



Whitefaced Woodland Sheep Society

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Open Day at Stott Hall Farm on 22 October

We're planning to hold the Open Day on Saturday 22nd October, starting with the AGM at 10.30am. 'Sheep activities' will follow straight afterwards.

Paul Thorp and Jill Falkingham are our hosts, and the full address is Stott Hall Farm, Rishworth, Sowerby Bridge, HX6 4QY.

To get there: come off the M62 at Junction 22 and head towards Halifax on the A672 for about three miles, passing a large reservoir on your right. When you get to the end of the reservoir, you will see a dam wall with a little car park and just after here there is a right turning (signposted with a brown picnic sign) which you take. It drops down under the dam wall - its called Moselden Lane but it's not signposted anywhere. The road curves around to the left, away from dam wall and you'll see some large boulders on your right, turn in here and follow the drive all the way up, under the eastbound carriageway, then turn right into the farm yard. Yes, the farm is in the middle of the motorway...

We're going to try and encourage members from the Holme Valley YFC, as well as Woodland breeders and anyone else who might be interested. The day will be similar to last year at Jeff and Helen's: pens of same age/sex sheep will have been 'judged' hopefully by James Gill and Jeff Dowey, prior to anyone seeing the sheep. Everyone can then have the opportunity to handle the sheep and place them in the order they think. This can be done individually or in pairs!! At the end James and Jeff can then tell everyone their choice with explanation. Slightly different to last year, we will also have four aged tups that will be held out for everyone to judge. This will be an opportunity for people to put forward their opinions and hopefully show 'the experts' that

they have been able to identify faults as well as recognise qualities in the breed. There will also be a pen of 'guess the breed' sheep. We hope that Paul will start the day by giving a brief breed description as well, which is something that he would also like to discuss at the AGM.

Paul and Jill have very kindly offered to provide drinks and lunch, which will probably be hot beef stew with a vegetarian lasagne for non meat eaters. For catering purposes, ***please will you let Jill know by 15 October at the latest, if you are planning to attend.*** Her mobile is 07730 402812, or e-mail jillyf1@fsmail.net

2011 AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 10.30 am on Saturday 22 October 2011 at Stott Hall Farm, Rishworth, Sowerby Bridge, HX6 4QY.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are due to retire at the AGM, having completed three years in office. **Nominations for these posts**, proposed and seconded (or for any of the other positions listed on page 4), **should be sent to the Secretary by 8 October**. If you have any **resolutions** you want put to the meeting, or **any topics you want discussed**, please also let Rachel know by 8 October.

Subscriptions for 2011/12

Subscriptions became due on 1 September and remain at £10 for the year. Please send your cheque to the Membership Secretary, at the address on the back page – or catch Rachel at the Woodland Sale at Bretton Mill on 24 September.

Chairman's Message

With a rather hectic showing season coming to a close but with Hayfield still to go I would just like to say how very pleasing it has been to see youngsters topping the charts at Hope especially. (See photo).

Congratulations to John and Chereen for presenting such outstanding examples of the breed and judged to be in that position by supreme expert Rider Howard.

The Annual Woodland Show and Sale at Bretton Mill is this coming Saturday...don't miss it, even if the weather turns...Paul Dixon says that Harold Hodgson is bringing some 50 Woodlands along, including young ewes and ewe lambs. There will be some 20 or so tups for sale including those recently WFWSS registered by inspection. John Jones will have a CFB registered tup present which is also WFWSS inspected and registered - the best of both worlds.

Also: this year's major attraction is the farm visit at Paul and Jill's Farm at Stott Hall on 22nd October. This set up was very successful last year with a similar event at Pikenaze Farm revealing the best points to be looking out for in Woodlands, by those who know.

See you soon,
Rob Ford

Show results

Manifold Show - Judge: Richard Spencer
Aged or shearling ram: Rob Ford
Ram lamb: Kath Goldstraw
Aged ewe: Dave and Josh Wright
Shearling ewe: Dave and Josh Wright
Ewe lamb: Dave and Josh Wright
The Champion was Dave and Josh Wright's aged ewe and Reserve was Rob Ford's aged ram.

Mottram Show - Judge: Rob Ford
Aged ram: Paul Thorp
Shearling ram: James Gill
Ram lamb: Paul Thorp
Aged ewe: Paul Thorp
Shearling ewe: Chereen Kaye
Ewe lamb: Chereen Kaye
Group of three: James Gill
Chereen took Champion with her shearling ewe, and Paul Thorp took Reserve Champion.

Hope Show - Judge: Paul Thorp.
Aged ram: John Jones
Shearling ram: James Gill
Ram lamb: James Gill
Aged ewe: James Gill
Shearling ewe: James Gill
Ewe lamb: John Jones
John Jones took the Championship with his aged tup: James Gill's shearling tup was Reserve Champion. There were seven competitors.

Champion of Champions – Judge: Rider Howard
The Champion of Champions was John Jones' aged tup, and Chereen Kaye took Reserve Champion with her shearling ewe.

Penistone Show – Judge: John Cottrill
Aged ram: Paul Thorp
Shearling ram: James Gill
Ram lamb: Paul Thorp
Aged ewe: James Gill
Shearling ewe: Chereen Kaye
Ewe lamb: Chereen Kaye
Chereen's shearling ewe was Champion; Reserve Champion was Paul's aged tup. 4 competitors



John Jones's aged tup took Champion of Champions at Hope Show on August Bank Holiday Monday. Chereen Kaye's shearling ewe was Reserve Champion. [Photo: Martha Ford]



Deidre Halsall won the Fleece Championship at the Great Yorkshire Show. [Photo: Ric Halsall]

Three Counties Show

- a message from Francine Burns -

Just to let you all know that for the first time this year there was a dedicated Whitefaced Woodland class at the RBST show on the Sunday of the Three Counties Show. We have always had to show in the "Any other Hill breeds" class before. There were only three competitors but we won First in both the ram and ewe classes and went on to get Champion with our shearling ewe and Reserve with the Ram.

We feel a bit out on a limb here in the Midlands as I don't know of any other breeders within the Herefordshire/ Gloucestershire/Worcestershire area. However, the Three Counties Show is now a good livestock show, having attracted previous Royal Show exhibitors and several Breed Society shows.

The Sunday is dedicated to rare breeds, so exhibitors in these classes do not have to attend on all three days but can come in on Saturday evening (or very early on Sunday as this year the judging started at 8.00 am!). Access to the show is quite good (not far from the M5/M50) and the livestock stewards and staff are very helpful, so perhaps more Woodland breeders could be tempted to give it a go next year, even if it does mean more competition for us!

The Annual Sale of Whitefaced Woodland Sheep

**will take place on
Saturday 24 September**

**at Bretton Mill Farm,
Haigh, near Barnsley
(next to Junction 38 of the M1)**

**Show classes for aged ram
and shearling ram
Judging at 11.30
Judge: Neville Belfield**

**Presentation of
the Ken Wild Trophy**

Sale starts at 12 noon

**To enter, or for further details,
please contact Paul Dixon
at William Sykes
telephone 01484 683543
mobile: 07720 765094**

Woodland Calendar

Paul Dixon expects that the calendars for 2012 will be available at the Bretton Mill Sale on Saturday – so keep an eye open for them. Buy one for yourself, and some more as Christmas presents!

Stock for Sale or Wanted

Whitefaced Woodland Ram Lamb for Sale

Ryedale Charlie, CBF registered, by Grangefarm Bigcroft Billy out of prizewinning ewe. Fourth at Yorkshire and second at Ryedale in Woody class. Excellent to handle and has been in use in young handler classes. Wormed regularly and heptavaced. Viewing welcome.

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