



**NSA Breed Society Forum**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at The Nags Head Tavern**  
**Thornfalcon, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 5NW**

***'Solutions to old and new sheep sector challenges'***

**Agenda**

- 10am**            **Registration, tea and coffee**
- 10.25am**        **Welcome** from Samuel Wharry, NSA Chairman
- 10.30am**        **Sheep farming trends** with Joseph Keating, AHDB Beef & Lamb South West Regional Manager  
*To include a look at national production trends, consumption and market performance*
- 10.55am**        **Sector headlines and NSA activity** with Phil Stocker, NSA Chief Executive  
*To include an update on NSA work on carcass splitting, rewilding, flooding and more*
- 11.25am**        **Disease threats and contingency planning** with Amanda Carson, APHA Surveillance Team  
*To include a look at the current bluetongue threat and other diseases on the horizon. Amanda also sits on the FAnGR committee, with Marcus Bates, and they will talk about protecting breed genetics in the event of culling during a disease outbreak*
- 12 noon**         **Plans for a National Gene Bank** with Tom Blunt, Rare Breed Survival Trust  
*To include an update on work by NSA, RBST, FAnGR and others on a new archive*
- 12.25pm**        **The ongoing threat from MV** with Brian Hosie, SAC Consulting  
*To include how to tackle a lack of awareness of the seriousness of the disease*
- 12.50pm**        **Breed societies and EU zootechnical rules** with Marcus Bates, British Pig Association  
*To include a look at how EU legislation affects breed societies in the UK*
- 1.15pm**         **Summing up** from Bryan Griffiths, NSA English Committee Chairman / NSA South West Region
- 1.20pm**         **Lunch**
- 2pm**             **Depart for farm walk** at Peterhayes Farm, Yarcombe, Honiton, Devon, EX14 9LW
- 2.15pm**         **Farm walk** by kind permission of Philip Derryman and family  
*Philip will show us around the mixed enterprise of dairy, beef and sheep, stretching across two local units. The sheep enterprise consists of three breeds – performance recorded Hampshire Downs and Suffolks, along with Romneys.*
- 3.45pm**         **Finish and depart**



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