



Whitefaced Woodland Sheep Society

Web site: www.whitefacedwoodland.co.uk

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AGM and Farm Visit Saturday 18 October

Helen Wray writes:

“We will provide a BBQ with other hot and cold dishes. I haven't really decided what yet but no doubt one will have some WFW in it. I only need to know rough numbers, however, it would be useful to know if there are any vegetarians.

As for activities..... our WFW flock will be available for inspection and criticism. We will also have the Northern Dairy Shorthorns on view.

We have an extensive collection of agricultural antiquities on display and we have chosen a few of the most unusual to form a quiz. We will have a prize for the most correct answers. There is also one rather weird looking object that we have no idea about. The first person to identify its use will win a bottle of wine.

Our website is www.gamfarmrarebreeds.co.uk and on the How To Find Us page there is a map and a description of how to get to Gam Farm.

Gam farm sits on the edge of the village of Grassington. Follow the main street up the hill and out of the village. You will pass the Town Hall on your right, then a small public car park also on your right. You can almost see our farm gate from here, it's just 100 metres up the hill on your right.”

The full address is: Gam Farm, Moor Lane, Grassington, North Yorkshire BD23 5BD

Please will you let Helen know if you are planning to attend or if you have special dietary requirements. Phone: 01756 749303 or e-mail gamfarmrarebreeds@ymail.com

The Annual General Meeting will begin at 11 o'clock

AGENDA

- 1.Members present and apologies received
- 2.Minutes of the 2013 AGM as circulated
- 3.Chairman's report of the year
- 4.Treasurer's report and Accounts
- 5.Election of officers
- 6.Whitefaced Woodland Register
- 7.Any other business

Item 3: The Chairman will report at the meeting
Item 4: The Accounts will be available at the meeting

Item 5: Paul Dixon and Rob Ford both retire after three years' sterling service and are not eligible for re-election. Philip Onions, who became Joint Vice Chairman last year, is prepared to continue as Vice Chairman. Paul Thorp has agreed to stand as the new Chairman, proposed by Philip Onions and seconded by Rachel Godschalk.

Item 6: The Flock Book Review Committee proposes that the Register of Whitefaced Woodland Sheep be transferred to the Flock Book currently produced by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST) where it will be maintained by RBST in association with The Whitefaced Woodland Sheep Society.

Details will be made available at the AGM for informal discussion before the matter is referred to the WWSS management committee for further advancement.

Show Results

Hayfield Show

Judge: Robert Cottrill

Champion: Simon Burford's shearling tup

Reserve Champion: James Gill's shearling ewe

Annual Woodland Show and Sale at Bretton Mill

Judge: James Gill

Aged tups – 7 forward

1st Robert and Angela Crampton with a 4-shear tup bred by Neville Belfield

2nd Simon Burford

3rd Clive Mitchell

Shearling tups – 12 forward

1st Simon Burford with a tup out of Gill 125 and a Burford ewe

2nd Robert and Angela Crampton

3rd Paul Thorp

The Champion, and winner of the Ken Wild trophy was Simon Burford's shearling tup, shown by Tony Redfern. Reserve Champion was Robert and Angela Crampton's aged tup.

Bretton Mill Sheep Sale Report

The female trade was strong, the ram trade mixed. There were plenty of customers and quality goods. A large contingent of buyers from far and wide attended with buyers from Scotland, Wales, Northumberland and as far down as Leicestershire. Forward 200 plus.

Highlights of £1250 paid by Jeff Dowey for the Champion Shearling Ram sold by Simon Burford. £900 for 3rd prize Shearling Ram sold by Paul Thorp to Angela Crampton, Grassington.

2nd prize Shearling Ram sold by Angela Crampton for £600 to Liz Jones of Leicestershire. Shearling Ram from N Belfield sold for £750 to Mrs C Hodgson.

Total clearance of females, top prices 4 Shearling Ewes from Julie Beardwell of £172 to Mr Gilbertson. Shearlings from Angela Crampton of £160 to Camphill of Middlesbrough.

The star point of sale was Angela Crampton's Tup Lamb sold for £580 to Harold Smith of Dunford Bridge. I think this is a record price for a Ram Lamb.

Due to problems with mechanics the sale will have to be at a new venue in 2015. Date and time to follow. Thanks for your support, Paul

As soon as I've circulated the Newsletter and finished documenting all the sheep that have recently been inspected, I shall produce a spread sheet of the Bretton Mill sale prices. Please let me know if you would like a copy. AG

Thanks to Julie Beardwell, I can give more detail on the prices achieved at Skipton on 30 August:

Of the nine shearling ewes forward, only one failed to reach £100. Top price was £205, with an average of £136. This was an increase on 2013 prices of £29 (average) and £47 (top price). Jean and Robert Price's ram lamb sold for £210, two of their ewe lambs for £126 and the remaining two for £110. A two shear ewe made £142.

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