



British Rouge Sheep Society Newsletter

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**The Year
Letter for 2023**

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The last quarter has been a bit of a blur in the Ian Teasdale Calendar.

For me it started with the Highland Show where there was an excellent show of sheep with some new breeders in attendance which was great to see. Congratulations to James Theyer for winning the Championship with his Gimmer Shearling and thank you to Jayne Tannahill for judging. The class also featured on RHS TV where Michael Graham gave a great commentary for the watching viewers which was both educational and interesting. We returned home to fix combines!

The next sheep event for me was the Great Yorkshire Show, however this was close enough to home to mean that I was still on call for farmers starting on an unprecedentedly early harvest. I managed one day at the show, which was well worth the 'chew' as I received Breed Champion with my Ewe, kindly judged by Moor Hamilton. The Rouge was also well represented in the commercial section too with Jonathan Warren and Vicky Hainsworth showing what the breed can do for the commercial farmer and winning the X-bred Commercial Flock Champion with a Rou-tex Gimmer Shearling. Home to fix more combines!

The summer was one for horrendous heat, scary conditions and not a lot of grass for sheep or silage. (in fact it has been hard to bring myself to plough out some my grass leys this week as they are currently looking the best that they have done all year!)

The next event in the Rouge calendar was the virtual show, kindly judged once again by Moor Hamilton. I took Champion with the same Ewe from the Yorkshire Show and reserve went to Pat Imlah with an Aged Ram. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to take part and thanks to Watson Seeds (Euan Campbell) for sponsoring the event.

The Carlisle Premier Sale was soon upon us and found me slap bang in the middle of the wheat harvest which would normally have only just started at this point. The extreme heat was too much for me, never mind the sheep and the buyers but undeterred I managed to deliver my first AGM and the show and sale followed the next day with 113 entries forward and some tremendous sheep on offer. Pat Imlah received the Championship with her Gimmer Shearling, kindly judged by Derek Steen and the highest price of the day went to Simon Wright with a Ewe lamb.

I returned home to cut some more wheat. As harvest was as good as over by the end of August, I found myself travelling to Ireland to the Dungannon Sale which again showed a remarkable turnout of sheep. The Champion here went to George Knox's Ewe Lamb, which also received the highest bid of the day. Pre-sale judging was kindly undertaken by Vicky Hainsworth.

There were other Rouge Sheep events throughout the year that I was unable to attend, these included Scot Sheep where sheep were kindly supplied for our stand by Ian McConnell, who also manned the stand with the help of Pat Imlah. NSA Sheep 2022 was held in Malvern this year. Colin Phillips supplied some terrific X-bred Rouge Sheep and was helped to man the stand by John Gate and Jimmy Redfern.

Across the water again and this time to Balmoral. The Champion was taken by Michael Graham's ewe lamb and judged by Ian McConnell.

It was great to hear that for the first time in 9 years, Devon County Show decided to host a Pure Rouge class which was well attended with 35 entries. The class was judged by John Gate who said that there were some really good sheep. He gave the overall Champion to Anthony Carter's Ewe.

I would like to thank everyone who had taken the time to either show sheep, enter sheep at sales or help with the society in some other way. Getting the breed and X-bred sheep seen is the best way we have to promote the attributes of the Rouge Breed.

As we move toward the next quarter there are some changes a foot. Pat has decided that after 5 years as secretary that now is the time to step down. She has served the society well over the last 38 years that she had been involved with Rouge Sheep. She has been on Council for 20 years, and in the past has also held the positions of Vice Chairman and Chairman. Whilst Pat will no longer be Secretary, she will however remain on Council and we hope she keeps breeding sheep for another 12 years to round it up to a nice 50!

The Secretary Role will be taken over by Pedigree Livestock Services who also run similar roles for a number of other Societies, and we hope that you will all help to make the transition as smooth as possible. If anyone has any problems at all as we transfer over, please feel free to contact me.

Regards

Ian Teasdale

NEWS FROM OFFICE Off with the old

Some of you who did not attend the AGM will not be aware that this is my final newsletter.

I have been involved with the Rouge Society breeding serving on the committee for more years than I care to remember. I have made the decision that it is time to stepdown.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of breed secretary, and it has certainly been that at times. It was a big learning curve with things like Grassroots Zotech, DNA etc. I look forward to coming to Carlisle next year and only worrying about my sheep and not everything else.

The handover of the main office roles is on the 13th October, and I will finish at the year-end 31/12/22. I will remain on council until August 2023 to aid a smooth transition.

I would like to thank everyone for all of their support over the years.

Regards
Pat



On with the New

The British Rouge Sheep Society has appointed Cumbria-based **Pedigree Livestock Services Holme House, Dale, Ainstable, Carlisle**. To take on the complete administrative roles for the breed society.

Society chairman Ian Teasdale said current and long serving society Secretary Pat Imlah has decided to retire from the position and in the interests of a seamless transition for members, it made sense to appoint the Carlisle based company to take over.

Said Mr Teasdale "Pedigree Livestock Services run by Andy Ryder who already has several other breed societies, as well as Penrith Show, in its portfolio. The business is experienced in dealing with all aspects of running an efficient service for pedigree breeders."

Mr Ryder said, "Registrations would continue via Grassroots Systems and everything currently handled by Pat would be taken in hand. The PLS office is open Monday to Friday 9.00 til 17.00. Point of contact will be **Kiri Bass** on telephone number **01768 870523**."

Breed Society members should find the change completely seamless and apart from revised contact details, it will be 'business as normal' and we really do look forward to working with the Rouge membership."

Andy Ryder

Full Registrations Deadline Reminder 31 December

On Line Birth Notifications and Registrations

These can be done on the Grassroots database at the following costs. Login, password available from Rouge Society office and pedigree certificates will be issued where appropriate

Pedigree and Rou-teX charges

Birth Notification Fee £2.00 + VAT per head (males and females) unless late.

Full Registration Fee £8.00 + VAT per head (males and females) unless late.

Please note all lambs must have their EID Tag Number stated when birth notified.

Lambs must first be Birth Notified followed by Full Registration

Transfer Fee £5.00 + VAT per head (FEMALES)
£10.00 + VAT per head (MALES)

Imported Males and Females (wef 2018)

Can be transferred in at a cost of £20.00 + VAT per head

(All rams and ewes must be transferred into your flock before registration of lambs)

1. Lambs must be Birth Notified with the Society by **31st May** in the year of their birth at £2.00 + VAT per head.
2. Lambs born after **31st May** must be birth notified at £2 per head by the end of the month following birth.
3. Lambs Birth Notified Late will be subject to a late double charge of £4 + VAT per head.
4. If you intend to show or sell any lambs either at shows held under the auspices of the Society or at Society Sales, they must also be Fully Registered with the Society at an additional £8.00 + VAT per head by **31st May** in the year of their birth. This is to enable us to get certificates issued to breeders in time for the show or sale entries.
5. 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 **31st December** in the year of their birth.
6. Any application for registration received after **31st December** and up to **30th September** the year following birth will be subject to the registration fee of £8 + £5 + VAT
Or animals may be fully registered at any age if previously birth notified at £50 + VAT
7. Any animals that you wish to sell privately for breeding or for commercial use, you may Birth Notify at £2.00 + VAT per head within the time scales stated above. The purchaser then has the option to fully register the animal at a later date if they wish.
8. **NO ANIMAL CAN BE REGISTERED AS FULLY PEDIGREE AND NO CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED UNLESS THE RELEVANT FEES HAVE BEEN PAID.**
9. AI & Embryo
 - a) ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION - On applying to Birth Notify a lamb got by Artificial Insemination, **the insemination form must be forwarded**, with the Birth Notification details. Please note any rams used, if not previously registered with the society will be charged at the appropriate fee.
 - b) EMBRYO TRANSFER - On applying to Birth Notify lambs got by Embryo Transfer, **the insemination form must be** forwarded with the Birth Notification details. Please note any rams used, if not previously registered with the society will be charged at the appropriate fee.
10. Rou-teX
Please note the following must be entered at the end of the tattoo number depending on the breed of sire as follows
Beltex Sire (B)
Texel Sire (T)
Dutch Texel Sire (D)

***ATTENTION ***

DNA ROLLOUT

All live sires to be DNA tested for 2023 births

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 if lab fees increase.

National Virtual Show 2022

Our thanks to Judge Moore Hamilton

Champion

Ian Teasdale Jet's Flock with the ewe "Knighton Who's that Girl"

Reserve Champion

Pat Imlah Bennachie Flock with Aged ram "Kinsella Vinnie"



ROUGE SALES 2022

Rouge Sheep Society 32nd Show & sale

Our thanks to Judge Derek Steen

🏆 Female Champ & OVERALL CHAMPION Bennachie Your Highness P Imlah (Gimmer) 🏆
Reserve Female Grassknop Annie A&A Mitchell (Ewe Lamb)
Male Champ & OVERALL RES CHAMPION Tiptop Abracadabra. A Jackson (Ram Lamb)
Reserve Male Hardhaugh Yam A&A Mitchell (Shearling)



Northern Ireland Club 31st Premier Sale

Thanks to our Judge Vicki Hainsworth

🏆 Female Champ & OVERALL CHAMPION Kinsella Ann Summers G Knox (Ewe lamb) 🏆
Res female Champion – Tullyvallen Added Value AJ Graham (Aged ewe)
Male Champ & RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION Oldwood Alfred J Houston (Ram lamb)
Res Male Champion Fairyglen Young Fella S&J Kerr (Shearling ram)



Show Results 2022

Balmoral

Champion - Ewe lamb - Graham Family
Res Champion - Aged Ram - S&J Kerr



Royal Highland Show

Champion of the Day Rouge Gimmer from J Theyer Clanfield Rouge. 🏆🏆
Reserve Champion Rouge Shearling from J Theyer Clanfield Rouge



Great Yorkshire Show

Champion - Ewe – Ian Teasdale
Res Champion - Aged Ram – A J Carter



Rouge in Orkney

Farmer S Smith

We have 250 Highlander x Texel ewes we bought our first Rouge ram last year, we found his lambs were easy born and quick to get to their feet and grow on well. Therefore, we thought we would purchase another two Rouge rams this year so we now have three Rouge and two Kerry Hill rams.



New Members 2022

Council are delighted with the steady increase in membership over the last two years. We would like to welcome them all to the joys of keeping rouge sheep.

GHB Mr G H Beeby, Bridge Farm, Middlewich Road, Woolstanwood,
Crewe, Cheshire CW1 4QG

JLC Miss Emily Jones, Coedmore Hall, Lampeter, Dyfed, South Wales
SA48 8HU

SJO Mrs S J Oddie, 2 Goose Lane Cottages, Goose Lane, Chipping,
Preston, Lancashire PR3 2QF

I think the future is in safe hands

