



Llanwenog Sheep Society Flock Visit 2018

A very damp morning greeted a large contingent of members and friends, many of whom had travelled long distances, to Parcyrhos, Llanwnnen at the kind invitation of our President, Gareth Evans and his wife Wendy for the annual Flock Visit on 10th November. Fortunately, all the sheep had been brought inside over night and a recently erected building provided additional cover for probably the largest gathering for some time. There was an excellent mix of established and new breeders. It was particularly good to see a number of retired members, who were observed to be generously parting with their knowledge of the breed.

The Parcyrhos flock was established in 1977 by Enoch Evans, Gareth's Grandfather, with some brokers from Alltgoch. It has about 25 pure Llanwenog ewes and has consistently won the Society's Small Flock Competition. Gareth learnt his trimming skills from his Grandfather and is a successful showman.



The ewes, which are due to lamb in early January, were divided into two groups – the pure and the crossbreds. There were two yearling rams, Sain Ffagan Z831 and Z832 together with a Pengelli Ram Lamb 18/930, all of which were sired by an Alltgoch ram. Pentre S979 has also been used for several years.

During the morning, members were kept busy stock judging a pen of four ewe lambs, a pen of four fat lambs and guessing the weight of a Beltex lamb.

We were then royally entertained to an excellent lunch of soup and Llanwenog Lamb Burgers (Gareth's own Llanwenog lamb), before being given a conducted tour of the highly successful Christmas tree enterprise. Unfortunately, the very dry summer of 2018 had taken it's toll on the establishment of the young Norway Spruce seedlings.

A most memorable day with generous Welsh hospitality!

David Henson

