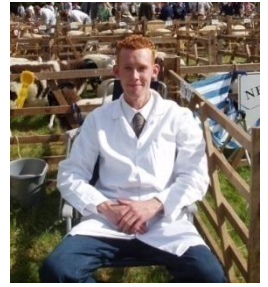




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To

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All Jacob Sheep Society Northern Members

Dear Member

I hope this newsletter finds you well, having enjoyed the amazingly warm weather we have just experienced. Since my last newsletter, a lot has been going on within the Region and the Society.

The first thing I would like to confirm with you all is that our next regional meeting has been confirmed for **Sunday 30th October** at our usual venue The Fox & Hounds, Langthorpe, Boroughbridge at **11:00 am**. Upon a recent visit to the pub, Becky and I were greeted by yet another new landlord or, on this occasion, landlady. The new landlady, Jane, is happy to continue our association with the venue and assures me that the food and drink has improved tenfold and she is looking forward to greeting you all this Autumn.

I can also confirm our guest speaker for the meeting, Mr Jonathan Stockton from Kingsway Veterinary Group, Skipton, will be giving us an informative talk on all things 'sheep' and all you need to know about their care this Autumn and during the up and coming lambing season. Jonathan will also be taking a question and answer session. If there is a particular subject you would like Jonathan to cover, please give me a call prior to our meeting so I can let him know.

In my last newsletter I mentioned I was looking at forming a small organising committee from all parts of our Region to help with organising events and implementing members' ideas. I am happy to say I have had a good response from a mix of new and old members who are willing to come on board and help. The committee now consists of the following people.

Gavin Haworth (Northern Region RCM), Dennis Lowther (Northern Region Field Officer)
John & Freda Fozzard (Joint Northern Region Breed Promotion Committee Members)
Geoff Wood, Pat & Trevor Black, Richard & Thomas Saxby, Leigh Wilson and Betty Palmer.

I will be seeking ratification from the attending membership at the Autumn meeting for the formation of this committee.

Those of you in our Region who are on the JSS judges' panel will know we have a seminar coming up on Sunday 23rd October, this is one of eight national seminars being run up and down the country by our National Field Officer Jean Blacknell. The Northern Region seminar is taking place at: **Betty Palmer's Nettlebed Flock, Folly Hall, Grindleton on Sunday 23rd October at 11am**, and not as on your previous correspondence at my 'Hurrsdale Flock'. Please if you have any queries about this event and to confirm attendance contact either Jean or I.

Jean will be sending out a separate letter to all judges who had previously confirmed their attendance, this letter should arrive with you all shortly.

Note: This event is for provisional and full panel judges only.

Back in July we enjoyed another successful Great Yorkshire Show with a superb entry of competitors from all over the country. As mentioned in my journal article I would just like to say once again congratulations to Ben and Tori Stanley who took the Championship with their Hyndshaw bred Shearling ram and to Clive Richardson from the Northern Region who took the Reserve title with his ewe. I would also like to thank Emma Dodsworth and Clare Garnett for their superb spread at this year's after show party. Claire and Emma have organised our party for a number of years now and do a superb job for us all, so a thank you to them on behalf of myself and the Region.

We have recently enjoyed another very successful Skipton Show and Sale, with some good sheep and excellent prices enjoyed by all. The event is growing in strength year on year and we need to continue with our support for our premier Regional sale. Congratulations this year must go to Jackie Lewis from Shropshire who won the Championship with her smart 4 horn gimmer lamb. The Reserve Champion came from within the Region with Pat and Trevor Black of the Blackwolds Flock, taking home Reserve honours with their stylish 2 horn tup lamb. The show and sale will be on our Autumn agenda, so there will be a chance for discussion at the meeting.

Skipton Show & Sale 2011

Averages and Top prices

Ewe	142gns	Top: 190gns
Shearling Ewe	195gns	Top: 480gns
Gimmer Lamb	120gns	Top: 580gns
Aged Ram	100gns	Top: 100gns
Shearling Ram	152gns	Top: 250gns
Tup Lamb	141gns	Top: 700gns

We now look forward to our Autumn meeting, which should be a busy one, with lots to discuss and a guest speaker to look forward too. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all new and existing members to attend the meeting, as it is your chance to air your opinions and discuss how we take our Region forward over the next year. I look forward to seeing you all at the end of the month.

Please if you have any questions do not hesitate to give me a call or email me at gavinhaworth@yahoo.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin

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