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LLANWENOG
SHEEP SOCIETY
Cylchlythyr - Newsletter

Closing Dates to Remember

1 June

Lambing Competition
Show & Sale Entries open

12 July

Worcester Show & Sale
Entries Close

31 July

Llanybydder Show & Sale
Entries Close

1 September

Working Committee Election
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Photographic Competition

1 October

Membership Renewal

26 October

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Cylchlythyr Tymhorol Y Llanwenog Seasonal Newsletter Gwanwyn /Spring 2024



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

Hopefully everyone's lambing has gone well and you have not been too affected by the Schmelenburg disease, which has been the topic of conversation around the markets and with sheep farmers in general.

The winter and early spring weather has played a huge part in many decisions to be made, such as whether to let sheep and lambs out or keep them in. As I sit here putting the newsletter together the sun is shining outside, so fingers crossed this is not the start and end of our summer!.

This newsletter will be a reminder of what events and competitions we have during the year. Who your local reps are and if you're new to showing a check list.

On behalf of the Society I would like to send our very best wishes for a speedy recovery to Margaret Brain, one of our long standing members.

Officials 2024

President: Ms Meinier Green— Steffan Flock
Vice-President: Pete Ebsworth—Cae Main Flock
Chairman: Mr Eurig Evans—Penrherber Flock
Vice Chairman: Mr Dai Williams—Pencoyd Flock
Treasurer: Mrs M A Williams, Iet Goch Flock/
Lizzie Cook, Olchon Flock
Secretaries: Mrs Annwyl True—Pencoed Flock
Mrs Jane Evans—Penrherber Flock

SOCIETY'S COMPETITIONS

Don't forget the Competitions that the Society hold during the year. They are listed below together with the rules and requirements. There is something for everyone to get involved in, from the Photography Competition, with the possibility of your photo being used in the Society's calendar, to a bit of additional friendly competition in the showring. Or for the more serious breeders, why not try the Flock Competition!

FLOCK COMPETITION RULES

This competition is divided into large and small flock sections. The dividing line for this competition is 55 females. In this competition only pure-bred ewes to be covered by registered Llanwenog rams are eligible for consideration and the flock must contain a minimum of 15 females, 20% of the total females must be ewe lambs retained for breeding.

FLOCKMASTER

This competition is available to all members exhibiting stock in dedicated Llanwenog show classes with a recognised Llanwenog Judge. Points are awarded for Breed Champion, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places as follows:-

1st - 3 points
2nd - 2 points
3rd - 1 point
Champion - 2 points

The points are added up at the end of each show season and the winners are announced at the Society's AGM dinner in November.

LAMBING COMPETITION

The Llanwenog is a prolific breed and lambing percentage figures are a clear indication of performance. Each year members are invited to enter this competition and are required to provide details of:-

Number of pure-bred Llanwenog ewes put to a Ram (any breed)
Number of lambs reared - audit date being 1st June

Ram can be pure or any breed
Small Flock - 30 ewes and under (min 5 ewes)
Large Flock - 31 ewes and over
Lambing Percentage must be 160%
Ewe Lambs and their Lambs do not count

NOTE: Lambs already sold qualify providing proof can be produced (such as Butcher's/Auctioneers pay slip)

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Each year we run a competition to encourage members to contribute photos of their flocks on farm and in the show ring. The winning photos of each category are featured in the Llanwenog Calendar and an overall 'Llanwenog Photo of the year' winner is announced at the Society AGM (early November).

The following categories are judged:-

Llanwenogs Through the Seasons - Llanwenog sheep in all weathers

Flocks in the Field - Capture the very essence of the Flock

Tupping Time - Catching the mood and atmosphere of the Autumn months

Lambing Time - Demonstrating the fun and life of Spring and new-born lambs

Show Time Llanwenog - Primed and ready for Show Llanwenogs

Images in Landscape format reproduce best in the calendar. Entries should be sent to the Secretary clearly marked with the category, flock name and details of the sheep. Photographs can only be accepted in 'jpg' format. In entering, the photographer gives permission for the Society to use the photograph for Society publicity materials eg the calendar and web site and where possible we will provide photo credits providing a bit of extra publicity for your flock.

The photographic competition is limited to three photos per flock in each class.

WHITEPARISH SHIELD

This is a similar competition to the Flockmaster however, it is for members exhibiting stock in non-dedicated Llanwenog classes eg. Any Other Breed. At the end of the show season, send your completed form to the Secretary.

NEW TO SHOWING

Check list of what you need to do and take:

1. Choose Sheep, classes usually consist of:

- Ram
- Ram Lamb
- Ewe
- Ewe Lamb
- Group of Three

2. If your sheep need shearing, this is usually done around January / February Time, to ensure a decent amount of regrowth on the fleece for summer shows.
3. Choose which shows you want to attend and put your entry in. Make sure your sheep are registered through Grassroots.
4. Halter training, its important that your sheep are good at leading on a halter, so practice makes perfect.
5. Nearer the time of the show you need to start to think about trimming, there are some very good trimmers within the Breed Society, who will be able to offer advice to you on how to get your sheep looking the best.
6. The "Show Box" - within the box for the show you will need. White rope halters, white coat, brushes, fleece setting lotion (bit like hairspray), safety pins for your numbers, sun hat, just in case, pen.
7. Packing the trailer. Remember to take not only the sheep, but some food for your sheep to last you over the show, hay, hay nets, racks, some members use feed bags tied to the pen and some use netting made into a circle or some will use a spare pen gate to make a hay rack. Buckets for water and food. Sheep coats if the weather is wet and show is outside.

If you're not sure of anything, contact your Area Reps, who will be able to help you.

Area Representatives

The area reps are there to help you, please contact them as they have a huge amount of experience in showing and breeding.

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2024 Show Dates

18th/19th May	RWAS Spring Festival
14th-16th June	Royal Three Counties
25th—27th July	Royal Welsh Show
3rd August	Cardigan Show
3rd August	Caerwendros Show
10th August	Cwmsychpant Show
10th August	Worcester Show and Sale
17th August	Gorsgoch Show
24th August	Annual Show and Sale
7th September	Llandysul Show

Llanwenog Sheep Breeders Support Group Show and Sale Worcester

Details:

- Date:** - Saturday 10th August, 2024
Venue: - Worcester Livestock Market, Nummery Way, Worcester, WR4 0SQ
Selling Agents: - McCartneys Auctioneers—Contact details: Amy Jones (Ludlow Office)
01584 872251. Email: amy.jones@mccartneys.co.uk.

Dates to Remember:

- 14th June 2024 - Schedules to be sent out
12th July 2024 - Entries Close

Sheep must be at the market by 8.00am on the day of the sale. The market opens at 6.00am and sheep can be brought in between 4.00pm and 6.00pm the day before but are left in the market at the vendor's risk as there is no overnight security.

Entries can be entered onto Grassroots. For those that prefer to have a paper copy of the entry form, McCartneys will send paper copies when they send out the schedule.

This sale is a great opportunity to create a wider audience for the sale of the Llanwenog breed, so please support if you are able.

Show Reports Small Holders and Countryside Festival Builth Wells—19th/20th May 2024

Results:

Ram 2 year Old and Over

- 1st Parcyrhos
2nd Cared
3rd Cared

Shearling Ram

- 1st Mali
2nd Tygwyn
3rd Tygwyn

Ewe 2 year Old and Over

- 1st Parcyrhos
2nd Tygwyn
3rd Mali

Shearling Ewe

- 1st Parcyrhos
2nd Pencoed
3rd Mali

Champion Parcyrhos Ram
Reserve Mali Shearling Ram

Congratulations to everyone who competed and thank you to our Judge Mr Peter Brain

