



Zwartbles Sheep Association Northern Branch Flock Visit & Annual General Meeting

Sunday 21st October 2018

Dear Member

You are cordially invited to attend this years' ZSA Northern Branch Flock Visit & Annual General Meeting. This year we will be visiting West Yorkshire and the Greenhill/Bingheleia flocks of Martin & Harry Preston, who have very kindly offered to host a flock visit prior to the AGM.

The address for the flock visit is: Lady Close, Greenhill Crag Farm, Lady Lane, Bingley, BD16 4AU and the itinerary is attached.

To find out more about Martin's flock, check out www.greenhillzwarblesheep.co.uk

The AGM will follow the flock visit and will take place nearby at Five Rise Locks Hotel, Beck Lane, Bingley, BD16 4DD. If any member wishes to raise anything for discussion under AOB, please include your name and flock number along with your question/topic on the reply slip.

A hot two course supper (see below* for details) will be served at approx 4pm, but members are able to meet at the venue for pre-dinner drinks at 3.30pm. The cost of the supper is £15 per head. Any drinks ordered will be payable to the venue.

We will hold the usual fund raising raffle, so grateful if you could please bring a prize donation along with you.

Please reply indicating your choice of meal and include a cheque made payable to Gillian Blamire. Please send both to Debra Walker, Lambsgate Farm, Alston, Cumbria CA9 3LD to be received by 12th October 2018.

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Name: _____

Number for meal: _____

AOB Item _____

Please return to the above address with your cheque no later than 12.10.17. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the 21st October!

**Flock Visit to
GREENHILL and BINGHELEIA Zwartbles Sheep
Lady Close, Greenhill Crag Farm, Lady Lane, Bingley BD16 4AU, West Yorks.
21st October 2018, 1200 noon**

Greenhill Zwartbles were formed in 2002 by Martin Preston with the purchase of 2 ewe lambs, since then all the females have been descended from these two sheep with no other females being purchased. The flock now comprises of around 20 pure breeding ewes, along with a small pedigree Charollais flock, and crossbred ewes of the two.

Binheleia Zwartbles consists of around 12 breeding ewes of various bloodlines running alongside Greenhill Zwartbles and run by Martin's son Harry.

Itinerary

1200 Meet, Refreshments, followed by a walk around the flocks, hopefully with great views down the Aire Valley, across Calderdale and into Lancashire.

There will also be a raffle (please bring a prize) for branch funds, and a competition.

This will be followed by the Branch meal and AGM to be held at Bingley Five Rise Locks Hotel, Beck Lane, Bingley BD16 4DD (a mile down the road).

Pre-meal drinks 3.30pm

* Meal 4pm Meat and Potato Pie, seasonal Vegetables followed by Fruit Crumble and Custard

£15 per head

Branch AGM and Presentation of Flock Competition Prizes.



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Five Rise Locks Hotel, Beck Lane, Bingley, BD16 4DD

4.00pm sharp

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Minutes of the Last AGM - 28th October 2017
3. Matters Arising
4. Treasurers Report
5. Election of Officers
6. Feedback from Northern Branch Show 2018/ venue proposals for 2019
7. Results - Northern Region Flock Competition 2018
8. Results - Northern Region Young Ambassadors 2018
9. AOB
10. Meeting Close