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Winter Fair



Bakewell Agricultural Centre

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24th January

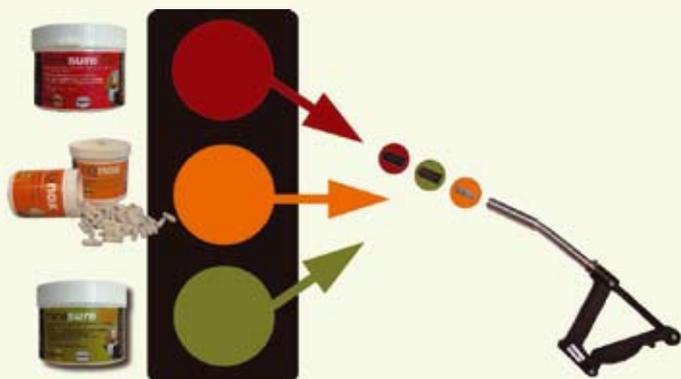
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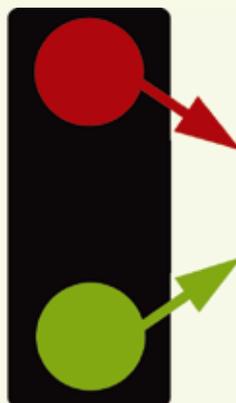


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The NSA Central region winter fair kicks off a busy calendar of 2013 sheep events. Let's hope it kicks off a fresh season of more palatable weather. Writing this 8 weeks before the event I hope that comment doesn't tempt fate although only time will tell and I wait to hear about it on the day!

Whatever the weather and whatever the season, if you're involved with sheep there are always hurdles to overcome and opportunities to take advantage of and this Winter Fair includes trade stands, seminars, and information that will allow you to make the most of your business. As well as this what better chance to meet old friends and acquaintances, and maybe get to meet some new contacts that share your interests.

I hope you enjoy the results of all the hard work the NSA Central region have put into arranging the day. Along with all the ups and downs sheep farming has an incredible history and I believe an even better future as the natural and sustainable role that they play in both uplands and lowlands is increasingly recognised. High quality meat from mainly grass, natural and renewable fibres, maintaining landscapes and biodiversity, and building soil fertility are key attributes of sheep farming and the global signals are that these outputs will be valued more and more in the future. In addition all the activity that the industry depends on such as the breeding stock and a huge array of allied trades all adds to economic activity and a social structure that would be the envy of many other industries.

Finally, if you're not already a member of NSA



then there is no end of reasons why membership makes sense. Easy access to topical and practical information, our Sheep Farmer magazine, beneficial entry charges to events, regional activities, being part of an organisation that influences policy and development in your favour - the list goes on. But being launched at the winter fair is an additional reason that is surely unmissable, a chance to win a Rappa mobile sheep handling yard in a prize draw to be made in the Autumn of 2013. All new members will automatically be entered into the draw and existing NSA members are not left out, you can get involved in the draw by signing someone up as a new member.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Phil Stocker
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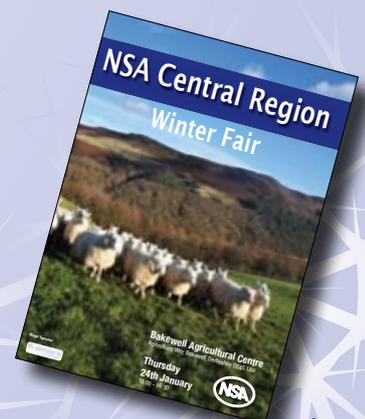
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Front cover:

**Welsh Cross Ewes, Crookhill Farm,
Upper Derwent Valley**

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Chairman's Report

Hello and welcome to our second Central Region Winter Fair. I am delighted to welcome an increased number of Breed Society stands this year and you will find hill, longwool and terminal sire breeds represented. Once again there is a wide range of trade stands, both inside and outside the market, including newcomers to our event.

The Central Region is particularly keen to support and encourage young people into the sheep industry and we are pleased to be holding three competitions once more, covering different age groups: the Schools Wool Challenge for Years 8 & 9; the Inter-Schools Junior Shepherd Competition co-ordinated by DART, for 16-18 year olds; and the Young Shepherd Competition for those up to age 26, organized by Matt Bagley from Reaseheath College.

It seems every year farmers face new challenges, either from the weather or from some new exotic disease. The weather this year has resulted in poorer quality silage and hay, and coupled with increased prices for straw and compound feeds, farmers are having to think carefully about feeding their in-lamb ewes. In addition, the presence of Schmallenberg virus in UK is causing growing concern and scanners in some areas are reporting an increase in foetal abnormalities and losses. A vaccine is on the way but not yet available.

I hope you find our programme of seminars both



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Bob and Anne Payne

interesting and informative. Please come along and put your questions to our speakers and join in the discussion on some very topical issues.

I would like to thank Alastair Sneddon of Bagshaws at Bakewell Agricultural Centre and Derbyshire Dales Council for all their help and support once again and not forgetting the hard work of our organizers Helen Davies and Dy Webb.

These events don't happen without NSA members giving freely of their time to make the Winter Fair a success, neither do they happen without the backing of our sponsors, and our sincere thanks go to them all.

Bob Payne

Welcome to Bakewell Market the Regional Centre for Sheep Sales in the Peak District.

It is now 15 years since the "New" Bakewell Market or Agricultural Business Centre (A.B.C) was opened by Her Royal Highness Princess Anne.

The siting and design were controversial to say the least and opinions were divided within the town most particularly in regard to the "tented" roof over the sheep pens.

Some suggested that it would be a white elephant and that following BSE livestock markets were doomed, and of course during the 2001 Foot and Mouth outbreak no livestock were sold for almost 12 months. At least no livestock that were on the premises. There were the "photographic" auctions which ran for a few months prior to reopening in Spring 2002.

Even without livestock the opportunity for farmers to gather together was appreciated after the long break when it was not permitted.

There was a small hiccup in 2007 when the FMD virus escaped from Pirbright twice and on the second occasion in September of that year the national shutdown coincided with a large Store lamb sale.

Bakewell found itself on the National and International News with 12,000 lambs trapped in the market awaiting Defra's permission to travel.



The last 3 years have brought with them a much awaited boost in livestock values and a new found enthusiasm amongst livestock farmers as their efforts have become better appreciated on the back of fears about food security.

So in a very short space of time since opening

much has happened in the livestock marketing world, but despite all this there are plenty of sheep and cattle to be found at Bakewell, but no sign of any white elephants.

Alastair Sneddon

General Information

Venue

Bakewell Auction Mart,
Agriculture Way, Bakewell, Derbyshire.
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Date

Thursday 24th January 2013

Opening Time

10.00am – 4.30pm

Where to stay

Bakewell Tourist Information Centre
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How to find us

From the centre of Bakewell, at the roundabout take the A6 to Matlock. After passing the Recreation Ground on your left, look out for the speed restrictions signs. As you approach the 40mph sign you will see the sign for the Agricultural Business Centre, this sign tells you to turn left. Turn left into the approach road (Agriculture Way), and follow the road (20mph speed limit) until you reach the Agricultural Centre Building.

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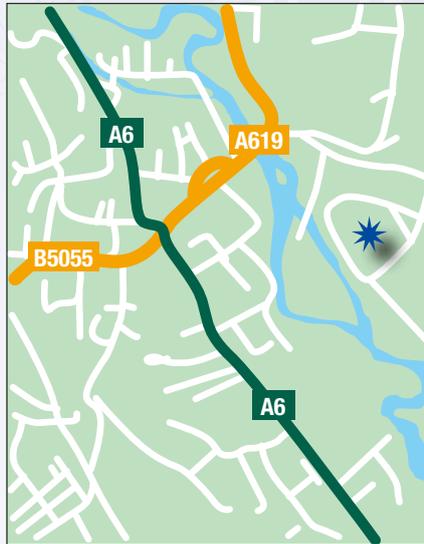
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First Aid

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Food

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Information Point

Please ask at the event office.

Cash machine

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Public Telephone

Not available.

Toilets

Ladies and gents toilets, including disabled facilities, are available.

Tickets

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Liver Fluke

Prevalence, diagnosis and treatment

The UK cattle and sheep industry is worth over £3 billion a year at the farmgate¹. However, both species are vulnerable to infection by liver fluke (*Fasciola hepatica*) – and millions of pounds can be lost each year.

- National flock - £5.28 million lost per year²
- National herd - £23 million lost per year³

Prevalence of fluke

Liver fluke are now found throughout the UK, even in those previously less affected areas such as East Anglia and south east Scotland. Recent changes in weather patterns have affected the prevalence of fluke as both the fluke parasite and its snail host thrives in wet, warm conditions. Increasingly wet summers mean that experts are predicting heavy fluke challenges.

On average, 1.34 million sheep and cattle livers are condemned per year⁴ and many producers are now receiving slaughter reports of infected stock for the first time.

Lifecycle of fluke

Liver fluke have two phases, inside and outside the animal – increasing their potential to infect. Inside the animal, the liver fluke matures through three growth stages – early immature, immature and adult – the first two stages cause damage to the liver as they migrate towards the bile duct. The adult stages are blood suckers and can lay

up to 50,000 eggs per day in the bile duct which are consequently passed out onto pasture and can increase the likelihood of reinfection and infection in other animals.

The snail host hibernates when the ground temperature drops below 10°C, and the larvae inside will overwinter, starting to develop again only when the temperature is right for the snail. This is called the winter infection of snails and these larvae can cause fluke disease early in the summer. The biggest infection of snails happens in the summer, which is why we have the biggest risk of fluke infection in the autumn. Due to the weather being milder and wetter, fluke disease in some areas is now becoming a year-round problem.

Can we be sure it is fluke?

To avoid on-going production losses, farmers should be aware of symptoms and seek an early, accurate diagnosis. Faecal egg counts can be used to detect the presence of fluke. Consult with your vet for diagnosis and advice on your own farm.

Flukicide options

Preventative measures can be taken against fluke, including draining marshy land to reduce the snail habitat or fencing such areas to prevent animals from grazing on it. For the majority of farmers, flukicide treatments are essential to protect flock health and optimize productivity.

The most effective option is a treatment containing triclabendazole that kills fluke at the earliest growth stage in the liver to prevent liver damage and kill fluke before they lay eggs. Flukicides that don't kill all three stages, and leave immature stages alive and able to develop into egg laying adults, will require a further treatment, in the meantime exposing the animal to further liver damage. In sheep, triclabendazole kills all 3 stages of fluke down to 2 days of age and has been shown to deliver a 3kg higher weight gain than treating for adult fluke only⁵. The fluke challenge in the autumn of 2012 has been very heavy and traditional treatment times may not be adequate. None of the flukicides are persistent so animals will get reinfected when they start grazing pasture again. It is important to discuss the treatment strategy on your farm with your prescriber,

For more information about fluke and treatment options available, please visit the Novartis Animal Health stand and www.farmanimalhealth.co.uk.

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Early immature fluke
1 - 5 weeks

- Early immature fluke tunnel through the liver severing blood vessels and destroying liver cells.
- Loss of liver function, anaemia and even death can occur.
- Damage continues unless early immature flukes are eliminated by a flukicide that kills all stages of fluke.

Immature fluke
6 - 9 weeks

- Unless killed, second stage immature fluke continue tunneling towards the bile duct.
- Further liver damage can severely compromise animal health and productivity.

Adult fluke
10 - 12 weeks

- On reaching the bile duct, third stage adult fluke lay up to 50,000 eggs per day.
- Damage to the bile duct, and feeding on blood, leads to poor condition, anaemia and bottle jaw.

Liver damage caused by early immature fluke

Bile duct

Gall bladder

Key

- Early immature
- Immature
- Adult

The Liver

Programme of Events

10.00	Event opens to the public
10.00 - 15.00	Young Shepherds Competition
10.00 - 15.30	Lamb Selection and Demonstration EBLEX stand - including Open Competition and Young Shepherd Competition.
10.00 - 15.30	Demonstration by SIGNET of new scanning equipment - Texel Society Stand.
10.00 - 15.30	Inter Schools Junior Shepherd Competition, co-ordinated by DART.
10.15	Judging of the best trade stand and best sheep breed society stand.
10.30	Opening Ceremony - NSA Chairman John Geldard FRAGs, in the auction ring.
10.45	Judging of the Schools Wool Challenge Competition, in the main auction ring.
11.00	Seminars commence, in the conference room (see timetable)
12.00	Seminar
13.00	Announce Schools Wool Challenge winners, in the auction ring.
13.30	Seminar - panel debate
15.00	Seminar
15.30	Presentation of prizes for the Young Shepherds competition, Stockjudging and Inter Schools Junior Shepherd Competition winner on the NSA stand
16.30	Event closes.

Seminars

10.30	Opening Ceremony <i>John Geldard FRAGs, NSA Chairman</i>
11.00	Liver Fluke Detection, control & treatment <i>Lindsay Rochford,</i> <i>Novartis Professional Services Vet</i> <i>Chairman - Chris Lewis MRCVS,</i>
12.00	Your Wool Board - Working for you <i>Malcolm Corbett - Chairman BWMB</i> <i>Chairman - Richard Cottrill, Regional</i> <i>Chairman, English Central Region,</i> <i>BWMB</i>
13.30	Landscape, Leisure & Livestock Have we got the balance right? <i>Panel comprising:</i> <i>Will Cockbain, Natural England</i> <i>TBA, Peak District NP</i> <i>TBA</i> <i>Chairman - Phil Stocker, NSA CEO</i>
15.00	CAP Reform - Latest Developments and Industry Requirements <i>Speakers TBC</i> <i>Chairman - Alastair Sneddon,</i> <i>Bagshaws Auctioneers</i>


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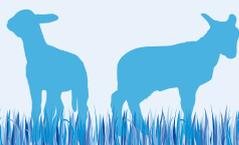


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