



British Rouge Sheep Society Newsletter

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Chairman's Intro Nov 2021

Hello and Thank you for the opportunity to become your Chairman. I guess as my first entry in the newsletter I should give you all a brief insight into my involvement with the Rouge breed for the last 27 years.

In the early 90s Masham ewes were going out of fashion very quickly and Mules were becoming the mainstream breeding ewe. My Father, John Teasdale, decided to try a Rouge Tup to breed our own replacements from Swaledale ewes. He felt that with the prolific and milky traits of the Rouge, and the added bonus of excellent muscling and great skins, they seemed a far better option than the Blue Faced Leicester. With our first crop of Rouge Cross lambs on the ground growing away at an alarming rate, the decision was made for a trip to Carlisle Premier Sale to purchase some pure ewes.

I have now been showing at the Great Yorkshire Show for 25 years and have been on Council for the last four. -It is safe to say that I am a big fan of the breed and will do my best to push it forward. I would encourage all new and current members to promote the breed wherever possible; whether it be in the local mart, topping the market with butcher's lambs or having a go in the show ring with pure or commercial Rouge sired stock which is an excellent market place for both your own flock and the breed in general.

As there is now only 7 weeks until Christmas, I will take this opportunity to wish everyone a successful lambing in the new year. Please try to take as many photos as you can of your Rouge and Rouge cross sheep thriving and forward them to the office with a few words to keep our facebook page and website looking fresh.

We are also going to do a Rouge yearbook next year, which I would encourage people to advertise in as this will be distributed at National sheep events and shows in 2022.

If I can help anyone with any Rouge Related questions or you have any fresh ideas that you would like me to put to council please, don't hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes for the coming year.
Ian Teasdale

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Yearbook for 2022 - Advertisement opportunity

Council have decided to create and publish an annual Rouge Yearbook. This will contain pictures and reports from the year's sales, shows (when they are back up and running again) and any events where Rouge sheep have been featured. The yearbook, when completed, will be available to members and on our stands at the NSA events 2022.

Members may advertise their flock within the yearbook for –

£50 plus vat for a full A5 page or

£25 plus vat for 1/2 as A5 page.

Member's support of this new project would be appreciated to make the Yearbook as informative and attractive as possible. It is a great way of getting our breed noticed, whilst also having annual records to look back on in the future.

Please get in touch with Jayne on 07872832334 or email info to jayne_pollock@yahoo.co.uk and Pat on 07803897419 email Secretary@rouge-society.co.uk who will organise invoice and payment.

Notice of intention to place an advert deadline is 1st December 2021

Advertisement's final graphics need to be submitted by 31st December 2021

DNA ROLLOUT

DNA testing which we introduced, in order to fall in line with other breed societies and protecting the breed for the future.

In 2021 all animals used in Embryo Transfer work Sire and Dam, to be DNA tested in order for lambs born 2022 be Birth Notified.

Next stage of the DNA rollout is that all stock rams to be used in Autumn 2022 be DNA tested. This means that all lambs being Birth Notified with the society in 2023 must be progeny of DNA tested Rams.

Nasal swab testing kits will be available from the office, the cost at the moment is £30 plus VAT but this may change is lab fees increase.

BREED PROMOTION

Always looking for stories and pictures, of peoples successes when using rouge or rouge crosses. If you have something, please pass the details on to the secretary or council members' details listed at the front of the Newsletter

Premier sale Carlisle

The Annual Rouge sheep society sale at held at Carlisle on Friday 13th August saw the return of shows to Borderway and a top price of 2100gns achieved for the 4th prize ram lamb Balvaired Rouge Young Gun consigned by Euan Campbell. This lamb was sired by Ian's William and out of a Bennachie bred ewe and purchased by Messrs Alford from Cullompton, Devon.

The 1st prize shearling ram and Reserve Overall Champion sold for the next best price of 1600gns to Messrs Rundle, Newquay, Cornwall. This shearling, Glenkeen Warlock, was consigned by Northern Ireland based John Harbinson. He was sired by Tullyvallen Van Gogh and out of Ballylane Still.

The 2nd prize shearling also sold for 1600gns, this was Wrights Waterloo consigned by SJ Wright from Axminster, Devon. Waterloo was sired by Knighton Victor and out of Wrights Pandora, he was purchased by Messrs Kennedy from Roscommon, Ireland.

John Harbinson sold his other shearling ram for 1100gns. This was Glenkeen Warrior, who is a full ET brother to the 1600gns Glenkeen shearling. Warrior had won 3rd prize in his class at the pre-sale show and was purchased by Messrs Moorhouse from Harrogate.

Messrs Alford's ram lamb Foxhill Yankee sold for 1100gns. This lamb was sired by Tullyvallen Shumacher and out of Knighton Sugar Tits who also bred a 6000gns ewe lamb at the Knighton flock dispersal. Yankee had won 2nd prize in the show and was successfully purchased by Messrs Oliver from Brampton.

The final animal at 1100gns was another ram lamb this time from Ian McConnell. Ian's Y17 was sired by Sunrise Vice and out of Kinsella Ursa and he had won 3rd prize in the pre-sale show. This lamb was heading home with Messrs Gate from Northwich, Cheshire.

Best of the females was two ewe lambs that sold for 1000gns. The first of these was the 3rd prize winning lamb from Patricia Imlah, Bennachie Young Princess. She was sired by the French bred Charbonnier Tres Bon and out of Bennachie Ula. The successful purchaser was Messrs Wight from Boston, Lincolnshire who also purchased the other ewe lamb that sold for the same money Ian McConnell's Ian's Y3, like Ian's 1100gns ram lamb was sired by Sunrise Vice and this time out of Ian's Titch a daughter of Castlescreen Pavarotti.

The 1st prize ewe lamb and female champion was another from Patricia Imlah and she went on to sell for 780gns. Also by the same French sire as Patricia's 1000gns lamb, Bennachie Young Star was out of Bennachie Update and she sold to Messrs Redfern from Leek, Staffordshire.

Averages: 4 Shearling Gimmers £582.75; 10 Ewe Lambs £615.30; 7 Shearling Rams £879.00; 28 Ram Lambs £460.87; 2 Rou-teX £551.25

Full Results Pre Sale Show

Overall Champion: Adrian Rundle Ram Lamb,
Male Champion: Ram Lamb – Adrian Rundle,
Female Champion : Ewe Lamb – Pat Imlah,

Res Overall Champion: John Harbinson Shearling
Res Male Champion – Shearling – John Harbinson
Res Female Champion: Ewe lamb – Ian Teasedale

Shearling Ram: 1st John Harbinson, 2nd Simon Wright, 3rd John Harbinson, 4th Ian Teasedale
Ram Lamb: 1st Adrian Rundle, 2nd M & M Alford, 3rd Ian McConnell, 4th Euan Campbell
Shearling Ewe: 1st Pat Imlah, 2nd Pat Imlah,
Ewe Lamb: 1st Pat Imlah, 2nd Ian Teasedale, 3rd Pat Imlah, 4th Zack Bywater



N.I Rouge Premier Show and Sale Dungannon.

A super bank holiday Monday saw records tumble at the NI Rouge Premier Show and Sale at Dungannon Farmers Market for the second successive year. This year it was the turn of the males with the Crawfordsland flock of the Boyd family in Doagh selling the Overall Champion, as judged by Brian Matthews of the Quarrymount Flock a ram lamb for an NI Rouge record of 5,600gns. Crawfordsland Young Gun is a February born lamb sired by Oldwood Watch This Space. He was knocked down to a trio of buyers consisting of the judge Brian Matthews Quarrymount Tullyvallen Flock, and Seorum Flock.

Next leading prices for the ram lambs was M Graham with Tullyvallen Ya Belter, who stood 3rd in his class, he was a Ballyhivistock Upperclass son, bred from the 2017 RUAS champion - Tullyvallen Superwoman. He realised 1,500gns to the Powerhouse Rouge flock of Colin & Wendy Phillips based in Herefordshire.

The next to achieve a four figure was George Knox of the Kinsella Flock. His ram lamb Kinsella Yogi was a January born, Sunrise Wildcard son bred from a homebred ewe – Kinsella Underline. This ram lamb was sold for 1,000gns to Robert Calvin of the Ballyhivistock flock based in Ballymoney.

Robert Calvin sold the reserve male champion and second place ram lamb – Ballyhivistock Yabba Babba Doo for 640gns to Shay Kennedy of the Townhill flock in County Waterford.

Shearling rams topped by the Oldwood William at 460gns for the first prize shearling ram.

Females

The female champion and reserve overall was awarded to ewe lamb Ballyhivistock You Beauty sired by Tullyvallen Wall Street and off a homebred dam from Robert Calvin.. This ewe lamb sold for 900gns to Tinney Brothers of the Dunduffs flock based in County Donegall. This price was out done by her pen mate and 3rd prize ewe lamb.

Ballyhivistock Yvonne bred from Ruval Unique and off a dam purchased from the Bennachie flock. This ewe lamb went onto sell for 1,100gns to Ali Jackson based in Scotland.

First prize gimmer was Tullyvallen Wing sired by Ballyhivistock Upper Class and from a homebred dam. This gimmer was also reserve female champion on the day and went onto sell for 2,400gns sold to Colin and Wendy Phillips of the Powerhouse Rouge Flock.

Averages were as follows.

Ram Lambs = £745 for 21 sold; Shearling Rams = £399 for 2 sold; Aged Ram = £399 for 1 sold; Shearling Ewes = £777 for 8 sold; Ewe Lambs = £460 for 9 sold

Results Below from Pre Sale Show

Overall Champion: D D & M Boyd 1st Ram Lamb,

Male Champion: Ram Lamb - D D & M Boyd,

Female Champion : Ewe Lamb – Robert Calvin,

Res Overall Champion: Robert Calvin 1st Ewe Lamb

Res Male Champion – Ram Lamb – Robert Calvin

Res Female Champion: Gimmer – Graham Family

Aged Ram: 1st J Harbinson,

Shearling Ram: 1st James M Houston, 2nd George Knox, 3rd James M Houston

Ram Lamb: 1st D D & M Boyd, 2nd Robert Calvin, 3rd Graham Family

Shearling Ewe: 1st Graham Family, 2nd S & J Kerr, 3rd Graham Family

Ewe Lamb: 1st Robert Calvin, 2nd Graham Family, 3rd Robert Calvin



Full Registrations Reminder

Any sheep that you intend to retain in your flock, either females for replacements, or any animals that you intend to retain to sell through Society Sales as shearlings the following year. Must be fully registered at an additional £8.00 per head by **31 December** in the year of their birth.

Any application for registration received after **31 December** and up to **30 September** the year following birth will be subject to the registration fee of £8 + £5 + VAT

Alternatively, animals may be fully registered at any age if previously birth notified at £50 + VAT



From the office

I am at the end of the phone if you have any queries, or you can also contact any council member.

Please remember deadlines for full registrations see above.

Please remember to do your DNA testing if you have done any ET work.

All Northern Ireland Pedigrees will be printed in Zotech format from now on.

This is to cut out double printing if there is any sales to Eire.

The council has monthly zoom meetings, if there is anything you want us to consider. Please forward to the office or one of the Council members their contact details above.

I would also like to thank you all for your help and support, and look forward to the sales and meeting up with everyone.

Regards
Pat