

# DUTCH SPOTTED SHEEP UK NEWSLETTER



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## News from the office...

Well the year seems to be flying by at a rate of knots, albeit differently once again, but its maybe the new 'normal' - only time will tell. The sheep sales have been buoyant everywhere, and the Dutch Spotted sheep have certainly gained momentum, particularly with all classes of females sold at the inlamb sales during December.

Since the last newsletter, there have been changes in the Society office, Fiona Sloan, secretary, stood down from her position at the Trustees meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December. I have been responsible for membership and registrations since September 2019 and am pleased to add the secretarial duties to my role. Penny Emminson, the Society treasurer will add the updating of the website to her position and Megan Rowlandson and Nic Eminson-Smith will continue updating Facebook.

The Trustees also elected Ali Jackson as Vice-Chairman of the Society £ Ali is a well-known, young and enthusiastic breeder who, I-m sure, many of you will know and have seen showing his Dutch Spotted Sheep along with his Beltex and British Blue cattle at shows up and down the Country.

### Sub-Committees

There have been three sub-committees set up within the Trustees, one to update the constitution, secondly a Finance Committee to discuss all things financial, and thirdly, a Show, Sale and Promotional Committee to help plan for the year ahead.

### Inlamb Sales

The two Society inlamb and empty ewe hogg sales held at Carlisle and Welshpool witnessed an enviable trade, well done to all vendors and good luck to all purchasers - full report and photos on pages 2-3

### General

The membership has flown up in numbers since the inlamb sales, and now sits at

**244**

fully paid up members - so welcome to everyone who has come 'on board'.

Wishing you good luck for lambing ... see you on the 'other side of it'£.

*Rachel Buckle*  
Secretary



# WELSHPOOL DUTCH SPOTTED UK FEMALE SALE IS A FLIER!

Welshpool - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Anyone hoping to pick up a cheap Christmas present at the Welshpool sale would go home disappointed and empty handed. Only four lots failed to make the four-figure mark, leading to an overall average of £1699 and with a 100% clearance.

Leading the way was a yearling ewe from Cath Difford and Mrs R Matthews Davies— Hill Top flock, she made 3800gns, selling to N Lofthouse, Harrogate, N Yorks. Hill Top Cowslip is by Bullseye and sold in-lamb carrying three to Turbobont Caernarfon.

Next up and leading the ewe lamb trade, was a ewe lamb from Brian Davies, Ty-Gwyn. Ty-Gwyn Donna, is by Gallowhill Balblair and out of one of the flock favourites, the home-bred Ty-Gwyn Cindy. She sold for 3200gns to MJ and L J Robertson—s Lakeside flock, near Bristol. Brian—s two other lambs, by Apache and Balblair, made 2000gns and 1350gns, respectively and both sold to Janet Davies, Llanilar, Aberystyth

The only aged ewe forward in the accredited section had travelled down from Penrith and sold for 2400gns for Alan Smyth—s Eden flock, when she sold to A Mitchell, Nasby, Northampton. She was sold in lamb to the newly imported stock ram, Cruiser. Mr Mitchell also bought Megan Rowlandson—s yearling ewe, by her own home-bred Damson Blue Moon, for 1800gns. Damson Connie was sold in-lamb carrying twins by Mount Pleasant Desmond.

Alan Smyth also sold a ewe lamb, sired by Eden Bentley for 1200gns to Mr Mitchell.

Tom and Louise Nash, of the Merryboro flock, sold their ewe lamb, Merryboro Dorothy, by Apache for 1900gns to JP Richards and Son, Haverford West.

Rhys Francis sold three of this year—s imports for 1700gns, 1600gns and 1200gns. The 1600gns offering sold to Cath Difford and Mrs

R Matthews Davies, with the other two finding a new home with RA Davenport, Sandbach, Cheshire.

Recently-appointed DSSUK trustee, Sian Jones, from the flock she runs with her parents Roger and Gill Jones— Pentre flock had a good day, when her Grade 4 registered yearling ewe made 900gns and Grade 4 ewe lamb sold for 700gns to RG Francis and Son, Newtown, Powys. Both sold in lamb to Pentre Casanova. The Jones— recipient ewe made 1200gns, carrying two embryos to Baaboom, selling to J A Nicholls, Stoke-on-Trent.

Rhys Francis also sold a recipient ewe, carrying two embryos by Ty-Gwyn Douglas for 1450gns to RG Francis and Son, Newtown. Douglas is by the well-known Merryboro Cracker, the Ty-Gwyn stock ram, which sired lambs to 4000gns at this year—s DSS UK autumn sales.

Del Amson was delighted with his trade in the non-accredited section, when he sold a 2019 imported ewe, in lamb to Challoch Chief, for 850gns to MA and JM Price, Newport, Gwent. His yearling ewe, Lowfauld Costa, bred by Sian Jordon, sold in-lamb to Williams Dynamite for 1450gns to R Garlick, from Hereford. His two remaining ewe lambs made 1200gns and 800gns to ID Gregory, Buxton, Derbyshire, and MA and KA Davies, Llandysul, Ceredigion.

AVERAGES	
2 Aged Ewes	1625 gns
3 Yearling Ewes	2350 gns
9 Ewe Lambs	1725 gns
4 Graded & Recipient females	1062 gns



Sale leader from Cath Difford and Mrs R Matthews sold for 3800gns



Ty-Gwyn Donna from Brian Davies sold for 3200gns



Ty-Gwyn Duchess also from Brian Davies, sold for 2000gns



The leading aged ewe from Alan Smyth sold for 2400gns

# DUTCH SPOTTED FEMALES AT CARLISLE PULL A PRE-CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Carlisle - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

There was an amazing trade at the Dutch Spotted Sheep UK society female sale where ewe lambs proved popular and led the sale at 4800gns on two occasions.

The first lamb to hit the trade topping price was Whitney, an imported lamb from Stuart Wood-s Woodies flock, based at Westhill, Aberdeenshire. This March-born lamb, bred by Kristof Schillewaert, is by a Dutch sire and dam and was knocked down to Messrs Dykes, Offcote, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

Making the same price, four lots later, was the February-born, Ty-Gwyn Delight, from Brian Davies, South Hill Farm, Wiston, Pembrokeshire. A daughter of Merryboro Cracker and out of an imported dam, she headed across the water to Messrs Millen, Coleraine, Londonderry.

Close behind on 4600gns was the full sister of Delight, Ty-Gwyn Diane, which also went to Northern Ireland, this time with Messrs McCabe, Kilkinam, Castlewellan.

Alastair Jackson-s Tiptop flock, Annan, Dumfriesshire, attained a top of 4200gns for the ewe lamb, Tiptop Dream Catcher, which was bought by Messrs Hamilton, Chapelton, Strathaven. Selling in lamb to Mount Pleasant Ducati, she is sired by Westbroad B Explorer II and out the famous show winner Tiptop Hannah who made history when she took the overall interbreed championship at the 2019 Yorkshire Show. She has previously bred sons to 4000gns and daughters to £5000.

It wasn-t long before Ali was in the money again when selling Mount Pleasant Cristal for 4000gns to Messrs Brown, Ludlow, Shropshire. Bred by Graeme Jackson, this February 2019-born gimmer is a daughter of the imported Spotted Dick ram, and is out of the imported Banoffee ewe. She was sold carrying a single to Westbroad B Explorer II.

Two further females were knocked down at 4000gns, firstly another from Graeme Jackson-s Mount Pleasant flock, High Bentham, Lancaster, in the form of an imported April-born ewe lamb. Bred in Holland and backed by Dutch genetics, she was knocked down to Messrs Morton, Kirkland, Cumbria.

Tom & Louise Nash, Wiston, Pembrokeshire, sold their ewe lamb, Merryboro Delight, for the second 4000gns price to Messrs Robertson, Yate, Bristol. Another daughter off Merryboro Cracker and out of an imported ewe, she is the full sister to the 3500gns Merryboro Dottie, which was sold at Carlisle in August.

Drew Guthrie, Myreside, Selkirk, sold his two gimmers for 3600gns and 3400gns. The first out of imported parents, sold in lamb to Tiptop Diablo, to James & Ros Baker-s Cofton flock from Cockwood, Devon. Drew-s second gimmer, this time an imported sheep, sold in lamb to Charmer and went to I Davidson, Canonbie, Dumfriesshire.

E&S Adamson, Kilroot, Carrickfergus made 3500gns of their gimmer, the seasonally named, Kilroot Cinnamon C12. She is by Danson Buster and out of an imported ewe. She sold in lamb to Ty-Gwyn Dynamo and went to Messrs M & R McCornick, Barquill, Wigtown, Newton Stewart.

## AVERAGES

9 Aged Ewes	£2357
8 Gimmers	£3255
39 Ewe Lambs	£2501
4 Recipients Carrying Embryos	£2021



Edward Adamson sold Kilroot Cinnamon for 3500gns



Drew Guthrie sold his gimmer for 3600gns

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Joint top price from Stuart Wood, Whitney, a ewe lamb sold for 4800gns



Joint top price also came from Brian Davies, Ty-Gwyn Delight sold for 4800gns



Ty-Gwyn Diane sold for 4800gns



Ali Jackson sold Tip-Top Dream Catcher for 4200gns



Tom Nash sold Merryboro Delight for 4000gns



Ali Jackson sold Mount Pleasant Cristal, bred by Graeme Jackson for 4000gns





## TAGS

A tag form was emailed out to all members during January, personalised to Caisley who are the approved supplier of tags for DSS UK.

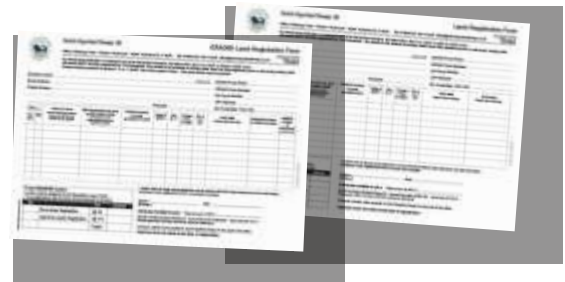
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If you would like a paper version of the form, please contact the office.

# LAMB REGISTRATION FORMS

Both pure bred and graded lamb registration forms were emailed out to all members in January



To register purebred lambs, you can logon to the Grassroots database from the link on the website [www.dutchspottedsheep.co.uk](http://www.dutchspottedsheep.co.uk), if you have misplaced your password, please contact the office. All lambs to be entered for sales must be registered prior to entries being

sent to the Auction Marts and certificates should accompany the entry forms. Fees must be paid by bank transfer or a cheque should accompany the forms. Graded lambs at the Grade 4 stage can only be registered on the forms and not through Grassroots.

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## FLOCK SURVEYS 2021


All members were emailed at the end of January with information about flock surveys.

It is important that all Dutch Spotted Sheep in your flock, on the ground should be listed in your flock on the database. This makes life much easier when registrations and transfers need processing. The window on Grassroots for the surveys to be completed is open until 30<sup>th</sup> March, please help efficiency in the office by keeping records up to date. If you would like a paper copy, call the office.

*Many thanks, Rachel*

## SALE DATES 2021

<b>Carlisle</b> Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Carlisle</b> Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Welshpool</b> Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>Welshpool</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Carlisle</b> Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Sale of ewes with lambs at foot and ewe hoggs	Sale of all classes of males and females	Sale of all classes of males and females	Sale of all classes of males and females	Sale of inlamb ewes and ewe hoggs

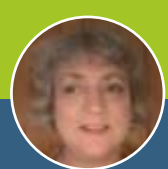
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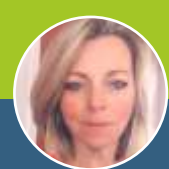
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