

# The Thrianta

Issue 23

AUGUST 2018

## News Bulletin of the Thrianta UK rabbit club

It has been a quiet first half of the year for the Thrianta here in the UK, with our second stock show at the Devon County not having the entry which was anticipated. News generally is also in short supply and when reading the F&F some other national clubs, of like standing, are having similar experiences.

It was nice to hear that the doe Karen Chafer obtained from Greywil Stud at "The Bradford" had produced a litter and is an excellent mother. She is hoping that a second litter may be produced in time for some youngsters for The London.

Paul Hopkins, our Chairman, reported in May he had some nice does but the last two litters (7 in all) are all bucks. However, Paul has just emailed to say it looks like he may not be attending "The London" this year. He has had a bad fall, damaging his hip and is having to use a frame for a few weeks. Fortunately it is not broken and we wish him well for a recovery as soon as possible.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 11.00am on Sunday 14 October at The London Championship Show and your attendance would be appreciated. This year it will be in the Peterborough Suite, next to the Cambridge Suite where breakfast and lunches are served. Members are invited to submit any proposals they wish to be included on the agenda by 15 September.



One matter for discussion as normal will be venues for Stock Shows in 2019. Your views and wishes are important, so please do not hesitate to let your secretary know.

Should any member wish to receive a copy of the agenda it will be available 14 days prior to the meeting, on request to the secretary.

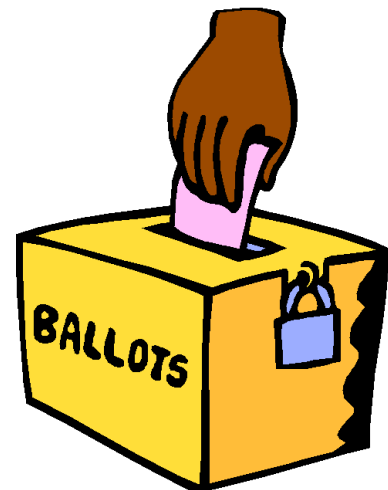
It's good to report that membership numbers are up on this time last year and are now standing at 47. Our financial situation also continues to be healthy. With these membership numbers it's disappointing that we are lacking entries at our stock shows. The members' views would be welcomed and the matter does require careful consideration at the AGM.

Included with this bulletin is the mid year list of members (those agreeing to share details).

The Bradford Small Livestock Society has invited National Specialist Clubs to host Stock Shows at their 100<sup>th</sup> Show to be held in 2022. An initial positive response has been given which will be discussed further at our 2018 AGM.

Also included with this bulletin are copies of the 2017 AGM Minutes and the 2017 Audited Accounts for consideration prior to the 2018 AGM.

Later in the year it will be time for our biennial club ballot and nominations for all Officers, Committee Members and Club Judges are invited and should to be submitted by the 22 October 2018 to the club secretary. All existing Officers, Committee Members and Judges shall be automatically nominated unless they advise otherwise. Included with this bulletin is a nomination form.



As mentioned, the entry of Thrianta at the Devon County Show on the 19 May was not as anticipated being a modest 6.

Joanne Carter entered three Thrianta with three from Greywil Stud. The Grand Challenge results were 1<sup>st</sup> Greywil Stud (adult buck), 2<sup>nd</sup> Joanne Carter (u/5 doe) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Joanne Carter (u/5 buck).

Thrianta UK has booked the month of October for the 2019 BRC calendar which will be available from the BRC Stand at 'The London'.

The following is taken from the [www.thrianta-eu](http://www.thrianta-eu) website and is a summary/translation of an article by Edwin Broekhuizen, which you may find interesting.

In June the Thrianta-Hulstlander Club in the Netherlands held a workshop day.

"With favourable weather it allowed the event to be held outside which was beneficial for assessing the colour of the Thrianta.

In total there was 19 Thriantas present. Great stuff to see the breed and assess. In the morning the animals were in small groups (consisting of a judge and some breeders) and were evaluated at positions 2 Type / construction / composition and 3 Fur. These assessments provided the basis for the evaluation of the animals in the afternoon. Because the ratings were sometimes quite different, there arose meaningful discussions.

One important consideration for the Thrianta is the front legs. These must be firmer and shorter. Many of the animals present had dark body colour, some even showed ticking on the hindquarters and some of them showed banding when blowing into the deck. That is certainly not desirable! Of course the quality of the fur (density, structure and length) is important and this also largely determines how we perceive the colour, but in the end the colour remains the most important. A slightly less fine fur, but with the right colour is preferable to a beautiful fur that is "too red". The colour we must respect is intense orange-red, as stated in the standard. Despite the colour intensity on the deck (possibly slightly too red), some animals still showed a relatively light colour to the underside of tail (due to the wild factor).

This day has certainly contributed to define more accurately the ideal image of the Thrianta among the present judges and breeders. This is nevertheless what we have to work on together over the coming period. This certainly benefits our beautiful breed.

(Photographs from Facebook Thrianta- en Hulstlanderclub)



## Remaining Stock Shows for 2018

Saturday/Sunday 13/14 October - London Championship Show  
(Peterborough)

Judge: Mrs Ros Waring

Sunday 9 December - Barnetby RC Show; Judge: Bernard Wrigley

The schedule and entry form for The London will be in the September issue of the Fur and Feather and the closing date for entries is Monday 10 September.

The London Thrianta classes will be judge by Mark Deal.

### Thrianta UK Club Website

The full address is,

[thrianta-uk.thrianta.eu](http://thrianta-uk.thrianta.eu)



Fully embroidered sew-on Club Badges, measuring 110x60mm, are available at a cost of £3.00 plus 50p postage.

Rose Burgess our press rep would welcome any news, views and show results etc. from you for the Fur and Feather Club News.

Rose can be contacted at  
24 Boston Road, Kirton, Boston,  
Lincolnshire, PE20 1DS.  
Tel 01205 723337.

Email [burgess236@talktalk.net](mailto:burgess236@talktalk.net)

Secretary/Treasurer  
Bernard Wrigley  
26 Greencroft  
Penwortham  
Preston  
Lancs  
PR1 9LA

Phone: 01772 745978

E-mail: [thrianta.uk@btinternet.com](mailto:thrianta.uk@btinternet.com)