



CYMDEITHAS DEFAID LLANWENOG SHEEP SOCIETY

Cylchlythyr - Newsletter

Closing Dates

1 June

Lambing Competition

31 July

Show & Sale Entries

31 August

Photography Competition

1 September

Working Committee Election

Forms and

Flock Competition Entries

1 October

Membership Renewal

26 October

Flock Return & Ram Reg

Calendar Order Forms

30 November

Ewe & Ram Registrations



Happy New Year - Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

I hope this Newsletter finds you well. For those who have already started lambing, the weather is on your side and I hope all is going well.

December saw the return of the Winter Fair, which we hope is the start to some normality for this year and a hopeful showing and social year!

Please note if you have received a hard copy of this Newsletter please ignore the reference to any 'links'.

WORKING COMMITTEE

Following the AGM last year we would like to sincerely thank our outgoing President, Mr Philip Thornely of Newgate Flock for his contribution during his presidency. We would like to welcome Mr Elfyn Morgans of the Glwydwern Flock as the new President and Miss Meinir Green of the Steffan Flock as Vice-President.

Following an Election the Committee Members remained the same however, Mr Ian Coldrick of Nantbach Flock and Mr Huw Jenkins of Gwynfaen Flock were co-opted.

Our Chairman, Mr Gareth Lloyd of Clettwr Flock had come to the end of his two year period, however, it was proposed that he does a third year, a proposal of which he accepted. Mr Eurig Evans of Penrherber Flock remains as Vice-Chairman.

If you would be interested in joining the Committee then please do not hesitate in sending in your forms in September!

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Some members have recently expressed a wish to pay their Membership directly annually. Unfortunately, as a Society, due to various regulations we are unable to offer it via Direct Debit. The alternative is for you to set up a Standing Order. To do this, you will need to contact your Bank, or do it yourself via your Online Banking. It should be set up for the first payment to be made on 1st October 2022 and annually thereafter. The Society's bank details can be found [here](#)

SOCIAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

27 August - Show & Sale

12 November - AGM & Flock Visit

UPDATE FROM GRASSROOTS

The Grassroots Journey

Grassroots has provided software to breed societies for over 20 years. 2021 was a particularly busy year, with the roll out of the first iteration of the new Grassroots Online Registry, to replace the old PedeWeb. This was the culmination of three years of work and the first visible part of the journey. There are three people working full time on the software developments and there are new iterations of the system on the way.

Generally the new system has been very well received. There have been almost 200,000 separate visits to the new system, over 125,000 'Manage My Animal' transactions and 42,000 births recorded in the past six months. Grassroots have tried to react quickly to any problems as they were identified, and incorporate ideas into the next iteration which is already well on the way.

Some members have asked 'what is it all about' and so by way of explanation:

The old system had to change because it was almost 20 years old, and could not incorporate many modern features. It was never designed for use on a phone.

Grassroots have created a new database, which is going to eventually provide us all with many new tools and features, and in 2021 they spent a great deal of time tidying the data for each breed in turn and migrating them into the new database. Almost all the breeds have now been migrated over, a total of nearly 4 million animal records !

In order for farmers to access this new database Grassroots Online was written as an initial replacement for PedeWeb. It needed to work with the existing office system, provide all the tools farmers were used to, incorporate the limitations of the old system and the opportunities for the new.

The next iteration of the Farmers Online system to be rolled out in 2022 will have a number of new features. It will be more interactive, and will work better on a phone, although there will always be limitations of accessing the Online Registry website on a phone, because there is so much data to display and manipulate.

This was the reason Grassroots invested in the creation of a specialist mobile phone App for both Apple and Android devices. The mobile App enables members to hold all the details of their own animals in all their Grassroots breeds on one device, with access even when they have no mobile or internet signal. It links to the main database to 'Manage my Animals', and has additional features including notes and images. The App can be downloaded from the Apple AppStore or Google PlayStore, search for Grassroots Systems.

Many breeds are also making full use of the new Online 'Sales Module' which has already been used to create 228 catalogue for 31 different auctioneers.

Grassroots APP

All your own animal details, in your pocket, even when you have no internet or mobile access. Free for the first month, and then a small charge of £1.99 per month (less than the cost of an ear tag) or £14.99 for the year.

Download the Grassroots Systems Mobile App from the Appstore or Google Playstore. Create an App User Name (must be at least 8 characters) and your own password. Then sync the details of all the animals you own using your normal Breed Society member number and password. If you keep other Grassroots breeds, they can be added to the same copy of the App.

It is very straight forward to use but a 'step by step' guide is available on the Society Website [click here](#)

From within the App you can:

- Add images - for your own use or to appear in the Online Registry
- Add notes - for individual animals or groups, including mating records, or reminders
- Report changes direct to the registry 'on the go'
 - Sales - and keep a list of all your buyers
 - Births - and apply to Notify or Register
 - Deaths - and sales for meat
- Flag animals 'For Sale' - to appear in the Online Registry
- Link photos - for your own use or to appear in the Online Registry

Ram Registrations

All Rams registered from 2022 onwards will now require a 'name'.

We will still use prefix and year numbers.
i.e. Clettwr Jack 22/00001



Information will be available soon for this year's activities. They hope to be able to have some more social events. If you have a child, niece, nephew, grandchildren who are interested in the breed, they are more than welcome to join.

Contact the Secretary and we will ensure that you are updated as to when meetings are etc. These are also put on the Society's Group Facebook page.

If you would like to assist with the Club or give a talk or demonstration at a meeting then please contact us!

SOCIETY COMPETITIONS

Don't forget that the Society run various Competitions throughout the year.

Flock Competition

Photographic Competition

Whiteparish Flockmaster Competition

Lambing Competition

Flockmaster Competition

For further information on the individual competition please follow this [link](#)

SELLING RAMS IN SOCIETY SALE

From the 2022 Show & Sale there will be a minimum weight on the Rams:

Ram Lambs - 40kg

Yearling Ram or Older - 60kg