



JACOB SHEEP SOCIETY SOUTHERN REGION OPEN DAY

to be held at Shelley Oaks Farm and Campsite, Shelley lane, Romsey, S051 6AS
on Saturday, November 18th 2023 at 09:30 am

Shelley Oaks Farm is situated between Romsey, Salisbury, and Southampton on the edge of the New Forest National Park. Chris and Caroline are currently undertaking work to re-establish the meadow grassland and manage a flock of pedigree Jacob sheep. Their main focus is to increase their pedigree sheep flock every spring time and also provide good quality meat and wool for spinning.

History of the Shelley Oaks Flock.

The Shelley Oaks flock was begun following a breed recommendation for Jacobs and a referral to Gareth Jones which resulted in the purchase of a starter flock in spring 2011 including mature ewes from the Peregrine, Knowlton, Durmast, Fippenny, Feckenham and Noads flocks. The 'girls' were destined to become a natural park management tool as well as satisfying our need to be shepherds – a long standing ambition. We borrowed a Peregrine ram (Padrig, a four horned) later that year for our first crop of lambs the following spring. Undeterred by lambing outside in a huge field with just a rickety old shed for shelter, we bought four more ewes in 2012 as wedding presents (Swanwick and Knowlton breeding). Fast forward twelve years, a house build, two boys and the start of a farming partnership, and we now lamb around 100 ewes each year on our 80 acre farm on the edge of the New Forest. The lambs are reared as flock replacements, hogget for meat box sale direct to the public and any remaining lambs either finished for market or sold as stores registered under the New Forest Marque. We produce our own hay and grow our own haylage to maintain the Jacobs as pasture fed all year round, all without using artificial fertiliser or chemical sprays on the permanent pasture. <https://www.shelleyoaksfarm.co.uk/>

Programme

- Arrival 09:30-10:00 am
 - Tea and Coffee with lovely welcome cake
- Introduction to Shelley Oak Farm and the flock of sheep
 - Lunch will be held at the local pub.
 - AGM Meeting after lunch
- Time to say goodbye 2:30 - 3:00 pm

Looking forward to seeing everyone and to spending a great day together.

The cost of each Adult is £5.00 for the open day.

Members to order and pay for their lunch at the pub.

Please confirm via email if you are attending the day.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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