

DORSET HORN & POLL DORSET SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

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Best Poll Ram Lamb, and Champion Male, May Fair, 2023, sponsored by Waitrose, Ben Lamb's Richhill Frazer, F1764, with from left, Ben Lamb and Rowland Davies, President

May Fair is just around the corner and the 7th and 8th May will soon be upon us.

There is no better opportunity for pedigree and commercial breeders to see what the countries breeders have on offer.

It also offers potential new breeders the chance to meet members of our friendly Association.

**MAY FAIR
EXETER LIVESTOCK MARKET**

**SHOW DAY – TUESDAY, 7TH MAY
SALE DAY – WEDNESDAY, 8TH MAY**

**ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY, 8TH APRIL AT 12 NOON
SHARP**

COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 2024

Website

The Society now have a new website – www.dorsetsheep.co.uk Please make a note of the new website address.

May Fair

It was agreed show class fees should be increased to £5 per class + VAT.

IF SEMEN HAS BEEN COLLECTED FORM A RAM WHICH IS FOR SALE AT MAY FAIR, OR THE RAM HAS BEEN USED PRIOR TO SALE, THIS MUST BE DECLARED ON THE ENTRY FORM.

It was agreed that if a previous vendor does not attend May Fair for 2 years their ram allowance will be dropped by 1 from their previous allowance; if they miss 3 years their ram allowance will be dropped by 2 and so on, and the conditions regarding ewe registrations must still apply.

Please see other May Fair items on Pages 3 and 4.

Applications for Membership

The following new applications for membership were accepted:

Miss R & Master M Adams, (Junior), Northern Ireland	Prefix:	Moylarg
Miss S Fisher, Nottinghamshire	Prefix:	White Post Farm
Mrs Lisa Hoskins, Herefordshire	Prefix:	Secret
Mrs E J Ketelaars, Netherlands	Prefix:	TBC
Miss N Love & Mr R Scott, Northern Ireland	Prefix:	Glebe Hill
Master W Northmore, (Junior), Devon	Prefix:	Lemon Valley
Mr M Pearse, Devon	Prefix:	Pennystone
Messrs. K A, M H & D G Ratledge, Wales	Prefix:	Penllan
Mr J Reed, Wiltshire	Prefix:	Upwood
Miss J Rodgers, Tadcaster	Prefix:	Healough Priory
Mr L Rogers & Miss D Haigh, Nottinghamshire	Prefix:	Redroofs
Mr N Smith, Yorkshire	Prefix:	Blackshaw
Miss A Thomlinson, Scotland	Prefix:	Belstruther
Mrs J Wild, Derbyshire	Prefix:	Wainsmore

MAY FAIR 2024

INSPECTION

“There will be a strict inspection for Health, Teeth and Testicles for all rams and individual females which will take place prior to 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 7th May by a 3 member inspection panel. This will also include physical and type traits.

There will be no appeals.

All rams and individual females MUST be on site by 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 7th May, 2024. Any rams and individual females not on site by 10.00 a.m. will not be accepted.

MAY FAIR ENTRY FORMS

May Fair entry forms are now being sent out, but only to those breeders that have entered May Fair in the past five or six years. They will also be sent to those of you I have an e-mail address for.

The entry forms will be available to download from the Website, but if you require entry forms to be sent to you please let me know as soon as possible. **ENTRIES CLOSE ON MONDAY, 8TH APRIL, AT 12 NOON. PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WITH ENTRY FORMS, EITHER BY CHEQUE OR BACS. ANY VENDORS WITH OUTSTANDING MAY FAIR ENTRY FEES AND/OR OUTSTANDING DEBTS AS AT 12 NOON ON 8TH APRIL WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAW.**

PLEASE REMEMBER FAXED ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

FEMALES FOR MAY FAIR, 2024

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IN ORDER TO BE SOLD AS REGISTERED ANY EWES YEAR LETTER “E”, OR OLDER, SHEARLING EWES (YEAR LETTER “F”) AND EWE LAMBS (YEAR LETTER “G”) MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE THE SALE AND REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE SENT WITH ENTRY FORMS IF NOT ALREADY REGISTERED OR DONE ON LINE (Grassroots), IN ORDER FOR CERTIFICATES TO BE PRODUCED BEFORE THE SALE. THESE CERTIFICATES MUST ACCOMPANY THE SHEEP TO THE SALE AND BE BATCHED ACCORDING TO LOT NUMBERS, AND HANDED IN ON ARRIVAL TO THE BREED SECRETARY WHO WILL BE IN THE MARKET OFFICE.

MAY FAIR RAM ALLOWANCE

New members may enter **two rams** (any age) the first year they sell (subject to the condition below).

Members may enter an additional ram each year provided all their rams were sold the previous year, until a maximum of seven rams is reached (subject to the condition below). Those breeders that have both Horn & Poll sheep may bring a maximum of 8 rams as long as at least 2 of the pen are Horned (subject to the condition below).

In addition to this the amount of rams that members may bring is connected to the number of the member's previous year's ewe registrations as detailed below:

5 – 14 “F” ewe registrations	2 rams
15 – 39 “F” ewe registrations	3 rams
40 – 59 “F” ewe registrations	4 rams
60 – 79 “F” ewe registrations	5 rams
80 – 99 “F” ewe registrations	6 rams
100 or more “F” ewe registrations	7 rams

For “F” Ewe registrations to qualify they must have been registered by 31 December, 2023.

For example if you are entering May Fair for the first time, you may bring up to 2 rams as long as you have registered between 5 – 14 “F” ewes.

and

For example, if you entered and sold 4 rams in 2023, you may only increase your number to 5 rams in 2024 if you have registered between 60 – 79 “F” ewes.

SIGNET CLASSES (Female & Male)

These classes will no longer be worked out on points and showing results, but will now be judged as per a normal show class. Winners of both the classes will be eligible for their respective championship.

Rams or females entered in these classes will not be allowed to enter any other class.

MONDAY NIGHT ARRIVALS FOR MAY FAIR

Any vendors wishing to arrive for May Fair on the Monday evening MUST ring Russell Steer after 6 p.m. on the Monday, on 01392 251261 to ascertain exactly what time they may be allowed to gain entry, BUT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO GUARANTEE THAT ACCESS WILL BE ALLOWED, AND IT IS ENTIRELY AT THE VENDORS OWN RISK.

The Cornella Cup

This cup and a bursary of £100 (to help the winner towards expenses to attend the AGM) is awarded annually in memory of the late David Mathews, Greenfield Farm, Treoes, Bridgend (past President of the Society) to the most “enterprising young breeder” in recognition of all that David did in encouraging young breeders in developing their interest in the Dorset breed.

Council are now inviting nominations from members with an explanation of why the nominee is being put forward, by the June Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, 26th June, 2024, so that the winner can be invited to the 2024 Annual General Meeting where the award will be presented.

The winner will be selected by our President, William Carson.

“If you are young and keen in the Breed”, then why not give it a go – nothing to loose but a lot to gain !

NATIONAL DORSET SHOW

**IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROYAL LANCASHIRE SHOW, FRIDAY, 19TH
JULY – SUNDAY, 21ST JULY, 2024**

SHOWING DAY, SATURDAY, 20TH JULY

As you will already know the Royal Lancashire Show have very kindly agreed to host the National Dorset Show this year.

Entries will be accepted from MVA and non MVA Accredited sheep.

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