

FACT OR FICTION?

WERE REAL SHEEP DROPPINGS EVER EATEN BY HUMANS?

The Isle of Sheppey is famous for its sheep. In fact Sheppey is derived from the ancient Saxon "Sceapige", meaning isle of sheep.

Recently an obscure legend has emerged and startling new unproven evidence has been found that people once may have bred sheep, not for their wool and meat....but for their droppings! A local historian told us that he heard someone drone on and on about this at his local pub. Apparently during the old man's mumblings he was heard to say that many people used to eat sheep droppings as a delicacy in the olden days.

The following pictures and information are based on this man's strange story. A story that was to inspire a local company to replicate sheep droppings using high quality chocolate coated raisins.



The Isle of Sheppey has lots of sheep and apparently, many years ago, the main reason for breeding them was not for their wool or meat, but for the small brown spheroid droppings that would fall from the backend of these amazing creatures.



In olden days groups of people could be seen collecting thousands of droppings in the early evening...backbreaking work!



Mechanical methods were introduced to speed up the picking process.



A highly specialised 'Dropping Riddle' was used to sieve out the larger droppings. This piece of equipment is very similar in size and construction to a standard plastic garden riddle.



"The bigger the dropping the bigger the taste!"
This was believed to be a popular saying in days-gone-by.



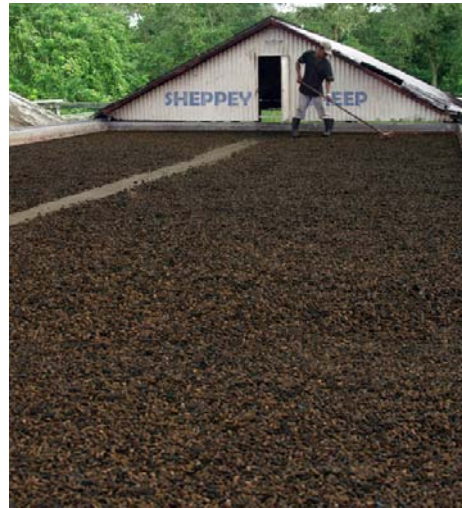
Sheep Droppings were collected and air dried if there was a sunny day on Sheppey.



They were sometimes raked using a cheap old wooden rake.



The droppings were then expertly washed by highly trained and diligent workers. The process was known as 'Poo Washing'.



The droppings were then spread for air drying using a rather more expensive rake, presumably for health and hygiene purposes.



When dry, the droppings were then put in sacks ready for sending to the public



According to the man in the pub, Sheppey Sheep Droppings were sent all over the world. However, we do not know if anyone ever ate them!

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