) 11,000gs to A.& G. Howie (Knock)

G.K.Jamieson's Annan Goldsmith (Annan Born Free) 10,000gs to R.T.Sutton (Crosscraze) , P.K.Woof (Stainton)

A.&G.Howie's Knock Gizmo (Glenside Eurostar) 9,000gs to A.Frazier (Menithwood), Mrs Avril Evans (Raglan)

J.Neil's Neills Gucci (Stonebridge Fantastic) 9,000gs to R.Capper (Auchans), J.Warnock (Watchknowe), A. Frame (North Quarter).

McColm's Crailloch Goldeneye (Ettrick Emperor) 8,000gs to T.A.& R.Laird Cambwell), J. & H. Clark (Garngour).

R & E. Forsyth's Baltier Glory (Turin Fantastic) 7,800gs to G.Gray (Ettrick), H. Jackson & Son (Boat), G.O.Tennant (Northholm), M.Jackson (Wolfclyde) .

G.Gray's Ettrick Glenbreck (Knock Firefly) 5,800gs to J.D.Houghton (Tophill)

T.A.& R.Laird's Cambwell Gigolo (Tinwald A-One) 5,500gs to P. Hird (Pop)

R & E.Forsyth's Baltier Gem (Turin Cain) 5,200gs to J.Morris (Green), I.Morris (Fachell), Mr & Mrs J.Thomas (Bryn Garth)

J.Morris's Green Golden Boy (Cowal Dynamite), 5,000gs to Boden & Davies (Sportsmans)

G.K.Jamieson's Annan Gold Digger (Watchknowe First Class) 4,500gs to C.S.Ponting & Co (Penstones)

Mrs M.I. Lyons' Milnbank Golden Lyon (Glenside Forsyth) 4,400gs to K.W.Hourston (Didcot) , A. & V.Copland (Overhouse)

J.Forsyth's Glenside Great Scot (Glenside Footprint) 4,200gs to Mr & Mrs D.Lewis (Nanteinon)

W.J.Knox's Haddo Gonzales (Glenside Forsyth) 4,200gs to Mr & Mrs D.Lewis (Nanteinon)

V.Chestnutt's Clougher Goliath (Clougher Dominator) 4,200gs to J.P.Oliver (Llanelwy)

A & G.Howie's Knock Gold Blend (Glenside Eurostar) 4000gs to J.Morris (Green), Messrs Morris Anglesey

H.Frame's Thinacres Grenade (Longlean Futuristic) 4,000gs to G.Gray (Ettrick)

M.& J.C.Gould's Woodmarsh Gold Star (Annan Five Star) 4,000gs to D.Houghton (Tophill)

G.Gray's Ettrick Gee and Tee (Knock Firefly) 3,800gs to R. & E. Forsyth (Baltier)

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- R. & E. Forsyth's Baltier Gold Flake (Turin Fantastic) 3,600gs to W.G.V. & E.A. Hardwick (Talcoed)
- S.G. Mair & Sons' Muireisk Glenfiddich (Glenside Forsyth) 3,500gs to R. & E. Forsyth (Baltier), J. Forsyth (Glenside)
- S.G. Mair & Sons' Muireisk Gladiator (Turin Fantastic) 3,200gs to E. Jones & Daughters (Coedmore Hall)
- R. Henderson's Ballynahone Golden Boy (Springhill Expert) 3,200gs to G.H. Gray (Ettrick)
- S.G. Mair & Sons' Muireisk Gold Glint (Glenside Forsyth) 3,000gs to J.F.F. Hughes & Son (Tredath).
- J. Forsyth's Glenside General (Turin Fantastic) 3,000gs to E. Jones & Daughters (Coedmore Hall).
- H.J. & J.R. Draper's Claybury Gold Star (Claybury Falcon) 3,000gs to T.S. Frame (Whin).
- A. Frame's North Quarter Glint (Beautry Faberge) 2,800gs to W. J. & J. Wilson (Blackstown)
- Messrs Ridley's Haltcliffe General (Boghouse Focus) 2,800gs to McCosh Bros (Culterallers).
- A.G. Howie's Knock Glamour Boy (Muireisk Blondin) 2,500gs to J.J. Jenkins (Pen-y-Banc).
- A. Frame's North Quarter Gladiator (Turin Fair Deal) 2,300gs to R. Templeton & Son (Tartan).
- S.G. Mair & Sons' Muireisk Gemini (Muireisk Forever) 2,200gs to M. Chippendale (Lammerside)
- R.I. Strawbridge's Tamnamoney Guinness (Sportmans Frontier) 2,200gs to W.J.P. & W.G. Thomas (Bryn Garth)
- K. Gill & Co.'s Templand Gem (Muireisk Evander) 2,200gs to R. Johnstone (Balaclover)
- S.G. Mair & Son's Muireisk Gibbon (Glenside Drum Major) 2,000gs to P. Kermode (Orrisdale)
- J. Forsyth's Glenside Gold Glint (Tamnamoney Finnegan) 2,000gs to Messrs Stewart (Kininmonth)
- R.A. & R. Laird's Cambwell Golden Eye (Garngour Fieldmarshall) 2,000gs to R. Johnstone (Crawfordjohn), A. McColm (Crailloch)
- R. Strawbridge's Tamnamoney Glenfiddich (Sportsmans Frontier) 2,000gs to J.S. & A. Howells (Tycam)
- M. & J. Watson's Hillhead Giant's Causeway (Crookholm Ferrari) 2,000gs to W.H.D. McCabe (Ballyarnott)

Sale Reports

● ENGLISH NATIONAL SHOW & SALE 2000 ●

The bouyant demand for all classes of breeding sheep was not confined to Lanark. At the Society's English National Show & Sale at Worcester, averages were well up for ram lambs, shearling rams and shearling ewes in a steady rather than spectacular trade.

The 86 ram lambs averaged £499.80 compared with £461.88 for nine more the year before. Shearling rams averaged £391.65 for 97 against £316.91 in '99 and the 50 shearling ewes £247.80 (£181.53).

Yet again, the Forsyth family had a great day. John Forsyth's Glenside Go-Getter was the top price ram lamb at 3,000gs. Robert Forsyth's Baltier Graduate took the breed championship.

The 3,000gn lamb was similarly bred to Mr Forsyth's 21,000gn lamb at Lanark with a common sire, the 8,000gn Muireisk Forever, shared with the Mairs and Willie Knox, and out of a ewe by Muireisk Blondin.

The buyer was Steve Smith for his Penparc flock.

Show champion Baltier Graduate, by Baltier Frisky and out of a dam by Annan Acrobat, changed hands at 1,500gs to join W.H.Sinnett & Son's Stockton flock but a lamb by Turin Fantastic made the highest price in the Baltier pen, 2,000gs to join James and Hannah Draper's Claybury flock.

The Mairs enjoyed another excellent sale making the second highest price, 2,500gs for Muireisk Great Expectations. This son of Glenside Forsyth joined G.J.& J.E.Williams Padest flock at Cray, Brecon.

Another Muireisk lamb, Gulliver by

Glenside Drum Major, took the reserve male championship, made 2,200gs and returned to Scotland in the joint ownership of the Grougfoot, Cowal and Turin flocks.

A.E.Williams & Son's Clun flock were in the money, starting with a four-figure ram lamb by Ballaglonney Enamour and following that with the highest price of the day, 3,200gs for a shearling son of Clun Dominator that joined R.&B.Smith's Slapton flock.

The next Clun shearling into the ring, again by Dominator, changed hands at 1,200gs and F.H.Chave & Son provided the third four-figure shearling in a son of Turin Earnest that made 1,500gs.

Auctioneers were McCartneys



Keith Jamieson's shearling ewe, the Show's Female champion, sold to D N Potter for 800 gns



Baltier Graduate, Show champion, sold to W H Sinnet & Sons for 1,500 gns

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Ram lambs

J.Forsyth's Glenside Go-Getter (sire Muireisk Forever) 3,000gs to S.J.Smith (Penparc flock)

S.G.Mair & Sons' Muireisk Great Expectations (Glenside Forsyth) 2,500gs to G.J. & J.E. Williams (Padest)

S.G.Mair & Sons' Muireisk Gulliver (Glenside Drum Major) 2,200gs to J.McKerrow (Grougfoot), K.A.& R.Campbell (Cowal), D.M.Milne (Turin).

R.& E.Forsyth's Baltier Grenadier (Turin Fantastic) 2,000gs to H.J.& J.R.Draper (Claybury)

R.& E.Forsyth's Baltier Graduate was sold to W.H.Sinnott & Son (Stockton).

J.Forsyth's Glenside Glenside (Glenside Forsyth) 1,500gs to Mrs D. Morrison & H.I.Taylor (Knelle)

G.K.Jamieson's Annan Glenmoy (Annan Extra Special) 1,200gs to M.R.& N.E.Gibbs (Bettonfield)

A.E.Williams & Son's Clun Gold Star was sold to C.D.M.Lewis (Edingthorpe)

Shearling rams

A.E.Williams & Son's Clun Four Star (Clun Dominator) 3,200gs to R.& B.Smith (Slapton)

F.H.Chave & Son's Peacehay Field Marshall (Turin Earnest) 1,500gs to Messrs Jones & Davies

A.E.Williams & Son's Clun Freeman (Clun Dominator) 1,200gs to S.F.Chaplin (Marney)



(Pictured above left)

Clun Four Star sold to R & B Smith for 3,200 gns

(Pictured left)

Glenside Go-getters sold to Steve Smith for 3,000 gns



(Pictured above)

Muireisk Great Expectations sold to G J & J E Williams for 2,500 gns

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● WELSH NATIONAL SHOW SALE 2000 ●

In common with the other majors, averages at the Welsh National Show & Sale at Builth Wells were well up without the help of spectacular individual prices. The ceiling bid, for a shearling ram, was 2,800gs but the average with six more sold rose by £61.60 to £547.70.

The 96 ram lambs, an increase of a dozen more sold, levelled at £340.16, again a healthy improvement on '99 to the tune of £65.53.

The 52 shearling ewes averaged £262.50, up just over £90.

The 2,800gn shearling came from Messrs G.Williams & Sons' Caron flock based at Penuwch, Tregaron. Named Caron Fella, he was by Clougher Envy, reserve male champion at the Royal Welsh in '99, and out of a dam by Cowal Waffler. Buyers were C.S Watkins & Son, the Pantglas flock.

Four other shearlings changed hands for four-figure bids, two of them from S.P. & C.P.Williams' Wollascott flock and both by the champion of champions, Ballaglonney Dan Dare.

Wollascott Father Ted, a triplet, made 2,100gs to Mr C.E.Pryce, the Caereinion flock, and the twin-born Front Man, 1,700gs to R.S.T.Morgan, Whitchurch.

Ballaglonney Ltd.'s powerful pen included Ballaglonney Fielder, by Tinwald A-One and out of a dam by Wollascott Winning Shot, sire of Dan Dare. He changed hands at 1,700gs to Marshall Farms and joined the Chargot flock at Luxborough, Somerset.

Almost inevitably, there was a strong Glenside flavour to the two highest priced ram lambs. At the head



Caron Fella sold to C S Watkins & Son for 2,800 gns

of the price list was a son of Glenside Express from W.G.V. & E.A.Hardwick's Talcoed flock. Named Globe Trotter, this twin out of Thinacres Royal Mint ewe made 2,000gs and joined Mr E.D.Hughes' Minyffordd flock at Pantydwr, Rhayader.

James and Hannah Draper's Claybury Guardsman, by Glenside Drum Major and out of a dam by Woodmarsh All Gold made 1,500gs to Messrs R.& A.Baseley.

The champion, Roy Hughes' ram lamb Trefonnen Goldmine was not sold, the reserve supreme, A.E.Williams & Son's Clun Firecracker, by Millend Eurostar, made 900gs to R.M. & G.L.Watkins.

Auctioneers, Clee, Tomkinson & Francis.

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Ram lambs

W.G.V & E.A.Hardwick's Talcoed Globe Trotter (sire Glenside Express) 2,000gs to E.D.Hughes (Minyffordd)

H.J.& J.R.Draper's Claybury Guardsman (Glenside Drum Major) 1,500gs to R. & A. Baseley (Glynbourne).

E.J.Samuel's Hendre Godfather (Muirek Freeway) 1,000gs to P.J.Evans (Ffostyll).

Shearling rams

G.Williams & Sons' Caron Fella (Clougher Envy) 2,800gs to C.S.Watkins & Son (Pantglas)

S.P.& C.P.Williams' Wollascott Father Ted (Ballaglonney Dan Dare) 2,100gs C.E.Pryce (Caereinion)

Ballaglonney Ltd.'s Ballaglonney Fielder (Tinwald A-One) 1,700gs to Marshall Farms (Chargot).

S.P.& C.P.Williams' Wollascott Front Man (Ballaglonney Dan Dare) 1,700gs to R.S.T.Morgan, Whitchurch

E.W.Quick & Sons' Loosebeare Formula 1 (Culterallers Drum) 1,000gs to R.N.H.Waters (Te Bryn)



Wollascott Father Ted sold to C E Pryce for 2,100 gns



Talcoed Globe Trotter sold to E D Hughes for 2,000 gns



Claybury Guardsman sold to R & A Baseley for 1,500 gns



Clun Firecracker, Show Reserve Champion, sold to R M & G L Watkins for 900 gns

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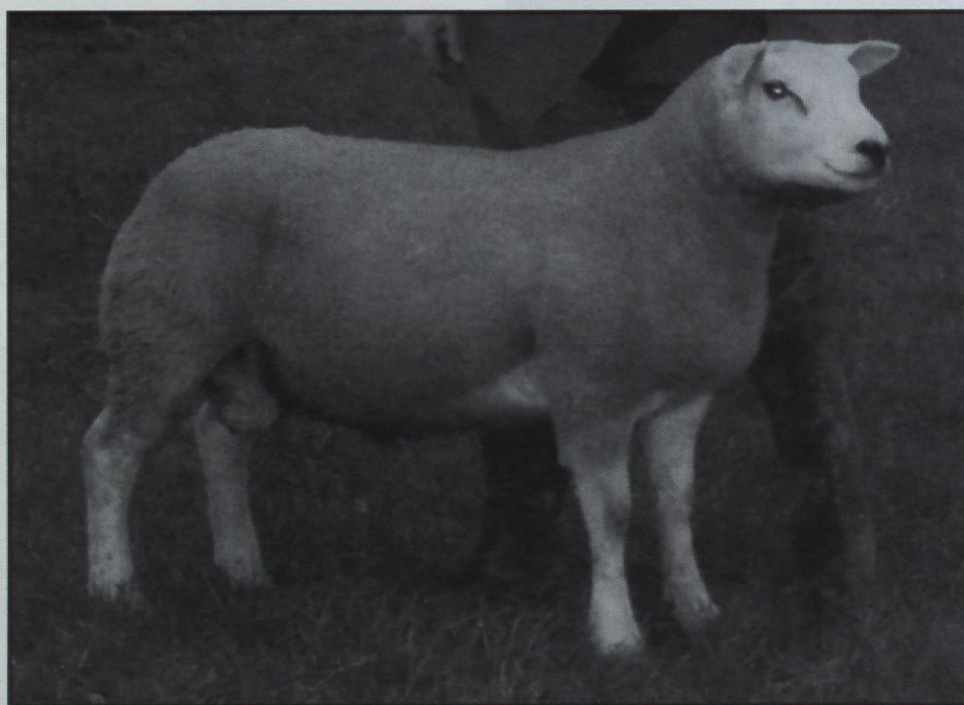
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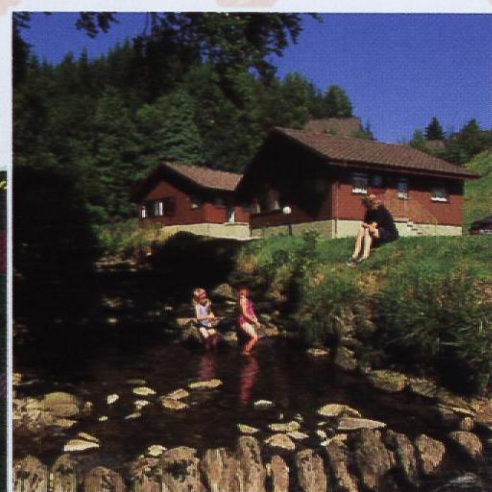
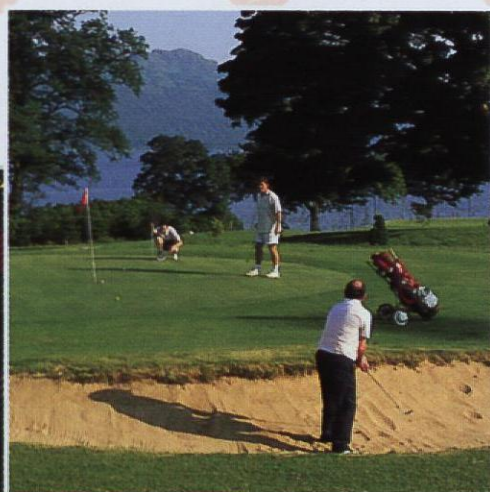
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