

# DORSET DOWN SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BREED SALE

SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024

HELD AT SEDGEMOOR AUCTION CENTRE

## It was Harry's Day

### £1470 Shearling ram topped the sale

104 sheep penned for one of the largest sales for some time saw breeders converge on the annual sale to both buy and sell. The sale commenced as always with the females. The trade was level throughout with a good selection of type and pedigree on offer. Buyers travelled from Wales, Sussex, Lincolnshire and the southwest peninsula to snap up the 80 or so females ranging from 150 gns (£157.50) to 340 gns (£357).

Jennifer & William Harvey (Crawlands flock) lead the way with a lovely shearling ewe full of breed character selling at 340 gns (£357) to the Gray Family (Lincolnshire). Harry Stamp just a couple of days short of his birthday, presented some very well prepared and well bred individuals topping with a shearling ewe sired by a Trefill (NJ Bond) sire and out of a homebred ewe by a Holloway ram, she sold to Henry & Bethan Brice (Hampshire) at 320 gns. Harry had 3 other shearlings selling at 300 gns to Treve Acres Farms and Harding. Harry then purchased a shearling at 300 gns from James & Natalie Hepburn (Garlic Meadow flock).

The ewe lamb section saw a great flurry of excitement when Simon & Lindsay Norton (Cotleigh flock) put their consignment of 6 in the ring together for buyers to take their pick - spirited bidding followed with Annabel Pearn's bid of 270 gns winning out for her to take the pen full all at the same price to join her flock in Cornwall.

It was for the Rams that the vast proportion of the crowd came to buy and Harry Stamp was back in the thick of it seeing fierce bidding for his shearling ram that had been Reserve Interbreed Champion as a lamb at Royal Bath & West Show and Reserve Breed Champion at Royal Three Counties as a shearling. This outstanding ram full of breed character and impeccably turned out by Harry sold at 1400 gns (£1470) to the Gray family.



Harry's second shearling sold at 620 gns to Kris & Charlie Parsons (Farway flock) and then another at 600 gns to Emily Estate (UK) Ltd. Kris & Charlie soon recouped their outlay selling a classic Down ram who had recently been Reserve Male Champion at Royal Bath and West for 800 gns to Emily Estate (UK) Ltd.

Other notable prices were for the ever present Robert Burrough (Bewley flock) with shearlings to 620 gns (Treve Acres Farms) and 600 gns (Peter Spurdle, Chard). Harry then finished off his day selling the top priced ram lamb, a maternal half brother to the sale topper for 400 gns to Emily Estate (UK) Ltd.

Averages

Flock Ewes 210 gns

Shearling Ewes 262 gns

Ewe Lambs 222 gns

Shearling Rams 598 gns

Ram Lambs 350 gns

Aged Rams 306 gns

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