



# Newsletter No 69

## Summer 2015

### Dear Members

Along with this newsletter are your registration forms and entry forms for the show and sales along with your annual subscription renewal, please make a note of the closing dates and return your forms on time.

The Society will again be holding three show and sales this year.

### Council Vacancies

Three members of council, Jennie Cook, Pete Middleton and Dafydd Thomas are due to retire at the 2015 AGM in September and are eligible for re-election, making three council vacancies this year.

Every paid up member of the Society is eligible to stand as a candidate and members are invited to consider offering themselves for election.

### Annual General Meeting

This years Annual General Meeting will be held in Stoneleigh, Warwickshire in conjunction with the Society National Show and Sale on Saturday 12th September 2015.

There would be a get together and BBQ on the Friday evening, the show would be at 9.30 am followed by the AGM at 12 noon and the sale would commence at 1pm.

Full details will be sent to the membership next month.

# Showing Workshop

On 27 June we held a Showing Workshop by kind permission of Mike Newell of Maddoxford Farm in Botley, Hants. Thanks go to Mike and Jan for letting us invade their farm, use their sheep and their home for refreshments.

Firstly, we looked at the breed standard and then with a pen of sheep discussed what the Judge is looking for and also judged for ourselves what we thought was a good sheep. We then covered halter training, looked at a variety of halters and how to prepare for the show ring and what happens in the show ring. We discussed how we get them ready and lots of questions were asked.

We also covered what to wear in the show ring, what information is needed on the entry form but I forgot to mention that Movement Licences are also required to take to the Secretary on arrival at the show.

We had quite a good turn out, 4 people had to cancel due to work commitments but hopefully everyone enjoyed the afternoon and took some information and inspiration away with them. It was good to meet other breeders and talk sheep. Thanks again to Mike and Jan, maybe they might be persuaded to let us repeat the exercise next year!!

Jennie Cook

## National Show

The Bucks County show will be hosting the first National Show for the Wiltshire Horn Sheep Society.

The show will be held on Thursday 27th August 2015

Judge: Mr Iolo Owen, Gedwydd Flock

*Weedon Park, Weedon, Aylesbury, Bucks*



Please come along and support the National Show, following the completion of judging there will be drinks and nibbles in the sheep lines for all those present.

# Around the Shows

## *Kenilworth Show*



Champion N & C Williams

## *Hanbury Show*



Champion S Brodie

## *Royal Three Counties Show*

Champion Mrs J Jones

## *Royal Three Counties*

### *Rare and Minority breeds*

Champion Mrs J Jones

## *North Wales Show*



Champion & Reserve B & H Thomas

# Members Weekend

**Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th October 2015**

# Anglesey

## **BRIEF OUTLINE**

**Arrive Saturday afternoon for a couple of flock visits followed by an evening meal and get together at Nant Yr Odyn and on Sunday morning another couple of flock visits, lunch and depart for home.**

**Full details will be sent out nearer the time.**

## Official WHSS Merchandise

Ties, Polo Shirts, Car Stickers and History of the Breed Booklet

To order any of these items, please contact the Secretary Christina on 0844 800 1029 or email on [info@wiltshirehorn.org.uk](mailto:info@wiltshirehorn.org.uk)



## Society Website

Have you looked at the Society website lately?

Are you looking for some new stock?

Then take a look at the Stock For Sale section

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