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Croeso/Welcome to the Llanwenog Sheep Society Autumn 2024 newsletter.

Once again, lots to report on. I hope you've all got that autumn feeling, we've had some lovely warm days, in between the rain. Winter is fast approaching, as we move onto the next chapter in the shepherd's year.

Officials 2024

President: Miss Meinir Green—Steffan Flock

Chairman: Mr Eurig Evans—Penrherber Flock

Vice Chairman: Mr Dai Williams—Pencoed Flock

Treasurer: Mrs M A Williams, Iet Goch Flock

Secretaries: Mrs Anwyl True—Pencoed Flock

Mrs Jane Evans—Penrherber Flock

Diary Dates:

Saturday November 9th—Flock Visit Llanerchaeron,
Annual Dinner and AGM

If you'd like to put anything in the newsletter, such as buying, selling, show reports, important information, please get in contact. I'd welcome everyone's input.

Llanybydder Show and Sale 2024

The Llanwenog Breed Society celebrated its 65th Show and Sale this year, a great achievement for a small rare breed which started in a small Village in West Wales. I'm sure there are some of our members who can remember that first sale and who now attend with their sons, daughters and grandchildren, if anyone has any old photos of those first sales, we'd love to be able to put them in the newsletter.

As the sheep started to arrive so did the buyers, there was a fabulous turnout of people who had travelled long distances to attend the sale, and they were not disappointed. Another hard task ahead for the Judges on the day. Mr Gareth Lloyd (Clettwr) and Mr John Green (Blaenpwlf). With lots of scratching of heads and walking up and down the rows, the results were in.



Winning the Ayshford Perpetual Challenge Cup which is awarded to the Best Ram or Ram Lamb, went to Gethin and Sara Hatcher Penllain with their yearling ram sired by a Charndon ram and out of a Alltgoch ewe, this went onto sell for £550 to Mr Roberts from St Dogmaels.



Joint top price of the sale was £700. The first achieving this price was for the Alltgoch ram, which was the yearling ram winner at the 2023 Royal Welsh Show. The purchaser for this ram was J I & G Lloyd of the Clettwr Flock. This year's Spring Festival Champion and Royal Welsh reserve male Champion, presented by Gareth, Wendy and Iwan Evans of the Parcyrrhos Flock, also sold for £700 - selling to Society Chairman, Eurig Evans of the Penrherber Flock, The ram also took the Enoch Evans Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Presented Entry – this class was judged by Society President Meinir Green.

The Cwmere Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best pen of 5 or more ewe or ewe lambs was awarded to Huw Evans, Alltcoch, this lot sold for £200 and was sold to new Society member Tony Mottershead hailing from Lampeter, Mr Mottershead also purchased the reserve champion for this cup again for £200. Huw Evans was also presented with the Maestroyddyn Cup for the best pair of ewe or ewe lambs this lot sold for £430 selling to Mr Gwynne from Llandeilo.



Its always encouraging to see the young handler classes so full of keen youngsters who want to tread in their parents shoes to make sure the Llanwenog breed is here to stay. Congratulations to our youngsters . Once again Society President, Meinir Green, had the very difficult job in picking the winners for this section, however the overall champion was awarded to Owain Williams of the Pentre Flock.

As one member commented on the sale “Great effort and atmosphere as as you walk into the shed, great lot of sheep for sale as well”. Thank you to auctioneers Evans Bros, who as always did an excellent job and to Mrs Ray Jenkins for the fabulous beef sandwiches.

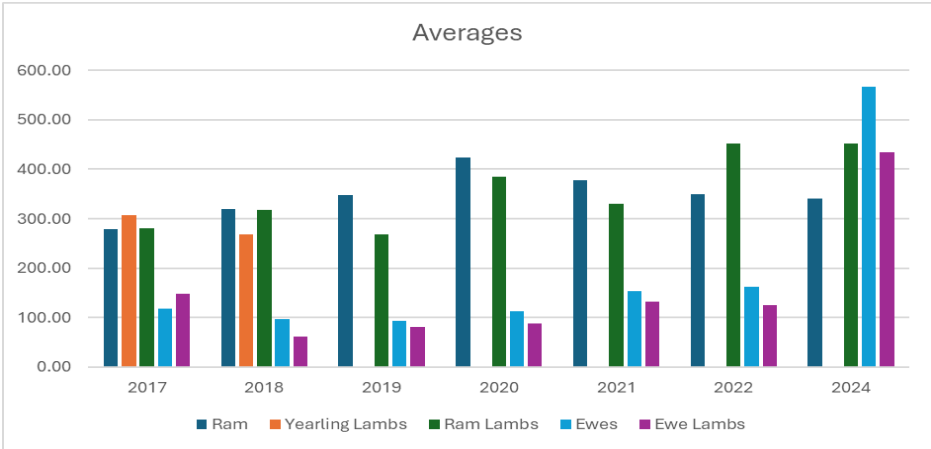
Thank you to each and every one of you who attended and made the day so enjoyable. Big thank you also to our Committee members who were there to help anyone who had a question or wanted to know a little bit more about the breeding of their chosen sheep, you did a fabulous job.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Photo of the 50th Show and Sale, kindly donated to the newsletter by Mr Andrew Jones. Mr David Henson, President at the time giving his opening speech. Charles Evans, the Auctioneer who sold at the first sale was welcomed to sell the first lot. To his left was Mark Evans, Dewi Davies and Elgan Jones. Also in the photo is Mark’s father Hefin and can you recognise our very own Mr Peter Brain and Mr Charles Horton. Thank you Andrew, it’s great to see old photos and we’d love to see more.

Below are some comparison price stats from 2017—2024.



	Total	Average
Ewes	£10,200	£566.60
Ewe Lambs	£8260	£434.73
Rams	£5790	£340.58
Ram Lambs	£3610	£451.25

LLANWENOG BREEDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Introducing to the newsletter a dedicated page for the Support Group. On this page we can have updates from our colleagues in England. So if there is anything you would like to add to the newsletter, please get in contact with photos, show reports, stock for sale.

WORCESTER SHOW AND SALE SATURDAY 10th AUGUST 2024 - WORCESTER MARKET

This was to be the first running of the Support Group Show and Sale. The sale was put together to enable breeders, who weren't able to travel the distance to sell their sheep at the Annual Show and Sale in Llanybydder. The sale was run by auctioneers McCartneys who provided an excellent service pre-event, in collating all the entries and putting together the catalogue together with provided support for buyers on the day of the sale.

Disappointingly there was a limited number of breeders who attended the sale, making it difficult to showcase the breed. Thank you must go to the Judge Mr Ian Colderick who travelled from Wales to Judge at the show, results will be below. This was a trial run for the sale, which the Support Group can build on. However the success of the sale depends on the number of breeders who attend. So as breeders we need to support them as much as we can. The Support Group would like to say thank you to those breeders who did make the journey to the sale.

Show Results

All ewes—1st/2nd—Maurice Greenslade—Langley
3rd—Gareth Lloyd—Cletwr
4th—Peter Brain—Nelhan

Ewe Lambs—1st—Gareth Lloyd—Cletwr
2nd—Iwan & Marie Anthony—Ty Gwyn
3rd—Mrs J Watts—Hollybank
4th—Iwan & Marie Anthony—Ty Gwyn

Rams—1st—Iwan & Marie Anthony—Ty Gwyn
2nd—Gareth Lloyd—Cletwr
3rd—Iwan & Marie Anthony—Ty Gwyn



Photos courtesy of Mr Lawrence Jones

Sale prices reflected the number of sheep present. With all averaging around the 100—150 g mark.

FLOCK VISIT AND AGM

The Support Group AGM and Flock visit— Nothing has been organised as yet, but there are a few ideas, which we will look into. So keep reading the newsletter for any updates.

FLOCK VISIT AND AGM

The Flock Visit and AGM is a great opportunity to catch up, in person with friends old and new and people who are connected to the breed. Conversations can be carried over to the evening at our AGM and Annual Dinner. Refreshments and Buffet lunch is included.

Flock visit details

The flock visit this year is by kind permission of the National Trust at the Llanerchaeron Estate, Ciliau Aeron, Nr Aberaeron, SA48 8DG, what3words: bulldozer.greyhound.added

Llanerchaeron was purchased in 1634 by Llewellyn Parry, who could claim his lineage all the way back to the Welsh Princes. At this point the estate comprised of a small farmhouse with 500 acres of land and a small formal garden - possibly the first in Wales. The estate would continue to grow over the following 100 years, with purchases of more land and an advantageous marriage to the Lewis family of the neighbouring estate at Ciliau Aeron.

The timetable is below:

10.30am-11am—Arrival & Tea/Coffee

11am - Tour of the Llanerchaeron Sheep and farm

12.00pm—Presentation on the history of the Llanwenog Breed at Llanerchaeron

12.15pm—Lunch

1.00pm— Depart Flock visit—members are able to visit the gardens if they wish to.

Unfortunately the house will be closed for winter.

AGM and Annual Dinner

The Grannell Hotel, Llanwnnen, Lampeter. SA48 7JT

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The Timetable for the AGM is as follows:

6.30pm — AGM

7.30pm—Dinner

We are offering 2 or 3 courses this year.

3 Courses £35 /person

Starter - King Prawn Cocktail, Duck Liver Parfait, Cauliflower Wings (V,VE)

Main - Roast Beef, Turkey or Nut Roast with a selection of vegetables.

Dessert - Baked Alaska, Salted Caramel Chocolate Torte, Christmas Pudding, Apple Crumble

2 Courses £30 / person

Main—Roast Beef, Turkey or Nut Roast with a selection of vegetables.

Dessert—Baked Alaska, Salted Caramel Chocolate Torte, Christmas Pudding, Apple Crumble

It is really important that you make your meal choices and let Anwyl know by 25th October, 2024 so that we are able to present the hotel with a list of orders.

Raffle and auction prizes would be gratefully appreciated.



SECRETARIES CORNER

Anwyl True

ANNUAL DINNER—Please respond if you wish to attend the Annual Dinner. If you are looking to make up a table, please could you let me know with the names so that when doing the seating arrangements I can make up your table. Also if you would like to give your table a name. ie your flock name, please also include that information.

RAFFLE/AUCTION— At the annual dinner we usually have a raffle and small auction. If you would like to make a donation to this, please could you bring on the evening of the dinner, or if you are unable to attend the dinner, please give to another member. All donations gratefully received.

CALENDAR—Calendar forms will be coming out soon. If you would like to pre-order your calendar, please complete and return or contact me with your order. Calendars will also be available at the Dinner.

Jane Evans

FLOCK RETURNS—Could I possibly ask all members to return their Flock Return forms to me. This information is Important as it feeds into the Flock Book. Therefore if not returned your information may not be correct in this document.

EWE & LAMB REGISTRATIONS— Gentle reminder that this information needs to be in by 30th November, 2024.

GRASSROOTS—Please, if possible could members update their information on grassroots if they have changed contact details, ie address, telephone, email etc. Also, if you have time could you possibly go onto grassroots and update your animals. Whether they have been sold, transferred, died etc. Again this information will help us when putting together future documents.

MEMBERSHIP FEES—Membership fees are now due, if you pay by direct debit, could you check if this has gone out of your bank. If you pay by cheque, could you please send a cheque to the Treasurer, Marie Annette Williams and on the back of the cheque could you put what its for. Could I possibly ask you to then go onto grassroots and update your record to say you have paid.

FLOCK VISIT—please respond on the same form as the Annual Dinner so we know how many to cater for at lunch time.

QUESTIONNAIRE—The committee is devising a questionnaire that will be emailed out to members and be placed on the tables at the Annual Dinner. I would be grateful if you could possibly complete it. The information that you provide will help us to improve the society.