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Chairman's Foreword

Never did I imagine when I started breeding Texels, some 28 years ago, that one day I would have the honour of being elected President and Chairman of our Society, and now that I have, I feel it's a very exciting time to be at the helm.

We are now seeing commercial sheep prices at levels previously only dreamt of, but also long overdue. Texel cull ewes and prime lambs regularly achieving prices in excess of £150 and £100 respectively, often quoted as topping the livestock markets up and down the country. The breed is also a major choice for producers opting to sell dead weight with many lamb buyers preferring Texel x prime lambs. At Kelso and Bulth Wells alone, just short of 2,000 shearling rams averaged over £600, which is great testament to commercial demand. Pedigree females have also traded at record levels and numbers on both sides of the water.

For this coming sale season I sincerely hope that we can revert back to having normal, unrestricted trading with Northern Ireland and Eire. For the sake of all Texel breeders, we need to be free from the red tape and disease controls that we have experienced for the last three years.

Texel classes at all Royal and local shows continue to be very well supported, and any prize ticket won has been well earned. The Board is keen to support members who help promote our sought after breed at Prime Stock events and have put measures in place to encourage more participation at these Industry show cases, of which appear on page 114 and on the Society website.

My term of office started off in great fashion at the AGM held last November at Moorside Grange Hotel, Stockport. I would like to congratulate the North West Texel Breeders Club for organizing such a successful social weekend. I urge as many members as possible to attend the 2010 AGM to be held at Drimsynie Estate, Lochgoilhead in conjunction with the Scottish Texel Club's 25th anniversary on the weekend of 13th- 14th November. Having experienced other social weekends held there, I can thoroughly recommend the venue to you.



John Yates, our Chief Executive now in his 2nd year, has firmly got to grips with the running of the Society, having put us on a very sound financial footing, which should enable us to promote the breed more actively in the future. I take this opportunity to thank John and all the office staff for the very efficient and pleasant way that our queries and transactions are handled.

Members and our breed have weathered the storm that has been the toughest winter experienced in the UK for 30 years. The resilience of both is to be commended, perhaps our Members also carry the Texel hardiness gene! I wish all of you a very successful show and sale season whether you are in the pedigree or commercial sector; as one is of no use without the other. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during my term of office.

There has never been a better time to be involved in Texels, so go out and be part of it!

Gordon Gray
Society President & Chairman

Chief Executive's Foreword

Welcome to the 2010 edition of our journal, which I hope you will enjoy reading.

This publication documents all the important events in the Society's calendar for 2009.

For me the most memorable was standing at the top of the sale ring at the breed's Scottish Premier sale in August to witness the sale of 'Deveronvale Perfection'. Whilst the spontaneous ring side applause showed the joy and pride felt by everybody who witnessed the sale, the sensation of a world record price of 220,000gns paid for a sheep made headlines in the media, nationally and internationally, making British Texels instantly famous worldwide.

Of course our other Society and club sales also delivered outstanding results, with high clearance rates and an increase on previous year's results. I feel that the Society's sales structure is key to what we do for our members as it provides well-publicised venues, central to many of the major sheep areas, and we acknowledge the support from vendors and purchasers alike who chose to sell or buy at our sales. I would like to take this opportunity and thank every member for the part they played in the Texel's success in 2009. Further on in this journal you will find our popular reports with full coverage of National and Club sales and all the highlights of the season, right up to the January in-lamb female sales.

Underpinning the continuous sale successes is the UK commercial producer's demand for a breed that offers value and performance to help improve their business. Processors and lamb buyers also recognize Texel sired lambs as a reliable product, which offers further assurances to the producers who choose Texel rams for their flocks.

This enthusiasm for our breed was evident with an abundance of commercial buyers clambering for

the best position at the Texel sale rings at the largest ram sales in Europe, the Kelso Ram Sale and NSA Main Sale at Builth Wells. Both achieved near 100% clearance, a clear sign of continued confidence in Texels.

Throughout the year I was delighted to welcome many new members and to meet existing ones at the well-attended shows. The support members have shown by voting for the increase in the subscription fee has ensured that the Society is in a strong financial position to promote and develop the breed for the long term. Effective promotion of Texels is becoming ever more important: improving our market share in a continuously declining national flock can only be achieved by paying attention to quality – quality in our promotional material, a high profile presence at all sheep events but also by encouraging our members to maintain their own high standards in the selection of breeding stock. Finally, I see the Society as an organisation based on strong principles such as servicing our members, being professional in everything we do and having clearly defined goals. Working to these principles will help us to structure our future and tackle the challenges that come our way.

We aim to govern the Society in a professional manner and at the same time care for our members, mindful of their different circumstances and needs. I have every faith that the Society will continue to succeed and confidently manage the changes and challenges we face.

I wish you every success for 2010.



*John Yates
Chief Executive*

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'Jock' McGregor

On 21st July, 2009, the farming industry lost a truly inspirational character with the death of Jock McGregor, but the Texel Sheep Society's loss was much greater, as he was one of its founders, and second Chairman of the breed between 1976-78. Together with Bill Jackson and the late Ian Johnstone and Jim Lindsay, wee Jock was the driving force behind the importation of Texels into Britain. Few of the Society's 2,500 members today will be aware of the immense amount of time and money those pioneers invested in breaking down barriers on both sides of the channel to allow Texels into Britain. Jock was part of the selection panel that chose 13 tups and 26 ewe lambs to be the breed's first importation from France into Dundee in January, 1974 and promoted them with unparalleled enthusiasm. He was instrumental in the formation of Clubs throughout the UK and was also a strong advocate of progeny testing and classification in the embryonic days of the Society. He was a stockman, a leader and an inspiration. While others read history, Jock made history, and our society owes him a great debt of gratitude. He is survived by his wife Etta, son Willie, daughters Margaret and Mary, and grandchildren John, Andrew, Hazel and Lorna.

Brian Thomas

After a very long and brave fight against cancer Brian passed away peacefully at his home, Carswell St. Florence on Saturday November 15th 2008. He was born in North Pembrokeshire and educated at Llandoverly College and Cardiff University where he obtained a BSc. in mechanical engineering. After National Service as an officer in the REME Brian decided to 'take up farming'. He was an active member of the local YFC movement where he met Betty and they married in 1954. Together they set about climbing 'the farming ladder' first at Bank Farm then at Carswell, St. Florence. Brian's interest in sheep led him to the formation of the Carswell flock of pedigree Texels in 1979. He was a great stalwart of the South Wales Club and eventually on joining the Texel Society Board of Directors all his attributes of integrity and astute thought were applied to the benefit of the Membership, he went on to serve as Treasurer for the Society and then Chairman from 1995 – 1997. He is survived by his wife Betty and family David, Elisabeth, Derek and Grandchildren Jennifer and Alistair.



The Breed

The Texel sheep originates from the island of Texel, one of the north-western islands off Holland where the ancient native sheep was known as Pielsteert (Pin-tail, because of its thin short tail). In an attempt to improve prolificacy, growth rate and size several English breeds such as Lincoln, Leicester and Wensleydale were introduced at the end of the nineteenth century. Rigorous selection resulted in the development of a large, prolific and well muscled sheep. 1909 saw the formation of the first Texel breed society in North Holland which in 1911 issued the first description of type.

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 carcass 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.

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 Australia, Africa and South America as a provider of a high quality carcass that has a high killing out percentage. It is also well known in many countries as a breed that transmits its qualities to its progeny when used for crossing purposes.





Letter from South America

Members who read the story about Texels in Guyana in last year's journal will be interested to read the following update sent in by Sarah Wheeler, whose husband Fraser is Britain's High Commissioner in Georgetown, the capital of Guyana. Sarah managed the Texel project right from the start and her update gives a colourful insight into life with Texels in a tropical country and how they and the crossbred offspring have adapted to the conditions.



...I am now into the final few months of our four year posting to Georgetown, Guyana and as I look back at the projects I have been


involved with, the Texel/Texana programme really stands out. It has been challenging, frustrating, sometimes with hilariously funny moments, but ultimately very successful and most importantly it has brought about real change to the Guyana sheep industry.

As your journal article last year pointed out - three years ago I knew next to nothing about sheep - but I have been working on a very steep learning curve! I can now quite confidently lean on the fence and converse reasonably articulately on the merits of various drenches, foot rot applications, sheep diseases and the qualities of a particularly fine looking sheep - still wearing my high heel shoes (although I do find it difficult crossing the footbath)!

The project is well known in Georgetown and my colleagues in the diplomatic corps have looked on aghast as I have driven top speed down the main street in Georgetown with a sick sheep in the back of my car on an emergency run to the vet. We have dealt with floods, droughts, power shortages, equipment shortages, no grass, no feed, no tractor, and no fences and still managed to keep everything going. I am a frequent visitor at the project farms and the hands on approach means

that the farmers and stockmen know that "there are no excuses!" and things have to be done and done now - even if I end up doing it myself! On the cocktail party circuit I am frequently asked "How are your chubby sheep doing?" The President of Guyana, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Agriculture have all tucked in to a very fine meal of roast leg of Texana lamb - to rave reviews. The High Commission switchboard frequently receives calls for "De Ladee dat hav dem big sheep"!

The various visits of our team of experts have not only been productive, but great fun and full of excitement. The "Cockroach Inn" in Lethem; the hair raising flight through a storm in a six-seater plane clutching the semen tank, AI cradle and all the equipment; the back crunching trips over dirt roads and bumpy rivers to farms well off the beaten track. But in Guyana there is always a smiling face, some chicken and rice (again!) and hopefully a tot of rum at the end of the day. When the Texel and Texana lambs were born in September 2009 I could not have been more pleased and excited. I knew then that the project would be life changing for some of the local farmers who had not had access to new bloodlines for at least 6 - 7 years. Eighteen months on and our top Texana rams are hitting the scales at over 180lbs (80 kg) at 18 months. This is causing quite a stir as full grown Barbados Black Belly rams would be in the region of 140 lb (60kg). In October 2009 we brought in Marcio Aguius from Brazil to do some AI at selected farms in the South of Guyana near the Brazilian border. In March 2010 James Mylne came out and did



a second round of AI on the Texana ewes at the Guyana School of Agriculture and also at the National Agricultural Research Institute. We are expecting our first 75% crosses in July. The Guyana Texel/Texana Breeding Association will be set up at the end of this month. Our private farmers are now well placed to continue the programme. "Seeing is believing" - especially here in Guyana and there is now a waiting list for the next generation of Texana rams and a real excitement and optimism among farmers that their product will be of real value and quality. Other Caribbean islands and Brazilian farmers have also expressed interest in the programme and these leads are being followed up. This programme could not have achieved the level of success it has without the contributions of Tim Healy, John Yates, James Mylne, Peter Kenyon and Steve MacLean and of course, the good will of the British Texel Sheep Society for which all of us involved in the project here in Guyana are extremely grateful. As they say here..... "Walk in de corner wid plenty love" (Thanks very much and take care). Sarah Wheeler
British High Commission
Georgetown



Some of the interesting results this project has produced are that:

- None of the Texels suffered from Footrot, despite a strong prevalence of the disease at the NARI farm and the Texasans seem to have a much better resistance to Footrot and internal parasites than local sheep. Pure-bred Texels need regular dosing with anthelmintics.
- Given the high humidity, poor soils and pastures, good environmental management is essential and high quality feed, minerals and vitamins are important supplements.
- Growth rate is slower than in the UK which may be due to the tropical climate and poor pastures coupled with a slower metabolic rate of digestion and food conversion.

Because of the high cost of bringing AI teams and their equipment from the UK the project team used the services of an AI specialist from neighbouring Brazil to inseminate some flocks. Brazil has of course its own Texel population, but interest in British Texels is high. Three Society Chairmen were invited over recent years to Brazil's EXPO INTER, a major livestock exhibition in Porto Allegre in the far South of Brazil and good contacts were made there. With the export of bovine genetics now possible from the UK, there is hope that permission for sheep genetics may follow soon. This would mean much needed new bloodlines for Texel flocks in Southern Brazil, where conditions for our breed are ideal.

Embryo Transfer – Prolific Gimmers

Using technology to boost proven elite ewes influence on your flock.



Embryo Transfer has grown in popularity in the pedigree sector over the last two decades. Whilst not the cheapest technology available, used wisely it can offer distinct merits to the development of a proven elite female's influence on the flock.

In a report produced by Bruce Mair and published in full on the Society website, Bruce researched five ET donor ewes, which with the aid of this proven technology have brought their respective flock owners fairly rich dividends over the last ten years. In each individual case, the ewe herself, and in some cases her immediate female descendants have all responded well to the high risk super ovulation and embryo collection methods practiced by the various Veterinary companies.

However, as those breeders who have become involved with embryo transfer as a suitable means of developing their flocks, will know, it is not with a feint heart that the decision is made to offer your best ewe to the technology. The risks of failure or total loss of ewe never mind loss of money can burden pain on many hopeful partakers. Those that are fortunate enough to have identified a suitable ewe worthy of the level of investment required, which can run up to the hundreds of pounds, often have to accept the inconsistent results that the technology provides. Bruce outlines in his thorough report that over the years he has heard many anecdotes involving bitter

and expensive disappointments, including consistent poor conception to frozen embryos. On the positive side many excellent females would have had limited genetic impact on the breed as was the case in the pre ET era of the Eighties. The lesson must however be, buyer beware and for breeders to ensure only elite ewes are selected on their proven ability to keep the essential breed commercial traits in place, hardiness, lamb vigour and mothering ability and prolificacy key to our modern productive breed. Another important factor is that each individual ewe, four of whom detailed in the report, are witnessed as tremendous conformation animals, which our breed has become recognised for. Also, as will be seen from their individual high priced progeny lists, many of their respective progeny's sires were to quality proven rams. In some cases individual breeders also chose to repeat a successful mating, rather than speculate with a non proven sire.

Bruce comments that "personally he feels that ET will continue to provide an extremely good avenue, especially for new breeders, to multiply proven genetic lines. This is very much in evidence following the dispersal of his own Muireisk flock in 2009, with at least 15 ewes being ET'd following the dispersal with around 120 pregnancies scanned", he further adds "that the examples dealt with in the report are no means an exhaustive list with many other success and failure stories known to many breeders".

“ Breeders to ensure only elite ewes are selected on their proven ability to keep the commercial traits in place, hardiness, lamb vigour and mothering ability and prolificacy key to our modern productive breed. ”

Prolific Gimmers by Bruce Mair

James and Hannah Draper (Claybury Flock)

Flannog Ewe ENF95022, Sired by Parkhouse William - Dam ENF93-058

When I invited James Draper to nominate his most successful ET donor ewe from the noted Claybury flock, he had no hesitation in selecting the ewe ENF95-022. This ewe was purchased as a gimmer from her breeders Nigel and Celia Evans (Flannog flock) at Ruthin in 1996. When mated to Annan Born Free, she produced the noted Claybury Falcon (6,200gn English Premier Champion 1999). Annan Born Free was a ram very highly rated by his breeder Keith Jamieson, who confirmed that he refused a £10,000 offer for a half share. However, it was a daughter of the Flannog ewe – DHL99-021 (full sister to Falcon) – that escalated the success story when flushed to the proven Welsh sire, Green Golden Boy. This tremendous flush produced the 88,000gn ram Claybury Istabraq and 4 full ET sisters and 4 maternal ET sisters which sold to average 4,330gn apiece for 4, thus grossing well over £100,000. As is well known, Istabraq proved to be a very influential sire in John Forsyth's Glenside flock, siring many outstanding females including the dual RHAS/Royal Show supreme champion. Istabraq's full sister, DHL02-054, had ET sons selling to 22,000gn (Claybury Kruger). Three further maternal sisters to Istabraq, all by Muiresk Forever, were also to become prolific ET donors, producing numerous offspring in the 2,000 – 5,500gn range.

In addition to Istabraq's dam, the Flannog ewe had numerous daughters, notably (two by Glenside Drum Major and one by Muiresk Forever) which also became prolific ET donors. The most successful of this trio was the Glenside Drum Major ewe DHL00-004, whose sons included the 27,000gn Claybury Invader (supreme champion, Lanark 2002) and the 8,000gn Claybury Inmate (supreme champion at Welsh Premier Sale). A daughter of DHL00-004 and full ET sister to Invader and Inmate is used for ET work and has produced sons to 6,500gns Claybury Outlaw (Lanark reserve supreme champion 2008).



ENF95022PI – Sired by Parkhouse William

In more recent years, the success story has continued to gather momentum, with 3rd and 4th generation offspring now playing a significant role. Even the record-priced 8,500gn ewe lamb sold at the 2008 very successful Claybury major reduction sale was a direct female descendant of the Flannog ewe. Although James couldn't put an exact figure on the income derived from this pre-potent ewe, with numerous private and commercial prices being involved. But a tremendous achievement for a very modest initial investment.

Also, as will be seen from the summary table he kindly provided, in the early years of Messrs Drapers' ET work, virtual total reliance was put on frozen semen from well-known proven sires, rather than speculating on high-priced ram lambs thus improving their chances of success. As was in evidence to those who attended the recent Claybury sale, it was only in more recent years, once they had enjoyed the financial success as described in this article, that Messrs Draper put more reliance on high profile purchases such as Humeston Juniper (30,000gn), Glenside Lord of the Ring (36,000gns), Haddo Ignitor (13,000gn) and Haddo Kenny (16,000gn) for their ET work.

Embryo Transfer – Prolific Gimmers

Bruce Renwick, Legars Farm, Kelso (Castlecain Flock)

Douganhill Ewe GCK99-096(3) by Humeston Eastland GIH98-030(2) – Dam PMF97001

Bruce's most consistent female line within the annual ET work traces to one ewe and her direct female offspring. This Douganhill-bred ewe was purchased in 2000, jointly with Colin Mair and Partners (Muiresk), as the 3,200gn Carlisle female champion. Another vital component in Bruce's success story were, of course, his choice of stud rams. Glenside Gurka (21,000gn) and Craighead Hercules (50,000gn – former breed record holder) set the ball rolling, both producing outstanding ET daughters. To maintain the initial momentum, Bruce then purchased 3 rams jointly with the Campbell brothers (Cowan flock), namely Watchknowe Jimmy's Pride (23,000gn), Etrick Jackpot (36,000gn) and Baltier Kracker (34,000gn), all of which have produced dominant male lineages through their Castlecain-bred ET sons.

Apart from the financial success, Bruce's main satisfaction is derived from the fact that to date, 4 Castlecain rams, all from the Douganhill female line, were outstandingly successful for their purchasers, namely Castlecain Keltic Star (at Glenside), Castlecain Kennedy (in Ireland), Castlecain LA Lover (Glenside/Mellorvale), and Castlecain Nile Gold (Sportsmans/Mellorvale). Many prominent, major show prize winners and high-priced individuals of recent years, trace back to this quartet.

Douganhill Ewe GCK99-096(3) by Humeston Eastland GIH98-030(2)

(Co-owner: Bruce Renwick, Castlecain Flock)

Flushed over 2 seasons: 2000/2001 to Glenside Gurkha (21,000gn) and Craighead Hercules (50,000gn), who were the top priced rams of their respective generations.

Glenside Gurkha progeny included:

- the prolific Castlecain donor ewe RNA01-035
- Muiresk Heir Apparent (RHAS 1st prize shearling ram and used successfully in Knock flock)

Craighead Hercules progeny included:

- the prolific Castlecain donor ewe RNA02-016
- and males: Muiresk Icon (8,000gn); Castlecain Investment (10,000gn, Worcester Supreme Champion); Castlecain Ion Rocket (6,500gn, Reserve Male Champion RHAS)

The full sister to RNA02-16, at Muiresk, was sold for 4,000gn to Glenside, where she has produced the 17,000gn ram, Glenside Operator, at Lanark 2008. The Douganhill ewe also produced a 4,500gn gimmer bred naturally at Castlecain by Muiresk Forever. At Muiresk in recent years, only an outstanding Loosebeare Imp grand-daughter was successfully flushed with 5 female progeny grossing £15,000 at the 2009 Muiresk dispersal. With private and commercial sales, the Douganhill ewe's first generation progeny therefore grossed over £40,000.

However, when Bruce Renwick decided to go onto his fairly comprehensive flushing programme from 2004 onwards, the financial rewards were greatly enhanced, with the 2 maternal sisters both proving to be very prolific donors over several years. The Glenside Gurkha ewe is currently still fit and well at 10 years of age, while her maternal Craighead Hercules sister only died in 2009 at 8 years of age. Their most successful sales of male progeny are as follows:

Top RNA01-035 by Glenside Ghurkha

- Castlecainr Jaguar	9,000gn	sire: Craighead Hercules
- Castlecainr Kennedy	10,000gn	sire: Ettrick Jackpot
- Castlecainr Kracka	13,000gn	sire: Craighead Hercules
- Castlecainr Leading Light	11,000gn	sire: Baltier Kracker
- Castlecainr Mr President	20,000gn	sire: Watchknowe Lanark Cracker
- Castlecainr Movie Star	17,000gn	sire: Watchknowe Lanark Cracker

In addition, her daughters have sold to 7,000gn.

RNA02-016 by Craighead Hercules:

- Castlecainr Kung Foo Fighter	24,000gn	
- Castlecainr Keltic Star	13,000gn	All sired by Watchknowe Jimmy's
- Castlecainr LA Lover	36,000gn	Pride
- Castlecainr Mohan Mint	6,500gn	

In addition, an outstanding full sister to the above rams sold privately to the Kelso flock for ET work, while a maternal brother by Teiglum Outlaw was also sold privately for a significant sum.



Castlecainr La Lover's and Keltic Star's Full Sister

Bruce is very confident that the huge success story from the two star ewes will still continue in the years that lie ahead, as he still has embryos from the Gurkha ewe by the proven sires Craighead Hercules and Glenside Forsyth, and the promising first season sire Knock Powerpacker. He also stated that his two star ewes have progeny sales to date both grossing well over £100,000 apiece. When the original Douganhill foundation ewe is taken into the overall financial equation, along with her daughters and grand-daughters, she has obviously earned Bruce Renwick a figure in excess of 0.25 million pounds.

Obviously several outstanding daughters of the above ewes have been retained at Castlecainr to succeed their dams. In more recent flushing programmes, the Baltier Kracker daughter of the Hercules ewe has to date produced Castlecainr Nile God (28,000gn) and Castlecainr Nairobi King (5,000gn), both Humeston Midas sons. Her closely related Baltier Kracker cousin from the Gurkha ewe has produced the 8,500gn Midas Touch by Watchknowe Lanark Cracker (44,000gn ram).

Embryo Transfer – Prolific Gimmers

Baltier Ewe – FEB97-063(2):- Bred and Owned by Robert Forsyth

Sire: Turin Cain

Dam: FEB95-065(1) by Brague Apache

Robert Forsyth's Baltier Flock has been one of the most prestigious flocks within the Texel breed over the last 20 years, producing many stud rams which have gone on to have a positive influence on breeders' flocks. However, the entire flock was tragically wiped out during the 2001 Foot and Mouth epidemic, with the exception of the above Turin Cain ewe. Luckily, the ewe was based at the time within the Muireisk flock in Aberdeenshire, where she was on a flushing programme to Craighead Hercules.

The ewe was a member of one of Robert's most successful female lines, which had previously produced the 9,000gn ram, Baltier Winston, whose progeny sold to 18,000gn. In addition, her dam was a maternal sister to Muireisk Forever, a ram used widely, via AI, through the breed. Also, as a gimmer, she had bred the 15,000gn ram Baltier Frisky, which bred well in Charles Scott's flock at Hawick.

The Very Successful 2001 Craighead Hercules Flush:

Produced 4 males and 6 females. These included:

- Baltier I Catcher 17,000gn
- Baltier Imp 10,000gn
- Muireisk Iceman 5,500gn

In total, 4 ET litter brothers sold to average 8,500gn apiece. The 2 females born at Muireisk included a 10,000gn gimmer sold at Lanark. The Baltier females went on to help form the nucleus of Robert's new post-foot and mouth flock. Currently there are 8 members of this family within the present 40 ewe Baltier flock.

Successes from the family in more recent years included high-priced progeny from the ET Hercules sisters, one of whom bred the 34,000gn Baltier Kracker (by Tophill Joe) successfully used in the Castlecairn and Cowal flocks. Another sister bred the 3,200gn Baltier Oscar, while a third sister, FEB02-015, was the GG dam of the 22,000gn Baltier Panther; the current stud ram in the Baltier/Sportsmans flocks.

Both co-owners, Robert Forsyth and Charlie Boden, are very confident that Panther will "deliver the goods" in 2010.

Apart from her ET Hercules offspring, the Turin Cain ewe also produced twin Muireisk Forever ewe lambs at Muireisk during the foot and mouth epidemic. One of the Muireisk Forever twins MSK01 152, on its return to Baltier, bred the 18,000gn Ram Baltier Jaguar who became Royal Show Male Champion and sired a 5,500gn Gimmer in the Beauty Flock. Finally, at the recent Muireisk dispersal, a Cowal Maverick daughter of the ET Hercules sister retained at Muireisk, sold for 3,400gn; the purchaser, a new breeder Wesley Waite, has currently 9 ET Douganhill McFly pregnancies from this ewe, so I hope they provide him with "beginners luck".

Although Robert couldn't give an exact estimate of the total finance generated from his sole foot and mouth survivor and her direct female descendants, it is now well into the six-figure bracket.

In conclusion, great credit should be given to such senior breeders as Robert Forsyth and his close friend, Keith Jamieson (Annan), who have both very successfully rebuilt their respective flocks following their foot and mouth wipe out.



*Ewe MSK 07-703
Sire: Cowal Maverick*

Knock Ewe HAK05-034(1) – Owned and bred by Albert & George Howie

Sire: Anglezarke Krug, SSQ 04-424

Dam: HAK02-072(E) by Muireisk Heir Apparent

The above outstanding ewe was one of the sole crop of her 12,000 gn sire Anglezarke Krug who tragically died, after his first service season. She is a grand daughter of a 3,500 gn Woodhead gimmer, purchased as a foundation ewe from Keith Jamieson's daughter Helen Kingan and sired by the 12,000 gn Ram Woodmarsh All Gold. Keith Jamieson confirmed that the Woodhead gimmer was a member of one of the top female lines in the noted Annan flock in the early nineties. Keith stated that three of the top rams which he ever bred, came from this prolific family: namely Annan Van Goch (9,000 gns), Annan Ygorra (16,000 gns) and the RHAS champion Annan Winner (8,000 gns). He also greatly admired her during a flock visit to West Knock, describing her as "one helluva ewe", so George and Albert certainly picked a very sound foundation animal.

In an effort to exploit the full genetic potential of the 034 ewe, Albert and George have put her on a continous flushing programme over the last three years, where she has proved to be a prolific egg donor. A summary of the progeny results is as follows:

2006

Flushed to Glenside My Lord (11,000 gn ram)

Progeny: Knock Nugget 7,000 gns
2 daughters retained in flock by Glenside My Lord & Claybury Legacy (natural offspring)
Also Glenside My Lord, gimmer, sold for 2,700 gns

2007

Flushed to Garngour Noble Man (16,000 gn ram)

Progeny: Knock Oregano 20,000 gn
Knock Orion £10,000 (private sale)
Knock Overton 2,500 gn (res male champion 2009 RHAS)

Female: Gimmers sold for 12,000 gns, 4,800 gns and 2,400 gns.

Progeny Further two Garngour Nobleman gimmers retained in flock

2008

Flushed to Tophill Nockout

Progeny: Knock Powerpacker (8,000 gns)
Knock Prestige (4,500 gns)
Knock Party Time (4,000 gns)
Knock Powerhouse (3,800 gns)

A further 5 full ET sisters currently retained in the flock.

2009

Successful pregnancies to the 14,000 gn ram Garngour Playboy. Eagerly awaited in Spring 2010.



*Ewe HAK05-534
Sire: Anglezarke Krug*

George Howie confirmed that with some private and commercial sales, not quoted in the above summary, that '034' total progeny sales income to date is £108,000. He also stated that he is very confident of adding to that figure, as the ewe is still very fit and active and is currently on a winter flushing programme.

No wonder that many envious North East breeders and visiting groups who have seen the ewe, refer to her as "George's Magic Ewe". Doubtless she will have a great future impact on the breed, in so far as several of her sons are currently in use in very prominent flocks.

Embryo Transfer – Prolific Gimmers

FORKINS EWE – GAF 04-077 (E) owned and bred by Alastair Gault.

*Sire: Knock Impulse HAK02-109 (E)
Dam: MPW98-008 by Campwell Darky*

Alastair Gault whose Forkins flock has risen in prominence in recent years with several very high prices being achieved for rams at both Lanark and Dungannon and also for gimmers at Ballymena, nominated the above ewe as his most successful ET donor to date. Alastair worked as shepherd at the now dispersed Sweetwall flock until 2003 when he selected the above ewe's dam as one of his foundation ewes, no doubt being aware of her breeding potential. In 2003 he chose Knock Impulse as the appropriate mating sire for his Sweetwall ewe, in so far as he had proved himself by siring the then record priced ram Tophill Joe.

In 2006 Alastair embarked on what was to be a three year continuous flushing programme to the outstanding ram Douganhill Mcfly (sire Glenside King II). Progeny sales have confirmed that McFly proved to be a tremendous breeder in the flocks of all three owners – namely Forkins, Ballynahone and Tamnamoney.

A summary of the '077' ET progeny results are as follows.

2007: 3 Progeny

Forkins Nijinsky 26,000 gns
Cherryvale Nijinsky 16,000 gns
Gimmer (reserve champion Balmoral) 2,200 gns

2008: 20 Progeny

10 gimmers sold to average £1,800 a piece
8 ram lambs sold to average £1,200 a piece
2 top gimmers retained within the flock

2009: 4 Progeny

Currently retained within the flock (all ewe lambs)



*GAF 04-077 (E)
Sire: Knock Impulse Hak02-109 (E)*

Current sales aggregate to date is £72,000. At present the ewe is still fit and well and will be flushed next year following a well earned rest. Another positive aspect of Alastair's annual extensive flushing programme is that it has enabled him to sell a more extensive range of gimmers – achieving an outstanding average at this years Ballymena Invitational Sale – with individual prices including 8,000 gns and 6,500 gns.



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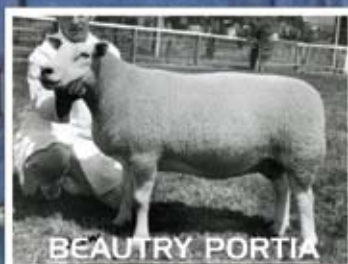
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The areas illustrated for efficiency improvement in the recent EBLEX's "Change in the Air: the Beef and Sheep Production Roadmap", are increasing longevity and fertility efficiency of breeding stock, and feed efficiency of slaughter stock.

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Rearing percentage has a great influence on the financial performance of a flock, and is dependent on the resources available and the management of the sheep. It also has massive impact on the emissions per kg of carcase, as more fertile animals produce more slaughter stock and a greater weight of meat over their productive lives.

The use of Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) to select superior stock with good growth rate and carcase quality, and maternal traits, like reproductive efficiency, provides a vital component for improving the efficiency of sheep production. Combined with the use of Computed Tomography scanning and artificial insemination in breeding programmes, genetic improvement can be pushed further and faster.

Feed efficiency is about producing more meat per unit of input, and needs to be combined with the requirement to reduce the use of cereals (or feed suitable for human consumption). The aim for all sheep producers should be to maximise the use of good quality forage. Poorer quality nutrition and the associated longer production times tend to lead to higher emissions per kg of carcase. However, it is important to remember that sheep have a role in converting and concentrating nutrients not suitable for human consumption into valuable food, and are important for landscape maintenance.

Improved grassland management should be a target for all sheep producers, as well-managed grass is the cheapest feed available and can offer very good animal performance. We are aware of the genetic improvement that occurs quickly within the livestock sector over a couple of generations, but we also need to be aware of the genetic improvements that are happening in grass and clover breeding.



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Efficiency is the key to reduce emissions and to increase profit, and the identification of efficient systems and animals is crucial. Records, and especially EBVs, will become more important to recognise superior animals that perform well in terms of longevity, fertility and growth rates, while grazing good quality forage.

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- Second Prize Group of Three.

Shropshire & Borders Texel Flock Competition

- Reserve Overall Champion Flock
- Overall Champion Group of Gimmers

In Lamb Ewe Sales

Welshpool

- Supreme Champion & Top Price DHL08134 sold for 1,300gns

Gloucester and Borders

- Reserve Supreme Champion & Top Price DHL08064 sold for 1,220gns.
- Second Top Price DHL08041 sold for 1,200gns.

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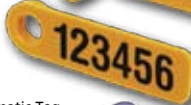
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Drinkstone Oh Just So PJP08020	439	6.69kg	14.3kg	3.39mm	1.02mm	8.52mm	-0.09
Drinkstone O So Smart PJP08021	421	7.25kg	15.17kg	6.38mm	+0.30mm	5.17mm	1.47
Drinkstone Peacemaker PJP09040	484	7.79kg	16.9kg	3.81mm	+0.08mm	8.72mm	+0.2
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Collective Sales of In-Lamb Females

A Selection of Collective Sales of In-Lamb Females (Regional Club Sales run under the auspices of the Texel Sheep Society)

By Bruce Mair

The combined average for the 500 in-lamb Gimmers sold at the 9 events dealt with in this report was £442. The vendors, with whom I spoke, were very well satisfied with this very satisfaction all-round trade. Another additional pleasing aspect, indicating future enthusiasm for the breed, was the fact that buyers, including many newcomers came from a wide geographical area. According to Henry Gamble, N Ireland Director, this was very much in evidence at the Northern Ireland sales. At the Northern Scottish Sales at Dingwall and Thainstone, there were also new buyers from the Scottish Islands – Skye, Orkney and Shetlands – indicating confidence in the Texel's ability to do well in fairly inhospitable climatic conditions. As with the Invitational sales at Chelford and Lanark, when road conditions were very hazardous due to the arctic weather conditions then prevailing.



3,000gns - Brain Hawthorn of MULLAN Flock

As regards individual prices, over 20 animals broke the 1,000gn barrier. Trade peaked at Dungannon, where a full ET sister to the famous 30,000gn Castleknowe Matchmaker from Messrs Beacom sold for 3,300gns to joint buyers John Foster (Springhill flock) and Jim Wilson (Blackstown flock). Also at Dungannon, Brian Hawthorn sold a 3,000gn Cowal Maverick sired gimmer to Welsh buyer Robin Ellis, Ruthin. The

supreme champion Gimmers at Chelford and Lanark respectively both sold very well, with Idris Morris's Fachell gimmer being bought for 2,650gns to Messrs Smith, Pert. Several other top quality Gimmers, including the Supreme Champions at Dingwall and Thainstone sold in the 1,000 – 2,000gn range with individual consignors/buyers being highlighted in the "top 15" list.



3,300gns – Messrs Beacom CASTLEKNOWE Flock

Several well known flocks featured in the higher flock averages, with the Knock flock of Albert and George Howie being certainly worthy of a special mention. At 3 different venues this year, they sold 36 Gimmers to collectively average £1,075 apiece – a tremendous achievement. The main sires for their large-framed tight-coated Gimmers were Garngour Nobleman and Tophill Nockout.

In conclusion, I hope that several top quality ram lambs, the progeny of Gimmers dealt with in this report, appear at next years premier sales. This would follow in the footsteps of Alastair Beaton's 1,250gn Galcantray gimmer bought at Dingwall last year, which produced a 10,000gn, Lanark Premier Sale ram lamb.

“ Additional pleasing aspect, indicating future enthusiasm for the breed, many newcomers came from a wide geographical area. ”

Selection of Collective-Club Show & Sales

Venue/Sale	Top Price(gn)	Average (£)
Dungannon Auction mart Collective flock sale	3,300gn	£615 (44)
Dingwall Auction mart North of Scotland Club Sale	1,500gn	£580 (41)
Thainstone Auction Mart N East of Scotland Club Sale	1,900gn	£556 (45)
Dungannon Farmers Mart Northern Ireland Club Sale	3,300gn	£445 (46)
Carlisle Auction Mart Solway & Tyne Club Sale	1,400gn	£431 (59)
Worcester Auction mart Gloucester & Borders Counties Sale	1,220gn	£428 (47)
Lanark Auction Mart National Show & Sale	2,300gn	£418 (58)
Chelford Agricultural Centre North West Texel Sale	2,600gn	£352 (100)
Skipton Auction Mart	800gn	£324 (60)

“ Total 500 Females sold
Grossed £221,154
To average £442 ”

Featured Top 10 Flock Averages

Name	Flock	Venue	Top Gns	Average
1 Messrs A & G Howie	Knock	Thainstone	1,900	£899 (10)
2 Messrs C & T Angus	Oldfield	Dingwall	1,200	£882 (5)
3 Messrs H & J Draper	Claybury	Carlisle	1,400	£840 (8)
4 Idris Morris	Fachell	Chelford	2,600	£805 (7)
5 Jim Wilson	Blackstown	Dungannon	2,000	£755 (14)
6 Brian Hanthorn	Mullan	Dungannon	3,000	£755 (14)
7 Messrs A & G Howie	Knock	Dingwall	1,250	£743 (7)
8 Jim Douglas	Cairness	Dingwall	1,500	£710 (10)
9 Messrs Stuart	Denty	Lanark	2,300	£695 (8)
10 R Cockburn	Connachan	Lanark	1,600	£694 (5)

Featured Collective Texel Female In-Lamb Sales Top 15 Individual Prices & Buyers

	Price Gns	Vendor Flock	Venue	Sire	Buyers
1	3,300	Castleknowe	Dungannon	Blackstown Linesman	John Foster-Springhill Jim Wilson-Blackstown
2	3,000	Mullan	Dungannon	Cowal Maverick	Robin Ellis-Ruthin, N. Wales
3	2,650	*Fachell	Chelford	Fachell Nutter	Messrs Warren-Bradford
4	2,300	*Denty	Lanark	Glenside King	A & T Smith-Perth
5	2,000	Mullan	Dungannon	Mullan's Odds On	S M McCollam-Crumlin
	Ewe lamb				
6	1,900	*Knock	Thainstone	Garngour Nobleman	Mrs. Alexander-Breddie's
7	1,600	Connachan	Lanark	Tamnamoney Navy	A Struthers-Cumnock
8	1,500	Cairness	Dingwall	Muireisk Noble Bruce	Caithness buyer
9	1,400	Claybury	Carlisle	Castlecainn Keltic Star	A Jones-Denbigh
10	1,400	Clinterty	Thainstone	Castlecainn Nairobi King	Mr Johnstone-Eillon
11	1,250	Knock	Dingwall	Garngour Nobleman	Caithness buyer
12	1,220	Claybury	Carlisle	Clynnog Joe Tex	A & M Bruce-Shropshire
13	1,200	Claybury	Carlisle	Garngour Nijinsky	D Towell-Gylsburn
	12,00	*Oldfield	Dingwall	Glenside Nugget	K Ingram-Keith
15	1,159	Knock	Thainstone	Garngour Nobleman	Orkney Buyer

*Supreme Champion Gimmers at their respective venues

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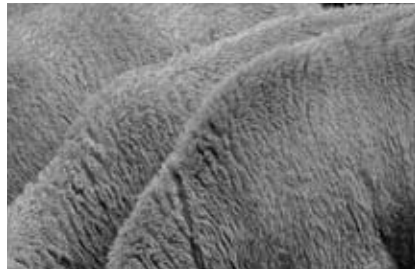
The British Texel Sheep Society 'Wool Test'

The Society receives a number of allegations each year regarding sheep that have been presented for show or sale in an unnatural condition. The Society's By-laws state pedigree Texel sheep must be shown in natural condition, any tampering with the fleece contravenes the By-Laws. Each sale is operated with strict inspection, with the decision of the Inspector being final.

The Society reserves the right to 'wool test' at shows and sales held under its auspices. A sample collection procedure that has a legally robust audit trail is used when a sheep is sampled. Any positive result will automatically be referred to the Society's Disciplinary Committee.

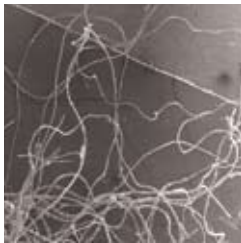
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- Expulsion from the Membership of the Society
- Suspension from Membership of the Society
- Suspension for a period from entering sheep for Society shows and sales and taking part in any other Society sponsored activities.
- Cancellation of registrations of the Member in the Flock book, or temporary de-registration of the Member's sheep for a period, or disqualification of sheep from any Society event or activity for an unlimited period.
- A fine, to include costs associated with the Disciplinary process, (in previous cases the costs have been substantial, amounting to in excess of £1,000).
- A reprimand.



The Board are required to communicate the findings of any "disciplinary action" to its Membership. Two lots were sampled from different vendors at the Society's 2007 National Sales; both cases were taken through a stringent and lengthy legal process and were proven to have been trimmed.

The Society rules are in place to protect all Members, please adhere to the Society's rules.



A sample of wool in 'pristine' condition with individual fibres clearly seen twisting within the fleece.



A sample of 'trimmed' wool with individual fibres shown clearly cut.



An individual 'trimmed' wool fibre at greater magnification

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Jean Pierre Garnier, export manager for Eblex, stated that “2009 exports of sheep meat show significant growth, as a percentage of production, which is good news for sheep producers. Prices were pulled by strong overseas demand for high quality lamb”.

The Society continues to support export promotions of our productive breed targeting Romania and Brazil as prime markets for the introduction of British Texel genetics. Combined support from the Society, AHDB, EBLEX, BLG and the UKTI (UK Trade & Investment) has helped to ensure that the British Genetics brand is promoted professionally in targeted countries.

Successful exports have been achieved by members in 2009, with livestock exports to Germany, Ireland, Channel Islands, Netherlands and France, complemented with success in export of semen to Guyana and the USA.

The Society has been instrumental in engaging with the relevant government departments both in GB and Brazil to assist in the development of a bilateral Health Certificate between Defra and MAPA their Brazilian equivalent. Whilst the semen certificate is being finalised, major inroads have been made on behalf of members to develop trade between the two countries. Our Society has developed a tremendous relationship with the South American Texel Breed Societies in particular BrasTex the Brazilian Texel Member organisation.

There is global interest in our hardy and versatile breed, with many processors and producers specifically targeting Texel genetics or Texel sired lambs for their markets. Having identified Texel as offering key benefits in achieving increases in carcass weight, savings in feed costs and premiums for carcass quality.

Testing for Maedi Visna – is it worthwhile?

Maedi Visna (MV) is a disease of sheep which is fatal. There is no cure and no vaccine.

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The disease is mainly transmitted by close nose to nose contact but is also present in other body tissue and is found in fluids such as colostrum, milk, blood and saliva.

The rules of the MV accreditation scheme are designed to reduce the risk and the scheme has been very successful in doing this. As a result many producers see a low incidence and are wondering why they are still in the scheme. However with any disease, if you drop your guard, it could soon spiral out of control. Being a member of the MV scheme safeguards your flock against disease breakdown and enhances breed reputation.

Consider why you are in the scheme. Reasons are:

- To maintain the health status and productivity of your sheep
- To sell at Society sales
- To achieve higher prices

But should you also consider the wider benefits?

- Give confidence to the sheep industry
- Show a commitment to disease control
- Assist long lasting breed improvement.
- Increase perception of UK sheep
- Address bio security issues related to disease control

The disease is out there (table 2 shows increasing incident at qualifying tests) and can be devastating if it strikes, maps show that, as would be expected, the disease is more common in areas of a high sheep population but very few areas can claim to be safe. In a commercial flock (not a scheme member) 70%

of ewes tested and half of the rams were found to be positive for MV. The increasing level of disease came to light when a thin ewe was submitted for post-mortem. The problem had been growing for a few years as the client reported that there were rising numbers of deaths among young lambs due to lack of milk which was also causing poor growth rates and extended finishing periods. In this case the whole flock may have to be culled.

Just think if your flock had been in contact with the above.

Testing on a regular basis gives you assurance – is that not a cheap price to pay?

The sheep industry is returning to profitability. The breed has a good reputation at home and overseas. Let us keep it that way by making sure that a disease that can rapidly affect productivity and profitability does not get a foothold. With a breakdown flocks are at risk at shows, sales and through buying replacements and if you lose accredited status you are out of the market for a period. Monitoring disease freedom is cheaper than tackling a disease that is allowed to increase in incidence.

MV is out there. Be vigilant.

Premium Sheep & Goat Health Scheme (PSGHS) is giving good value to scheme members. For the fourth year membership will be frozen. This can only be achieved through efficiency measures.

Those of you who attend shows and sales will see simpler, but still robust, rules this year. It will still be necessary to have a current, valid health status report to enter accredited shows and sales but you do not need to hand in copies. However you must have it available for inspection. Problems seen at shows and sales are reducing year on year – the main problem is invalid (out of date) health status reports.

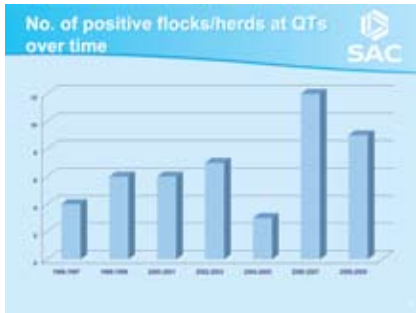
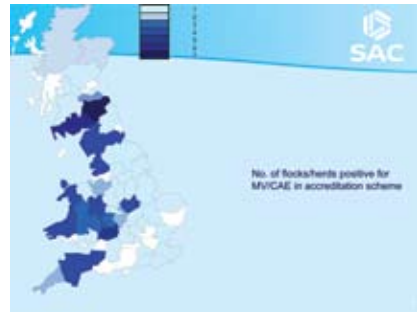


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Maps

Farm inspections are an integral part of the MV scheme and the numbers of these have been increased. Some scheme members are still breaking the rules – nose to nose contact with non-accredited stock at field boundaries (watch fences and gates – there must be no contact). Data shows that there is a 2.3 times higher risk of contracting MV in an accredited flock if non-accredited sheep are on same premises or in contact. Please abide by the scheme rules. Not only do you jeopardise the status of your flock but also that of fellow breeders. Breaches of rules are acted upon. A member has recently been barred from the scheme as he was selling non-accredited stock using a health status report for his accredited sheep. All MV scheme members had a copy of updated rules sent to them in December,

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and, at the same time a letter was enclosed asking for your permission to publish data on the SAC PSGHS website www.sac.co.uk/sghs

The web site will be developed through 2010 and it will assist producers seeking accredited stock. If you have not replied please do so.

PSGHS works with an Industry advisory board, your Chief Executive represents the Society on the Board. The aim is to provide a cost effective scheme which is of immense benefit to Texel breeders.

I wish all Texel breeders a great 2010 season and thank all for your continual commitment to the MV accreditation scheme.

Ian Pritchard
PSGHS Manager



Cofnodi Texel Cymreig / Welsh Recorded Texels

Ram buyers target individual EBVs at Aberystwyth sale.

There was a new venue for the UK's only high performance recorded Texel ram sale in 2009, the new sheep unit at IBERS (Institute of Biological and Environmental Sciences) Gogerddan, Aberystwyth. Increasing demand for tups bred to increase profitability for commercial buyers bodes well for the future of performance recording in Wales with all vendors reporting increased sale averages and clearance rates (overall sale average 450gns for 82 sold). The top price was for Antur bred AAA08099 with scan weight 12.94kg, muscle depth 3.48mm, fat +0.22mm and index 326. Combining these figures with an excellent faecal egg count EBV of -0.48 and Texel type resulted in the top price of 840gns.

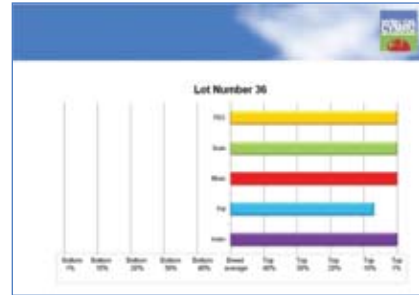
have taken their understanding past the basic level of index and are focussing on the individual EBV traits that they need. After analysing their slaughter data they are looking for rams that have the traits specifically suited to their ewes and particular farm systems. All rams forward were in the top 10% for either scan weight, muscle depth or both. One message that came through loud and clear is that some purchasers were particularly focussed on fat levels with demand shown for both positive and negative values.

The group are constantly striving to improve methods of communication and the presentation of data. HCC (Meat Promotion Wales) produced pen cards for each ram with their data presented in the form of a bar chart as this is a tried and tested method of



All of the vendors noted a significant shift in attitude of the purchasers. After 5 years of the sales, commercial farmers are rapidly adopting performance recording and repeat customers are becoming more discerning in their requirements. Many of the buyers

presenting bull performance. The card for each ram was displayed on their pen and translated the data from the sale catalogue into a picture, which is easier to absorb. As each ram entered the sale ring their bar charts were displayed on a large flat screen monitor



Diagrams of Pen cards showing EBVs in bar chart format against breed average.

(as seen in the picture). Feedback on this approach has been overwhelmingly positive and it is hoped this will be used again for the 2010 sale in August, details of which will be available from HCC in early summer.

Flockbook

Another HCC initiative is a new website for performance recorded sheep of all breeds in Wales. It can be accessed at www.flockbook.org and provides information on the different recorded breeds and individual breeders. The site features stock for sale and is intended to provide the breeders with a shop window and the buyers with information on what's available and where. Flock book is still very new but is set to develop into a useful and popular site for breeders and customers alike.

Genetic Improvement Aid from HCC

Most members of the group took advantage of the subsidised AI and ET scheme that is being offered by HCC as part of their genetic improvement programme. We jointly selected Tweed Odyssey (a ram combining high performance and excellent type) to provide the semen for our work and to be our link ram to flocks within and outside the group. Our thanks go to Neil Crighton (Tweed) for ensuring that we had the semen and that it arrived in time. If any recording breeders within or outside Wales would like to link co-operatively with our group in the future through semen sharing or exchange, please feel free to contact any of us.

“ The vendors noted a significant shift in attitude of the purchasers. ”

Add value through Performance Recording



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£6500 Gimmer
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2009 Texel Female In-Lamb Invitational Sales

A Selection of Texel Female In-Lamb Invitational Sales 2009

By Bruce Mair

At the 6 Invitational Female Sales featured in this report, there was a tremendous demand with the 52 Flocks involved selling 609 females to average £1,025.

A common feature at all the sales was a buoyant demand, which resulted in virtually 100% clearance rates. This obviously augers well for the immediate future of the Texel Breed. Virtually all the flocks had a very high overall quality of presentation, with many including 1 or 2 leading stock Gimmers In-lamb to top quality sires. No fewer than 20 Gimmers broke through the 4,000gns barrier, with a new breed female record being achieved at 20,000gns with an outstanding Cairness Gimmer from Jimmy Douglas, carrying twins to the record-priced Deveronvale Perfection. Buyer was Malcolm Reid, Kelso flock, who also acquired a 13,000gn Cowal Gimmer from the Campbell brothers, In-lamb to the 45,000gn ram Kelso Pavarotti. Mr Reid also bought the 2 top Gimmers forwarded from the Baltier flock of Robert Forsyth, 5,000gns and 4,000gns respectively. However, Mr. Reid also featured as a seller, with his top Kelso Gimmer, by the 40,00gn Garngour Nirvana, being purchased by Trinidad Investments, Sussex, for 12,000gns.



Carlisle Texel Douglas - 20,000gns Breed Female Record - Jimmy Douglas of Caithness Flock to Malcolm Reid of KELSO Flock

Proctors Farms, whose Lancashire based flock is now managed by Jeff Aitken, were very prominent buyers at several of the sales, acquiring no fewer than 6 Gimmers from the top 20, with prices ranging from 5,500gn to 12,000gn. Their selection included a 12,000gn Knock Gimmer, whose full or maternal brothers included a 20,000gn ram, while they were also the principal buyers at the Northern Stars Sale at



Carlisle - 12,000gn Malcolm Reid (Kelso) sold to Trinidad Investments (High Wield & Colwood)



Carlisle - 12,000gn G Howie (Knock) sold to Proctors Farms

Ballymena where their purchases included the 3 top Gimmers, all sired by Douganhill McFly from Alastair Gault and his family's well known Forkins/Cherryvale flocks. Other prominent buyers for Gimmers at the top end of the spectrum included Aberdeenshire breeders Graham Morrison and Kenny Pratt, who jointly purchased the top 2 Gimmers at Lanark's Select Seven Sale at 6,000gn and 5,000gn respectively from Messrs Clark's Garngour and Teiglum flocks. Mr Morrison had also purchased a 4200gn Penparc Gimmer and a 2.400gn Allanfauld Gimmer at the earlier Carlisle Twilight Sale for his Deveronvale flock.



*Carlisle – 13,000gn Campbell brothers (Cowl)
sold to Malcolm Reid (Kelso)*



*Lanark – 6,000gn Clark family (Garngour)
sold to Graham Morison (Deveronvale) &
Kenny Pratt (Hilltop)*

While the majority of flocks concentrated on producing a pen of Gimmers ranging from 8-15 Gimmers depending on their flock size, several larger flocks successfully presented 19 or more Gimmers including 8 flocks which made the "top 20". Five of those larger lots which all achieved outstanding averages in excess of £1,700 with tremendous overall quality very much in evidence were the Knock, Annan, Garngour, Forkins and Cambwell consignments. Messrs Albert and George Howie's Knock Gimmers sired mainly by Garngour Nobleman and Tophill Nockout, both top breeding rams, achieved the outstanding average of £2,274 for 19. Veteran breeder Keith Jamieson presented a very stylish, tight coated pen of 20 Gimmers from his Annan flock, to average £1,826 a piece. Keith was justifiably very proud of achieving this figure, as after the sale he stated that Proctors Farms had the 'first pick at home' of 15 females.

At the Select Seven Sale at Lanark, Messrs Clark's Garngour /Teiglum flocks produced their usual top quality pen of Gimmers and 2 recipients to average £1,810, while they were closely followed by Robert Laird's Cambwell pen which averaged £1,740 with no fewer than 16 Gimmers selling in excess of 1,000gn. Further well-known long established flocks which broke the £1,000 barrier in relation to their averaged included the Milnbank flock (Margaret Lyon); Strathbogie flock (Messrs Innes); Tophill flock (David Houghton); and Ettrick flock (Gordon Gray).

In conclusion, in my honest opinion, all the consignors at the above sales should feel well satisfied with their efforts in presenting good quality animals to their best advantage. Hopefully, provided the quality aspect is maintained, Texel breeders in general should feel fairly optimistic for the immediate future sales prospects of the breed.

Pictures courtesy of The Scottish Farmer

2009 Texel Female In-Lamb Invitational Sales

Flock Averages

Top 20 Flock Averages @ Texel Female Invitational Sales 2009

FLOCK	VENUE	SALE	TOP PRICE. Gns	FLOCK AVERAGE
1 Kelso	Carlisle	Twilight	12,000	£3859 (4)
2 Cairness	Carlisle	Christmas Cracker	20,000	£3523 (10)
3 Knock	Carlisle	Christmas Cracker	12,000	£2724 (19)
4 Cowal	Carlisle	Christmas Stars	13,000	£2030 (10)
5 Annan	Carlisle	Christmas Stars	6,500	£1826 (20)
6 Gargour/Teiglum	Lanark	Select Seven	6,000	£1810 (20)
7 Forkins/Cherryvale	Ballymena	Northern Stars	8,000	£1785 (27)
8 Cambwell	Lanark	Select Seven	3,800	£1740 (20)
9 Baltier	Carlisle	Twilight	5,000	£1623 (11)
10 Milnbank	Carlisle	Christmas Stars	5,500	£1508 (13)
11 Penparc	Carlisle	Twilight	4,500	£1410 (7)
12 Strathbogie	Carlisle	Christmas Stars	3,400	£1321 (13)
13 Tophill	Carlisle	Christmas Cracker	3,600	£1133 (7)
14 Etrrick	Lanark	Select Seven	3,200	£1042 (17)
15 Hull House	Carlisle	Twilight	1,200	£987 (5)
16 Tamnamoney	Ballymena	Northern Stars	3,200	£980 (8)
17 Glenside	Carlisle	Christmas Cracker	4,200	£967 (22)
18 Grougfoot	Lanark	Select Seven	3,800	£920 (20)
19 Ballynahone	Ballymena	Northern Stars	3,100	£920 (20)
20 Allanfauld	Carlisle	Twilight	2,400	£878 (7)



Top left: Ballymena – 8,000gn GCN08108

Bottom left: Ballymena – 6,500gn GAF08053

Above: Ballymena – 6,500gn GAF08067

All from the Gault family of Cherryvale and Forkins Flocks sold to Proctors Farms

Pictures courtesy of Alfie Shaw at Agri Images.

Top 20 Individual Gimmers 2009

Consignor Flock	Gimmer Sire	Price Gns.	Buyer
1 Cairness	Clola Marksman	20,000	M. Reid - Kelso
2 Cowal	Muireisk Northern Dancer	13,000	M Reid - Kelso
3 Kelso	Gargour Nirvana	12,000	Trinidad Investments
4 Knock	Gargour Nobleman	12,600	Proctors Farms
5 Cherryvale	Douganhill McFly	8,000	Proctors Farms
6 Forkins	Douganhill McFly	6,500	Proctors Farms
7 Forkins	Douganhill McFly	6,500	Proctors Farms
8 Annan	Annan Freebie	6,500	Acton Farms
9 Knock	Gargour Nobleman	6,500	Proctors Farms
10 Gargour	Wardhall Nemesis	6,000	G Morrison – Deveronvale & K Pratt – Hilltop
11 Milnbank	Douganhill Navahoe	5,500	Proctors Farms
12 Baltier	Baltier Mercedes	5,000	M. Reid – Kelso
13 Teiglum	Hexel Lexus	5,000	G Morrison – Deveronvale & K Pratt - Hilltop
14 Knock	Gargour Nobleman	4,800	Douganhill Farms
15 Milnbank	Douganhill Navahoe	4,800	C Boden – Mellor Vale
16 Penparc	Annan Jewel	4,500	G Morrison – Deveronvale
17 Annan	Lindstair Nick Nack	4,200	J N Ellis – Shropshire
18 Glenside	Midlock Nimrod	4,200	R Wallace – Ayrshire
19 Forkins	Douganhill McFly	4,000	Acton Farms
20 Baltier	Baltier Nimrod	4,000	M. Reid – Kelso

Texel Female Invitational Sales Overall Results Summary

SALE	VENUE	DATE	PARTICIPATING FLOCKS	TOP PRICE Gns.	SALE AVERAGE
1st Choice	Carlisle	30 November	13	2,400	£425 (105)
Twilight	Carlisle	4 December	12	12,000	£998 (92)
Christmas Stars	Carlisle	5 December	8	13,000	£1,266 (106)
Christmas Cracker	Carlisle	11 December	8	20,000	£1,400 (104)
Select Seven	Lanark	12 December	7	6,000	£1,063 (118)
Northern Stars	Ballymena	19 December	4	8,000	£980 (84)

Totals: 52 Flocks Sold: 609 Females Average: €1,025 (Note all averages to nearest £)

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Show Judges 2010



BALMORAL SHOW 12 – 14 May ALAN CLARK of GARNGOUR (CJN)

Alan has been a member of the Society since the Garngour flock was formed in 1989. He has been a serving Director on the Texel Board since 2008 - representing the West of Scotland area and is currently the Chairman of the Show & Sales Committee. Alan is a past winner of the prestigious Stockman of the Year award at the Royal Highland show in 2002. Alan has judged numerous shows across the country, but the Balmoral Show will be his first "Royal". Alan is married to Marla and they have one son, Finley, who appears to be taking after his father by winning the Junior Stock Judging Competition event at the Society's AGM weekend last year.



ROYAL HIGHLAND 24 – 27 June KEITH CAMPBELL of COWAL (CKC)

Keith has been a member of the Society since 1983, citing Keith Jamieson as being his initial adviser to get involved with the breed. During this time he has served as Director, Chairman and President of the Society; he is also a past Chairman of the Scottish Club. The Cowal flock, farmed along with his brothers Alan and Roy, is well respected amongst the Sheep Industry. Keith has judged many prestigious shows around the country and is reputed to possess a razor sharp memory. His wife Irene also has a Texel background, being a member of the McKerrow family from Grougfoot, Linlithgow. Keith lists amongst their most successful sales to date, Cowal Maverick (14,000gn) and Gimmers sold for 13,000gn (2009) and 8,500gns (2007). Outwith the Texel world, the Campbell family's main enterprise is in the tourism industry, where they run 7 holiday parks in picturesque Argyllshire, near Lochgoilhead. The company now known as Cowal Leisure trades as Argyll Holidays.com. Keith obviously leads a very busy and hectic lifestyle, also being a fanatical supporter of Rangers FC!



GREAT YORKSHIRE 13 – 15 July PAUL QUICK of LOOSEBEARE (QEL)

Paul's father Bill became a member of the society back in the early 80s, initially formed as a commercial flock in partnership with his brothers Andrew and Mark. They then developed the pedigree flock seen today with approx 350 breeding ewes, 100 shearing ewes and 150 Rams. As well as showing at many of the Royals and Nationals Paul has judged at the Royal Highland and the Great Yorkshire Show amongst others. The pinnacle of the flock's achievements so far was selling Loosebeare Imp for 120,000gns at Carlisle in 2003. The brothers also keep a top Limousin Cattle herd and recently sold Loosebeare Declan to 10,000gns. Paul lives in Crediton, Devon with his wife Stephanie and 3 year old son Taylor.



ROYAL WELSH SHOW 19 – 22 July DAVID CHAVE of Peacehay (CFP)

David and his father were so impressed with the lambs produced when using Texel rams to cross with their commercial flock that they formed a pedigree flock in 1983. David went on to win several times at the Devon County Show and has taken Reserve Champion Interbreed and Male Champion at the Royal Show on six occasions so far. Not in 2000 though, when he took time off winning to judge the Royal Show instead. His ambition is to take home the Champion Rosette at the Royal Welsh show in the future. The Peacehay flock were visited during the Society's 2008 AGM Social weekend in Somerset where David lives with his family.



2010 National Show & Sale Judges



NORTHERN IRELAND NATIONAL SHOW & SALE 19 – 20 August JOHN FORSYTH of GLENSIDE (FPG)

John has been a member of the Society since 1978. His noted Glenside Flock is now a household name within the Texel breed, with major honours won by the flock in recent years, including: 7 supreme championships at the Royal Highland, 3 supreme championships at the Royal Show, where he also won the Inter-breed and Pairs competition in 2009 and Champion flock on 5 occasions in the Scottish Club Texel

Competition from 2001-2007 (only times shown)

John is a very experienced judge himself, having officiated at the Royal Highland, Great Yorkshire, Devon County, amongst other major shows. John acknowledged that he has received great support from his family over the years, with his wife Kathleen and daughter, Mrs Eileen Paterson, both being very keen Texel enthusiasts, while his son, Andrew, is in full charge of his 150 Holstein dairy herd. John is looking forward to his judging stint at Dungannon, where he anticipates keen competition given the recent upsurge in membership numbers in Northern Ireland.



SCOTTISH NATIONAL SHOW & SALE 25 – 26 AUGUST STEVE RICHARDSON OF STONEBRIDGE (RSS)

Steve formed his Texel flock in Great Houghton in, South Yorkshire, with his wife Sherry, daughter Hannah and son Adam in 1991. His ambition was to win the Ram Lamb class at The Great Yorkshire show and to sell a Ram for £1000; 19 years later they have won the Ram Lamb class twice, Overall Champion once and sold for in excess of £8000! Steve has judged at the Royal Ulster/Balmoral show and the Royal Norfolk amongst others and is known for his concentration while judging. He has been on the Texel Board of Directors for 7 years. During this time he has served twice on the Show & Sale Committee and is currently Honorary Treasurer. His most enjoyable judging venue to date was in 2007 for the Scottish Texel Clubs Flock competition. Along side the Texel flock Steve and family run a very successful herd of pigs numbering 200 breeding sows with 2,000 followers and 300 acres of arable crops.



WELSH NATIONAL SHOW & SALE 28th August

WYNN DAVIES of BRONALLT (DWB)

Wyn has been a member of the Society since 1980. On his farm in the Llein Peninsula he has a flock of 110 Texel ewes and his breeding policy is to produce rams with commercial traits to satisfy prime lamb producers, he also retains pedigree Llein and Charollais flocks and some beef cattle. Wyn is well known around the Show circuit having won all major classes throughout Wales and further afield. Wyn has won the Female Texel Champion at both the Royal Welsh Show and at the Royal Show of England (RASE) with two different home bred ewes. Further to his show successes he has also judged at many events - 2009 saw Wyn judging the Interbreed Championship at RASE. He has also judged at the Royal Welsh & Royal Highland.



ENGLISH NATIONAL SHOW & SALE 30 – 31 August

RICHARD HENDERSON of BALLYNAHONE (HBR)

Richard established his Texel flock back in 1990, currently numbering 50. In the last 10 years the Ballynahone flock has achieved Champion or Reserve Champion 5 times at the Royal Ulster Show and has successful sales to date of Ram Lambs to 8,000gns and Gimmers to 3,100gns. He also bred the dam of Sweetwall Gigolo, one of the most influential sires in Northern Ireland over the past few years. Alongside the Texel flock he runs a noted herd of Limousin Cattle. Richard lives in Northern Ireland near Magherafelt in Londonderry.

2009 Royal Ulster Show

Judge: Mr. Graham Jones Llanfaban, Pontypridd - MABON Flock

Aged Ram

- 1st KBP07211 exhibited by James Cleland (CJZ)
- 2nd YGW071625 exhibited by Brian McAllister (MBF)
- 3rd HPY07019 exhibited by Philip Hammond (HPY)



First Prize Prize Aged Ram, Champion Male & Supreme Champion

Shearling Ram

- 1st FAO08419 exhibited by John T Foster (FTS)
- 2nd VMG08524 exhibited by James Adams (ABK)
- 3rd FTS08084 exhibited by John T Foster (FTS)



First Prize prize Shearling Ram, Reserve Male Champion and Reserve Supreme Texel Championship

Aged Ewe

- 1st CBU04002 exhibited by Victor Chestnutt (CVC)
- 2nd GRS06066 exhibited by Henry Gamble (GRS)
- 3rd GRS04094 exhibited by Henry Gamble (GRS)



First Prize Aged Ewe and Champion Female

Shearling Ewe

- 1st EBE08022 exhibited by Tom Bailey (EBE)
- 2nd GCN08008 exhibited by Jack & Beth Gault (GCN)
- 3rd KSF08066 exhibited by Messrs S & J Kerr (KSF)



First Prize Shearling Ewe and Reserve Champion Female

Ram Lamb

- 1st MBF09017 exhibited by Brian D McAllister (MBF)
- 2nd VMG09711 exhibited by Messrs M & C Millar (VMG)
- 3rd HBR09027 exhibited by R Henderson (HBR)



Ewe Lamb

- 1st CTD09020 exhibited by TJ Carsons & Sons (CTD)
- 2nd CJZ09183 exhibited by James Cleland (CJZ)
- 3rd GRS09061 exhibited by Henry Gamble (GRS)



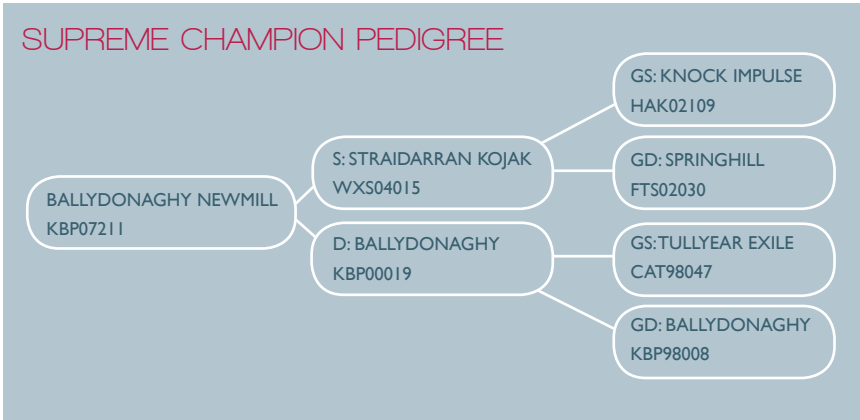
First Prize Ram Lamb

Championship Results

- Male Champion: Aged Ram (KBP07211)
- Reserve Male Champion: Shearling Ram (FAO08419)
- Female Champion: Aged Ewe (CBU04002)
- Reserve Female Champion: Shearling Ewe (EBE08022)
- Supreme Texel Champion: Aged Ram (KBP07211)
- Reserve Supreme Texel Champion: Shearling Ram (FAO08419)



First Prize Ewe Lamb



2009 Royal Highland Show

Judge: Mr. Paul Quick, Loosebeare, Manor,
Zeal Monachorum, Crediton, Devon - LOOSEBEARE Flock

Aged Ram

- 1st GCK06084 exhibited by Mr John JWight & Sons (WKM)
- 2nd MAE06607 exhibited by Mr A McColm (MAE)
- 3rd PEC07216 exhibited by Laird, Pryce, Creer & Philips (MEC)



First Prize Aged Ram

Shearling Ram

- 1st HAK08957 exhibited by Mr Myfyr A Evans (EML)
- 2nd WKM08047 exhibited by Mr John JWight & Sons (WKM)
- 3rd GCK08040 exhibited by Douganhill Farms (GCK)



First Prize Shearling Ewe

Aged Ewe

- 1st FPG05159 exhibited by Mr JP Forsyth (FPG)
- 2nd FPG05050 exhibited by Mr JP Forsyth (FPG)
- 3rd KWJ06877 exhibited by WJ Knox (KWJ)



First Prize Ewe Lamb

Shearling Ewe

- 1st LYM08577 exhibited by Mrs. Margaret Lyon (LYM)
- 2nd WKM08010 exhibited by Mr John JWight & Sons (WKM)
- 3rd XMM08051 exhibited by Mr A MacGregor (XMM)



*First Prize Performance Recorded
Ram Lamb*

Ram Lamb

- 1st FPG091515 exhibited by Mr JP Forsyth (FPG)
- 2nd FPG091470 exhibited by Mr JP Forsyth (FPG)
- 3rd BWG09656 exhibited by Mr Alasdair M Beaton (BWG)



Ewe Lamb

1st IJS09303 exhibited by James C Innes & Sons (IJS)
 2nd IJS09249 exhibited by James C Innes & Sons (IJS)
 3rd FPG091500 exhibited by Mr JP Forsyth (FPG)



First Prize Shearling Ram

PERFORMANCE RECORDED RAM LAMB

1st KAO09006 exhibited by Mr & Mrs. PA Kermode (KAO)
 2nd CKC09911 exhibited by KA & R Campbell (CKC)
 3rd MDG09869 exhibited by Mr J McKerrow (MDG)



First Prize Ewe, above one shear

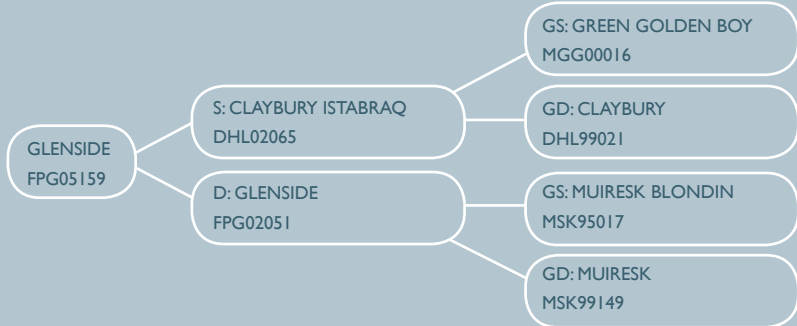
Championship Results

Male Champion: Aged Ram (GCK06084)
 Reserve Male Champion: Shearling Ram (HAK08957)
 Female Champion: Aged Ewe (FPG05159)
 Reserve Female Champion: (2nd place in Aged Ewe) (FPG05050)
 Supreme Champion: Aged Ewe (FPG05159)
 Reserve Supreme Champion: Aged Ram (GCK06084)



First Prize Ram Lamb

SUPREME CHAMPION PEDIGREE



2009 Royal Show

Judge: Mr. C Ponting, Foxfield Farm, Stanford-in-the-vale,
Faringdon, Oxfordshire - PENSTONES Flock

Aged Ram

- 1st CFP06018 exhibited by Chave, Goldie & Quick (CFP)
- 2nd GGH06002 exhibited by Mr DI Corfield (CJF)
- 3rd exhibited by Robin Kellet (KRJ)

Shearling Ram

- 1st QEL08151 exhibited by EW Quick & Sons (QEL)
- 2nd MIF08972 exhibited by FH Chave & Son (CFP)
- 3rd BGS08032 exhibited by Drayton Farm Partnership (FDM)

Performance Recorded Class for Shearling Ram

- 1st SRC08755 exhibited by Mr RM Sym (SRC)
- 2nd AAS081572 exhibited by Mr & Mrs A Andrews (AAS)
- 3rd CJF08341 exhibited by Mr DI Corfield (CJF)

Ram Lamb

- 1st QEL09114 exhibited by EW Quick & Sons (QEL)
- 2nd CJF09413 exhibited by Mr DI Corfield (CJF)
- 3rd SRC09873 exhibited by Mr RM Sym (SRC)

Performance Recorded Class for Ram Lamb

- 1st AAS091930 exhibited by Mr & Mrs A Andrews (AAS)
- 2nd CJF09468 exhibited by Mr DI Corfield (CJF)
- 3rd HOU09326 exhibited by Mr PJ & C Houldey (HOU)

Aged Ewe

- 1st FPG05159 exhibited by Mr J P Forsyth (FPG)
- 2nd CJF05047 exhibited by Mr DI Corfield (CJF)
- 3rd CFP06021 exhibited by FH Chave & Son (CFP)



First prize Shearling Ewe



*First prize Aged Ram, Male Champion
and Reserve Supreme Champion.*



*First prize Shearling Ram,
Reserve Male Champion*



First prize Ewe Lamb



Shearling Ewe
 1st CFP08137 exhibited by FH Chave & Son (CFP)
 2nd FGP081229 exhibited by John Forsyth (FPG)
 3rd QEL09040 exhibited by EW Quick & Sons (QEL)

Ewe Lamb
 1st FPG091479 exhibited by John Forsyth (FPG)
 2nd AAS091932 exhibited by Mr & Mrs Andrews (AAS)
 3rd CFP09121 exhibited by FH Chave & Son (CFP)

Group of Three Sheep
 1st FH Chave & Sons (CFP)
 2nd Mr DI Corfield (CJF)
 3rd EW Quick & Sons (QEL)

Championship Results
 Female Champion: Aged Ewe Mr JP Forsyth (FPG05159)
 Reserve Female Champion: Aged Ewe (2nd in Class) (CJF05047)
 Male Champion: Aged Ram (CFP06018)
 Reserve Male Champion: Shearling Ram (QEL08151)
 Supreme Champion: Aged Ewe (FPG05159)
 Reserve Supreme Champion: Aged Ram (CFP06018)



First prize Performance Recorded Shearling Ram

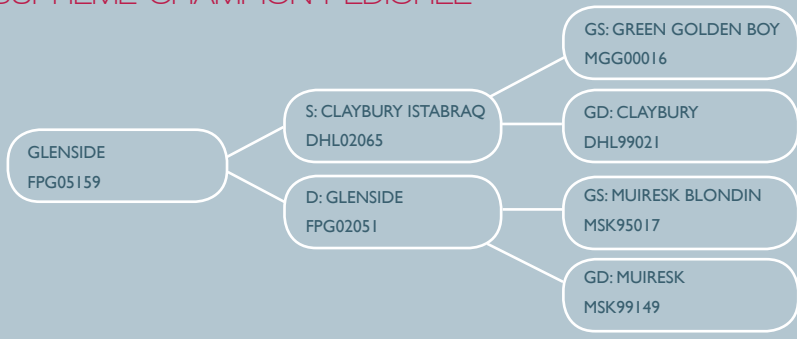


First prize Ram Lamb



First prize Aged Ewe, Female Champion, Supreme Champion and Interbreed Champion

SUPREME CHAMPION PEDIGREE



2009 Great Yorkshire Show

Judge: Robert Laird, Cambwell, Biggar - CAMB WELL Flock

Aged Ram

- 1st RNA07149 exhibited by Boden & Davies (BCM)
- 2nd NTA06007 exhibited by Mr T Nesbit & Son (NTA)
- 3rd GAL07240 exhibited by Messrs K,A & R Campbell (CKC)



First prize Aged Ram, Male Champion and Supreme Champion

Shearling Ram bred by an exhibitor

- 1st MTR08456 exhibited by Mr & Mrs T MacTaggart (MTR)
- 2nd QHJ08010 exhibited by Mr J Howard (QHJ)
- 3rd LNM08273 exhibited by Mrs A Nairey (LNM)



Shearling Ram

- 1st PFD08392 exhibited by Mr SC Currie (CUB)
- 2nd BGS08005 exhibited by Mr HS Ashley (AHL)
- 3rd ABK08035 exhibited by Mr & Mrs T MacTaggart (MTR)

Ram Lamb

- 1st WGA092612 exhibited by Mr GH Wilkinson (WGA)
- 2nd BWG09656 exhibited by Mr AM Beaton (BWG)
- 3rd NJL09574 exhibited by Mr JL North (NJL)

First prize Aged Ewe, Female Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion



First prize Ram Lamb and Reserve Male Champion

Aged Ewe

- 1st FPG05050 exhibited by Mr JP Forsyth (FPG)
- 2nd MTR06171 exhibited by Mr & Mrs T MacTaggart (MTR)
- 3rd FPG05159 exhibited by Mr JP Forsyth (FPG)

Shearling Ewe

- 1st BWG08447 exhibited by Mr AM Beaton (BWG)
- 2nd WPS08013 exhibited by Mr PK Woof (WPS)
- 3rd MJH08520 exhibited by Mr JW Mellin (MJH)



First prize Shearling Ram bred by an exhibitor

Ewe Lamb

- 1st WGA092642 exhibited by Mr GH Wilkinson (WGA)
- 2nd BGS09009 exhibited by Boden & Davies (BGS)
- 3rd NTA09739 exhibited by T Nesbitt & Son (NTA)



Performance Recorded Ram Lamb

1st CKC09913 exhibited by Messrs K.A & R Campbell (CKC)
 2nd NTA09028 exhibited by T Nesbitt & Son (NTA)
 3rd PRH09813 exhibited by Messrs RM & EA Payne (PRH)

Group of Three

1st GH Wilkinson (WGA)
 2nd Mr RS Bradley (BYK)
 3rd Mr AM Beaton (BWG)

Championship Results

Female Champion: Aged Ewe (FPG05050)
 Reserve Female Champion: Aged Ewe (MTR06171)
 Male Champion: Aged Ram (RNA07149)
 Reserve Male Champion: Ram Lamb (WGA092612)
 Supreme Champion: Aged Ram (RNA07149)
 Reserve Supreme Champion: Aged Ewe (FPG05050)



First prize Shearing Ram

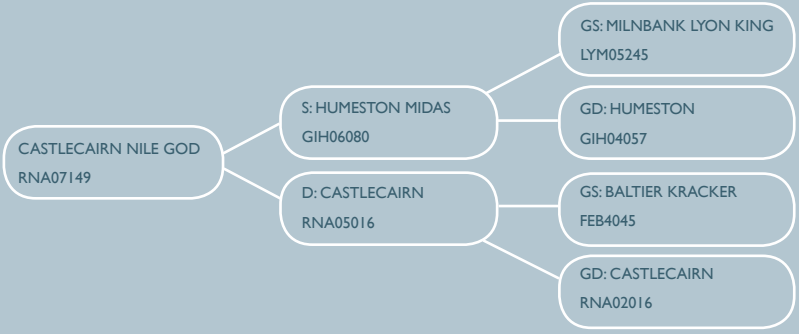


First prize Shearing Ewe



First prize Ewe lamb

SUPREME CHAMPION PEDIGREE



2009 Royal Welsh Show

Judge: Mr. John Mellin, Hull House Farm, Hellifield, Skipton
HULL HOUSE Flock

Aged Ram

- 1st RNA07149 exhibited by Boden & Davies Ltd - (BGS)
- 2nd DDT07186 exhibited by Mr & Mrs DJ & TI Davies - (DDT)
- 3rd ODM07077 exhibited by R & E & RA Owen & Morris - (MRP)



Supreme Champion

Shearling Ram

- 1st HAK08957 exhibited by Myfyr A Evans - (EML)
- 2nd WLT08617 exhibited by G&E Williams - (WLT)
- 3rd WLT08561 exhibited by G&E Williams - (WLT)



First prize Shearling Ram

Ram Lamb

- 1st RUJ09049 exhibited by James Ruggeri - (RUJ)
- 2nd BCM09019 exhibited by Boden & Davies Ltd - (BGS)
- 3rd YME09006 exhibited by EG Morgan - (YME)



First prize Ram Lamb

Aged Ewe

- 1st THB06515 exhibited by John & Heulwen Thomas - (THB)
- 2nd ECE05022 exhibited by Robin C Ellis - (ECE)
- 3rd DDT07166 exhibited by Mr & Mrs DJ & TI Davies - (DDT)



First prize Shearling Ewe

Shearling Ewe

- 1st WLT08548 exhibited by G&E Williams - (WLT)
- 2nd BGS08043 exhibited by Boden & Davies Ltd - (BGS)
- 3rd THB081293 exhibited by John & Heulwen Thomas - (THB)



Ewe Lamb

1st THB091540 exhibited by John & Heulwen Thomas - (THB)

2nd BGS09009 exhibited by Boden & Davies Ltd - (BGS)

3rd RUJ09002 exhibited by James Ruggeri - (RUJ)



First prize Ewe Lamb

Championship Results

Female Champion:Aged Ewe (THB06515)

Reserve Female Champion: Ewe Lamb (THB091540)

Male Champion:Aged Ram (RNA07149)

Reserve Male Champion: Shearling Ram (HAK08957)

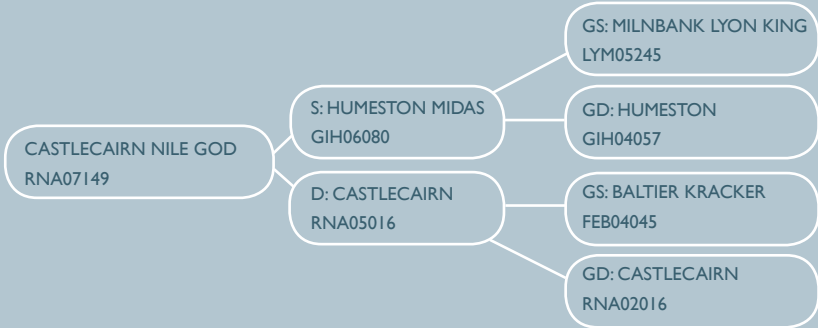
Supreme Champion:Aged Ram (RNA07149)

Reserve Supreme Champion:Aged Ewe (THB06515)



First prize Aged Ewe

SUPREME CHAMPION PEDIGREE



2009 Northern Ireland National Texel Show & Sale

Texel Show and Sale meets with strong trade

The British Texel Sheep Society Northern Bank Show and Sale met with a strong trade for the 454 lots on offer. With a packed ringside for most of the day averages were up in both the Shearling ewe and Shearling ram sections while there was a slight dip in the ram lamb average on last year.



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Of the 93 Gimmers forward 86 were sold averaging 530gns, this is an increase of 138gns on last year's sale, a reflection of the current commercial breeding female market. The shearling rams also enjoyed an increased average with 95 of the 104 lots forward averaging 568gns, an increase of 108gns on last year.

Ram lamb trade was steady with a

top price of 6,000gns for Kilcoan Pele, a Fairywater Olympic Star son bred by Alex Thompson, Larne from a Brague Jethro ewe. Olympic Star was a joint purchase at the Premier sale in 2008 for 2,600gns and has certainly proved profitable for the Kilcoan Flock with this sale topper. Pele, a very smart lamb, with Etrick My Jinks in his paternal pedigree joins John Watson's Duvarren flock in Downpatrick and the Hillhead flock in Dundonald owned by brother Michael.

Second highest price in this section was a Tamnamoney Ned son, forward from the Livery flock

of James Thompson, Ballymoney. Predator finally changed hands, following some very fast bidding, for 5,800gns and travels across the sea to Scotland to join the Goldie's flock in Dumfries.

Staying in this price bracket was Brian Hanthorn's Mullan flock with a Curley O'Kelly son selling to 5,200gns. A Ballydonaghy Nijinsky grandson from a Castlecairn Celtic Star dam, Mullan Playboy was purchased by R Henderson, Ballynahone in partnership with the Forkins, Straidarren and Tamnamoney flocks. The Mullan pen also yielded a Castlecairn Nile God son which sold to fellow breeder James Adams, Glarryford for 3,800gns while a Brague Nixon son sold to The Burn flock owned by Johnny Kerr, Comber for 3,200gns. An excellent days trading for Brian achieving a pen average of over 3,000gns for 4.

Another exhibitor to experience a good day was the Ballyhivestock flock owned by Simpson and Calvin. Robert Calvin the current NI Club Chairman was delighted with his pen topping at 5,000gns for yet another Tamnamoney Ned son. This ram lamb, Ballyhivestock Prince Charming, travels South to join the flocks of Irish Texel Society's Chairperson, Mrs. Ann Murphy, Gorey, Co Wexford and new breeder Fergal O'Shea.

Leading Ram Lamb Prices in Gns

6,000 – A Thompson, Larne to J Watson, Annacloy & M&J Watson, Dundonald

5,800 – J Thompson, Ballymoney to B Goldie, Dumfries

5,200 – B Hanthorn, Tynan to R Henderson, Maghera

5,000 – Simpson & Calvin, Ballymoney to A Murphy & Fergal O'Shea, Gorey

4,400 – V Chestnutt, Bushmills to J Currie, Ballymena & A Fyffe, Omagh

3,800 – B Hanthorn, Tynan to J Adams, Glarryford

Shearling Rams Top 3,600gns

The quality of the shearling rams forward at the British Texel Sheep Society Northern Bank Premier sale in Dungannon was certainly reflected in the prices paid. John Foster, Castlederg brought out a magnificent pen of shearling rams which included the Show Reserve Champion, Springhill Onslow, a Ballynadrenta Nicefella son, who topped the shearling ring prices at 3,600gns selling to new breeder P Hughes, Dungannon. Onslow, a successful member of the Springhill show team in 2009, had been awarded



Hanthorns MULLAN PAYMASTER



Hanthorns MULLAN PLAYBOY 5,200gns

the 3rd prize shearling ram rosette at RUAS and took second place in his class at Omagh Show also. This super shearling was sired by Ballynadrenta Nicefella, a Ballydonaghy Istabraq son purchased for 2,200gns at the Premier sale back in 2007. The next two highest prices also came from the Springhill pen with a Blackstown Milo son, out of a Brague IOU dam, Springhill Omega selling for 1,450 gns to R Harkness, Crumlin, while Springhill Oliver a Blackstown Nightrider son realized 1,100gns selling to M Grant, Newry. The Springhill flock gained the highest pen average for shearling rams with 8 sheep averaging 1161gns. John Watson, Annacloy, also realized a top price of 1,100gns for his Tamnamoney King of the Mountain son, Duvarren One on One, out of a Springhill Kentucky ewe he sold to J. Fegan, Hilltown. Again a super pen of shearlings the Duvarren flock averaging almost 700gns for six.

Young Andrew Fyffe, Omagh followed on, still in the four figure category, with a Montalto Lucky boy son out of a Cornerstone Isaac ewe, Fairywater Official selling to 1,000gns. The 2009 sale saw a clearance of over 90% of shearlings forward with the average price paid up by 108gns on last year.

Leading Shearling Ram Prices in Gns

- 3,600 – John Foster, Castledearg to P Hughes, Dungannon
- 1,450 – John Foster, Castledearg to R Harkness, Crumlin
- 1,100 – John Foster, Castledearg to M Grant, Newry
- 1,100 – John Watson, Downpatrick to J Fegan, Hilltown
- 1,000 – A Fyffe, Omagh to C Loy, Pomeroy

Shearling Ewes reach 3800gns

The quality of ewes forward was reflected in the prices with an average of £530 for the 86 lots forward. The number of females presented was well up on last year's sale however the popularity of the Texel still commanded an excellent sale. Prices peaked at 3800gns for a Douganhill McFly daughter forward from the Forkins pen of Alistair Gault, Newtownabbey. This smart gimmer is a full sister to both Forkins Nijinsky, who sold for 28,000 gns at the Premier Sale in 2007, and Cherryle Nijinsky who sold to 16,000gns the same year. Alistair had a super evening with a further two McFly daughters selling to 1,300 gns giving him a pen average of over 1,700gns for four.

The second highest priced ewe travelled to Stockport Cheshire to home of the Judge Charlie Boden. Charlie was obviously taken with this gimmer, as he awarded her the Female Championship earlier on in the day and was prepared to pay 3,600gns for this tremendous Ballydonaghy Nijinsky daughter bred by John Trimble, Newry. Bred from a Forkins ewe, John felt this was the best gimmer ever offered out of the flock, an exceptionally strong shearling with good skin.

Leading Shearling Ewe Prices in Gns

- 3800 – A Gault, Newtownabbey to D Taylor, Coleraine
- 3600 – J Trimble, Newry to C Boden, Stockport, Cheshire
- 3000 – B Hanthorn, Tynan to C&D Seaman, Florencecourt
- 1600 – D&J Boyd, Ballyclare to P Hughes, Dungannon

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SHOW RESULTS

Judge: Charlie Boden of the Sportsman / Mellor Vale flocks

Supreme Champion & Male Champion

Martin & Cyril Millar Millars Professor

Reserve Supreme Champion and Reserve Male Champion

Mr. J T Foster Springhill Onslow

Female Champion

John W Trimble Curley

Reserve Female Champion

Mr Brian Hanthorn Mullan



Thompsons Livery Predator 5,800gns



Top Price Kilcoan Pele 6,000gns

Class Results

Shearling Ewes

1st John W Trimble – Curley

2nd Mr. Brian Hanthorn – Mullan

3rd Mr R Henderson – Ballynahone

Novice Ram Lambs

1st David & James Boyd – Crawfordsland

2nd Sarah & Robert Gamble – Crownhill

3rd Mr Colin Gregg – Kildowney

Ram Lambs

1st Martin & Cyril Millar – Millar's

2nd Mr R Henderson – Ballynahone

3rd Mr T J Carson – Downkillybegs

Shearling Rams

1st Mr J T Foster – Springhill

2nd Mr James Cleland – Rose Hall

3rd Cahir McCauley - Larkhill

Recorded Ram Lambs

1st Messrs W & S Mackey – Dunore

2nd Martin & Cyril Millar – Millar's

3rd Wilson Kennedy – Irish Hill

Auctioneers: Dungannon Farmer's Mart

Averages:

Ram Lambs	186	£737
Shearling Rams	96	£591
Shearling Ewes	86	£530

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2009 Scottish National Show & Sale

By Patsy Hunter – The Scottish Farmer

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Outwith the record breaker, which added £650.70 to the day's average, trade was buoyant throughout, with the majority of vendors leaving for home in a confident mood. In all, eight lots hit the magical five-figure price bracket, with a further 22 changing hands between 5000gns and 10,000gns.

Malcolm Reid's much talked about lambs from Stichill, Kelso, most of which were by the privately purchased Castlecairn Nile God son, Mellor Vale Officer, also sold well, despite turning out his pen leader unsold at 45,000gns. However, his fourth lamb, Kelso Pavarotti, almost matched that, selling for 40,000gns to the Campbell brothers, Keith, Allan and Roy, who own the Cowal flock at Lochgoilhead, and Alasdair Beaton, Wester Crosshill, Falkirk. This one, an Officer son, is out of a Glenside ewe by Castlecairn Keltic Star. Peter Sutton, manager of Trinidad Investments, a Brazilian company, which owns the Colwood flock, in Sussex, went to 14,000gns for another Officer son, this time out of a home-bred ewe by the 110,000gns Newhill Major.

The Clark family – Jim and Helen and sons, Alan, Andrew and David – from North Garngour, Lesmahagow, were also in the money, receiving 14,000gns for their pen leader, Garngour Playboy, which stood fourth in the recorded ram lamb class. One of the best bred lambs in the catalogue, he is by the 20,000gns Knock Oregano, which in turn is by the 16,000gns Garngour Nobleman, and out of a home-bred ewe by the 22,000gns Tamnamoney Lynbrook that was shown as a ewe lamb. Bred from the flock's strongest line, Playboy's grand-dam is a full sister

to a 9000gns Garngour gimmer and to the best breeding ewe in the flock. He sold to North-east buyers, Willie and Carole Ingram, for their Logie Durno flock, at Pitcaple, Inverurie, and Albert and George Howie, West Knock, Stuartfield, Peterhead.

Matching the 14,000gns call was past society president, Victor Chestnutt, Bushmills, Northern Ireland, who sold Clougher President to Charlie Boden and David and Jane Houghton, of the Sportsman's and Tophill flocks from Stockport, Cheshire, and Bury, Lancs, respectively. Again, some first class genetics are behind him, with the sire, Ballybrooney Orlando – a lamb purchased for €2400gns that stood second in the performance recorded class at the Southern Ireland pre-sale show – being out of a former All Ireland ewe. His mother, a home-bred ewe is by Haltcliffe Knock On, which has bred sons to 18,000gns.

Mr Boden earlier forked out 11,000gns for a half-share in Robert Forsyth's top lamb from Baltier, Whithorn. A son of Kidston Olympian, a Cornerstone Isaac-sired tup bought privately here last year from Kenneth Watson, Baltier Panther is out of a home-bred ewe by Watchknowe Jimmys Pride, which goes back to a former inter-breed sheep champion at Stranraer. Mr Forsyth and his daughter in law, Alison



Clougher President sold to 14,000gns



Deveronvale Perfection - sold to 220,000gns



Kelso Pavarotti - sold to 40,000gns

Johnstone retained a half-share for their 40-ewe flock. Having given Graham Morrison a loan of the 1600gns Kelso Oxygen, neighbouring breeders Robbie and Rosetta Scott, who run a mineral business and own 30 ewes in their Drumpark flock at Cornhill, Banff, came up with a big price for their own Oxygen-sired lamb at 12,000gns. This was Drumpark President, a lamb out of a home-bred ewe by Wartle Goliath that has bred sons to 11,000gns for the flock, established in 2000. President sold in a four-way split to Matt and Craig Ridley, Haltcliffe, Heskett New Market; George Wilkinson, Arkley, Aspatria, Carlisle; Steven Nesbitt, Alwent, Winston, Darlington and S and S Richardson, Mount Pleasant, Barnsley, South Yorks.

Another Oxygen son, this time from Brian Buchan and son, also Brian, Clinterty, New Aberdour, who own a small share of the tup, made 10,000gns to Welsh breeder RJ Pierce, Llwyn-y-Coed-Isa. Clinterty Pegasus, is out of a home-bred ewe by Milnbank Invincible.

The last of the five-figure priced lambs at 10,000gns, Wester Crosshil Prody, from Alasdair Beaton, sold in a two-way split to John Campbell, Thrunton, Alnwick, Northumberland and Jack Arnott, Haymount, Kelso. Their purchase, the second prize ram lamb at the Great Yorkshire Show, is by Clinterty Las Vegas and out of a Garngour-bred show female that sold to David Walker, Galcantray, two years ago, but was last year purchased by Alasdair Beaton, at the Galcantray Texel dispersal at Dingwall for 900gns as an in-lamb female.

Garngour bloodlines were also behind the best from Banchory sheep shearer, Rodney Blackhall, who sold Sheeoch Perfection for 9000gns to Malcolm Coubrough, Hartside, Biggar; John and Richard Wood, Kingleldores, Tweedsmuir; Karen and Allan Wight, Midlock Crawford; and Dougie Fleming, Elvanfoot. He

is by the 16,000gns Garngour Nobleman and out of a Knock-bred ewe by Anglezarke Krug that bred last year's 12,000gns Deveronvale Oddie.

Matching the 9000gns transaction, Jim Innes, who runs the 50-ewe Strathbogie flock, at Dunscroft, Huntly, sold Strathbogie Python, a son of the 29,000gns Millar's Outstanding to John Forsyth, for his Glenside flock. A full brother to the first and second prize ewe lambs at the Highland, Python is out of a home-bred ewe by Castlecairn Kung Foo Fighter.

Six lambs came under the hammer for 8000gns, including the best from Albert and George Howie's Knock flock, which sold to a trio of flocks – Bruce Renwick, of the Castlecairn flock at Legars, Kelso; Willie Knox and sons, Graeme and Andrew, Mid Haddo, Turriff; and Peter Vaughan's Kingsland flock, from Leominster, Herefordshire. Knock Powerpacker is a son of the 2100gns Tophill Knockout that last year produced sons to 12,000gns, out of the mother of last year's 20,000gns Knock Oregano, a home-bred ewe by Anglezarke Krug, Lancashire breeders David



Garngour Playboy sold to 14,000gns

and Jane Houghton, Bury, received the same money for Tophill Proclaimer, a lamb from the flock's top breeding line that has bred several high four-figure priced tups. His sire is Knock Orion – a Garngour Nobleman son and full brother to Knock Oregano, which was bought privately for £10,000 as a three-month-old lamb from the Howies – while his mother is home-bred by Tophill Leonardo. The remaining four 8000gns lambs came late in the day. Isle of Man breeders, Mrs and Mrs PA Kermodie, sold Orrisdale Paradise, a son of the Dungannon purchase, Braehead Old Testament out of a ewe by Seneir! Guy, at this price to Welsh breeder, James Ruggeri, Gwaelod-y-Rhos, Llanfair, Welshpool.

Deveronvale, Strathbogie and Drumpark joined to

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pay 8000gns for Bradleys Pure Gold, the second prize novice lamb from Lancs breeder, Ryan Bradley, Far Hey Farm, Salterforth, Barnoldswick. This one, a March-born lamb that was seventh at the Great Yorkshire Show, is by Fachel on Approval and out of a Glenside ewe by Glenside His Nibs. Living up to his name, Cowal Powerhouse, from the Campbell family from Lochgoilhead, also sold for 8000gns to Tom and Robert Laird, Cambwell, Skirling, Biggar; McCosh Bros, Culterallers, Coulter, Biggar and Ballaglonney Ltd, Crosby, Isle of Man. The breeding behind this cracker, which stood second in the recorded class at the Highland and is full ET brother to 8000gns and 3000gns gimmers, includes Castleknowe Matchmaker onto a ewe by Baltier Kracker. The Clarks, from Garngour, and Gordon Graham, Sandford, bought the last of the 8000gns lambs. This was Proctors Playboy, a Kerryhill Oliver son out of a home-bred ewe by Douganhill Masterpiece, brought out by flock manager, Geoff Aitken, of Proctors Farm, Slaidburn. A small sale of shearling rams peaked at 2500gns twice.

First at that was the Quick family's show tup, Loosebeare Outstanding, from their flock at Zeal Monachorum, Crediton, Devon. Sired by the past Royal Show winner, Lyonshall King of Clubs, he was inter-breed champion at the Royal Cornwall, champion at Mid Devon and reserve male at the Royal. Out of a ewe by the home-bred tup, Loosebeare Flash, Outstanding sold to fellow consignors, M and T Pritchard, Rhydwith, Llanymynech, Oswestry, for their Crickheath flock. Also hitting 2500gns was the breed champion from Peebles Show, Tima Orlando, from David, Isla and Lisa Gray, Sunnycroft, Lindean, Selkirk. A son of the 1500gns Teiglum Nevada, out of a daughter of Crookholm Golden Millar, he sold to Welsh buyer E Hughes, Plas Uchaf.



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SHOW RESULTS

Judge: David Chave of the Peacehay Flock

Supreme Champion

Graham A Morrison Deveronvale Perfection

Reserve Supreme Champion

Claybury Texels Claybury Powerpacker

Champion Male

Graham A Morrison Deveronvale Perfection

Reserve Champion Male

Claybury Texels Claybury Powerpacker

Champion Female

K D & D E Millar Crookholm

Reserve Champion Female

Edward Pugh Glanllyn

Auctioneers: Lawrie and Symington

Averages:

Ram Lambs	357	£2,256
Shearling Rams	7	£877
Gimmers	86	£501



Baltier Whithorn sold to 11,000gns

Class Results

Shearling Ewes

- 1st K D & D E Millar – Crookholm
- 2nd Edward Pugh – Glanllyn
- 3rd Vaughan Farms Ltd – Kingsland

Shearling Rams

- 1st David, Isla & Lisa Gray – Tima Orlando
- 2nd Mr EW Quick – Lossebeare on the Money
- 3rd J McKerrow – Grougfoot Optic

Novice Ram Lambs

- 1st Roy Peterkin – Barnyards Performer
- 2nd Ryan Bradley – Bradleys Pure Gold
- 3rd W Jack Arnott – Haymount Pile Driver

Ram Lambs

- 1st Graham A S Morrison – Deveronvale Perfection
- 2nd Malcolm Reid – Kelso Prostar

3rd Ian C Gilmour & Sons – Humeston Phil

Performance Recorded Texels

- 1st Claybury Texels – Claybury Powerpacker
- 2nd JE & L Davies – Teilo
- 3rd J McKerrow – Grougfoot Performer II

Group of Three

- 1st Ian C Gilmour – Humeston
- 2nd Claybury Texels – Claybury
- 3rd J D Houghton – Tophill

Deveronvale Perfection at Lanark 2009

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However, in contrast to the majority of previous bumper five-figure transactions and just four other six-figure priced rams sold in the UK, the new record priced sheep was knocked down to just one man – to Jimmy Douglas, who runs the Cairness flock at Woodhead of Cairness, Fraserburgh. "He's the best tup I've ever seen – just what the breed needs. He's got great spring of rib, top line, character and good legs. I just hope I've got good enough Gimmers to put him to," said Mr Douglas, who later said he'd sold a share back to Graham Morrison. "He's the best lamb I've ever bred and he has been the best from day one," added Mr Morrison, who bought his first Texel females in 2001. "I think he's the best champion there's been here for six or seven years, but I never ever dreamt he'd make that sort of money. I thought he'd make something more like 70-80,000gns."

Auctioneer David Lowry, who sold the lamb within a breath-taking couple of minutes, later said: "The bids came thick and fast up to 30-40,000gns, and up to 60-70,000gns it was between three or four people. From 70,000gns until it was knocked down at 220,000gns it was just between two men." The bidding went up in 5000gn bids from 95,000gns up to 190,000gns with the final three being 10,000gn jumps, with a hearty round of applause when the hammer went down.



By Patsy Hunter – Scottish Farmer

2009 English National Texel Show & Sale

The Texel breed enjoyed a buoyant trade at the English National Show and Sale at Worcester, witnessing a top price of 15,000gns along with increased averages in each section and for more sold.



Supreme Champion from Kelson selling for 15,000gns

And, again it was Scottish-based breeders who were behind the majority of top priced lots including the sale leader at 15,000gns. This was a top lamb from Malcolm Reid's Kelso flock from Stichill, Kelso,

purchased in a four-way split by the Knox family – Willie and sons Graeme and Andrew – Mid Haddo, Turriff; Kenny Pratt, Oldtown, Peterculter; Aberdeen; Rodney Blackhall, Milton of Durriss, Banchory and Northern Ireland breeders, Cyril and Martin Millar, Coleraine, Co Londonderry. Their topper, the male champion at the pre-sale show, is by the privately purchased Mellor Vale Officer which bred the majority of Mr Reid's pen leaders at Lanark, and out of a Glenside ewe by Castlecairn Keltic Star. Another by the same sire from Mr Reid attracted the second top lamb price at 4600gns selling to North Wales breeder, IP Jones, Llangwm, Corwen. The mother, a Cambwell ewe, is by Camwell Laird. Scottish bloodlines were also behind the next best at 4000gns, from Charlie Boden's Sportsman's flock from Stockport. This one, by the 28,000gns Castlecairn Nile God and out of a ewe by Baltier Kracker was knocked down to S Cobbald, Suffolk. Reserve male was the shearling ram, Loosebeare Boy O Boy, from the Quick family from Crediton,



1st Performance Recorded from TEILO sold for 850gns



1ST PRIZE SHEARLING RAM from Loosebeare selling for 5,000gns



Reserve Female Champ from ASHFIELD selling for 4,000gns



HADDO sold for 3,600gns

Devon. A son of Loosebeare Knight rider out of a ewe by Douganhill Ferrari, he goes home with SW Clarke, Burton on Trent, Staffords, who also bought the second top priced female and champion female, a gimmer from the same home by Bettonfield Janitor. The reserve female attracted the lead price amongst the gimmers selling at 4000gns to Malcolm Reid, Kelso. Inter-breed champion at Suffolk and the East of England Shows, this Scottish-bred female from Neil Pamplin, Ringstead, Northants, is by the Etrick Jackpot son, Etrick Nutcracker and out of an Etrick female by Lyonshall Lucky Strike.



PENPARC sold for 3,000gns

SHOW RESULTS

Judge: Mr Daniel Creer
from the Coouling Flock

Supreme Champion

Malcolm Reid Kelso President

Reserve Champion

Mr. E Quick Loosebeare

Male Champion

Malcolm Reid Kelso President

Reserve Male Champion

Mr EW Quick Loosebeare Oh Boy O BOY

Female Champion

Mr E Quick Loosebeare

Reserve Female Champion

Neil Pamplin Ashfield

Class Results

Shearling Ewes

Mr EW Quick – Loosebeare

2nd Neil Pamplin – Ashfield

3rd Frank Henry Chave & Sons – Peacehay

Shearling Rams

1st Mr EW Quick – Loosebeare Oh Boy O Boy

2nd G L Riby – Stonehills Outlaw

3rd R M Sym – Callerton Oregon 2nd

Novice Ram Lambs

1st Malcolm Reid – Kelso

2nd D & J Chambers – Twelve Oaks Parker

3rd Mr E J Samuel – Hendre Panther

Ram Lambs

1st J E & L Davies – Teilo Pegasus

2nd R S & J Bradley & Sons – Far Hey President

Bradley

3rd Boden & Davies – Sportsman's

Performance Recorded Ram Lambs

1st J E & L Davies – Teilo Perego

2nd J & GY Davies – Aman Porthor

3rd T & A Laird – Cambwell Performer

Group of Three

1st Gordon Gray – Ettrick

2nd S Smith – Penparc

3rd Frank H Chave & Sons – Peacehay

Auctioneers: McCartneys

Averages:

Ram lambs	133	£779
Shearling Rams	52	£630
Ewes	58	£612



Sportsmans sold for 4,000gns



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2009 Welsh National Texel Show & Sale

The first prize Ram Lamb and Reserve Champion from the Penparc flock of Steve and Helen Smith, Castle Caereinion, Welshpool topped the sale at Buith Wells at 1600gns. By Mellor Vale Masterpiece out of a homebred ewe by Penparc King Pin,

He was picked out by Judge Bruce Renwick in the pre sale show, and purchased by David Corfield, Faringdon, Oxford to join his Fordwell flock. The same vendor also achieved 1000 gns for another ram lamb again out of a homebred ewe and sired by Teiglum Meteor, a son of Hexel Lexus. The purchaser was P Houdley, Hasfield, Gos. At 1350 gns R M & G L Watkins sold a ram lamb from their Millend flock by Meinspride Northlight a son of Glenside King II. He now joins the Hengrave flock of T E Duggan, Livingstone, Leominster.

In the Shearling Ram Class the Clun flock of A E Williams & Son took the first prize and top price of 1500gns. Joint Purchasers: D Orrells of the Llegodig Flock and C L Watkins, Bank Farm, Oswestry will share this Muireisk sired ram by Loosebeare Imp out of a dam by Castlecainne Investment. The Llegodig flock then sold a strong pen to 1050gns and 1000gns, and C E Pryce, Caereinion also topped at 1050gns for a son of the 12000gn Caereinion Number One selling to J P L Owens of Rhayader.

In a lively trade for females, Vaughan Farms took the top 2 prices for their Kingsland flock. At 1500 gns a ewe sired by Garngour Nijinsky, out of a dam purchased from the Gyrog Flock for £5,000, sold to Llion Jones, Towyn, Gwynedd. Another ewe by the same sire from the same Kingsland flock reached 800gns to D & J Chambers, Northants for their Twelve Oak flock, and at the same price E W Quick & Son sold a Scolton Lion King sired ewe from their Loosebeare Flock to S Clarke, Springs Bank Farm, Burton on Trent (Dunstall Flock).



Millend Phenomenon sold 1,350gns



Top Price Female from Kingsland sold for 1,500gns



Reserve Female Champ Tynnewydd sold for 700gns



Shearling Ewe and Female Champ PENSTONES sold for 750gns

SHOW RESULTS

Judge: Bruce Renwick
from the Castlecairn Flock

Supreme Champion

Idris Morris Ltd Fachell Pepsi

Reserve Champion

C S Ponting & Co Penstones

Male Champion

Idris Morris Ltd Fachell Pepsi

Reserve Male Champion

S J & H Smith Penparc Pinchbeck

Female Champion

C S Ponting & Co Penstones

Reserve Female Champion

Deri John Morgan Tynewydd



*Novice Ram winner FACHELL PEPSI sold for
520gns SUPREME CAMPION*



*Open Ram winner Penparc Pinchbeck sold for
top price at sale 1,600gns*

Class Results

Shearling Ewes

1st C S Ponting & Co – Penstones

2nd Deri John Morgan – Tynewydd

3rd Thomas MacTaggart – Rascarrel

Shearling Rams

1st A E Williams & Son – Clun Othello

2nd EW Quick – Loosebeare One Star

3rd Mr & Mrs J Booker – Banc Olive Oh Bugger

Novice Ram Lambs

1st Idris Morris – Fachell Pepsi

2nd Frank Griffies – Tushingam Padlock

3rd Daniel Jones – Aldan Priceless

Ram Lambs

1st S H & H Smith – Penpack Pinchbeck

2nd Claybury Texels – Claybury Pendragon

3rd Thomas MacTaggart – Rascarrel Prince

Performance Recorded Ram Lambs

1st J & G Y Davies – Aman Pennaeth

2nd Claybury Texels – Claybury Pendragon

3rd J E & L Davies – Teilo Pererin

Auctioneers: Clee,
Tompkinson & Francis

Averages:

Ram Lambs	43	£451
Shearling Rams	34	£624
Ewes	36	£513

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2009 Scottish National In-Lamb Show & Sale



Scottish National In-Lamb Show & Sale tops at 2,300gns

Trade held up well at the Scottish National sale of in-lamb Texels at Lanark, despite the fact that the ringside was quieter and two consignors failed to make it to the market due to the continuous cold weather.

Malcolm Coubrough, of Hartside, Lamington, Biggar, judged the pre-sale show, his choice of champion went on to make the day's top price of 2300gns. That was the best from John and Lucy Stuart's Denty flock from Castle Douglas, brought out by grandsons John and David Kerr. Their sale leader was a gimmer by Glenside King II, out of an Alticane Glory sired ewe which was also the mother of the 9000gns Denty Lodestar. Carrying a single to the Milnbank Lyon King son Humeston Outback, she sold to farrier Alistair Smith and his father lan, for their newly established flock at Greenloaning, Perth. Next best for the Denty flock was an ET sister of the pen number one, carrying twins to Humeston Outback. She sold at 1000gns to Alasdair Beaton, Wester Crosshill, Slamannan. Second top price was 1600gns, paid by Andrew Struthers, Boyleston, Cumnock, for the reserve champion, a gimmer from Robert Cockburn, Connachan, Crieff. Top female price so far for the 30-ewe flock, this Tamnamoney Navy daughter is out of a Springwell-bred gimmer that was bought for 4800gns jointly with Gordon Gray, Ettrick, at the 2007 Select Seven sale. She was in lamb with twins to the Tamnamoney Lynbrook son, Garngour Onyx, bought at Kelso. Selling at 800gns was the pen number one from Kerr Jarvie's Tapanui flock from Muthill, Crieff. A Hull House Nijinsky daughter, out of a ewe by Baltier King, this gimmer was in lamb to Garngour Onyx. She sold to Ian Graham, Killochries, Kilmacolm. Matching the 800gns price tag was the sole entry from Gordon Graham's Strathaven-based Kypeview flock. Sired by Durisdeer Nimrod and out of a Carran Jackie Chan daughter that stood inter-breed champion at Stonehouse Show in 2007, she sold in lamb to the 8000gns Procters Playboy, to Scott Rorison, Dallowie, Patna, on behalf of his father John's business, Euroscot Engineering Ltd. All the proceeds of that gimmer went to the Help for Heroes fund, along with another £400 raised by the sale of a complete set of Texel journals, donated by Laine Daff, Greenside, Uplawmoor. They sold to John Howard, of the Quercus Texel flock in Northhallerton.



Champion from DENTY flock of Mrs L Stuart, Castle Douglas – sold for Top price of 2300gns

Auctioneers: Lawrie and Symington

Averages:

40 Gimmers

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2009 Winter Fairs / Primestock Shows



Elizabeth McAllister and David Fullerton with the Supreme Champion pair of Artnagullion Texel Lambs

NORTHERN IRELAND FATSTOCK SHOW & SALE

Brian and William McAllister took Supreme Champion with their pair of Texel Cross lambs showing outstanding conformation with live half weights of 25kgs; they went on to kill out at 27.2 and 27.3kgs both grading E3 - just what the butcher wants. Victor Chestnutt, Bushmills was delighted with second place to the McAllister lambs in the Texel class at Ballymena. His lambs yet again shone through in the kill out percentages weighing 24kgs half live weight they killed out to 27kgs dead weight again grading E3.

AGRILIVE SMITHFIELD

Pen of Two

- 1st Hall & Son (Inglewood)
- 2nd A D Bishop (Luggs Hill)
- 3rd Steve & Sara Gibbons

Butchers Live/Dead Class – Live

- 1st A D Bishop (Luggs Hill)
- 2nd Hall & Son (Inglewood)
- 3rd R & G Colegrave (Guardswell)

Butchers Live/Dead Class – Dead

- 1st R J Slade (Weekfield)
- 2nd R & G Colegrave (Guardswell)
- 3rd P J Houldey (Hartpury)



Reserve Champion R Hall of Inglewood Edge with this pair of Dutch Texels



The presentation of the Supreme Championship to Gloucestershire's Andrew Bishop of the Luggs Hill Flock

ROYAL WELSH WINTER FAIR

Pair of Texel Lambs, including Dutch Texels

1st ~ A D Bishop	Luggs Hill
2nd ~ R Hall & Son	Inglewood
3rd ~ R J Slade	Weekfield

Supreme Champion & Reserve Supreme Champion

1st ~ A D Bishop	Luggs Hill
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Supreme Champion & Reserve Supreme Champion Lamb Carcass Single

1st ~ A D Bishop	Luggs Hill
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Supreme Champion & Reserve Supreme Champion Lamb Carcass Pairs

2nd ~ O P & A Beresford	Hollyfields
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Brian and son David with Reserve Champion Texel cross lambs

SCOTTISH WINTER FAIR

Taking the reserve was another perennial Primestock show prize-winner, Brian MacTaggart, Douganhill Farms, Dumfriesshire. This pair were by a homebred Texel tup out of 7/8 Texel ewes from the farm's 100 ewe crossbred flock which runs alongside 600 North Country Cheviots and 150 pedigree Texels and weighed in at 43.5kg each. In the lightweight Texel class Brian MacTaggart again led the way with D and J Thomson second.

Class 43 Texel cross heavy

1st, W & C Ingram, Logie Durno, Inverurie; 2nd, Brian MacTaggart, Douganhill Farms;

Class 42 Texel cross light

1st, Douganhill Farms; 2nd, D & J Thomson

Overall Reserve Champion Brian MacTaggart, Douganhill Farms, Castle Douglas, with a pen of Texel cross lambs



R J Slade of the Weekfield flock with the Supreme Champion Lamb Carcass

ENGLISH WINTER FAIR

R J Slade of the Weekfield flock swept the board at this year's English Winter Fair, taking 1st place in the live pairs and Champion in the carcass class, S & S Gibbons took 2nd, D S & L E Wadland 3rd with A D Bishop (Luggs Hill), coming in 4th in the live pairs class.

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- Royal Welsh Winter Fair – 29 / 30 November
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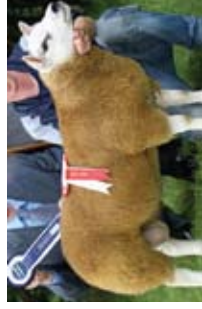
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Club Reports

Derbyshire Club

After a successful AGM on the 4th November it was all hands on the deck for the ladies baking cakes etc; for the English Winter Fair at Bingley Hall, where we provide refreshments for exhibitors and friends. Donations of nearly £300 was given to the Air Ambulance.

January arrived with a successful New Year Party with a dinner & dance being attended by 100 people. In June our Annual open day was held jointly by Mr and Mrs Stephen Redfern and Frank & Kerry Rushton, where approximately 80 sheep were judged in their different classes by Mr David Houghton (Tophill). We were lucky enough to have our new Chief Executive, Mr John Yates, his wife and daughter in attendance. A wonderful day with a good crowd of people, a wonderful spread of refreshments and wonderful weather and Mr Charlie Boden winning the Championship!

Our flock competition in August proved to be quite a marathon over two days, with the judge Mr Martin Jones (Racecourse) and stewards covering 300 odd miles, ending up with dinner to hear the results - Mr C Boden winning Champion flock and Mr F Rushton Reserve. September saw our Show & Sale at Bakewell, slightly less in numbers but improved quality led to much improved prices, with a good atmosphere and everyone happy. Mr Steve Richardson (Stonebridge), the judge, highest price of the day being a ram lamb from Mr Andrew Weston (Limestone), making 840gns. The club point's shield for Shows & Competitions during the year was won by Mr. F Rushton, sadly in October one of our active members, Mr Jeremy Spillane lost his life in a tragic accident, and our sympathy goes out to his family

*Janet Young
Club Secretary*



Annual Open Day

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Dutch Texel Club



*Show Champion - Wiston Octane RHW08 572 -
S H C & J B Rawlings - Wiston Flock*

Judge, Mr. Roger Williams, awarded the Show Champion to a yearling ram 'Wiston Octane' exhibited by SHC Rawlings, which was later purchased by the Judge for 1100gns. The Reserve Champion, a ram lamb from S & C Davies, 'Egryn Perfect Boy', went on to sell to Mr A Windsor, Whitland. Top price of the day went to J & P Barlow for a yearling ram, 'Mossgiel Olympus', selling for 2050gns to Hargill House, Cumbria. The 5 yr old ram, 'W Boss', from Mr. H Barrow was also in great demand selling for 1700gns to White Peak Farm, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

Once again we can finish on a high note, with sincere congratulations to all who have exhibited at the various fatstock shows with notable success.

All that remains is for me to thank everyone who supports the Dutch group, particular thanks to our Chairman Mr. Gerwyn Davies and the committee members who devote time and effort into promoting our sale.

*Paula Barlow
Club Secretary*

We were fortunate to begin the year's promotions with a pen of lambs on the Society stand at Welsh Sheep 2009. The ever popular 'guess the weight' competition attracted a huge amount of entries with the winner receiving a voucher to use at our sale.

Caerwys Show was then upon us and once again it was a pleasure to see Dutch Texels being shown in their own classes. Judge, Mr. P Crossmore, awarded the Champion to a fabulous ewe lamb exhibited by David Hughes, Bryn Llewelyn, Anglesey.

Our 12th Annual Show and Sale was held in September and once again people had travelled from all over the country, confirming the demand for the Dutch Texel in the market place. In the pre-sale show,

Club Reports



Eastern Club

2009 has been a great year for the club reflecting an upward turn in the fortunes of the sheep industry nationally. Let's hope it's here to stay unlike the weather! Well, we had to mention it: whilst the rest of the UK "enjoyed" an abundance of rain, the east had a prolonged draught, which started in May and ended in late October. June hay crops were halved and there wasn't any grass for flushing ewes either. But sheep farmers are a stoical lot, they might moan a bit but then they get on with it and cheer up.

Thinking of our county shows, the Suffolk, Royal Norfolk and Lincoln, there was much to cheer about for our members. For the three major county shows attendances were up on previous years with some new and younger exhibitors presenting their sheep for the first time.

Neil Pamplin took the championship with a stylish shearling ewe at both the Norfolk and Suffolk shows, with Tina Ashley's shearling ewe taking Reserve at the Norfolk and Lincoln show. Tina's fine female also won the ETBC's award for the best exhibit, while Terry Prentice, one of the club's most experienced exhibitors, took Reserve at the Suffolk. Two young apprentice showmen, the Mannings' boys, got their feet on the ladder and we wish them luck in their future showing career. Finally, it's nice to report that two breeders, keen to add some eastern promise to their flocks, snapped up the glamorous starlets of the shows, which hopefully left vendors happy and the ewes with some cracking off-spring.

Unfortunately the year 2009 saw the sad loss of the Club's Hon Treasurer, Jim Blakemore. Jim was well known to a much wider Texel membership as he and his wife Dorothy took part in many social events and organized trips. Those who knew him will remember him as a cheerful Texel enthusiast, generous and kind to his many friends and colleagues.

In October the joint flock competition with the Midlands Club took place, just before the clocks changed. Judge Simon Farmer, ably assisted by son David, toured thirteen flocks over two days at the end of which, with his usual charm and eloquence David presided over the prize giving at the club's annual Dinner. We look forward to the club's big event for this summer, a visit to the flocks of Tim Healy (Wealden) and Trinidad Investment, (Colwood) both in Sussex.

*Sylvia Rawlings
Club Secretary*

*John Williams
Club Chairman*



Barbara Leadbeater receiving the Champion Flock trophy from Simon Farmer, who judged the competition

Club Reports

Gloucester & Border Counties Club

2009 saw new brooms trying to sweep clean, a fresh team of officers had been elected at the AGM. Our first event of the New Year was the awards presentation and lunch at Cirencester, which was again well attended; a presentation was made to Roger Bush for his many years service to the club.

With lambing out of the way we came back to life with a grassland evening in April and our annual pilgrimage to the dogs in May. June saw us at the Three Counties Show where the club won the sheep breed stand – must have been the herbs! Some members attended the last Royal Show, (see photos) in various guises; we weren't the downfall, honestly!!

This year we ventured to Hampshire joining up with the South West club for visits to LEP Farms and all at Drayton Farms – one request please – can we come back when the wine is ready Syd? The chairman's lunch was held at Steventon courtesy of Andrew and Sylvia Pajak, unfortunately the weather meant that numbers were down.

The flock competition was judged by Mr Phil Barnes, results can be found in the Flock Competition Section of the Journal.

Our in-lamb sale in December was the best ever with a buoyant trade and a good clearance. The champion gimmer went to Penstones with Claybury reserve. The carcase competition was again held, thanks to John King, at Gloucester with 50 carcasses averaging £100 – fantastic. Congratulations to all who have kept the club in the news.

Carol Houldey
Club Secretary



Barnage Texels *By Sue Andrews*

Ken and Christine Martyn, with their son David, farm Barnage Farm in the Forest of Dean, with views stretching across the Severn to the Cotswolds. The ground is light and sandy with good drainage, and most advantageous for winter sheep grazing but can dry out quite drastically in a dry summer – although not a problem in recent years.

Farmed by Ken's grandfather for first half of the 20th century, Ken and Christine moved there in 1964, increasing the resident sheep flock as well as running a few cattle. These were heifers from the dairy herd until 1989, then a suckler herd up to 2001. Since then they have just run sheep, with a commercial flock of around 500, producing butchers lambs. Having tried various terminal sires in 1978 they bought their first Texel. After visiting the Sheep Event at Malvern and being impressed with the Texel carcasses, they made contact with Tom Redman, one of the pioneers of Texels in Gloucestershire, which led to their first trip to the Scottish sale at Lanark. "We were amazed at the high prices, even of older ewes, but did buy a ram for 650gns, the most we had ever paid for a ram!" Pleased with their purchase they bought another ram privately, and then, courtesy of Derek

Goodwin and Tom Redman, bought two imported ewe lambs, and the Barnage Flock of Pedigree Texels was established. One of those original ewe lambs was shown as a yearling at the Three Counties Show in 1980, the first year in which Texel Sheep classes were introduced. This ewe went on to produce many winners for the Martyns including the Breed Champion at Three Counties Show in 1984.

Other significant rams introduced into the flock included Langside Kingpin, from Thompson Gray and Rusha Mischief from the Gibbs family, both purchased at Lanark. The trip to Lanark became a regular 'holiday', where the couple made many friends, as have so many others, once involved with Texel Sheep. Rams from elite Scottish flocks, Annan, Cambwell, Turin & Tinwald were purchased with the aim of improving the flock, a policy continuing with rams from Loosebeare, Clun and Ballygloney and more recently with purchases from Claybury, Peacehay and Mellor Vale.

Ken and Christine, along with Tom Redman and Derek Goodwin, were founder members of the Gloucester & Border Counties Texel Club in 1979, the first of many Clubs to appear around the country. In the early years, Suffolk's were the principle terminal sire for production of butcher's lambs in Gloucestershire and the counties bordering Wales, and to promote



Royal Show 1991

Texels the Martyns went to shows all over the region, showing their pedigree sheep. Always mindful of the purpose of Texels rams as terminal sires to produce good lambs from crossbred sheep, they also exhibited very successfully in butcher's lambs classes, and regularly provided a carcase for display on the club stand at the Three Counties Show. The Gloucester

Club grew and members took part with other Clubs in stock judging competitions held by the Society at the Royal Show, (See photo). Selling Shearlings and ram lambs regularly at Club and national sales, Ken and Christine now have an increasing number of private customers who prefer to select their rams direct from the farm. Most are now regular customers, some going back to the dreaded F&M year of 2001 and many have orders placed already for next year, indicating satisfied customers!



Three Counties Show 1980

With a background in pedigree Friesians and milk recording, the Martyns were always keen on performance recording, eventually joining the Sire Reference Scheme, now the Performance Recorded Texels. While at times they felt it seemed a lot of effort and expense for minimal returns, the message seems to be getting through to the commercial sheep farmer, and they are beginning to find that more and more of their ram customers are beginning to ask about EBVs. The pedigree ewe flock has been closed since the 1990s, with ewes culled from the pedigree flock going into their quality commercial flock. Here they have introduced Cambridge rams to improve prolificacy, the resulting ewes, crossed back with homebred Texel rams producing a consistent supply of high quality lambs, all sold on the hook.

Now that the senior partners are officially retired, David has taken charge of the flock, although Ken retains his interest in the breeding policy and the paperwork. A day at a sheep sale is still his idea of a good day out! The Barnage flock won the Gloucester and Border Counties large flock competition this year and were very worthy overall Champions.

Club Reports

Midlands Club

Social Evening

A skittles night and supper was held at the New Inn pub in Towcester. We had competed with Northants Stockman's Club and lost by one point, but a good night. Our Thanks go to Barbara Smith for organising the evening.

Club Show & BBQ

It was a lovely sunny day after a week of rain when we had our show at Twelve Oaks Farm by kind permission of Jo and Dave Chambers, who then went on to win the Championship and Reserve, which were chosen by our Judge, James Draper (Claybury), who was very patient and helpful as some of the classes did not go to plan (HA HA).

Our thanks go to the Chambers family for all their hard work in setting up and organising the show.



Richard Lawrence Chairman of Midland Club and John Yates Chief Executive discuss the merits of breeding Texels.

Club Show & Sale

Held for the first time at Market Harborough; a good turn out of sheep judged by John Williams (Honeyhill). Champion went to R M Lawrence (Far Cotton); reserve went to R B Smith (Slapton). There was a good commercial trade with 98% clearance.

Flock Competition

This year we joined with the Eastern Texel Club to make for a better competition, our thanks go to Simon Farmer for judging, John Williams and Sylvia Rawlings for organising the event.

Christmas Lunch

Was held at the Rose & Crown in Yardley Hastings where a good turn out of members and friends enjoyed a very pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Shows

We would like to congratulate all members that took part in local and National shows, especially Neil and Emma Pamplin with their Gimmer, who was later sold at Worcester to Malcolm Reid.

I would like to welcome our new members to the Club and wish all our members a good 2010.

*Melanie Kellet
Club Secretary.*



North of Scotland Club

The Annual General Meeting was held at Buckleys, The Deveron House Hotel in Turriff and saw a good turn out for Haggis, Neeps & Tatties. Speakers for the evening were Richard Henderson, from Woodhead Brothers & Donald Young, from United Auctions. Richard gave us a very informative insight to the requirements for the meat trade, while Donald summarised the auction market's aspirations and provided light hearted relief.

This year the club visited the Knock flock, courtesy of Albert & George Howie. A good turn out of members enjoyed the tour of the stock. Four pens of sheep were forwarded for stock judging with A Knox judging these classes. We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to Albert, George and their families for making the trip so enjoyable and providing such wonderful hospitality.

The Flock Competition was held from the 26th to the 29th October and was judged by John Campbell, Caithness. A total of 17 flocks entered, 12 from Aberdeenshire and 5 from Orkney. On the final evening the club held its third annual club dinner at the Deveron House Hotel in Turriff, with the John Campbell presenting the prizes. We extend our sincere thanks to the judge for his time.

The annual September Ram sale was held at Aberdeen & Northern Marts, Thainstone and the judge was Raymond Dawson, Whinbrae, Huntly. Champion Texel was awarded to a shearling ram from Brian Buchan, Clinterty, with reserve champion awarded to a ram lamb from Margaret Lyon, Milnbank.

The Christmas Classic was judged by Jim Leitch, Felquoy, Orkney. Texel champion was the gimmer from AG Howie, West Knock, Mintlaw and the reserve Texel champion went to a gimmer from Brian Buchan, Clinterty. The sale saw a steady and increased annual demand for Texel females. Our sincere thanks are extended to the judges for both our sales.

Finally – Congratulations to all our members who have been doing exceptionally well at local and further afield shows and sales, especially to Graham Morrison, Deveronvale for achieving the world's highest price for a ram lamb and similarly to Jimmy Douglas, Cairness for achieving the highest UK price for a Texel.

Our thanks are extended to all committee & club members for their hard work and continued commitment throughout the year and may we take this opportunity to welcome all the new members to the club.

We wish you all a peaceful and prosperous 2010.

*Olivia Donald
Club Secretary*

Club Reports

Northern Ireland Club

The first event of 2009, following the AGM in January, was Balmoral Show which once again had great support from Texel breeders, all classes were filled with high quality stock. This was the case throughout the show season where all local shows were well supported by the membership, winning many Supreme Championships, as well as the Champion's rosette in the NI Shows Association Northern Bank Ewe Championships, all helping to keep the breed to the fore.

We were delighted to have three incoming visits during the show season; the Scottish club called in to a few flocks before visiting Balmoral Show for the Texel judging, finishing off with a meal that evening. They were quickly followed by visits from the North West club and South Wales club. On both occasions we had tremendous fun entertaining the parties and welcoming them to many of our flocks. It was no time until we were away on our own trip to visit flocks in Southern Ireland and attending the All-Ireland Texel Championship at Charleville. Everyone who went on the trip had a thoroughly enjoyable time and the hospitality throughout the trip was a testament to the close relationship between our club membership and that of the members in Southern Ireland.

In early July we had Sheep N.I., this was a new event organised by the National Sheep Association, thankfully we had the loan of a stand from the Society which was fit for this superb show. Our open night was at the Tamnamoney flock of Roger & Barbara Strawbridge, this was a great evening and a typical mid-summer downpour couldn't even dampen the spirits. The stock on show was high quality as expected and the large number of Texel enthusiasts who turned up were treated to a good night's craic. The sale season started with our premier sale in Dungannon and although there were no records broken many flocks enjoyed a steady trade with 86 Gimmers selling to an average £530, 186 rams lambs averaging £737 and 96 shearling rams averaging £591. This set the trend for the rest of the year where quality lots sold well with commercial farmers willing to pay more than previous years to buy their stock rams. The sale season can only be seen as successful by the fact that over 2,000 Texel's, after cuts, were entered for our sales in 2009 with the majority selling to an improved trade when compared to previous years – no other breed in Northern Ireland can get close to the numbers we manage to sell or the averages achieved. In late November we held our annual dinner and awards night, this was well attended which was fitting for the clubs 30th anniversary. Judging by the time many of those who attended were thrown out of the function room, and the even later time they went to bed we can safely say that this was a successful evening. There was another good entry for the flock, stock ram and ewe lamb competitions and congratulations go to all the winners. The judge, Robert Laird, seemed impressed by the stock he saw throughout his week in the province. Robert Calvin also made a presentation to Victor Chestnutt in recognition for the 15 years of dedicated service as the Northern Irish representative on the Texel Society's board. The last event of the year was the in-lamb female sale which this year included the dispersal of the RAMS flock, there was a large crowd in attendance with a new record price for the sale and greatly improved averages. There were many new faces buying stock to start their own pedigree flock this just goes to show the ever increasing popularity of the breed in Northern Ireland.

*Karen Beacom
Club Secretary*

Northern Ireland Young Texel Breeders in Pole Position!

Texel Breeders young and old recently joined together at Raceview Karting, Ballymena, to take part in a mini grand prix. The night was very enjoyable with Cahir McAuley, Antrim, taking the pole position, closely followed by Andrew Kennedy, Ballymena, in second and David Chestnutt, took third place.

After the fun and games the evening took a more serious note and breeders unanimously voted to establish a Young Breeders Club. David Chestnutt was elected Chairperson with James Adams, Ballymena, as his Vice-Chairperson. Stephanie McCollum, Antrim, starts the hard work as secretary with Lesley-Anne Beacom, Portstewart, assisting her. Cahir McAuley, will be the club's treasurer with Zara Price, Loanends assisting him. Connor McCleery, Crumlin, will take over as PRO and Adrian Liggett, Fintona, will represent the young breeders on the NI Texel Sheep Breeders Club committee. Andrew

Kennedy, Ballymena, James Wilkinson, Cookstown, Nikki Martin, Saintfield, John Trimble, Banbridge, and Robert Gamble, Bangor, also sit on the committee and will assist the office holders.

Furthermore the committee have the great pleasure of welcoming Nigel Hamill, Crumlin, as the club president. Nigel has bred Texel's for many years and his knowledge and expertise will likely come in very handy over the forthcoming weeks. The new committee have decided that anyone who shares a passion for the Texel breed and has Texel connections is very welcome to join. Membership starts at £5 for anyone aged 18 or under and £10 for those aged between 18 and 35. The committee have great expectations and are already planning a vast amount of events for the forthcoming summer, including workshops, a BBQ, fireside quiz and bowling. David Chestnutt, the club Chairperson, has said "this is an exciting opportunity for any breeder with a passion for the Texel breed and our aim is to promote and support young breeders. Like any new club this is all very daunting for us but I am sure with a lot of hard work we will get a series of events organised and lead the way for all young Texel breeders in the UK". If you would like any further information on the Texel Young Breeders Club NI or would like an application form to join, please feel free to contact the Northern Ireland club secretary Stephanie on 07813318233.

By Lesley-Anne Beacom



Members of the newly formed Northern Ireland Young Texel Breeders Club

Club Reports

North Wales Club

Club Sales

The number of entries for this year's sale was down slightly on previous years. The sale continues to be very popular and there was no shortage of customers competing for an excellent show of sheep. This resulted in good prices and an excellent clearance yet again.

Our thanks to Arwyn Morris, Pencoed who judged the sheep. After careful deliberation he awarded the following prizes:-

Show and female champion: - shearling ewe from R& E Owen, Llwydyaen

Reserve and male champion: - shearling ram from J&H Thomas, Bryn Garth

The other results were as follows:-

Shearling Ram:

1st John & Heulwen Thomas, Bryn Garth.

2nd Osian Rhys, Seiont

3rd John Ll. Owen, Hen Gapel.

Ram Lamb:

1st John & Heulwen Thomas, Bryn Garth.

2nd H.G. Williams, Llyfni

3rd E.& J. Lloyd, Mon Texels

Shearling Ewe:

1st R& E Owen, Llwydyaen

2nd John & Heulwen Thomas, Bryn Garth.

3rd R.G. Pierce, Glynwen

Ewe Lamb:

1st R.G. Pierce, Glynwen

2nd Trefor Ryan Davies, Bodnant

3rd Tom Kellet, Penbryn

Group of 3 ram lambs:

John & Heulwen Thomas, Bryn Garth.

Shows and Sales

Congratulations to all members who took part and supported our local and national shows.

Notable achievements of club members at this year's Royal Welsh Show were John and Heulwen Thomas who were awarded female champion with their aged ewe who went on to win reserve supreme Champion and first prize with their ewe lamb. Dylan Hughes was awarded fourth prize with his ram lamb.

Congratulations also to Wyn Morris, whose ram lamb Fachell Pepsi by Fachell Nutter was given Supreme Champion at the Welsh National Sale.

Thanks also to Iolo Prys Jones, Llangwm who kindly judged this year's flock competition which was held in July.

John S. Raffle Chairman



Mount Snowdon on a clear Autumn day.

North West Club

The clubs in-lamb sale in January at Chelford saw a top price of 1380gns for the reserve champion from G Gray (Ettrick). Buyers seemed to be more confident with fat lamb priced being on the up. The champion from P Woof (Stainton), sold for 900gns and a fair trade was maintained throughout the sale.



Judge: - Alex Brown Presenting Peter Woof (Stainton Flock) with overall Champion of the Flock Competition 2009.

For the flock visit we headed to both Southern and Northern Ireland, being lucky enough to visit some noted Irish flocks. All who attended got to see some excellent sheep and were treated to first class hospitality. On behalf of the club I would like to thank the flocks involved for making this a most enjoyable trip.

This year a mid August sale was introduced to attract top quality females and males for the breeders market. Trade was buoyant throughout with females to 2300gns Tophill and males to 1200gns Ettrick. The September sale was held a little later than normal to encourage commercial buyers to attend and saw Frank Rushtons shearing ram sell to the top price of 1200gns. This year also saw the Texel Society AGM come to the North West area. A flock visit was arranged for the morning at Sportsmans and Mellor Vale, it took a tremendous effort to do this to such a high standard during a very wet November and our thanks go to the Boden Family for making this happen.

Finally I would like to thank the committee and club members for their hard work and commitment throughout the year and wish everyone a successful season

*J D Houghton
Chairman*

Club Reports

Northern Area Club

In July the Club was invited by the Riby family to visit their 'Stonehills' Texel flock and also their Suffolk Sheep and Beef Shorthorn Cattle, near Bridlington. It was a very pleasant day with great stock to view, finished off with a wonderful barbeque. Our thanks go to the family for all their hard work.

The Annual Show & Sale at Skipton was again very strong. The number of entries was up on last year as were the averages, especially the rams. The judge, Mr John Williams (Honeyhill) awarded Graham Taylor (Parkholme) Supreme Champion with his shearling ram and Reserve to Simon & Audrey Taylor (Dearn House) also with a shearling ram. The top prices of the day went to David Towell (Moor Top), with his shearling ewe making 2,400gns and his shearling ram reaching 4,200gns. David & Waring (Holly Farm) sold their 1st prize ram lamb for the top price of 800gns.

Our Flock competition was held later this year and thanks go to our judge Steve Richardson (Stonebridge), for



*Champion and Reserve
Annual Show & Sale - Skipton*



Champion and Reserve In-Lamb Skipton

this marathon task. December saw another excellent in-lamb sale at Skipton. The judge, Ryan Bradley (Bradley's), placed Mark Keighley's shearling ewe (Manderlea), Supreme Champion once again to make it three years in a row. Reserve went to Jennifer Lodge (Heyworth Lodge), also a shearling ewe. The Champion went on to realise the top price of the day at 800gns and Reserve made 520gns with a good average price throughout the sale.

*Audrey Taylor
Club Secretary*

Scottish Club

The Club's in-Lamb show and sale was held at Lanark in January where a good trade prevailed throughout. The Championship was won by R Scott, Drumpark which was later sold for 1200gns. Top price on the day was 1,600gns also from Drumpark. The club decided to organise a trip to Balmoral Show in May where 41 members and friends attended. This was an excellent event which was enjoyed by everyone, as well as attending the show Nigel Hamill and family organised flock visits and an excellent dinner on the Thursday evening.

The club's summer open day took them to Donald McPhersons Texel Flock and the Kelso Flock of Malcolm Reid. All who attended saw some outstanding sheep and enjoyed first class hospitality

The club continues to promote the breed by sponsoring live Texel Lamb events throughout the area. The club still feel that this is an outstanding method of demonstrating the extra value attained for Texel quality lambs. The events were held at St Boswells, Lanark, Ayr and both Stirling Markets. All markets reported a first class show of lambs with premiums being paid by all buyers.

The club also organised another evening visit to Allanfauld where the members and friends saw a first class show of both the cattle and sheep enterprises. After the visit the McGregor family put on excellent hospitality for all those attending

The Show and Sale at Lanark in September was again successful with the championship being awarded to a Ram Lamb from W Knox, Haddo which was later sold for 800gns, the reserve from Deveronvale sold for 1,500gns. Top price was 4,800gns for a ram lamb from Ker Jarvis Duncryne flock.

Lanark was the venue for our popular Stockjudging event which attracted 125 entries. The master judge for the evening was Robert Struthers, Collielaw who cast his expert eye over 8 classes of pure stock. The Open class was won by Robert Hamilton, Young Farmers by Mairi Cullen and junior section by James

Hamilton.

This years flock competition attracted an entry of 22 flocks and resulted in a marathon three days for this years judge Alan Cullen, Craighead. Some 72 members and friends attended our annual dinner; an excellent evening was enjoyed by all who were entertained by Ian Fleming who gave an enjoyable after dinner speech.

The Clubs Carcase Competition was once again held at Wishaw abattoir in conjunction with the Macduff Beef Event. Some 52 lambs were entered for the competition with Robert Hamilton Crewburn winning the championship and Tom Frame High Dyke picking up the reserve ticket. After the show both lambs were auctioned when they realised £190 and £100 respectively.

This rounded off a very busy year for the club and we all look forward to 2010 with optimism.

Brian Ross
Club Secretary



As this year is the 25th Anniversary of The Scottish Texel Club it has been agreed to mark the occasion by holding a social weekend at Drimsynie Estate from Fri 12th Nov to Sun 14th Nov. We are also delighted to be hosting the Society AGM the same weekend so a great occasion to look forward to.

Jubilee Points Trophy

The club has also created a new points competition to mark the anniversary to be competed for at 6 local shows details of which have been sent to all club members and will be available on the Scottish Club web page. The trophy has been named The Jubilee Points Trophy and we are very grateful to Lawrie and Symington Lanark who have kindly agreed to sponsor the competition.

Club Reports

Ruthin Club

Welsh NSA Event. The Society invited the club to organize and man the stand for this event. Hundreds of people descended on the stand admiring the quality sheep on show, and very appreciative of the tea and cakes. The Club ran a competition with two vouchers for £100 to be won, redeemable against a ram bought at the September Show and Sale. The event was a phenomenal success with everybody agreeing that all the hard work had definitely paid off, and was a fantastic promotion event for the Club and Society.

Flock Competition. Our thanks go to John Davies of the Amman flock for all his hard work. I spent a very enjoyable two days taking John and Gloria around the flocks and would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome we received.

Best Flock in Wales. Many congratulations to Geraint Jones, Erw Flock, as he has won this honour five times since the competition started thirteen years ago.

Showing season. Congratulations to all the members who did so well in all the shows throughout the summer, and for flying the Ruthin flag all over North Wales and beyond, but especially at the Royal Welsh Show, as 2009 turned out to be a fantastic year for Ruthin members.

Show and Sale. The Show and Sale attracted 649 entries, and our sincere thanks go to Mr Jim Clark, Garmgour, for judging the pre-sale show, and for doing an excellent job. The quality of stock forward was again very high, with strong competition in every class. Many congratulations to Miss Eiddwen Jones for exhibiting the Show Champion, 'Beidwen Omega', and Mr John Owen for the Reserve Champion, 'Hen Gapel Pure Gold'. Details of the major prizewinners are to be seen in the Ruthin Club double page advert on Page 168.

Best Consignment of Shearling Rams. Was awarded to Mr Geraint Jones of the Erw Flock, by our judge, Mr Basil Davies, Ochor y Gop Farm.

Junior Show. The Junior Show attracted an enthusiastic entry, and our thanks go to Martin and Shirley Jones for judging very efficiently. Results as follows:- Best Ram Lamb – Robert Pierce, Oldford Texels, Best Young Handler – Llyr Jones, Seisiog Texels.

Sale Averages

Shearling Ewes – 539.70 gns
Aged Rams – 675.00 gns
Shearling Rams – 420.48 gns
Ram Lambs – 305.67 gns
Highest Consignment Averages
Shearling ewes – Mr Robert Laird, Cambwell – 1084.00gns for 3.
Shearling rams – Miss Eiddwen Jones, Beidwen – 809gns for 8
Ram lambs – Mr John Owen Hen Gapel – 684gns for 10.

Shearling ewe prices were up significantly on last year, and although the Shearling Ram and Ram Lamb averages were down on the year, it was by no means a reflection on the quality of stock, but rather a very warm spell of harvesting weather that meant there were fewer buyers attending than usual. Our sincere thanks go the Auctioneers and Staff for all their hard work and dedication. They are a very easy and friendly crowd to work with, and always give their utmost to make the event a success.

Inter-club Bowling Night. October saw three teams of eager Bowlers going to an inter-club event with the Shropshire and Borders club, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It is also good to meet fellow breeders, and to promote inter-club relations.

AGM and Buffet, and Presentation of Awards. Over 40 members attended the AGM and Presentation Evening followed by an excellent buffet supper. The presentation of awards and trophies for the Flock Competition, and the Show and sale followed, ending what was a successful evening, enjoyed by all.

I would like to thank all the members of the committee, who have supported me in my first year of being in the chair of the Ruthin Club, and wish all the members a very successful 2010.

*Eurgain Jones
Chairwoman*



Club Reports

Shropshire & Borders Club

December 2008

The club held its Christmas dinner at the Royal Oak, Welshpool, a very social evening was had by all. The entertainment was provided by Glenden and friends, Welshpool's answer to Boyzone, singing Welsh Carols and folksongs, Presentation of flock competition prizes.

In-lamb sale as per auctioneers report.

January

Annual 10 pin bowling evening followed by supper at the Bridge Inn, well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The club made a donation to the Acorns Children's Hospice, raised by the proceeds of a raffle at the Christmas dinner.

June

A very successful 3 day club trip, with visits to:
Stuart Curries - Beauty
Messrs Ridleys - Haltcliffe
Messrs Wilkinson's - Arkle
Steven and Janet Symes - Anglezarke

Donel's leadership and mentoring skills were an inspiration to Mike Herding and Brian Joseph who never thought they could consume as much beer in one evening as they did.

The club held a progeny competition and young handler's competition.

Results	1st	2nd
Group of 3 and Pair	Steve Smith	Brian Joseph

Very social day, some very good stock and an excellent show by the young handlers, ably judged by Roger Williams.

July

Club Flock competition judged by Eurgain Jones.

August

Club Trip to Millend courtesy of Russell and Gill Watkins, very well attended, lots of younger members. We saw some excellent stock, treated to some superb hospitality, all in all an excellent trip.

September/ October

S.L.A

1st Welshpool > Quality of sheep a credit to members

2nd Welshpool

November

Bowling evening courtesy of the Ruthin club at Wrekin. A very sociable evening, with Ruthin taking the win, but enjoyed by everyone. Open meeting was held to discuss the forthcoming Society A.G.M, very disappointing turnout, however the club approved the resolution to raise subscriptions but felt these should not be implemented until 2010. The consensus was that good communication was essential between club and society.

National A.G.M

Excellent flock visit to Charlie Boden's Mellorvale flock. The A.G.M passed the resolution to raise subs and backdated this for this year.

Shirley Jones
Club Secretary

Solway & Tyne Club

Trip to Ireland

Our annual weekend trip this year took us over the water again, this time to Southern Ireland. So as not to make ourselves feel too rushed over the weekend we extended it to 4 days this year, which proved a great success. We saw some fantastic flocks both large and small and the hotels and hospitality were second to none. Our thanks must go to Jim Walker who helped us organise things, without him the trip would not have been the great success it was. The club would like to thank everyone involved in the trip for making the members so welcome.

Flock visit to Hexel and Kelso flocks

In July the club had an enjoyable day in the Borders. We visited Donald McPherson's Hexel flock in the morning and also saw his herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle before heading on to the next visit to Malcolm Reid's Kelso flock. We saw some fantastic sheep at both visits and our thanks once again go to both families for their hospitality.

Annan flock visit

A few members on the Ireland trip asked Keith if we could visit his flock for a night visit, we weren't too sure if he had said yes after having a few drinks and if he would regret it once realising what he had said yes to! As well as seeing some fantastic sheep we also got the chance to look round the new dairy enterprise, our thanks go to Keith and John and family for the great hospitality.

Agri Expo 2009

This was the third year that Harrison & Hetherington had held this, and yet again this proved to be a good day for the club and society with 10,000 people attending the day. We look forward to seeing you at this event in 2010.

Curling night at Lockerbie

For the second year we decided to have a fun and enjoyable night at Lockerbie Ice Rink curling. It was nice to see new faces there this year and we are already looking forward to next years evening of fun.



Sales

The first sale, judged by Paul Quick saw the championship go to a gimmer from the Matrix flock. Dumfriesshire breeder David Kerr of Castle Douglas consigned for the first time to the Solway & Tyne Texel breeders club sale with his entry of two gimmers, lifted the top accolade of the Supreme Championship trophy in the pre-sale judging, then went onto scoop the top price of the female sale at 8,000gns. The leading price for ram lambs went to Castlecairn Prince, he was knocked down at 5,000gns. Leading the Shearling ram section at 4,400gns was Douganhill Othello from Douganhill Farms. Averages: - Shearling gimmers £585.71, Shearling Rams £662.95, Aged Rams £834.75, Ram lambs £656.23.

The second sale, judged by David McKerrow, saw the top price go to Alan Mounsey which sold for 2,600gns. Averages: - Shearling gimmers £387.50, Shearling Rams £460.38, Aged Rams £682.50, Ram lambs £405.74

The in-lamb sale held in December was kindly judged by Ronnie Sym. Top price went to a Claybury gimmer from Claybury Texels knocked down at 1,400gns. Averages: - Aged Ewes £245.25, Shearling gimmers £431.21, Ewe lambs £288.75.

Thank you to all club members who have helped out over the last year and supported the clubs events and to all committee members for their continued support and help.

Emma Pigg
Club Secretary

Club Reports

Southern Counties Club

Wilton Show and Sale in September was our biggest event. Wilton Sheep Fair has been a sheep sale for hundreds of years (remember WH Hudson's The Shepherd Life?), and has always been a great social occasion for anyone who is anyone in the sheep world. 2009 was no exception. Texel sheep may not have been in the catalogue a hundred years ago but they certainly have found their place now in a sale which caters for the modern discerning flockmaster.

This year there was a clearance of all the rams and females in the Club Sale. Garry Passmore was the show judge and found his overall champion from Syd Chapman's flock with a ram sired by Meon Valley Northern Light (who was used as a lamb and then exported to Holland). Young David Farmer's ewe was the female champion (sired by Goldies Noon by Lyonshall King of Clubs). Adrian Dufosse's ram that was Res. Champion was the top price of the day. The Durnford family and Waid and Georgie Helyer also had a very good day with their sheep.

The New Forest Show in July attracted many members with very strong classes. Mark and Alice (and baby Harry) Blakeney had the Champion with their ram and Waid and Georgie Helyer were reserve with their ewe lamb. Thomas Farmer did very well with his entries gaining awards in every class. Waid and Georgie's granddaughter, Sophie, won the young handlers class.



Colin Ponting – Frank Moffat & David Farmer supervising the Sale



Sophie - Waid and Georgie Helyer's granddaughter working hard to get a show sheep ready.

Don't forget the 2010 Sale date - 9th September.
Auctioneers - Southern Counties Auctioneers,
Michael Vesey 01722 321215.

Georgie Helyer



South Wales Club

The South Wales Club continues to thrive, having had an active year which started with the Progeny Show in May, won for the second year running by Gwynfor & Bethan Richards (Ynysau), with a pair of gimmers by Haddo Limited Edition. The AGM in May was held at the impressive Cwmcerrig Farm Shop & Restaurant facility recently established by our outgoing chairman Rowland Watkins and his family on their family run farming enterprise in West Wales. It included an inspection of the Texel flock and pedigree Hereford cattle, followed by enjoying a legendary portion in the restaurant. Chief Executive John Yates was then lightly grilled and served to the members. The flock competition judged by Phil and Carol Houldey involved a two day excursion covering several hundreds of miles from the West Coast to the English Borders. Thanks to sat-nav, the journey took us to unknown destinations but eventually all 21 flocks were inspected. Overall flock champion was the Tynewydd Flock of Deri Morgan, which went on to become the Reserve Flock in the whole of Wales Competition. The highlight for many was the Club Tour, which took us to Northern Ireland where we experienced wonderful hospitality from the club members. We saw some wonderful sheep and thoroughly enjoyed the short weekend.

Again this year club members hosted the Texel stand at the Royal Welsh Show and staged a photographic competition matching lambs to the ram. This created much interest and was appreciated by many. Club members enjoyed much success in the show ring and past chairman Gwynfor Richards was honoured to judge the group of 3 championships.

The annual Ram Safari goes from strength to strength when members toured eight flocks to inspect rams entered for National Sales. Members enjoyed a solid trade for all stock throughout the autumn. The club sale at Llandoverly in early September seems to have established itself and now attracts a quality entry which met an enthusiastic demand for both rams and females.

The Annual Dinner and Presentation Night was well attended and Frank Sutton, our guest speaker, provided entertaining and interesting reflection on 50 years as a John Deere salesman. Clubman of the Year was awarded to Rowland & Gina Watkins in recognition of their contribution to the club under difficult personal circumstances.

At the close of the year members competed in the Welsh Winter Fair, an event which grows in numbers every year. Club member Bill John was given the honour of judging the continental weights classes.

The club looks forward to another year of social gatherings. Heartiest congratulations to Trudy Davies our incoming chairman, who is already planning our Flock Visit to Yorkshire. Younger members are encouraged to join our club. Visit our active club web site to keep up to date with club events.

Brian Davies
Chairman

Club Reports

South West Club

Thank you to all members who turned out for our flock visit too Meon Valley Texels in conjunction with the Gloucestershire club. Thank you to Simon Farmer and Frank Moffat and family for a great day and first class high tea.

Our NSA sale at Exeter has an excellent reputation and I am sure it is thanks to our breeders turning out some first class sheep. Champion went to the Loosebeare flock and reserve The Rolle Flock (aka The Chairman) both rams making 1000 guineas.

John Williams was our judge this year for the flock competition, thank you to all who entered. A feel good factor for the club when the judge returned later in the year to purchase some stock.

A whole family input made for an excellent Club AGM at the Salocin flock home of the society's new vice chairman, congratulations Nick and thank you for a great day all of you.

Our year ended with the annual Christmas dinner at the Bickleigh Mill restaurant where 30 plus members enjoyed a good social evening. Finally I would like to thank all the committee members for all their input throughout the year helping to keep our breed at the forefront within the sheep sector.

*Graham Hill
Club Chairman*

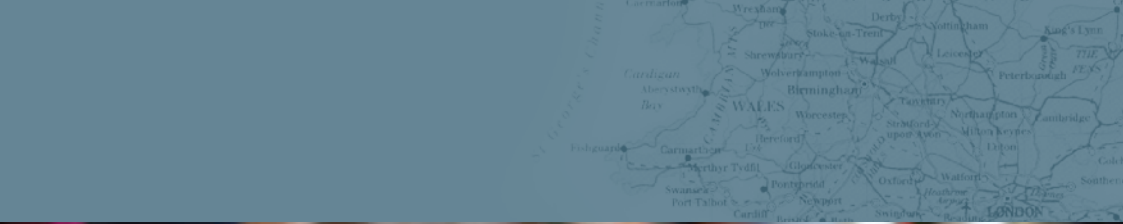
Salocin and Home Farm Flock Profiles

by Nick Tavernor & Graham Hill

To the best of my knowledge I was one of the few people to see the very first Texels to arrive in Britain in the 1960s. I lived at Cold Norton Farm in Staffordshire, the only Animal Breeding Research Organisation (ABRO) Farm in England, where my father was the manager. Two Texel rams were sent over from the Irish Research Institute to be tested on some of the cross bred flock. At this stage nine terminal sire breeds were on test, some were native breeds and others imported.

The first time it struck me there was something very different about these two Dutch sheep was during shearing. When the wool was removed from the various breeds of ram, the Texels stood out due to their superior conformation. I can still remember one of the shearers saying, as he let one of the Texel rams go, "look at the arse on that sheep!" Extensive trails on 3,099 progeny of the various breeds of rams were carried out through the late sixties and into the early seventies. They illustrated the Texels had a higher percentage of lean meat and a lower percentage of fat in their carcasses, leading to a greater lean meat yield and a higher killing out percentage. Based on these results, even though I was about to begin a three year HND in agriculture at Harper Adams, I decided to start my own Texel flock in 1978. The Salocin flock was born!

In contrast to an established Texel breeder Chris Ruby and partner Nicola established Home farm Texels in 2005. The first ewes were purchased from Builth Wells and tupped by a ram sired by Hollyford Kingpin out of a Sidborough ewe, giving the flock a sound start. Further ewes purchased from the Winkworth flock with more size and bone and tupped by a ram sired by Annan Lionheart gave Chris some good results in the show ring. I st with a shearing ram at the Devon County Show 2007 and breed champion and best pair of sheep at the Royal Cornwall Show. Chris's aims for the Home Farm Texels are to breed recognised stock and sound quality rams for our NSA sale. Good luck Chris great start and promising future.



Flock Competition Results

Derbyshire Club

Judge: Martin Jones – RACECOURSE

Large Flock

1st Charlie Boden – SPORTSMAN'S
2nd B Baggott - COLEY
3rd P Johnson - CORRIECRAVIE

Small Flock

1st F Rushton – FRESH FIELDS
2nd R Cartledge – PLATTIN
3rd F Griffies – TUSHINGHAM

Stock Ram

1st Charlie Boden – SPORTSMAN'S
2nd P Johnson - CORRIECRAVIE
3rd M Prince - HIGHTECS

Stock Ram

1st F Rushton – FRESH FIELDS

Homebred Ram

1st Charlie Boden – SPORTSMAN'S
2nd P Johnson - CORRIECRAVIE
3rd M Prince - HIGHTECS

Homebred Ram

1st R Cartledge - PLATTIN
2nd F Griffies – TUSHINGHAM
3rd F Rushton – FRESH FIELDS

Three Shearling Ewes

1st Charlie Boden – SPORTSMAN'S
2nd B Baggott - COLEY
3rd P Johnson - CORRIECRAVIE

Three Shearling Ewes

1st F Rushton – FRESH FIELDS
2nd F Griffies – TUSHINGHAM
3rd R Cartledge – PLATTIN

Three Ewe Lambs

1st Charlie Boden – SPORTSMAN'S
2nd B Baggott - COLEY
3rd P Johnson - CORRIECRAVIE

Three Ewe Lambs

1st F Rushton – FRESH FIELDS
2nd R Cartledge - PLATTIN
3rd F Griffies - TUSHINGHAM

Overall Champion

Charlie Boden – SPORTSMAN'S

Reserve Champion

F Rushton – FRESH FIELDS

Derbyshire Club Newcomers Flock Competition

Stock Ram

1st J Spillane - BARMS
2nd S Redfern - CLOVER

Homebred Ram

1st J Spillane - BARMS
2nd B Vernon - CHARBEN
3rd S Redfern - CLOVER

Three Shearling Ewes

1st S Redfern - CLOVER
2nd C Holtom – SPRING
3rd K Martin - LLAMEDOS

Three Ewe Lambs

1st J Spillane - BARMS
2nd K Martin - LLAMEDOS
3rd B Vernon – CHARBEN

Best Flock

A & B Weston - LIMESTONE



Gloucester & Border Counties

Judge: Mr Phil Barnes – PARK

Large Flock

1st K & C Martyn - BARNAGE
2nd A & S Andrews – MISERDEN
3rd D. Corfield - FORDWELL

Small Flock

1st R Gilbert – AELMUND
2nd P & C Houldey – HARTPURY
3rd N & V Durnford – VASHTIE

Best Bunch Of Ewe Lambs - R Gilbert – AELMUND

Best Bunch Of Ram Lambs – K & C Martyn – BARNAGE

Overall Champion – K & C Martyn – BARNAGE

Midland & Eastern Clubs'

Judges: Simon & David Farmer – MEON DOWN

Pen of Ram Lambs

1st R & M Lawrence - COTON
2nd Henry Ashley - LINCOS
3rd D J & B J Leadbeater – BLACKBIRD

Pen of Ewe Lambs

1st S H C & J B Rawlings – WISTON
2nd Henry Ashley - LINCOS
3rd John & Sarah Williams - HONEYHILL

Junior Stock Ram

1st John & Sarah Williams - HONEYHILL
2nd Henry Ashley - LINCOS
3rd Mandy Kellet- MEIKLE

Senior Stock Ram

1st R & M Lawrence - COTON
2nd Henry Ashley - LINCOS
3rd S H C & J B Rawlings – WISTON

Small Flock

1st Mandy Kellet - MEIKLE
2nd Stephen Cobbald - LAVENHAM
3rd Neil Pamplin – ASHFIELD

Large Flock

1st D J & B J Leadbeater - BLACKBIRD
2nd R & M Lawrence – COTON
3rd John & Sarah Williams - HONEYHILL

Champion Flock – John & Barbara Leadbeater – BLACKBIRD

Reserve Champion Flock – Margaret and Richard Lawrence – COTON

Flock Competition Results

North Of Scotland

Judge: John Campbell – CAITHNESS

Small Flock

1st Mr George L Stuart - BIRNESS
2nd J D & M M Leitch - FEOLQUOY
3rd J Gunn - NEWMILL

Medium Flock

1st Graham A Morrison - DEVERONVALE
2nd James Innes & Sons - STRATHBOGIE
3rd Messrs A & V Copland – OVERHOUSE

Large Flock

1st William J Know - HADDO
2nd Scott & Ross Milton – TULLOCHALLUM
3rd W & C Ingram - LOGIE DURNO

Pair of 5 Ewe Lambs

1st J D & M M Leitch - FEOLQUOY
2nd Mr George L Stuart - BIRNESS
3rd Ian William Slater - ORPHIR

Pen of 10 Ewe Lambs

1st Graham A Morrison DEVERONVALE
2nd Rodney W Blackhall – SHEEOCH
3rd Messrs A & V Copland – OVERHOUSE

Champion Pair of Ewe Lambs - Graham A Morrison DEVERONVALE

Champion Stock Ram - Rodney W Blackhall – SHEEOCH

Reserve Champion Stock Ram - W & C Ingram - LOGIE DURNO

Champion Flock - Graham A Morrison DEVERONVALE

Pitcarry Perpetual Trophy for Champion Flock - Graham A Morrison, DEVERONVALE

Norvite Feeds Ltd Silver Plate for Champion Ewe Lambs - Graham A Morrison, DEVERONVALE

North of Scotland Texel Club Trophy for Champion Stock Ram - Mr Rodney W Blackhall, SHEEOCH

George F Connon Trophy for 1st Place Small Flock - Mr George L Stuart, BIRNESS



North Wales

Judge: Iolo Prys Jones – LLANGWM

1st John Raffle – PENPADRIG
2nd R E & D R Jones – KITROB
3rd J F Hughes & Son - TREDATH
4th Osian Rhys – SEIONT

North West

Judge: A Brown - STONEFIELDHILL

Small Flock

1st D Pickervance – BRINDLE
2nd S Symes - ANGELZARKE
3rd R Pierce – OLDFORD

Large Flock

1st –P Woof - STANTON
2nd J & L Melling - HULL HOUSE
3rd P & A Johnson - CORRIECRAVIE

Best Pen Ram Lambs-S Symes-ANGLEZARKE
Best Pen Ewe Lambs-S Symes-ANGLEZARKE

Best Pen Ram Lambs-P Woof-STANTON
Best Pen Ewe Lambs-P Woof-STANTON

Best Stock Tup– P & A Johnson – ALWENT OLIVER – CORRIECRAVIE

Overall Champion - P Woof - STANTON

Northern

Judge: Steve Richardson – STONEBRIDGE

Small Flock

1st J & J Aiken – CONISTON
2nd P Sykes – NEW DUNSLEY
3rd D Pickervance – BRINDLE

Large Flock

1st J Lucas – FIMBER
2nd D Burkill - BEECHTREE

Flock Competition Results

Northern Ireland

Judge: Robert Laird – CAMBWELL

Small Flock

1st J. Wilson - BLACKSTOWN
2nd S. Ferris - LEAPOGES
3rd A. Liggett - CORBO

Medium Flock

1st R. Strawbridge - TAMNAMONEY
2nd A Gault - FORKINS
3rd L Young - REDFORD

Large Flock

1st B Bell & Sons - KILTARIFF
2nd John Foster - SPRINGHILL
3rd Victor Chestnutt - CLOUGHER

Champion Flock Overall

Reserve Champion Flock

J Wilson – BLACKSTOWN

B Bell & Sons – KILTARIFF

Pen of Ewe Lambs Kindly Sponsored by Ivan Porter, Ballyward

Small Flock – 3 Lambs

1st J Wilson - BLACKSTOWN
2nd R Kennedy - MAINEVIEW
3rd G Rodgers - BOHARD

Medium Flock – 5 Lambs

1st Forkins, A Gault - FORKINS
2nd Redford, L Young - REDFORD
3rd Simpson & Calvin - BALLYHIVISTOCK

Large Flock – 10 Lambs

1st B Bell & Sons – KILTARIFF
2nd M & C Millar – MILLAR'S
3rd J Minnis - MOSSVALE

Best Stock Ram

1st D Tosh – Cahore Ollie
2nd G Fleck & P McNamee, -Ballylesson Pathfinder
3rd J Foster & J Wilson - Fairywater Olympian



Ruthin

Judge: John Davies – AMAN

Small Flock

1st Myfyr Evans – ACCAR
2nd Trefor Davies – BODNANT
3rd Rhys & Euros Owen – ERYRI

Large Flock

1st Geraint Jones – ERW
2nd Iolo Jones – LLANGWM

Best Shearling Ewes

Myfyr Evans – ACCAR

Best Shearling Ewes

Iolo Jones – LLANGWM

Best Stock Tup

Myfyr Evans – ACCAR with KNOCK OVERTON

Champion Flock

Geraint Jones – ERW

Shropshire & Borders

Judge: Eurgain Jones – BEIDIOG

Champion Flock - Steve and Carol Williams - WOLLASCOTT

Reserve Champion Flock - Hannah and James Draper - CLAYBURY



Flock Competition Results

Scottish Club

Judge: Alan Cullen - CRAIGHEAD

Medium Flock

1st Clark Farms - TEIGLUM
2nd K Jarvie - TAPANUI
3rd R Struthers - COLLIELAW
4th D McColl - NORESK

Small Flock

1st J Dunlop - EASTFIELD
2nd R Cockburn - CONNACHAN
3rd I Struthers - CRAIGEND
4th D Arkley - CAULDCOATS

Large Flock

1st J Currie & Sons - CARLINSIDE
2nd J & H Clark - GARNGOUR
3rd P Gray - SCROGTONHEAD
4th J Connell - WANTONWALLS

Small Flock Pen of Ewe Lambs

1st J Dunlop - EASTFIELD
2nd D Arkley - CAULDCOATS
3rd R Cockburn - CONNACHAN
4th A Johnstone - BOGEND

Medium Flock Pen of Ewe Lambs

1st A Beaton - WESTER CROSSHILL
2nd R Hamilton - CREWBURN
3rd R Struthers - COLLIELAW
4th Clark Farms - TEIGLUM

Large Flock Pen of Ewe Lambs

1st J & H Clark - GARNGOUR
2nd McCosh Brothers - CULTER ALLERS
3rd J Currie & Sons - CARLINSIDE
4th P Gray - SCROGTONHEAD

Best Stock Tup

1st P Gray - SCROGTONHEAD - SCROGTONHEAD MORNING GLORY
2nd J & H Clark - GARNGOUR - KNOCK OREGANO
3rd R Hamilton - CREWBURN - CURLEY O'KELLY
4th A Barr - PARKHOUSE - DEVERONVALE ODDIE

Pen of Ewe Lambs

Champion

J & H Clark - GARNGOUR

Reserve

J Dunlop - EASTFIELD

Champion Flock

Champion

J Currie & Sons - CARLINSIDE

Reserve

J Dunlop - EASTFIELD



Solway & Tyne

Judge: Alex Brown – STONEFIELDHILL

Ewes

Small Flock Ewe Lambs Medium Flock Ewe Lambs

1st James Crosbie – GLENCAPLE
2nd James Maxwell – DRUMRAE
3rd Mr & Mrs B Rayson – SALMONSWELL

1st Karen Irving – KINGFISHER
2nd Andrew Ryder – ANDYS
3rd Messrs Graham - HALLRIGG

Large Flock

1st Messrs W H Davies & Sons – LOUGH GREEN
2nd Thomas & Victoria Illingworth – GLENROCK
3rd Mr.Allan C Clark - FINEVALLEY

Reserve Champion

Champion

1st Messrs W H Davies & Sons – LOUGH GREEN 1st James Crosbie – GLENCAPLE

Flocks

Small Flock

Medium Flock

1st James Crosbie – GLENCAPLE
2nd Mr & Mrs B Rayson – SALMONSWELL
3rd James Maxwell – DRUMRAE

1st Karen Irving – KINGFISHER
2nd Robert Pigg – GAITSGILL
3rd Messrs Graham – HALLRIGG

Large Flock

1st Thomas & Victoria Illingworth – GLENROCK
2nd Messrs R M & C Beaty – NEWTON FIELD
3rd Mr Allan C Clark - FINEVALLEY

Reserve Champion

Champion

James Crosbie – GLENCAPLE

Thomas & Victoria Illingworth – GLENROCK

Best Stock Ram

1st Messrs McColm & Black – CRAILLOCH with CRAILLOCH MCCOIST
2nd Messrs R M & C Beaty- NEWTON FIELD
3rd James Crosbie – GLENCAPLE

Flock Competition Results

South Wales

Judges: Phil & Carol Houldey – HARTPURY

Small Flock

1st Irena Lewis – EINON
2nd Chris Ball – BRYNDERI
3rd Mrs. Moignard-Howarth – RED HILL

Intermediate Flock

1st Alan & Owen Hughes – VALE
2nd David Meek – DAVICIA
3rd John & Josie Hardwick - ABERCRYCHAN

Large Flock

1st Deri Morgan – TYNEWYDD
2nd Gwynfor & Bethan Richards – YNYSAU
3rd James & Trudy Davies – TRUJIM

Gimmers

1st James & Trudy Davies – TRUJIM
2nd Deri Morgan – TYNEWYDD
3rd Gwyn Davies - TREFERE

Reserve Flock Champion

Gwynfor & Bethan Richards – YNYSAU

Overall Champion Flock Champion

Deri Morgan - TYNEWYDD





South West

Judge: John Williams – HONEYHILL

Small Flock

1st Robert & Rebecca Jordan – MOORTOWN
2nd Nick Tavernor – SALOCIN
3rd Mike & Sue Mott - DARTMOOR

Large Flock

1st Michael Lear – SIDBOROUGH
2nd Robert Watts – ROWDEN
3rd Richard Burrough – GODWORTHY

Best Group of Ram Lambs

1st Nick Tavernor – SALOCIN
2nd Robert & Rebecca Jordan – MOORTOWN
3rd Graham Hill – ROLLE

Best Group of Ram Lambs

1st Michael Lear - SIDBOROUGH
2nd Robert Watts – ROWDEN
3rd Richard Burrough – GODWORTHY

Best Group of Ewe Lambs

1st Robert & Rebecca Jordan – MOORTOWN
2nd Nick Tavernor – SALOCIN
3rd Steve Bedford – OVIS

Best Group of Ewe Lambs

1st Michael Lear - SIDBOROUGH
2nd Robert Watts – ROWDEN
3rd Richard Burrough – GODWORTHY

Champion Flock

Michael Lear – SIDBOROUGH





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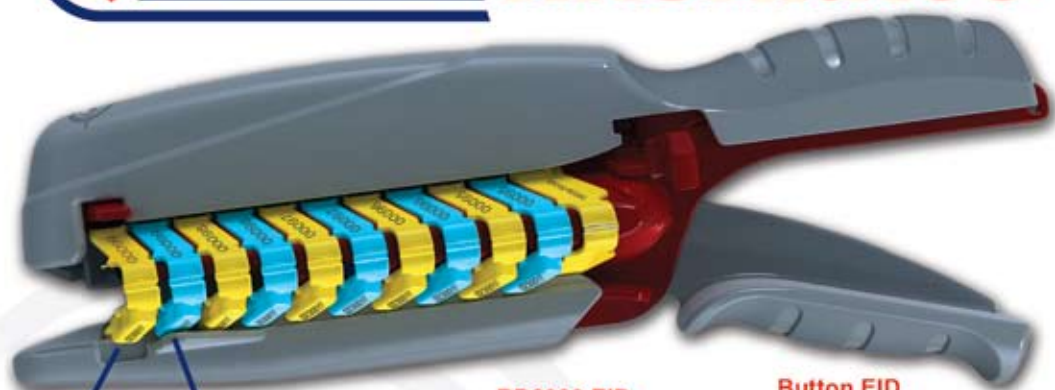
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**Right: 2009 Reserve
Champion**

Reserve Champion was awarded to Hen Gapel Pure Gold. Sold by J L Owen, 'Hen Gapel' Texels purchased by L R P Jones 'Pant' Texels for 4,000 guineas.



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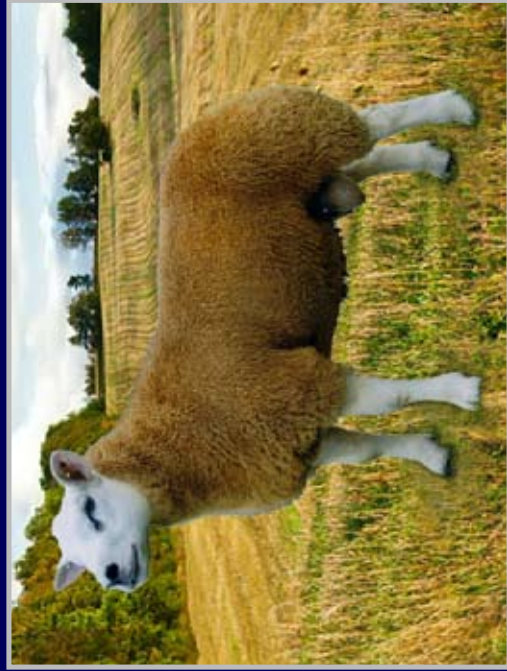
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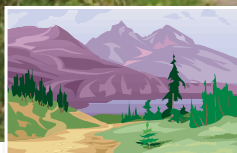
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