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Chairman's Foreword



I think 2012 as far as farming was concerned can be described as the year that many may wish to forget. However, even though lamb prices are still depressed and not easy to finish we still have room for optimism. Texels have always been capable of dealing with inclement weather and when prices are low continue to fetch a premium price over other breeds. On a personal note I found our 350 pedigree Texel and Lleyn sheep fared better than our arable crops during such a dire season. We must also remember high feed prices are affecting the pig, poultry and cattle sectors to a greater extent than sheep enterprises which are less reliant on bought in feed. The Texel breed is proven to be a particularly efficient utiliser of grass and conserved forage with a low requirement for supplementary feed.

At nearly every Texel event I attended during 2012 it was relentlessly wet, even

so it was good to see Texel breeders were positive with enthusiasm for the breed and life in general being very evident. The majority of Texel sales around the country have been buoyant for the type of sheep with the growth and conformation the industry requires. In addition, exports around Europe and beyond continue to increase, the society's presence at events such as Eurotier in Germany last year are focused on further expanding this area of opportunity.

Numbers of flocks involved with performance recording continues to rise and this is no surprise when one sees the high prices that some of these recorded sheep obtain, especially those with the best estimated breeding values. These important commercial traits of our breed on which its future depends cannot be seen but can be measured in order that Texels can continue to improve and prosper into the future.

The board has agreed that genetic testing will be introduced in order to authenticate our flock book. In addition this technology will allow us to combat any genetically inherited problems if they were to occur in the future. The introduction of this science should help alleviate the concerns associated with the rapid increase in the use of embryo transfer within the breed.

The wool test is to be implemented at sales this year to encourage vendors to present their sheep in accordance with Society rules. On the subject of wool, the recent fashion that has seen sheep exhibiting various degrees of wool slip/peeling being favoured in the show and sale ring, I personally feel is misguided. A good covering of wool is required to maintain hardiness, an important trait that Texels are renowned for and must maintain. This fact

was well recognised by breeders in the first Texel journal in 1978.

The young member's initiative continues to be rolled out and now includes sponsoring young breeders to attend the sheep breeder's round table, the Texel scholarship programme and the Texel educational awards. Many young members ably assisted with questionnaires in the Tell Texel campaign to find out more about our customers at the NSA event at Malvern. I would like to see if we can formulate a structure in order that the views of these breeders of the future from around the country can be channelled back to the board.

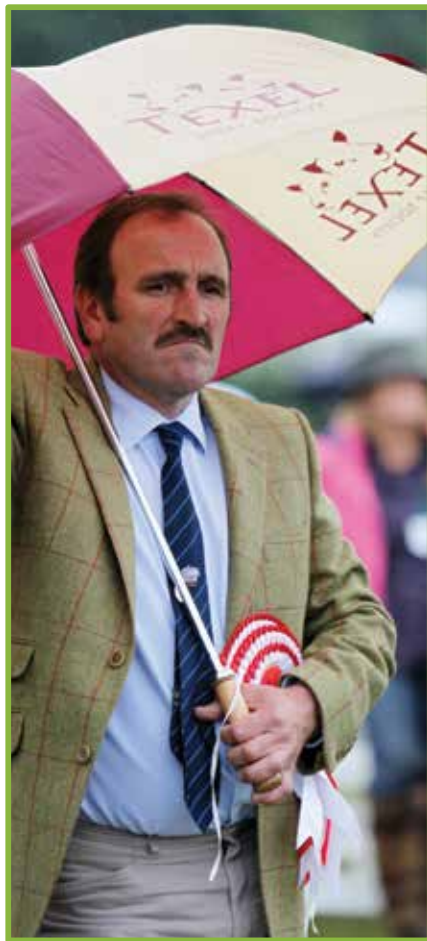
The AGM and social weekend at Slayley Hall was a fantastic Texel get together, all who attended had an opportunity to get involved with archery and clay pigeon shooting with varying degrees of success! Special thanks must go to the Pigg family, Tommy MacTaggart and the staff at HQ for ensuring the event was such a success.

Planning for this year's AGM and social weekend in South Wales is well under way and the 40th Anniversary celebrations for 2014 are also being formulated. If you haven't been to one of these events before please consider it, you will meet old friends and perhaps make some new ones.

The society continues to be in good shape on the financial front, however we have budgeted for a reduction in income in 2013 due to the widely forecast lower lamb numbers being scanned and more empty ewes. This situation should be able to be managed within our existing resources. This financially prudent approach should ensure increase charges to our membership will not be required. I was very pleased we were able to freeze all costs to our members in 2012 for the 2013 year.

I would finally like to thank my wife Sarah

for her invaluable support without which I would not be able to carry out my role as chairman. Huge thanks must also go to John Yates and the rest of the staff for all their efforts and I would also like to pay tribute to the board for their support and sound judgement.



Nick Tavemor
Society Chairman & President

Chief Executive's Foreword

Staying true to our roots.



Looking at my diary for the coming months I realised that, once again the deadline was fast approaching for the Journal foreword, along with many others in short succession as the summer season looms. It is incredible how fast this comes round, so much so it made me think about the short time I have been with the Society. Now in my fifth year my enthusiasm never wanes, in fact the responsibility and challenges provided in my role continue to offer me increased enthusiasm, and together we continue to tackle many areas of service and promotion and provide improvements for all involved in our Breed.

The Chairman's foreword clearly outlines key areas of Board focus, with a sprinkle of new initiatives that I hope will help us to stay true to our roots, supporting our large membership and keeping our breed clearly on track to commercial requirements, yet target support on a demanding membership.

I was perplexed when I first took on my position in 2008, why the Society used one annual production to provide all information to all in the Texel community.

We have without doubt a broad church of membership, and also have a far ranging customer base placing further demand at the breed level, so one cap definitely does not fit all, when considering Society service or breed type!

Pleasingly we now have a much improved communication strategy and have changed the way we engage with our members and your customers – the commercial producer. This is not been achieved lightly, developing and improving communication in a successful organisation has been a massive challenge. I have often been told it isn't the change that is difficult it's the transition. And we all have played a part in that journey over recent years and managed the transition and should be duly proud that we have taken our Society, our breeds popularity and genetic performance to new highs in recent years.

Communication has been key, it should never be underestimated! It is critical that it's a continuous process, where all continue to listen and engage with their customers and act on what is required. The Journal has been developed to provide a pitch for the future, yet also has to offer a resume of the achievements of the previous year. As well as provide a strategic publication for the promotion of the breed, quite an impossible task, in my opinion.

Keeping news and articles up to date and sprinkling them with enough interest to keep our members attention is essential. It is a testament to the team at Stoneleigh to their commitment and hard work of those individuals involved that the wheels keep turning of the Society for and on behalf of the valued membership. Retaining members who want specific news quickly in this digital age offers further pressure, as breaking news quickly becomes old news, having a blend of communication tools and publications is essential armoury.

Despite the growth in social media and in particular our own sites, the Society has

grasped it confidently and used it sensibly to provide “breaking news” pieces. It is however still the written word, the hard copy, which gives our membership tangible value along with a sense of belonging. This is not without significant cost, as printed material is by far more costly and time consuming to produce, and is soon out of date in this digital hungry age.

A recent extract of our member’s survey was published in the November Bulletin providing further evidence that we do listen and respond to our membership. Those results clearly stated the printed material is an essential tool in the Society communication, be assured we will continue to provide useful printed publications for you in the future.

Our commercial Prime stock publication has been a good example and a very useful commercial promotional tool, providing case studies and knowledge of the British Texel, used across the breadth of the UK. A publication that I’m sure will be with us for many years to come.

The Journal, an expensive production, however offers an alternative pedigree perspective, where we can communicate direct with our membership and provide useful knowledge transfer, advocate best practice using case studies at the pedigree flock level. I do hope that you enjoy the 2013 Journal as much as we do.

However it is very difficult to ignore our primary goal of communication that is, to make our website indispensable to members. We fully appreciate from the analytics from our website that we need to be mobile friendly and this is our prime objective. Keeping at the forefront of technology is important to us as an industry leader, allowing simple mobile browsing, responsive and adaptable, providing a website that easily adapts its layout according to size of screen viewed on.

The key aim of which is to ensure we make the site more user friendly, more informative and “special” for Society Members. Our site is extremely popular,

yet is over 4 years old. We will be investing further to ensure that those of you who desire more information more often can do so by visiting the latest www.texel.co.uk. Additionally the Society has had a significant influence on directing Basco Ltd and has made major improvements in the service from our partnership business. Providing more data capture from more measurements, simply and conveniently along with retrieval of pedigree and performance data through www.basco.org. We encourage you to make the most of the latest online services and use the valuable information readily available at your finger tips.

It is a pleasure to share the joy of showing and I commend all that have committed and continue to do so with a great deal of effort, emotion and time given to the show ring. This is invaluable and is never underestimated by the Society. It helps to stimulate growth in our breed and as long as the show ring does not become disjointed from commercial traits selection that we know under pins our breed success. Then it will continue to be a great forum to socialise, benchmark latest genetics and offer support, education and entry into our wider Texel community.

Once again it is the membership that has the greatest responsibility in ensuring that our breed stays on course. Members must listen to their customers and act on what they hear, make the right management decision at flock level, to ensure that British Texel continues to deliver to commercial demands across the UK.

This often means a back to basics approach, but does not mean having to rub two sticks together to create a fire. Supported by the Society, with improved knowledge transfer, availability and development of useful breeding tools, and with improved and increased communication, members are ensured of staying informed to make the right decisions for their flock and our breeds future.

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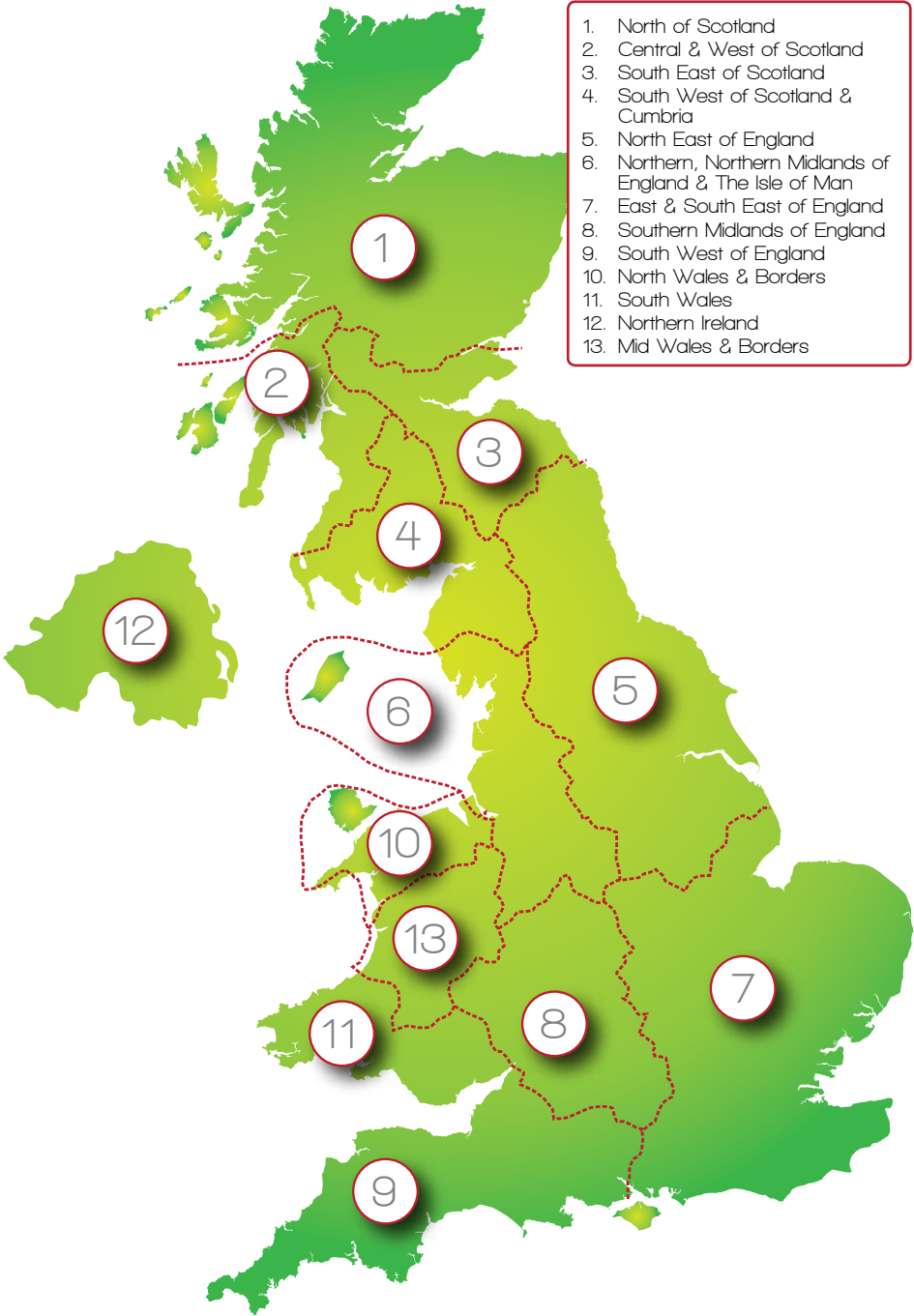
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Society policy in relation to the use of the Wool Test.

To assist in ensuring that wool trimming is discouraged in our breed. The Society Chief Executive and Chairman or Vice Chairman collectively decides if and when the wool test is needed at National sales. As Chairman and or Vice Chairman and the CE are present at the National sales.

In the first instance the members will be given the opportunity to remove the sheep from the sale. If this is refused then the sheep or full pen will be sampled by the wool inspection team using the standard operating procedure already in place.

At sales where the Chief Executive and the Chairman and or the Vice Chairman are not present and a Club inspection team suspects that sheep have been trimmed then it is at the Inspectors discretion to offer the member the opportunity to remove the sheep from their Club sale. The Club should report the incident to the Chief Executive in writing.

On receiving the letter from the Club, the Chief Executive will submit the Clubs letter to the Board who will discuss the option of testing a random sample of sheep at any Society sale that the member enters the following year. If the member refuses to accept the testing of sheep by the Society, the sheep will be ineligible for sale at that event and the case will be referred to the disciplinary committee.

The final decision on where a wool test is used remains with the Society official. The decision to test sale entries using the wool test is not at the discretion of the individual clubs inspection teams.

Whilst this may not deal with a specific member immediately (other than at a National sale), it does allow for the test to be used as a deterrent under strict controls. This policy also ensures that any member that enters sheep to a sale run under the society auspices that do not meet with the Inspection teams satisfaction, can be dealt with directly by the Society in an appropriate manner.

All Members are referred to the Society Bye-Law.

Bye Law 9.6. No dressing, trimming, clipping or excessive use of dips on the fleeces of sheep will be permitted. No artificial whitening of any part of the sheep will be permitted. An inspector may be present at the sale with the authority to disqualify any sheep, which in his opinion, are below a minimum standard with regard to breed type or are found to be contravening the Society Bye-laws, right up to the point of sale. The decision of the inspector shall be final and failure to accept the inspector's decision will result in the entire consignment being rejected.

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, they 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 the Netherlands at the end of that decade.

In Great Britain, the Texels have shown that they are capable of withstanding the rigors 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.



Sire of the Year

Congratulations go to Messrs Boden & Davies Ltd (Sportsman's Flock), who won the Texel Society National Sales, 1st Season Sire of the Year award 2012 with the three top sons of Sportsman's Scout, (BGS1100222).

Scout was a 10,000gn joint purchase by Clarks Farm via the 2011 Solway and Tyne Club Carlisle Show & Sale. The qualifying winning aggregate for his three leading sons was 73,500gns. All three were in fact maternal ET brothers bred in the Teiglum flock (Clark Farms). Their dam, who was sired by Teiglum Outlaw (CFT085759), was an outstanding show ewe, winning 2nd at both the Royal Highland and the Great Yorkshire Shows respectively.

The trio of brothers were as follows:

Teiglum Tornado CFT1201701
(60,000gns) - sold at Lanark

Teiglum Troy CFT1201694
(8,000gns) - sold at Lanark

Teiglum Tennessee CFT1201702
(5,500gns) - sold at Welshpool

The three brothers are likely to have a widespread, future positive influence within the breed. Tornado & Tennessee were both purchased by a five member syndicate embracing several very prominent flocks, whilst Troy was purchased by the noted Millar's Flock from Ulster.

Robbie Wilson, (Milnbank), who organised the 60,000gn Tornado syndicate, has certainly put unlimited confidence in his joint purchase by mating many of his high profile females including his entire team of ET donor ewes to him. No doubt Troy &

Tennessee will have been utilised similarly by their respective flock owners. "Scout" is fairly certain to leave a permanent legacy within the breed via his above three sons.

More impressive is that Charlie Boden not only bred the "Sire of the Year", Sportsman's Scout, but the 2nd and 3rd placed rams, Sportsman's Supreme (BGS1100303) and Mellor Vale Senator (BCM110006), respectively,

Charlie stated that the common factor was the ram Mellor Vale Officer (BCM08023) which he sold privately to Malcolm Reid (Kelso). Officer sired the 40,000gn Kelso Pavarotti (MBZ09002), which was the G. Sire of Sportsman's Scout. In turn Sportsman's Supreme was a full ET brother to Pavarotti, while Mellor Vale Senator was a younger brother to Officer. Charlie regarded Officer as one of the best sheep he has bred to date.

It is also worth highlighting that Charlie Boden and the Clark Family are closely involved with the breeding achievements of the 4th & 5th placed rams, i.e. Milnbank Special One (LYM1100405) & Strathbogie Smokey Blue (IJS1100074), being the respective joint owners of the above two rams.

Since the inception of the "1st Season Sire of The year Award" by the Society in 2010, Sons of previous winners Strathbogie Python (IJS09289) and Glenside Razzle Dazzle (FPG100055), who is a son of Python, have proved extremely influential in the breed. The Sportsman's flock are however the first flock to have achieved

an outstanding “1,2,3”, in the company of some major challengers, providing further

evidence of the influence and depth of quality that this flock has in the Texel breed.



Position	Breeder & Sheep ID	Ram Price (Gns)	Qualifying Sons	Price (Gns)	Aggregate Price (Gns)
1st	Sportsman's Scout BGS1100222 Boden & Davies	10,000	Teiglum Tornado <i>CFT1201701</i> Teiglum Troy <i>CFT1201694</i> Teiglum Tennessee <i>CFT1201702</i>	60,000 8,000 5,500	73,500
2nd	Sportsmans Supreme BGS1100303 Boden & Davies	20,000	Knock Travis <i>HAK1200402</i> Knock Trojan <i>HAK1200420</i> Cambwell Terminator <i>LTC1201075</i>	20,000 17,000 8,500	45,500
3rd	MellorVale Senator BCM1100006 Charlie Boden	2,600	Tullylagan Tonka <i>HPY1200404</i> Tullylagan Tycoon <i>HPY1200484</i> Tullylagan Tinto <i>HPY1200497</i>	42,000 450 350	42,800
4th	Milnbank Special One LYM1100405 Robbie Wilson	25,000	Sportsman's Trojan II <i>BGS1200587</i> Sportsman's Tremendous II <i>BGS1200471</i> MellorVale Tomahawk <i>BCM1200139</i>	20,000 11,000 6,000	37,000
5th	Strathbogie Smokey Blue IJS1100074 J Innes & Sons	24,000	Teiglum Thunder <i>CFT1201741</i> Haddo Titan <i>KWJ1200386</i> Garngour Tartan Bearer <i>CJN1201593</i>	17,000 8,000 2,200	27,200

Texel Sheep Society Annual General Meeting, Social weekend & Solway & Tyne Texel Breeders Club 30th Anniversary

Slaley Hall, Hexham - 2nd - 3rd November 2012

The 2012 AGM & Social weekend was co-hosted by the Solway & Tyne Texel Breeders Club who were celebrating their 35th Anniversary. It started off with a drinks reception hosted by the Solway & Tyne Club before sitting down to a delicious three course meal, this was then followed by a night at the Casino.

With Grand Prix driving simulators and Roulette tables, to mention just two of the available forms of entertainment. The gamblers amongst us didn't exactly break the bank, but as proved by the photos, a great time was had by all!!

Keith Jamieson re-donated the gallon of Whisky won originally by the office staff back in 2010 at Drimsynie, (he had the closing bid in Northern Ireland in 2011). This year Keith decided on a push a pound fund raiser and ended up winning it back along with Barry Rayson, they then donated back for auction on Saturday night. The winning bid came from P Kermode... we wouldn't be at all surprised if it makes another appearance in South Wales in 2013. The Whiskey has attended almost as many AGM/Social weekends as Keith has now!!

The evening ended with many retiring to the bar till the wee small hours just catching up on a year's worth of gossip and sheep talk.

After a full Cumbrian breakfast on Saturday morning, some guests decided to join the coach trip for a day at The Metro Centre in Newcastle Christmas shopping, some had signed up for the Solway & Tyne Challenge and some just ... relaxed ...

The Challenge Activity had 170 members in teams of 10 (or near enough) challenging each other in Laser shooting and Archery. Some found talents they never knew they had, others just about found the target. Rumours that gun 5 recorded a hit regardless of where pointed were soon proved false when Henry Gamble only scored 1 using it.

Margaret Struthers (Collielaw), proved to be missing her vocation as an assassin when she managed to score 20 - 20 on two occasions laser shooting, and wasn't shabby with the bow and arrow either! Geoffrey Fleck and John Yates put up good scores in both activities but Margaret easily took best female and Steve Smith (Penparc), best male.

Despite a rainy start the sun came out for the afternoon, The Metro Centre shoppers returned with overflowing bags of bargains. Everyone had time to freshen up before a successful and informative AGM took place. We said thank you to Two Directors stepping down from the Board after many years of dedicated service, Tim Healy and Gordon Gray, and we welcomed two new Directors, Peter Sutton and David McKerrow.

AGM 2012



Place your bets



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Party time!

The evening began with a drinks reception hosted by the Solway & Tyne Club with the Ladies all dressed for the occasion. Everyone took their places at dinner for the Charity auction to begin; all should be congratulated for their amazing generosity with the combined amount from the raffle, Auction & whiskey raising £6,700!! Two charities will benefit from the generosity of all that took part - the Northern Air Ambulance and MacMillan Cancer. Special thanks go to Robert and Emma Pigg, Linda Bell and members of the Solway & Tyne Club.

Presentations took place to mark retirements, achievements and thanks, The Chairman gave his speech, and then the band (Camus) began to play.

They were excellent! Before the first chorus of the first song had been reached the dance floor was full and continued that way till past 1 in the morning. Again some retired to the bar to chat and catch up with new and old friends before retiring to bed, some as the milkman delivered!

After another full Cumbrian breakfast, looking out on stunning misty scenery everyone began the journey home. A memorable and enjoyable time had by all.

Thanks to all who made the Texel weekend very special and to all who got involved.

This Notice supersedes all previous notices of costs and overrides any printed material which you may have in your possession.

Birth Notification Fees take effect for all 2013 born lambs and all other fees take effect from January 1st 2013

2013 Male and Female Birth Notifications

Method	1st Jan - 15th April in Year of Birth		16th April - 15th June in Year of Birth		16th June - 31st Dec in Year of Birth		1st January following Year of Birth Onwards	
	D/D	Cheque	D/D	Cheque	D/D	Cheque	D/D	Cheque
Online/ Tel/ Paper	£1.60 (£1.92 inc VAT)	£1.76 (£2.11 inc VAT)	£1.80 (£2.16 inc VAT)	£1.98 (£2.38 inc VAT)	£10.00 (£12.00 inc VAT)	£11.00 (£13.20 inc VAT)	£100 (£120.00 inc VAT)	£110 (£132.00 inc VAT)

Female Registrations and Import Registrations (having previously been birth notified)

Method	By 15th June in Year of Birth (YOB)		16th June YOB - 31st October in year following YOB		1st November year following YOB onwards	
	D/D	Cheque	D/D	Cheque	D/D	Cheque
Online/ Tel/Paper	£5.25 (£6.30 inc VAT)	£5.78 (£6.94 inc VAT)	£5.70 (£6.84 inc VAT)	£6.27 (£7.52 inc VAT)	£8.50 (£10.20 inc VAT)	£ 9.35 (£11.22 inc VAT)

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Method	D/D	Cheque
Online/ Tel/Paper	£26.25 (£31.50 inc VAT)	£28.88 (£34.66 inc VAT)

Transfers (only fully registered sheep can be transferred)

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Signature Date

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Jimmy Warnock & Rebecca MacTaggart

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- All applications must be submitted using the official application form (Available on request or download from the website - details below)
- All applications to be accompanied by a signed declaration form
- The closing date for applications is **August 31st 2013**
- Received applications will be acknowledged and further information may be sought from the candidate if required. The application will then be submitted to the selection panel for review
- Successful candidates will be notified in writing by Monday 30th September 2013
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- Projects will need to be completed and submitted prior to Tuesday 30th September 2014
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Society announce formation of a National Youth Development Programme Committee

The Society Board has been carefully developing a combination of Youth initiatives since 2009. The aim of which has been to ensure a long term legacy is created that supports and retains enthusiastic and dedicated young people within the Society, as well as to attract new young breeders into the Society.

Whilst the Society, supported by its Club structure, has created many opportunities and attracted young breeders since the creation of the Society. The Board has supported national initiatives, and as such has relied on clubs to manage local initiatives, that have included stock judging at local shows etc.

The absence of any Society Youth programme has not to date been detrimental to the Breeds growth in popularity, which now has strength in depth across a wide age range contributing to rural communities across the UK.

However, the Society Board considers it essential that a formal YDP Committee is created, to support and develop the initiatives already available to membership and develop new ideas.

Helping to drive change and innovate on behalf of this important sector of the Membership.

The Society, over the last 2 years has created:

- *Three annual National Scholarship awards of a £1000 each. (£3000)*
- *Four Student Educational achievement awards for 2013 of £500 each. (£2000)*
- *Sponsorship package for two young breeders to attend the Biannual Sheep Breeders Round Table costing up to £500 each. (£1000)*

The new committee will be tasked with the responsibility to ensure that these initiatives evolve as well as create new ones that are affordable and sustainable for the Society at a National level. Managed by young members for the benefit of young members, the Committee will offer a direct and formal link to the Society Board and provide valuable support and advice.

Driving change and providing a forum for innovation

Committee - Terms of Reference

- ✓ To be an elected representative subcommittee to reflect the views of young Texel breeders from across the UK.
- ✓ To offer sound judgement and advice, providing recommendations to the Board.
- ✓ To assist in the promotion and participate in promoting the breed and the society to young breeders, by developing and managing the existing programme that includes:
 - *The sponsoring of young members at Sheep Breeders Round Table.*
 - *The Texel Society scholarship programme.*
 - *The Texel Society educational awards.*
- ✓ To encourage young members participation in the promotion of the breed at specialist sheep events and National shows.
- ✓ To be a forum to encourage eligible young members to consider standing for election onto the Society main board.

Paid up Members that are 35 and under in 2013 will be provided with further details and nomination forms in September 2013, with the first committee meeting expected to take place in late 2013 or early 2014. Regional representation will consist of 5 committee members made up from Society regions (See Map page 17) meeting up to twice a year.

One member from areas - 1, 2 and 3

One member from areas - 4, 5 and 6

One member from areas - 7, 8 and 9

One member from areas - 10, 11 and 13

One member from area - 12



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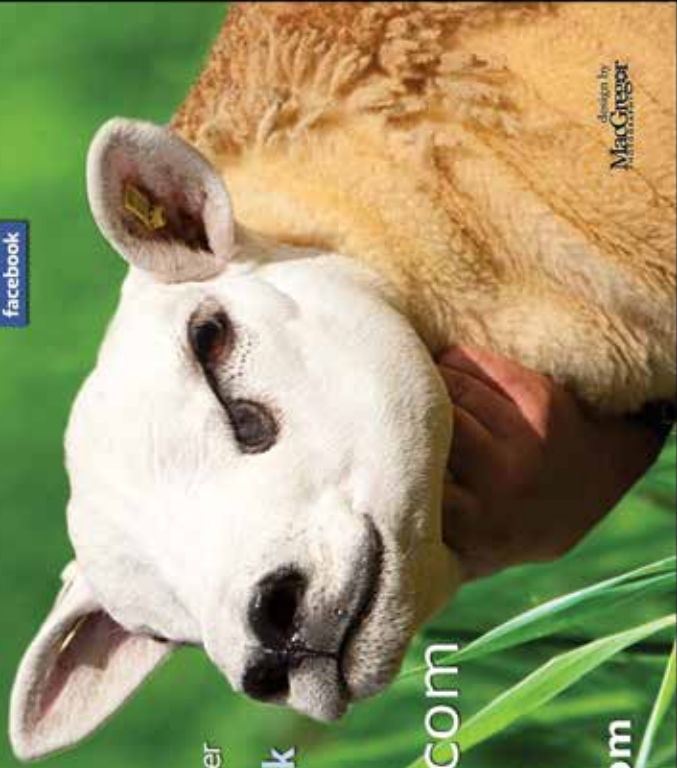
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History of Australian Texels

Does anybody remember the UK prime lamb industry of the 1950's and 60's when lamb was sold only on deadweight? Imagine introducing Texels into such a market with no specification for conformation, with no Europ. Texels were introduced into Australia in 1993 and continue to struggle for acceptance in a market still using only deadweight and basic fatscoring to value carcasses.

Texels arrived in Australia to great acclaim after 4 years of quarantine in New Zealand and a further 3 in Australia. They were the first importation of any new meat breed since the pioneers brought in the Suffolk, Dorset Horn and Border Leicester. The Australian Texels originated in Denmark and Finland and were selected for their scrapie free status. The combination of the smaller heavy Danish Texels and the bigger framed Finnish Texels has resulted in a Texel well suited to Australian conditions which require an animal to be free moving, able to adapt to lengthy hot seasons and lamb without assistance.

Since their arrival Texels have dominated Prime Lamb Competition in every state. Whether based on carcase yield or lean meat yield, Texels have repeatedly swept the competitions. Unfortunately the parameters used in carcase competitions, such as lean meat yield and conformation, are not commercial specifications at abattoir and saleyards. Prejudice developed quickly against a carcase type so different to existing breeds. Producers and agents were unfamiliar with a lamb which developed so much width and gigot without running to fat and as a result many lambs were sent for processing unfinished. Texel ram sales have declined from a high of 2772 nationally in 2000 to only 629 in 2011 as the breed seems unable to overcome this prejudice.

Texels were used extensively in composite breeding after their introduction, as they were in the UK. UK producers quickly realised that more Texel meant greater profitability. With very few parameters for profitability measurement in Australia the composites made little impact here as they were bred to resemble the existing breeds but sold as 'Texel cross'. Their lack of performance was then blamed on the Texel infusion. Slow growth is a frequent criticism of Texels in Australia but is contradicted by the many successes of Texel sired progeny in spring prime lamb competitions. Commercial producers Australia wide who have consigned their prime lamb in separate breed groups through the abattoir have for years reported substantially greater return from their Texel sired lambs due to the increased carcase yield. As Australia has no Central Progeny Testing, commercial feedback takes on a greater relevance. Australian Texels developed from the same genetic base as the New Zealand Texel where the breed has dominated their Central Progeny Test Profitability Index (Growth & Yield) for many years.

Two major supermarket chains control most of the Australian market. High St butchers have consistently retained around 28% of retail meat sales, but they rely on a personal relationship with their wholesaler to ensure supply of desirable product. Any specifications to connect producer and retailer are seen as undesirable as it interferes with the other sectors' ability to manipulate throughput and quality to create margins.

Texel breeders in every state have at some time or other established numerous successful direct marketing alliances with Texel branded product in an effort to

bypass the lack of market specifications, and industry prejudice. The result at a retail level has been gratifying as the consumer response is overwhelming. Retail butchers consistently identify a 15%-20% increase in profitability with Texel carcasses. However, in spite of this success these arrangements rarely persist for any length of time as the alliances have difficulty finding enough Texel sired lamb to guarantee year round continuity of supply on a scale to compete profitably with conventional marketing. A branded product involves greater cost to the producer with specifications, code of practice requirements and smaller drafts of lambs. These costs are difficult to recover. The burden of co-ordination falls on the producer who has to act as livestock agent, wholesaler and marketer of the lamb, as well as supplying credit.

Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) created Lambplan as a performance recording system to provide Estimated Breeding Values (EBV) for growth, eye muscle depth, and fat as key traits. All major meat breeds in Australia are assumed to be identical and are analysed together. The system receives widespread publicity. Texel producers have been concerned for many years by an anomaly in the Texel Lambplan index which accumulates exaggerated EBVs for those Texels mated extensively into other breeds. They attribute this anomaly to the inability of Lambplan to identify the presence of the myostatin gene, which creates a significant genetic difference between breeds. Sheep used within the Texel breed where the myostatin gene count remains static at two in each generation cannot generate the same increases to their EBVs as Texels



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crossed into other breeds to introduce one copy of the myostatin gene where none existed previously. Some years ago a Texel ram became number 1 in the Texel elite sires list despite never having been mated to a Texel. The ram quickly disappeared when used in Texel flocks. Most Texel breeders have now reached the conclusion that Lambplan cannot be used for breeding decisions, not only because of its inability to identify the inheritance pattern of myostatin, but also because of Lambplan's emphasis on the growth index without adequate muscle. Animals rating well in the Lambplan index are seen, even by some processors, as long, lean and lanky and difficult to finish. What could have been a tool to demonstrate commercial value of Texels is now seen by most as having little merit.

The sheep industry in Australia has undergone huge changes in recent years. In 1993, when Texels were introduced, the Australian flock numbered 120 million, this has since decreased to around 67 million and shows little sign of recovering to any great extent. Merino to merino matings for the wool industry make up about 60% of the sheep flock with the remainder divided between prime lamb sire/merino ewe matings and prime lamb sire/merino cross ewe matings. The merino prime lamb dams are for the most part culls or older ewes cast for age from wool flocks. The crossbred ewes are mainly Border Leicester/merino. At the same carcass weight, but with great differences in lean meat yields, prime lamb progeny of merino

and crossbred ewes have the same carcass value.

The decline in sheep numbers is the result of a combination of intermittent drought over many years in almost every part of Australia, and the great decline in wool prices. High grain prices have attracted many producers away from sheep to recoup the losses of the drought years. The decline in wool value has subsequently increased the relative value of the prime lamb industry but has brought about further changes in the flock structure. Many producers seeking to lower labour requirements and reduce costs have opted for the African breeds of shedding and dual purpose sheep. In mixed farming enterprises prime lamb is seen as secondary to wool and grain, and this is unlikely to change until prime lamb production is given the equivalent of the comprehensive descriptions available to the wool and grain industries to extract a premium from the market.

The Australian Texel Stud Breeders Association is now a core of what could be called 'The True Believers' with only 60 flocks. Most of the current membership has been with the association since Texels were introduced and they continue to invest in their breeding. Year after year they showcase Texels at the various state and national shows and dominate most of the carcass competitions. In 2004 new Texel genetics arrived in Australia from Scotland and these animals have now had an impact in Australia and New Zealand. Their

pedigree carries all the most influential bloodlines of the British Texel flock to 1995 and they have integrated well to breed the type of Texel suited to Australian conditions. The sire was Kirtle Banker, the bloodlines include Annan Won o Won, Woodmarsh AllGold, Annan Ygorra, Netherkeir Blaze, Glenside Youre A Winner and numerous others still appearing in the pedigrees of today's UK champions.

2013 marks 20 years since Texels arrived in Australia and we have been allocated feature breed status at many major

shows. We believe we have a great deal to celebrate as Texels have been instrumental in demonstrating the value of improved carcass yield and conformation in spite of being unable to gain acceptance for these qualities. Meat and Livestock Australia has identified the consumer's inconsistent and unsatisfactory eating experience as the greatest hurdle to increasing lamb consumption. Texels have proved themselves in every instance as being able to deliver desirable product but have now endured 20 years of frustration at their inability to connect with consumers.



Des & Irena Lewis - EINON Texels



Des & Irena with some of their winning rosettes

For Carmarthenshire, West Wales-based breeders Des and Irena Lewis of the Einon flock, a year without Texels is a year lost and so it proved when having dispersed their original flock in 2003 they started again less than 12 months later.

"We missed the sheep, but more importantly we missed the people and the social side of the breed," explains Des.

Having started their original flock in 1990 to run alongside their construction business the couple found their business interests were growing too quickly to allow them to do justice to their original 40 ewe flock, so dispersed it.

"But we simply couldn't go on without Texels, so bought some fresh blood and set ourselves a limit of 12 ewes to keep the workload down. That didn't last though and we've been running at about 20 ewes for the last few years!"

With both Des and Irena coming from farming families they had always wanted stock of their own, but with opportunities unavailable when he left school Des started work as an apprentice brick layer.

"Over the years we built up our own business and in 1990 we bought our 30 acre farm and started a flock of Texels."

"We never lost the hankering for our own farm and so we worked hard to get somewhere we could call our own."

The Lewis's first took notice of Texels in the mid 1980s, being drawn to their sharp nature, conformation and good skins.

"They're the attributes we still look for in any stock we buy and with showing being a major hobby for us we're always looking for a sheep with a bit of class and style," explains Des.

But while their first dabble in the breed was successful enough it has been their more recent venture which has given them the most showing successes and pleasure, notably with their current stock ram,

Glenside Royal Welsh, and his progeny. Royal Welsh himself was male champion at the Royal Welsh in 2012, while a gimmer by him stood second at the same show out of an entry of more than 60.

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Des & Irena with some Einon Ewes

"He's very much a once in a lifetime sheep. He's got a great body, tremendous head and breed character and importantly he breeds well too. So often the best show sheep simply don't throw lambs as good as themselves, or only throw good lambs of one sex. Royal Welsh leaves great ram lambs and ewe lambs and we've turned down several offers for him in the last year."

And with space and time limited the Lewis's aim to sell their males as ram lambs rather than run them through to shearlings.

"We sell both from home and at the main NSA sale at Builth and have built up a good trade in recent years, with four Glenside Royal Welsh sons sold at Builth last year averaged £1509. So, he's making his mark in the sale ring as well as the show ring."

The best of the Einon lambs last year, Einon Trade Mark, LSI1200074, a Glenside Royal Welsh son out of a homebred ewe by Hull House Off The Rails, was sold privately to John and Josie Hardwick of the Abercrychan flock privately as a result of a flock visit by the South Wales Texel Breeders Club in August.

"He was our number one lamb this year and John was keen to secure him, paying a substantial four figure sum to get him."

However, while they enjoy a good trade for their ram lambs the couple don't take any to the Welsh National Sale at Welshpool

as their low number of birth notifications limits the number they can take.

"We'd rather take one decent sized pen of lambs to one sale rather than increase our costs unnecessarily. Builth is good for us and there are always breeders there looking for sharp, stylish lambs."

Females by Glenside Royal Welsh have also been much in demand, with a shearing ewe by him taking the female championship at the NSA Ram Sale, Builth Wells, and going on to sell for 1000gns to Andrew Thomas of the Brynmeini flock.

And at the Llandovery in-lamb sale a ewe carrying twins to Royal Welsh took the championship and top price of 660gns.

The Lewis's very much regard the summer shows as their hobby and put correctness and breed type at the top of their list when it comes to selecting new stock sires or the odd female purchase.

"Keeping the breed type right is essential for us. We enjoy the showing side of breeding and get a kick out of doing well. We don't show ram lambs though as we find if they've been shown a bit during the summer they can be a bit lacklustre when it comes to sale time. We like our ram lambs to have some get up and go in the sale ring, rather than being a bit sleepy."

The flock lambs in mid February, but with heavy fox predation in the area and the

farm being 650ft above sea level, lambs run back in to a shed for the first month of their lives.

We prefer them to be a bit stronger before going out full time. Having done the hard work of getting good live lambs on the ground we'd rather not lose them to foxes if we can avoid it.

"The ewes receive little concentrate before lambing, with the single bearing ewes only on haylage and a mineral bucket and the twins having a small amount of concentrate. Then after lambing all the ewes are fed until we get a decent bite of grass."

Lambs are creep fed while on their mothers, with ram lambs continuing to be fed after weaning, but ewe lambs going on to grass alone post-weaning, explains Des.

The flock currently makes no use of ET or AI, with all lambs being naturally conceived, showing the versatility and hardiness of the Texel breed.

"We find the Texels thrive on our farm despite it being more of a hill farm than a lowland one. Some other breeds wouldn't have the hardiness to cope with the land or the climate here. But Texel ewes milk well and are great mothers, helping get their lambs off to a good start, despite the sometimes harsh conditions we farm in."

Looking to the future the Lewis' say they'll be sticking with the Texel no matter what.

"There's no other breed that compares to them for us. They're the only breed of sheep we want to keep and we feel we're really making our mark now within the breed not only in Wales, but nationally too. Glenside Royal Welsh has really helped put us on the map, now we just need to make the most of the outstanding crop of gimmers we have from him."

With this in mind the couple bought Haddo True Blue at the Solway and Tyne Club Sale at Carlisle last autumn. He's a Strathbogie Smokey Blue son out of a Sportsman's ewe and we think he'll click really well with the Royal Welsh daughters.

"We also bought an in-lamb ewe from the Knock flock later in the year too with a view to creating a new female line within the flock. She's in-lamb to 20,000gns Sportsman's Trojan, so we're eagerly awaiting her lambing too."

The couple's commitment to the Texel breed and importantly their enthusiasm for the South Wales Texel Breeders Club was recently recognised by being awarded the 'Club member of the year' trophy by club chairman John Hardwick.

This award followed on the back of a hugely successful 12 months for the flock which included winning every category they entered in the flock competition, including best small flock, best gimmers, best stock ram, best flock in south Wales, followed by the best all Wales flock.



Alwyn Phillips, Society Director, presenting Des & Irena with the Best of all Wales Flock award

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From Russia with Love.

What springs to mind when one thinks of rural Russia? A vast country with endless steppes - monotonous forests of birch trees stretching to the horizon, the fertile black earth region of central Russia producing grain on a gigantic scale? Yes, that's the familiar image, but what do we know about livestock in Russia? Trying to think of a cattle breed will draw a blank. And what sheep do they have? A simple Google search throws up a sheep called the Romanov. Ah yes, the Romanov! A well-known breed and rightly so. (More of that later). However, some further research reveals that Russia, like so many northern hemisphere countries does not eat much

lamb. In these countries the rancid smell of fatty old mutton during World War II still wafts through the memory of old people. So what brings a group of Russian businessmen to the UK in search of information about Texel sheep?

Russia today is one of the fastest growing major economies. Since the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991 the country has seen many changes and a steady rise in living standards. Meat consumption is up but the inhabitants of central Russia prefer to eat beef, pork and chicken. But with increased national wealth comes awareness of health and environmental issues followed by the demand for life style changes and healthy food. Russians are learning about the benefit of eating lamb and articles about lamb as a source of meat produced without chemicals and anabolic steroids (!) appear in the press. Restaurants with Caucasian and Asian cuisine which use lamb more heavily are popping up in Moscow. Eating lamb, the most expensive of all meat, has become fashionable.



Like other fast developing countries food production has become big business and it was the vision and business plans of a large family concern called B.I.G in the Chernozem region (Chernozem means black earth), a highly fertile agricultural region south of Moscow, that brought a small delegation of Investors and experts to the United Kingdom.

B.I.G invests in a number of companies from different sectors including construction, wood processing, leisure and finance. They are also a 60% shareholder in Bratskaya Ferma Ltd., which specializes in agriculture and it is this business the Group wants to develop.

Bratskaya Ferma farms 1400 acres of black earth land 350 km south of Moscow, producing mainly winter wheat and spring barley. However, grain production is coupled with particularly high risks for Investors as profitability depends on the weather and volatile commodity prices. This made them look for a more stable commodity. After grain, meat is next in the chain of consumption and the decision was made to focus on meat production. But what meat?

Russia has a program in place to reduce the country's dependence on imported foods. In response to various measures, including some intended to restrict imports, huge

private units producing chicken, pork and beef have sprung up, helped by government loans at preferential rates. Russia is becoming an exporter of chicken meat, domestic production of pork has reached 80% of home consumption and domestic production of beef has exceeded 50%. Tens of thousands of heads of beef cattle are being introduced from Canada, the US and Australia (Aberdeen Angus and Limousin).

To the Investors from B.I.G it was clear that the company could not compete with producers of these kinds of meat, but understood there is a niche market for lamb.

So, back to the Romanov sheep: The Romanov is as essential to keeping warm in the Russian winter as a bowl of cabbage soup. The sheep were bred entirely for their fleece which consists of short black hair, and longer dense undercoat of cream-coloured wool. This fleece is not of high value but ideal for making a special type of felt boot called Valenki - the standard protection of Russian feet during the long, ice-cold winter.

The humble Romanov however, stands out in other ways: it's the most prolific breed in the world, triplets and quads being common. Romanovs are pure and unimproved having never been crossed with any other breed. They breed all year round and can provide two lamb crops a year. Famously virile, rams reach sexual maturity at 3-4 months and ewe lambs are ready to take the ram at 7-8 months. Ewes will happily breed again 30-40 days after lambing and still produce twins. As if this wasn't enough their fleece sheds naturally, making shearing unnecessary. Some sheep, some potential! Sadly, the quality of the meat is poor, quite lean on the outside but very fatty internally. Hardly the product to persuade Russians to eat lamb.



The fertile Black Earth (Chernozem) region, south of Moscow



Russian delegation

It is easy to understand why the Investors from B.I.G turned to the Texel. The Texel's reputation for superior carcass quality and its adaptability are known worldwide. The Russians had done their homework, visited shows and bought their first 35 Texels in Russia itself. They had erected heated accommodation for 1000 sheep and established special forage mixtures and sowed Sainfoin for hay. They embarked on an experiment of crossing Texel rams with Romanov ewes which gave mixed results. Some of the offspring looked like Texels, others not, but judging by the eating quality of the lambs they were on to something.

A vision for their enterprise took shape but they quickly decided that the way forward was to involve specialists in the field of animal husbandry, learn from the experience of others and see how Texels are bred in other countries.

In the summer of 2012 a small delegation of Russians flew to the UK to learn more about Texels. The party included Alexandr Surnin, CEO of Bratskaya Farm Ltd, his deputy, a Russian financier and a representative of a leasing company. The plan was to convince Russian lenders of the feasibility of their programme and secure funding. Contacts with the Texel Sheep Society helped with the preparation for the visit to Charlie Boden's flock just an hour's drive from the Airport. The visit

was a great success. Coincidentally, the Bodens were having sheep inseminated on that day and the experience of an efficient team performing AI left the visitors deeply impressed.

The Russians' determination to start breeding Texels is clear. However, the road to achieving a successful breeding programme in such a demanding climatic environment will be long and arduous. Given Russian bureaucracy and the ban on imports of live sheep from the UK sourcing good Texels will not be easy. Politics also play a part but over time the need for more self-sufficiency in food production may soften the hard-line stance. It is up to British politicians and lobbyists to pave the way. British Texels, with its impressive record of breed development may eventually play a part in developing sheep breeding for meat in Russia. And marrying the Romanov to British Texels could bring huge benefits once the crossing and selection mechanism is understood and the Russians adopt a performance recording programme which will help them to identify the ideal sheep for their purpose.

A Romanov-Texel cross ewe put back to a Texel ram might be the solution. This prolific, all-year-round breeder combined with the Texels' muscularity and leanness could be a perfect match. We should try it here!

Remember to Look Over the Fence

A As pedigree Texel breeders you play a major role in determining the genetic direction of your commercial clients' flocks and, ultimately, their financial profitability.

Keeping an eye on what the supply chain needs is a must for your own business, and it is important you make time to "look over the fence" at the bigger sheep industry picture.

The sheep sector contributed an estimated £1556m to UK agricultural output in 2011 and meeting consumer demand and expectation must be a consideration for all Texel pedigree producers.

Ensuring lambs destined for the food chain are produced as efficiently and as profitably as possible is vital to ensure UK farmers have sustainable businesses.

In the UK in 2011, 47.5% of sheep meat sales were through the multiple retailers with only 5% sold through the traditional butcher shop and exports accounting for 30.5%. We are major exporters of sheep meat to Europe, in particular France where the market is worth over £200 million.

Primary processors are year-on-year seeing the trend towards selling more boneless and part-boned carcasses rather than the traditional whole carcass. Thus, your commercial clients are producing lamb for a discerning market place.

Loin chops are a favoured cut for consumers and QMS has recently supported cutting edge genetic research undertaken on the Texel Muscling gene known as TM-QTL.

This is a gene which is known to increase loin muscle dimensions and weights in both the purebred and cross bred carrier Texel lambs without apparently affecting other muscles, as it is known that increased muscling in some other breeds is associated with increased toughness.

Results from the research carried out on behalf of QMS by Dr Cameron Craigie have shown that female lambs produce meat with better quality parameters than male lambs and ageing for more than seven days showed no negative effects of the TM-QTL.

The QMS-funded Scottish Sheep Strategy Focus Farm project, which included Texels, showed ewes sired by Performance Recorded High Index trait rams financially out-performed those with Low index traits and those chosen by eye.

Additional benefits to the farmers using High Index Trait rams were more uniform batches of lambs, a reduction in the number of days to slaughter and greater rearing and finishing success among daughters without any additional inputs.

Red meat consumption (beef, lamb and pork) is falling, with the volume of sheep meat being consumed in the UK in 2011 down by nearly 5%. If we are going to try to stem this fall in consumer demand we need to ensure that the offering on the plate is as tasty as it can be, there is little waste and it is produced as cost effectively as possible.

So, to keep your business ahead of the game, remember to look over the fence and keep up to date with the latest developments. By doing so you will help to ensure your buyers are "ahead of the flock" and producing lambs that the supply chain want and the consumer enjoys eating.

McCaffrey - Scholars Texels

From humble beginnings less than a decade ago Malpas, Cheshire-based Will and Elizabeth McCaffrey's Scholars flock has quickly made its mark on the Texel breed, with Scholars bloodlines now being used in some of the UK's best known flocks.

But, while producing top class lambs for the pedigree market has always been the McCaffrey's aim, they haven't launched in to the breed as big spenders. They have taken a strategic approach, seeking out foundation females of a type they liked.

The first pedigree ewes were bought from the Select Seven sale at Lanark in 2004 and a flushing programme was immediately put in place to ensure the rapid advancement of the flock, explains Will.

"I have always had a clear idea of what I was trying to produce. We didn't have a big budget when we started and I wasn't too concerned about buying well known or fashionable bloodlines. I picked out individual animals which had what I was looking for.

"They have to have good breed character. Shape, muscle and skin are also important and females particularly must have character."

These early purchases have stood the flock in good stead and one of the first purchases was a Cambwell ewe by Crailloch Galaxy, bought for 1100gns, which was flushed to 48,000gns sire Douganhill Jeronimo.

This first flush included the ram lamb, Scholars Macca, who was sold privately for 1000gns to Carl Bellis of the Cosyn flock, Flintshire. Macca had been a winner

at Nantwich Show, and went on to sire a lamb, Cosyn Texels Noble, which was sold at Ruthin sale for a market record price of 4600gns. Noble went on to be male champion at the Royal Highland Show as a shearling in 2008.

A Knock ewe, HAK06 613, by Glenside Lone Ranger, bought at the Carlisle Christmas Cracker in-lamb sale for 1250gns in 2008, is another ewe which has had a big influence on the flock.

In 2009 she was flushed early to Annan Jewel and again later to Mellor Vale Masterpiece. These flushes produced females whose wins included the Cheshire show breed championship and reserve, as well as the interbreed title, Shropshire Show breed champion and reserve and Oswestry Show breed champion and reserve interbreed.



Texel Reserve Champion at the RWAS 2012

At the Royal Welsh Show the Jewel sired gimmer was sold to James Innes, Strathbogie, for 6500gns, plus an embryo from one of his ewes.

The Masterpiece ewe which was retained was flushed to Gyrhos Rambo in 2011, producing a ewe lamb YWMI20053 which was second at the Great Yorkshire and first and reserve female and reserve overall champion at the Royal Welsh in 2012.

A full brother, Scholars Tiny Tempo, YWMI200049 was sixth at the Great Yorkshire and fourth at the Royal Welsh before going on to be second in the open class at Lanark and selling for 13,000gns to a consortium of five buyers.

From the same flush another ram lamb, Scholars Turbo YWMI200051, sold for 2700gns at the English National sale at Worcester and two ewe lambs were sold to Robert Bennett, one privately and one through the Chelford sale for 2000gns.

In 2010 a Kitrob ewe lamb, JOK100049 by Hull House Northern Star, was bought at the Chelford sale for 1550gns. The following year she won the shearling ewe class at the Royal Welsh Show, when Baltier Reward, a tup shared with James Ruggeri's Gyrhos flock also won the shearling ram class. The following year she was flushed to 4400gns sire Mullan Supremacy producing a ewe lamb which was champion at

Shropshire in 2012 and a full sister which was a winner at Cheshire County. But the real star of the flush was a ram lamb, Scholars Twenty Twelve, YWMI200040, which won his class at the Great Yorkshire Show and took the reserve male championship.

This lamb immediately attracted a lot of attention from prospective buyers, but didn't make it to the sale ring, being bought privately beforehand, for a significant five figure sum, by the Strathbogie and Procters flocks. Another full brother Scholars Torpedo, YWMI200047, was second in the open class at the Welsh National sale and sold 2,600gns to John Mellin's Hull House flock.

And while these foundation females and later additions have stood the flock in good stead it has been Will's ability to pick out stock tups and match them with these ewes which has pushed the flock to new heights in recent years.



Will, Elizabeth, Jackie & Bernard McCaffrey



The Scholars Flock

Gyrhos Rambo, RUJ100019, a 5000gns buy at Lanark in 2010 from James Ruggeri has left his mark, both in males and females and Baltier Reward, FEB100049, bought the same year from Robert Forsyth has been a valuable addition too.

Then, in 2011 Will headed to the Northern Irish National Sale at Ballymena with no intention of buying anything, but came back with a 20% share in 4400gns Mullan Supremacy who has of course gone on to prove a wise investment for the flock.

"I didn't really go to with the intention of buying anything, but, as is often the case saw something I really liked and bought a share in him as I felt he'd suit our ewes."

The latest addition to the sire line-up for the flock is Knock Tarzan, HAK1200380, who was bought at Lanark in 2012 and the couple are looking forward to seeing how he does for the flock.

From the beginning, showing has always played its part in promotion of the flock and over the years it has paid dividends, attracting new customers and helping the couple measure their progress against other flocks.

"We are both very competitive and enjoy showing. To begin with we didn't know many people in the breed and showing was a great way to get to know folk and learn more. We didn't have a lot of knowledge about showing pedigree stock, but you soon learn.

"We soon got to know James Ruggeri of the Gyrhos flock and we have since gone on to share quite a few sheep with him and we work closely together."

In the last year or so the couple have also taken a new approach to flock promotion, using social media site Facebook as a way of reaching a new audience. It's a great way to get to know other breeders and is an easy way of showing people across the UK and the wider world the type of sheep we're producing."

But, while the flock has enjoyed huge success in the last couple of years there are no plans to expand numbers at the moment. The flock currently totals about 15 pedigree ewes with additional Suffolk x North Country Mules used as recipients.

"We had a great year and the aim now is just to keep on improving the quality of the flock. We have limited grazing and both work full-time in other jobs, so won't be increasing the flock size very much, although I am always looking to buy the right thing if I see it.

"I think the key to success is breeding and management and attention to detail is vital. We are not recording at the moment, but it is something we may look at in the future if we believe it will help improve the flock.

"My parents help out as well with the day to day management and enjoy coming to events, so it is very much a team effort. We just need to keep building on what we have done this year."



Will & Elizabeth McCaffrey

Texel/RSABI Charity Auction

Ahead of the female sale the Society hosted a charity auction of semen and embryos raising £10,438,56 in aid of RSABI, the Scottish rural charity, with embryos selling to 400gns and semen to 110gns/straw. An additional £527.20 in levy was also raised by Lawrie & Symington who have kindly donated directly to RSABI.

Trade peaked at 400gns for embryos from Gordon Gray's Ettrick flock. These were by Ettrick Rainbow Warrior (GGH1000041) and out of a dam by Thinacres Masambula (FTT06493), making them full siblings to the first prize ewe lamb from the Highland last year. These sold to James Ruggier.

At 240gns was an embryo from Graham Morrison's Deveronvale flock. This was for a Procters Samurai (PFD1100985) sired embryo out of a dam by Kelso Oxygen (MBZ08019) which is full sibling to record priced tup Deveronvale Perfection (MGV09436).

The Semen top price was an 110gns/straw sale for four doses of Sportsman's Supreme (BGS1100303), a Kelso Pavarotti (MBZ09002) son.

Then at 105gns/straw was semen from Castlecairn Red Arrow (RNA1000080), a Glenside Forsyth (FPG99099) son and

making the same money were four straws of Cambwell Laird (LTC05507), a Cambwell Class Act (LTC04138) son.

Selling for 100gns were four doses of Mossknowe Pudsey (FWM09627), a son of Teiglum Outlaw (CFT085759) and at 90gns were four straws of Knock Impulse (HAK02109), a Milnbank Hitman (LYM01024) son. RSABI Development Manager, Paul Tinson commented

"We are absolutely delighted by the outcome of this novel fundraising event for RSABI. We are greatly indebted to the Texel Sheep Society for all their work to make this auction possible and to the team at Lawrie & Symington for making it such a success on the day".

He added "No auction will ever succeed without good lots and keen buyers so our sincere thanks go to all the Texel members who donated genetics, some of which is rarely publicly available, and to all the bidders who contributed directly, or indirectly to raising such a wonderful amount for this charity. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a successful event".

The auction was extremely successful, raising in total £10,965,76. A presentation was made to the RSABI at the Scottish Texel Breeders Sale.



Texel Semen and Embryo Charity Auction cheque presentation
Alan Clark (Society Director),
Paul Tinson (RSABI Development Manager),
Tommy MacTaggart (Society Director),
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Russell Scott - Dunbunraver Flock

Texels Excel at Award Winning Farm

Texels have played a very important role for 25 years on the Scott family farm based at Newtownstewart, Co Tyrone.

The 300 acre upland farm is home to 330 ewes and a select suckler cow enterprise all managed by enthusiastic Russell Scott

The majority of the ewes in the flock have an element of Texel in their breeding, with Texel rams used extensively throughout. Russell selects his breeding replacements from ewe lambs bred in the flock, with the assistance of the Hillsborough Management Recording Scheme. This popular system allows Russell to make breeding and management decisions that can boost the overall profitability of the flock. All of the decisions are based on performance

information rather than visual assessment only, and this system has worked well for Russell to date.

"With the help of the management scheme, lambing ease, lamb viability and mothering ability are rated along with number of lambs reared and their weight at point of sale. Using this information I am able to follow closely each individual ewes input into the overall income for the flock. The positive influence of using Texel rams extensively in the flock is clear to be seen using this system." states Russell.

But of course it is not just the Texel influence on the breeding ewes that is monitored within this flock. Russell follows closely the performance of his throughput of lambs.



Russell Scott

Lambing kicks off from the 12th March onwards, with the first draw of lambs selected around the 15th June. All ewes are lambed indoors for ease of management, then the units are put out to the field within a couple of days. Ewes are managed in paddocks, and creep feed is only fed to ram lambs.

Ram lambs selected for slaughter will register weights averaging 21 kilos with consistent grading of U or above.

Russell was awarded the NI Sheep Farmer of the Year award in 2011, and attributes part of his success to the consistency

provided by Texel. "In addition to observing how the farm unit is managed, the performance of the flock was a key part of impressing judges. We have used Texel rams for 25 years now, and have no plans to change this winning formula. We have found Texel to be highly successful in producing a prolific breeding ewe, and an exceptional lamb."

When selecting rams for the flock Russell aims to select a long, shapely ram with a tight skin. If performance recording information is available this data is also taken on board.



The Kermode Family - Orrisdale Texels

The Isle of Man may be famous the world over for the TT races it hosts every summer, but in the Texel breed it is the Ballasalla-based Kermode family which is raising the island's profile among mainland breeders.

The family, Pip and Carol, along with sons Tom and Caesar and daughter Kirree, started breeding Texels in 1992 when they bought four aged ewes from the Michglebe flock of local breeders Messrs Keig.

In those early days the flock bought a stock ram from the Mellin family's Hull House flock, following that up with a Boghall sire purchased at Lanark on their first visit to the Scottish National Sale in 1997.

But while farming on the Isle of Man does come with some advantages, it also has significant disadvantages, with a major one being the inability to use AI or ET in the Texel flock due to the prohibitive cost of shipping equipment and skilled personnel from the UK.

This means the family makes regular buying trips to the mainland sales, as well as the Northern Irish National Sale at Dungannon and latterly Ballymena, buying a selection of ram lambs each year which they believe will add to the flock's progress. Sires have been bought from many of the breed's leading flocks, including Muireisk and Glenside, with every sire adding something extra to the never complete jigsaw puzzle of pedigree breeding.

One of the most notable purchases in the flock's more formative years was that of Haddo Gallant the pre-sale champion at the Solway and Tyne Texel Breeders'



Pip Kermode

Club Sale at Carlisle in 2000, explains Pip Kermode. "He was a great lamb with superb conformation, a tight skin and length and that is exactly what he left behind.

Winning the Texel section and overall sheep champion of our local Manx show with one of his sons confirmed we were on the right tracks.

But while the Orrisdale flock had been busy buying at Lanark and Dungannon for several years it was 2004 before the family took the leap of faith and decided to head across with a lamb of their own. It was a decision which paid off, with Orrisdale Kaiser being knocked down at 1200gns to the Mortimer flock of Herefordshire breeders Messrs Probert.

"He must have done a good job for them as they were still registering his lambs as late as 2011," adds Pip.

"Alongside our ventures across the water we've always tried hard to focus on the local commercial trade and steadily we continued to show and sell ram lambs and shearlings locally. We regularly topped local sales with commercial breeders repeatedly coming back. This reaffirmed our belief in the Texel and we knew they would be a long-term fixture at Orrisdale."

But, despite the main island trade being in tups, the Kermodes have always tried to buy tups capable of enhancing the flock's female lines too and over the years a number of what they describe as real female makers have been bought from both Carlisle and Lanark. "These include Ettrick Kiloram, Callerton Keilder, Claybury Lionheart, Durisdeer Live and Let Die, Stainton Lleutenant, Noresk Monarch and Tamnamoney Moonshine. In 2005 we also bought 20 females to enhance our genetic pool and EBV's.

Over the years EBVs have become increasingly important in the breed, but possibly the greatest influence on the breed in recent years came in 2002 when scrapie genotyping came to the fore under government schemes, says Pip.

"As the blood samples and needles flew about the place we were very grateful when our results came back relatively well, with most of the flock falling in to the R1 and R2 brackets. This exceptional luck meant we didn't have to chase high priced rams just for their genotype."

But despite this the Kermodes have, thanks to Isle of Man government import restrictions, still had to pay close attention to genotype when sourcing new stock rams, with only R1 and R2 rams able to be imported. "Due to the UK foot-and-mouth outbreak in 2007, we headed off to Dungannon to look for new stock sires that season. "Two rams really caught our eye in the shape of Tamnamoney Navy and Tamnamoney Ned from Richard Strawbridge. Having already used one Tamnamoney sire, Tamnamoney Moonshine, and with him having left a show champion we knew the breeding was strong.

"As it happened Navy was an R2, while Ned was an R3, so it was a simple choice for us. Navy cost us 5400gns, but we received strong

interest from a number of breeders and semen sales quickly recouped his purchase price. He left us with exceptionally stylish offspring."

The same year also saw the family's first venture across to the Royal Highland and Great Yorkshire Shows. "We'd been getting on well at Isle of Man shows, but wanted to see how we'd fare against mainland flocks.

"The Royal Highland saw us pick up a third prize ticket in the open ram lamb class and fifth and seventh in the ewe lambs class. It was a real endorsement of the type of Texel we were breeding and reinforced what we thought of the progress we'd made."



With a raft of paperwork and long import standstills in place the Kermodes opted to offer their ewe lambs for sale on the final day of the Great Yorkshire Show.

"Getting them home would have been very hard indeed, so selling was our best option. It proved to be a worthwhile choice, with one lamb selling to Charlie Boden's Sportsman's flock at £2000 and the other making £1700 to Irish breeder Geoff Fleck, Ballymarlow."

One thing that had struck the Kermodes at both shows was a shift in type within the breed with breeders wanting more stylish sheep, and to keep the flock moving forward, they used Tullagh Newman, Forkins O'Boy and locally born Barrule Nabob to improve breed, character and style, notably the ever fashionable 'Texel Head'. "Heads had historically been something we never really paid much attention to, but undoubtedly it was something we needed to focus on. As this fashion grew strong

ORRISDALE



Caesar Kermode



Tom Kermode



Kirree Kermode showing Orrisdale KAOI 200614, First Prize Ewe Lamb & Reserve Female Champion at Great Yorkshire 2012

and was reflected through the sale ring we made a radical choice of buying a ram with that quality alone - Breahead Old Testament.

"We took yet another gamble and put 50 of our best bodied sheep to him and it paid off. At Lanark in 2009 we sold one of his first sons, Orrisdale Paradise, for 8000gns to the Ruggeri brothers and William McCaffery."

The limited availability of AI and ET on the island means the flock has historically been served to natural service, with time and attention given to selecting the right ram for each ewe.

"Rams are bought on the basis of the pedigree and visual appearance, but we always take EBVs in to account in our final decision. While we use a lot of rams to cover the numbers we always stick to the similar shape and style."

In 2009 a team of four rams was bought, including the Dungannon champion Millars Professor, New Testament Pharoah, Milnbank Popcorn and Kelso Power House.

Homebred sire Orrisdale Noddy was also used to great effect in 2009.

A focus on both type and performance has paid dividends in both the show and sales rings, with Orrisdale ram lambs picking up red tickets in the performance recorded class at both the Royal Highland and Great Yorkshire shows and Orrisdale Ringo, the first prize winner from the Great Yorkshire selling to the Quick family's Loosebeare and Quicks flocks, Devon.

Continuing the theme of careful sire selection while staying at the forefront of the genetics saw another team of rams bought for the 2010 tupping season, all of which were chosen for their character, size, skin and end. This tup lineup was Hexel Rocketman, Ettrick Rio Grande, Kingsland Raven, Ballynahone Ramrod and Llangwm Robbie.

"With a long delay getting the rams from the sale ring back to Orrisdale due to import standstills it was getting towards the end of the breeding season when we put them with

the ewes. But we were extremely pleased with their first crops and used them extensively on younger flock age ewes during the 2011 tugging, leaving some great skins and ends."

Additions to the sire team in 2011 were again bought from the Northern Irish and Scottish National sales, with Forkins Stevey G and Tullagh Squire the choices at Ballymena and Tamnamoney Stallone and Llyni Sumo bought at Lanark. "These were again picked for size, skin, end and a splash of colour. Once again we only had a few lambs from them in their first season, but the quality was exceptional and a Stallone daughter was the pick of the show team in 2012, standing second at the Royal Highland and going on to win the ewe lamb class at the Great Yorkshire and stand reserve female champion at the same show.

"After receiving much interest in her at the two shows, and also with regard to the hassle of bringing her home we decided, after taking advice from many present, to auction her at the North West Texel Breeders' Club. Brian Ross kindly agreed to conduct the sale and we achieved a price of 6200gns from Messrs Paul O'Connor and Roger Strawbridge, Northern Ireland."

This tugging season has seen a change in tactic with regards service and AI and ET have been used for the first time to make the most of the new service sires than we could with natural service alone. "This was something we thought long and hard about. For so many years we have heard the pros and cons, ewes not holding, returning after two cycles etc..., but you get an even age of lambs you don't have a lambing of two-three months."

"However, the thing which persuaded us was the opportunity to use our new tups this year over more ewes than if we used natural service and also to tighten up this period of use. It has also let us use tups who have died. We have

had a good conception rate and, touch wood the scan shows a pleasing crop in them -is this beginners luck?"

The junior sires for the 2012 tugging came again from Ballymena and Lanark and from proven breeding lines. Heading home from Ballymena were Ballyhivistock Titan, Crawfordslands Tyson and Corbo Top Tup, while Milnbank Travis and Sportsmans Titan were bought at Lanark.

Management of the flock follows very commercial lines, with the main feed being grass. No concentrate feeds are fed to ewes either before or after lambing, with the only supplementation being high energy feed blocks. At lambing ewes are housed overnight in a polytunnel, but go out during the day, being checked every four hours.

"Ewes with fresh lambs then stay inside for 24 hours before being turned out again to grass. Creep feed is only fed to those lambs selected with show or sale potential, with all other lambs grass fed on their mothers with no creep," adds Pip.

Looking to the future the successful use of AI and ET this year means it may well be used again in future years, but that is still up for debate, say the Kermodes, but it is far from cut and dried. "On one hand if you were to target an elite flock of your best proven ewes for ET you could have a lot of milky, easy lambing recipients producing your best lambs rather than leaving it to Texel ewes which sometimes can drive you to distraction with their maternal abilities. But will this really aid breed progress?

"We chose the breed because of the attributes of vigour, fine bone, carcass traits and ease of lambing and perhaps it is time to go back to those as the main desirable traits and not get hung up on the shape of a head or a bold eye unless we want to sell to Iceland where sheep head is a delicacy!"

NSA Scottish Region Silver Salver Award 2012

Well known and respected Texel Sheep Breeder, Jimmy Warnock was awarded the NSA Scottish region silver salver award at the Scotsheep event 2012, Held at the Morrison Farm, Dumfries House.

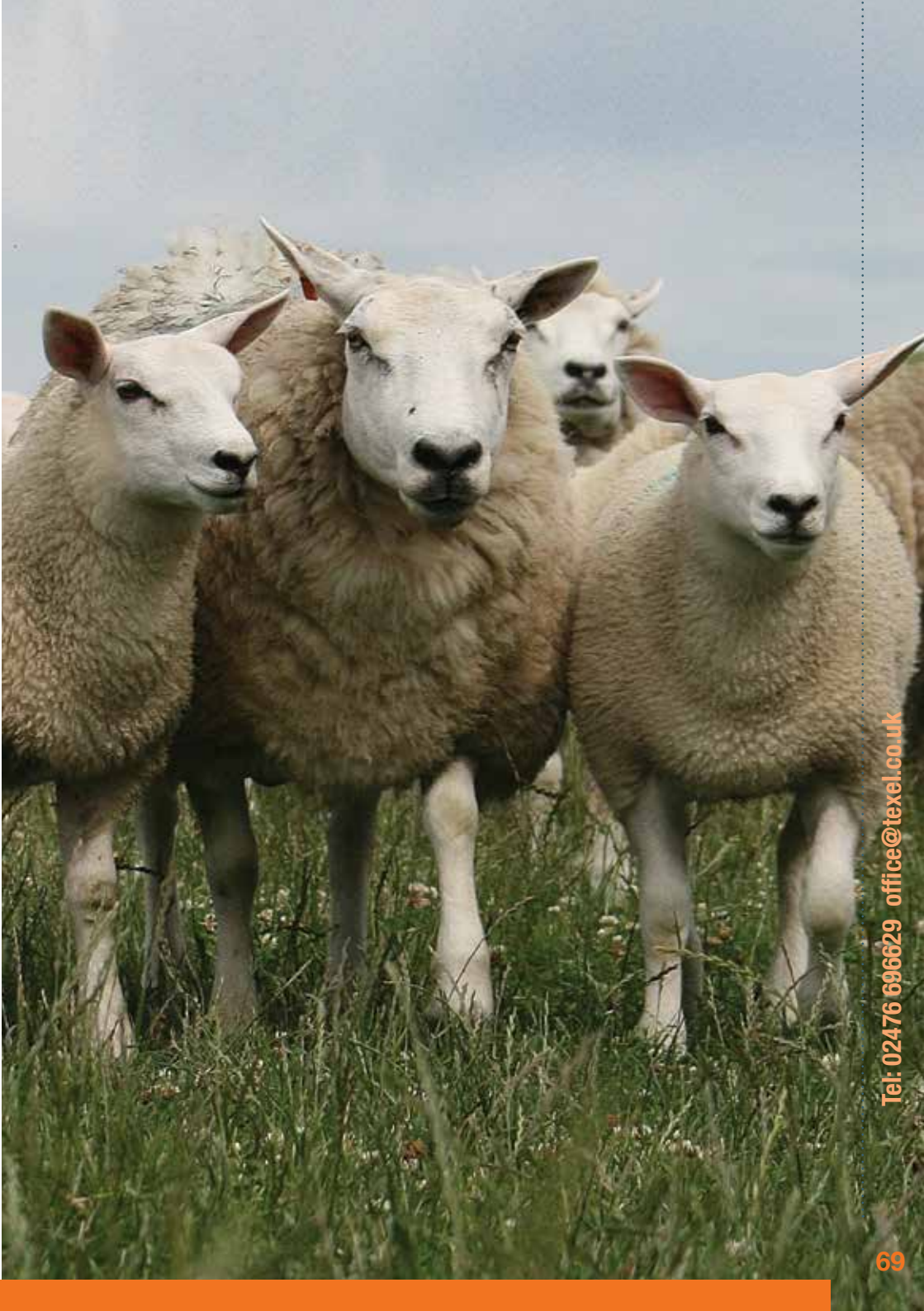
Mr Warnock received the award from Prince Charles, the Duke of Rothesay. The salver is awarded to people that the NSA Scottish region believes has made a significant contribution to the sheep industry. Past winners include Alan Smith, MEP, and the BBC Lambing Live production team.

Mr George Milne, head of development at NSA Scotland said "We are all very pleased

that Jimmy Warnock has been awarded the silver salver award for 2012. He has obviously made a significant contribution to the Texel Sheep Society and Breed, but also a great contribution to the sheep industry overall. He has been a huge help to NSA young handlers at the Royal Highland Show and he is instrumental with the RHEDT (Royal Highland Educations Trust) in particular".

Rendered speechless, possibly for the first time ever, Jimmy is a popular and deserving recipient of the award; he is widely acknowledged by fellow breeders as being a very knowledgeable popular individual, always willing to assist younger novice breeders to become successful within the sheep industry.





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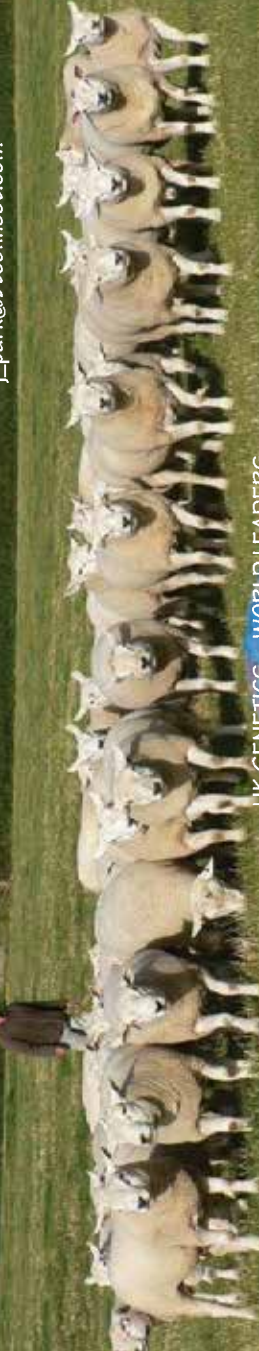
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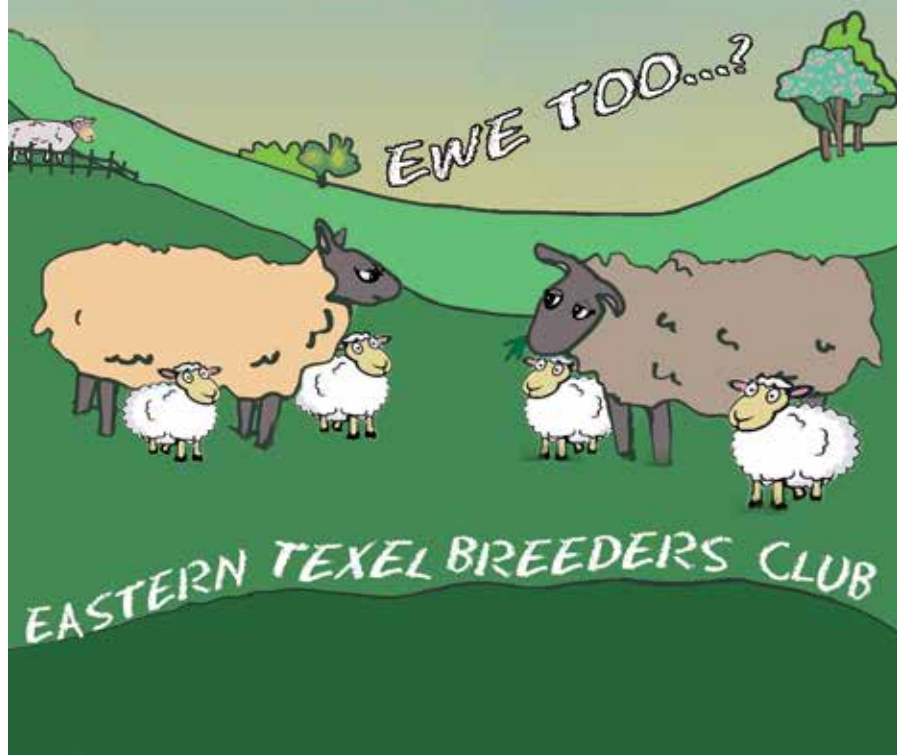
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2012 Royal Ulster Show

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Class Results

Aged Ram

1st	John Foster - SPRINGHILL WWB1000056 - BLACKSTOWN ROCKY
2nd	James Cleland - ROSE HALL CJZI000024 - ROSE HALL REAL MCCOY
3rd	John Foster - SPRINGHILL VMM09008 MILLCOMB POWERHOUSE

First prize aged ram



Shearling Ram

1st	John Foster - SPRINGHILL YWJI100113 - LANGLANDS SAMSON
2nd	James Adams - KERRYHILL KWJI100288 - HADDO SHOWMAN
3rd	James Cleland ROSE HALL CJZI100097 ROSE HALL SIR PERCY

First prize shearling ram



Aged Ewe

1st	Alastair Gault - FORKINS - GAF080035
2nd	Richard Henderson - BALLYNAHONE HBR100022
3rd	Victor Chestnutt - CLOUGHER CVC100085

First prize aged ewe



Shearling Ewe

1st	Alastair Gault - FORKINS - GAF1100309
2nd	Henry Gamble - SPRINGWELL GRS1100459
3rd	Henry Gamble - SPRINGWELL GRS1100432

First prize shearling ewe



Ram Lamb

1st	Richard Henderson - BALLYNAHONE HBR1200375 - BALLYNAHONE
2nd	Martin Millar - MILLAR'S - VMG1200712 MILLAR'S TORNADO
3rd	Peter Boyd - POSEYHILL - XPB1200500 POSEYHILL THE HULK

First prize ram lamb



Ewe Lamb

1st	Martin Millar - MILLAR'S - VMG1200726
2nd	Peter Boyd - POSEYHILL - XPB1200418
3rd	Henry Gamble - SPRINGWELL GRS1200819

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Supreme Champion - Alastair Gault - Forkins - GAF - GAFI 100309

Reserve Champion - Martin & Cyril Millar - Millar's - VMG - VMGI200726

Male Champion - J R & G Foster - Springhill - FTS - YWJI 100113

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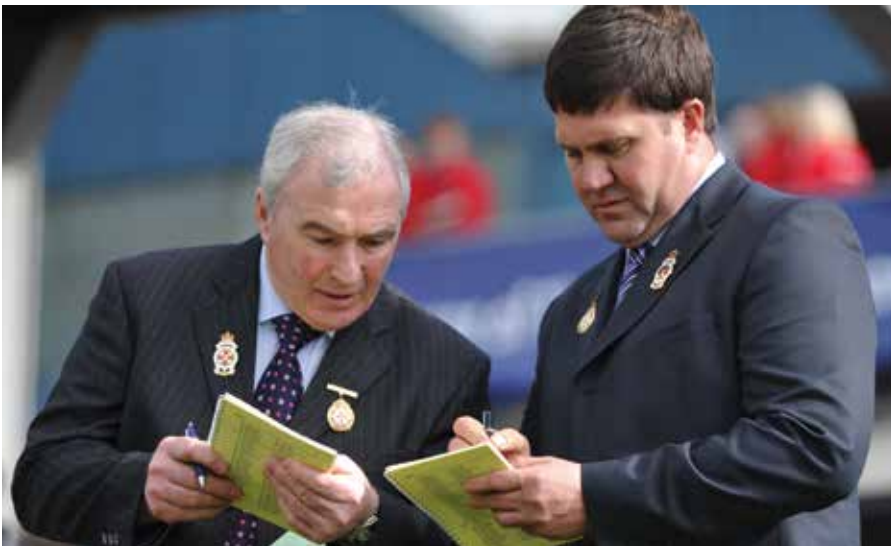
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Judge: Charlie Boden - Sportsman's / Mellor Vale flocks

Class Results

Aged Ram

1st	Clark Farms, Teiglum - CFT1000185 TEIGLUM REMBRANDT
2nd	Steven Renwick, Craig Douglas OJT1000002 - WALSTON RAMBO
3rd	Messrs Innes, Strathbogie - FPG1000055 GLENSIDE RAZZLE DAZZLE

First prize aged ram



Shearling Ram

1st	Messrs Campbell, Cowal - LTC1100512 CAMBWELL SOCRATES
2nd	A Barr, Parkhouse - MJHI101545 HULL HOUSE SOCRATES
3rd	Clark Farms, Teiglum - CFT1100949 TEIGLUM STARBUCK

First prize shearling ram



Ram Lamb

1st	Robbie Wilson, Milnbank - LYM1200674 MILNBANK TIMES SQUARE
2nd	Messrs Innes, Strathbogie - IJSI200120 STRATHBOGIE TREND SETTER
3rd	Robbie Wilson, Milnbank - LYM1200680 MILNBANK TRAVIS

First prize ram lamb



Aged Ewe

1st	John Forsyth, Glenside - FPG1000017
2nd	W J Knox, Haddo - KWJ081327
3rd	T and F MacTaggart, Rascarrel MTR1000054

First prize aged ewe



Shearling Ewe

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|-----|---|
| 1st | Messrs Innes, Strathbogie – IJS1100098 |
| 2nd | Robbie Wilson, Milnbank - LYM1100434 |
| 3rd | T and F MacTaggart, Rascarrel
MFU1100138 |

First prize shearling ewe



Ewe Lamb

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|-----|---|
| 1st | Steven Renwick, Craig Douglas
XSR1204842 |
| 2nd | Philip Kermode, Orrisdale - KAO1200614 |
| 3rd | Messrs Campbell, Cowal - CKC1201916 |

First prize ewe lamb



Performance Recorded Ram Lamb

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|-----|---|
| 1st | T A and R Laird, Cambwell - LTC1201035
CAMBWELL TAURUS |
| 2nd | D, L & I Gray, Tima - GCT1202310
TIMA TROJAN |
| 3rd | William Knox, Haddo - KWJ1200445
HADDO TORNADO |

First prize performance recorded ram lamb



royal highland show

Championship Results

Supreme Champion - J Forsyth - Glenside - FPG - FPG100017

Reserve Champion - J Innes & Son - Strathbogie - IJS - IJS1100098

Male Champion - Clark - Teiglum - CFT - CFT1000185

Reserve Male Champion - J,A & R Campbell - Cowal - CKC - LTC1100512

Female Champion - J Forsyth - Glenside - FPG - FPG100017

Reserve Female Champion - J Innes & Son - Strathbogie - IJS - IJS1100098

Supreme Champion Pedigree

GLENSIDE FPG100017	S: MUIRESK BLONDIN MSK95017	GS: ANNAN WON O WON JKA92101
		GD: MUIRESK MSK93018
	D: GLENSIDE FPG05188	GS: CASTLECAIRN KELTIC STAR RNA04375
		GD: GLENSIDE FPG02010



RHAS 2012



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2012 Royal Highland Show

2012 Great Yorkshire Show

Judge: Victor Chestnutt - Clougher Flock

Class Results

Aged Ram

1st	Boden and Davies, Sportsman's FEB09977 - BALTIER PANTHER
2nd	R Newby, Rudding - RSSI000080 STONEBRIDGE RITCHIE
3rd	Gordon Gray, Ettrick - YGW071625 ELLEN VALLEY NIGHTRIDER



First prize aged ram

Shearling Ram (Exhibitor Bred)

1st	Messrs Campbell, Cowal - CKCI100269 COWAL SCOTTISH STAR
2nd	F E Moffat, Meon Valley - FTDI100722 MEON DOWN SPARTACUS
3rd	Procters Farm, Procters - PFDI100970 PROCTERS SPELLBOUND



First prize shearling ram exhibitor breed

Shearling Ram (Open to all Exhibitors)

1st	Messrs Campbell, Cowal - LTCI100512 CAMBWELL SOCRATES
2nd	Procters Farm, Procters - BGS1100124
3rd	F E Moffat, Meon Valley - IMHI100681 HEYS STRATHBOGIE SUPERSIZED



First prize shearling ram open

Ram Lamb

1st	WT McCaffrey, Scholars - YWM1200040 SCHOLARS TWENTY TWELVE
2nd	Boden and Davies, Sportsman's BGS1200471 - SPORTSMAN'S TREMENDOUS
3rd	G Wilkinson, Ellen Valley - YGW1201049 ELLEN VALLEY TROJAN



First prize ram lamb

Aged Ewe

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|-----|--|
| 1st | Messrs Campbell, Cowal - WJW092002 |
| 2nd | Procters Farm, Procters - GAF080053 |
| 3rd | T and F MacTaggart, Rascarrel
MTR091851 |



Shearling Ewe

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|-----|--------------------------------------|
| 1st | Procters Farm, Procters - PFD1101095 |
| 2nd | Gordon Gray, Ettrick - GGH1101046 |
| 3rd | Procters Farm, Procters - PFD1101033 |



Ewe Lamb

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|-----|--------------------------------------|
| 1st | P A Kermode, Orrisdale - KAO1200614 |
| 2nd | W T McCaffrey, Scholars - YWM1200053 |
| 3rd | J and H Clark, Garngour - CJN1201549 |



Performance Recorded Ram Lamb

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|-----|---|
| 1st | Procters Farm, Procters - PFD1201912
PROCTERS TERMINATOR |
| 2nd | Messrs Campbell, Cowal - CKC1201931
COWAL TORNADO |
| 3rd | G Wilkinson, Arkle - WGA1201144
ARKLETOJAN |



great yorkshire show

Championship Results

Supreme Champion - Procters Farms Ltd - Procters - PFD - PFD1101095

Reserve Champion - Boden & Davies - Sportsman's - BGS - FEB0977

Male Champion - Boden & Davies - Sportsman's - BGS - FEB0977

Reserve Male Champion - WT McCaffrey - Scholars - YWM - YWM1200040

Female Champion - Procters Farms Ltd - Procters - PFD - PFD1101095

Reserve Female Champion - PA Kermode - Orrisdale - KAO - KAO1200614

Supreme Champion Pedigree

PROCTERS PFD1101095	S: HADDO RINGLEADER KWJ1000063	GS: KNOCK POWERPACKER HAK091057
	D: BAILEYS EBE08022	GD: HADDO KWJ071126
		GS: FORKINS NIJINSKY GAF07047
		GD: BAILEYS EBE04021



GYS 2012



2012 Royal Welsh Show

Judge: David McKerrow - Nochnary Flock

Class Results

Aged Ram

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|-----|---|
| 1st | D and I Lewis, Einon - FPG100045
GLENSIDE ROYAL WELSH |
| 2nd | G and E Williams, Caron - AWJ09566
HEYMOUNT PRIME STAR |
| 3rd | Iolo Prys Jones, Llangwm - MBZ09040
KELSO PICASSO |



Shearling Ram

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|-----|---|
| 1st | D and T Bradley-Farmer, Meon Down
FTD1100722 – MEON DOWN SPARTACUS |
| 2nd | Procters Farm, Procters - PFD1100970
PROCTERS SPELLBOUND |
| 3rd | J M C Booker, Banc Olive - MFU1100173
AUCHENCAIRN SHOTGUN |



Ram Lamb

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|-----|--|
| 1st | D J J Watkins, Cwmcerrig - WJJ1200201
CWMCERRIG TOPPER |
| 2nd | Procters Farm, Procters - PFD1201926
PROCTERS THEATRE OF DREAMS |
| 3rd | Iwan Parry Jones, Llawes - JIP1200281
LLAWES TIP TOP |



Aged Ewe

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|-----|--|
| 1st | T & F MacTaggart, Rascarrel
MTR091851 |
| 2nd | Procters Farm, Procters - GAF080053 |
| 3rd | Robert Bennett, Plasucha - BFE1000030 |



Shearling Ewe

- 1st D J Davies, Trujim - DDT1100135
- 2nd D and I Lewis, Einon - LSI1100043
- 3rd Procters Farm, Procters - PFD1101108



Ewe Lamb

- 1st W T McCaffrey, Scholars - YWM1200053
- 2nd R Bennett, Plasucha - BFE1200019
- 3rd R Bennett, Plasucha - BFE1200015



Group of Three

- 1st Procters Farm, Procters
- 2nd D and I Lewis, Einon



royal welsh show

Championship Results

Supreme Champion - T and F MacTaggart - Rascarrel - MTR - MTR091851
Reserve Champion - William McCaffery - Scholars - YWM- YWM1200053
Male Champion - D and I Lewis - Einon - LSI - FPG1000045
Reserve Male Champion - D & T Bradley-Farmer - Meon Down - FTD - FTD1100722
Female Champion - T and F MacTaggart - Rascarrel - MTR - MTR091851
Reserve Female Champion - William McCaffery - Scholars - YWM- YWM1200053

Supreme Champion Pedigree

RASCARREL MTR091851	S: RASCARREL OCH AYE MTR08456	GS: GLENSIDE KING II FPG04308
		GD: RASCARREL MTR03540
	D: RASCARREL MTR07001279	GS: TEMPLAND MEGANE GKT06505
		GD: RASCARREL MTR04758



RWAS 2012





2013 Show Dates

Feature Shows

Royal Ulster Show

15 - 17 May
NEW VENUE Balmoral Park, Lisburn

Royal Three Counties Show

14 - 16 June
Three Counties Showground, Malvern

Royal Highland Show

20 - 23 June
The Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston

Great Yorkshire Show

9 - 11 July
Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate

Royal Welsh Show

22 - 25 July
The Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells

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Winter Fairs & Primestock Show 2012

Texel sired lambs were once again at the top end of the line at a number of the major winter fairs last year, with the highlight of the season being a pair of Texel lambs taking the supreme championship at the Royal Highland Winter Fair, Ingliston, Edinburgh.

Flying the flag for the breed in another strong show of lambs at the event were a pair from leading winter primestock enthusiasts, the Hall family, Inglewood Edge, Carlisle.

This 102kg pair, turned out by Jonathan Aiken, are sired by a Turbo tup bred by Jan Rodenburg and made it the fourth championship at the event for the Hall family.

The Hall family reigned supreme in both the Texel classes of the day, taking the lightweight class with a pair weighing 88kg and the heavyweight class with an overall champion pair which weighed in at 102kg.

Second place in both classes fell to Douganhill Farms, with their second prize lightweight pair weighing 86kg and their second prize heavyweight pair coming in at 91kg.

Meanwhile, at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair, Builth Wells, a Texel sired carcass from Carmarthenshire-based regular prize winner Adrian Windsor took the reserve overall championship in the Royal Welsh Winter Fair's single carcass competition. Mr Windsor's carcass, from a homebred lamb, graded E3L at 20kg.

In the live lamb classes the winners of the purebred Texel class were a pair of 95kg

lambs from Steve and Sara Gibbons, Hay-On-Wye, with second spot going to John Hall and family, Carlisle, with a pair which weighed in at 102kg.

And Texel sired lambs enjoyed success in the Butchers' Lamb section too picking up three class wins for three different exhibitors.

Regular show winner Robin Slade was the first of the day to win with his pair of Texel sired lambs weighing 67kg. Then Philip and Carol Houldey won the class for pairs from 91-100kg with their 92kg brace and finally Stuart and Jenny Clatworthy won the untrimmed class with an 83.5kg pair of Texel sired lambs.

And Texel genetics were once again to the fore at the English Winter Fair, Stafford, with Herefordshire-based Robin Slade enjoying unprecedented success in the event's Live/Dead competition, collecting the championship for a record 13th time.

Winning this year for Mr Slade were a trio of homebred lambs. Mr Slade said the success was down to new Texel genetics imported from Holland last year which had helped add extra gigot shape to this year's crop of lambs.

Dutch-type Texels were also behind Somerset-based Stuart and Jen Clatworthy's reserve championship winning carcass. Their winner was a 21.3kg, E3 graded Dutch Texel carcass.

Top spot in the purebred Texel pairs class was taken by David and Linda Wadland, Northamptonshire, with Steve and Sara Gibbons second and Robin Slade third. And

Robin Slade enjoyed further success, picking up three red tickets in the butchers' lamb section with Dutch-type Texels.

Texel entries at Agri-Expo, Carlisle, were as strong as ever, with two classes for Texel sired lambs drawing bumper entries from both local and more well travelled exhibitors.

And there was championship success for the winner of the day's second class, that for Texel sired lambs weighing 40.1kg or more, with the winners from this class, a pair of Dutch Texel sired lambs from John and Peter Hall and family, Inglewood Edge, Dalston, taking the reserve overall championship in the show.

This pair tipped the scales at 43kg each and are by a homebred Dutch Texel ram. Second spot in this class went to Robin Slade, Herefordshire, with third taken by David and Linda Wadland.

And the Wadland team were on fine form in the earlier class for lambs up to 40kg, with their pair taking the red ticket here ahead of the Hall family. Third in this class went to Robin Slade.

Robin Slade also flew the flag for the breed at the East of England Smithfield Festival, taking the RABI lamb championship with a purebred Texel lamb.

Winning the trimmed Texel class at the event was Andrew Morton with his Texel cross lambs which weighed 83kg with Steve and Sarah Gibbons' purebred pair standing second. These weighed 93kg.

In the untrimmed class the winners were a 97kg pair from David and Linda Wadland which were out of Texel cross ewes, while second place here went to Robin Slade with his 85kg purebred pair.

And across the water at Ballymena a pair of Texel sired lambs from the McAllister Family, Kells, secured the reserve supreme championship at the Christmas Show held at Ballymena Mart, Antrim, the leading primestock show in Northern Ireland for butchers' lambs.

This duo bred and exhibited by the McAllisters weighed in at 49kg apiece and sold at £130. They were bought by Sam Carmichael on behalf of McKee's, Maghera, who are regular buyers at this show and sale.



2012 Champions



First prize and Overall reserve champion
Pair of Texel lambs over 40.1kg

R Hall and Son - INGLEWOOD
Agri - Expo



First prize Pair of
Texel lambs up to 40.1kg

Mr & Mrs S H Wadland
Agri - Expo



Reserve Champions Pair of lambs

B & W McAllister - ARTNAGULLION
Ballymena NI Winter Fair



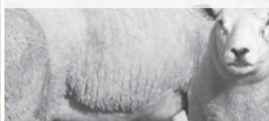
Supreme Champion

R Hall and Son - INGLEWOOD
Royal Highland Winter Fair



Dead-Alive Champion

R Slade - WEEKFIELD
English Winter Fair



Reverse Champion Single Carcass

Adrian Windsor - FERN
Royal Welsh Winter Fair



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The Society continues to support promotion of our Breed by sponsoring Primestock Show prize funds as listed below.

As a further commitment to our Membership we will again be offering reimbursement of entry fees to Texel Sheep Society Members in 2013. Members are eligible for reimbursement of their entry fees after attending and promoting the British Texel in the Texel classes at the following Prime Stock events. Members need to write to the Society detailing entries after each eligible event and by 31st March 2014 to be considered for the reimbursement. The Society has the final discretion on any reimbursement.

Sponsored Shows

- English Winter Fair – Stafford** 16-17 November
- Countryside Live – Harrogate** 19-20 October
- Borderway Agri-Expo – Carlisle** 1 November
- Scottish Royal Highland Winter Fair – Edinburgh** 30 November
- Royal Welsh Winter Fair – Builth Wells** 2-3 December
- Smithfield Agri-Live** 5-6 December
- N.I Xmas Fatstock Show & Sale – Ballymena** 2 December

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- £250 for Supreme Champion Live if sired by Texel
- £125 to Reserve Champion Live if sired by a Texel
- £150 towards Texel show classes

Show Judges 2013



Royal Ulster Show 2013
VICTOR CHESTNUTT - CLOUGHER

Victor Chestnutt has been involved with Texels since the early 80's when the Clougher flock was formed.

Victor farms at home on the family farm run by himself, wife Carol, son David and occasional help from daughter Zara. The farm is a mixed enterprise, running along side the Clougher and Bushmills Texel flocks is a flock of Scottish Blackface which are used for cross breeding and pedigree beef herds of Charolais, Limousin, Aberdeen Angus and British Blues. The farm has also recently added a dairy herd.

The Texel flock has enjoyed much success down through the years, at sales where it has topped at 18,000gns (Clougher Lincoln - CVC05145) and has been consistently among good prices. The flock has also enjoyed a successful show career and has won the Northern Ireland Flock Competition on numerous occasions culminating by coming third in the Millennium National Flock Competition.

Victor counts it the greatest honour of all to be asked to place the Texel classes at his own "Royal Show", a show which he has exhibited at himself for many years. The quality of stock and the stockmanship has risen over the years and is as good as anywhere else in the UK. After having judged the Royal Highland, Welsh and Great Yorkshire shows, this completes all the regions of the UK.

Running the Causeway Coast Lamb Group which sends lamb for direct slaughter, Victor has often been heard to comment that Texel carcasses shine as well dead as they do living! He will be looking for sheep that are functional, fit not fat and sheep that display correctness, conformation and character. He looks forward to the opportunity to see you all in July.

Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th May 2013





Royal Highland Show 2013 GORDON GRAY - ETRICK

After winning the prestigious RHAS Stockman of the Year in 1981, where the training sessions allowed privileged access to many UK top herds and flocks, Gordon's appetite was whetted to producing his own pedigree stock. Having seen the Barr family's recently imported Texels at Heathery Hall, he decided that they were the breed for him and these early purchases that started off as a hobby in 1982, formed the mainstay of the pedigree side of the farming business today, running 100 ewes, plus recipients.

During 2009-2011 he served as Society Chairman and President having previously been the Scottish Club chairman. In 2007 he judged at the Royal Balmoral Show, and has also enjoyed judging the Scottish, Welsh and NI national sales as well as Blessington.

At the RASE Gordon was thrilled to take top honours in both 2002 and 2003, and is a regular exhibitor at The Royal Highland and the Great Yorkshire as well as supporting as many local shows as possible.

Sales-wise, two of their top priced rams have themselves gone on to sell 'sale toppers' namely the 36,000gns Ettrick Jackpot, who sired the 110,000gns Newhill Major and 16,000gns Ettrick Glenmorangie who sired the then record priced Craighead Hercules at 50,000gns. Gimmers have been sold up to 26,000gns in 2011.

At Sunnycroft they also run a small herd of pedigree Aberdeen Angus cattle. Winning the Reserve Supreme Champ at the famous Perth Bull sales in 2009.

Over the years Gordon says he has been given tremendous support from his wife Christine and twin daughters, Isla and Lisa. Nowadays the running of the farm is shared with son, David, who also operates his own pregnancy scanning business.

Gordon states "I've never once regretted my decision in choosing Texels, and to be invited to judge at the RHAS in 2013 is most definitely the highlight of my farming career".

Thursday 20th - Sunday 23rd June 2013



Show Judges 2013 continued...



Royal Welsh Show 2013
STEVE SMITH - PENPARC

Steve became a member of the British Texel Sheep Society in 1981. His commitment to the breed's characteristics, conformation, skins and gigots has stood him in good stead throughout his farming career. During this time he has served as Chairman of the Shropshire & Borders Club, is a current member of the Welsh Northern Regional British Wool Board committee and a former winner of Welsh Sheep Farmer of the Year, not bad for an Englishman!

The Penparc prefix has had consistent success at the Royal Welsh show and also secured many County championships, culminating with the Supreme Champion Pairs at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair 2010. In 2011 Penparc were Champion Shropshire & Borders Texel club flock, 2nd in the all Wales and Champion in the Progeny show.

Steve is well known in the judging circles and has been invited to judge many of the major shows and sales throughout the UK and Southern Ireland. In 2011 he judged the Texel classes at the Royal Highland Show and in 2012 judged the English National Show of Texel Sheep at Worcester. His sale successes include Penparc Lexus sold at Lanark (10,000gns) and Penparc Olive sold at Carlisle (4,500gns). Steve farms 1,200 ewes and 100 suckler cows and operates Mid Wales Falconry Centre at Pen-y-Bryn, near Welshpool, none of which would have been achieved without his wife Helen and daughter Anna.

Monday 22nd - Thursday 25th July 2013





Great Yorkshire Show 2013
JOHN MCKERROW - GROUGFOOT

John has been involved with Texels for thirty six years when the Grougfoot flock was established, taking over the flock in 1995. Since then he has had great success in both the show and sale rings. Overall champion at the Royal Highland Show, reserve male and reserve female at the Great Yorkshire Show, Scottish Club flock Competition Champion 1997, 1998, 1999 (only time shown) selling females to 11,000gns (MDG03196) and males to 10,000gns (Grougfoot High Flyer - MDG01153).

He has been involved in the Scottish Club for many years and is a past chairman. He has judged at numerous shows and sales throughout Britain and Northern Ireland, in 2012 he was the official Texel judge at the RVVAS. The Grougfoot flock is currently running at 80 ewes and followers. He also supplies 5 butchers in central Scotland on a weekly basis with Texel x lambs. John is assisted by his wife, Laurie and his three children Bruce, Kate, and Alistair.

Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th July 2013



Royal Three Counties Show 2013
CHARLIE BODEN - SPORTSMANS/MELLOR VALE

Texels have been a big part of Charlie's life since he started the Sportsmans Flock with his Father back in 1974. They have had several successes on the show circuit, winning the Royal show, the Royal Welsh show and the Great Yorkshire show.

One of his best achievements was taking the championship at Lanark in 1991 with Sportsmans Victor which went on to sell for 12,000gns. The following year he won it again with Sportsmans Warlord which sold for 26,000gns.

Charlie established a second flock in 1998, Mellor Vale Texels. The Mellor Vale Flock has had equally as much success on the show circuit and at the sales. The most famous being Mellor Vale Masterpiece and Mellor Vale Officer which have gone on to sire numerous champions and continue to influence the breed today.

In 2011 Sportsmans averaged 6,990gns for a pen of eight rams at Lanark, the top price ram, Sportsmans Supreme, selling for 20,000gns. Sportsmans Scania won reserve Champion at Carlisle sale and went on to sell for 12,000gns.

In 2012 Charlie Judged the Texel classes at the Royal Highland Show.

Friday 14th - Sunday 16th June 2013



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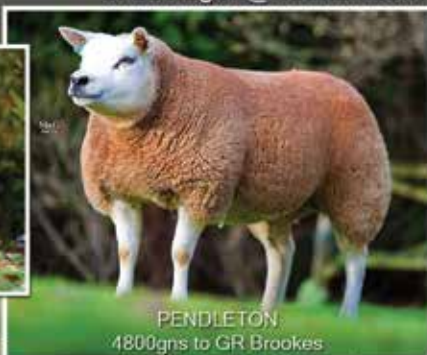
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2012 Northern Ireland National Show & Sale - Ballymena

Ram lambs sell to 6000gns peak at Northern Irish National sale

Ram lamb trade at the Northern Irish National Texel Sale, Ballymena, reflected the current sheep market conditions in the province with top quality lambs in ready demand, but commercial producers were more reluctant to spend big so early in the season.

With no fewer than 122 consignors being represented achieving an average of £730 per lamb, which was more than satisfactory. A total of 33 lambs broke the 1,000gn barrier, with the top price being 6,000gns. A further positive factor was that virtually all the top priced lambs were purchased by individual breeders rather than syndicates.

The top price of 6000gns was achieved by a top lamb from David Warwick's Braehead flock, Ballymena. Mr Warwick's sale topper was Braehead Touch of Class, a son of Mossknowe Pudsey out of a dam by Mullan Photogenic.

This striking lamb was bought by a consortium of four buyers, including three from Northern Ireland. Taking equal shares were Procters Farm, Procters, Richard Henderson, Ballynahone, Cynthia Aiken, Carnew and Edna Corbett, Laganbann.

And the second best price of the day also came for a lamb from Mr Warwick's pen, with this being Braehead the Real McCoy at 5000gns. This lamb is by Glenside Ring A Ding and out of a dam by Mullan Photogenic.

He was bought by another consortium of buyers, including Victor Chestnutt, Clougher, David Chestnutt, Bushmills, Michael Smyth, Foyle View, and Paul O'Connor, Drumgooland.

Mr O'Connor recouped his outlay late in the day when he sold Drumgooland Tattoo for 4500gns. This is a Baltier Panther son out of a Cowal ewe sired by Kelso Pavarotti and sold to Henry Gamble, Robert Kennedy, James Adams and Martin Cromlie.

Mossknowe Pudsey's genetics were to the fore again in the next best priced lamb when Brian Hanthorn sold Mullan Tin Tin at 3800gns. This is a son of Mullan Supremacy, himself a Pudsey son and is out of a dam by Brague Nixon. He was bought by E G Thomas.

Following him at 3400gns was Cornerstone Temple Mount from the Simpson family. He is similarly bred to the 3800gns lamb being another by Mossknowe Pudsey and out of a dam by Mullan Photogenic. He was bought by Henry Gamble for the Springwell flock.

Having enjoyed a bumper female sale on Monday evening Andrew Fyffe's Fairywater flock was also among the money on Tuesday when he sold to a top of 3200gns for Fairywater Tsunami by Castlecairn Celtic Star and out of a dam by Etrick My Jinks. Taking this one home was Harper George, Haramar.

A pair of ET brothers from Murray Annett then sold at 3100gns, with these being Milestonehill Tyson and Milestonehill Toploader. These are by Ballygroogan Ronaldo and out of a dam by Tullagh Legend. Buying Tyson was Aiden Branagan, while Toploader was snapped up seconds later by John Greene.

Next best at 2600gns was one from the Ballyhivistock pen from Messrs Simpson and Calvin. Leading the way for their pen was Ballyhivistock Titan by Hull House Schnapps and out of a dam by Redford Ollie. He found a new home with the Kermode family for the Orrisdale flock, Isle of Man.

Sale Topper, Supreme Champion, Champion Female & 1st prize Shearling Ewe



Fairywater FAO1100201 - sold for 11,000gns

2nd high price



Breahed The Real McCoy QDAI 200214 - sold for 5,000gns

Top selling Ram Lamb



Breahed Touch of Class QDAI 200207 - Sold for 6,000gns

Top Selling Shearling Ram



Springhill Supermodel - FTS1100432 sold for 5800gns



Drumgooland Tattoo - OCP1200151 - sold for 4,500gns



Male Champion - Andrew Fyffe
Fairywater Tribute - FAO1200300 sold for 1,000gns

A pair of lambs then sold at 2000gns, with the first being Crawfordlands Tyson from David and James Boyd which made 2000gns when selling to Messrs Kermode. This is a Beechvale Superior son out of a dam by Poseyhill Organgrinder.

The other lamb to make this money headed to Scotland with Gordon Gray for the Ettrick flock and was Blue Gates Top Gun from C and M Mullan. He is a son of Mullan Superfly and is out of a dam by Milestonehill O'Gara.

Shearling rams

Taking the best price of the sale in the shearling rams was John Foster's Springhill flock, when he sold Springhill Supermodel at 5800gns. Sired by Halley Pathfinder he is out of a dam by Corbo Keane and heads to Wales with LT & FA Jones and G E Jones, having stood first in the pre-sale show.

Mr Foster also took the day's second best shearling price of 1650gns when he sold Springhill sheriff at 1650gns. This Kelso Picasso son is out of a dam by Curley O'Kelly and was bought by John Watson.

And selling at 1600gns was James Cleland's shearling Rose Hall Sir Percy, a son of Rose Hall Orlando out of a dam by Rose Hall Maestro. He was knocked down to JA Arnold.

Shearling Ewes

With a gimmer from Andrew Fyffe's Fairywater flock having taken the female and overall championship in the pre-sale show the scene was set for a bumper trade.

And so it proved with the Fairywater gimmer, a daughter of former sire of the year Strathbogie Python, selling for the night's top price of 11,000gns, equalling the record for a Northern Irish Texel female.

The gimmer, FAOI 100201, is out of a dam by Ettrick My Jinks and was the subject of a frenetic bidding battle which was eventually won by Michael and Melanie Alford, buying for their Foxhill flock, based in Devon.

Taking the night's second best price of 3500gns was the day's reserve female champion from Brian Hanthorn's Mullan flock. This daughter of homebred sire Mullan Royal Flush, HBNI 100334, is out of a dam by 120,000gns tup Loosebeare Imp. She was bought by Robin Ellis for the Elgur flock, Borthyn.

Then selling at 2800gns was another from Andrew Fyffe. This was FAOI 100178, a daughter of Fairywater Olympian out of a dam by Milestonehill O'Gara. She was the choice of James and Austin Morgan, Newry, Co Down.

John Currie's Tullagh flock then sold its first in the ring at 2700gns to the Alford's. This was CJTI 100239, a Garngour Patriot daughter out of a dam by Cherryvale Nijinsky. Another from the Mullan flock of Brian Hanthorn and this time by Mossknowe Pudsey and out of a dam by Knock Impulse then sold at 2000gns to Liam Cowan, Hollymount, Co Mayo.

Following that at 1800gns was Richard Henderson's first in the ring, a Maineview Lionheart daughter, HBR1 100237. Out of a dam by Douganhill McFly she sold to Robert Fleming, Lockerbie. Mr Henderson's next, a Ballynahone Rissoto daughter then made the same money when selling to Charles and David Seaman, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh. This was HBR1 100311, out of another McFly daughter.

NITYB Ewe Lamb

Earlier in the sale the first prize ewe lamb from the Northern Ireland Texel Clubs Young Breeders Show and Sale had sold at

1700gns. This was Claire Beacom's lamb, BKLI 200116, by Springhill Six Pack and out of a dam by Ballyhivestock Pop Star. She was bought by Messrs McFarland, Co Tyrone. Fetching 1600gns was a Fairywater

Olympian daughter, GRSI 100407, from Henry Gamble when bought by Ernest Hogg, Derryharney, Co Fermanagh. This one is out of a dam by Milestonehill O'Gara.

Top 3 Flock Averages

Ram Lamb	1st	David Warwick, Braehead, three averaged £4060
	2nd	Murray Annett, Milestonehill, four averaged £1911
	3rd	Simpson and Calvin, Ballyhivestock, four averaged £1837.50
Shearling Ram	1st	J, R and G Foster, Springhill, seven averaged £1765.50
	2nd	James Cleland, Rose Hall, two averaged £1155
	3rd	John Watson, Duvarren, five averaged £835.80
Shearling Ewes	1st	Andrew Fyffe, Fairywater, four averaged £3832.50
	2nd	Brian Hanthorn, Mullan, four averaged £1627.50
	3rd	Henry Gamble, Springhill, two averaged £1365

Sale Statistics

	Forward	Sold	Average £	Top - Gns
Gimmers	97	63	£789	11,000
Ram Lambs	284	198	£728	6,000
Shearling Rams	116	99	£613	5,800



Show Results

Judge: Geraint Jones - ERW

Supreme Champion	Andrew Fyffe - Fairywater	FAO1100201
Reserve Champion	Andrew Fyffe, Fairywater	Fairywater Tribute - FAO1200300
Male champion	Andrew Fyffe, Fairywater	Fairywater Tribute - FAO1200300
Reserve Male Champion	Owen Donohoe, Derryvore	Derryvore Terminator - XOD1200258
Female Champion	Andrew Fyffe, Fairywater	FAO1100201
Reserve Female Champion	Brian Hanthorn, Mullan	HBN1100334

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Class Results

Shearling Ewe	1st	Andrew Fyffe,	Fairywater - FAOI 100201
	2nd	Brian Hanthorn	Mullan - HBNI 100334
	3rd	Messrs Currie	Tullagh - CJTI 100239
Shearling Ram	1st	John Foster, Springhill	Springhill Supermodel FTSI 100432
	2nd	Adrian Liggett	Corbo - LIGI 100167
	3rd	James Cleland, Rose Hall	Rose Hall Sir Percy CJZI 100097
Young Handlers Ram lamb	1st	Kennedys, Mainview	Mainview Tyson KMR 1200185
	2nd	David & James Boyd, Crawfordsland	Crawfordsland Tyson BOYI 200506
	3rd	T J Carson, Downkillybegs	Downkillybegs Tom Tom CTDI 200526
Ram Lamb (open)	1st	Andrew Fyffe, Fairywater	Fairywater Tribute FAOI 200300
	2nd	Owen Donohoe, Derryvore	Derryvore Terminator XODI 200258
	3rd	T J and K Carson, Downkillybegs	Downkillybegs Trojan CTDI 200513
Performance Recorded Ram Lamb	1st	Cyril & Martin Millar, Millar's	Millar's Talent VMGI 200646
	2nd	Simpson & Calvin, Ballyhivistock	Ballyhivistock Terminator SCYI 200491
	3rd	Fraser Tweed, Ballycoose	Ballycoose Tornado TQBI 200058
Northern Irish Young Breeders Ewe Lamb	1st	K A, LA & Claire Beacom,	Castleknowe - BKLI 200116
	2nd	Baillie O'Connor	Windermere - OCLI 200153
	3rd	Adrian Liggett	Corbo - LIGI 200200
Group of Three	1st	A Fyffe – Fairywater	
	2nd	M&C Millar – Millar's	
	3rd	D&J Boyd – Crawfordsland	

Top 15 individual ram lambs sold at Northern Ireland National Show & Sale 2012

	Flock	Ram Lamb (with Sire)	Price (Gns)	Purchaser/s
1	Braehead (QDA)	Braehead Touch of Class QDA1200207 Sire - Mossknowe Pudsey FWM09627	6,000	Cynthia Aiken Carnew
2	Braehead (QDA)	Braehead The Real McCoy QDA1200214 Sire - Glenside Ring a Ding FPG1000054	5,000	Paul O' Connor Drumgooland
3	Drumgooland (OCP)	Drumgooland Tycoon OCPI200184 Sire - Castlecairn SAS Commander RNA1100205	4,500	Henry Gamble Springhill
4	Mullan (HBN)	Mullan Tin Tin - HBNI200560 Sire - Mullan Supremacy HBN1100274	3,800	E G Thomas
5	Cornerstone (SID)	Cornerstone Temple Mount SID1200290 Sire - Mossknowe Pudsey FWM09627	3,400	Henry Gamble Springhill
6	Fairywater (FAO)	Fairywater Tsunami - FAO1200318 Sire - Castlecairn Keltic Star RNA04375	3,200	Harper George Haramar
7	Milestonehill (ALL)	Milestonehill Tyson - ALL1200670 Sire - Ballygroogan Ronaldo WVB1000022	3,100	Aiden Branagan
8	Milestonehill (ALL)	Milestonehill Toploader ALL1200676 Sire - Ballygroogan Ronaldo WVB1000022	3,100	John Greene Larahirl
9	Ballyhivistock (SCY)	Ballyhivistock Titan - SCY1200446 Sire - Hull House Schnapps MJH1101511	2,600	Mr & Mrs P Kermod Orrisdale
10	Blue Gates (MUC)	Blue Gates Top Gun MUC1200109 Sire - Mullan Superfly HBN1100291	2,000	Gordon Gray Ettrick

Top 15 individual ram lambs continued...

	Flock	Ram Lamb (with Sire)	Price (Gns)	Purchaser/s
11	Crawfordsland (BOY)	Crawfordsland Tyson BOY1200506 Sire - Beechvale Superior RNBI100093	2,000	Mr & Mrs P Kermode Orrisdale
12	Ballyhivistock (SCY)	Ballyhivistock Totally Solid SCY1200524 Sire - Fairmount Seven o' Seven SAFI100707	1,800	Dessie Tosh Tosh's
13	Farmhill (WBO)	Farmhill Terrific - WBO1200041 Sire - Cornerstone Royal Male SID1000043	1,800	M & J Watson Hillhead
14	Fairywater (FAO)	Fairywater Tornado - FAO1200272 Sire - Glenside Razzle Dazzle FPG1000055	1,700	Ian Martin Tierkelly
15	Blackstown (WWB)	Blackstown Told U So WWBI200235 Sire - Carmavy Striker MSY1100221	1,700	N Ardis Millburn

Northern Ireland National Sale Ballymena 2012 – Top 10 Flock Averages (Ram Lambs)

	Flock	Owners	Top Price (Gns)	Flock Average (to nearest £)
1	Braehead (QDA)	David Warwick	6,000	£4,060 (3)
2	Milestonehill (ALL)	Murray Annett	3,100 (2)	£1,911 (4)
3	Ballyhivistock (SCY)	Simpson & Calvin	2,600	£1,837 (4)
4	Fairywater (FAO)	Andrew Fyffe	3,200	£1,596 (5)
5	Mullan (HBN)	Brian Hanthorn	3,800	£1,113 (6)
6	Crawfordsland (BOY)	David & James Boyd	2,000	£1,109 (3)
7	Cornerstone (SID)	D A & N Simpson	3,400	£908 (6)
8	Blackstown (WWB)	James Wilson	1,700	£876 (4)
9	Brague (MRB)	Robert Mulligan	1,400	£813 (4)
10	Clougher (CVC)	Victor Chestnutt	1,450	£796 (6)

Scottish National Show & Sale - Lanark

22nd - 23rd August 2012

Texel ram lambs hit 60,000gns at Lanark with 80% clearance

Texel ram lambs met a blistering trade at Lanark at the Scottish National Texel Sale in August 2012, with a top price of 60,000gns and 11 lambs selling for five figure prices and a further 17 lambs trading at 5000gns or more.

On top of that the sale saw 42 more lambs sold than last year, with the 411 ram lambs sold averaging £2054.40 and an 80% clearance rate.

Texel Sheep Society chief executive John Yates said the sale had once again proved the Texel breed's overwhelming strength in depth with lambs at the sale appealing to both commercial and pedigree breeders. A resounding number of lambs were sold to commercial producers all of whom are seeing premium rewards in the prime ring for Texel cross lambs. This is being reflected in the continued strong demand for top quality Texel tups and is borne out by the trade here at Lanark.

Taking the day's best price of 60,000gns and with it the leading pen average of the sale at £19,257, was the Clark family's Teiglum flock. There sale leader was Teiglum Tornado, CFT1201701.

This Sportsman's Scout son is out of a dam by Teiglum Outlaw CFT085759, and has an index of 346. He sold to Robbie Wilson, Milnbank, Messrs Renwick, Castlecainn, Allan Chisholm, Wester Moy, Donald Rankin, Kilmaluag, and Messrs Vernon, Charben.

Trading at the second top call of 42,000gns was the reserve male champion from the pre-sale show and the first prize ram lamb from the open class, Tullylagan Tonka HPY1200404, from Philip, Jonathan and Stuart Hammond, Cookstown, Co Tyrone.

Taking this lamb home was Charlie Boden of the Boden and Davies partnership for the Sportsman's flock, Stockport, Cheshire.

Three then sold at 20,000gns, with the first being the overall champion from the pre-sale show, Cairnam Talisman, GCF1201109, from young breeder Cameron Gauld. This lamb is by Glenside Razzle Dazzle , FPG1000055, and out of a dam by Glenside Lieutenant , FPG05077, which Mr Gauld received as payment when working for Robbie Wilson last year. He was sold in a three way split to show judge Keith Campbell, along with his brothers, Alan and Roy Campbell, Cowal, Procters Farm, Procters and David McKerrow, Nochnary.

The second lamb to sell at this price saw Charlie Boden recoup some of his earlier outlay when taking 20,000gns for Sportsman's Trojan II, BGS1200587. This son of Milnbank Special One, LYMI100405, a tup bought at Lanark in 2011, out of a dam by Tullagh Real Deal, JT1000044, and sold in a two way share to Albert and George Howie, Knock, and Kenny Pratt, Hilltop.

A final 20,000gns bid came from a trio of Northern Irish breeders when they bought

Knock Travis HAK I200402, from Albert and George Howie. This lamb is by Sportsman's Supreme, BGS1 I00303, and out of a dam by homebred sire Knock Orion and was bought by Alastair Gault, Forkins, Richard Henderson, Ballynahone, and Roger Strawbridge, Tamnamoney.

A brace of lambs then took 17,000gns bids, with one of these also from the Howies. This was Knock Trojan HAK I200420, another by Sportsman's Supreme (BGS1 I00303) out of a dam by Anglezarke Krug SSQ04424, and with an index of 384. He sold to Robert Forsyth, Baltier.



Sale Topper - Teiglum Tornado 60,000gns



2nd Highest Price Tullylagan Tonka 42,000gns



Joint 3rd Highest Price Cairnam Talisman 20,000gns



Joint 3rd Highest Price Knock Travis 20,000gns



Joint 3rd Highest Price Sportsmans Trojan 20,000gns



1st prize Group of Three

Teiglum Tornado, 60,000 – Teiglum Thunder, 17,000
Teiglum Troy, 8,000gns

The other at this price came earlier in the sale and was another of the much fancied Teiglum pen. This was Teiglum Thunder CFT1201741, a Strathbogie Smokey Blue (IJSI 100074) son out of a dam by Rascarrel Panther MTR091805. He sold in a three way split to Peter and Lynn Gray, Scrogton, Messrs Wight, Midlock and Douglas Fleming, Burnhead.

Next after that was a 16,000gns bid for the first prize lamb from the Royal Highland, Robbie Wilson's Milnbank Times Square LYMI200674. This Castlecairn SAS Commander RNAI 100205, son is out of a dam by Millar's Outstanding VMG08528, and sold to Charlie Boden, Sportsman's.

Trading at just 1000gns less was John Llewellyn Owens lamb Hen Gapel Thunder OJH1200175, a son of Humeston Rarity GIH1000022, out of a dam by Millar's Outstanding VMG08528. He sold at 15,000gns to Charles and Isobel Angus, Oldfield and Graham Morrison, Deveronvale.

The penultimate lamb at five figures was William McCaffrey's second lamb in, Scholars Tiny Tempo YWMI200049, which sold at 13,000gns. This one is by Gyrhos Rambo RUJ1000019, and out of a dam by Mellor Vale Masterpiece BCM06007, and is an ET brother to William's ewe lamb which was reserve breed champion at the Royal Welsh. He sold in a five way split to Messrs MacGregor, Allanfauld, Stuart Barclay, Harestone, Messrs Clark, Garngour and Teiglum and James Currie, Carlinside.

And the last lamb to trade at five figures was Sportmans Supreme BGS1 100303, from Messrs Boden and Davies. This son of Milnbank Special One LYMI 100405, is out of a dam by Baltier Panther FEB09977, and was bought by Peter Woof, Stainton.

Despite the current hard economic times, the overall sale average held up fairly well with a record number of lambs being sold (411) and no fewer than 11 individuals breaking the significant 10,000gn barrier.

The Clark family from Lesmahagow deserve special congratulations on achieving the top price 60,000gn, and top flock average of £19,257 for their 5 Teiglum lambs.

A summary of the top 25 flock averages at the sale is on page 137. The 25 flocks cover a wide geographical area and include 14 Scottish flocks, 7 English, 4 Northern Irish and 2 Welsh, highlighting the breed's ever increasing popularity throughout the UK.

Although many of the flocks highlighted include long-established popular prefixes, several relatively recently established flocks including Tullylagan, Knap, Mullan and Thacka, deserve a mention in this very competitive environment with over 200 members having entered sheep.

In relation to the top 25 individual ram lambs (see table with purchasers page 137), a significant feature is the fact that no fewer than 10 (40%) were purchased by 3-5 member breeder syndicates.

As regards the breeding behind the top 25 ram lambs, 2 dominant male lines were very much in evidence, siring 72% of the lambs. The 40,000gn Kelso Pavarotti (former stud ram at Cowal) along with his 2 sons, Cowal Rob Roy II and Sportsman's Supreme, were responsible for a total of 12 ram lambs, including 3 sired by the Rob Roy sons, Sportsman's Scout (2) and Sportsman's Scania (1).

The 2nd dominant male line involves the 40,000gn Glenside Razzle Dazzle (2 sons) with his 2 high priced sons Milnbank Special One (25,000gn) and Strathbogie Smokey Blue (24,000gn) also siring two apiece.

The most lucrative financial reward that has possibly been achieved through ET work to date is the gross income from ET descendant of the "magic" Knock ewe HAK05034, by Anglezarke Krug SSQ04424, which George Howie confirmed has now reached £270,000, with his successful Lanark pen featuring several of her descendants.

Other leading prices

9000gns

Mellor Vale The One - BCM1200132

8500gns

Cambwell Terminator - LTC1201075

Haddo Topgun - KWJ120040

Ellen Valley Trojan - YGW1201049

8000gns

Teiglum Troy - CFT1201694),

Haddo Titan - KWJ1200386

7500gns

Broomknowes Titanic, GWB1200764,

Hull House True Grit MJH1203278,

Knock Thunder HAK1200361,

Tamnamoney Tuborg Gold SRY1200619

Gimmers sell to 6400gns

Texel gimmers sold on a strong trade at Lanark on Wednesday 22 August 2012, with the average for the 59 gimmers sold rising by more than £65 on last the 2011 sale.

Taking the day's top price was a gimmer, BBY1100192, from Brian Buchan's Clinterty flock which was a full sister to 11,000gns

Clinterty Ronaldo BBY1000050, and

14,000gns BBY1100175. This daughter of

Clinterty Par One BBY09643, is out of a dam by Ettrick Mighty Mouse GGH06167,

She was bought by Kenny Pratt, Hilltop.

Second best of the day was a 3600gns

call for the female champion from Adrian

McCartney, Gruig, this was a Stainton

Real McCoy WPS1000031, daughter,

VMA1100510, out of a dam by Montalto Lovejoy WHZ05016, and sold to Graham Morrison, Deveronvale.

Following her at 2400gns was the third prize gimmer, YMK1100094, from D McKay, with this Haddo Ringmaster (KWJ1000103) daughter selling to Osain Rhys, Gwynedd, She's out of a dam by Brague Jethro MRB03066.

And a trio of gimmers then sold at 2100gns, with the first being Stuart Currie's Beauty flock. This was Mr Currie's second in the ring, CUB1100405. She is by Procters Oswald (PFD08392) and out of a dam by Brague Jodami MRB03059, buying her were Messrs Lockhart, Norfolk, for their Melton Constable flock.

And also making 2100gns was the first of Robert Bennett's Plasucha gimmers. This one, BFE1100020, is by Tamnamoney Ned SRY07010, and out of a dam by Mellor Vale Masterpiece BCM06007. She was bought by Osain Rhys.

The third gimmer at this price was from Gordon Gray's Ettrick flock, she was GGH1101115. This is by Knock Reebok HAK1000041, and out of a dam by Teiglum Nevada CFT07801, and has an index of 350. She sold to Messrs Rendall, Orkney. Selling for 2000gns was Mr Currie's, CUB1100240, a Procters Oswald PFD08392, daughter out of a dam by Rathbone Leader RAVL888. She joined her flock-mate when selling to Messrs Lockhart.

Sale Statistics

	Forward	Sold	Average £	Top - Gns
Gimmers	81	63	£960	6,400
Ram Lambs	512	411	£2,054	60,000
Shearling Rams	7	1	£420	420

Show Results

Judge: Keith Campbell - COWAL

Supreme Champion	Cameron Gauld - Cairman	Cairnam Talisman - GCF1201109
Reserve Champion	P J & S Hammond - Tullylagan	Tullylagan Tonka - HPY1200404
Male champion	Cameron Gauld - Cairman	Cairnam Talisman - GCF1201109
Reserve Male Champion	P J & S Hammond - Tullylagan	Tullylagan Tonka - HPY1200404
Female Champion	Adrian McCartney - Gruig	VMA1100428
Reserve Female Champion	Brian Buchan - Clinterty	BBY1100192

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Class Results

Shearling Ewe	1st	Adrian McCartney	Gruij VMAI 100428
	2nd	Brian Buchan	Clinterty BBYI 100192
	3rd	D McKay	Rohan - YMKI 100094
Shearling Ram	1st	Gordon Gray, Ettrick	Ettrick Swift GGHI 101122
	2nd	J McKerrow, Grougfoot	Grougfoot Smirnoff MDGI 100220
	3rd	Sandy Lee, Fordafourie	Fordafourie Sparkle LAFI 100122
Novice Ram Lamb	1st	Cameron Gauld, Cairnam	Cairnam Talisman GCFI 201109
	2nd	John Llewelyn Owen, Hen Gapel	Hen Gapel Thunder OHJI 200175
	3rd	Robert Leggate, Silverigg	Silverigg Tarzan LRI 200001
Ram Lamb (open)	1st	P J and S Hammond, Tullylagan	Tullylagan Tonka HPYI 200404
	2nd	William McCaffrey, Scholars	Scholars Top Gun YVMI 200042
	3rd	Richard Strawbridge, Tamnamoney	Tamnamoney Tuborg Gold SRYI 200619
Performance Recorded Ram Lamb	1st	Clark Farms, Teiglum	Teiglum Tornado CFTI 201701
	2nd	Robert Laird, Cambwell	Cambwell Taurus LTCI 201035
	3rd	David, Isla and Lisa Gray, Tima	Tima Top Gun GCTI 202312
Best Group of Three Ram Lambs Bred by Exhibitor	1st	Clark Farms, Teiglum	Teiglum Tornado CFTI 201701 Teiglum Thunder CFTI 201741 Teiglum Troy CFTI 201694

Scottish National Sale Lanark 2012 – Top 25 Individual Ram Lambs

	Flock	Ram Lamb (with Sire)	Price (Gns)	Purchaser/s
1	Teiglum (CFT)	Teiglum Tornado CFT1201701 1st Performance Recorded Ram Lamb Sire - Sportsman's Scout BGS1100222	60,000	R Wilson - Milnbank (1/3) A Chisholm, Wester Moy (1/6) D Rankin - Kilmaluag (1/6) B Renwick, Castlecairn (1/6) E Williams - Bronygdaf (1/6)
2	Tullylagan (HPY)	Tullylagan Tonka HPY1200404 1st Open Ram Lamb Sire - Mellor vale Senator BCM1100066	42,000	Boden & Davies - Sportsman's
3=	Sportsmans (BGS)	Sportsman's Trojan II BGS1200587 Sire - Milnbank Special One LYM1100405	20,000	K Pratt - Hilltop A & G Howie - Knock
3=	Cairnam (GCF)	Cairnam Talisman GCF1201109 1st Novice Ram Lamb & Supreme Champion Sire - Glenside Razzle Dazzle - FPG1000055	20,000	Messrs Campbell - Cowal D McKerrow - Nochnary Procters Farms - Procters
3=	Knock (HAK)	Knock Travis HAK1200402 Sire - Sportsman's Supreme BGS1100303	20,000	P Connor - Drumgooland A Gault - Forkins R Henderson - Ballynahone R Strawbridge - Tamnamoney M Warnock - Straidarran
6=	Knock (HAK)	Knock Trojan HAK1200420 Sire - Sportsman's Supreme BGS1100303	17,000	W Knox - Haddo R Forsyth - Baltier C Ridley - Haltcliffe
6=	Teiglum (CFT)	Teiglum Thunder CFT1201741 Sire - Strathbogie Smokey Blue - IJS1100074	17,000	D Fleming - Burnhead P & L Gray, Scrogton H & A Neilson - Brackenridge A & K Wight - Midlock
8	Milnbank (LYM)	Milnbank Times Square LYM1200674 5th Open Ram Lamb Sire - Castlecairn SAS Commander RNA1100205	16,000	C Boden - Mellor Vale (1/2) A Holden - Bold Venture (1/4) D Houghton - Tophill (1/4)

9	Hen Gapel (OJH)	Hen Gapel Thunder OJH1200175 2nd Novice Ram Lamb Sire - Humeston Rarity GIH1000022	15,000	C Angus - Oldfield G Morrison - Deveronvale
10	Scholars (YWM)	Scholars Tiny Tempo YWM1200049 2nd Open Ram Lamb Sire - Gyrhos Rambo YWM09001	13,000	J Currie - Carlinside Clark Farms - Teiglum A & J MacGregor - Allanfauld S Barclay - Hareston
11	Sportsman's (BGS)	Sportsman's Tremendous II BGS1200471 Sire - Milnbank Special One LYM1100405	11,000	P Woof - Stainton D Allan - Ballochneck J S Lodge - Heyworth Lodge R E J Pierce - Oldford R Wilson - Eden Valley
12	Mellor Vale (BCM)	Mellor Vale The One BCM1200132 Sire - Cowal Rob Roy II CKC1000214	9,000	A Beaton - Wester Crosshill J P Forsyth - Glenside J McKerrow - Grougfoot
13=	Cambwell (LTC)	Cambwell Terminator LTC1201075 Sire - Sportsman's Supreme BGS1100303	8,500	B Goldie - Goldies R H Black - Collesie
13=	Haddo (KWJ)	Haddo Top Gun KWJ1200406 Sire - Knock Power Packer HAK091057	8,500	D E Evans - Maerdy
13=	Ellen Valley (YGW)	Ellen Valley Trojan YGW1201049 Sire - Cambwell Rob Roy LTC1000028	8,500	M J Ellis - Cressage
16=	Haddo (KWJ)	Haddo Titan KWJ1200386 Sire - Strathbogie Smokey Blue IJS1100074	8,000	W & C Ingram - Logie Durno
16=	Teiglum (CFT)	Teiglum Troy CFT1201694 (Full ET brother to Thunder & Tennessee) Sire - Sportsman's Scout BGS1100222	8,000	M & C Millar - Millar's
18=	Broomknowes	Broomknowes Titanic GWBI200764 Sire - Foyle View Scorcher SMVI100541	7,500	J P Forsyth - Glenside (1/2) J Douglas - Cairness (1/4) A Beaton - Wester Crosshill (1/4)

18=	Hull House (MJH)	Hull House True Grit MJHI203278 Sire - Kelso Pavarotti MBZ09002	7,500	Messrs Cartman Hall Scoz Mo
18=	Knock (HAK)	Knock Thunder HAKI200361 Sire - Sportsman's Supreme BGS1 I00303	7,500	J Arnott - Haymount G Gray - Ettrick A Kennedy - Mitchelhill J & R Wood - Kingleadore
18=	Tamnamoney (SRY)	Tamnamoney Tuborg Gold 3rd Open Ram Lamb Sire - Sportsman's Scania BGS1 I00214	7,500	R Scott - Drumpark R Cockburn - Knapp
22	Knock (HAK)	Knock Tarana HAKI200401 Sire - Sportsman's Supreme BGS1 I00303	7,000	I Morris, Caernarfon E Pugh - Fachell
23=	Cambwell (LTC)	Cambwell Thomas LTCI201142 Sire - Tullagh Pacha CJT09001	6,500	Hartside Farms - Hartside J Warnock - Watchknowe
23=	Knock (HAK)	Knock Turbo HAKI200309 Sire - Sportsman's Supreme BGS1 I00303	6,500	J Mellin - Hull House
25	Wayside (AFC)	Wayside Top Gun AFCI200001 Sire - Glenside Razzle Dazzle FPGI000055	5,500	P Joyce, Eire E L Walsh, Eire



Scottish National Sale Lanark 2012 – Top 25 Flock Averages (Ram Lambs)

	Flock	Owners	Top Price (Gns)	Flock Average (to nearest £)
1	Teiglum (CFT)	Clark Farms	60,000	£19,257 (5)
2	Tullylagan (HPY)	P J & S Hammond	42,000	£11,314 (4)
3	Knock (HAK)	A & G Howie	20,000	£9,450 (7)
4	Sportsmans (BGS)	Boden & Davies Ltd	20,000	£6,573 (7)
5	Milnbank (LYM)	Robert Wilson	16,000	£5,486 (4)
6	Mellorvale (BCM)	Charles Boden	9,000	£5,250 (3)
7	Cambwell (LTC)	T & A Laird	8,500	£3,900 (7)
8	Haddo (KWJ)	William J Knox	8,500	£3,588 (6)
9	Tamnamoney (SRY)	Roger Strawbridge	7,500	£3,395 (3)
10	Deveronvale (MGV)	Graham A S Morrison	5,000	£3,115 (3)
11	Broom Knowes (GWB)	David W M Gilmour	7,500	£3,049 (5)
12	Hull House (MTH)	John Mellin	7,500	£2,993 (8)
13	Alwent (NTA)	T Nesbitt & Son	4,500	£2,979 (5)
14	Ballynahone (HBR)	Richard Henderson	5,000	£2,612 (4)
15	Knap (CKP)	Robert Cockburn	4,000	£2,310 (4)
16	Cwmcerrig (WJJ)	D J J Watkins & Co	4,200	£2,240 (3)
17	Mullan (HBN)	Brian Hanthorn	4,800	£2,053 (4)
18	Crailloch (MAE)	Angus McCollm	3,000	£2,030 (3)
19	Glenside (FPG)	John Forsyth	3,600	£1,955 (6)
20	Easterseat (TTE)	John T Tough	3,000	£1,925 (3)
21	Drumpark (SRK)	R E & R F Scott	3,400	£1,903 (4)
22	Ettrick (GGH)	Gordon Gray	3,200	£1,718 (5)
23	Humeston (GIH)	Ian C Gilmour & Sons	3,000	£1,671 (6)
24	Llangwym (JLI)	Iolo P Jones	2,800	£1,670 (5)
25	Thacka (PXT)	G Pyman	2,800	£1,592 (3)



Welsh National Show & Sale - Welshpool

24th - 25th August 2012

Teiglum lamb leads Welsh National prices at 5500gns

The Welsh National Texel Sale at Welshpool was a resounding success with commercial buyers competing strongly with pedigree men at the top of the trade.

This was Teiglum Tennessee CFT1201702, sold at 5500gns. This Sportsman's Scout, BGS1100222, son is a full ET brother to their 60,000gns lamb from Scottish National Sale at Lanark and sold to a consortium of buyers including Thomas MacTaggart, Rascarrel, Robert Laird, Cambwell, the Nesbitt family, Alwent, Danny Graham, BallaGlorney and Wyn Jones.

Next best price of the day was the best shearling price of the sale, a 4600gns bid for Loosebeare Saviour QEL1101447, from the Quick family, Crediton, Devon. This Quercus Puregold QHJ09020, son is out of a dam by Tycam Napoleon HAT07235, and sold to Esmor Evans, with a half share retained. This one contained strong Loosebeare bloodlines, with his sire's dam having been sold by the Quick's to John Howard in a private £4000 sale.

A pair then sold at 2800gns, with the first of these being a ram lamb from the Llyfni flock of Messrs Williams. Their best of the sale was Llyfni Twm Twm II WHA1200294, a Sportsman's Superstar BGS1100223, son out of a dam by Glenside Likeable FPG05012. He sold to Messrs Davies, Cardigan.

The other to make this money was the second best shearling of the day Llegodig Sing Song OLL1122083, the first prize shearling from the pre-sale show. This is a son of Llegodig Reunion OLL1000125, and out of a dam by Hollyford Nijinsky DHA07034. He was knocked down to Messrs Probert, Leominster, Herefordshire.

William McCaffrey continued his exceptional run of form this year when selling Scholars Torpedo YWM1200047, at 2600gns. This one is by Mullan Supremacy HBNI100274, and out of a dam by Hull House Northern Star MJH07419. He sold to John Mellin, Hull House.

At 2200gns was Teiglum Theo CFT1201731, another from the Clarks. He is a Strathbogie Smokey Blue IJSI100074, son out of a dam by Kiltariff Osprey BBK08071, and was bought by C Bellis, Brynford, Flintshire.

Two followed him at 1800gns, with the first at this level being Cwmcerrig Top Performer WJJ1200186, from Messrs Watkins. This Kelso Pavarotti MBZ09002, son is out of a dam by Knock Nugget HAK07446, and is full ET brother to the first prize lamb from the Royal Welsh. He sold with an index of 418 and found a new home with G P Jones, Llanthomas, Hay-On-Wye.

Matching that price was Sportsman's Tonka BGSA1200470, from Messrs Boden and Davies, Stockport. He is a Cowal Rob Roy

CKC87014, son out of a dam by Baltier Panther FEB09977, and was bought by Messrs Owen, Sandilands, Tywyn.

And making 1700gns was Teiglum Tequila CFT1201722, another from the Clark family. This one is a Strathbogie Smokey Blue IJS1100074, son which is full brother to the 17,000gns Teiglum lamb from Lanark on Thursday. He was bought by D Morgan, Talybont, Ceredigion.

A brace then made 1600gns, with the first being the first prize recorded ram lamb from the pre-sale show from John Mellin. This was Hull House Troy MJH1202659, a son of Castlecairn Red Arrow RNA1000080, out of a dam by Springhill Norris FTS07014. He sold to W A Martyn, Lydney, Gloucestershire.

And a few lots later at 1600gns was Tynewydd Topper MDY1200375, from Deri John Morgan. This is by Procters Rocco PFD1000212 and out of a dam by Arkle Pacific Star WGA092612. Buying him was G Pyman, Stainton, Penrith.

Ram lamb averages were achieved and accompanied by quite good clearance rates of 68% at Welshpool. Good individual prices

were also for shearing rams and gimmers respectively.

At both Welshpool and Worcester, several flocks that featured in 'the top 25' at the Scottish National in Lanark, were again prominent amongst the top averages at the English and Welsh venues respectively. These flocks included Sportsman's, Mellor Vale, Teiglum, Cambwell and Milnbank. The Clark brothers (Teiglum flock) deserve congratulations for comfortably gaining both top flock average and individual price at Welshpool.

Gimmers

Best of the gimmer prices at Welshpool was a 2100gns bid for a gimmer from C E Pryce, Caereinion. This one PEC1100056 is by Cambwell Laird LTC05507, and out of a dam by Summerwood Grand Union PHS00001. She has an index of 260 and sold to Geoff Morgan, Sennybridge, Powys.

Selling at 1000gns was the female champion from Messrs Campbell. The gimmer CKC1100565 is by Baltier Rascal FEB7021, she's out of a dam by Millar's Only One VMG08513, and sold to Messrs Philips, Glanrafon, Corwen.



Teiglum Tennessee - CFT1201702,
Highest priced Ram Lamb



Sale Topper - sold for 5,500gns

Loosebears Saviour - QEL1101447
Highest priced Shearing Ram



sold for 4,600gns

Llyfni Twm Twm II - WHA1200294,
sold for 2,800gns



Llegodig Sing Song - OLL1122083,
sold for 2,800gns



Scholars Torpedo - YWM1200074,
2nd prize Ram Lamb, sold for 2,600gns



Caereinion PEC1100056 -
Highest priced female, sold for 2,100gns



Garnmour Trail Blazer - CJN1201565,
1st prize Novice Ram Lamb



Male Chapion, Supreme Champion, sold for 1,000gns

1st prize Group of Three - Teiglum Tequila sold for 1,700gns,



Teiglum Theo sold for 2,000gns & Teiglum Tennessee sold for 5,500gns

Sale Statistics

	Forward	Sold	Average £	Top - Gns
Gimmers	94	69	£477	2,100
Ram Lambs	143	96	£733	5,500
Shearling Rams	39	25	£918	918

Show Results

Judge: John McKerrow - GROUGFOOT

Supreme Champion	Messr's Clark - Garngour	Garngour Trail Blazer - CJN1201565
Reserve Champion	K,A & R Campbell - Cowal	CKCI100565
Male champion	Messr's Clark - Garngour	Garngour Trail Blazer - CJN1201565
Reserve Male Champion	T D & M J Orrells & Son - Llegodig	Llegodig Sing Song - QLLI100283
Female Champion	K,A & R Campbell - Cowal	CKCI100565
Reserve Female Champion	Peter Woof - Stainton	WPSI100223

Auctioneer: Welshpool Livestock Sales - Welshpool



Class Results

Shearling Ewe	1st	K, A & R Campbell - Cowal	CKCI100565
	2nd	Peter Woof - Stainton	WPSI100223
	3rd	Deri John Morgan - Tynewydd	MDYI100149
Shearling Ram	1st	T D & M J Orrells & Son - Llegodig	Llegodig Sing Song OLLI100283
	2nd	Messrs Quick - Loosebeare	Loosebeare Saviour QELI101447
	3rd	Messrs Chave - Peacehay	Peacehay Show Stopper CFPI100094
Novice Ram Lamb	1st	Messrs Clark - Garngour	Garngour Trail Blazer CJNI201565
	2nd	Clark Farms - Teiglum	Teiglum Tequila CFTI201722
	3rd	C A Bellis - Cosyn Texels	Cosyn Texels Top Cat BCYI200138
Ram Lamb (open)	1st	Procters Farm - Proctors	Procters Timon PFDI201868
	2nd	William McCaffrey - Scholars	Scholars Torpedo YWMI200047
	3rd	Gordon Gray - Ettrick	Ettrick Tiger GGHI202200
Performance Recorded Ram Lamb	1st	John Mellin - Hull House	Hull House Troy MJHI202549
	2nd	Procters Farm - Proctors	Procters Top Notch PFDI201939
	3rd	Gordon Gray - Ettrick	Ettrick T-Rex GGHI202047





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Welsh National Show & Sale

English National Show & Sale - Worcester

27th - 28th August

Champion Takes 6000gns Top Call at English National Sale

The champion from the pre-sale show, Charlie Boden's ram lamb Mellor Vale Tomahawk BCM1200139, took the top price of 6000gns at the English National Texel sale, Worcester, with this son of 25,000gns sire Milnbank Special One LYM1100405, selling to James and Hannah Draper's Claybury flock, Shropshire.

Having won the open ram class on the Monday afternoon, Tomahawk went on to take the male and overall championships under Judge Steve Smith of the Penparc flock, Welshpool. Tomahawk, an ET bred lamb is out of a dam by Clougher President CVC09028, and had been much admired in the pre-sale show.

Following him at 3500gns was another lamb from Mr Boden, this time from his Sportsman's pen. This was Sportsman's Thunder BGS1200532, another by Special One, which sold at 3500gns. Another ET bred lamb, this one is out of a dam by Mellor Vale Officer BCM08023, and sold to Andrew and Becky Bishop, Eldersfield, Gloucestershire.

Just 100gns shy of that price came the best of the day from Robbie Wilson's Milnbank flock, Aberdeenshire. This was Milnbank Thatcher LYM1200663, a son of Glenside Razzle Dazzle FPG1000055, out of a dam by Castlecairn Provost RNA09619, which had been part of the first prize winning group of three. He sold in a two-way split to Andrew

Meredith, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, and Nigel Gibbs, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Selling for 3300gns was Arkle Tyson WGA1201135, from the Wilkinson family. Sired by Larahill Shamrock, Tyson is out of a dam by Wardhall Nicefella MLW07114, and had been the third place performance recorded lamb in the pre-sale show. Buying him were a quintet of breeders, Messrs Hobbs, Dunnford, Power, Houldey and Martyn.

A 2700gns bid followed that, with this money paid for Scholars Turbo YWM1200051, the very last lamb in the catalogue. This son of Gyrhos Rambo RUJ1000019, is an ET brother to Mr McCaffrey's ewe lamb which was reserve female champion at the Royal Welsh earlier this year. He is out of a dam by Mellor Vale Masterpiece BCM06007, and was knocked down to Colin and Wendy Philips for their Powerhouse flock, Herefordshire.

After that came a 2600gns sale for Nicola Hartwright's Whitehart Top Gear HWN1200879, a son of Cherryvale Shergar GCN1100382, He is out of a dam by Broomknowes Lion King GWB05110, and out was the choice of R M and G L Watkins when buying for their Millend flock, Herefordshire.

Taking a 2300gns bid was another from the Whitehart flock, Whitehart Taylor Made



Mellor Vale Tomahawk - BCM1200139

1st prize Open Ram Lamb, Male Champion, Supreme Champion, Sale topper - sold for 6,000gns



Sportsman's Thunder - BGS1200532, sold for 3,500gns



Milnbank Thatcher - LYM1200663, sold for 3,400gns



Arkle Tyson - WGA1201135, sold for 3,300gns



Whitehart Stig HWN110044

Highest priced Shearling Ram, sold for 2,060gns



Stonebridge - RSS1100093

Highest priced Gimmer - sold for 5,100gns



Beauty - CUB1100251 - 1st prize Shearling Ewe

Female Champion, Reserve Champion, sold for 1,700gns



1st prize Group of Three

Milnbank Thatcher, Tyrone, Tonto, sold for 3,400, 2,000, 2,000gns

HWNI200882. This Humeston River Dance GIH1000033, son is out of a dam by Hendre Lionheart SJE05116, and had been eighth in the novice ram lamb class. He was bought by the Quick family for their Loosebeare flock, Devon.

Two then sold at 2200gns, with the first being Robert Laird's best of the day from the Cambwell flock, Cambwell Thunder LTC1201036, Sired by Sportsman's Supreme BGS1100303, and an ET maternal brother to the 40,000gns Cambwell Rob Roy LTC1000028, and 28,000gns Cambwell Socrates LTC1100512, this one was bought by Henry Ashley for the Lincs flock, Lincolnshire.

Second at this price was Blaencar Top Gun YME1200732, from Geoff Morgan, Sennybridge. Top Gun is an ET son of Knock Orion HAK08955 out of a Courthill-bred dam by Baltier Nailer FEB07712. He sold to S A and B M Bennett, St Austell, Cornwall, and had been third in the novice class in the pre-sale show.

The final lamb at 2000gns or more came when Robbie Wilson sold Milnbank Tonto LYM1200677, a substitute, at exactly that figure to David and Thomas Bradley-Farmer, East Meon, Hampshire. Tonto is a son of Glenside Razzle Dazzle FPG1000055, and is a three quarter brother to Robbie's 3400gns lamb, also being out of a dam by Castlecairn Provost RNA09619.

Ram lamb averages were achieved and accompanied by quite good clearance rates of 75% at Worcester. Good individual prices were also achieved for shearling rams and gimmers respectively.

Robbie Wilson, who emerged top of the Worcester averages, felt that his 1,000 mile round trip proved worthwhile, providing a useful outlet for his lambs following his Lanark and Carlisle consignments.

If there was an award for the "Top Novice Breeder of the Year" the obvious winner would be William McCaffrey followed up a lucrative private 5 figure joint transaction Strathbogie and Procters flock for Scholars Twenty Twelve YWM1200040, achieving top drawer prices at all 3 mainland Society venues.

The ram lambs involved were Scholars Tiny Tempo YWM1200049, 13,000gn at Lanark, Scholars Turbo YWM1200051, 2,700gn at Worcester; and Scholars Torpedo YWM1200047, 2,600gn at Welshpool.

William McCaffrey should provide inspiration to all current and future novice breeders, that with a choice of good genetics, allied to good management, rich financial rewards can become a reality rather than a dream.

Shearling rams

Another relatively new breeder, Nicola Hartwright, Whitehart Flock, did very well at Worcester taking the best price in the Shearling Rams with Whitehart Stig, HWNI100441, a Hendre Oh Boy, SJE85037 son out of a dam by Broomknowes Lion King GVB05110. He sold at 2060gns to Gethin Probert, Leominster, Herefordshire.

Selling for 2000gns was another from the same home, Whitehart Special Edition HWNI100590, a Humeston River Dance GIH1000033, son out of a dam by Ellen Valley Nemesis YGW071578. He found a new home with MA Jones, Clun, Craven Arms.

And at 1800gns was Roxburgh Strut from John Elliot. This Drinkstone Peacemaker PJP09040 son is out of a dam by Lumbylaw Malton ORL06083. This one was bought by A and J Hughes, Marlsborough Farm Ltd, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.

Then selling at 1500gns was Clun Statesman WSF1100845, from A EWilliams and Son. This is a Clun Panther WSF09739 son out of a dam by Clun Kojak WSF04156, and was knocked down to Messrs Baker Bros, Beaworthy, Devon.

Texel gimmers sell to 5100gns at Worcester

Worcester gimmers peaked at 5,100gn for a Stonebridge gimmer, RSS1100093, from Steve Richardson Stonebridge flock, Barnsley, at the English National Texel sale at Worcester for an Allanfauld Rockafella XMM1000014 daughter.

The sale leader, on an evening which saw a 79% clearance, was out of a dam by Rascarral Nightlife MTR07235, and was subject to an intense bidding battle between Mike and Melanie Alford and William

McCaffrey, with the Alfords, Devon, coming out on top.

A few lots earlier at 2100gns a gimmer from David Chambers' Twelve Oaks flock. This was CT01100170, a gimmer by Glenside Royal Scot, FPG1000070, and out of a dam by Claybury Nimrod DHL071009. She sold to Esmor Evans, Mold, for the Maerdy flock. Trading at 1700gns was the female and reserve overall champion from the pre-sale show, Stuart Currie's gimmer from his Beauty flock by Procters Oswald, PFD08392. This one, CUB1100251, is out of a dam by Millar's Omen VMG08575, and has an index of 177. Buying her was R Warren.

Selling at 1500gns was another gimmer by Allanfauld Rockafella XMM1000014, this time from Jennifer Lodge's Heyworth Lodge flock. This one, LSH1100104, is out of a dam by Haddo Neptune KWJ071122, and sold to D Morley, Clipston, Leicestershire.

Sale Statistics

	Forward	Sold	Average £	Top - Gns
Gimmers	87	71	£612	5,100
Ram Lambs	200	150	£823	6,000
Shearling Rams	59	43	£784	2,060



Show Results

Judge: Steve Smith - PENPARC

Supreme Champion	C Boden - Mellor Vale	Mellor Vale Tomahawk - BCM1200139
Reserve Champion	Stuart Currie, Beauty	CUB1100251
Male champion	C Boden - Mellor Vale	Mellor Vale Tomahawk - BCM1200139
Reserve Male Champion	G L Riby - Stonehills	Stonehills Tic Tac - RKS1200560
Female Champion	Stuart Currie - Beauty	CUB1100251
Reserve Female Champion	Gordon Gray - Ettrick	GGH1101081

Auctioneer: McCartneys



Class Results

Shearling Ewe	1st	Stuart Currie - Beauty	CUBI100251
	2nd	Gordon Gray - Ettrick	GGHI101081
	3rd	S and S Richardson - Stonebridge	RSSI100093
Shearling Ram	1st	EW Quick - Loosebeare	Loosebeare QELI101277
	2nd	P and L Phillips - Kimbolton	Kimbolton Statesman PPKI100122
	3rd	F H Chave and Son - Peacehay	Peacehay Shottle CFPI100107
Novice Ram Lamb	1st	Clark Farms - Teiglum	Teiglum Twister CFTI201745
	2nd	S and S Richardson - Stonebridge	Stonebridge Thomas RSSI200194
	3rd	E G Morgan - Blaencar	Blaencar Top Gun YMEI200732
Ram Lamb (open)	1st	C Boden - Mellor Vale	Mellor Vale Tomahawk BCMI200139
	2nd	G L Riby - Stonehills	Stonehills Tic Tac RKS1200560
	3rd	Thomas MacTaggart - Rascarrel	Rascarrel Tiulouse MTRI200366
Performance Recorded Ram Lamb	1st	David, Isla and Lisa Gray - Tima	Tima Top Gun GCTI202312
	2nd	William Knox - Haddo	Haddo Travis KWJI200438
	3rd	G H and G G Wilkinson - Arkle	Arkle Tyson WGA1201135
Best Group of Three Ram Lambs Bred by Exhibitor	1st	Robbie Wilson - Milnbank	Milnbank Thatcher LYMI200663 Milnbank Tyrone LYMI200709 Milnbank Tonto LYMI200677

English National Show & Sale 2012

Top Individual Ram Lambs

	Flock	Ram Lamb (with Sire)	Price (Gns)	Purchaser/s
1	Mellor Vale (BCM)	Mellor Vale Tomahawk Sire - Milnbank Special One LYMI 100405	6,000	Claybury Texels Claybury
2	Sportsman's (BGM)	Sportsman's Thunder Sire - Milnbank Special One LYMI 100405	3,500	A & F Livestock Ltd, Gloucester
3	Milnbank (LYM)	Milnbank Thatcher Sire - Glenside Razzle Dazzle FPG1000055	3,400	Nigel Gibbs & A J Meredith Worcester
4	Arkle (WGA)	Arkle Tyson Sire - Larahirl Shamrock EGEII 1040	3,300	W K Martyn & Son, Alvington
5	Scholars (YWM)	Scholars Turbo Sire - Gyrhos Rambo RUJ1000019	2,700	C M Philips, Hereford
6	Whitehart (HWN)	Whitehart Top Gear Sire - Cherryvale Shergar GCNI000382	2,600	R M & G L Watkins Hereford
7	Whitehart (HWN)	Whitehart Sire - Humeston River Dance GIH1000033	2,300	EW Quick & Sons, Crediton H S Ashley, Boston
8=	Cambwell (LTC)	Cambwell Thunder Sire - Sportsman's Supreme BGS1 100303	2,200	EW Quick & Sons, Crediton H S Ashley, Boston
8=	Blaencar (YYM)	Blaencar Top Gun Sire - Knock Orion HAK08955	2,200	S A Bennett, St Austell
10	Milnbank (LYM)	Milnbank Terrific Sire - Glenside Razzle Dazzle FPG1000055	2,000	Messrs Bradley Farmers Petersfield

English National Sale Worcester 2012 Top 10 Flock Averages (Ram Lambs)

	Flock	Owners	Top Price (Gns)	Flock Average (to nearest £)
1	Milnbank (LYM)	Robert H Wilson	3,400	£2,275 (3)
2	Whitehart (HWN)	Miss N Hartwright	2,600	£1,988 (3)
3	Arkle (WGA)	G H & G G Wilkinson	3,300	£1,601 (4)
4	Sportsman's (BGS)	Boden & Davies Ltd	3,500	£1,428 (5)
5	Cambwell (LTC)	T & A Laird	2,200	£1,128 (5)
6	Hendre (SJE)	E J Samuel	1,050	£955 (3)
7	Thacka (PXT)	G Pyman	1,300	£888 (5)
8	Hull House (MJH)	John Mellin	1,200	£846 (6)
9	Ettrick (GGH)	Gordon Gray	1,200	£813 (4)
10	Stonehills (RKS)	G L Riby	1,350	£795 (3)



National Show & Sale Judges 2013



English National Show & Sale 2013
ROBERT LAIRD - CAMB WELL - LTC

After leaving school 1985 Robert Laird has maintained his enthusiasm for the Texel breed that his Father had when he was a last minute participant in the first Importation in 1973.

Breeding commercially sound sheep that appeal to a large number of buyers is the aim at Cambwell where Robert along with wife Joyce are assisted by their two daughters, Amy & Kim. The farm runs suckler cows and commercial ewes with the offspring finished or sold for breeding.

Robert has judged at the Royal Ulster, Norfolk & Dublin shows as well as the Great Yorkshire, Premier sales in Wales, Blessington as well as Club sales in Chelford, Lanark, last years' Carlisle and the Kelso Recorded section.

Robert states that Flock Competitions have been the most enjoyable to judge, where he has viewed Texels, met proud owners on their own farms in a wide diversity of land types. They have always been extremely interesting and informative, from the Highland Club in the North to Derbyshire and the endurance test that is the Northern Ireland flock Competition!

Showing at the Highland Show, despite it coming a bit early for most Lanarkshire Breeders, has been rewarding with both the Male and Female Championships to the Cambwell name. The Recorded class has been won 7 times with the last 3 years winners all out of the same ewe.

The flock has enjoyed many selling highlights but at Lanark 2003, 7 ram lambs were sold to average 11000gns with a top of 50000gns for Cambwell Jacobite and in 2007 a Cambwell Laird Daughter made 16000gns. Robert added that even more pleasing, during the 2012 sale season, 10 different Cambwell Sires bred offspring at 4 figures for their owners.



Scottish National Show & Sale 2013
ALASTAIR GAULT - FORKINS - GAF

Alistair and wife Joan have been breeding Texels for over 15 years. They run the Forkins flock along with their two children, Beth (14) and Jack (13), (owners of the Cherryvale flock). The family farm 100 acres, all grassland, in County Antrim. Stock consists of 40 Texel ewes, 20 Suffolk ewes, 150 commercial ewes, 5 Limousin cows and some heifers bought in and finished

or sold as forward stores.

Alastair's Texel highlights include RUAS breed and interbreed champion 2012, which later sold for joint NI record price of 11000gns. He has also achieved top price at Lanark in 2010 with Forkins Rocksolid which sold for 65000gns.

Alastair has judged at many Shows including the Northern Ireland National Show in 2011.



Northern Ireland National Show & Sale 2013
HARRY WILKINSON - ARKLE - WGA

Harry farms a 500 acre mixed dairy, beef and sheep farm with a very helpful family partnership at Arkleby House, Aspatria on the northern edge of the Lake District in West Cumbria. Harry is married to Carole and they have a son George and daughter in law Kate with grand-daughter Sarah, and daughter Jennie who is getting married May 2013.

The sheep enterprise of 500 lambing ewes consists of 250 pure Texel ewes are ran as Arkle and Ellen Valley Texel flocks. Arkle lambs were 1st registered in 1987 and recently Ellen Valley flock was formed by his son George who is a VERY VERY keen Texel enthusiast!

Show successes have been numerous, with a pinnacle of 1st Ram lamb, 1st Gimmer lamb, and 1st group of 3 at the Great Yorkshire Show. There is consistent success at the sales for lambs, shearlings and gimmers. The Texels continue to go from strength to strength also having a commercial flock of 250 Texel X ewes.

Harry and the team keep a close eye on what the market wants, selling to a local butcher and local markets. Like a lot of farmers they have also diversified a small holding into a complex of holiday cottages and leisure pool "Arkleby Leisure", which keeps wife Carole and daughter in law Kate on their toes! Some people have been coming for 15 years to the cottages, lambing time being a great favourite "plenty of helpers!"

Harry is looking forward to judging in Northern Ireland in August.



Welsh National Show & Sale 2013
JOHN EIRIAN DAVIES MRICS - TEILO - VDT

John Eirian Davies has been involved with pedigree Texel sheep since 1986 when he and his father John Davies purchased Talbot Pop Star at the Welsh National Sale in Builth Wells as a foundation stock sire for the Aman flock. John Eirian is an Auctioneer and Chartered Surveyor having graduated from The Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester in 1990 and practiced in the South Wales Valleys, Cumbria, Herefordshire and Mid Wales before returning to Llandeilo in Carmarthenshire in 1998.

The Teilo Flock of Pedigree Texel Sheep was established at Llwynyrnyn, Capel Isaac in 2003 with purchases from the Aman flock. Stock Rams are 'shared' with Aman and Cwmcerrig. Sale highlights for Ram Lambs from the Teilo Texel flock include two 5,000gn sales by auction at Lanark for Teilo Mathrafal to Goldies and Teilo Syfrdanol to Milton of Noth and Strathinver. Two further higher consideration private sales of Ram Lambs have been secured with Teilo Newydd to the Baltier Flock and Teilo Mathonwy to the Ettrick flock.

No shows are attended; however the flock has achieved notable success at society shows and sales including Teilo Nerthol and Teilo Pencampwr 2nd PRT Lanark, Teilo Syfrdanol 4th PRT Lanark, Teilo Perego 1st Ram Lamb Worcester, Teilo Rebel 3rd Ram Lamb Worcester, Teilo Pegasus 1st PRT Worcester, Teilo Rheubus and Teilo Noethlymunwr 2nd PRT Worcester. Teilo Mathrafal 1st Novice Lamb PRT. Teilo Slabyn 1st Ram Lamb NSA, Teilo Swmpus and Pel Droediwr 3rd Ram Lamb NSA. Also at the NSA sale the flock has won the ewe lamb class with further top price in four consecutive years with a top price of 1650gns in 2010.

John Eirian is married to Lynwen with a son Cai, and daughter Miri. All family members are active in the running of the flock on a daily basis. Cai has a particularly good eye for a Stock Ram and is likely to be passing advice to his father from ringside on his judgment!





2013 National Sales

Northern Ireland National

Show & Sale - Ballymena
Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th August

Scottish National

Show & Sale - Lanark
Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd August

Welsh National

Show & Sale - Welshpool
Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th August

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Texel Female Invitational Sales 2012

The six invitational sales dealt with in this summary again attracted large audiences of prospective buyers at their respective venues.

In total 53 flocks from throughout the UK were represented and deserve an immense amount of credit for the general high standard offerings.

In spite of the absence of prices in excess of 20,000gns, there was a marginal increase in the overall price average. However 10% less gimmers found new homes. Consignors unanimously indicated that demand for the top quality animals in lamb to influential sire was as strong as ever. However plainer gimmers, lacking size and tight fleeces often

failed to reach modest reserves, set by their consigners.

As regards the background genetics of the top 30 gimmers, no fewer than 16 sires featured. However by far the most successful sire was the 40,000gn 2011 "Sire of the year" - Glenside Razzle Dazzle - FPG1000055. In addition to his numerous high priced daughters at the 6 invitational sales, he also sired the top priced gimmers at two of the leading Scottish collective sales held at Stirling & Thainstone.

In spite of the current economic gloom prevailing within the UK commercial sheep industry, the majority of Texel breeders are very optimistic about their 2013 forthcoming sales prospects.



18,000gns

Robbie Wilson - Milnbank LYMI 1374
sold for 18,000gns at the Christmas Stars female sale at Carlisle

Top 30 Individual Gimmers at Six Major Female Invitational Sales 2012

	Consignor Flock	Gimmer Sire	Price (Gns)	Purchaser
1	Milnbank (LYM)	Glenside Razzle Dazzle FPG1000055	18,000	John Forsyth - Glenside
2	Ettrick (GGH) Forkins (GAF)	Knock Reebok HAK1000041 Duncryne Ringmaster JRV1000001	11,000 11,000	Procters Farms Paul O' Connor - <i>Drumgooland</i> Alastair Gault - <i>Forkins</i>
4	Glenside (FPG) Sportsmans (BGS)	Strathbogie Python IJS09289 Hen Gapel Royal Gold OJH1000008	10,000 10,000	Alasdair Beaton - <i>Wester Crosshill</i> Graham Morrison - <i>Deveronvale</i>
6	Ballynahone (HBR) Garngour (CJN) Knock (HAK)	Maineview Lionheart KMR05014 Clinterty Romeo BBY1000064 Cambwell Rob Roy LTC1000028	8,500 8,500 8,500	Hugh & Alan Blackwood - <i>Auldhouseburn</i> Stuart Barclay - <i>Harestone</i> Messrs Ridley - <i>Haltcliffe</i>
9	Deveronvale (MGV) Ballynahone (HBR)	Glenside Razzle Dazzle FPG1000055 Duncryne Ringmaster JRV1000001	8,000 8,000	J Innes & Sons - <i>Strathbogie</i> Stephen Cobbald - <i>Lavenham</i>
11	Ettrick (GGH)	Knock Reebok HAK1000041	7,500	Hugh & Alan Blackwood - <i>Auldhouseburn</i>
12	Tima (GCT) Procters (PFD)	Knock Reebok HAK1000041 Haddo Ringleader KWJ1000063	7,000 7,000	Charlie Boden - <i>Sportsman's / Mellorvale</i> Stephen Cobbald - <i>Lavenham</i>
14	Sportsmans (BGS)	Cowal Rob Roy CKC87014	6,500	James Ruggeri - <i>Gyrhos</i> William McCaffrey - <i>Scholars</i>
15	Strathbogie (IJS)	Glenside Razzle Dazzle FPG1000055	6,500	Charlie Boden - <i>Sportsman's / Mellorvale</i>
16	Clinterty (BBY)	Clinterty Par One BBY09643	5,800	J Innes & Sons - <i>Strathbogie</i>
17	Cambwell (LTC)	Allanfauld Rockafella XMM1000014	5,200	Procters Farms
18	Milnbank (LYM) Milnbank (LYM) Strathbogie (IJS) Forkins (GAF)	Glenside Razzle Dazzle Glenside Razzle Dazzle Glenside Razzle Dazzle FPG1000055 Watchknowe Rustic Boy WJW1000196	5,000 5,000 5,000 5,000	Kenneth Pratt - <i>Hilltop</i> Helen Hunter - <i>Foudland</i> Graham Morrison - <i>Deveronvale</i> Messrs Millar & McComb - <i>Millcomb</i>
22	Ettrick (GGH)	Baltier Rascal FEB87021	4,800	Solway Enterprises
23	Sportsmans (BGS) Deveronvale (MGV)	Hen Gapel Royal Gold OJH1000008 Glenside Razzle Dazzle FPG1000055	4,200 4,200	M Kellet - <i>Booley</i> John Forsyth - <i>Glenside</i>
25	Grougfoot (HDG) Knock (HAK) Connachan (CKP)	Glenside Rocket FPG87014 Knock Papoose HAK091075 Baltier Rascal FEB87021	4,000 4,000 4,000	Alasdair Beaton - <i>Wester Crosshill</i> D N Bennet & Sons R Henderson - <i>Ballynahone</i>
28	Rascarel (MTR)	Didcot Record Breaker HKW1000002	3,800	Alasdair Beaton - <i>Wester Crosshill</i>
29	Cherryvale (GCN)	Watchknowe Rustic Boy WJW1000196	3,600	Buyer not disclosed
30	Deveronvale (MGV) Alwent (NTA)	Glenside Razzle Dazzle FPG1000055 Allanfauld Rockafella XMM1000014	3,500 3,500	Charlie Boden - <i>Sportsman's / Mellor Vale</i> D M & S Prince - <i>Hightecs</i>

11,000gns



Gordon Gray - Ettrick GGH1 101087
sold for 11,000gns at the Select Seven female sale at Lanark

11,000gns



Alastair Gault - Forkins - sold for 11,000gns at the Northern Stars Collective Texel Female sale, Ballymena

Top 20 Flock Averages at 6 Major Female Invitational Sales 2012

	Consignor Flock	Price (Gns)	Average (to nearest £)
1	Milnbank (LYM)	18,000	£4130 (12)
2	Sportsman's - BGS	10,000	£2,993 (12)
3	Procters - PFD	7,000	£2,525 (5)
4	Ettrick/Tima - GGH, GC	11,000	£2,525 (20)
5	Strathbogie - IJS	6,000	£2,458 (11)
6	Rascarrel - MTR	3,800	£2,275 (3)
7	Knock - HAK	8,500	£2,015 (19)
8	Deveronvale - MGV	8,000	£1,894 (13)
9	Forkins - GAF	11,000	£1,670 (16)
10	Glenside - FPG	10,000	£1,554 (13)
11	Cambwell - LTC	5,200	£1,519 (14)
12	Hull House - MJH	2,200	£1,496 (4)
13	Clinterty - BBY	5,800	£1,443 (7)
14	Connachan - YSM	4,000	£1,313 (5)
15	Ballynahone - HBR	8,500	£1,170 (26)
16	Garngour/Teiglum - CJN,CFT	8,500	£1,165 (17)
17	Penparc - SJP	2,600	£1,098 (5)
18	Baltier - FEB	1,800	£1,076 (4)
19	Tophill - HPH	2,000	£1,050 (3)
	Castlecairn - RNA	1,400	£1,050 (8)

Texel Female Invitational Sales Overall Results Summary 2012

Sale	Venue	Flocks	Top Price (Gns)	Sale Average (to nearest £)
Twilight	Carlisle	13	7,000	£1,108 (65)
Christmas Stars	Carlisle	10	18,000	£1,823 (76)
Christmas Crackers	Carlisle	8	10,000	£1,520 (71)
Select Seven	Lanark	9	11,000	£1,273 (97)
Northern Stars	Ballymena	6	11,000	£1,050 (71)
Northern Lights	Hilltown	7	3,300	£720 (72)

female invitational sales

Texel Sheep Society Regional Club In-Lamb sales report 2012

The autumn and winter round of Club in-lamb female sales produced some strong trades, with the Scottish Club sale at Lanark topping at 2800gns in January.

This sale leader was a gimmer from Brian Buchan's Aberdeenshire-based Clinterty flock.

The gimmer, BBY1100221, is by Clinterty Par One and out of an Ettrick Mighty Mouse daughter. She sold in-lamb to Knock Tarquin and is a full brother to a 9000gns ewe lamb and tups sold at 14,000gns and 11,000gns. Buying her was Eire-based breeder John McGee, Co Donegal, for his Muckrish flock.

Following her at 1900gns was the best from the major reduction of the Scott family's Drumpark flock, Moray. This was a ewe lamb, SRK1200333, by Knock Serberus. She's out of a dam by Kelso Oxygen and sold to the Woodmass family, Linstock, Carlisle, for their Harene flock.

Also at this money was a Drumpark ewe, SRK09757, by Kelso Oxygen. She's out of a dam by Haddo Knockout and sold in-lamb to Knock Serberus. Buying this one was Alasdair Beaton, Falkirk, for his Wester Crosshill flock.

Meanwhile, at the Solway and Tyne Texel Breeders Club's gimmer sale prices hit a top of 1500gns for the champion from the pre-sale show. This was a gimmer, HNL1100316, from Okehampton, Devon-based Angus and Sue Howie's Millhose flock. Sired

by Rowandale Rocky, this one, is out of a dam by Millar's Olympian and goes back to Muireask Forever. She sold in-lamb to Millhouse Superstar and was taken by R Harrison, Skipton.

Taking the sale's second best price at 900gns was a gimmer from Messrs Hepburn's Northhouse flock, Hawick, HEU1100052. Sired by Alwent Ram Rod, she is out of a dam by Ettrick Nightrider and sold in-lamb to Knock Papoose. This one was knocked down to Messrs P and L Phillips, Rumbolton, Herefordshire.

And at Chelford for the North West Texel Breeders' Club at Chelford trade topped at 1950gns twice, with trade strong throughout the day.

First to sell for the day's joint top price was a Cowal Rob Roy daughter from Charlie Boden's Sportsman's flock. This one, BGS1100277, is ET bred out of an Ettrick Mighty Mouse daughter and sold in-lamb to Milnbank Special One. She had stood reserve champion in the pre-sale show under judge Angela Nairey and sold to Messrs Kellett, Castle Ashby, Northamptonshire.

Also taking a 1950gns bid was the day's champion from the pre-sale show, an Ettrick gimmer from Selkirk-based Gordon Gray, GGHI101150, an Ettrick Rainbow Warrior daughter out of a 4800gns Springwell ewe by Kiltariff Osprey that is shared with the Knap flock of Robert Cockburn. She sold carrying to Ettrick Tartan Special and was knocked down to Richard Fitton, Bolton.

Following her at 1900gns was an older ewe from the major reduction of the Limestone flock of the Weston family. This one, a Cambwell ewe bred by the Laird family, LTC093644, is by Llangwm Nutcracker and out of a dam by Craillloch Galaxy. She sold in-lamb to Glenside Tonto and heads to John Llewelyn Owen buying for his Hen Gapel Flock, Anglesey.

Across the Penines at the Northern Area Texel Sheep Breeders Club in-lamb show and sale at Skipton Mark and Helen Keighley, Leathley, Otley, regained the

supreme championship and took the day's top price too.

The annual fixture is a happy hunting ground for the Keighleys, who have now lifted the title six times in the past seven years, missing out only in 2011.

Their latest victor, the first prize shearling ewe from their Manderlea flock, was among the first crop of lambs by Stonehills Rockstar, acquired by the Keighleys in 2010. The dam is by Gib Farm Motorolo, while the grand dam's sire Wigglesworth Jimmy



Regional Club In-Lamb Sales - Overall Sale Topper - Brian Buchan's Clinterty BBY1100221, which sold for 2800gns at Lanark

was responsible for a number of past Skipton champions from the Keighleys.

In lamb to Manderlea Turbo, by Milton of Noth Superstar, who is from renowned breeding lines producing consistent carcase and character; the victor sold to an up-and-coming young breeder; 13-year-old William Watson, Hellifield, for the day's lead call of 1600gns.

Second best among the shearlings was the second prize winner from Procters Farm, Clitheroe. The March-born shearling, by Watchknow Rustic Boy, out of a Clynog Joe Tex-sired dam, was in-lamb to a 20,000gns Lanark champion Cairnam Talisman. She joined R N Kirkby and Son, Ainderby Steeple, Northallerton, at 1150gns. Topping the sale at the Shropshire and Borders Texel Breeders Club sale at Welshpool was the pre-sale champion at 1300gns. This one was a Loosebeare Imp-sired gimmer from James Rugeri, Gyrhos.

This was RUJI 100010 out of a dam by Annan Jewel and going back to Milnbank Yesterday. She sold having been served to Lower Reiss Talisman. She sold to Stephen Hardwick of the Talcoed flock.

Second best of the night was a bid of 1180gns made by Steve Smith, Penparc for a Tamnamoney Ned daughter from the Oldford flock of R E J Pierce. This one, PREI 100099, is out of a dam by Crookholm Moscow Flyer and goes back to Stonebridge Kes. She sold in-lamb to Mullan Supremacy.

Then at 1000gns was another from the same home, PREI 100073, a Hen Gapel Ronaldo daughter out of a dam by Glenside Ludo and again going back to Kes. She sold in lamb to Sportsman's Tremendous II and was knocked down to Jill Mortimer, Earnshaw.

And the South Wales Texel Breeders Club sale at Llandovery produced a top call of 660gns for the pre-sale champion from Des and Irena Lewis. This was a one-lamb ewe, LSI 1000092, by Milestonehill O'Gara and out of a dam by Craighead Hercules. She sold in-lamb to Glenside Royal Welsh.

Second best at 500gns was another from the same home and again a one-lamb ewe, LSI 1000031, by Hull House off the Rails and out of a dam by Castlecairn Nairobi King. She was again in-lamb to the Glenside sire.

Texel Sheep Society Regional Club In-Lamb sales averages

Venue	Auctioneers	Top Price (Gns)	Sale Average (to nearest £)
Lanark (<i>Scottish Club Sale</i>)	Lawrie and Symington	2,800	£551 (51)
Chelford (<i>North West Club Sale</i>)	Frank Marshall	1,950	£508.96 (72)
Skipton (<i>Northern Area Club Sale</i>)	Craven Cattle Markets	1,600	£463 (64)
Welshpool (<i>Shropshire and Borders Club Sale</i>)	Welshpool Market Auctioneers	1,300	£423.46 (79)
Llandovery (<i>South Wales Club Sale</i>)	Clee Tompkinson Francis	660	£367.50 (42)
Carlisle (<i>Solway and Tyne Club Sale</i>)	Harrison and Hetherington	1,500	£356.30 (83)



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## A & B Draper - Hollyford Texels

**D**eep, strong female lines coupled with proven sires are behind the success of Alan and Barbara Draper's Hollyford flock, with Alan believing taking time to find sires from highly rated female families pays dividends in future generations. The Crediton, Devon-based couple founded their flock on females from the Highfields flock which Alan managed for many years in East Sussex and have developed it further since moving to Devon in 2004.

*"We moved to Devon with 12 ewes and have gradually expanded the flock from there on, but expansion hasn't been done at the expense of quality,"* explains Alan.

*"It is easy when trying to increase numbers to retain ewes and ewe lambs which aren't necessarily of the same quality as the rest of the flock. But we've always striven to only keep the best and so have increased numbers gradually, now running just over 40 ewes."*



*Texel Society Chairman, Nick Tavernor presenting Alan & Barbara with the Bulth Wells Performance Recorded Texel Flock Shield*



*“Our replacements are selected from the best female families in the flock and we are very rigorous when it comes to culling. Every ewe is scored on a number of criteria, both at lambing and throughout the year and with accurate records you can very quickly see which problems are hereditary.”*

It is a policy which is paying dividends for the flock, with this year’s pen of rams at Built Wells drawing a strong crowd of buyers and winning the Drapers the Society award for the best average for a pen of 3+ shearling rams from a performance recorded flock.

At lambing ewes are scored for lambing ease, lambing presentation, mothering ability and milkiness, he says. “We rank ewes from 1-5, with one being the poorest score and five being the best. We’re aiming for a flock of ewes which score four and five for most traits and any which present significant problems are culled and, crucially, their ewe lambs aren’t retained either.

*“There’s no point culling a ewe for a problem and then keeping the same genetics back in her daughters.”*

Ewes are also culled hard for the usual issues, such as teeth and mastitis, with Alan and Barbara paying careful attention to each ewe’s progeny as they develop through the year.

*“If a ewe isn’t producing the type of sheep we want and that our customers want then we cull her. We can’t afford to carry passengers.”*

The ideal Texel for the Hollyford flock is one which has two good strong lambs, is able to lamb herself and mothers her lambs well and milks well for them, adds Alan.

And it is this milkiness which is essential to make the most of the genetic potential in the lambs, he believes.

*“The modern Texel is a high performance sheep, growth rates in the breed have improved dramatically in recent years and having strong milky ewes means lambs get off to the best start possible. Early growth is the most efficient, so we like lambs to grow as well as they can off milk and grass.”*

The farm is down to high sugar grass leys with plenty of clover and feeding before lambing is managed to ensure manageable birth weights, but plenty of milk in the ewes.

“Triplet bearing ewes receive only soya for the last four weeks before lambing and all other ewes are on a 20% protein concentrate to ensure they milk well at lambing.

*“We don’t feed much, but feed is of a high quality. That way the lambs don’t get too big, but they are of a decent size and the ewes have plenty of top quality milk.”*

Feeding is maintained for the first month or so after lambing when the ewes milking potential is at its peak.

*“Ewes and lambs are generally out to grass in the first week of life depending on ground conditions and the weather.”*

Female replacements undergo a strict selection policy too, with performance recording forming an essential part of it, but by no means the most important part.

“We only need about half of our ewe lambs each year for replacements, so the first selection is done on the basis of index, with only ewe lambs with an index of 250 or more and without any negative management traits making it to the second stage.

*“This second part of the selection is done entirely on our visual appraisal of them. The recording figures are the qualification round, with our assessment of their type forming the*

*final selection. It is important to remember that performance figures are just one more tool in the box, they are not the only tool in the box!"*

Selecting the ram lambs to be retained for shearlings takes a similar pattern although the bar is lowered slightly on the performance figures. "Nearly all the rams we sell are shearlings, so we are careful to select the sheep we believe will make the best rams for our customers.

*"We sell mainly to commercial buyers and they want powerful shearlings capable of tupping decent numbers of ewes without being overfed and without excessively large heads. Feedback from our commercial customers is essential and shapes the breeding decisions we make. Performance recording is becoming more important for some of them, but of upmost importance is easy fleshing and good tops,"* says Alan.

With this in mind service sire selection is based on extensive research with Alan often spending time visiting flocks to see female families before deciding to use a ram. "We AI 90% of the ewes and buy semen from tups I've liked at the sales either that year or in the years previously. We mainly sell to commercial customers so don't need, or necessarily want, to be at the forefront of the fashionable genetics.

*"I'd rather use a proven sire from previous years that we know will leave good shearling tups than take a chance on a new season sire that may not deliver the type of sheep we need. If a ram does well for us then we'll use him for a couple of years. We can afford to see how some of the more fashionable rams breed and then use them if they suit us."*

That said the Drapers have used two tup lambs this season in the form of 8500gns Cambwell Terminator, a lamb Alan admired at Lanark and subsequently bought semen



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from, and 2300gns Whitehart Taylor Made which Alan had taken a shine to at Worcester and was bought by the Quick family for their Loosebeare flock.

Both these lambs were selected for their growth and squareness combined with their neat heads and back pedigrees, with the Cambwell lamb coming from what Alan feels is one of the best ewes in the Cambwell flock.

*“We also used semen from Cambwell Stewart, the 2011 Worcester champion and full brother to both 28,000gns Cambwell Socrates and 40,000gns Cambwell Rob Roy.”*

Emphasis on the female lines behind sires is essential to maintain the quality of the ewes coming back in to the flock, adds Alan.

*“We have to look at and work with the ewes every day, so we want to ensure they are the*

*type we like and that produce the goods for us year in, year out.”*

Rams from the flock are sold both off the farm and at BUILT Wells and Exeter NSA sales in August and September. “We’ve built up a good, consistent commercial following at both sales and also have a good number of local commercial customers buying from us at home too. We sell the odd ram lamb too, but these are all sold from home as we don’t actively market them.

*“Our buyers want rams that will last, so we don’t over feed them but we have to feed a bit to ensure they look well on sale day. I don’t think heavy ram feeding is good for anyone, either the buyer or the seller as it leads to rams not lasting and that isn’t a good advert for a flock or the breed. Our customers find our rams last for six or seven seasons which means they can afford to pay a bit more for a quality ram and have better lambs as a result.”*



# A Gray & Son - LANGSIDE Texel

**T**he Gray family have been breeding Texels since the early 1970s, but it's in more recent years that the Langside name has really come to the fore, now recognised for breeding top quality shearling rams.



Russell, Margaret, Grace & Alex Gray

In fact, for the past five years, the flock has secured the lead breed average at Kelso Ram Sales, culminating in 2012, when they sold to a top of £14,000, with the pen of 22 rams levelling out at £2612. But, they are not ones to rest on their laurels – father and son, Alex and Russell, who run 450 acres between Langside and Leelaw Farm, near Lanark, are their own biggest critics and constantly strive to maintain the quality of their flock.

*“We never head to a sale confident that’ll we’ll get a good trade, you never really know how it’ll go until you get there. We’ve always aimed to breed big, scopey, commercial type sheep, but within the past five or six years, there’s been a noticeable change at Kelso – a lot of consigners are keeping the better end of their lambs for shearlings, which has attracted more pedigree breeders there, and helped push the prices up,”* explained Alex, whose father Thomson first bought into the Texel breed around 40 years ago, with Alex and Russell taking over the running of the flock in the mid 1990s.

*“In those days, we were taking our best lambs to Lanark, and bringing the poorer ones out as shearlings. But, the shearlings always sold better than the lambs, so we decided that we’d be better concentrating on that market alone,”* added Alex.

A stock tup bought around that time was Muirensk Chesapeake, the daughters of which turned out particularly strong, and worked well with the Grays’ next tup purchase, Garngour Delboy.

*“The Muirensk tup left a lot of good, big females and then Delboy helped add character to them. Those females were then put to Loosebear Hero, a tup we bought with Peter Gray in 2002 for 2800gns, and sons of his were sold at Kelso in 2004 and 2005, producing the top average in Ring 7 both of those years.”*

The following year, the Langside consignment moved into Ring 9, and the demand for their shearlings has continued to grow every year since. The first few years in Ring 9, it was the Lanark purchase, Lyonshall King of Diamonds – bought for 13,000gns with Allan Wight of Midlock and Peter Gray, Scrogtonhead – and Claybury Midlander, bought at Lanark for 4000gns, that were responsible for the best of the Langside shearlings, hitting prices up to £5000.

*“King of Diamonds bred us some really good females, which then worked well with Claybury Midlander. He put plenty of character into the head, and produced sharp, bright tups, which is important to catch the eye of the buyers,”* said Russell.

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Alan Clark (Society Director) presenting the Kelso Performance Recorded Texel Flock Shield to Alex & Russel for the best average for a pen of 3+ Shearlings

*“In 2008, we sold Langside New Approach at £5000, and the 20 tups averaged £1484. That was the first year that breeders really starting to buy our sheep, and we knew it was the best pen we had ever had – they were big, long, growthy sheep, with their heads in the air and a bit of character. We’ve probably compared every Kelso consignment since to the pen that year,”* he added.

Despite selling all their tups as shearlings, the Grays mainly buy stock tups as lambs, which gives them the option to turn them over the following year. They have been performance recording for the past two years, but when it comes to buying a stock tup, first and foremost it has to look the part – they especially look for good tops and skins.

A 2009 purchase, which they say knitted particularly well with the Claybury

Midlander-sired ewes, was Rascarrel Panther, bought in partnership with the Clarks at Garngour. Sons of Panther have proved particularly popular at Kelso for the past two years – in 2011, two sold at £7000 a head, and the following year, sons sold at £9500 and £8000.

But, the family’s best price to-date, of £14,000, was achieved in 2012 for the Rascarrel Panther grandson, Brackenridge Strongbow, which they had bought from Hugh and Andrew Neilson as a lamb at the second Lanark sale.

*“You don’t come across sheep built like him very often, big in size but still with great conformation, but we have a lot of the same bloodlines in the flock, so we couldn’t really use him for another year,”* explained Alex, adding that many of their 2013 Kelso consignment will be sons of Strongbow.

The run up to the Kelso sale is a busy time for the family, as it's not just their Texels to prepare, but the Charollais and Suffolks too. Alongside their 70 Texel ewes, they run 30 Charollais and a flock of 35 Suffolk ewes. And, of course, they have the milking to contend with too, of their 120-strong Ayrshire and Red and White Holstein herd.

However, Alex and Russell insist that their chosen breeds work well together, with the Charollais lambing first, followed by the Suffolks. They then have a break in between, before the Texel lambing starts from around March 15th. All ewes are tupped naturally and the family choose not to flush any of their ewes either.

*"Lambing the Texels a bit later not only allows us a gap between lambings, but it also helps reduce feeding costs, as the ewes can run outside for longer and then get back outside quickly after lambing. We also enjoy having the three breeds as it gives us a bit of variety,"* said Russell.

Lambs are normally weaned from mid to late August, with the bottom end sold as fat as soon as possible after that. The Grays are then extremely selective when it comes to picking those that will be kept for shearlings – only keeping the best 35 tup lambs, as well as around 20 ewe lambs, with the remaining females sold at the Euro sale at Carlisle. As tup sale time approaches, the Grays say that they don't start preparing their Kelso



shearlings until two weeks before the sale. At that time, they wash them, then carry out any tidying up and spraying in the last week.

*“We are lucky that we have plenty of ground to run the tups on for shearlings, and having the dairy cows helps, as it means it’s good, clean ground that they’re going on to. We no longer feed any cabbages to the tups and we haven’t missed doing so – what makes the biggest difference to them is putting them on to the second cut silage aftermath a few weeks before the sale, that’s when we see the biggest change in them,”* said Alex.

Having had such a successful few years, the Grays definitely feel more pressure nowadays to produce a top quality pen each September, but, they say, it’s noticeable that the overall standard of the breed at Kelso has improved vastly over the past five years, and looks set to continue in the right direction.

*“Sellers are realising that buyers are becoming more and more selective, and are therefore taking better sheep – the standard has never been so high. We find that we get the same buyers returning back to buy their next tup, so we must be doing something right!”* added Alex.



# Optimising Fat Depth in the Texel Breed

**W**hen the Texel breed arrived in the UK it was celebrated for its carcass conformation and a tendency to be leaner than some of the native terminal sire breeds being used at the time.

Over the last 35 years breeders have been extremely successful in enhancing the growth and muscling characteristics of the breed. There is a general agreement that faster, more efficient growth is advantageous to the industry; as is an increase in muscling proportionally in valued cuts.

## But what about leanness/fatness?

Clearly an optimal level of fat (or finish) is required within the slaughter lamb.

Consumers of lamb frequently regard lamb as a “fatty meat”. Consumers are concerned about the amount of fat associated with lamb far more than any other protein. The appearance and the amount of fat on lamb cuts is one factor limiting the amount of lamb consumed in the UK.

Within the UK about 26% of carcasses are still overfat and therefore out of market

specifications. In addition to this a significant number of lambs have to be marketed at lighter than desired weights due to concerns they would become overfat if taken to heavier weights.

It is equally clear that in selecting for high growth rates and increased muscling, there is a risk that lambs may be bred that lay down finish late in life at weights that are heavier than the market desires. This situation is most likely to arise in extensive systems and where entire males are being finished late in the season.

Finally we must remember that fat is an important tissue in the adult sheep influencing reproductive performance and survival. It is logical to conclude that the performance of sheep could be compromised if they were bred to be ultra-lean.

The challenge for breeders is to breed sheep with the optimum combination of genes for fatness – bearing in mind the range of systems and maternal breeds where a Texel ram is used for slaughter lamb production.





## How has the Texel changed over time?

The modern Texel is a fast growing animal, capable of producing bigger carcasses which contain both more muscle and more fat. Genetic trends for the breed show that a 6kg increase in liveweight to scanning time consists of nearly 2kg more saleable muscle in the carcass and about 0.7kg more fat.

At a population level there is a small decrease in the Fat Depth EBV of the average Texel lamb, meaning they are slightly leaner across the loin at scanning than 20 years ago – but the change is a small one.

The real change in the breed is an increase in growth rate and muscling in the cuts offering the most value to the processors, primarily the loin. This is a really positive attribute, but due to the order in which bone, muscle and fat are laid down in the growing animal, it does mean that at a constant weight these fast growing lambs will tend to be leaner than the slower growing sheep bred in years gone by. This issue is easily managed by the breeder, who can base selection decisions on individual traits to optimise genes for fatness.

Chart 1. Genetic change in the Texel Breed 1990-2012



Chart 1 shows the genetic gain achieved within the Texel breed since the early

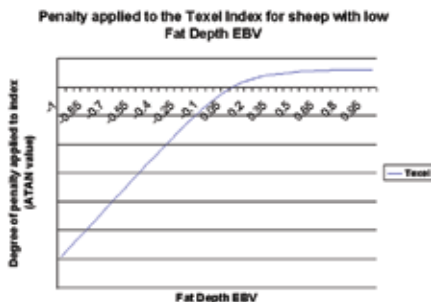
days of performance recording. The chart shows that rates of gain have increased in recent years as Texel breeders have focussed on growth and carcass traits. The chart indicates that as carcass weight has increased, the total amount of fat in the carcass has also increased – although at a much lower rate than the increase in muscle.

## How is fat depth optimised within the Texel Index?

When thinking about the genetic makeup of Texel flocks it is clear that breeders need to be cautious about extremes, as both the very fat and very lean genetics within the breed will only be useful in certain circumstances.

The construction of the Texel Index was developed with this principle in mind. Sheep genetically programmed to produce high levels of fat in the carcass pick up a slight index penalty. Whilst those with very low Fat Depth EBVs are also penalised using a function referred to as the “ATAN penalty”.

The ATAN penalty is applied to animals with Fat Depth EBVs above 0.3 are hardly affected, those between 0.1 and 0.3 are slightly affected and those below 0.1 are progressively penalised within the index. The greatest index penalty being applied to those animals that have the lowest Fat Depth EBVs.



## How much variation is there in fat depth within the breed?

There is still quite a lot of variation in the Fat Depth EBVs seen within the Texel breed.

Table 1. Distribution of Fat Depth EBVs within the 2012 lamb crop

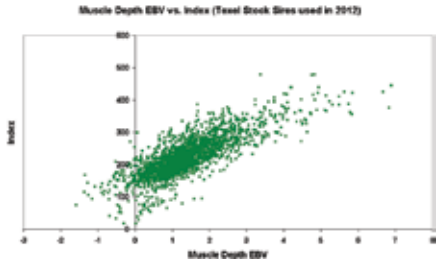
|                       | AVG   | 25%   | 10%   | 5%    |         |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| Fat Depth EBV in 2012 | -0.11 | 0.04  | 0.20  | 0.32  | Fattest |
|                       |       | -0.26 | -0.41 | -0.51 | Leanest |

A 0.8mm difference in the genetic potential of rams for fat deposition might not sound much; but when assessed against an average fat depth of about 2.5mm this is a significant difference. Breeders wishing to change the fatness/leanness of their flock have plenty of scope to make these changes.

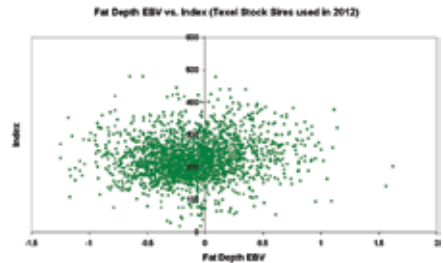
## How does index selection influence fatness?

The easiest way to see which EBVs drive the Texel index is by plotting them on a chart. These three charts show the relationship between the Scan Weight EBV, Muscle Depth EBV and Fat Depth EBV and the overall index for Texel stock rams used in 2012.

There are strong relationships between the Scan Weight and Muscle Depth EBVs and the overall Texel Index. The higher the EBV the higher the index.



When it comes to the Fat Depth EBV there is no such relationship. While there is a lot of variation in the genes influencing fat depth within the breed, the low or high Fat Depth EBV rams don't appear to be greatly favoured by index selection.



This doesn't mean a high index ram will always breed lean progeny, the reason it has a high index is more likely to be due to its higher growth and muscle depth – not leanness alone. This is why it is important for breeders to ensure a ram's EBVs are considered, and selection decisions are not based on index alone. In some cases high index rams may also have high Fat Depth EBVs, i.e. they will breed progeny that will lay down more fat than those by sires with a similar index.

This relationship can also be seen by breaking down the stock sires used in 2012 according to their ranking on index. Table 2 shows that (on average) high index stock rams tend to have higher EBVs for growth and carcass traits – but they are also slightly fatter.

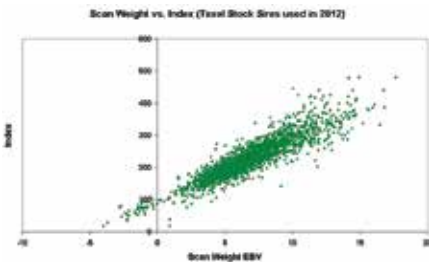


Table 2. Average Breeding Values of Stock Sires used in 2012 (ranked on index)

|                           | 8 WEEK WEIGHT EBV | SCAN WEIGHT EBV | MUSCLE DEPTH EBV | FAT DEPTH EBV | LEAN WEIGHT EBV | FAT WEIGHT EBV | GIGOT MUSC'TY EBV | INDEX |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------|
| Top 10% of stock sires    | 5.39              | 11.42           | 3.04             | -0.02         | 3.47            | 1.29           | 5.41              | 342   |
| Top 25% of stock sires    | 4.67              | 9.95            | 2.44             | -0.03         | 3.03            | 1.13           | 4.65              | 303   |
| Average of stock sires    | 3.01              | 6.63            | 1.40             | -0.10         | 2.05            | 0.72           | 2.98              | 225   |
| Bottom 25% of stock sires | 1.57              | 3.72            | 0.55             | -0.14         | 1.18            | 0.39           | 1.58              | 156   |

### Advice for breeders.

The availability of breeding values (EBVs) and breeding indexes to influence the carcase weight, fatness and conformation of Texel sheep is a tremendous asset – but the key to success lies in the way the information on the individual EBVs is interpreted and used by Texel breeders as well as the way it is explained to commercial ram buyers. For example, a producer with a leaner type of ewe might need to be told that a high index Texel ram with a positive Fat Depth EBV would be the best type of ram for their extensive production system.

The current Texel index does not place great emphasis on leaner breeding lines. Index selection is more strongly focussed

on growth and carcase attributes, such as increased muscling across the loin.

Whilst the optimum genetic makeup of a Texel ram for a trait like fat depth is not easy to define in absolute terms – it is widely accepted that at either end of the fat spectrum problems may arise with sires that breed progeny that are either too lean or too fat at a desired weight. Breeders need to use all of the information (EBVs and Indexes) that is available to ensure a balanced approach is applied to their breeding decisions when it comes to fat depth – just as with any other trait.

Equally important - breeders need to understand what their customers require and advise them accordingly, so that their customer's investment in high performance genetics is a profitable one.



# Major Improvement to Commercial Traits

Texel breeders deliver substantial improvement in commercial traits



**I**ncreasing demand from commercial producers for quick growing, well muscled and evenly fleshed tupps has seen a significant uplift in these traits in performance recorded Texel flocks over the last two years

Texel breeders have always been focussed on the needs of the commercial producer since the breed was first introduced to the UK nearly 40 years ago. But the use of performance recording for key commercial traits is helping them deliver quicker and more meaningful improvements which help drive profits for commercial farmers.

Over the last two years the average index in the breed has increased by more than 20, which indicates an increase in the average breeding potential of a Texel lamb of just over 1kg to 21 weeks old.

This is clearly a massive improvement in a short space of time and one which can deliver very tangible benefits for

commercial producers. Quicker growing lambs that finish sooner mean improved margins, both through lower intakes and also through more timely marketing.

What makes this genetic gain in the last two years incredible, is that it is on the back of two decades of significant improvements in the breed, with the average breeding value for growth to 21 weeks of age over 5kg higher in 2010 than it was in 1992.

This in itself was a massive shift in the genetic potential of a population – in a relatively short period of time, but the latest improvements are truly impressive bearing in mind the previous breed development which had already taken place and the high base the breed was starting from.

It should also be noted that this gain has been achieved in a population of more than 65,000 lambs. Delivering this level of gain in small populations is relatively easy, to do in such a large population is quite unique.

Members have been responding to an ever increasing demand for growthy, fleshy tup's capable of leaving quick finishing lambs. The Texel breed has continued to evolve and adapt over the last 39 years since its introduction to the UK and it now ranks as the number one terminal sire for this very reason.

Quick growth is essential to profitability in modern sheep production and Texel breeders have recognised this better than anyone. The massive improvements in growth and muscling being delivered by recorded Texel tups offer significant opportunities to commercial producers to cut their costs and improve margins.

Topping the market with hoggets in March is all well and good, but topping the market with lambs in June and July means much lower costs and hence greater profits.

One of the reasons for the recent improvements in growth rate potential is a significant rise in the genetic merit of the Texel sires being used for breeding in pedigree flocks. (See table one).

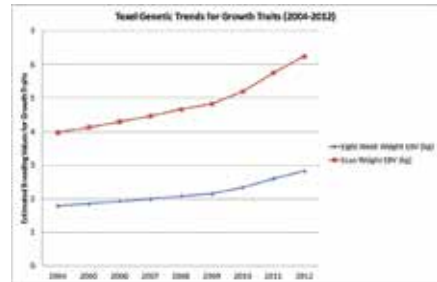
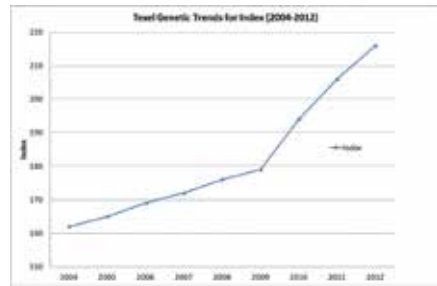
This is particularly true for their genetic merit for growth. The 2012 lamb crop was sired by Texel rams with a scan weight EBV 1.2kg higher than the ram team used in 2010. These improvements have clearly been passed on to their progeny and this

will help drive the breed forward even further in the coming years.

Table One - Genetic merit of sires  
Graph 1 - Index Trend 2004-2012

| Year | Number of lambs | Average Scan Weight EBV | Average Index |
|------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 2010 | 64626           | 6.00                    | 212           |
| 2011 | 67032           | 6.51                    | 222           |
| 2012 | 65412           | 7.21                    | 236           |

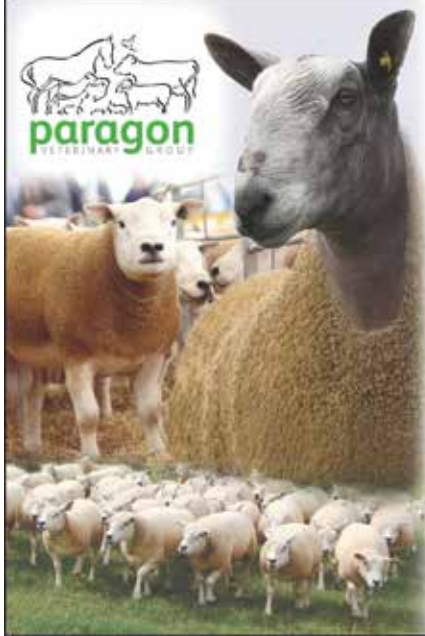
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# Derbyshire Club

Our AGM took place on the 9th November at the Bluebell, Tissington, where Robert Cartledge took over from Anne Beresford as Chairman little knowing what an awful year, weather wise it was going to be.

**S**o, it was great that we had a good two days at the English Winter Fair. We had our usual stand and, thanks to our lady members, we made £314.42 for our charities – Cerebral Palsy and Horton Lodge Special School.

Early January saw our New Year Party which was enjoyed by all with a good attendance. With lambing over we dispatched a group of members, with leader Frank in charge, to Chester Races followed the next day by two flock visits to Stephen and Jaine Phillips, (PHENJAI) and Will and Liz McCaffrey's (SCHOLARS). Everyone seemed to be impressed with the sheep. The hospitality was wonderful and a good weekend was had by all.

A few weeks later Paul and Anna Johnson (CORRIECRAVIE) welcomed everyone to our annual open day which proved to be one of the better days with a break in the clouds. David Chave of the PEACEHAY flock did a round trip on the day judging some good classes with Michael Turner, one of our younger members, winning the championship. Paul and Anna had been raising money for R.A.B.I during

the year and any donations etc went towards this, and a total of £500 was presented to R.A.B.I. Our thanks go to Paul and Anna for their wonderful hospitality and all their hard work.

Flock competition entries were slightly down but Frank still managed to turn his sheep out to perfection, which Tom Ironmonger (FLAGG MOOR) judged as champion, in the absence of the proposed judge, who was unable to come owing to illness. The best newcomers flock being the ORMERLEY flock of the Beech Family. Our seventeenth annual show and sale held at Bakewell in September was won by a ram lamb from Charlie Boden's SPORTSMAN'S flock and our average was only a few pounds down on last year and was judged by Adam Richardson.

As I write this report I am looking out of the window seeing nothing but water, but hopefully, 2013 will be better. Thanks go to all those who gave their support throughout the year. Wishing you all the best for 2013.

*Janet M Young*  
Secretary



# Dutch Club

2012 proved to be a good year for the group, with many members flying the flag at Shows throughout the country, exhibiting, judging and socialising.

It is unfortunate that so many of the shows had to be cancelled due to the continued heavy rainfall and those of us involved with the running of these shows know the spiralling costs incurred.

Sale time was upon us again, our 15th annual sale at Ruthin, with an increased entry and some wonderful animals forward. The pre-sale show was confidently judged this year by Mr W Evans, Anglesey, who commented afterwards on the high quality of the stock.

The Show Champion was awarded to a shearling ram "Mossgiel Strathbogie" from J & P Barlow (Mossgiel) which was snapped up by R & S Bailey, Macclesfield. Reserve Champion honours were awarded to a ram lamb from S J & H Smith (Penparc) which went on to sell to I & S J Clough, (Raindale). The first prize yearling ewe from Mr & Mrs Clough, expertly shown this year by Max Clough, was sold to Mrs Jane Davies, (Rathbone)

Yet again, we achieved a super clearance with sheep as per normal going to all parts of the UK to the pedigree and commercial market.

Winter Fairs and Christmas Shows once again saw many Dutch Texels taking top honours and I would like to congratulate you all for continuing to fly the flag. On a much sadder note, we were all shocked to hear about the sudden passing of Mr Gary Cundall ( Ravensmoor) who was a good friend to many of us. Gary was inspector at our very first sale, many moons ago and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts go to his wife Christine and their two sons.

Finally, as always I would like to thank everyone who supports the Dutch Group, with special thanks to our committee and to our Chairman Mr Gerwyn Davies.

Wishing you all a successful year.

*Paula Barlow*  
Secretary



Joe Barlow with Mossgiel Strathbogie

| Shearling Ram                   | Shearling Ewe                     | Ram Lamb                        |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1st J & P Barlow<br>MOSSGIEL    | 1st Mr & Mrs I Clough<br>RAINDALE | 1st S & H Smith<br>PENPARC      |
| 2nd G Pyman<br>THACKA           | 2nd D Hughes<br>BRYN<br>LLEWELYN  | 2nd Mrs<br>J Davies<br>RATHBONE |
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# Eastern Club

It is with great pleasure that I write a few words on behalf of the Eastern Texel Club.

**T**he club has had a busy year organising a full programme of events. The highlight of the year was the summer flock visit to see the Dutch Texels of Sylvia Rawlings. The Wiston Flock was reserve champion in our flock competition. On show were some excellent sheep with great conformation.

An indication of how well members are progressing with their own breeding policies are the sheep at the county shows. The past year has seen strong competition in both the show and sales rings. Visiting judges all commented on the quality of the sheep and the progress members have made in recent times.

During the year the area has seen the retirement of our council representative, Tim Healy, and the appointment of a new man, Peter Sutton. May I thank Tim for his work and support over the years and wish Peter well as our new representative on the council. I know Peter will want to get around the area and meet the members.

During the autumn the club held the annual flock competition. Robert Cartledge from Derbyshire agreed to judge. There were ten flocks entered and the top award went to the Lavenham flock with John Williams (Honeyhill) reserve.

Looking ahead to 2013, the committee will organise a programme of events including the flock competition, a flock visit and are also proposing to hold, in conjunction with Colchester Market, a fat lamb competition. I hope lambing goes well and we see good entries at county shows. The shows remain a good shop window and somewhere to meet your customers, old and new.

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

*Katie Turner*  
Secretary



Lavenham Texels lambing time

# Gloucester & Border Counties Club

2012 has been another year when the Club has been successfully involved in a wide range of social and competitive events, which have combined to give members and friends a cross section of activities.

**T**he year started with the annual lunch when we welcomed the 2011 flock competition judge, Mr Graham Hill - Rolle who announced the results and presented the awards. After a successful raffle £100 was donated to the Air Ambulance.

Lambing became the members' prime objective for the next few weeks, but with spring upon us we ventured out again. A number of events were planned for the "summer" and we started these in May with the usual trip to the "dogs" in Swindon. Losing money certainly wasn't the plan, however some members are born lucky while the chairman was looking for a loan!!

June saw many members at The Three Counties Show where the club stand was placed 2nd (thanks to all who helped set it up). Once again exhibitor numbers were up and members were to the fore in the final line-ups. Friends and commercial buyers were invited to our drinks reception after judging which was much enjoyed.

The flock competition was well supported and ably judged by Mr Graham Jones-Mabon.

Socially during the summer, our flock visit was by invitation of Ed and Julie Samuels – Hendre. This was a resounding success and everyone admired the quality of the stock, and we were treated to a sumptuous tea afterwards. The "Chairman's bash" was held courtesy of Clive and Sheila Roads. 40

members and friends enjoyed a very relaxed afternoon with plenty of food and wine and not a sheep in sight!!

Skittles fun was enjoyed in October, various styles of bowling in evidence, but the scorer needs to learn to add up better - the ladies keep getting beaten.

The Club's sale of rams at Ross on Wye still gives cause for concern, but the In-lamb sale at Worcester, judged by a semi-retired Colin Ponting – Penstones, saw a much better return with a 92% clearance and plenty of buyers in attendance. Champion went to Peacehay, reserve to Loosebeare and the members' class to Barnage.

Our annual carcase competition was again a huge success, please see the separate report for further details.

Our final event of 2012 was our annual Christmas social evening, which was well supported with plenty of good spirited banter and a great start to the festive season.

In ending this report we thank all members and friends who have supported us over the past year, and hopefully 2013 will not be the wettest on record.

*Clive Roads*  
Chairman

*Carol Houlley*  
Secretary

## Highland Club

This has been a slightly quieter year for the club as we did not go on a flock visit this year due to the fact we had such a late wet and cold spring and members had just not caught up with the work of planting the barley and turnips etc.

**T**he club held its annual stockjudging and barbecue at Todholes Farm, Thurso in early July by kind permission of the Campbell family where we judged several classes of Texel sheep along with some proper beef cows and their calves. All members and guests were treated to some excellent food with bowlfuls of locally grown strawberries, for all to devour. Our master judge was that well known auctioneer Iain Thomson from Tain in Ross-shire. Results of the stock judging were as follows:-

| <b>Gents</b>          |
|-----------------------|
| 1st Charles Angus     |
| 2nd Steven Sutherland |
| 3rd James Allan       |
| <b>Ladies</b>         |
| 1st Jacqueline McAdie |
| 2nd Tracey Anderson   |
| 3rd Barbara Bremner   |
| <b>Juniors</b>        |
| 1st Katy Gunn         |
| 2nd Cody Allan        |

Our members greatly supported our two main local shows, the Caithness Show and the Black Isle Show, with the Texel breed having the largest entries by far of all the sheep breeds at both shows which just goes to prove how popular the Texel breed has become in the North of Scotland.

Our flock competition took place the first weekend in November with 13 flocks participating, stretching over 100 miles between Ross-shire and Caithness. Our judge this year was Charles Copeland of

the Overhouse flock in Orkney. Our dinner and presentation of trophies was held in the Pentland Hotel, Thurso.

The Best Overall Flock and the Runachloie Trophy was won by Johnnie Campbell, Bardnaclavan Farm, Thurso. The Reserve Overall Flock was won by Steven Sutherland, Sibmister Farm, Thurso. The Hillside Trophy for the Overall pen of Ewe Lambs was won by Steven Sutherland, Sibmister Farm, Thurso. Further details of the Winners of the Flock Competition can be found on page 224.

Our next event is our annual AGM which takes place in Tain in Ross-shire in early December.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Club, which runs several events throughout the year should get in contact with either the Chairman Steven Sutherland on 07703 173360 or the Secretary, Winnie MacDonald on 01463 870508.

*Mr. Charles Angus*  
Chairman



Flock competition winners

# Midland Club

2012 unfortunately was not the best for the Midland Club, with the Club Show having to be cancelled due to the weather, and both our Chairman and our Secretary suffering ill-health.

**A**t the end of June, on one of the few mainly dry days, we all went north to visit John and Linda Mellin's Hull House flock. We were fortunate enough to dodge the showers to see the ewes and well-grown lambs in the paddock. In the barn a large group of weaned ram and ewe lambs were a pleasure to see; we would all have liked to take one home. For the cattle-minded amongst us it was of great interest to see the Mellin's relatively new venture, the Longhorns. The Mellin family made us feel very welcome and fed us all wonderfully – all in all a very good day.

At the end of July we visited the winners of last year's flock competition, John and Barbara Leadbeater's Blackbird flock. We looked round both the sheep and their new home; the sheep are a great credit to them; I'm sure we will continue to see their name in show results in the coming years. The house has been miraculously transformed from the old barn and is very well- designed.

Several of our members had a good year at the shows in 2012. Robin and Mandy Kellett took both the Championship with a shearling ram and the Reserve Championship with a shearling ewe not only at Derby but also at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, The East of England and Rutland Shows. Henry and Tina Ashley took the Championship at the Norfolk Show with a shearling ram and John and Barbara Leadbeater were Champion with a shearling ewe at Bucks County Show.

As mentioned, the terrible weather forced the cancellation of our Show; unfortunately it was not the only cancellation with our flock competition a victim of circumstance and our Christmas meal clashing with in-lamb sales. We did manage to get together later in December when we were challenged to a return skittles match by the Northants Stockmen's Club; it was a fun evening with a good turnout of members and to top it all we won!

In 2012 we tried a new venue, Thame, for our Club Ram Sale and it was quite successful with most vendors of shearling rams going home happy. The ram lambs were not wanted, however, and most went home unsold.

Our AGM was held in November at Abthorpe Village Hall and following the resignation of our Chairman and Secretary a new team was elected with Barbara Smith (Slapton) Chairman, John Leadbeater (Blackbird) Vice-Chairman, Barbara Leadbeater Secretary and Duncan Burton Treasurer. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave and Jo Chambers for their efforts on the club's behalf over the last two years.

Hopefully 2013 will be a better year all round.

*Barbara Smith*  
Chairman

*John Leadbeater*  
Vice-Chairman

# North Scotland Club

The club year began with the annual prime lamb competition held at ANM Ltd.

**T**he judge, F Stephen, awarded Champion to a pair of light pure Texels from I & H Anderson, weighing 42kgs. Reserve Champion went to a pair of heavy pure Texels from G L Stuart, weighing 47 kgs.

Next on the calendar was a visit to the Tullochallum flock, courtesy of Scot & Ross Milton and their family on the 22nd July. Six classes of stock were presented for stock judging with excellent hospitality provided. On behalf of the club, we wish to extend our sincere gratitude to the Milton family for ensuring the visit was a success and well enjoyed by all.

To provide continuing support and to promote the Texel breed in the area, the club provided sponsorship of the young handlers classes at Echt, Banchory & Turriff, and presented four £100 vouchers for the highest priced (pence per kilo) lambs per month sold through ANM. The winners were R M Grieg – May, W M Duthie – June and July & August, A & A Morrison.

The compulsory show for this year's North East Show Competition was New Deer Show – Champion flock was awarded to W Cruden & C Cruden- Kirkton, with Reserve Champion awarded to Brian Buchan – Clinterty.

Our annual ram sale, held on the 25th September, saw the previous ANM record price beaten for a ram lamb from Graham A Morrison, Deveronvale selling for 2,000gns (a son of Glenside Razzle Dazzle and out of the 9,000gns Clinterty dam). Champion was

awarded to Mrs E Alexander for a ram lamb selling for 850gns and Reserve Champion was awarded to a shearling from A & H Rae, Orchardtown, releasing 1,100gns.

Despite the wet weather our annual flock competition was held on two of the driest days in weeks. Mr Jim Warnock judged the flocks in the North East on the 14th & 15th November, finishing with the club AGM, annual dinner and presentation on the second evening. The club wishes to thank Mr Warnock for his time visiting the flocks.

The Christmas Classic was held on the 3rd December with James Cowe, Hoxa, judging the entries. The club's annual sale of females saw all previous sales records beaten by a gimmer from James Innes & Sons, Duncroft, selling for 3,500gns, sired by Millars Outstanding and in lamb to Scholar's Twenty Twelve. Overall Champion was awarded to Robert H Wilson, Milnbank, for a gimmer sired by Glenside Razzle Dazzle and in lamb to Teiglum Tornado, selling for 3,000gns. Reserve Champion was awarded to a 2010 ewe from Mr Jimmy Douglas, Cairness, in lamb to Broomknowes Titan, releasing 1,000gns. A total of 16 ewes sold to average £419, with 62 gimmers selling to average £623.

We extend our sincere thanks to all members for their continued support and hard work throughout the year and we welcome new members to the club and wish every success for the coming year.

*O Donald*  
Club Secretary



# North Wales Club

Club Sale at Gaerwen on Saturday 18th August 2012

**W**e had another excellent sale again this year. The shearling trade was strong throughout with the highest price in excess of 1,000 guineas. Ram lamb trade was steady and there was a very good demand for females.

Helen Smith from Penparc kindly judged the pre sale show and awarded the male and show champion to Llawes Tex, bred by Iwan Parry Jones. Tex went on to be sold to John Lloyd of Mon Texels.

Helen picked a Llyfni Port Royal sired shearling ewe, bred by J&H Thomas as the female and reserve champion.

Full results are available to read on the Texel website.



Gaerwen Sale Show Champion, Llawes Tex.

## Flock Competition

The flock competition was well supported this year and our judge Cefin Pryce did not get back home until well after dark. We had a very enjoyable day and after some deliberation he awarded the champion flock to Wyn Morris, Fachell. Congratulations to Wyn and thank you to everyone who took part. The full results are shown on page 229.

## Flock Visit

We headed north for our visit this year. We went to Stainton to see Peter Woof's flock. We saw an impressive selection of sheep and were treated to an excellent buffet. We were there at the right time to see the latest litter of sheepdog puppies which everyone fell in love with.

## Shows

Congratulations to everyone who took part and won in the local and national sales. Club member John Owen, Hen Gapel did especially well this year. On his first time selling at Lanark his Humeston Rarity sired ram lamb, Hen Gapel Thunder took second place in the novice class. It went on to sell to Deveronvale for 15,000 guineas.

*John Raffle*  
Chairman

# Northern Area Club

May 2nd, our AGM, saw the beginning of our club year, with Steve Richardson taking over the chair from Spiros Spyrou and John North as treasurer from Shirley Hughes.

In July we joined with North West Club to visit Procters' Farm, where Jeff and Jennifer made us all feel very welcome and showed us field upon field of tremendous sheep. The whole Procters team provided an enjoyable day also allowing us to see their Limousin cattle too.

Some of our members saw placing in the classes at The Great Yorkshire show. Procters Farm claimed seven out of the nine classes for the highest placed Northern Area member and also took championship honours with their shearling gimmer. Lawrie & Symington Auctioneers kindly donated their commission for the sale of a gimmer lamb at the show, this is to go to RABI charity. It was Steve Nesbitt's last time to host his BBQ on the Tuesday evening, and what an evening, a total sell out. Great support this year at the show, with many Texel Breeders visiting from Ireland and Scotland.

Richard Currie, Ballymena, came over to judge at our Skipton Show/Sale in September. A wonderful entry of sheep with

a solid trade. The highest priced in the sale went to a shearling ram from the Moor Top flock of David Towell.

John and Alison North judged the flock competition. John & Linda Mellin, Hull House took the overall champion and Kissthorn Trophy. (Full results on page 225) R Newby (Rudding) held onto the Show Points Trophy again for the 2nd year. Full presentation of these awards was given out at our dinner in November held at The Anchor Inn, Whixley.

Mark and Helen Keighley (Helmark) regained the supreme championship at the winter show and sale at Skipton in December judged by Chris Riby. The annual fixture is a happy hunting ground for the Keighley's, who have now lifted the title six times in the past seven years, missing out only in 2011. Their latest victor, the first prize shearling ewe from the Manderlea flock, by Stonehills Rockstar.

*Sarah Beachell*  
Secretary



31st Annual show class winners

# North West Club

Our year began with the "In – Lamb" sale at Chelford; trade was excellent throughout the sale, with the Champion Gimmer top price of 2500gns from the Sportsman's Flock of Charlie Boden.

**A**s everyone reached the end of lambing, spring brought bad news to the club with the death of Mr. Pat Moore former president, committee member and a friend to many. Pat provided valued service and support to the Club over many years. A lovely man, well respected, liked by all and a perfect gentleman.

On 18th May, 39 members and friends of the Club headed north to Aberdeen for the annual May social where we had a very enjoyable weekend. A big thank you to all the flocks that hosted us throughout the visit, their kindness and hospitality was greatly appreciated. The sheep were exceptional and were a credit to all those involved.

The summer flock visit was to Procters' flock together with the Northern Area Club. All members present enjoyed a tremendous show of sheep, which went on to win numerous shows and sales. The day ended as always at Procters with a feast of hospitality, our thanks and gratitude to all at Procters.

The "Elite" sale which was held on 11th August at Chelford unfortunately coincided with the only spell of summer, resulting in our sale being dampened by a lack of buyers. Continuing with sales, our new sale venue at Kendal's new auction mart on the edge of the M6 didn't materialize. Unfortunately the auction mart wasn't completed in

time; therefore after much deliberation we moved the venue to Lancaster Auction Mart which was a reasonable sale. The Clitheroe sale, again in the format of an evening sale, met with steady trade.

The year ended with the annual flock competition which was kindly judged by Steve Richardson of the Stonebridge flock. The awards were announced at the winter social evening in November at the Farington Lodge Hotel, with over 50 members and friends attending an exceptional enjoyable evening.

I would like to thank all members for their support to the club events during the year and especially the people who took active roles on behalf of the club.

Thank you.

*Peter Woolf*  
Chairman



# Northern Ireland Club

2012 heralded another busy year for the Club with our AGM taking place in January, when Victor Chestnutt and Geoffrey Fleck were re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chair respectively.

In May Texels dominated the Royal Show, Alastair Gault's Forkin's flock was awarded the breed and Interbreed Championship with an outstanding gimmer, which sold at the end of this year at the Northern Stars In-Lamb Sale for 11,000gns. Members supported all the local shows and we reintroduced the Show Flock Competition with the help of sponsors Volac. The Springhill flock were final victors. Antrim Show, hosted the special class for Young Breeders to demonstrate their skills as showmen and women in the Young Handlers Competition, kindly sponsored by Dennis Hamill with Jack Gault, Cherryvale, taking home the cup.

The Club Trip took us to England visiting the Mellorvale and Sportsman's, Procters and Hull House flocks and attending the Great Yorkshire show. All the travellers had an excellent journey viewing some super stock even though the weather conditions were somewhat undesirable.

The Springhill flock hosted our open night, treating members to an excellent display of sheep and super night's entertainment. The evening was a huge success, endorsed by the generosity of the crowd during the charity auction and raffle. The Club are indebted to our hosts for their hard work in providing us with a superb event.

We entered the Sale Season cautiously. The Premier Sale saw Andrew Fyffe's Overall Show Champion gimmer selling for 11,000gns. David Warwick's Braehead flock topped the ram trade selling ram lambs to 6,000gns and 5,000gns.

At the Scottish National Sale in Lanark, Tullylagan Tonka took the second highest price of the day selling to 42,000gns bred by the Hammond family, Cookstown.

During 2012, Club sales realised over £500,000, highlighting the importance of the breed within the pedigree sector in Northern Ireland.

John Mellin, Hull House, judged the Annual Flock Competition. The Springhill flock retained the Elanco Flock Champion title while Ballynahone took the reserve championship.

In the photo competition the judges had a tough job choosing their overall winner from the U12 age group – young Katie Aiken, from Yorkshire.

Finally at the Fatstock sales in November Elizabeth McAllister's, winning Texel pair took the reserve overall Championship at Ballymena Mart.

*Karen Beacon*  
Secretary



John Mellin with the Foster Family

# Northern Ireland Texel Young Breeders Club

The NITYB began 2012 go-karting and AGM at Raceview. Zara Morrison and Stephanie McCollam kept their foot firmly on the pedal, giving the boys a race for their money.

**F**irst three results- Juniors: Mark Rainey, Gareth Henderson, James Price. Seniors: David Chestnutt, Alastair Gault and Zara Morrison.



*The new committee presented a cheque to James Annett, fellow Texel breeder on behalf of Revive ICU, the chosen charity from 2011.*

Twenty-four members took part in the TYB classes at Balmoral, displaying sheep to judge Jeffrey Aiken. Two very generous sponsors and enthusiastic Texel breeders provided cups namely Fairmount Vet Clinic and McCollam Heating and Plumbing Ltd. Junior results: James McCombe, Robbie Foster, Bailie O'Connor, Niall Malcolmson, Mark Breen, Robbie Coleman, Seniors: Andrew Hamill, John Trimble, David Chestnutt, Adrian Liggett, Graham Foster and Stephanie McCollam.

At Antrim Show the TYB classes were judged by fellow young breeder Andrew Fyffe. First in the ram lamb class Jonathan Smyth, 2nd Zoe Todd, 3rd Robbie Coleman and 4th James McCombe. First in the ewe lamb class Jack Gault, 2nd Robbie Foster, 3rd Niall Malcolmson and 4th Hugo Bertholon. The overall winner and receiving the Hamill cup was Jack Gault.

The NI Premier Sale saw the TYB ram lamb class judged by Welsh breeder Geraint Jones placing 1st Andrew Kennedy, 2nd David Boyd and 3rd Karen Carson. The NITYB ran an Elite Ewe Lamb Sale alongside the Premier Sale judged by Isle of Mans Kirree Kermode placing 1st Clare Beacom, 2nd Baillie O'Connor and 3rd Adrian Liggett. They then went on to sell at auction before the gimmers.

The NITYB provided a BBQ at the Texel Open Night at John Fosters. The club provided two items for auction, with profits going to our chosen charity, Marie Curie Cancer Care. Young Breeders Stephanie McCollam, Stephen Etherson and Andrew Kennedy had the opportunity to judge at local show-sales including Lisahally, Gortin and Ballymena Harvest.

The Annual prize-giving took place at the Dunsilly Hotel where the NITYB sponsored and presented a cup for the Junior Stock Ram. NITYB Club President Nigel Hamill, had the difficult task of deciding on the best member. Chairperson David Chestnutt picked up the award for his commitment and dedication to the Texel breed and the NITYB.

Under 30? Interested in Texel sheep and becoming a NITYB member? Contact Secretary Stephanie McCollam on 07792 161 316.

*Stephanie McCollam*  
Secretary

## Ruthin Club

Our annual flock competition was well supported with some quality sheep on show. I would like to thank everybody who supported it and gave us a good welcome and their time..

**M**any thanks to our judge Meilir Jones, Gop Farm, Rhyl who excellently judged the flocks. Results can be found on page 229.

Many congratulations to everyone who took part in the many shows throughout the year promoting the qualities of the Texel, both live and on the hook. Our annual sale at Ruthin in September saw an excellent show of both rams and ewes resulting in an excellent clearance of stock to the pedigree and commercial market.

This year's show was kindly judged by Mr Geraint Jones of the Erw flock who has been a very good supporter of the sale since the club was established 26 years ago. Mr Jones awarded the Champion to the shearing ewe from J & H Thomas, Bryn Garth Texels, Llanerchymedd which went on to sell for 1,600 gns to J L Owen, Hen Gapel Texels, Anglesey. A full report of pre sale show results and prices can be found on the Ruthin Club page on the Texel website at [www.texel.co.uk](http://www.texel.co.uk).

The annual ten pin bowling competition against the Shrewbsury club was held again at Wrexham and was fiercely contested with Ruthin club being the eventual winners. This event has been a great success with members of both clubs having a very enjoyable evening.

The AGM and annual presentation and awards night was held at the Brookhouse Mill, Denbigh in December and was well attended, we enjoyed an excellent meal and a good night was had by all.

I would like to thank all of the committee members who work hard to promote our club, the auctioneers, buyers and everybody else who supports us.

*Joe Barlow*  
Chairman



# Scottish Club

The club's in lamb show and sale was held at Lanark in January where a good trade prevailed throughout with 100% clearance.

**T**he Championship was won by Angus Kennedy, Mitchelhill which was later sold for 4000gns with the reserve from the Knap's flock of Robert Cockburn selling for 1,900gns.

The Annual Trip took the club to Yorkshire where 28 members and friends viewed the Procters and Hull House flock before going on to spend a day at the Great Yorkshire Show. This proved to be an excellent trip with first class hospitality given to all who attended.

Due to the cancellation of the clubs Stockjudging in the previous November the club decided to hold an Open Day and Stockjudging at Lanark Market in early June. This was a success with the following results. Open 1st Malcolm Coubrough, Junior 1st Finlay Clark, Young Farmers 1st James Hamilton and Young Handlers Alistair Meikle. The club once again hosted Scotsheep at Dumfries House where members manned the stand.

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.

A new event to the calendar was an outing to Kingsfield Linlithgow for a Golf and Laser Shooting Day. This was a great success with Hugh Jackson winning the golf and Jim Kinnaird proving to be the best shot.

The Show and Sale at Lanark in September was again successful with the championship being awarded to a Ram Lamb from Messrs

J & H Clark, Garnsour which was later sold for 2,200gns. Top price was 3,900gns for a ram lamb from John Dunlop's Eastfield flock. 11 Shearlings average £463, 203 Ram Lambs average £479 and 27 Gimmers average £252.

Once again the club decided to hold an Exhibitor of the Year award taking in 9 local shows. Lawrie & Symington kindly sponsored this event which was a huge success. The overall winner of the competition was Alistair Beaton's Wester Crosshill flock with the Cowal Flock of Keith, Alan and Roy Campbell taking the reserve.

Some 72 members and friends attended our annual dinner, an excellent evening was enjoyed by all who were entertained by Alex Fleming who gave an enjoyable after dinner speech.

Our Annual Stockjudging took place in November once again where Robert Laird Cambwell, acted as Master Judge. The Open class was won by Robert Hamilton, Juniors Finlay Clark, Young Farmers Andrew Johnstone with Carluke taking the Young Farmers team award.

The Club's Carcase Competition was once again held at Wishaw abattoir in conjunction with the Macduff Beef Event. Some 38 lambs were entered for the competition with Tom Frame, High Dyke, Strathaven taking the Champion with Alex Leggate taking the reserve awards. The lambs were later sold for £200 and £170.

This rounded off a very busy year for the club and we all look forward to 2013 with optimism.

*Brian Ross*  
Secretary

# Shropshire & Borders Club

The In-Lamb Sale at Welshpool was the first event of the club year kindly judged by Mr Frank Rushton (Fresh Fields).

**A** good trade prevailed with the highlight being a Gimmer sired by Penparc Nobleman (SJP07056) presented by Mr Robert Bennett (Plasucha) selling for 2,000gns to the Penparc Flock.

The New Year began with the traditional Ten Pin bowling at Shrewsbury, the three winners from last year all retained their titles, we may have to introduce a handicap system for next year.

The Progeny Show held at Shrewsbury Market was again well supported by the members. This was kindly judged by Mr David Bradley-Farmer, who found his overall champion in a Ewe lamb shown by Mr Robert Bennett of the Plasucha Flock, and reserve champion was also won by Robert with his second prize ewe lamb. The young handlers' competition was expertly judged by the president's wife Mrs Carolynne Williams with the help of her granddaughter Kaity. The junior section was won by Caoimhe Shields and the seniors by Henry Gibbs.

The Club held two prime lamb classes for Texel sired lambs at Shrewsbury and Welshpool Livestock Markets. The Shrewsbury competition attracted an entry of 300 lambs. The young farmers section grew in popularity with four different young farmer clubs entering.

This year's three day trip took us overseas to the Isle of Man. On Friday we visited the Barrule flock and the Braaid Flock. Saturday saw us visit the Ballaglonney and the Orrisdale Flocks, before a quick lap of the TT course, in the bus. Many thanks to

all our hosts for a great weekend of quality sheep and for making us so welcome on the Isle of Man.

The Flock competition was again well supported with two very full days of judging. This year was kindly judged by Mr Wynn Davies of the Bronallt Flock. Congratulations to Mr Robert Pierce of the Oldford Flock on winning the championship.

In July we had a good day out, visiting the Kingsland Flock. Many thanks to Peter, James and family for their hospitality and allowing the club to visit the flock before their August sale.

The club held its first sale of the season at Shrewsbury and was judged by Mr David Orrells, Llegodig. The champion was a Shearling Ram bred by Steve and Carolynne Williams, Wollascott. Shearling rams averaged £504 with ram lambs averaging £265.

The ram sale at Welshpool was judged by Peter Longdin, Wellingley, he awarded the championship to a ram lamb, bred by James Ruggeri (Gyrhos). Shearling rams achieved an average of £490 and ram lambs £302, with an excellent overall clearance of 93%. In November we had an inter-club ten pin bowling evening with Ruthin, and after a close competition we finished second.

I would like to thank the committee and members for supporting the club's events and sales during my time as chairman.

*Martin Pritchard*  
Chairman



# Solway & Tyne Club

Flock visit to 'Sportsmans and Mellor Vale' - Mid July saw the club visit the flocks of Charlie Boden, where we also got the chance to see the noted herd of Charollais and Limousin cattle.

**F**lock visits to 'Etrick and Tima' in August saw us go across into the Borders to visit the Gray family. Once again this was another great visit with another fantastic turnout of Solway and Tyne and Scottish club members with the hospitality second to none.

Our thanks go to both the Boden and Gray families for the great days and hospitality.

## Social Evening

Our speaker for the evening was the North East comedian Ernie Coe. Our thanks go to Stephen Harrison for judging the flock competition and presenting the awards. Our congratulations to the Graham family 'Hallrigg' flock on winning the Tinwald Points trophy for the second year in a row.

## Agri Expo 2012

This again proved a fantastic day, with thousands attending. Due to the club hosting the Society AGM, the committee took the decision to have a smaller

un-manned stand for this year, but we will be back in 2013 with our usual larger stand and hospitality.

## Society's AGM at Slaley Hall

This being the club's 30th anniversary we were delighted to host the Society's AGM at Slaley Hall, Hexham. The weekend was a huge success and our thanks go to Tommy MacTaggart for helping Robert Pigg to organise such a great weekend. The charity auction and raffle held over the weekend raised over £6,500, which will be donated equally between The Great North Air Ambulance and MacMillan Nurses.

Thank you to all members who have helped out over the last year and supported the Club's events. We look forward to seeing you at the Club sales, visits and events in 2013, starting with our trip to Orkney in June.


*Emma Pigg*  
Club Secretary



Presentation of cheques

# South Eastern Club

I dare say that the common thread for most of this year's club reports will concern the weather, with 2012 now confirmed as the wettest in England for 100 years.

 n many days it has been hard to work out who is more depressed with the wet - the sheep or me. But someone said to me you should never complain and you just have to manage with what you are given. Probably you will be reading this after a record dry spring and listening to drought warnings on the radio.

This year has been another good year for Texels in the area. Despite difficult conditions all the local shows were well attended with judges reporting a difficult time in sorting classes out, such was the standard. It is good to see the strength of Texel classes compared to many other terminal sire breeds who are struggling to maintain their own sections at many shows.

The autumn sales were very positive and the first sale was our own sale at Ashford.

In its second year we saw a good turnout of buyers and they were willing to spend, with performance recorded rams in much demand. We thank auctioneers Hobbs Parker for their continued support, which is a reflection of the importance of the Texel breed to the market as a whole. This year saw Tim Healy stand down as our area director after many years service.

We thank him for all his efforts in helping the breed as a whole, much of the work unseen. I wish everyone well for the next 12 months.

*Peter Sutton*  
Chairman



# South Wales Club

My time as chairman began at our AGM, on the 10th of May, at Penyrheol.

**T**hen on the 2nd and 3rd of June, Josie and I had the pleasure of escorting Steve Smith (Penparc) around South Wales on our flock competition, from the west coast, to Hay on Wye in the east, visiting some places I hadn't been before and seeing some very good sheep, (when we found them). David Meek's dog took two laps of the field and about twenty minutes before emerging out of the fog with his gimmers. Luckily there are no time penalties in this competition. Many thanks Steve for doing a great job.

On this year's trip we headed north, visiting the Royel/Cowal flocks, the Etrick/Tima flocks, the Alwent/Deneside flocks and the Tophill flock. Everyone having a great time, seeing some fantastic sheep, travelling through parts of the country most had not seen before and enjoying the wonderful hospitality of all our hosts. Thanks to Roy Campbell, Gordon Gray, Doug Nesbitt, David Houghton and all your families for all your hard work in trying conditions.

Then came the Royal Welsh Show, and what a show it was. Summer arrived just as ordered, and the sun shone brightly on our club members with three red rosettes. First came senior ram and male champion from Des and Irena's Einon flock, then Trujim's gimmer and DJJ Watkins ram lamb came out on top, beating some big moneyed opposition on the way. Then at the Society's evening reception one flock shone again to

add to their day's success, Des and Irena took all the silverware they could carry: All Wales champions, South Wales champions, best small flock, best gimmers and best stock ram. David Meek took first medium flock and Trujim first large flock.

Following the success of the Einon flock, Des and Irena kindly agreed to hold an open day so that all club members could have the pleasure of seeing the top flock in Wales. This took place on the 19th of August with over 70 members coming to the flock and enjoying a lovely buffet.

Our annual club dinner took place at the White Hart, Llandeilo, an enjoyable evening and an interesting talk by my speaker Marilyn Birch, of Birch Farm Plastics. We presented flock competition winners with their certificates and prize money, followed by our auction and raffle in which we raised £830 in aid of the air ambulance.

As I'm sure you all know our club has the pleasure of hosting this year's, National AGM. Our chosen venue is the Vale Hotel/Resort, just off the M4 close to Cardiff and easily accessible by road or air. We are putting together a programme of culture and entertainment for your enjoyment. I would like to personally invite you to come along and join us on this special occasion.

*John Haroldick*  
Chairman

## South West Club

As I write this there is three inches of snow on the ground outside, which couldn't be better conditions for showing off how hardy Texels are compared to other breeds.

**A**t our two main county shows the Quick family (Loosebeare) dominated the championships. At the Devon County Show they won with a ram sired by Loosebeare Rebel (QEL1000126), grand sire Douganhill Lonestar (GCK05067) and at Cornwall they had Champion with Hull House Special Brew (MJH1101250) and Reserve Champion with a shearling ewe sired by Cennen Magnum (TCA06089).

The club had a very successful outing to Axminster Carpets; firstly visiting the Buckfastleigh wool collection and processing depot, where it was very surprising to all of us how much work was required to the raw product before they were able to use the fibres. We had a good pub lunch before we visited the carpet production facility to see the design and manufacture of the finished carpets.

At our Club sale, which is combined with the NSA sale held at Exeter Market in August, top price was achieved by Robert and Rebecca Jordan's Moortown shearling ram, which made 940gns. The standard of the shearling rams was excellent, with many good females also being sold on the day. At the Welsh National Sale the Quick family sold a Loosebeare shearling ram sired by Quercus Puregold (QHJ09020) for 4,600gns.

At the NSA Builth Wells sale Robert Watts (Rowden) had the top price from any flock in the South West for a shearling ram sired by Chargeto Roberto (MLF1000102), which made 1,700gns.

Our annual Flock Competition, which attracted many good entries, was judged by Eurgain Jones (Beidiog) for which we are very grateful. She placed Michael Lear's Sidborough Flock as Champion. This achievement entitles Michael and Claudine to host the 2013 AGM and we all look forward to an outstanding day.

**No pressure!!**

As a result of the AGM held in November 2012 we now have a new team running the South West Texel Club. Chairman is Alan Draper (Hollyford) and new Secretary is Michelle Moore (Millennium) (Tel no 01398 341608), the new Vice Chairman is Rebecca Jordan (Moortown) and to keep us all in line is our Treasurer Ruth Cook. Many thanks to our retiring Chairman Graham Hill (Rolle) and many thanks for seventeen years of dedicated service to John and Sue Robinson (Cotton Valley), our retiring secretaries, official and unofficial!!

*Alan Draper*  
Chairman



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# Derbyshire

Judge: Tom Ironmonger – FLAGG MOOR

| Best Small Flock                                                       |                                                                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1st F Rushton - FRESH FIELDS                                           |                                                                        |
| 2nd A Stone - EMLOU                                                    |                                                                        |
| 3rd R Cartledge - PLATTIN                                              |                                                                        |
| Best Stock Ram                                                         | Best Homebred Ram                                                      |
| 1st F Rushton - FRESH FIELDS<br>FORKINS SIMPLY THE BEST - GAF I 100330 | 1st F Rushton - FRESH FIELDS<br>FRESH FIELDS TRENDSETTER - RFFI 200078 |
| 2nd R Cartledge - PLATTIN<br>BEIDWEN ROLEX - YJEI 003076               | 2nd A Stone - EMLOU<br>EMLOU TROJAN - SNEI 200315                      |
| 3rd A Stone - EMLOU<br>COSYN TEXELS SHEEN - BCYI 100054                | 3rd R Cartledge - PLATTIN<br>PLATTIN TROJAN - CPR I 200087             |
| Best Three Shearling Ewes                                              | Best Three Ewe Lambs                                                   |
| 1st F Rushton - FRESH FIELDS                                           | 1st F Rushton - FRESH FIELDS                                           |
| 2nd R Cartledge - PLATTIN                                              | 2nd R Cartledge - PLATTIN                                              |
| 3rd A Stone - EMLOU                                                    | 3rd A Stone - EMLOU                                                    |
| Overall Champion                                                       | Reserve Champion                                                       |
| F Rushton - FRESH FIELDS                                               | A Stone - EMLOU                                                        |

## Derbyshire Club Newcomers

| Best Stock Ram                                                                | Best Homebred Ram                                                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1st D Beech & Family - ORMERLEY<br>HADD0 TORNADO - KWJ I 200445               | 1st D Beech & Family - ORMERLEY<br>ORMERLEY TREMENDOUS - BZY I 200504       |
| 2nd P Kirkham & Amy Brunt - WATERS EDGE<br>BEAUTRY SPONDULICKS - CUB I 100364 | 2nd S Talbot - JENAH<br>JENAH SEVERUS - TBO I 100233                        |
| 3rd S Talbot - JENAH<br>PLATTIN RIGSBY - CPR I 000014                         | 3rd P Kirkham & Amy Brunt - WATERS EDGE<br>WATERS EDGE SPARKY - KPWI 100228 |
| Shearling Ewes                                                                | Ewe Lamb                                                                    |
| 1st D Beech & Family - ORMERLEY                                               | 1st D Beech & Family - ORMERLEY                                             |
| 2nd P Kirkham & Amy Brunt - WATERS EDGE                                       | 2nd P Kirkham & Amy Brunt - WATERS EDGE                                     |
| 3rd S Talbot - JENAH                                                          | 3rd S Talbot - JENAH                                                        |
| Best Flock                                                                    |                                                                             |
| David Beech & Family - ORMERLEY                                               |                                                                             |

# Eastern

Judge: Robert Cartledge - PLATTIN

| Best Large Flock                                                             | Best Small Flock                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1st J & SWilliams - HONEYHILL                                                | 1st S Cobbald - LAVENHAM                                          |
| 2nd J & B Leadbetter - BLACKBIRD                                             | 2nd Tina Ashley - LINCS                                           |
| 3rd SHC Rawlings - WISTON                                                    | 3rd T & J Prentice - WOOLNEY                                      |
| Senior Stock Ram                                                             | Junior Stock Ram                                                  |
| 1st T & J Prentice - WOOLNEY<br>SPORTSMAN'S SIREN - BGS1 100255              | 1st J & SWilliams - HONEYHILL<br>HIGH WEALD TITANIUM - TDV1200980 |
| 2nd T,J & A Lockhart - MELTON CONSTABLE<br>MICKLEHURST SMASHER - SXMI 100179 | 2nd A Pinny - ALLOAKS<br>CAIRNESS TOP GUN - DJV1201401            |
| 3rd S Bothwell - GLENLEARY<br>MILNBANK SPUNKY - LYMI 100383                  | 3rd N & E Pamplin - ASHFIELD<br>EGLUR TOP HAT - ECEI200108        |
| Pen of Four Ewe Lambs                                                        | Pen of Three Ram Lambs                                            |
| 1st S Cobbald - LAVENHAM                                                     | 1st J & SWilliams - HONEYHILL                                     |
| 2nd Tina Ashley - LINCS                                                      | 2nd Tina Ashley - LINCS                                           |
| 3rd T & J Prentice - WOOLNEY                                                 | 3rd T & J Prentice - WOOLNEY                                      |
| Overall Champion Flock                                                       |                                                                   |
| S Cobbald – LAVENHAM                                                         |                                                                   |
| Overall Reserve Champion Flock                                               |                                                                   |
| J & SWilliams - HONEYHILL                                                    |                                                                   |

# Gloucester & Border Counties

Judge: Graham Jones – MABON

| Best Large Flock                       | Best Small Flock                 |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1st D & C Martyn - BARNAGE             | 1st C S Ponting & Co - PENSTONES |
| 2nd A & S Andrews - MISERDEN           | 2nd R Gilbert - AELMUND          |
| 3rd D I Corfield & Partners - FORDWELL | 3rd P & C Houldey - HARTPURY     |
| Best Gimmers                           |                                  |
| C S Ponting & Co - PENSTONES           |                                  |
| Champion                               |                                  |
| C S Ponting & Co - PENSTONES           |                                  |

# Highlands

Judge: Charles Copeland – OVERHOUSE

| <b>Best Large Flock</b>                                 |  | <b>Best Medium Flock</b>            |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1st Charles Ryrie - KIRK                                |  | 1st Johnnie Campbell - BARDNACLAVAN |  |
| 2nd Ian Campbell - TODHOLES                             |  | 2nd Steven Sutherland - SIBMISTER   |  |
| 3rd Philip Gill - TEMPLAND                              |  | 3rd Douglas Webster - LOWER REISS   |  |
| <b>Best Small Flock</b>                                 |  | <b>Ewe Lambs Large Flock</b>        |  |
| 1st D MacKenzie - HIGH GABLES                           |  | 1st Philip Gill - TEMPLAND          |  |
| 2nd John Forbes - BOULTACH                              |  | 2nd Charles Ryrie - KIRK            |  |
| <b>Ewe Lambs Medium Flock</b>                           |  | <b>Ewe Lambs Small Flock</b>        |  |
| 1st Steven Sutherland - SIBMISTER                       |  | 1st John Forbes - BOULTACH          |  |
| 2nd Alan Chisholm - WESTER MOY                          |  |                                     |  |
| 3rd James Barnetson - LYNEGAR                           |  |                                     |  |
| <b>Best Stud Ram</b>                                    |  |                                     |  |
| 1st Ewan Simpson - CLAYBURY SEATTLE - DHLI 100070       |  |                                     |  |
| 2nd Steven Sutherland - ARKLE ROCKET FLARE - WGA1000113 |  |                                     |  |
| 3rd James Barnetson - STRAIDARRAN SUNBEAM - VXS1100093  |  |                                     |  |
| <b>Best Overall Flock</b>                               |  |                                     |  |
| Johnnie Campbell - BARDNACLAVAN                         |  |                                     |  |
| <b>Reserve Overall Flock</b>                            |  |                                     |  |
| Steven Sutherland - SIBMISTER                           |  |                                     |  |
| <b>Overall Pen of Ewe Lambs</b>                         |  |                                     |  |
| Steven Sutherland - SIBMISTER                           |  |                                     |  |





# Northern

John & Alison North – LOXLEY

| <b>Best Large Flock</b>                                            | <b>Best Small Flock</b>                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1st J & L Mellin - HULL HOUSE                                      | 1st Jack Lucas - FIMBER                                  |
| 2nd Procters Farm Limited - PROCTERS                               | 2nd John Duffy - SILPHO                                  |
| 3rd John Howard - QUERCUS                                          | 3rd Charles Arrand - STONECLIFFE                         |
| <b>Best Stock Ram Lamb</b>                                         | <b>Best Senior Stock Ram</b>                             |
| 1st Procters Farm Limited<br>BRAEHEAD TOUCH OF CLASS<br>QDA1200207 | 1st J & L Mellin<br>HILL TOP PREDATOR<br>PKH090555       |
| 2nd John Howard<br>TOPHILL TROUPER - HPH1200341                    | 2nd Procters Farm Limited<br>MIDLOCK STARKY - WKMI105382 |
| 3rd J & L Mellin<br>SPORTSMAN'S TERRIFIC II - BGS1200498           | 3rd John Duffy<br>PARKHOLME SIRUS - TGPI100267           |
| <b>Overall Champion Flock</b>                                      |                                                          |
| 1st J & L Mellin - HULL HOUSE                                      |                                                          |
| 2nd Jack Lucas - FIMBER                                            |                                                          |
| 3rd John Howard - QUERCUS                                          |                                                          |
| <b>Overall Reserve Champion Flock</b>                              |                                                          |
| J & L Mellin - HULL HOUSE                                          |                                                          |
| <b>Overall Reserve Champion Flock</b>                              |                                                          |
| Procters Farm Limited - PROCTERS                                   |                                                          |



# Northern Ireland

Judge: John Mellin - HULL HOUSE

| Best Large Flock (10 Lambs)                                                                                                            |  | Best Medium Flock (6 Lambs)                                                                                    |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 1st R Henderson - BALLYNAHONE                                                                                                          |  | 1st V Chestnutt - CLOUGHER                                                                                     |  |
| 2nd A Gault - FORKINS                                                                                                                  |  | 2nd K & L Beacom - CASTLEKNOWE                                                                                 |  |
| 3rd A & J Young - KILRAIL HOUSE                                                                                                        |  | 3rd M Smyth - FOYLEVIEW                                                                                        |  |
| Best Small Flock (4 Lambs)                                                                                                             |  | Best Senior Stock Ram                                                                                          |  |
| 1st B Williamson - FARMHILL                                                                                                            |  | 1st J Foster - SPRINGHILL,<br>J Wilson - BLACKSTOWN<br>CROSSKIRK SUPERSTAR - SLFI 100011                       |  |
| 2nd P Whyte - INNISHRUSH                                                                                                               |  | 2nd A Gault, Procter's Farm, A Shaw, B Renwick,<br>J Douglas, R Strawbridge<br>SPORTSMAN'S SCANIA - BGS1100214 |  |
| 3rd S Gordon - LINDSTAIR                                                                                                               |  | 3rd J Foster - SPRINGHILL<br>BLACKSTOWN ROCKY - WWB1000056                                                     |  |
| Best Junior Stock Ram                                                                                                                  |  | Large Flock                                                                                                    |  |
| 1st A Gault, R Henderson, R Strawbridge,<br>M Warnock, S McAuley, P O'Connor, B<br>Williamson & A Liggett<br>KNOCK TRAVIS - HAK1200402 |  | 1st J Foster - SPRINGHILL                                                                                      |  |
| 2nd Sam Gordon - LINDSTAIR<br>TEIGLUM TROY - CFT1201694                                                                                |  | 2nd R Henderson - BALLNAHONE                                                                                   |  |
| 3rd Simpson & Calvin - BALLYHIVISTOCK<br>TULLAGH TALISMAN - CJT1200325                                                                 |  | 3rd J Young - KILRAIL HOUSE                                                                                    |  |
| Medium Flock                                                                                                                           |  | Small Flock                                                                                                    |  |
| 1st J Wilson - BLACKSTOWN                                                                                                              |  | 1st S Gordon - LINDSTAIR                                                                                       |  |
| 2nd A Gault - FORKINS                                                                                                                  |  | 2nd A Liggett - CORBO                                                                                          |  |
| 3rd L & K Beacom - CASTLEKNOWE                                                                                                         |  | 3rd M Smyth - FOYLEVIEW                                                                                        |  |
| Overall Champion                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                                                |  |
| J Foster - SPRINGHILL                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                                |  |
| Reserve Overall Champion                                                                                                               |  |                                                                                                                |  |
| R. Henderson - BALLNAHONE                                                                                                              |  |                                                                                                                |  |



# North Scotland

Judge: J Warnock – WATCHKNOWE

| Large Flock                                                          | Medium Flock                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1st B Buchan - CLINTERTY                                             | 1st G Morrison - DEVERONVALE      |
| 2nd S & R Milton - TULLOCHALLUM                                      | 2nd Mrs E Alexander - BREDDIE'S   |
| 3rd R Blackhall - SHEEOCH                                            | 3rd JT Mackie - MILTON OF NOTH    |
| Small Flock                                                          | Ewe Lambs Large Flock             |
| 1st K Ingram - AULTMORE                                              | 1st S & R Milton - TULLOCHALLUM   |
| 2nd W Cruden & C Cruden - KIRKTON                                    | 2nd R Blackhall - SHEEOCH         |
| 3rd M Leggat - MAKA                                                  | 3rd Wendy Willox - STRATHINVER    |
| Ewe Lambs Medium Flock                                               | Ewe Lambs Small Flock             |
| 1st G Morrison - DEVERONVALE                                         | 1st K Ingram - AULTMORE           |
| 2nd JT Mackie - MILTON OF NOTH                                       | 2nd M Leggat - MAKA               |
| 3rd Mrs E Alexander - BREDDIE'S                                      | 3rd W Cruden & C Cruden - KIRKTON |
| Champion Stock Ram                                                   |                                   |
| S & R Milton - TULLOCHALLUM - MILNBANK STILL NO LIMITS - LYMI 100409 |                                   |
| Reserve Champion Stock Ram                                           |                                   |
| R & K Davidson - CORSAIRTLY - DEVERONVALE OREGANO - MGV08328         |                                   |
| Champion Pen of Ewe Lambs                                            |                                   |
| S & R Milton - TULLOCHALLUM                                          |                                   |
| Champion Flock                                                       |                                   |
| B Buchan - CLINTERTY                                                 |                                   |



# North West

Judge: Steve Richardson – STONEBRIDGE

| Best Large Flock                                               |  | Best Small Flock                                     |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 1st Procters Farm - PROCTERS                                   |  | 1st David Pickervance - BRINDLE                      |  |
| 2nd John Mellin - HULL HOUSE                                   |  | 2nd A Weston - LIMESTONE<br>F Rushton - FRESH FIELDS |  |
|                                                                |  | 3rd Jennifer Aiken - CONISTON                        |  |
| Pen of 10 Gimmers (Large Flock)                                |  | Pen of Five Gimmers (Small Flock)                    |  |
| 1st John Mellin - HULL HOUSE                                   |  | 1st R Pierce - OLDFIELD                              |  |
| 2nd Procters Farm - PROCTERS                                   |  | 2nd A Weston - LIMESTONE                             |  |
|                                                                |  | 3rd F Rushton - FRESH FIELDS                         |  |
| Champion Pen of Gimmer Lambs                                   |  |                                                      |  |
| R Pierce - OLDFIELD                                            |  |                                                      |  |
| Pen of Five Gimmers (Novice Class)                             |  |                                                      |  |
| 1st J Robinson - KAKER MILL                                    |  |                                                      |  |
| 2nd Chris Ladds - BENSON HALL                                  |  |                                                      |  |
| Best Stock Ram                                                 |  |                                                      |  |
| 1st John Mellin - HULL HOUSE - HILLTOP PREDATOR - PKH090555    |  |                                                      |  |
| 2nd A Weston - LIMESTONE - MITCHELLHILL SUNDANCE - KJMI 100105 |  |                                                      |  |
| 3rd R Pierce - OLDFIELD - SPORTSMAN'S TREMENDOUS - BGS1200471  |  |                                                      |  |
| Novice Class                                                   |  |                                                      |  |
| 1st J Robinson - KAKER MILL                                    |  |                                                      |  |
| 2nd Chris Ladds - BENSON HALL                                  |  |                                                      |  |
| Overall Champion                                               |  | Reserve Champion                                     |  |
| Procters Farm - PROCTERS                                       |  | John Mellin - HULL HOUSE                             |  |



# North Wales

Judge: Cefin Pryce – CAEREINION

| Best Flock                      | Pen of Ram Lambs                                                                |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1st Wyn Morris - FACHELL        | 1st Wyn Morris - FACHELL                                                        |
| 2nd H G & I E Williams - LLYFNI | 2nd H G & I E Williams - LLYFNI                                                 |
| 3rd H & M Evans - FFRAW         | 3rd H & M Evans - FFRAW                                                         |
| Pen of Ewe Lambs                | Best Stock Ram                                                                  |
| 1st Wyn Morris - FACHELL        | 1st I Jones - LLANGWM & H G & I E Williams<br>LLYFNI - KELSO PICASSO - MBZ09040 |
| 2nd H G & I E Williams - LLYFNI | 2nd D Jones - KITROB<br>SPORTSMAN'S SPITFIRE - BGS1100284                       |
| 3rd I P Jones - LLAWES          | 3rd Osian Rhys - SEIONT<br>KNOCK STETSON - HAK1100211                           |

# Ruthin

Judge: Meilir Jones

| Best Large Flock                  | Best Small Flock            |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1st I P Jones - LLANGWM           | 1st W McCaffrey - SCHOLARS  |
| 2nd G Jones - ERW                 | 2nd R E J Pierce - OLDFORD  |
| 3rd C Davies - EGRYN              | 3rd F Griffies - TUSHINGHAM |
| Best Shearling Ewes (Large Flock) |                             |
| I P Jones - LLANGWM               |                             |
| Best Shearling Ewes (Small Flock) |                             |
| R E J Pierce - OLDFORD            |                             |
| Best Stock TUP                    |                             |
| I P Jones - LLANGWM - MBZ09040    |                             |
| Overall Champion Flock            |                             |
| I P Jones - LLANGWM               |                             |



# Scottish

Judge: Henry Gamble – SPRINGWELL

| Large Flock                                                      |  | Medium Flock                        |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1st T & R Laird - CAMBWELL                                       |  | 1st Clark Farms - TEIGLUM           |  |
| 2nd Mrs L Gray - SCROGTONHEAD                                    |  | 2nd J & H Clark - GARNGOUR          |  |
| 3rd McCosh Brothers - CULTER ALLERS                              |  | 3rd K.A. & R Campbell - COWAL       |  |
| 4th M Reid - KELSO                                               |  | 4th R Cockburn - KNAP               |  |
| Small Flock                                                      |  | Pen of Ewe Lambs (Large Flock)      |  |
| 1st R Struthers - COLLIELAW                                      |  | 1st Mrs L Gray - SCROGTONHEAD       |  |
| 2nd A Neilson - BRACKENRIDGE                                     |  | 2nd T & R Laird - CAMBWELL          |  |
| 3rd I Struthers - CRAIGEND                                       |  | 3rd McCosh Brothers - CULTER ALLERS |  |
| 4th J Dunlop - EASTFIELD                                         |  | 4th J Currie & Sons - CARLINSIDE    |  |
| Pen of Ewe Lambs (Medium Flock)                                  |  | Pen of Ewe Lambs (Small Flock)      |  |
| 1st Clark Farms - TEIGLUM                                        |  | 1st A Neilson - BRACKENRIDGE        |  |
| 2nd J & H Clark - GARNGOUR                                       |  | 2nd J Dunlop - EASTFIELD            |  |
| 3rd M Coubrough - HARTSIDE                                       |  | 3rd A Campbell - STRAWFRANK         |  |
| 4th A Beaton - WESTER CROSSHILL                                  |  | 4th L Daff - GREENSIDE              |  |
| Best Stock TUP                                                   |  |                                     |  |
| Mrs L Gray - SCROGTONHEAD - MITCHELLHILL REAL MCCOY - KJM1000063 |  |                                     |  |
| Champion Pen of Ewe Lambs                                        |  |                                     |  |
| Clark Farms - TEIGLUM                                            |  |                                     |  |
| Reserve Pen of Champion Ewe Lambs                                |  |                                     |  |
| Mrs L Gray - SCROGTONHEAD                                        |  |                                     |  |
| Champion Flock                                                   |  |                                     |  |
| Clark Farms - TEIGLUM                                            |  |                                     |  |
| Reserve Champion Flock                                           |  |                                     |  |
| T & R Laird - CAMBWELL                                           |  |                                     |  |



# Shropshire & Borders

Judge: Wynn Davies – BRONALLT

| <b>Best Large Flock</b>             | <b>Best Medium Flock</b>          |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1st S P & C PWilliams - WOLLASCOTT  | 1st R Pierce - OLDFORD            |
| 2nd S J & H Smith - PENPARC         | 2nd R Bennett - PLASUCHA          |
| 3rd W L & J A Forrester - DOONGUILE | 3rd P Phillips - KIMBOLTON        |
| <b>Best Small Flock</b>             | <b>Best Gimmers (Large Flock)</b> |
| 1st A & M A Bruce - MONARCH         | S P & C PWilliams - WOLLASCOTT    |
| 2nd J & M Heather - SIX OAKS        |                                   |
| 3rd F Griffies - TUSHINGHAM         |                                   |
| <b>Best Gimmers (Medium Flock)</b>  | <b>Best Gimmers (Small Flock)</b> |
| R Pierce - OLDFORD                  | 1st A & M A Bruce - MONARCH       |
| <b>Champion Flock</b>               |                                   |
| R Pierce - OLDFORD                  |                                   |
| <b>Reserve Champion Flock</b>       |                                   |
| R Bennett - PLASUCHA                |                                   |
| <b>Champion Gimmers</b>             |                                   |
| R Pierce - OLDFORD                  |                                   |



# Solway & Tyne

Judge: Stephen Harrison – TINWALD

|                                                  |  |                                     |  |
|--------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Best Large Flock</b>                          |  | <b>Best Medium Flock</b>            |  |
| 1st A McColm - CRAILLOCH                         |  | 1st I Murray - GLENWAY              |  |
| 2nd M Watson - FOUR O BOOT                       |  | 2nd I Galloway - CLANTIBUIES        |  |
| 3rd A Clark - FINEVALLEY                         |  | 3rd Messrs Graham - HALLRIGG        |  |
| <b>Best Small Flock</b>                          |  | <b>Best Ewe Lambs (Large Flock)</b> |  |
| 1st W Tinning - MOSSBAND                         |  | 1st A Clark - FINEVALLEY            |  |
| 2nd B Rayson - SALMONSWELL                       |  | 2nd A McColm - CRAILLOCH            |  |
| 3rd H Currie - BURNHOLM                          |  | 3rd M Watson - FOUR O BOOT          |  |
| <b>Best Ewe Lambs (Medium Flock)</b>             |  | <b>Best Ewe Lambs (Small Flock)</b> |  |
| 1st I Galloway - CLANTIBUIES                     |  | 1st A Walker - NEWHILL              |  |
| 2nd I Murray - GLENWAY                           |  | 2nd D Jarman - STOW BECK            |  |
| 3rd Messrs Graham - HALLRIGG                     |  | 3rd C Stoddart - PENRITH            |  |
| <b>Champion Ewe lambs</b>                        |  |                                     |  |
| I Galloway - CLANTIBUIES                         |  |                                     |  |
| <b>Reserve Champion Ewe Lambs</b>                |  |                                     |  |
| A Clark - FINEVALLEY                             |  |                                     |  |
| <b>Best Stock Ram</b>                            |  |                                     |  |
| 1st M Watson -TEVIOT RAMBO - RBT I 000008        |  |                                     |  |
| 2nd A Clark - CAMBWELL SPY - LTCI 100617         |  |                                     |  |
| 3rd W Tinning - CRAILLOCH SMIRNOFF - MAEI 100617 |  |                                     |  |
| <b>Overall Champion Flock</b>                    |  |                                     |  |
| A McColm - CRAILLOCH                             |  |                                     |  |
| <b>Overall Reserve Champion Flock</b>            |  |                                     |  |
| W Tinning - MOSSBAND                             |  |                                     |  |





# South Wales

Judge: Steve Smith – PENPARC

| Best Large Flock               |  | Best Medium                                                       | Flock |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1st J & T Davies - TRUJIM      |  | 1st D C Meek - DAVICIA                                            |       |
| 2nd G P & M Jones - LLANTHOMAS |  | 2nd D J J Watkins - CWMCERRIG                                     |       |
| 3rd D J Morgan - TYNEWYDD      |  |                                                                   |       |
| Best Small Flock               |  | Best Stock Ram                                                    |       |
| 1st I Lewis - EINON            |  | 1st I Lewis - EINON<br>GLENSIDE ROYAL WELSH - FPG1000045          |       |
| 2nd A & O Hughes - VALE        |  | 2nd E Williams & Sons - STELFOX<br>WHITEHART SUPREME - HWN1100436 |       |
| 3rd D A Davies - IFANDDU       |  | 3rd E Evans & Sons - SCURLAGE CASTLE<br>AMAN SWYNOL - DYA1100080  |       |
| Best Gimmers                   |  |                                                                   |       |
| 1st I Lewis - EINON            |  |                                                                   |       |
| 2nd D C Meek - DAVICIA         |  |                                                                   |       |
| 3rd J & T Davies - TRUJIM      |  |                                                                   |       |
| Champion Flock                 |  |                                                                   |       |
| Irena Lewis - EINON            |  |                                                                   |       |



## South West

Judge: Eurgain Jones - BEIDIOG

| Best Large Flock                                              | Best Small Flock                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1st Michael Lear - SIDBOROUGH                                 | 1st Matt Baker - VENTON                                              |
| 2nd Richard Burrough - GODSWORTHY                             | 2nd Robert & Rebecca Jordan - MOORTOWN                               |
| 3rd A & B Draper - HOLLYFORD<br>Graham Hill - ROLLE           | 3rd A & B Bennett - PENBERLAN<br>Neil & Julia Phillips - RESTRONGUET |
| Best Group of Ram Lambs<br>(Large Flock)                      | Best Group of Ram Lambs<br>(Small Flock)                             |
| 1st Richard Burrough - GODSWORTHY                             | 1st Robert & Rebecca Jordan - MOORTOWN                               |
| 2nd A & B Draper - HOLLYFORD                                  | 2nd Matt Baker - VENTON                                              |
| 3rd Michael Lear - SIDBOROUGH<br>Graham Hill - ROLLE          | 3rd Neil & Julia Phillips - RESTRONGUET                              |
| Best Group of Ewe Lambs<br>(Large Flock)                      | Best Group of Ewe Lambs<br>(Small Flock)                             |
| 1st Michael Lear - SIDBOROUGH                                 | 1st Matt Baker - VENTON                                              |
| 2nd Richard Burrough - GODSWORTHY                             | 2nd A & B Bennett - PENBERLAN                                        |
| 3rd A & B Draper - HOLLYFORD<br>John Robinson - COTTON VALLEY | 3rd Robert & Rebecca Jordan - MOORTOWN                               |
| Overall Champion                                              |                                                                      |
| Michael Lear - SIDBOROUGH                                     |                                                                      |





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# Society Club Sales & Ram Sales 2013

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| <p><b>5 August</b><br/> <b>BUILTH WELLS NSA</b><br/> <b>WALES &amp; BORDER</b><br/>                     Clee, Tompkinson<br/>                     &amp; Francis<br/>                     Tel: 01874 622 488</p> | <p><b>7 September</b><br/> <b>SHREWSBURY</b><br/>                     S.L.A<br/>                     Tel: 01743 462 620</p>                                       | <p><b>21 September</b><br/> <b>WORCESTER</b><br/>                     McCartneys<br/>                     Tel: 01905 769 700</p>                                                                        | <p><b>6 December</b><br/> <b>CARLISLE</b><br/>                     Harrison &amp;<br/>                     Hetherington<br/>                     Tel: 01228 406 230</p>      |
| <p><b>10 August</b><br/> <b>CHELFORD</b><br/>                     Frank Marshall<br/>                     Tel: 01625 861 122</p>                                                                                | <p><b>8 – 9 September</b><br/> <b>RUTHIN</b><br/>                     Ruthin Farmers Auction<br/>                     Tel: 01824 702 025</p>                      | <p><b>22-23 September</b><br/> <b>BUILTH WELLS</b><br/> <b>NSA RAMS</b><br/>                     Clee Tompkinson<br/>                     &amp; Francis<br/>                     Tel: 01874 622 488</p> | <p><b>7 December</b><br/> <b>WORCESTER</b><br/>                     McCartneys<br/>                     Tel: 01905 769 770</p>                                               |
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| <p><b>17 August</b><br/> <b>GAERWEN</b><br/>                     Morgan &amp; Evans<br/>                     Tel: 01248 723 303</p>                                                                             | <p><b>13 September</b><br/> <b>ASHFORD</b> Hobbs<br/>                     Parker<br/>                     Tel: 01233 502 222</p>                                  | <p><b>26 September</b><br/> <b>CLITHEROE</b><br/>                     Lawrie &amp; Symington<br/>                     Tel: 01555 662 281</p>                                                            | <p><b>20 December</b><br/> <b>WELSHPOOL</b><br/>                     Welshpool<br/>                     Livestock Sales<br/>                     Tel: 01938 553 438</p>      |
| <p><b>31 August</b><br/> <b>KENDAL</b><br/>                     Kendal Auction Mart<br/>                     Lawrie &amp; Symington<br/>                     Tel: 01555 662 281</p>                             | <p><b>13 September</b><br/> <b>RUTHIN</b><br/> <b>DUTCH TEXEL</b><br/>                     Ruthin Farmers Auction<br/>                     Tel: 01824 702 025</p> | <p><b>27 September</b><br/> <b>LEYBURN</b><br/>                     Leyburn Livestock<br/>                     Auction Mart<br/>                     Tel: 01969 926 167</p>                             | <p><b>20 December</b><br/> <b>LLANDOVERY</b><br/>                     Clee Tompkinson<br/>                     &amp; Francis<br/>                     Tel: 01874 622 488</p> |
| <p><b>5 September</b><br/> <b>SEDGEMOOR</b><br/>                     Greenslade, Taylor Hunt<br/>                     Tel: 01278 410 278</p>                                                                    | <p><b>19 September</b><br/> <b>LANARK</b><br/>                     Lawrie &amp; Symington<br/>                     Tel: 01555 662 281</p>                         | <p><b>28 September</b><br/> <b>CARLISLE</b><br/>                     Harrison &amp;<br/>                     Hetherington<br/>                     Tel: 01228 406 230</p>                               |                                                                                                                                                                              |
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# Society Club Sales Northern Ireland

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| <p><b>7 September</b><br/>ENNISKILLIEN<br/>Ulster Farmers Mart<br/>Tel: 028 6632 2218</p>        | <p><b>16 September</b><br/>HILLTOWN<br/>Hilltown Mart<br/>Tel: 028 4063 0287</p>                 | <p><b>26 September</b><br/>CLOGHER<br/>Richard Beattie's<br/>Livestock Sales<br/>Tel: 028 8164 7105</p>   | <p>Date &amp; Venue to<br/>be confirmed<br/>IN-LAMB EWE<br/>Further details contact<br/>N.I. Club Secretary:<br/>07791 679112</p> |
| <p><b>12 September</b><br/>ARMOY<br/>D McAllister<br/>Tel: 028 2177 1227</p>                     | <p><b>18 September</b><br/>BALLYMENA<br/>JA McClelland<br/>Tel: 028 2563 3470</p>                | <p><b>3 October</b><br/>GORTIN<br/>Richard Beattie's<br/>Livestock Sales<br/>Tel: 028 8164 7105</p>       | <p>2013</p>                                                                                                                       |

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**BFE1100018**

Sold to Allistair Beaton  
Sire : Tamnamoney Ned



**Plasucha Tulip**

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Ewe Lamb RWAS +  
4<sup>th</sup> Prize Ewe Lamb RHASS 2012  
Sire : Kingledores Scaramouche



**Plasucha TuTu**

Un-shown in 2012  
Dam : Plasucha RiRi  
Sire : Kingledores Scaramouche



**Plasucha Tulisa**

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Ewe Lamb RWAS +  
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Sire : Kingledores Scaramouche



**BFE1100020**

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Sire : Tamnamoney Ned

## The Ladies

30 gimmers for sale in 2013 sired by  
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Sire : Connachan Sharky



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### Glenside Ring a Ding

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### **4th May**

Progeny Show at 5 p.m. at Llandovery

### **11th May**

A.G.M. at Abercrychan Farm,  
Llandovery

### **8th June**

Flock Competition

### **14th - 16th June**

Flock Visit to North Wales – Details  
from the Secretary

### **Mid August**

Annual Ram Safari

### **Saturday 2nd November**

National A.G.M. and Dinner

## New Members Welcome

## SALES 2013

### **5th August**

Early NSA Ram Sale at the Royal Welsh  
Showground

### **20th August**

16th Annual Production Sale of  
Pedigree Texels for Jim Jones of  
the Preswylfa Flock at Llandovery  
Market

### **6th September**

Evening Club Sale at Llandovery

### **23rd September**

Main NSA Ram Sale at Royal Welsh  
Showground

### **20th December**

In-Lamb Ewes at Llandovery

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