

Newspaper Articles relating to Adderbury Stilgoes

12 January 1822 William Stilgoe up for house breaking

of the meeting.
Commitments to our County Gaol.—John Hawkins, charged with breaking into a cottage at Great Barford, and stealing 20 fowls.—William Stilgoe, on suspicion of having broken into the house of John Rogers, at Adderbury, in the night of the 18th and 19th of December last; and Richard Hawkins, charged with having stolen a quantity of poultry from the cow-house of the above John Rogers, at Adderbury.

16 July 1824 William Stilgoe jailed for assault

Talmage, to imprisoned for two months.—William Stilgoe, for an assault on Samuel Walter, of Adderbury, to be imprisoned for one month; and Samuel

21 June 1833 Elizabeth Stilgoe dies (Coventry Herald and Observer)

On Friday last, after a severe illness, Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Henry Stilgoe, of Adderbury Fields, near Banbury, Oxon.

12 October 1838 Henry Stilgoe dies (The Banbury Advertiser)

of Pinley.
On Thursday, the 4th inst., at Adderbury Grounds, Oxfordshire, Henry Stilgoe, Gent., brother to Mrs. Astley, of Broad Gate, and Mrs. Eaton, of Fleet-street, Coventry.

7 December 1844 Mr Stilgoe marries Miss Tanner (Oxford Chronicle and Reading Gazette)

BICESTER.
MARRIED.—At Merton, by the Rev. G. Stupart, Mr. Stilgoe, of the White Lion Inn, Adderbury, to Miss Tanner, of the former place.—At the same place, on Thursday, the 28th ult. Mr. William Long, of the Turner Arms, Ambrosden, to Miss Wheeler, of Merton.—Same day, at Marsh Gibbon, Bucks, by the Rev. George Andus, Mr. Thomas Jones, jun. of Blackthorn, to Miss Susannah Freeman, of the former place.

7 December 1844 Mr Stilgoe marries Miss Tanner (The Bucks Herald)

Lately, at Merton, Oxon, by the Rev. G. Stupart, Mr. Sulgo, of the White Lion Inn, Adderbury, to Miss Tanner, of the former place.

4 January 1851 Hentry Stilgoe involved in the sale of Wheatsheaf Public Inn
(Jackson's Oxford Journal)

ADDERBURY EAST, OXFORDSHIRE.
TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE CONTRACT,—
All that desirable PUBLIC HOUSE, called the *Wheatsheaf*, situate in Adderbury East, with the stables and other out-buildings, yard, large club room, and other conveniences thereto belonging.—Applications for price and further particulars to be made to Mr. Henry Stilgoe, the proprietor, on the premises, or to Mr. Field, solicitor, Deddington.

14 February 1852 Thomas Stilgoe killed by Ox (Jackson's Oxford Journal)

On Monday the 2d inst. an ox, belonging to Messrs. Butler and Bygrave, of Banbury, became furious at Adderbury, on its way from Aynho to Banbury, and a boy named Thomas Stilgoe, about seven years of age, was knocked down and seriously injured; he was taken to a house near, and medical advice procured, when it was found that his skull was fractured; locked jaw, &c., ensued, and he died on the 7th. An inquest was held on the body, and a verdict accordingly returned.

11 December 1852 Nathaniel sells the trees from Manor Farm (Jackson's Oxford Journal)

About Sixty MAIDEN ASH, OAK, ELM, and other TREES, standing on the MANOR FARM, in the occupation of Mr. N. Stilgoe, of Adderbury, near Banbury, Oxon;
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
By Messrs. T. MALLAM & SON,
At the Red Lion Inn, Adderbury, Oxon, on Friday next the 17th of December, at One o'clock; comprising 38 Maiden Ash, 8 large ditto Oak, 6 ditto Elm, 6 Beech, Walnut, and Sycamore Trees, now standing, lettered and numbered, in the various Grounds on the Manor Farm, adjoining the Banbury turnpike road.—Credit will be allowed, on approved security, to buyers over the amount of £10.
Mr. N. Stilgoe will appoint a person to shew the lots at any time previous to the sale, of whom catalogues may be had; also at the principal inns in Banbury and the neighbourhood; place of sale; and at the auctioneers' offices, High-street, Oxford.

3 June 1854 Nathaniel & Nathaniel are Executors of HD Stilgoe's Estate
(Jackson's Oxford Journal)

Mr. HENRY DRAKE STILGOE, deceased.
ALL persons having claims on the Estate of the deceased are desired to forward the particulars thereof to Mr. Nathaniel Stilgoe, of Chapel Ascott, Warwickshire, or Mr. Nathaniel Stilgoe, the younger, of Adderbury, Oxfordshire, the Executors; and all persons indebted to the Estate of the deceased are desired forthwith to pay the amounts due from them to one of the said Executors.
FIELD and CHURCHILL, Solicitors,
Deddington.

19 September 1854 N Stilgoe objects to stone being taken from his land
(Jackson's Oxford Journal)

...ence, the property of the Surveyors of Adderbury.
Mr. William Chamberlain, (as owner), and Mr. Richard Page, (as occupier), were summoned by the surveyors of the parish of Adderbury, (Messrs. Bennett and Gardner), to show cause why they refused to allow stone for the necessary repairs of the roads of the parish to be got from a pit called Park Corner Pit, in their possession. Mr. Chamberlain said that he objected to it on the grounds that it was not a parish pit; that the stone was not a fit material for the repair of the roads; and that a plentiful supply of stone might be obtained from a more convenient situation. After some conversation the Magistrates decided that the case should be referred to Mr. Cave, surveyor, who was requested to make a report of the same on the 7th of September next.
A similar charge was preferred against the Warden and Fellows of New College, Oxford, (as owners), and Mr. N. Stilgoe, (as occupier), but, upon Mr. Stilgoe saying that permission would be granted, if he were allowed compensation for damages sustained in carting the stone away, the charge was withdrawn.

20 June 1857 Nathaniel Stilgoe's freehold is for sale (Jackson's Oxford Journal)

A VOTE FOR THE COUNTY OF OXFORD.
ADDERBURY WEST, near BANBURY.
TEWSON and SON
ARE instructed to **SELL by AUCTION**, at the Red Lion Inn, Adderbury, on Monday next the 22nd of June, at Five for Six o'clock in the evening (immediately after the sale of Lines' House, &c.),—All that **CLOSE** of valuable **FREEHOLD MEADOW LAND**, known as *Mill Meadow*, situated at Adderbury West, in the parish of Adderbury, in the county of Oxford, containing, by admeasurement, Three Acres (more or less), now in the occupation of Mr. Nathaniel Stilgoe, as yearly tenant.
N. B. This Meadow immediately adjoins the Close mentioned in the preceding advertisement; the purchaser of that lot will, therefore, have a most favorable opportunity of making a peculiarly desirable addition thereto, which may not occur again for many years.
Further information may be had of Messrs. Rolls and Pain, solicitors; of Mr. Griffin, surgeon; or of the auctioneers, all of Banbury.

21 October 1876 NP Stilgoe marries Betsy Anne Savidge (Bucks Herald)

STILGOE-SAVIDGE.—At Saraden, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. W. E. D. Carter, rector, Nathaniel Page, only son of N. Stilgoe, Esq., Manor Farm, Adderbury, Oxon, to Betsy Anne, only daughter of Mr. Savidge, The Lodge, Saraden.

8 December 1883 Mrs NP Stilgoe wants a Governess (Jackson's Oxford Journal)

WANTED by the first week in January,—A respectable Farmer's Daughter as **NURSERY GOVERNESS**, to take charge of one little girl and assist in household duties; must be accustomed and fond of children, and useful with her needle; age not under 22.—Apply to Mrs. N. P. Stilgoe, Manor Farm, Adderbury, Oxon.

10 April 1891 Mrs Rachel Stilgoe dies aged 39 (The Northampton Mercury)

STILGOE.—April 4, at Adderbury East, Mrs. Rachel Stilgoe, 39.



A WINNING PEN IN 1927.



MR. STILGOE'S SHEARLING EWE.

Winner of the Supreme Championship at Oxfordshire Show, 1928; first prize at the Royal Counties and first in a pen of three at the Bath and West of England.

MR. H. W. STILGOE'S OXFORD DOWN FLOCK.

A VISIT TO ADDERBURY GROUNDS. SOME NOTABLE SUCCESSES.

Mr. Hugh W. Stilgoe, of Adderbury Grounds, has already this season scored some notable successes with his Oxford Down sheep at the Oxfordshire, Bath and West of England, and Royal Counties Agricultural Shows, and it only remains for him to follow up these successes at the Royal at Nottingham to eclipse his record of 1922.

He has made an excellent start. At the Oxfordshire Show he not only won first prizes but secured the male and female championships and the supreme championship. Going on to the Bath and West of England Show, Mr. Stilgoe took the first, second and third prizes for rams, and first for ewes, and at the Royal Counties he took first and second for rams and first and second for ewes, so that it looks as though we may confidently look for an achieve-

and he is now allowed to go where he pleases and do what he likes. He is over six feet in height and still straight and hale and hearty. During his life time he has won many prizes at the Banbury Agricultural Association for long service and in the ploughing and other competitions. Altogether Mr. Stilgoe employs twenty men and six families live on the estate. At one period three generations in one family were employed at the same time, which is typical of the good feeling that has always existed between Mr. Stilgoe's family and the men employed on the farm.

The Stilgoe family is deeply rooted in the locality and the names of Nathaniel, Zachariah, Hugh and Henry are Christian names well-known in it. There is a tobacco box in the possession of the family stating that "whoever is named Zachariah Stilgoe, this box is his for ever."

Mr. H. W. Stilgoe is the eldest of the family. His second brother, Henry, is chief engineer to the Metropolitan Water Board, and Wilfrid Hamilton is a solicitor with a practice in London. Mr. H. W. Stilgoe's only son, Hugh, has recently passed his final examination for the Surveyors' Institute.

first and second for ewes, so that it looks as though we may confidently look for an achievement at the Royal. It is interesting to note that in 1922 Mr. Stilgoe won the first, second, fourth, reserve number and highly commended card at the Oxfordshire Show and gained the honour of being the champion exhibitor. At the Bath and West of England that year he won second and third prizes for rams; at the Royal Counties first and second honours fell to him and at the Royal Agricultural Society's show he won the male championship, first and second prizes, reserve number and a highly commended card.

Mr. Stilgoe's family have farmed at Adderbury Grounds for nearly a century and his father, Mr. Zachariah Waldon Stilgoe, succeeded to it in 1850 and it was in that year he established the flock which has become so famous. It is the oldest in the country and Mr. Hugh W. Stilgoe has always been proud of its tradition and has improved the breed considerably. He has exported stock to Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, Spain and Portugal, in Europe, to Bolivia, under the Equator, to Chile, Peru, Brazil, and the Argentine, and also to the United States and Canada. Buyers from all over the world have also visited Adderbury Grounds to see these famous Oxford Down.

The flock at present consists of about 600 head and a visit to it is an education in management. Our representatives, at Mr. Stilgoe's invitation, paid a visit on Friday and found a great deal to interest them. They were shown the process of feeding and general management of the young stock till ready for the show or sale yards, and in one of the folds four men were engaged in shearing, which was being done by hand in preference to modern machine methods. Mr. Stilgoe has experts at the work and one man especially has won several honours at the county show. All this was extremely interesting, but the best of all was the visit to the prize ram pens, housed in a shed, around the walls of which were prize cards showing what the flock had achieved for many years past. The great aim, and one which Mr. Stilgoe has achieved and which is the foundation of his success, is uniformity throughout the flock in size and colour. One of the prize rams has not yet been beaten, this is the one which obtained the championship at Wallingford and first at the Bath and West and Royal Counties. Its companion in the pen has only been beaten once, and that was by the one just mentioned. The honours recorded on the walls tell their own story.

Our representatives were shown some yearling ewes, the same age as the rams they had just left. A trio of these had been shown singly at the Oxfordshire show where they secured first prize honours and together they won first place at the Bath and West of England and Royal Counties, and will now go on to the Royal.

In addition to being an extensive farmer, Mr. Stilgoe does more than his share of public work. He has been a member of the Oxfordshire County Council for nearly ten years, being on the Agricultural, Education, Roads and Bridges, Finance, Salaries and the Diseases of Animals Committees. He is this year's president of the Oxfordshire Farmers' Union, a member of the Council of the Oxfordshire Agricultural Society and of the National Sheep Breeders' Association of which he was president a few years ago. In his possession Mr. Stilgoe holds a rose bowl which he won three years in succession, 1925-26-27, so that it is now his own property. It is a handsome piece of plate presented by the Royal Agricultural Society and known as the Pittsford Challenge Cup (the gift of Mr. G. H. Hammond, through the Oxford Down Sheep Breeders' Association) for the best female exhibit of the breed. Around the bowl is a representation of the Elgin marbles now in the British Museum. Mr. Stilgoe also possesses many other trophies won in past years.

At home Mr. Stilgoe is interested in local affairs. For more than 20 years he has been a Churchwarden at Adderbury Church where his forefathers attended. He is chairman of the Adderbury Parish Council, a position he has held since its inception and there are few activities in the village in which Mr. Stilgoe does not take a leading part.

Mr. Stilgoe possesses a fine herd of Shorthorn cattle and his dairy is one of the most up-to-date in the countryside. He also keeps some fine pedigree horses which he rears and breeds. His teams of horses for work on the farm are always kept young by introducing three or four two-year-old colts each year and selling an equal number when they come to maturity and fit for general town and railway work.

Some interesting features are associated with Mr. Stilgoe's farm. Some distance from his house is a corn mill on a stream which formerly was a paper mill at which paper was made for the Bank of England notes with the pure water mark on them. This water mark is now secured by chemicals.

Returning to the house, our representatives passed the cottage occupied by Mr. Corbett Jackman, the oldest employee on the farm, who is 84 years of age. Mr. Jackman has been employed on the farm since he was eighteen,

recently passed his final examination for the Surveyors' Institute.

ADDERBURY FIRE ENGINE FUND.

The annual meeting of subscribers was held in Adderbury on Tuesday, the 10th May, when a representative number were present, the chair being taken by Mr. C. C. Bradford. The balance sheet for the year was presented, showing a small debit balance. Various matters relating to the upkeep of the engine were discussed, and in order to maintain it in the highest state of efficiency it was desired that the residents of Adderbury should realise that small annual subscriptions were necessary, and that the hon. treasurer, Mr. C. C. Bradford, or the hon. secretary, Mr. H. W. Stilgoe, would be glad to receive such amounts. For the information of residents in contiguous parishes, the engine, which is a motor one, and therefore very mobile, is always at the call of anyone needing its services.

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Death of Mr. H. W. Stilgoe

WORLD-FAMOUS SHEEP FARMER.

We regret to record that one of the best-known figures in Oxfordshire, Mr. Hugh William Stilgoe, of The Grounds, Adderbury, died in the Horton General Hospital on Sunday at the age of 87.

OXFORD DOWNS.

Mr. Stilgoe's name was everywhere associated with the breeding of Oxford Down sheep. In this respect he had a world-wide reputation, having, over a long period of years, exported pedigree rams and ewes to many distant parts of the world, including the Argentine, Canada and Australia, and to Continental countries nearer home such as Switzerland.

He was a leading member of the Oxford Down Sheep Breeders' Association, for which he held many offices and was at the time of his death vice-president. For many years he had been a principal prize-winner at the Royal Agricultural Show and had won awards at county agricultural shows all over the country. It is hard to think of Oxford Ram Show without Mr. Stilgoe.

The Adderbury flock was established in 1854 and in this year's Association handbook is listed as comprising 322 ewes, 101 yearling ewes, 192 ewe lambs, 5 rams, 14 yearling rams, 191 ram lambs.

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Always a willing co-operator in agricultural activities in the Banbury area and the county, Mr. Stilgoe had been for many years a committee member of the Banbury and District Agricultural Association, for whom he frequently acted as one of the judges.

He retired from membership of the Oxfordshire County Council earlier this year, after some 40 years' service.

In his own parish Mr. Stilgoe was chairman of the Parish Council over a long period and had been a churchwarden at Adderbury Church for 50 years.

Mr. Stilgoe, who was a widower, is survived by his son, Mr. Hugh Stilgoe, principal of the firm of Maxwell and Stilgoe, chartered land agents and surveyors, of Marlborough Road, Banbury.

The funeral took place at Adderbury Parish Church this (Wednesday) afternoon.

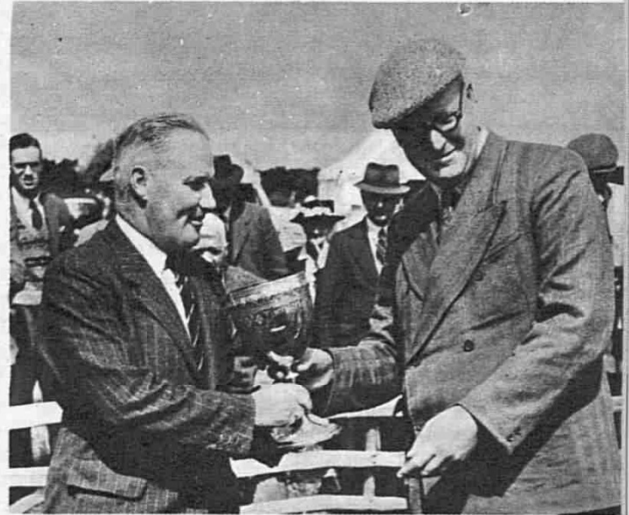
A friend of Mr. Stilgoe adds: "Not only was he churchwarden for 50 years, but his father and his grandfather were churchwardens before him, so that the family has given generations of service to the parish.

"For years he took great interest in the County Agricultural Show and had been chairman of the Stock Prize Committee.

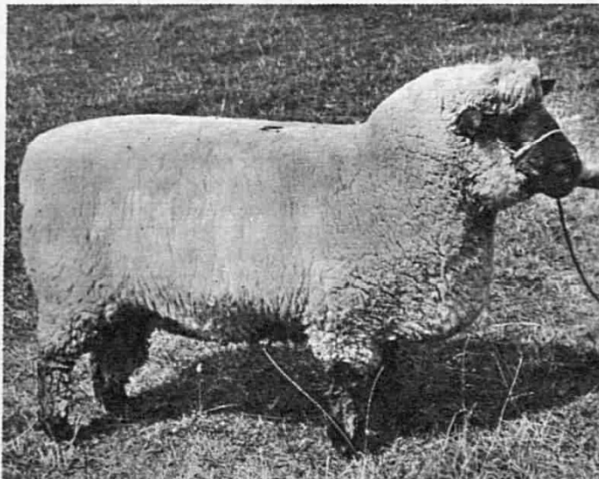
"At the Royal Show at Shrewsbury this week he was the winner in the Oxford Down class with a shearling ram that has been winning wherever it has been shown this season. I think it is the finest sheep he ever bred, and that's saying a great deal."

The Oxford Ram Fair

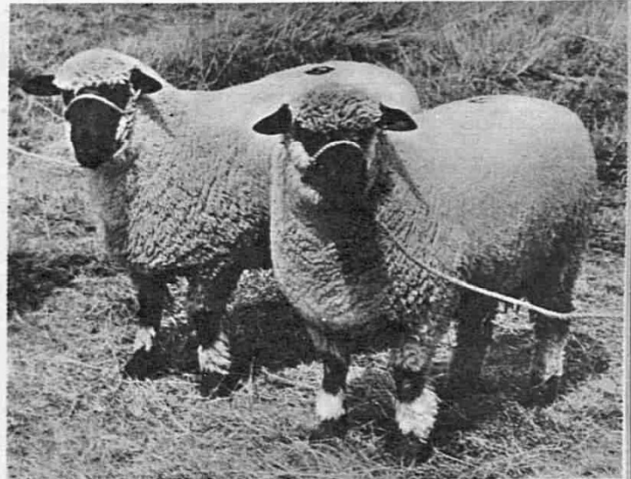
THERE were a goodly number of entries and the weather kept fine for this event. It may fairly be described as Mr. Stilgoe's day, for he won the President's special prize, the Cup for the most successful exhibitor, and the Stilgoe Memorial Cup. He won, in fact, the classes for single shearling ram, pen of two shearlings, single lamb and his shearling was declared the best exhibit. The top price of 96 guineas—nearly £100 less than last year's figure—was secured by Lt.-Col. F. E. B. Wignall for one of his extremely fine lambs, which he sold to Mr. R. H. Allen of Kelso; another fetching 88 guineas. Earl St. Aldwyn (President-elect) received 68 guineas, and Mr. Stilgoe 52, for individual lambs.



THE PRESIDENT of the Oxford Down Sheep Breeders' Association, Mr. A. Birnie, hands the John T. Eady Cup for the most successful exhibitor to Mr. H. C. Stilgoe.



BEST EXHIBIT: A shearling bred and shown by Mr. H. C. Stilgoe.

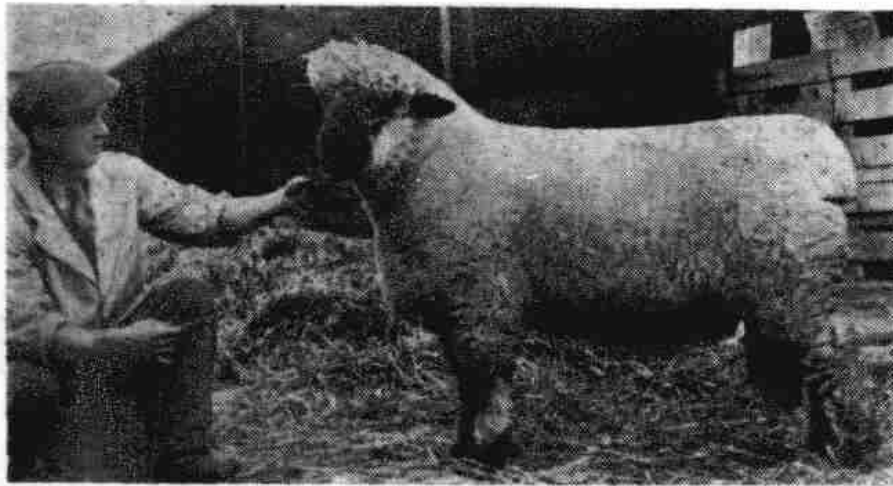


WINNING PEN of two ram lambs bred and exhibited by Earl St. Aldwyn.

22 August 1954 HC Stilgoe's prize ram wins him a handshake with the Queen
(The Banbury Guardian)

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A sheep that brought a queen's hand-shake



This is Mr. Stilgoe's shearing Oxford Down ram which gained the supreme and male championships at the recent Royal Show at Windsor, and brought Mr. Stilgoe a congratulatory handshake from Her Majesty - Queen Elizabeth II.

The ram, which weighs around 400 lb.—over 28 stone—is seen here with head shepherd Mr. Harold James.

[Picture : P. Buckland]

New success highlights centenary year of the Adderbury flock

**MR. H. C. STILGOE IS No. 1
BREEDER OF OXFORD DOWNS**

ONE hundred years of achievement and progress—and still at the top."

That slogan gracing a pamphlet issued by Mr. Hugh C. Stilgoe, owner of the famous Adderbury flock of registered pedigree Oxford Down sheep, is no idle boast—it is demonstrably true.

And what better place to demonstrate it than the recent Royal Show? And what better recognition than by the Queen herself?

For when Mr. Stilgoe, at Windsor, gained the supreme championship of the breed with a shearing ram for the second year in succession he received the personal congratulations of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

For Mr. Stilgoe it was an honour that highlighted a century of painstaking effort by himself and his forbears to establish a flock second to none. This is the centenary year of the flock and no success could have been more keenly desired or more welcome.

Largest and oldest

Not only is this Adderbury flock world-renowned, but it is the largest and oldest. It was established in 1854 by Mr. Stilgoe's grandfather, Mr. Zachariah W. Stilgoe, carried on by Mr. Hugh W. Stilgoe until his death in 1949, and is now proudly and enthusiastically run by Mr. H. C. Stilgoe with the help of his young son, Mr. J. A. Stilgoe, who has inherited the interest in and regard for the breed that has characterised the earlier generations.

Young Mr. Stilgoe has been made a life member of the Oxford Down Society in recognition of his grandfather's work for the breed.

At the peak of the season the flock consists of about 800 animals, including 250 breeding ewes and ten stock rams. It is divided between the 540-acre Adderbury Grounds Farm and a farm in South Oxfordshire.

shearing ewes and 14 ram lambs to Western Transvaal. They are used for crossing with the normal South African sheep, the Persian Fat-tail, and are producing extremely good results.

Largest Down breed

The Oxford Down breed was first started in 1829 and is the result of a cross between a Hampshire ewe and a Cotswold ram. It is the largest of the Down breeds and the second largest of any English sheep. Its value is mainly its meat-producing characteristics, but its wool is also of high quality. Altogether there are about 250 breeders in this country.

185 firsts

Since 1892, at the Royal, Bath and West, Royal Counties, Three Counties, and Oxfordshire Shows the Adderbury flock has gained 185 first prizes, 174 seconds, 193 thirds, and has won twelve challenge cups outright.

Such success can come only from keen and sustained interest, experience and efficiency and reflects the greatest credit on Mr. Stilgoe and his staff. Ask head shepherd Harold James to what he attributes this second-to-none record and he will tell you: "To the personal interest of Mr. Stilgoe and to the high degree of efficiency he expects from his shepherds."

Stilgoes have been farming at Adderbury Grounds since 1829, and their history in the Adderbury and Deddington parishes goes back to 1600.