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Shepherds Calendar available now (Third Edition)

We are pleased to announce that the Third Edition of Shepherds Calendar is now available from the Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST).

Val Stephenson's text and Jake Tebbit's cartoons were originally published in 1981. Val was well-qualified to write this book; she was herself a novice sheep keeper.

Books on sheep husbandry are usually directed at the experienced sheep keeper. Experienced does not necessarily mean competent, but it does assume a degree of basic knowledge of animals and their breeding, feeding, management and marketing. However, experienced sheep keepers are often reluctant to accept new ideas and techniques and thus the purpose of most books on sheep is to overcome this obstacle. In contrast the new sheep keeper is likely to have an open mind and be receptive to advice, but will be ignorant of many of the fundamental principles of animal husbandry.

Robert Terry, RBST Executive Director says "The book has been an outstanding reference guide for sheep keepers for over twenty years. We are delighted that Val Stephenson has allowed us to republish her original work with additions to bring the book up to date with today's legislation. We are most grateful to her for donating the royalties to the Trust"

Priced £6.99 (inc P&P), the book lists everything a shepherd needs to know and will make an excellent stocking filler with Christmas just around the corner!

To reserve your copy please visit www.rbst.org.uk or telephone 024 7669 8763.

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Notes for editor

The Rare Breeds Survival Trust is a charity established in 1973. It works to conserve more than 70 breeds of native farm livestock. The charity is funded entirely by membership subscriptions, donations and legacies.

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