



Northern Beltex Club Newsletter



**Northern Club have had a very busy past few months...
Starting with the Progeny Show at its new Venue,
Open Day at Birk Knott, Sales at Skipton & Penrith...**

Progeny Show - New Venue

This year saw the progeny show move from Skipton Auction Mart to Penrith Agricultural Show. The main purpose was to promote Beltex to a wider audience and it certainly worked.

There were lots of people watching the judging and also record number of entries with over 200 sheep turned out for judging. The judge Mr David Cruickshank had a challenge on his hands. David worked his way through the many classes and his champion for the day came from Anne Story with a Gimmer Shearling and Reserve Champion went to George Cropper with a Gimmer Lamb. Champion & Reserve in the Butchers Lambs went to AM & HV Brown; the judge was Mr Jim Mullholland. Praise must go to all exhibitors for turning out such an excellent show of stock plus a massive Thank you to everyone who supported the show.

Watch out for next year!!!



2011 Open Day

Held at Birk Knott, Keasden
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Robert Garth - Keasden Flock

Another very successful open day hosted by the current club chairman and family. The day was very busy with people coming and going all day. The weather managed to stay fine and the BBQ kept sizzling. There was an exceptional show of stock, inside was mainly

Roberts pedigree flock on show from gimmer lambs to shearling rams, sheep for sale plus the show team. Outside there was 3 large packets of sheep, beltex x ewes with lambs at foot, mule gimmer lambs and beltex x shearling gimmers. There were then some smaller lots of pure Texels and more Beltex rams for sale.

Thankyou to JG Animal Health for attending and continuing to support the Northern Club.

COMING UP

'Annual Dinner'

Friday 20th January

At The Calfs Head, Worston

Tickets £17.50. 3 Course Meal.

Guest Speaker. All Welcome.

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Skipton Sale....

The growing popularity of the Beltex sheep breed within the area was noticeable at this year's sale with a record 266-strong turnout and a record venue price for the overall champion. The first prize shearling ewe, female champion and supreme show champion came from Lancashire-based George Cropper – Hudhey Flock and sold for a record 3,700gns. The first prize shearling ram, male champion and reserve supreme champion came from Cumbrian breeder Anne Story's Borderesk flock and sold for 1,250gns.

Averages - Aged rams £546, shearling rams £492.32, ram lambs £335.05, aged ewes £321, shearling ewes £360.13 and ewe lambs £213.04.



New Club Clothing.....

Polo Shirts £15



Fleece £20



Add your flock name for a small extra charge..... Contact Kelly

Also new for the year – The Club Show.

This was held at Gargrave Show back in August. There was a great turnout. The judge was Mr Steven Pepper. Champion went to Robert Garth with a Shearling Gimmer and Reserve to George Cropper with an Aged Ewe

Penrith Sale....

This year Northern Club held its first sale at Penrith Auction Mart and it proved to be a success with prices peaking at 1500gns. Overall Champion went to Elizabeth McAlister with a shearling ram which sold for 1400gns. Reserve Champion went to a Shearling ewe also from the McAlister's flock selling for 1000gns. Top price was a Ewe lamb from Andrew Bishop.

Averages: 70 shearling rams £508.50; 13 ram lambs £590.83; 32 shearling gimmers £412.34; 16 ewe lambs £754.67