



Llanwenog Sheep Breeders Support Group

www.Llanwenogsheepbreeders.co.uk

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Why belong to the Support Group:

- We aim to support the Llanwenog Sheep Society by promoting Llanwenog sheep and Llanwenog meat in England.
- We offer networking support for breeders in England by offering two flock visits each year.
- We aim to promote the breed by attending events across the UK with the Llanwenog Sheep Breeders Support Group display stand.
- We promote the breed by regularly updating our website
- We aim to promote the breed by encouraging and coordinating members to show their sheep at shows in England
- We represent the views of breeders in England at the Llanwenog Sheep Society meetings.
- We are always open to further suggestions from our members on new ways to promote the Llanwenogs in England.

If you are not a member and would like to join, please contact The Secretary, Alison Ayling, llanwenogsg@gmail.com or tel: 01648 594013. Or download a membership form from the website. Membership is currently just £5 per year.

The year ahead – what’s planned?

A Brand new show stand for the Support Group:

After the AGM in July, we – the Committee met up and as well as electing the Chair and Vice Chair (see section below on “Your Officials”) the committee agreed to pay for a re-designed Display Stand with new posters and a new table. We needed to start using the Llanwenog Logo and start getting the consistent brand message out. That Llanwenog Sheep are:

Economic / Easy to Manage / Excellent Quality meat.



The display boards are now complete and due for their first public outing on March 3rd at Lambing Fun Day. They have been shown to the Llanwenog Sheep Society by Lawrence Jones and Charles Horton. The Society was so impressed they have agreed to create matching but larger display boards for the main Society. Great news that our Sheep are now getting a consistent brand.

Our new show stand will be going to the following events this year:

Note: we decided at our last committee meeting on 13th February that the new Show stand with its nice light-weight table would not be accompanied by merchandise as it is too difficult to store and transport it safely (and we haven't actually sold any of it in at last 2 years).

Sunday March 3rd - Lambing Fun Day: Bridgwater College, Cannington. 11am-4pm. Lawrence Jones is taking the stand and would be very pleased to see any other Llanwenog breeders. More details at: <http://www.bridgwater.ac.uk/event.php?id=135>

29th May-1st June: Bath & West Show. Jill Bennett will be taking the stand, do please join her if you can. More information at <http://www.bathandwest.com/royal-bath-west/97/>

Wednesday June 5th: NSA North Sheep 2013 will be staged at Crimple Head Farm, Beckwithshaw, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG3 1QT. Jill Bennett will be there again with the new Support Group Stand. More information at: <http://northsheep.org.uk/>

Tuesday June 11th : NSA Sheep South West. Moortown Barton, Knowstone, South Molton EX36 4RZ. The busy Jill will still be on tour with the Support Group Stand and meet up again with Lawrence Jones. More information at: <http://www.sheepsouthwest.org.uk/>

June 14th-16th: Three Counties Show. The one show in England with Llanwenog Classes – Jill Bennett will be there with the Stand. We hope to see lots of you there this year. Details from: <http://www.threecounties.co.uk/threecounties/>

August 3rd & 4th : RBST Stoneleigh Show. A brand new show that is replacing the Hatfield Show. Details are yet to be announced. We want to make this the second English show with Llanwenog Classes. Please come along and show your sheep anyway. I (Jane Keys) will be there with the stand.

August 29th : Monmouth Show. Jill will be there once again with the Support Group Stand.

Llanwenog Classes at Shows in England

THREE COUNTIES: Once again there will be dedicated Llanwenog Classes at the Three Counties Show Rare Breed Show day – which is Sunday 16th June. You can just come along for the day. This is the RBST 40th Anniversary year and they want to make it a great event. We urge all of you to consider showing your sheep. Closing dates for entries is end of April. Further details from: fionap@threecounties.co.uk or call her: Fiona Parker on 01684 584901

STONELEIGH SHOW: A brand new show for the RBST. Alison Ayling – our Support Group Secretary is contacting RBST to see if Llanwenog Classes are a possibility. We will keep you posted. But please do plan to come along and show your sheep. We do need to increase our presence in England if we are to increase our markets for our sheep.

2013 Spring Flock Visit:

We have now also arranged the Spring Flock Visit. This will take place on Saturday 11th May 2013. We will be visiting **Maggie Wilson - Pessall Flock 282.**

Maggie, who is kindly hosting the event, will be expecting us at 11am. She is booking a room at the local pub for lunch. Afternoon's activities to be finalised. **Maggie's Farm is Hill Crest Farm and is in Caldwell in Derbyshire. DE12 6RL.**

Please let our Secretary, [Alison Alying](#) know if you would like to attend, so we know in advance how many to cater for.

The 2013 Summer Flock Visit & Support Group AGM

The Llanwenog Sheep Breeders AGM will take place during the Summer Flock Visit on **Saturday 13th July**.

Mrs Coe, Glebe Major Flock 246 has kindly agreed to host the event. Mrs Coe farms in Ashorne, Warwickshire. CV35 9AE.

Mrs Coe has a [Farm Shop and a Butchery as well as her Flock of Llanwenogs](#) - so it will be a very interesting visit.

The AGM will start at 11am. We will then adjourn for lunch. Mrs Coe has generously offered to provide us all with a free buffet lunch.

Please let our Secretary, [Alison Alying](#) know if you would like to attend, so we know in advance how many to cater for.

Other noteworthy events:

2013 Royal Welsh – 22nd-25th July. The main show for Llanwenog Sheep and always worth a visit. The Llanwenog Sheep Society stand will be there.

2013 Official Annual Show and Sale 24th August - at LLanybydder Mart.

2013 Llanwenog Sheep Society AGM . The Llanwenog Sheep Society AGM & Annual Dinner will be held on **Saturday November 9th 2013** at the Grannell Hotel, Llanwnnen, Lampeter, SA48 7JT.

Official recommendations of the Support Group to the Llanwenog Sheep Society:

At the last meeting of the Support Group Committee we made the following recommendations from Support Group to go to the Llanwenog Sheep Society's 24th April meeting.

1. We believe the Society should move to electronic recording. That this recording should support the production of pedigree certificates for ewes as well as rams. The same software would be able to produce Flock Books and Show Catalogues. We recognise that this could cost as much as £2000 in the first year (to buy the software and implement it). All members of the Support Group Committee agreed with this proposal and felt this would be money well spent.
2. We request that the Society review the financial arrangement around the provision of refreshments for the party that is held at the Royal Welsh.

3. We ask that thought is given to how the Society Stand can be both professional and welcoming to all potential future breeders all the time at the Royal Welsh – but especially on the day that Llanwenogs are judged. Last year it became rather cluttered.
4. Would note that though many of us have requested copies of the minutes of the Llanwenog Sheep Society, very few of us have ever received them. We would like to ensure we do receive email copies of them on a regular basis.

The year that has passed - what happened in the last 12 months?:

On the home page of our website: <http://www.Llanwenogsheepbreeders.co.uk> – you can see a review of 2012 as a photo slideshow.

In May 2012 there was a good turnout for the Spring Flock visit we organised to Rodway Farm Rodway Farm, Cannington (Bridgwater College), where 42 Llanwenog ewes of mixed ages had been purchased by the College in August 2011 for a project to compare performance with Texel cross commercial ewes. We were met by Steve Jones (Farm Manager) and Martin Heal (Lecturer/IT specialist) who ran through progress to date, potential outcomes of the project, issues that had arisen and the data collected so far. You can read a full report and see the photos on our website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/Llanwenogsupportgroup/about-us/news-letter>

Also in May 2012: New leaflet for the Llanwenog Sheep Society

We worked with the Sheep Society to create a new brochure to go with the new logo and branding for the Society. If you would like some leaflets, please contact the Llanwenog Sheep Society Secretary, Emily Addis, Preswylfa, Dihewyd, Lampeter, SA48 7PN. Tel: 01570 471777
Email: Llanwenogsheep@hotmail.com , you can download a copy of the leaflet on our website.

July 2012: Llanwenog Sheep Support Group AGM.

The summer flock visit and AGM was held at Charles Horton's farm at Poulton Fields in the Cotswolds. The day was well attended. After the AGM and a sumptuous lunch a Llanwenog Sheep Judging competition was held. Consisting of three groups (rams, ewes, lambs) of about five each – participants were asked to put the sheep in order. During the AGM members nominated and voted for Committee Members.

Your Officers and Representatives:

A couple of months after the AGM we, the Committee Members met and elected the Chair and Vice Chair. The following are the members of your committee:

Charles Horton	Chairman nellfarm@btconnect.com	Nell 363	01285 850905
Lawrence Jones	Vice Chairman blackhall@fsmail.net	Blackhall 380	01837 840714
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Alison Ayling	Secretary Llanwenogsg@gmail.com	Clover 423	01684 594013
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Jill Bennett		Tallantire 336	01285 711042
Jane Keys (was Jane Roberts-Holmes)	Website and Newsletter Jane.keys@btinternet.com	Lillingstone 410	07800 654755

The Llanwenog Sheep Society has appointed **Area Representatives** who are available for **advice and guidance** should you need it.

Your Representatives are:

Area	Name	Llanwenog Flock	Contact
Dorset, Devon, Somerset	Lawrence Jones	Blackhall 380	01837 840714
Wilts, Hants, Surrey	Margaret Brain	Whiteparish 211	01794 884355
Oxon, Bucks, Northants, Warks	David Henson	Bradden 226	01327 861061
Worcs, Gloucs	Sue Money-Kyrle	Ruardean 348	01594 543333

Derbyshire, Rutland, Norfolk, Suffolk, Leics, Lincs	Maggie Wilson	Pessall 282	01283 761366
Shropshire, Cheshire	Silvia Henson	Brithdir 315	01691 718929
Cumbria, Durham, Lancs, Yorks, Northumberland	Jane Wilson	Winkwell 401	01434 240435

Minutes of the AGM, and any of our committee meetings, can be obtained from our Secretary – Alison Ayling. Via email if you can as that really saves postage.
Llanwenogsg@gmail.com

Photo Competition:

Finally, don't forget to enter our Photo Caption Competition. You can find the photo on our website – please send us your witty captions. Closing date for this competition is end of May 2013.

You can also see past winners of the competition
<http://www.llanwenogsheepbreeders.co.uk/activities/competitions>

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