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CLUNS PEAK AT £1200 AT ANNUAL SALE

It was with great anticipation that Clun Forest Sheep Breeders from all over the UK travelled to the Annual Show and sale at McCartneys Ludlow Market this week. It was the first time that the Ewe and ram sale had been combined to cater for all members and allow just one trip to Shropshire in order to buy new breeding stock. They were not to be disappointed with the best sale in years that included the first thousand pound ram for 25 years and a 95% clearance of all stock entered.

There was an excellent standard on show and that was reflected in the prices with the top price of the day peaking at £1200 for a shearling ram from L.E.Lloyd, Sarnesfield Flock, Herefordshire, who was second in his class and winner of the Novice class. The ram, Sarnesfield 1058, had great size and shape and was purchased by a new breeder Kathleen Davies from Hungerford, Berkshire for her Foxglove Flock.

The rams were judged by Mr. Mike Eckley from the Court-Llacca Flock, Talgarth who gave the Overall Championship to a Shearling ram, Pen-Y-Wern 02169 from Roger Williams, Newcastle-on-Clun. Mr Eckley stated that, 'the champion had an exceptional back end and was a great advert for the breed'. This ram reached the second highest price of the day £777 and was sold to L.E.Lloyd, Sarnesfield. Other notable prices were for the 1st Prize aged ram and Reserve Champion from Clive Meredith, Hoarwithy, Herefordshire which sold to Del Knowles from Wrotham, Essex for £672.

In the female section the trade was very firm with a top price paid for a pair of shearling ewes, that included the 1st Prize Single ewe, from the Travelly Flock of Brian & Dunja Roberts, Cwmdy, Brecon. They went for £212 each and found a home with another new breeder, Gary Phillips, Whitland, Dyfed. Mr Phillips said, "I bought a few in lamb ewes from the Court-Llacca Flock last winter as I wanted a ewe that would look after herself and finish the lambs off grass. The Clun is ideal for that so I've decided to start up my own flock."

Prices

45 Shearling Rams	Top - £1197	Av. - £317.21
3 Aged Rams	Top - £672	Av. - £462
5 Ram Lambs	Top - £189	Av. - £189
53 Shearling Ewes	Top - £212	Av.- £147.81
50 Two Shear Ewes	Top - £147.81	Av.- £168
35 Ewe lambs	Top - £98	Av.- £69.42

Prize winners

Best Shearling Ram - Bert Davies Cup

1	A.E.Williams	Pen-y-Wern 02169	740 gns	to	L.E.Lloyd
2	L.E.Lloyd	Sarnesfield 1058	1140 gns	to	K.Davies
3	J.E.T.Jones	Walton 1180	570 gns	to	Hardwick

Best Ram Lamb - I.T.Davies Cup

1	S.Thackery	Hayton 401	180 gns	to	B.&D.Roberts
2	A.P.Froggatt	Kingswood 00111	150 gns	to	R.Treasure
3	Searle & Vincent	Pixie 00224	110 gns	to	S.Thackery

Best Aged Ram - Sunderlands Cup

1	C.Meredith	Sarnesfield 00420	640 gns	to	D.Knowles
2	A.Froggatt	Honddu 00529	590 gns	to	S.Thackery
3	Searle & Vincent	Pixie 00120	90 gns	to	Morse

Best Novice Ram - J.Gwilliam Cup

1	L.E.Lloyd	Sarnesfield 1058			
2	J.E.T.Jones	Walton 1180			
3	N.Faulkner	Cerney 466	210 gns	to	C.J.Davies

Champion Ram - R.J.Price Salver

A.E.Williams - Pen-y-Wern 02169

Res Champion Ram - Pen-y-Wern Cup

C.Meredith - Sarnesfield 1058

Best Average Price for 3 Rams - A.E.Williams Salver

Win. L.E.Lloyd Sarnesfield 1058 Av. £718.67

TOP 10 Ram Prices

1	1140 gns	Sarnesfield 1058	to	K.Davies, Foxglove, Hungerford
2	749 gns	Pen-y-Wern 02169	to	L.E.Lloyd, Sarnesfield, Hereford
3	700 gns	Pen-y-Wern 02775	to	R.Elliott, Nene, Northampton
4	570 gns	Walton 1180	to	Hardwick, Llandrindod
5	640 gns	Sarnesfield 00420	to	D.Knowles, Wrotham, Essex
6	590 gns	Honddu 00529	to	S.Thackery, Hayton, Ludlow
7	500 gns	Sarnesfield 1052	to	R.Williams, Ludlow
8	500 gns	Walton 1177	to	Williams, The Down, Ludlow
9	490 gns	Sarnesfield 1053	to	J.Shepperson, Leaze, Swindon
10	420 gns	Pen-y-Wern 02776	to	R.Elliott, Nene, Northampton

Best Pen of 10 Two Year Old Ewes

1	G.R.Roberts	Furlongs	£178	to	Glover
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Best Pen of 10 Yearling Ewes

1	A.P.Froggatt	Kingswood	£142	to	Griffiths
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Champion Pen of 10 Ewes

G.R.Roberts - Furlongs

Best Single Ewe - W.H.Bason Cup

1	B.& D.Roberts	Travelly	£212	to	G.Phillips
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Highest Priced Pen of 10 Ewes Any Age - Lt.-Col.J.T.Luntley Cup

Win.	G.R.Roberts	Furlongs	£180	to	J.Hamer
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Champion Ram 2014



£1200 ram from Mark Lloyd Sarnesfield