

BOOKING FORM		
Thursday 25 th April 2024	Number of People	Total Cost
Coach – Bristol airport to hotel		£15 person
<u>Friday 26th April</u>		
Coach – to all visits		£15 per person
Visit to the Mashbury flock with visiting sheep from the Madog, Penni Bach and GJ flocks		£20 including lunch
Blaenavon Iron works with guided tour		£10
Buffet supper at the hotel		£30
<u>Saturday 27th April</u>		
Coach to all visits		£15 per person
Visit to the Grove flock with visiting sheep from the Cwmbran and Rockhouse flocks including lunch		£20 per person
Gala dinner		£40 per person
<u>Sunday 28th April</u>		
Visit to the Beiliau flock including lunch		£20 per person
Coach from hotel to Beiliau flock then back to Bristol airport		£15 per person
Please list any dietary requirements		
<u>Total</u>		
Name / Email Address	Flock no.	Tel: Number

JACOB SHEEP SOCIETY

55th AGM WEEKEND

2024



Hosted by the Wales Region

Friday 26th – 28th April 2024

WEEKEND PROGRAMME

Friday 26th April 2024

9.30 am	Depart from the hotel.
10.30 am	Visit to the Mashbury flock with visiting sheep from the Madog, GJ and Penni Back flocks. Lunch at 12 noon.
13:00 pm	Depart to next visit.
2.00 pm	Visit to Blaenavon Ironworks with guided tour.
4.00 pm	Return to the hotel.
7.00 pm	Buffet supper with entertainment.

Saturday 27th April 2024

9.30 am	Annual General Meeting
11.00 am	Leave hotel
11.15 am	Visit to the Grove flock with visiting sheep from the Cwmbran and Rockhouse flocks. Lunch at 12 noon.
	Depart to return to the hotel.
	Drinks reception hosted by the Wales Region.
6.00 pm	Gala dinner followed by the auction and a band
7.00 pm	

Sunday 28th April 2024

9.45 am	Depart hotel
10.30 am	Visit to the Beiliau flock. Lunch at 12 noon.
2.00 pm	Members depart for home after lunch.



BOOKING FORM FOR MEALS

Friday Evening	Name	Name
Mains		
Lasagne		
Turkey Fricassee		
Vegetarian option		
Desserts		
Trifle		
Bread & butter pudding		

Gala dinner	Name	Name
Starters		
Leek & potato soup		
Chef's homemade pate		
Mains		
Roast sirloin of beef, Yorkshire pudding and horseradish		
Roast turkey breast, sausage and bacon, sage & onion stuffing.		
Vegetarian option		
Desserts		
Blackberry & apple pie		
Chocolate cheesecake		
Freshly brewed coffee/mints		

BOOKING FORM - Please mark clearly how many people you are booking for each visit, your choices for the dinners, any dietary requirements, and return to Siwan Harries, Wennant, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire, Wales, SA19 7UR by **31st January 2024** noting on form payment made by BACS – Jacob Sheep Society Ltd, sort



MADOG FLOCK – Ali Ross: The Madog flock of two horned Jacob sheep was established in 2015 with four Webbery ewe lambs following a research trip to The Royal Welsh Show. At the show I thought I would look at the Jacob sheep as my father owned a rather unruly flock in the 1970's. I was entranced by Bridget Wilson's Webbery ewe with her triplet lambs and swept up into the after show party, where I realised there was fun to be had in the JSS family! Clive Richardson took the time to show me how to recognise a good Jacob and I was hooked. All my ewes are home bred mainly from one influential ewe born in 2017 Madog Tess, still retained in the flock. With only a handful of breeding ewes I look for ram lambs from well-established flocks with good bloodlines. Bentley Starlight and Bentley Gold Blaze have produced some lovely lambs with the bonus of good fleece. Dunmor Evra bred me a tremendous big ewe that is retained in the flock. Beiliau Subaru (the first time I have used an older ram) has bought back some bloodlines that I admired in my foundation ewes. I have not had much opportunity to show my sheep due to work commitments and lack of facilities on our small holding high in the Brecon Beacons. However, Madog Flock has had some success winning the Small Flock competition in 2021 and 2022 with Madog Cracker winning best shearling ewe in 2022.

MASHBURY FLOCK – Samantha Matthew: I bought my first Jacob sheep in 2017, purely because I thought they were pretty! They certainly fulfilled that brief and my new Pard House ewe lambs ran alongside my Black Welsh Mountain ewes. The Mashbury Flock came into being in 2018 and is named after my family farm in Essex. Our first lambs were born in 2019, using our foundation ram, Beiliau Shogun. We have since used rams from the Grove and Hope Flocks and have managed to produce consistently good stock, selling both for breeding and meat. The flock are all bred clear for Tay Sachs as I tested all my breeding stock while the flock was small and we retained ewe lambs. My 16 breeding ewes are now mainly homebred and I plan to keep numbers at about this level as I also breed BWM and Shetland sheep. 2019 was also the start of my fledgling showing career, taking a ram lamb, Mojito, to a few local shows. Unfortunately as soon as we started Covid reared its head and I had to wait until the Welsh sale in 2021, where that same ram sold as the highest price male, going to the Elmley Flock. I'm very happy to say that Mojito has now returned to us, bringing back a bloodline I wanted to keep in my flock. One of my biggest pleasures is seeing my prefix in the breeding of other flocks and I hope to continue and grow this as well as attempting some larger shows with the Jacobs in the future.

Wool cup and Photograph competition.

Entries will need to be in by 11.00 am on Friday morning for judging with prizes and cups being awarded on the Saturday morning at the AGM, as will the Pat Bromley trophy.

The photo competition has three categories: 1. **Sheep shenanigans** 2. **Maternity ward** 3. **Beauty parlour.** All photos to be in by 11am on the Friday morning and results will be announced on Friday evening at the buffet. Please can all photos be 5"x 7" or above, on photo paper or high-quality printer paper, with name, flock name and category on the reverse. Junior section for 16 years and under with category "Ewe and me."

Auction: Will take place on the Saturday night so please bring your auction items on the Friday so the auctioneer can get them booked in. Send photos of items to Siwan prior to the weekend so they can be advertised on Facebook.

Hotel information and Booking

Situated in over seven and a half acres of gardens, the privately owned Parkway Hotel in Cwmbran is an ideal setting for both business and pleasure. This four star AA accredited luxury hotel has gone through an uplifting refurbishment after being taken over by the De Savary family in November 2012. Equipped with 80 en suite Bedrooms, an exclusive private members leisure club and spa, a restaurant which is famous for its three course carvery and large function rooms for celebrations, weddings and dinner dances. The extensive reception area and comfortable lounge provide warmth from a real log fire where over a ton of local coal and logs are burned each week, while in the summer a newly refurbished and extended patio garden area are excellent for dinner dates and relaxing evenings with a bottle of wine. A friendly and enthusiastic welcome awaits guest at the hotel which is renowned in the locality for its high standards of food, service and accommodation. Complimentary WIFI and parking is available to all guests, and residents have their own executive residents lounge. The hotel is extremely proud to have come runners up in Wales in Bloom in 2014 and 2015 and gold for 2016. 2017. 2018 and 2019 for their outstanding grounds. A warm Welsh family welcome awaits you at the Parkway Hotel and Spa.

To book the hotel - you will need to call the reservations team at the hotel on 01633 871199 and state that you are booking for the Jacob Sheep Society AGM weekend, and the reservations team will be able to book you in. Please note that, as these rooms are at a discounted rate, they are only available to book up until 31st January 2024. After this date, any rooms not booked will automatically be released for general sale. You can still book rooms after this date; however, they will be subject to availability and at the standard selling rates. If you would like to

stay Thursday or Sunday night, please speak directly with the hotel, discounted rates have been agreed also for these nights. Room charges are £140 a night for double rooms and £130 per night for single occupancy. Rates are for bed and breakfast only.

Travel: A bus will be laid on pick members up at Bristol airport on the Thursday, and will be available for the flock visits on the Friday and Saturday. If there are insufficient numbers alternative transport will be provided.

GROVE FLOCK – THE LEONARD FAMILY: My love of Jacobs started in 2004 when buying commercial ewes at our local Greenmeadow Community Farm. I spotted Jacobs in the next field, being the golden boy in my gramp's eye we came away with two unregistered yearling ewes. That year we showed them at our local show doing well. In 2005 we bought our first pedigree ewes from the Wicktree flock. That year we used a Highfield ram which started to produce our show lambs. Throughout the years we've used a variety of rams to get the different bloodlines and to get the stamp of Jacob we like. Over the years our sheep have performed really well at local and national shows, with the 2023 season being a highlight for us and one to remember with our shearling stock's success overwhelming us on every occasion from in the show ring to the Society sale at Worcester. We as a family are looking forward to welcoming you to the Grove flock

CWMBRAN FLOCK – Jack Tiley: The Cwmbran Flock is part of Greenmeadow Community Farm, situated in South East Wales. Attracting over 60,000 visitors a year, we wanted a breed that stood out to our visitors and was versatile to fit in to our system. Originally, a few unregistered ewes were run with the commercial flock before switching to a pedigree flock which was established in 2007. Our foundation stock came the Owlsote flock owned by Brenda and Derek Howells, bringing in a ram, Owlsote Georgie Boy and some ewes. A few years later we brought in some 4 horn ewes for some variation in the flock and for the public to view. We moved the 4 horns on in 2015 to concentrate on the 2 horns. Other rams that have been influential in the flock have been Grove Charles, Grove Oliver, Beiliau Subaru and Gwenerin Caleb with Beiliau Subaru leaving a particular strong stamp in the flock. More recently we've become more involved in Jacob Sheep Society events, started to show our Jacobs at some local shows and attending Society show and sales. We run between 12 and 16 ewes with ewe lambs following on. The Jacobs run alongside our two other pedigree flocks - Coloured Ryelands and Welsh Mountain Torddu Badger Face so we have to be mindful of how many ewe lambs we keep back, but one or two more often sneak past! Gwenerin and Meadowland rams have been used for 2024 lambing and we are looking forward to see what they produce. And we are particularly looking forward to taking part in our first ever AGM!

ROCKHOUSE FLOCK – Lucy Davies: The Rockhouse Jacob flock started back in early 2020 after I purchased two ewes with lambs at foot as a gift for my mum, Claire, for Mother's Day as it's a breed she had always admired.

In 2022 my mum and I decided to show some of our extended flock. We did well in our first showing season and met some lovely people from the Jacob Sheep Society and new friendships grew.

We now have a flock of 25 which continues to grow as each year goes by.

GJ JACOBS - Gethin Woosnam: I purchased my first Jacob ewes in September 2012 from the Wales Region Show and Sale in Llandovery. We came home with a trailer load of ewes including a Scithwen yearling who is still in the flock to this day. Initially the ewes were put to commercial rams, however in 2016 I purchased my first Jacob ram, Milldale Max, and the GJ flock was established. More females were introduced, notably a Celtic ewe and two Nantbach ewes. Other rams used have been Kinloch Hunter, Stenna Carlo, Celtic Noah and most recently Gobaiith Hurricane. Hunter won first prize shearling ram at the Worcester Show and Sale in 2019 and sold for 720gns which was our first major triumph as a flock. I aim to breed well bodied animals with a black muzzle and a presence in the show ring. The flock has had success in the show ring attending both local shows and shows further afield for the Jacob classes.

BEILIAU FLOCK – the Trumper family: Established in 1981 when Lyndon and his brother wanted something different that stood out from the commercial flock on the family farm. The initial Jacobs came from Gill Williams at Lanteilo Crossenny, later joined by others bought from Geoffrey Purefoy's flock. Although studying and work commitments limited time for showing, the flock was maintained and pedigree rams always used. Around this time Lyndon became professionally involved with the Jacobs when he started working for J. Straker Chadwick & Sons alongside Gwilym Richards whose family kept the successful Teifi flock. Jacob sales were held at Abergavenny, Reading and Stafford. The last 15 years have been more focused on improving the flock with some very successful female additions from the Gronant, Perry mill, Overdale, Pard House, Blackbrook, Hope and Lower Argoed flocks. The most successful ram used has been Border Windrush who consistently bred high quality sheep. More recently other successful rams used have been Hope Casino, Bentley Stardust, Kingarrow Hulk and Beiliau Alfie. Our main shows are the Royal Welsh and Royal Three Counties, ending the season with Usk Show. We attend society sales with quality stock and have enjoyed great success. Rams used this year are Beiliau Spitmore, Border Solomon, Rill Flax and Pard House Gaffer. We look forward to welcoming you all in 2024.

BLAENAVON IRON WORKS: The former industrial site, now a museum, was awarded UNESCO World Heritage Site status in 2000 in recognition of the importance of South Wales as the world's major producer of iron and coal in the 19th century. The ironworks which date back to 1780 include the best preserved blast furnace of its time going back to the start of the Industrial Revolution.

