

Winter 2017

ROUSSIN REVIEW



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Martin McCornick ~ Chairman

CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME

At our AGM in September, I was delighted to be elected as Chairman of The Roussin Sheep Society. I am based in South West Scotland where we run a beef cattle and sheep operation on our family farm. It has been 20 years since my father first purchased Roussin females at the Carlisle sale, having used tups for several years prior to this.

It is a period of transition for the committee as

Russell and Andrea Molyneux step down from the Chairman and Secretary roles. I would like to thank Russell and Andrea again personally for all their hard work over the years promoting the breed.

It has been pleasing to see a number of new buyers and breeders at the annual sales over the past few years, and membership is steadily rising. I truly believe the Roussin breed has a definite place in the

EAR TAGS & TUP NAMES

2018 BLUE H

2019 PURPLE J

2020 GREEN K

Naming stock tups:

If you retain any males for use in your own flock, please give them a name beginning with the letter of their birth year.

If you buy a tup in and register him, please also give them a name. The tup must however retain the breeders prefix. (2017 = G)

commercial sheep industry due to strong maternal traits, easy lambing, vigorous lambs at birth and a high meat to bone ratio. My own personal experience includes using Roussin tups commercially over our Lairg type North Country Cheviots, Texels and Beltex which have all worked as crossbreeds extremely well. Our Roussin x NC Cheviot prime lambs have sold successfully at our local market over the years, with a number of the ewe lambs effectively retained as breeders (crossing with a terminal sire such as a Charollais or Beltex x Texel). In June 2016 I was kindly invited to judge the Roussin section at the Royal Cornwall Show, where I was presented with a great show of quality sheep, as well as an impressive number of entries.

This reassures me the breed is heading in the right direction.

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I would like to encourage anyone with queries to approach myself or our secretary, Rachael Middleton, as we will be more than happy to help. I look forward to the coming time as Chairman, meeting many of you along the way. It won't be long before the next crops of Roussin lambs (and hopefully the drier weather) appear in the Spring.

SHOWS

Summary Report

Although the show season is now well behind us there are a few results to share, in no particular order;

Tom Edgar went to Castlewellan, Any Other Breed. Very successful: 2nd ram any age, 2nd ewe any age, 1st ram lamb and 1st ewe lamb.

Daniel Rowbottom went to Heckington Show and had fifth in a large class of Any Other Continental, including Texels, always hard work against them.

Liskeard show saw Anthony Carter win champion Roussin with his outstanding old ram, and reserve Tom Nancekivell's old ewe. Following Liskeard was Launceston, breed champion was Tom with his old ewe and reserve Gwen Renfree with her shearling ewe. Woolsery followed this where Tom Nancekivell won breed champion with his old ewe and reserve was Sue Martyn with her shearling ram. Sadly, north Devon show had to be cancelled due to the bad weather.

Dumfries Show saw Fiona McIntyre get a very credible 4th against Blue Texels, Rouge and Beltex crosses.

Jim Mair went to Sutherland County show and in the Any Other Pure Breed classes won 1st with a tup lamb, 2nd with a ewe lamb, 2nd with a gimmer and 1st with a ewe who then had reserve breed champion.

Sue Martyn took some of her Roussin's to Yeovil show in Any Other Continental classes. She said she... "Should have read the schedule properly!! Up against Charollais so very pleased to get third with my old ram and second with group of three. Also, second with a group of four and third with a pair of rams."

Daniel Rowbottom went to Lincolnshire Show and had 7th and 8th with his shearling ewes. This was in Any Other Continental Breed with large classes.

Royal Cornwall Show -

Full results: Old ram; 1st Anthony Carter, 2nd Tom Nancekivell, 3rd Sue Martyn.

Shearling ram: 1st Anthony Carter, 2nd Gwen Renfree, 3rd Tom Nancekivell.

Aged ewe: 1st Russell Molyneux, 2nd & 3rd Tom Nancekivell.

Shearling ewe: 1st Sue Martyn, 2nd Gwen Renfree, 3rd Tom Nancekivell.

Ram lamb: 1st Gwen Renfree, 2nd Tom Nancekivell, 3rd Gwen Renfree.

Ewe lamb: 1st Gwen Renfree, 2nd Russell Molyneux, 3rd Tom Nancekivell.

Group of 3: 1st Tom Nancekivell, 2nd Sue Martyn, 3rd Russell Molyneux.

Champion Male: Anthony Carter (also reserve). Champion Female: Sue Martyn. Res. Russell Molyneux

Overall Champion and reserve: Anthony Carter.

SALES REPORTS

Society Show and Sale Carlisle:

Judge Mr Quinton Limond, Knocknaib Farm had a tough time with the classes strongly supported.

Champion Lot 317 from Sue Martyn's Hornacott Flock

Reserve Lot 385 from John Fleming / Stairhaven

Shearling Ram:

1st Lot 317 from Sue Martyn's Hornacott flock.

2nd Lot 312 Tom Nancekivell / Heatham

3rd Lot 309 Martin McCornick / [McCornick Pedigree Livestock](#)

Lamb Ram:

1st Lot 355 from Lindsay Reid's Bengall flock.

2nd Lot 340 Martin McCornick / McCornick Livestock

3rd Lot 337 Martin McCornick / McCornick Livestock

Shearling Ewe:

1st Lot 371 from RD&AE Molyneux's Moorland flock

2nd Lot 359 Martin McCornick / McCornick Livestock

3rd Lot 365 John Stairhaven / [Stairhaven Roussins](#)

Ewe Lamb:

1st Lot 385 from John Fleming's Stairhaven flock

2nd Lot 386 Martin McCornick / McCornick Livestock

3rd Lot 384 John Fleming / Stairhaven

Pair:

1st Lot's 365/385 John Fleming

2nd Lot's 386/340 Martin McCornick

Prices of stock sold through the ring as follows:

Shearling Rams -
Ave 320gns
Top 800gns - Steen / Ballylinney
Lamb Rams -
Ave 270gns
Top 650 - Fleming / Stairhaven
Shearling Ewe -
Ave 209gns
Top 320gns twice McCornick / McCornick
Ewe Lambs -
Ave 266gns
Top 500gns Fleming / Stairhaven

NSA Buih Wells Show & Sale 24th/25th September 2017

Show Judged by Mr Rob Harris.

Champion Lot 1674, Ram Lamb from [John Fleming's Stairhaven Roussins](#) flock.
Reserve Lot 1682, Shearling Ewe from Derek Steen's Ballylinney flock.

Shearling Ram:

1st Lot 1663 from Derek Steen's Ballylinney flock
2nd Lot 1662 from Derek Steen's Ballylinney flock

Ram Lamb:

1st Lot 1674 from John Fleming's Stairhaven flock
2nd Lot 1675 from John Fleming's Stairhaven flock
3rd Lot 1673 from John Fleming's Stairhaven flock

Shearling Ewe:

1st Lot 1682 from Derek Steen's Ballylinney flock
2nd Lot 1684 from [Fiona McIntyre's Tremycin](#) flock
3rd Lot 1683 from Derek Steen's Ballylinney flock

Ewe Lamb:

1st Lot 1688 from John Fleming's Stairhaven flock
2nd Lot 1687 from John Fleming's Stairhaven flock

Prices of stock sold through the ring:

Shearling Rams-

Avg 243gns
Top - 320gns Steen/Ballylinney

Ram Lambs-

Avg 203gns
Top- 220gns Fleming/Stairhaven

Shearling Ewes-

Avg 245gns
Top- 400gns Steen/Ballylinney

Ewe Lambs-

Avg 205gns
Top- 210gns Fleming/Stairhaven

John Fleming attended Kelso Ram Sale achieving a top price of £520 averaging £420. The Stairhaven team commented that there was a “fair bit of interest.”

2018 Sales:

The committee has decided that for 2018 there will not be a society sale held at Worcester Market but anyone wishing to attend their normal market is most welcome.

REGISTRATIONS

Any member that has yet to register 2017 lambs (or even later) or is awaiting pedigree certificates for this year’s registrations (or past years) please can you get in touch with me, secretary - Rachael, details below.

HAVE YOUR SAY & FOLLOW US

If you have any thoughts, opinions or comments you would like to express please get in touch with any of the people listed below. The next committee meeting is due at the beginning of January 2018 so if something is bugging you get it off your chest before Christmas!

The society website has a new ‘home’ under the web address of www.roussinsheepsociety.org.uk we also have a Facebook page which can be found @Roussinsheepsociety AND we’re on Twitter @RoussinsheepUK

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AND HAPPY NEW YEAR