



# Black Beauties

Autumn 2023

Hello: This is the first edition of what we hope will become a quarterly communication for breeders, owners and enthusiasts for Coloured Lincoln Longwool sheep. We hope you enjoy it and find it useful, please send contributions for the next edition to Steve & Chris.

## **Choosing a ram.**

This can be quite tricky as even rams from the same flock can have very different blood lines.

The two boys below are both Shadow rams and have similar grey colouring.



Pediweb shows 4 generations ago Annwn had genes from Biddlecombe; Bain Valley; Tardebigge; Greengate; Grimoldby; Humby; Risby; & Shadow.

While Zavier had genes from Pelham; Belton; Hutch; Colony Frieston; Humby; McTurk; Yaddlethorpe; Tardebigge & Biddlecombe.

Quite a mixture so well worth checking Pediweb to see where rams genes come from.





four stock rams two from Shadow and Zigmund and his progeny jester .

### The start of Happy Chap Coloured Lincolns.

The flock started a few years ago with a visit up to Joe and Judy's. We went to drop a ram off that Joe had bought at the society sale, after a look round the sheep we ended up buying three shearlings. A few weeks later we went down to Steve and Chris to collect a ram Shadow Wilberforce. A little while later we contacted Steve to buy a couple more, and a week later Joe decided to sell most of his sheep. We bought all the Coloured ewes then went down to see Steve and bought two shearlings and a ewe with lamb at foot. We are concentrating on getting them ready to start showing in 2014 good job we bought a twin deck trailer at the start..

Peter Ellis and his grandsons.





The Pelham flock is owned by the Canterbury Oast Trust. It is based at the South of England Rare Breed centre near Ashford in Kent.

Hannah Watson is the shepherd, with Shadow Xcalibur.



The Pelham flock was founded in 1972 as a white flock. It was one of the first flocks to keep blacks when the rules changed in 1984.



The Oast Trust provides support for adults, and Hannah has started to show the Lincolns in local shows with their help.

Well worth popping in if your down in Kent.



Ebony Coal was the product of crossing a Shadow Ram with an Ebony ewe.

His genes come from Biddlecombe; Risby; Humby; Bain Valley; Grimoldby; Greengate and Tardebigge.

Again quite a different set of ancestors and a striking black fleece.

The young Coopers James got 1st handling Ebony Beauty & Alex got 2nd handling Pine Tree Beatrice

The Ebony flock started with a black ewe from a Bain Valley/Risby cross. It's come a long way since then. Robin has expanded both her black and white flocks and started her young lads on handling. She hosted the black Lincolns open day, which gave everyone the chance to see a sample of blacks.





Ross & Laura have a relatively new black flock but have produced some lovely lambs. Based on some in-lamb Shadow ewes they are very dark. The ewes are going to an Ebony tup this year, so looking forward to the progeny.

**Remember to register your black lambs by the end of September!!**

Below a sample of the black breeders and their stock. At the open day 2022. What a lovely lot!



Some of our supporters just like black Lincolns. Kathy has had these three ewes for many years. They just keep her horse and dog company.



Well the Black Lincoln flocks are looking pretty healthy.

The quality of the sheep is very good.

We probably need to try and get some new blood lines and the best way is to contact all members of the Association in late December to ask anyone who has a black lamb next year to sell it to us. The Assoc Facebook page is a possibility, does anyone have any other ideas? Follow some flocks using the links below.

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