

Winter 2019 Newsletter

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Welcome to the Llanwenog Sheep Society's Winter Newsletter

We hope that this Newsletter finds you well - well done to all those who have been busy showing over the summer, nice to see some new faces out and about!

NEW WEBSITE

The summer saw the launch of the Society's new website <https://www.llanwenog-sheep.co.uk/index.php/en/>, which we hope if you haven't already had an opportunity to look at, the winter months will allow you to do so.

We hope that it is much easier to navigate around and to find information. It is still a work in progress with regards getting content on, but over time will build up as a place of resource.

The Home Page has various buttons to get you to the main sections quicker. The Flock Book button will take you straight to the Grassroots page whereby you enter your Flock Number and password and gives you access to the system. There will be further information on Grassroots later in the Newsletter as we intend to encourage Members to become regular users of it!

The Home Page also has a direct link to the Society's Facebook Page. If you are attending any Shows or livestock markets and wish to share the information in an informal manner, please do not hesitate to forward it to me and I will upload. Please ensure that the information is provided ready to be copied and pasted direct to the Facebook page otherwise it can delay being uploaded. Name of the Event Attending, results or information and any pictures is great.

The Contacts page <https://www.llanwenog-sheep.co.uk/index.php/en/the-society/contacts> has information of all the Area Representatives. The Area Reps are your local contact and will have knowledge of individual members and breeders in your area, so if you are looking to purchase sheep or need to loan a ram, they would be your first point of call. Alternatively, if you are new to the breed and require assistance to understand the breed points of the Society etc, they can arrange to visit you or someone who lives nearby to do so - ensuring you get off to a good start with the breed.

There is also a Calendar's page <https://www.llanwenog-sheep.co.uk/index.php/en/calendar> so if you have an event that you think Llanwenog Members would be interested in, then please let me have details and I will put it on for you. It can be your Local Show/Event - doesn't need to be a large event - you never know who may see it!

The SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SHOW & SALE was held on 24th August 2019 - full report of which can be found [here](#)
MELTON MOWBRAY SHOW & SALE was held on 13th and 14th September. [Show Results](#) and [Show Report](#) are also available on our website.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE - 25th October 2019

Flock Returns
Ram Registrations
Booking for Flock Visit and AGM and Dinner
Calendar Order

DATES FOR THE DIARY

2019

01 October	Subscription Renewal Due for 2019/2020 - £20
01 November	Deadline to receive Postal Election Vote
09 November	Flock Visit, AGM and Annual Dinner
30 November	Closing Date Ewe Lamb Registration

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

This year we have received 5 nominations with vacancies for 4. The election will therefore go to a Vote by Members. Every Flock has one Vote. If you are unable to attend the AGM you are able to place your Vote by Post or by Proxy. Please see the

separate Email you will receive which will have the AGM Agenda, 2018 Minutes and Voting Forms attached to it.

There will also be an opportunity for you to place your vote on the evening of the AGM.

2019 FLOCK VISIT & AGM - SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2019

Our Flock visit this year is kindly being hosted by Mr and Mrs Eurig Evans of the Penrherber Flock No 480. Some of you may have seen Eurig around the Show's over the last few year's and he became a member of the Working Committee at last year's AGM. Official Invitation to the Flock Visit can be [seen here](#).

The AGM and Annual Dinner will be held at [Ffostrasol Arms](#). The [Menu](#) is available to view and if you require a vegetarian option, please contact Ffostrasol Arms direct to discuss the same. The cost this year is £24.

The Society will also be producing it's Calendar this year and will be available to collect at the Annual Dinner or posted to you with additional postage costs.

As outlined earlier in this Newsletter, we wish to encourage Members to make more use of Grassroots and therefore **bookings for the above are to be made via Grassroots ONLY**. Please see [instructions](#) on how to do this. This eliminates the need to complete any forms, just a tick in a box and your food choices if attending the dinner!

Payment would ideally then be made via online bank transfer, or alternatively a cheque!

FLOCK RETURN 2019

The Grassroots System does not support Flock Return requests and therefore for this year we will have to stick to the paper version! However, the [form](#) is much shorter and only requests your Flock Information.

If there is a change to your contact details, the GDPR restrictions that you wish on your information (i.e. what information is displayed on the website and Flock Book), then this can be advised and changed at any time throughout the year via Grassroots. Instructions on how to Manage your Grassroots Flock can

be found on our [website](#)

CALENDAR 2019

The Calendar will be for sale this year again and is available to purchase via your Grassroots. Please follow the same instructions as to ordering your Flock Visit/Dinner etc. The price remains the same at £6 for collection at the AGM however, increased to £8 to be posted due to the cost of postage.

ARTICLES FOR THE FLOCK BOOK AND/OR WEBSITE

What do you do with your Llanwenog Sheep? We see the one's that attend the Show Ring's throughout the summer and we see the one's who breed to sell at the Annual Show & Sale - but there are still many of you who we do not see year on year! There are a few who keep Llanwenog's for their meat and some for the wool, and some just as a hobby. There is no right or wrong answer! However, it would be great to receive an article/short write up of what you do, so that we can share among the Members and share the experiences or provide ideas.

For ideas visit our [Flock Profile](#) page on the website or write something totally unique to you.

In order to keep the annual Flock Book and the website interesting and up to date, we require new material!

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FLOCK BOOK

The Society's Flock Book is the book that highlights and records the last twelve months achievements of our members and breed and at the same time is a source for advertising within the Members and future new members. With our Members now stretching from West to East of the Country and from the South to the North, we are not always aware of who is on our doorstep, let alone further afield and with haulage/travelling not such an issue these days people

farmer shops, and with holiday shopping not such an issue these days, people are often happy to buy further away from home.

We are therefore offering you the opportunity to have an advert in this year's Flock Book, quarter page, for £20. Your advert can be a standard text box, which we can assist you with, or a more detailed one to include pictures, however, you will need to do this yourself or arrange for someone else to.

LLANWENOG SHEEP BREEDERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Support Group have been busy once again this year having had their AGM and Flock Visit earlier in the year, please keep an eye out for the full reports on our website shortly.

If you wish to become a Member of the Support Group, further information can be obtained by contacting their Secretary, Alison Ayling of Clover Flock No 423.



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