



Whitefaced Woodland Sheep Society

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Newsletter 96 – September 2015

AGM and Farm Visit Sunday 4 October

Sam and Can Hodgson farm at Glencoyne, a National Trust hill farm on the shores of Ullswater. The farms run to 2500 feet and is currently in a Higher Level Stewardship Agreement.

We have Whitefaced Woodlands, Herdwicks and Swaledale ewes. Most of the sheep are run with pure bred tups but we sometimes use a terminal sires like Beltex or Texel. We also have suckler cows - Limousins and Beef Shorthorns currently using a Beef Shorthorn bull. Recently we have introduced a number of Highland ponies onto one of the fells for conservation grazing.

To get to Glencoyne from Penrith: at the Rheged Roundabout turn left for Ullswater A592. When you reach the lake turn right, follow road with lake on your left. Pass Aira Force Waterfall car park and continue towards Glenridding for 1.5 miles. Pass a car park (Glencoyne Bay Nat Trust) on your right. The farm is about 100m past the car park on right. You can see it from the road.

If you are coming from Kendal/Windermere: go over Kirkstone pass A592 towards Patterdale and Glenridding. After leaving Glenridding go for approx 1.5 miles, as the road drops down to lake level we are the first turning on left. It is a white farm house with two big round chimneys. Do not rely on Sat Nav it takes you to Seldom Seen cottages!

***The full address is: Glencoyne Farm,
Glenridding, Penrith CA11 0QT***

Annual Subscriptions for 2015/16 became due on 1st September - still only £10. If you have not yet paid, please see Rachel at Holmfirth or the AGM, of post to her at the address overleaf. We can also accept BACS payments – please ask Karen or Rachel for our bank details

The Annual General Meeting will begin at 11.30

AGENDA

1. Members present and apologies received
2. Minutes of the 2014 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. AGM in 2016
8. Social event and fund raising
9. Any other business

Item 2: The draft minutes were circulated with Newsletter 92. Please bring your copy with you
Item 3: The Chairman will report at the meeting
Item 4: The Accounts will be available at the meeting
Item 5: Paul Thorp is prepared to continue as Chairman and Philip Onions as Vice Chairman.

The Annual Whitefaced Woodland Sale

will now take place on **Sunday 27 September**
at Holmfirth Auction Mart
Woodhead Road, Holmfirth HD9 2PR
Please note the revised date

Show classes for aged ram and shearling ram,
competing for the Ken Wild Trophy
Pen of 6 or more Woodland ewes born in 2014
Pen of six or more Woodland ewe lambs
Judging begins at 11am

Sale starts at 12 noon

To enter, or for further details, please contact
Paul Dixon at William Sykes
Tel.: 01484 683543, mob.: 07720 765094

Show results

Mottram Show - Judge: Neville Belfield
Aged ram: Robert and Angela Crampton
Shearling ram: Paul Thorp
Ram lamb: Robert and Angela Crampton
Ewe which has suckled in 2015: Chareen Kaye
Shearling ewe: Karen Dowey
Ewe lamb: Karen Dowey
Group of 3: Robert and Angela Crampton
Champion: Robert and Angela's aged tup,
Reserve: Karen's ewe lamb

Hope Show - Judge: Tony Redfern
Aged ram: Robert and Angela Crampton
Shearling ram: Neville Belfield
Ram lamb: Neville Belfield
Aged Ewe: Chareen Kaye
Shearling ewe: Karen Dowey
Ewe lamb: Karen Dowey
A huge line up, with 15 woodlands in most
classes, and 20 shearling ewes.
The Champion was Neville's shearling tup, with
Karen's ewe lamb as Reserve

Paul Dixon also awarded the Champion of
Champions to Neville's shearling tup, with
Robert and Angela's 2-shear tup taking Reserve.

Sale at Skipton

Everyone I have spoken to felt that this was a disappointing sale, with some good sheep there, but just not enough buyers and poor prices with many animals remaining unsold. Top price paid was 170 gns (£179) for one of Tessa Wigham's shearling tups. The highest priced of Julie Beardwell's ten shearling ewes made 90 gns (£95).

Judith Hawkhead reports: "I unfortunately needed my ewes to go due to lack of space, so my top price was £89 the bottom being £74. I think there were only two buyers so not a good attendance. Many sheep throughout the day went unsold."

Robert and Jean Price's prizewinning ram lamb was bought by Can Hodgson. Ram lambs made between 60 gns (£63) and 75 gns (£79). The three ewe lambs forward fetched similar figures.

Correction: Tessa Wigham's Champion sheep at the North Yorks Show was her ewe hogg, in the gimmer shearling class, not the aged ewe which was listed in their official results.

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