

BOOKING FORM		
	Number of People	Total Cost
<u>Friday 24th April 2026</u>		
Visit to Nipna stud and Rare Breeds Farm @ £5 per person to include coffee/tea on arrival.		
Fork buffet dinner at the Crathorne Hall Hotel followed by entertainment @ £35.		
<u>Saturday 25th April 2026</u>		
Visit to the Tancred Jacob flock including stock judging@ £5 per person to include coffee/tea on arrival		
Return to the Crathorne Hall Hotel for lunch @ £21 followed by the AGM, judging of the Wool Cup, presentation of the Pat Bromley and Journal prize.		
Fork buffet dinner @ £35 followed by the auction and raffle.		
<u>Sunday 26th April 2026</u>		
Visit to the FettleMead flock including a talk on wool grading and selection by Lucinda Bird from Benridge Wool Works @ £5 including coffee/tea on arrival.		
Depart for home		
Please list any dietary requirements		
<u>Total</u>		
Name / Email Address	Flock no.	Tel: Number

JACOB SHEEP SOCIETY

57th AGM WEEKEND

2026



**Hosted by the Jacob Sheep
Society Northern Region**

Friday 24th – 26th April 2026

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Friday 24th April 2026

- 1.30 pm Arrive at the Nipna Stud and Rare Breeds Farm
- 4.00 pm Leave the Nipna Stud to go to the hotel.
- 7.30 pm Dinner served at the hotel

Saturday 25th April 2026

- 9.30 am Depart hotel
- 10.00 am Arrive at the Tancred Flock
- 12.30 pm Depart to return to the hotel for a buffet lunch at 1.30 pm
- 3.00 pm AGM meeting including the presentation of the Wool Cup and photograph competition prizes
- 7.00 pm Dinner with entertainment

Sunday 26th April 2026

- 9.30 am Depart hotel
- 10.00 am Arrive at the FettleMead flock
- 12 noon Depart for home

Hotel Information and Booking Guidance

Located near Yarm, Crathorne Hall is a magnificent Edwardian country mansion built as a private residence in 1906 and converted to a hotel in 1975. Situated on the edge of the Yorkshire Moors with captivating views of the Leven Valley and surrounding countryside, Crathorne Hall is surrounded by 15 acres of stunning grounds and gardens and has earned a reputation as one of the best hotels in North Yorkshire. It is noted for its award winning food served in the original dining room, and for its exceptionally warm and friendly service. Rooms are priced at £183 a night for Friday April 24th and £187 a night for Saturday April 25th on a bed and breakfast basis for two adults sharing. Dinner on Friday evening is priced at £35 a head and dinner on Saturday night at £35 a head. Children aged 3 and under are free, and aged 4 to 12 the meals are £15. Regarding accommodation, children can share a room with their parents at a charge of £25 per child and sleep on sofa beds or put ups. The hotel is located about an hour from Newcastle and Leeds airports and about 20 minutes from Teeside airport. There is also a railway station at Yarm about ten minutes from the hotel

To book the hotel - you will need to call the reservations team on 01642 700398 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 2026. Subject to there being 20 or more rooms booked JSS members will have exclusive use of Crathorne Hall from Friday evening to Sunday morning, members who wish to attend the AGM should take advantage of the offer at this grand hotel as early as possible. 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.

Alternative accommodation is available at other hotels locally including the Swan House, Northallerton. Please contact Emma Chester, Northern Region RCM for more details.

Catering: All meals served during the weekend will include vegetarian options. Please indicate any dietary requirements on the booking form.

FLOCK VISIT INFORMATION

FORK BUFFET ON THE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS

There will be a fork buffet on the Friday and Saturday evenings at the hotel with a choice of three main courses including a vegetarian option and a selection of desserts. **There is no need pre-ordering** but please return the booking form on the back page of this leaflet confirming numbers for visits and for meals. The booking forms should be returned to Emma Chester, Northern Region RCM, Cobblestones, Dishforth, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, YO7 3LP by January 31st 2026.

EXAMPLE MENUS ONLY
<i>Friday evening buffet</i>
<i>Chilli con carne with braised rice and garlic bread</i>
<i>Roast salmon with chive butter sauce</i>
<i>Vegetable lasagne</i> <i>(all main courses served with a selection of salads or vegetables suitable for each dish)</i>
<i>Choice of desserts: sticky toffee pudding with toffee sauce or lemon posset and shortbread</i>
<i>Saturday evening buffet</i>
<i>Roast leg of lamb with sauté potatoes and rosemary</i>
<i>Steak and mushroom pie with new potatoes</i>
<i>Deep fried Brie with cranberry sauce (all main courses served with a selection of salads or vegetables suitable for each dish)</i>
<i>Choice of desserts: sticky toffee pudding with toffee sauce or lemon posset and shortbread</i>

NIPNA Stud and Rare Breeds Farm

Home Farm, Brough Park, is home to the Pennell family and their flocks and herds of rare and native breeds. They are one of the leading breeders of Dales ponies alongside champion flocks of Wensleydale, Clun Forest and Lincoln Longwood sheep (and other breeds) as well as Clydesdale horses. Anna Pennell has won the championships at the Great Yorkshire Show with Wensleydale, Clun Forest and Lincoln Longwood sheep, and won the interbreed championship at the Royal Welsh Show with a Clun Forest. Anna will do a farm tour including the woodland pigs, sheep flocks, and there will hopefully be some 2026 Dales pony foals on the ground too followed by some light refreshments in “The Byre” on the farm.

Tancred Jacobs

Tancred Jacobs was established in 2022 with the aim of breeding quality Jacob sheep to show and sell. The flock was started with four females bought from the Carlisle sale in August 2022 and our first tup came out of Skipton a month later. We are based in Richmond, North Yorkshire and currently lamb around 15 ewes with the aim of breeding size and style. 2025 has been our best year in terms of showing attending eight shows and winning eight breed championships with our homebred gimmer, Tancred Shanessa, the highlight coming at the Great Yorkshire Show where we also took male champion with our stock tup, Kingarrow Colby. We look forward to returning to the show ring in 2026.

Fettlemead Flock

Emma Chester’s flock was founded in 2009 starting with eight ewes, four of which were bought in-lamb, and purchased at York Rare Breed Sale. Five lambs were born including one ewe lamb which Emma still has today, and this was the basis of the FettleMead flock today. Over the last 16 years of growing her husbandry skills as a first generation shepherdess, Emma has pursued

building her pedigree flock and is proud of her achievements so far and grateful for all the support and encouragement along the way, even more so now in her role as Northern Regional Contact Member.

The flock today is made up of both two-horned sheep, but slightly more four-horned sheep which are notably harder to breed and their rarity needs preserving. Starting at local shows and “having a go” at showing, Emma has learned and continued to develop her skills over time with the support of other Society members. You’ll see her at various annual shows in the area, throughout the year

The flock has an abundance of notable bloodlines through it including Overdale, Dunmor, Carochy, Wastwater, Loynton, Blackbrook, and Northlands to name a few. Selling both homebred males and females for breeding into established flocks and start-ups (privately and through sales) is paramount for the sustainability of the breed, as these types of bloodlines are the foundation of our flocks today.

Emma has been fortunate to win championships and reserves at several noted agricultural shows. To date, her biggest achievement being supreme champion at the 2023 Jacob Sheep Society Northern Show and Sale, Skipton, with FettleMead Sir Tor, a four horned tup lamb sired by Loynton Lionheart and sold to the Dunmor flock. Then in 2024 taking male reserve champion at the Great Yorkshire Show with FettleMead Unique, sired by Blackbrook Nuffy, another four horned tup lamb, now with the Blackbrook flock.

Aside from breeding and showing, Emma is passionate about home produced Jacob lamb meat boxes and also selling their wool/ fleeces to spinners and crafters. Both further distinct attributes of the breed. As a smaller flock, she usually runs 12-15 homebred ewes with the tup annually, plus youngstock following on. The FettleMead prefix comes from “fettle” - ‘to make’ (old Yorkshire) and “mead” - ‘meadow’ hence “make the meadow.”



Wool cup and Photograph competition.

Entries for the Wool Cup and photograph competition will need to be in by 10.00 am on Saturday morning for judging with prizes and cups being awarded on the Saturday evening at the dinner.

The photo competition has three categories: Portrait of a Jacob (the judge will be looking for an image that portrays the individual character and personality of the sheep); Flocks in the Landscape (the image should convey a balance of the sheep and their surrounding with a dramatic landscape and/or sky a bonus); and Shepherds’ Life (reflecting the bond between the animals and the humans. Can be serious or humorous reflecting the good times or the unfortunate times). If you are not coming to the AGM, then postal entries can be sent to Emma Chester by Friday April 24th. 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.

Pat Bromley prize and Journal prize

The Pat Bromley and Journal prize will both be awarded at the AGM on Saturday afternoon.

BOOKING FORM AND TRAVEL

Please mark clearly how many people you are booking for each visit; and how many people you are booking for dinner on both Friday and Saturday evenings; and any dietary requirements. The booking form needs to be returned to Emma Chester, Cobblestones, Dishforth, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, YO7 3LP with a cheque payable to **JACOB SHEEP SOCIETY LTD by 31st January 2026.** Or pay by BACS – Jacob Sheep Society, sort code 30-93-25, account number 00191970.

The hotel is located about an hour from Newcastle and Leeds airports and about 20 minutes from Teeside airport. There is also a railway station at Yarm about ten minutes from the hotel. As buses are not being provided, if any members have space in their cars to offer lifts please tick the box.