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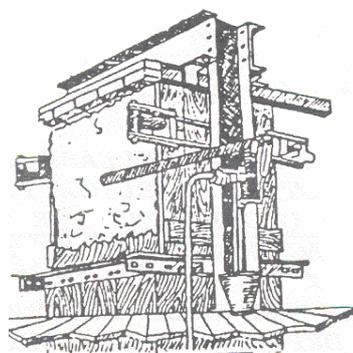
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Editorial

I guess its quite fitting that for my first editorial as DNR, the pages of the Wool Press include an article regarding the 100th anniversary of the first female vet in UK. So firstly, well done to all those female vets who have passed through our department, those who continue to work here and we look forward to seeing more join us in due course.

Keeping with the theme, the ladies from the Agricultural and Veterinary sections will be participants in the up and coming CPA hosted "British Islands and Mediterranean Region Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Conference" this year "Combating Stereotypes in Small Communities". Not one for beating the drum on this sort of thing, I do think it's nice to see the Falklands host such an event. Yours truly will be making a speech on "Building Roles in Small Communities" – I expect I'll largely be communicating that the modern Falklands in my experience has a good track record on equal opportunities. I look forward to the lively debates.

Moving on to the depressed wool markets, I do hope that any businesses out there who would like some financial advice, take the opportunity as laid out in this edition. We are very keen to work with any farmers who find themselves with less than satisfactory cash-flow forecasts in the current climate. On the subject of sheep, we welcome our new sheep Advisor, Andrew Bendall, who arrives in February, flights permitting. Finally, the Wool Innovation Group is up and running once more and both myself and the Senior Agricultural Advisor are involved from our department, we hope to update you on progress from our perspective in the coming months.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the organisers of the Ram and Fleece Show held in December, as it was my first attendance, I don't have any reference point, but the weather gods were on our side, and it was a professionally managed day with great participation from producers and the public alike. I look forward to many more.

As we head towards the end of the sunny part of the year I hope you all get to take a bit of a break in the coming months and enjoy the camp sports events as advertised at the end of the season.

Dr Andrea Clausen
Director of Natural Resources

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Date	Drug
Wednesday 22nd January 2020	Drontal
Wednesday 26 th February 2020	Droncit
Wednesday 1 st April 2020	Droncit
Wednesday 6 th May 2020	Droncit
Wednesday 10 th June 2020	Droncit
Wednesday 15 th July 2020	Drontal
Wednesday 19 th August 2020	Droncit
Wednesday 23 rd September 2020	Droncit
Wednesday 28 th October 2020	Droncit
Wednesday 2 nd December 2020	Droncit
Wednesday 6 th January 2021	Drontal

Regular weighing - it is important to keep a check on dog's weights to ensure correct dosage is being given.

All dog owners are responsible for worming their own pets. Please remember to contact the Veterinary Office and confirm this has been done. After normal working hours, please leave a message or email.

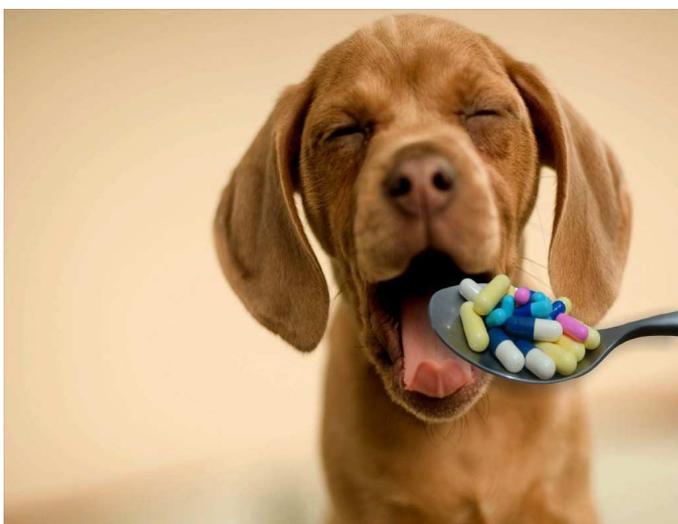
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100 Years Since the First Woman Vet in the UK

By Steve Pointing

I'm not sure why I'm writing this article – surely it should be our female vet Zoë – but, hey, I'm “woke” so I don't mind writing something complimentary about the opposite sex.

In 1895 all veterinary surgeons were men (did I hear someone say that it should have stayed that way?). Aleen Cust broke the mould. After completing her veterinary studies in Edinburgh, she was denied a diploma, but worked as a vet in Ireland. Aleen Isabel Cust was born in 1868 at Cordangan Manor, County Tipperary, Ireland. She was the fourth child of Sir Leopold and Lady Isabel Cust; her brother later became equerry to King George V.

Following a private education, Aleen started a nursing career, but realised her true vocation was to be a veterinarian. Her family did not approve, but she showed determination and character that was to direct the rest of her life.

Using a small private income and changing her name to Custance (to avoid embarrassment to her family) she was welcomed in 1895 by William Williams into his New Veterinary College in Edinburgh.

In 1897 she was due to sit her first professional examination but was refused by the examination committee of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS). She made a legal challenge to the college, but by clever handling of the proceedings, it was allowed to refuse her entry. She completed the course and left in 1900 with a testimonial from Professor Williams. He also recommended her for a post as assistant to William Byrne, MRCVS in practice at Athleague, in Roscommon, Ireland.

The arrival of “Miss Cust” as Byrne's assistant “caused consternation and scandalised the priesthood, but her competence and poise won her respect”. She established her reputation, but when she was appointed to the part-time official post of veterinary inspector by Galway County Council, she was again in conflict with the RCVS: as a compromise she was termed “inspector”.

By then, the college had realised it had to accept her – even though she was practicing as a veterinary surgeon outside of professional law. Her competence was recognised, but not officially.

Aleen definitely made a statement: she would make her visits riding a white Arab side – saddle or driving one of her other horses in a gig. At the end of the day she would dress formally for dinner and be waited on by her servants (where did we go wrong Zoë?).

Byrne died in 1910, but Aleen had already established her own practice by then.

In 1914 she was enlisted in the purchase of remounts for the war effort. In 1915 she left Ireland for France (driving her own car) as a volunteer with the Young Men's Christian Association YMCA at Abbeville, also the HQ of the Army Veterinary and Remount Service. The Service was under great pressure with the thousands of horses in transit from and to the front: her help would have been welcomed. In 1917 she was appointed to a position in the veterinary hospital laboratories. While the records of her time there were destroyed in the Second World War, she was in France from 1915 to 1918, being listed as serving with the Queen Mary's Auxiliary Army Corps.

At the end of the 1st World War, politicians passed the Representation of the People Act 1918, granting women (but only those aged over 30) the right to vote. And in 1919 the all-important Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act was passed.

In this environment, the RCVS could no longer refuse her membership. She attended the Royal Veterinary College – the RCVS only required an oral examination and on 21 December 1922 she received her diploma – 22 years after completing her veterinary course.

Aleen found post-war life in Ireland difficult and sold her properties and practice to retire to Plaitford in the New Forest, Hampshire. Here she established the life she liked – well populated with horses, dogs and poultry. She was a proficient practitioner and responded to invitations to occasionally speak at local veterinary meetings.

One was reported in *The Veterinary Record* in 1934: part reminiscence and part practical knowledge such as: “Don’t stand in front of a horse with tetanus when you are going to shoot him, as he will fall right forward”, “a wisp of hay or even grass tied into a knot of your castrating rope prevents the knot from jamming”, and “the screwdriver in your car is quite useful to puncture post pharyngeal abscesses – and is not so apt to retire inside a restless patient as Syme’s knife”. She knew what she was doing!

By any measure, Aleen was a remarkable person: that she was also a woman at a time when her sex was prevented by barriers of prejudice and tradition, from obtaining their full potential, makes her an outstanding individual.

The private life of Aleen Cust is somewhat of a mystery. She never got married but did have two children with her first work colleague William Byrne. Both children were given up for adoption – one in England and one in Ireland – perhaps because they had been born out of wedlock. In Hampshire she lived a quiet social life never communicating with her family and not being mentioned in any family will.

Her health began to decline in 1936 and she emigrated to Jamaica to spend the winter with friends in a warmer climate but she died of a heart attack 3 weeks after her arrival on the island eight days short of her 69th birthday. She was buried there.

In an obituary published in the February 6, 1937, issue of *The Veterinary Record*, it was said that her passing “will be specifically mourned by the women who, already numbering 60, have taken the road thus courageously opened up for them”

(taken from an article by Bruce Vivash Jones in the VR of 29 Sept 2018, Vol 183, No 12)

Article dedicated to all the female vets who have lived or worked in the Falkland Islands

Diana Miller (née Roberts) – 1st FI female vet to qualify from Sydney, Australia but has only ever practiced in Australia

Caroline Lamb – 1995 -98

Sue Harvey – 2003 - 05

Julie Bolam – 2006-07

Michylla Seal – 2004 to present; visiting sheep AI/ET specialist from Australia

Susan Campbell – 2008-11

Helen Dickinson – 2015

Claudia Glatzmeier – 2014 -16

Zoë Fowler – 2007 – to present (2nd female vet to qualify from the FIs)

And who will be the next FI vet? We could do with someone coming forward in the next few years. Is that person you?

Planning for Less Wool Income – What Could Happen?

Financial Health Checks on Offer

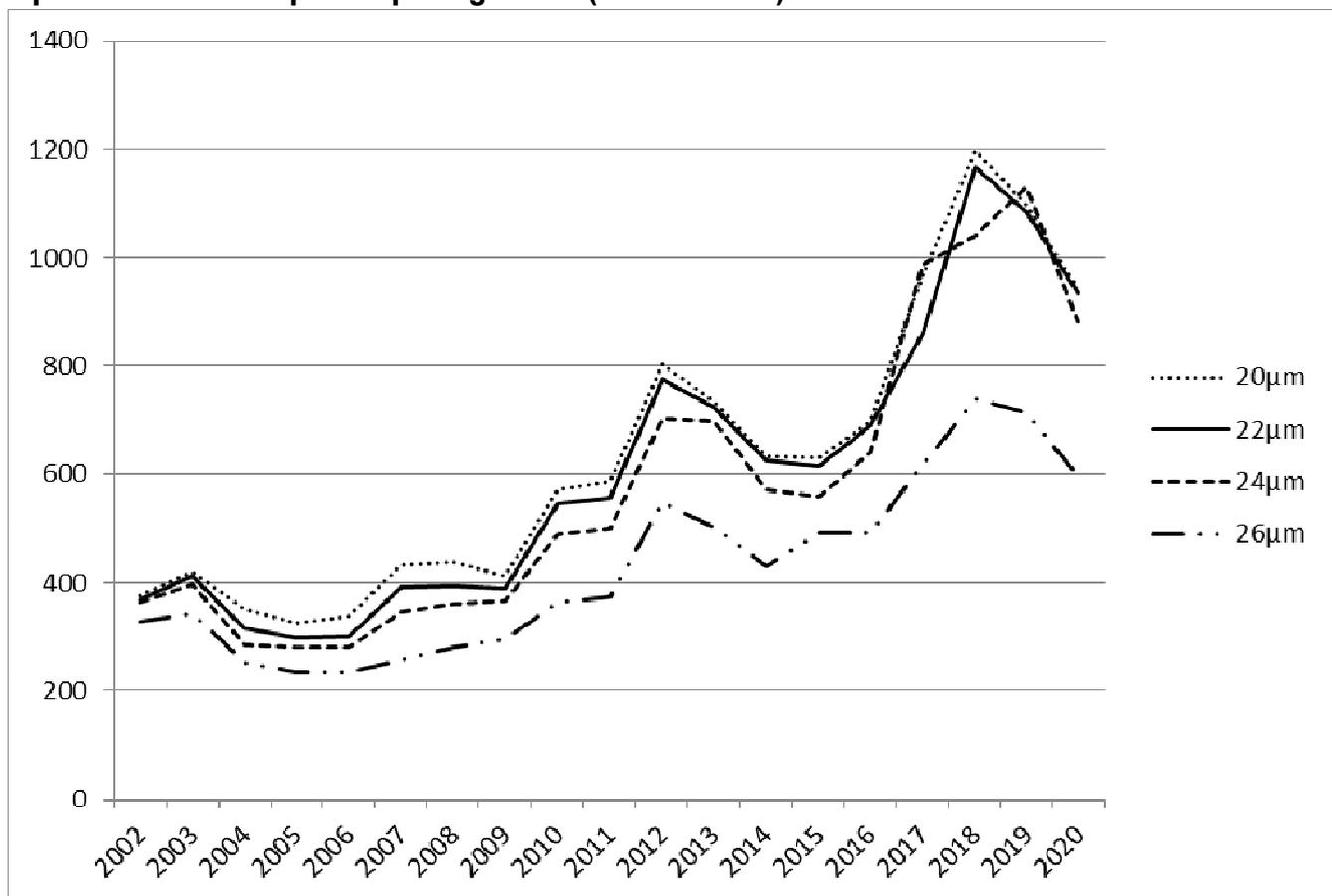
By Tom McIntosh & Louise Ellis

The Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC) and the Department of Agriculture (DoA) are offering Farm Business Health Checks for anyone who would like some support as a result of the downturn in wool prices since mid-2019. In this article FIDC have created scenario farms to be used as a business benchmarking tool and DoA to support on farm decision making.

Background

Over the last 5 years, clean wool prices have seen an increase in value, peaking at record highs in 2019 (Graph 1), with farms in the Falklands benefitting from this trend. However, over the past 8 months wool prices have fallen, with some farm businesses predicting a 30% loss in sales compared to last year (others perhaps more). It is possible that this trend will continue in the short to medium term. As shown wool prices are currently oscillating at levels like 2016-17.

Graph 1. Wool Price pence per kg clean (AWEX MPG) 2002 to current



Scenario farms

Scenario farms are based on whole-farm wool micron of 23 and 25 and running 3000, 6000 or 9000 sheep. The scenarios are based on real Falkland Island data modified for these scenarios.

It is appreciated that individual circumstances vary enormously from farm to farm however the information presented is believed to provide a realistic snapshot of the impact of farm size, farming profile and changing wool prices on Falkland Island farming businesses.

For the purposes of comparison, our model farms have three things in common. Each Farm share 90% of its overall sheep stock (considering animals not ready to produce wool) with an average greasy fleece weight of 3.5kg and a yield of 72%. Meat sales for each farm were based on 8% of the sheep going to the abattoir at an average return of £12 per animal.

Table 1. Farm Income based on 90% shorn, average fleece weight 3.5kg, average 25 micron and yield 72%. Clean wool price at £6.20/kg gross.

25 Micron Ave	Year 1 (Historical Ave 2018-2019)	Year 2 – 30% Loss	Year 3 Further– 10% Loss
3000 sheep	£58,000	£40,600	£36,540
6000 sheep	£115,000	£80,500	£72,450
9000 sheep	£173,000	£121,100	£108,990

Table 2. Farm Income based on 90% shorn, average fleece weight 3.5kg, average 23 micron and yield 72%. Clean wool price at £9.46/kg gross.

23 Micron Ave	Year 1 (Historical Ave 2018-2019)	Year 2 – 30% Loss	Year 3 Further – 10% Loss
3000 sheep	£65,000	£45,500	£40,950
6000 sheep	£129,000	£90,300	£81,270
9000 sheep	£194,000	£135,800	£122,220

Once we had calculated the income for the scenario farms, we then looked at running costs. Interestingly, without the addition of staffing, running costs on 3000-6000 sheep farms are very similar. We used these calculations to produce gross profit and loss forecasts. It should also be noted that these figures do not include any owner drawings and only minimal spends on capital items.

We can see from these forecasts that a 30% decrease in prices from last year can have a significant impact on the profitability of a farm business which solely relies on income from sheep.

Continued overleaf

Table 3. Gross Profit/Loss based on 90% shorn, average fleece weight 3.5kg, average 25 micron, and yield 72%. Starting clean wool price at £6.20/kg gross.

25 Micron Ave	Year 1 (Historical Ave 2018-2019) + Meat income	Direct costs, Costs of sales and over-heads	Gross Profit/Loss before tax + depreciation	Year 2 – 30% + Meat income	Direct costs, Costs of sales and over-heads	Gross Profit/Loss before tax + depreciation	Year 3 – 10%+ Meat income	Direct costs, Costs of sales and over-heads	Gross Profit/Loss before tax + depreciation
3000 sheep	£60,880	£48,775	£12,105	£43,480	£49,231	-£5,751	£39,420	£50,100	-£10,680
6000 sheep	£120,760	£59,555	£61,205	£86,260	£59,498	£26,762	£78,210	£60,247	£17,963
9000 sheep	£181,640	£76,707	£104,933	£129,740	£76,176	£53,564	£117,630	£76,863	£40,767

Table 4. Gross Profit/Loss based on 90% shorn, average fleece weight 3.5kg, average 23 micron, average and yield 72%. Starting clean wool price at £9.46/kg gross.

23 Micron Ave	Year 1 (Historical Ave 2018-2019) + Meat income	Direct costs, Costs of sales and over-heads	Gross Profit/Loss before tax + depreciation	Year 2 – 30% + Meat income	Direct costs, Costs of sales and over-heads	Gross Profit/Loss before tax + depreciation	Year 3 – 10%+ Meat income	Direct costs, Costs of sales and over-heads	Gross Profit/Loss before tax + depreciation
3000 sheep	£67,880	£48,985	£18,895	£48,380	£49,378	-£998	£43,830	£50,232	-£6,402
6000 sheep	£134,760	£59,975	£74,785	£96,060	£59,792	£36,268	£87,030	£60,512	£26,518
9000 sheep	£202,640	£77,337	£125,303	£144,440	£76,617	£67,823	£130,860	£77,260	£53,600

What is a Financial Health Check?

A Financial Health Check for your business would involve:

- Forecasting for your business using your figures with a sensitivity test of future prices as done in the Scenarios by FIDC. This will be done on your request by FIDC in confidence (this will not be published publicly).
- A follow up meeting with a Business Development Officer from FIDC and a DoA staff member to look at what options both financial and in terms of farm management, could improve your budget and farm operations. With advice on cost management, business planning, genetic improvement, flock structure, pasture and grazing management going forwards.

If you would like to take this opportunity to engage with the DoA and FIDC for advice and support please get in touch with either Louise Ellis, FIDC Development Manager development.manager@fidc.co.fk or Senior Agricultural Advisor Tom McIntosh TMcIntosh@doa.gov.fk.

	<p>Department of Agriculture</p> <h1>National Stud Flock Ram Sale</h1> <h2>Saturday 21st March 2020</h2>
<p>Stock for sale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elite rams• Shearling rams• Flock rams	<p>Stock inspections commence at 9am</p> <p>Helmsman auction commences at 11:30am (tbc)</p>
<p>Ferry departs Port Howard at 8am, return ferry is loading at 5:30pm for 6pm sailing from New Haven – you will need to book your place through Workboat Services.</p> <p><i>Please note: if the ferry is cancelled due to bad weather, the sale will be postponed until the 28th March 2020.</i></p> <p>If you require transport to and from New Haven, please advise the DoA well in advance. Also ensure you have transport organised for any stock you may purchase.</p>	
	<p>There will be hot food and drinks available throughout the day.</p> <p>Everyone is welcome; we hope to see you there!</p> <p>More details will be released closer to the date Any enquiries, please ring 27355 or email lellis@doa.gov.fk</p>

WELCOME

We would like to welcome Andrew Bendall to our team at the Department of Agriculture, he is replacing Daniel Pereira as the Sheep Management Adviser. Below is a brief Bio and photo from Andrew.



I would like to introduce myself, I am Andrew Bendall, my wife Rhonda and I hope to arrive in the Falkland Islands from New Zealand in mid to late February to take up the role as Agricultural Adviser – Sheep Management.

Breeding has been a major part of my background, with my family being foundation members of both the first sheep and cattle performance groups (The NZ Romney Development Group & Waigroup Angus both being established in 1967)

As composite sheep hit the scene in the early 1990's I was at the forefront of the Kelso Breeding group, spending until 2002 with Kelso, followed with a short stint breeding Rams.

Still under the breeding umbrella but with pasture forages, five years were spent working with Barenbrug Agriseeds advising best use of forages under different farming systems.

Since 2013 time has been spent in both farm management and as Breeding Manager for Headwaters. This time has really demonstrated the challenges and rewards of firstly breeding an animal to deliver a desired product, while still being functionally & structurally sound.

I see that Wool and Meat quality & sheep performance is not intrinsically matched, so balancing breeding objectives is of paramount importance. Getting a balance of wool quality, while still utilising the top performance takes a very balanced approach.

Naturally being a “glass half full” person I’m looking forward to getting over to the Falkland Islands to be part of the Agriculture team, along with Rhonda.

Saladero News By Mandy Ford

So Happy New year to one and all, and thankfully the weather has been a lot better, apart from the couple of days of pretty harsh wind we are having at the time of me writing this article.

The bulk of shearing has been completed here, with Paul Phillips and Christian Castro doing the ewes in early December. All that is left to do is the 75 trial Wethers in the middle of February.

Lamb marking has also been completed and we took DNA samples from the lambs again, there are a couple to re do and then they will be sent away for testing. The lambs are far better than last year, but between bad weather and birds of prey we lost a lot of ewes and lambs.



Lambs in the shed waiting to be marked.

4 heifer calves were born out of a possible 5 pregnant cows.

Some dry ewes went to FIMCo at the beginning of December and some cows also.



Dry ewes being shorn before going to FIMCo

Daniel has left now so we are waiting on the arrival of the new Sheep Advisor who gets here in February.



New sheep yard design.

The new sheep yards have arrived, so hopefully they will be installed in the not too distant future, we are just waiting on a few bits that didn't make the boat in time.

This may well be my last article for a while as I am heading off for a hip replacement in March/ April so I will be away for 7 weeks.

On the 19th February I am heading to Fitzroy for the BIMR Commonwealth Women Parliamentarian Conference event, along with other staff from the DoA.



OK Haulage has been busy hauling bales again for Saladero this season and also delivering cargo.



The new sheep yards will be a treat to work with.



Swede reseed growing well, all reseeds are far better than last year.

The Thirty-Third West Falkland F

Sunday 29th.December 2019 dawned under a clear blue sky and very little wind on West Falkland. This glorious daybreak provided even more encouragement to the residents and visitors to Fox Bay Village, who were once again anticipating 'a good day' out and were not to be disappointed.

Keith as usual had already been working hard transforming the Woolshed prior to the event with the help of Andrew Newman. On the morning Keith, ably assisted by Lisa Pole-Evans and Harold Nielson were there to take all the entries. Some of the fleeces had already arrived by FIGAS, but all rams and the majority of fleeces were delivered on the day. As usual they started as a trickle but it soon became quite hectic as the deadline for entries approached.

Once the entries were all in, Joleen Morison assisted by Sheila Jones set about the daunting and onerous task of selecting the Fleeces having the highest estimated Commercial Value. At the same time Ted Jones and Bill Pole-Evans selected from all the Rams that were entered in the three Ram classes, the one they considered to be the Champion Ram and Reserve Champion.

A total of seventy-six fleeces from fourteen Farms and forty rams from ten different Farms were exhibited at this year's 'event'. All the entries had been carefully selected from tens of thousands of fleeces and hundreds of Rams, all rams and fleeces on show were a credit to its owner.

By now the Barbecue, which had already been set up by Justin Knight and Andrew using the gas fired barbeque pits was in full swing. In addition to the usual fare Nuala Knight and Andrea Clausen had made Mulled Wine and cooked mince pies. This fortified all those that intended judging the three classes of Rams and the three classes of fleeces, as well as the additional competitions which now awaited them in the Sheep holding areas of the Woolshed. In addition to the Ram classes this year there was the usual Pet Lamb class.

Once this task had been accomplished the time-consuming job of counting up the judging slips took place, before the final results were known. The sheep used in the fleece weight competition was then skilfully shorn of its fleece by Critta Lee and both the fleece and the sheep were then weighed. This enabled the winners in these other competitions to be finalised. The fleece weight, sheep weight and micron guess competition produced some very accurate results. Duane Evans Judged the three sheep in the 'Under 21's Competition' so that they could be compared to other entrants results to enable the winning entries to be selected.

Promptly at 4.30 pm., a good crowd once again assembled in the Woolshed for the Prize giving. This year's prizes were presented by H.E. the Governor Nigel Phillips who had flown to Fox Bay especially for the event.

There were as usual some excellent trophies and cash prizes for the winning entries which were this year shared between eleven different Farms. Special mention must go to our various sponsors, most of whom have generously and loyally supported the 'Ram & Fleece Show' for many years

The Prize-giving brought this year Show to a close, after which the focus of attention now moved back again to the Social Club for more Socialising until late that night.

Ram & Fleece Show, 2019 Report

By Keith & Nuala Knight. Pictures Nigel Knight

At first Sammy Marsh and then Keith and Andrew did an excellent Job of quenching the thirst of the visitors at the Bar. This ended another successful Ram and Fleece Show for 2019

Keith and Nuala Knight.
Organisers WFR&FS.2019



THE THIRTY-THIRD WEST FALKLAND RAM & FLEECE SHOW 2019, PRIZE LIST

PRIZE	DONATED BY	WON BY	POINTS
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CLASS 1 FULL WOOL RAM HOGGETT

1 st PRIZE.	ENGRAVED CHALLENGE SHIELD PRESENTED BY MR & MRS AUSTIN DAVIES + £150 PRESENTED BY BYRON HOLDINGS.		
		<i>Port Howard</i>	93
2 nd PRIZE.	£100 DONATED BY BYRON HOLDINGS.		
		<i>Shallow Harbour</i>	83
3 rd PRIZE	£75 DONATED BY PORT HOWARD FARM		
		<i>Shallow Harbour</i>	75
4 th PRIZE	£50 DONATED BY SAAS		
		<i>Westley</i>	69

CLASS 2 FULL WOOL DUAL PURPOSE RAM

1 st PRIZE	LYN BLAKE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP + £200 PRESENTED BY FIMCO LTD.		
		<i>Shallow Harbour</i>	150
2 nd PRIZE	£150 PRESENTED BY FIMCO Ltd		
		<i>Coast Ridge</i>	137
3 rd PRIZE	£100 PRESENTED BY FIMCO.		
		<i>Shallow Harbour</i>	124
4 th PRIZE	£50 PRESENTED BY FIMCO		
		<i>Coast Ridge</i>	85

CLASS 3 FULL WOOL MATURE RAM

1 st PRIZE	FALKLAND ISLANDS WOOL MARKETING CHALLENGE CUP , + A REPLICA PRESENTED THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WOOL COMPANY + £50		
		<i>Shallow Harbour</i>	102
2 nd PRIZE	£110 DONATED BY THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WOOL COMPANY LTD.		
		<i>Main Point</i>	83
3 rd PRIZE	£80 PRESENTED BY THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WOOL COMPANY LTD.		
		<i>HARPS</i>	80
4 th PRIZE	£60 PRESENTED BY THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WOOL COMPANY LTD.		
		<i>Shallow Harbour</i>	77

PRIZE	DONATED BY	WON BY	POINTS
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CLASS 4 HOGGETT FLEECE

1 st PRIZE	SILVER CHALLENGE CUP & REPLICA PRESENTED BY MR R A EDWARDS & RBC LTD. + £50 DONATED BY RB CONSULTANTS	<i>Leicester Creek</i>	115
2 nd PRIZE	£75 PRESENTED BY ARGOS GROUP	<i>Port Stephens</i>	66
3 rd PRIZE	£50 FROM PORT HOWARD FARM	<i>Port Howard</i>	61
4 th PRIZE	£25 FROM THE ARGOS GROUP.	<i>Main Point</i>	50

CLASS 5 ANY FINE WOOL FLEECE OTHER THAN HOGGETT

1 st PRIZE	`GOVERNORS CUP` CHALLENGE CUP PRESENTED BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR + REPLICA, & RETURN FERRY TRIP = VEHICLE + TWO PEOPLE FROM WORKBOAT SERVICES	<i>Crooked Inlet</i>	97
2 nd PRIZE	£100 FROM FALKLAND LANDHOLDINGS	<i>HARPS</i>	77
3 rd PRIZE	£75 FROM STANDARD CHARTERED BANK.	<i>Main Point</i>	60
4 th PRIZE	£50 FROM THE RBA	<i>Main Point</i>	60

CLASS 6 ANY AAF TYPE FLEECE

1 st PRIZE	SHIRLEY KNIGHT PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP PRESENTED BY COAST RIDGE FARM + REPLICA PRESENTED BY LEICESTER CREEK FARM	<i>Mount Kent</i>	117
2 nd PRIZE	£75 FUEL VOUCHER FROM STANLEY SERVICES	<i>Shallow Harbour</i>	93
3 rd PRIZE	£50 DONATED BY MOUNT KENT FARM.	<i>Leicester Creek</i>	71
4 th PRIZE	£25 PRESENTED BY MOUNT KENT FARM	<i>Rincon Ridge</i>	56

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ADDITIONAL PRIZES

THE CHAMPION RAM WAS OWNED BY **Shallow Harbour** WON 'THE PATRICIA LUXTON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP' & REPLICA FROM THE LUXTON FAMILY CHARTRES. + £100 FROM SAAS.
RESERVE CHAMPION OWNED BY **Coast Ridge** WON £50 VOUCHER FROM SOUTHERN IMPORTS

ROSETTES WERE PRESENTED FOR 1st. 2nd. 3rd. and 4th., PRIZE WINNERS IN ALL SIX CLASSES. A CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION ROSETTE IS ALSO GIVEN. THESE WERE ALL PROVIDED BY JIM McADAM.

A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP + £75 FOR THE FLEECE WITH THE HIGHEST COMMERCIAL VALUE. ALL PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE F.I. DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WON BY **Mount Kent** WITH A FLEECE HAVING AN ESTIMATED GROSS VALUE OF **£35.00**

2nd. **Mount Kent** WON £60, ESTIMATED VALUE **£31.68**

3rd. **Main Point** WON £40, ESTIMATED VALUE **£27.53**

4th. **Crooked Inlet** WON £25 ESTIMATED VALUE **£26.86**

IN THE PET SHEEP CLASS 1st. PRIZE OF £25 FROM PORT HOWARD FARM WAS WON BY **Ali Ray Marsh**

2nd. PRIZE **Madison Evans**

3rd. PRIZE **Lee Family** BOTH PRIZES FROM MOUNT KENT

THE OWEN & VERONICA SUMMERS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE FARM WITH MOST POINTS IN ALL CLASSES WITH REPLICA DONATED BY MR COLIN SUMMERS WON BY **Shallow Harbour**

ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

IN THE 'GUESS THE SHEEP WEIGHT COMPETITION' THE WINNER RECEIVED £25 FROM MR R A EDWARDS. WON BY **Oliver Lee** WHO GUESSED CLOSEST WITH **44 Kgs.** ACTUAL WT **44.5 Kgs**

THE WINNER OF THE 'FLEECE WEIGHT' COMPETITION RECEIVED £50 VOUCHER FROM FALKLAND FARMERS WON BY **Robin Smith** WHO GUESSED CLOSEST WITH **37 Kgs.** ACTUAL WT **37 Kgs.**

WHILST THE WINNER OF THE 'MICRON ESTIMATE' COMPETITION RECEIVED A £50 VOUCHER FROM FALKLAND FARMERS. WON BY **Marlene Marsh** WHO GUESSED **17.1 u.** ACTUAL **17 u.**

THE SHEEP JUDGING COMPETITION FOR THE UNDER '21's' ALL PRIZES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. WON BY **Ali Ray Marsh** THE PRIZE A £50 VOUCHER

2nd. **Jessica Lee** £20 VOUCHER

3rd. **Nat Cockwell** £10 VOUCHER

ADDITIONAL CREDITS.

F.I.G.A.S. ONCE AGAIN GENEROUSLY AGREED TO FLY FLEECES FREE OF CHARGE AND ARRANGING FLIGHTS ON THE DAY

THE SOUTHERN CROSS SOCIAL CLUB AND F.I. TOURS & TRAVEL FOR FINANCING THE BARBECUE WITH SOME MEAT ALSO SUPPLIED BY RINCON RIDGE & COAST RIDGE, COOKING BY **Justin & Andrew. Andrea & Nuala for Cakes & Mince Pies**

KEITH & ANDREW FOR TRANSFORMING THE WOOLSHED. THEN **Harold & Lisa** FOR TAKING ENTRIES. WITH **Joleen Morrison & Sheila Jones (Fleeces) Ted Jones & Bill Pole- Evans (Rams)** FOR JUDGING THE SPECIAL CATEGORIES, AND ALL THOSE WHO DID THE SUMS AFTERWARDS

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE BEFORE AND AFTER THE EVENT. IN PARTICULAR **Lucy Ellis & Katrina Stephenson**

H.E.THE GOVERNOR FOR PRESENTING THE PRIZES

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ORGANISERS W.F.R.& F.S.



Be Sun Safe

Skin Cancer is the most common cause of cancer in the Falkland Islands.

UV radiation from the sun is both a major cause of skin cancer and the best source of vitamin D. We need to strike a balance between enough exposure to vitamin D and lowering the risks for skin cancer. Most people can get enough vitamin D from incidental exposure to the sun's rays, but you can also get it from foods or supplements. Speak to your GP or Health Professional if you are concerned about risk of deficiency. Sensible sun protection does not put you at risk of vitamin D deficiency.



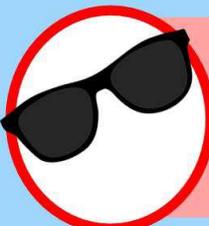
Sunscreen is recommended when the UV index is 3 or above. During spring and summer slop on broad spectrum sunscreen daily, SPF30+. Apply 20 minutes before going out, top up every 2 hours and after being in water or sweating.



If you aren't able to avoid the mid-day sun, especially when working outdoors or for long periods of time, protect your skin by covering up as much as possible.



You are more likely to get sunburnt on the face, neck and ears than any other part of the body. Protect your skin by wearing a cap with flaps or wide brimmed hat.



Protect your eyes by wearing sunglasses. The best ones to wear are close fitting and wrap around. Not all sunglasses protect against UV radiation, so check the label for the sun protection rating.



Children up to 12 months have very delicate skin and can burn very easily. Make sure to protect their skin at all times from direct sun exposure.



Never let your skin burn!

Remember that not everyone's skin offers the same level of protection. If you are pale skinned and burn easily you are at a greater risk of sunburn so take extra precautions.





DarwinPlus Soil Mapping Project

IMPORTANT! Your Farm Soils Map

Steffi Carter (SAERI)

Matt McNee (Agricultural service)

Jim McAdam (Queens University Belfast & Falkland Islands Trust)

The DarwinPlus Soil Mapping project is nearing completion.

Please join us for an interactive session on use and interpretation of your very own preliminary farm soil map. The following sessions are free, but please register by 11th February by emailing Steffi Carter SCarter@saeri.ac.fk

- **14th February 2020, East Falkland, Stanley at 10 am, venue to be confirmed**
- **17th February 2020, West Falkland, Fox Bay at the Southern Cross Social Club at 12pm**

At these workshops we will present preliminary maps for a wide range of soil properties and will provide you with the opportunity to look closely at your own farm. This is a great opportunity to provide feedback on the usability and presentation of the maps.

These maps are a powerful planning tool when current and historical land use on your farm is overlaid on the soil properties and land characteristics. These maps can be used to inform decisions about livestock management in relation to erosion risk and pasture production.

Through February we would like to collect some basic farm management information, to support you in the use of your soil map.

- ◆ A simple map with any changes to farm fences and boundaries marked
- ◆ Your stock management calendar if you have one
- ◆ Information about grazing pattern / density for each paddock

If you would like to provide this information, please contact the DoA by telephone 27355 and ask for Matt. Alternatively you can e-mail Matt on mmcnee@doa.gov.fk.

We very much look forward to seeing you at your local soils map workshop.

RECIPES

Everyday Gingerbread

1 lb Plain Flour
1 tbsp. Ground Ginger
1 tbsp. Baking Powder
1 tsp Salt
1 tsp Bicarbonate Soda

8 ozs Brown Sugar
6 ozs Butter or Margarine
6 ozs Treacle
6 ozs Syrup

½ pint of Milk
1 Beaten Egg

Put dry ingredients in a bowl.
Warm the sugar, fat syrup and treacle until melted DO NOT boil.

Mix in the egg and milk into the melted sugar and fat.

Pour into dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. It is quite a runny mixture.

Grease and line a roasting pan (approx. 20cm x 30cm).

Pour mix into pan and bake in the centre of the oven for about 1½ hours
Gas 3 or 160°C.

NB You can use all syrup instead of treacle. Also if you don't have any brown sugar white works just as good.

Lemon Brownie

Lemon Brownie

8 ozs Butter
12 ozs Sugar
2 tbsp. Lemon Zest
4 large Eggs
2 tbsp. Fresh lemon Juice
12 ozs Plain Flour
1 tsp Baking Powder

Lemon Glaze

12 ozs Icing Sugar
3 tbsp. Lemon Juice
4 tbsp. Lemon Zest

Pre heat oven to 180°C, line a baking tin.

Mix together flour and baking powder.
Beat butter, sugar, lemon juice and zest until light and fluffy.

Beat in eggs one at a time.

Gradually beat in dry ingredients.

Bake for 25-28 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean.

Let cake cool completely.

Mix together glaze ingredients pour over cake and allow to harden overnight.

NB You will need about 8 to 10 lemons for this so can be quite expensive to make.

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Graduation And What I Am Up To Now

By Erica Berntsen

Undertaking a Bachelor of Agricultural Science at Charles Sturt University over the past four years has greatly broadened my working knowledge of extensive farming systems in Australia. Especially with a regard to broad acre cropping and intensive animal production systems but sadly has slightly fallen short regarding wool production systems and less intensive production systems as found in the Falkland Islands. I have expressed my disappointment to the agricultural course coordinator, however I feel this fell on deaf ears. I have found the majority of the subjects satisfactory and not greatly challenging, however I attribute this to the knowledge I acquired whilst working with the Department of Agriculture prior to attending university. I found there to be a lack of animal based subjects within this course and it seems pointed towards becoming an agronomist – which is fine, I just feel that some of the courses that I have completed to be irrelevant to the Falkland Islands – which is where I aim to use this knowledge.

Below is a list of the subjects that I have completed over the past four years and the results that I achieved for them. My grade point average is currently 5.03

Year 1	Result
Professional Skills in Agriculture and Horticulture	Credit
Agricultural Economics	Distinction
Chemical Fundamentals	Credit
Botany	Distinction
Precision Agriculture and Data Handling	Credit
Soil Science	Pass
Animal Anatomy and Physiology	Pass
Introduction to Microbiology	Pass
Year 2	
Agricultural Finance and Business Management	Credit
Production Analysis and Optimisation	Credit
Agricultural Biotechnology	Pass
Crop and Pasture Science	Pass
Food, Environment and Culture	Pass
Weed and Pesticide Sciences	Credit
Pastures and Rangelands	Pass
Animal Nutrition	Pass
Year 3	
Agricultural Marketing	Credit
Extension	Credit
Soil Management	Credit
Animal Reproduction	Credit
Ruminant Production and Welfare	Pass
Invertebrate Pest Management	Distinction
Crop Agronomy	Pass
Plant Pathology	Distinction
Year 4	
Agricultural Industry Practicum	Distinction
Integrated Agriculture	Distinction
Meat and Fibre Science	Credit
Livestock Production	Distinction

For my final year at university I decided to undertake practicum placement rather than an honours project. I secured a position working alongside Jim Virgona. Jim is a founding director of Graminus consulting. Jim's expertise is broad, with a focus on grazing management. working mostly with Merino wool producers. This was an area of interest to me due to its vitality in the

Falkland Islands and the underutilisation of natural pastures. Working with Jim assisted me to be able to gain knowledge in the practical applications of grazing management and soil management and the implications to production systems. Both of these areas are imperative to Falkland Islands production systems, so this experience will be of great significance to me, and the farmers that I hope to assist.

Since graduating, I have secured some casual work with the university assisting with laboratory work, mainly focused on a long term herbicide resistance trial. I am currently looking for full time work within the sheep or wool sector. I have been recommended to work for Gordon Refshauge with the Department of Primary Industries, which would be to determine a new industry standard for body condition score of ewes prior to joining. This position would require me to liaise with producers all across the south east of Australia with the intention to enable me to come to their properties and body condition score their ewes and return at scanning to collect the scanning results. The outcome of this project is to determine the body condition score required of specific breeds in different regions. This would be such an exciting opportunity for me, however, I am of course required to apply for this position – therefore it is not certain that I will get it. Alternatively, I would love to acquire a position in the wool sector, where I can further my knowledge and potentially gain my wool classing certificate and gain a better understanding of wool industry requirements and the future direction of the wool industry, which will hopefully enable me to assist producers at home to receive best price for their wool. Otherwise, I would also be interested in securing a position where I can learn more about the importance and implications of ASBVs and indexes. Let's be honest – I want to get a job that will be useful for you farmers at home – therefore if there is anything that you think you would like me to consider for the next few years that would be beneficial to your production system or the islands as a whole, please feel free to get in touch via my email from Katrina or on Facebook.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support over the progress of my career, both at the DoA and while I've been over here at university. It has helped keep me grounded and focused, and it has meant so much. I look forward to coming home in a few years and helping you all as best I can.



Darwin Harbour Sports Association Goose Green 2020

7th March - 10th March 2020

Programme for the Week

Friday 6th:	Evening	Race Course Open & Entries taken Club Open
Saturday 7th:	9.30am	Horse Racing (Senior & Junior) & Gymkhana Dance
Sunday 8th:	9.30am	Horse Racing (Senior & Junior) Club Open
Monday 9th:	10.00am 11.00am 7.00pm	AGM - GG Social Club Children's Sports, Mechanical Bull Competition Football & Fun Events ASADO/BBQ (All Welcome) Dance (Fancy Dress - The Circus) Optional
Tuesday 10th:	10.30am 3.00pm 9.00pm - 2.00am 10.30pm	Dog Trials Shearing (Fun Event to be held at the Race Course) Dance Prize Giving

NB: Monday's fun events will be at the Shearing Shed if weather is bad.

NB: If the weather is bad on Monday evening the ASADA/BBQ will be at the club, otherwise it will be held at the Galapon.

Thank you to Simon Wilton for mowing the Race Course.





<p>Sunday 8th March</p> <p>10am Foot events</p> <p>2pm Barbecue</p> <p>Football and Truck pull</p> <p>8pm Mechanical Bull</p>	<p>Tuesday 10th March</p> <p>10am Dog trials at Spring Point & Kids sports</p> <p>2pm Barbecue</p> <p>Bike agility at Leicester Creek</p> <p>8pm Gold cup Racing and Fancy dress</p>
<p>Monday 9th March</p> <p>10am Shearing competition in the Rincon Ridge shearing shed</p> <p>2pm Barbecue</p> <p>6pm Kids party</p>	<p>Wednesday 11th March</p> <p>10am Peat cutting comp</p> <p>2pm Barbecue</p> <p>Golf challenge</p> <p>8.30pm Prize giving in the club</p>

Information:

1. All times given in Stanley time
2. Barbecues provided by WFSA: £5 per plate/under 16's free
3. Children's events are for those aged under 13. Youngsters are encouraged to take part in the adult's events from the age of 13 upwards.
4. Shearing Competition: if for any reason the shearing cannot take place on Monday, the programmes for Monday and Tuesday will be swapped. Entries to the committee on the day please.
5. The following rules apply in the shearing competition:
 - Beginner's class – the competitor is not to have shorn more than 20 sheep in their life and needs to find a coach to help them during the competition.
 - Ladies Class - for ladies
 - Novice shearers - those shearing less than 200 sheep per day.
 - Farmer shearers - those shearing less than 1,000 sheep on contract during the season and who owns, leases or looks after a farm
6. Dog trial entries to Donna by Sunday 10th March, draw to take place the next day.
7. Challenge Shield rules: winners in any individual events shown on the programme with points to be awarded as follows: 1st= 4 points, 2nd= 3points, 3rd = 2 points, 4th= 1 point. Ladies may obtain points in the open or ladies, but not in both for the same event (in which case only points won in the ladies event will be counted).

We would like to remind everyone that our insurance is limited and that we cannot accept responsibility for accidents or injuries in any way to competitors. Please take care.

RAIN FALL DATA FOR 2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Stanley	74	77		58	71.5	24	37.5	46.5	18.5	40	43	36
MPA	68.2	58.6	25.2	64	53.2	37.2	29.7	63.6	35.3	43.8	52.5	42.8
Bleaker Island	25	0	21	42	54	32	22.5	50	24	28	24	16
Fern Ridge	70	52	19	95	59	0	0	38	19.5	27	42	22
Harps	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	29	31	44	23
Hill Cove	0	0	0	0	0	75	115	115	0	55	55	36
Goose Green	0	0	21	63	46	0	22	45	29	30	38	32
Head of the Bay	50	71		66	55	45	25	55	35	48	37	19
Moss Side	0	0	17	53	32	40	24	42	38	44	64	0
North Arm	40	0	28	73	61	45	28	32	38	25	30	25
Port Howard	72	67	47	90	81	53	45	57	46	67	86	0
Saladero	0	0	0	0	0	20	10	30	20	20	15	5
Saunders Island	0	0	0	0	0	29	15	47	17	20	18	4
Salvador	32.25	37.75	20.25	55.75	30.5	44.75	22.5	40.25	34.75	42.4	67.75	21.5
Shallow Harbour	85	54	22	103	61.5	0	0	42.5	25	28.5	44.5	23
Walker Creek	0	35	24	54	44	30	22	33	22	30	28	22
West Lagoons	0	0	0	0	51	75	20	38	32	38	26	0