



Jacob Sheep Society
Central Region Open Day
Sunday 10th May 2026 – 10.30am
Please reply by Thursday 30th April 2026

To be held at the Perrymill Flock
Brettles Farm, Shatterford, Bewdley, DY12 1TJ
by kind invitation of Margie and Mark Rushbrooke

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Mark and Margie Rushbrooke celebrate 50 years of being members of the Jacob Sheep Society this year and have kindly offered to share some of their vast knowledge of the breed and will host the open day on their working farm.

The Perrymill Flock

The Perrymill flock of Jacob Sheep was established in 1976 and has had considerable success in the show ring and at Society Sales.

The flock is a Four Horn flock and sheep are selected that have a proud carriage and can hold their head high as well as meeting all the breed standards.

In 1986 Charollais sheep were added to the farm, again with great success over the years through the show ring and society sales, with Brettles Sherman being sold for 7,000 guineas at the Premier Charollais sale in 2017.

In 1997 Lleyn sheep arrived on the farm, bringing great diversity to the now substantial flock and offering different opportunities which have played out to the present day.

Brettles Alpacas arrived on the farm in 2003, adding a string to Margie and Mark's bow and a fine contrast to the diverse sheep flocks.

Mark will take us through the 50 years on the farm, covering some ups and downs and hopefully a funny story or two along the way.

Ewe, lamb and ram nutrition

Ewe nutrition is without a doubt one of the key elements to flock health and one of the most important contributing factors to successful and productive breeding.

HJ Lea Oakes from Cheshire are one of the longest established independent animal feed manufacturers in Britain, dating back to 1675. Producing a huge variety of quality feeds available from many farm outlets or directly from the mills in Cheshire.

The company has kindly agreed to come and talk to us about nutrition and not just feed, and whilst ewe nutrition status is important, we should not forget our rams and our growing lambs.

Panel of experts

Whether you are a seasoned Shepherd, a small holder or just starting out on your Jacob Sheep journey, there is always something to learn from established breeders within the society.

The subject matter of improving your sheep and flock maintenance will give you the opportunity to hear from experts in their field and through a Q&A session, be able to pose your questions to gain insight to the potential that your flock can bring you.

Farm walk and tree identification

Margie and Mark have had the opportunity to shape the farm that they live and work on over many decades. The farm is set within a myriad of habitats including woodlands, pasture, ponds and watercourses and whilst livestock are central to their way of life, it is also important to have a passion and understanding of the Countryside that surrounds us.

The farm walk will allow us not only to walk off lunch and to see the livestock in their fields, but it will also allow us to be treated to a competition devised by Mark and his passion for trees and their identification.

And of course, there will be a prize for the winner

Programme for the Day:

10.30 am - Arrival at Brettles Farm - Coffee & Biscuits

11.00 am - Welcome to the farm, 50 years of breeding Jacob sheep - Mark Rushbrooke

11.45 am - Ewe, lamb and ewe nutrition - HJ Lea Oakes

12.15pm - Panel of experts - Improving your sheep and flock maintenance + Q&A

12.45 pm - Lunch (Fish and chip van)

1.30 pm - Raffle

2.00 pm - Farm walk and tree identification competition - Mark Rushbrooke

3.00-3.30 pm - Coffee/Depart

If you would like further information, please contact James Cartwright – 07939 696852
– Email central@jacobsheepsociety.co.uk or speak to any member of the Central Region Committee.

I/We wish to attend the Open Day on Sunday 10th May 2026

Name		Flock and Member No.	
Adults and children @ £15.00 inc lunch	No.		
Total paid:			
Please state any vegetarians or other special dietary requirements:			

Please email or post this slip to;
James Cartwright, Chequers, Goldstone Road, Hinstock, Shropshire, TF9 2ND. 07939 696852
or central@jacobsheepsociety.co.uk and make an online banking payment with the
reference **COD member no. & flock prefix** (e.g. COD05133 Goldstone)
to Lloyds sort code 30 99 80 account number 01034824 or enclose a cheque made payable to
the Jacob Sheep Society Ltd. to arrive by 30th April 2026.