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LLANWENOG
SHEEP SOCIETY
Cylchlythyr - Newsletter

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1 September

Working Committee Election
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1 October

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Cardigan show 2024 Rosettes won by
Cared Flock

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

Lots to report on in this newsletter, so put the kettle on, grab a cuppa and biscuit and have a good read.

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 Annwyl True—Pencoed Flock
Mrs Jane Evans—Penrherber Flock

Diary Dates:

Saturday August 24th—Annual Show and Sale, Llanybydder. Please could you bring cups back to the sale.

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

Friday 13 September—Melton Mowbray Native Breeds Show and Sale.

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.

ROYAL WELSH SHOW 2024

Royal Welsh 2024, where do I start, it was, as always a fast moving show, with lots of talking and catching up with people we don't normally see.

Before I start my report there are a few thank you's to make. To the Judge, Mr Peter Ebbsworth, a hard job for you this year, made easier by your starring TV role with Mr Elfyn Morgans, a Society member judging the Supreme Pairs Championship, and a bigger thank you to all the Llanwenog society members who turned out their sheep to the highest standard. I over heard a comment by an onlooker, who said that "if anyone wanted to start with Llanwenogs, they need to come and look at the quality on show today". Well done everyone, a great advert for the breed.



Photo credit Alaw James

Champion & Reserve Champion
Mr Huw Evans—Altgoch

If I go back a little bit, there were quite a few members who were only on the waiting list for entries. Including us, Penrherber Flock. The show contacted us to say we were on the reserve list, and at the same time they also asked us why we had entered 300 ewes. I put that down to a technical error on the computer pointy finger.

So with all the entries now in and pens given it was time to set everything up on the Wednesday before the show. According to Gwyn, there had to be a pen just for the "bus", so it wasn't blocking the alleyways.

With everyone arrived, the sheep tucked up in their pens, the trimming stands were set up and the deck chairs were put out, and away to go. A mention to Huw Jenkins who trimmed so many sheep, he must have lost count. Well done Huw some of us couldn't do it without you.

Tuesday came all too quickly. There's always a last minute panic as to "where's the lead ropes", "where's my white coat", "did you pack safety pins", safety pins were never mentioned in the packing list!, but it would appear they are a vital component to showing.

There was a huge buzz around the Llanwenog ring, as the public anticipated the entry of the sheep and they were not disappointed. One thing of note, we perhaps could have done with a bigger ring. But I'm sure it will be sorted for next year. Great entries in all classes. Some great facial expressions by the Judge, who needed to take into account all the noted breed points when making his decisions. These decisions cannot be made lightly as there's a lot at stake. It's a real honour to be asked to Judge at the Royal Welsh Show and an even bigger honour to be crowned Champion and have your name put on the cup for future generations to see. Something we all aspire to.



Photo Credit Alaw James

Group of 3
Gethin & Sara Hatcher

Mr Huw Evans, (Huw Altgoch) known to many was crowned our breed champion for 2024. Huw is the reason why a lot of us show, he is the backbone of the Llanwenog breed going back many years. So many congratulations to Huw.

As part of my report I must mention a Junior member Joseph Wilson, who travelled with his parents, who show Kerry Hill, they had a 500 mile round trip from Middlesbrough. Joseph was gifted 2 ewe lambs when he was born by Linda Barnard. According to his mum, as soon as they turned up and opened the trailer, the sheep were in the pen before he could get out of the car!. She also said that the support shown to her son during the days of showing really made the whole family feel welcome. He was given showing tips, trimming tips, but hopefully not beer drinking tips.



And it doesn't end there. Following the showing classes we had arranged to have a young handlers competition, in the sheep ring. What a fabulous entry we had. It warms the heart to see all the little people wanting to have a go at showing their dad's sheep. Even if some of them attempted to bribe the judge with a loose £10!! Not expecting to have many people watch us, we had a great crowd of onlookers.

Once again Mr Peter Ebbsworth stepped into the breach. According to him, this was worse than judging the main show and several times he asked how many rosettes we had. Lady President Meinir Green was fabulous in that department and provided plenty. The rosettes were kindly sponsored by Society Chairman Mr Eurig Evans. Society Secretary Anwyl True, gave out goody bags to all the young people. More E numbers I believe!. The young people taking part are the future of the Llanwenog Sheep breed and looking at this the future is bright. Very well done to you all.

And Finally, we held our annual buffet, where we could discuss the events of the day. Once again, Molly Watts and her fabulous team provided us with enough food to feed the whole show, and what a great feed it was. We must have had at least 50 members join us, this was also good to see as we don't often get to see everyone together. Events like this are where the best discussions are had. "When are you putting your rams in, how many sheep have you got, when do you lamb, and the best one for me is "can you help me with grassroots". Of course I can! We also had a huge box of chocolates, provided by Llynwen Jenkins, they were great. Thank you Llynwen.

On Thursday, it was a great honour for last years retiring president Mr Elfyn Morgans to be asked to judge the Supreme Pairs Championship. Another difficult competition to judge with so many different quality breeds showing and so many different breed traits. Well done Elfyn, great job.

Another good day for the society as junior member, Miss Ffion Williams took Reserve Champion with her Grandads ewe lamb. Well done Ffion, great achievement.

So as Thursday night arrived it was time to pack up, including the safety pins and go home, to tackle all the show washing and have a well earned rest!.



Well done to everyone taking part in what ever role you did, Llanwenogs have had a great 2024 show.

OTHER NEWS

JUDGES

We are pleased to inform you that the Committee has added two new judges to the panel. Gethin Hatcher, Penllain and Carys Evans Nant Sara. They will be doing some buddy training first before they are let loose. I'm sure you'll wish them all the very best in this new society role.

Around the Shows

Our very own Joseph Wilson has capitalised on his success at the Royal Welsh and has won his class at Ryedale Show and was then awarded Champion Rare, Minority or Primitive Breed with his Ewe Lamb Sarina. He also came 2nd out of 18 in the Young Handlers with his Shearling Ram. Well done Joseph



Two very good shows on, on Saturday 3rd August, 2024 making it difficult to choose which to attend.

Caewedros Show

Good attendance in the Llanwenog Classes with the following results. Thank you to the Judge, Mr John Green

Ram Lamb

Cletwr
Pencoed
Penrherber

Sherling Ram

Penrherber
Cletwr
Cletwr

Champion

Penrherber Ewe

Reserve Champion

Pencoed Shearling Ewe

Ewe Lamb

Cletwr
Pencoed
Penrherber

Aged Ewe

Penrherber

Group of 3

Pencoed

Shearling Ewe

Pencoed
Cletwr

Cletwr

Penrherber



Cardigan Show

Again even attendance at the show, which for the Llanwenog Breed is good as there is a spread of competitors attending as many shows as possible. Thank you to the Judge, Mr Aled True.

Ram 2 yr & over

Cared

Ewe

Tygywn
Nantgywn
Tygywn

Group of 3

Cared
Mothian
Tygywn

Shearling Ram

Cared
Nantgywn
Tygywn

Ewe Lamb

Cared
Mothian
Tygywn

Champion

Cared

Ram Lamb

Mothian
Cared
Tygywn

Reserve Champion

Tygywn

Congratulations to Mr Euros Davies (Cared) for being Reserve Champion in the Inter-breed Class.

