

Membership Application/Subscription Renewal Form 2011/12

If you know anyone who would be interested in joining the Group please give them this application form or direct them to our website, www.llanwenog-supportgroup.co.uk.
You must be a member of the main Society to become a member of the Group.

Alternatively, if you would like to **renew** your membership then please send a cheque for £5 to the address below, completing the form with any new details where appropriate.

I wish to apply for/renew membership of the Llanwenog Sheep Breeders Support Group.

All membership is **£5 per person** for the year. We regret that dual (husband & wife) membership is not permitted, all memberships are accepted on an individual basis.

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms (delete as appropriate)

Name:.....

Address:.....
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Postcode:.....

Tel:.....

Email:.....

Signed:.....

Date:.....

**I would like the newsletter
emailed / posted to me**

(delete as appropriate)

Please make cheques payable to **The Llanwenog Sheep Breeders Support Group**, noting your **flock details** on the reverse of the cheque and send to:

Mr Brian Williams (Treasurer, Llanwenog Sheep Breeders Support Group)
Red Burrow Farm
Packington
Ashby-de-la-Zouch
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The Llanwenog Sheep Breeders Support Group

Autumn 2011 Newsletter

Firstly I'd like to welcome our new secretary. Due to pressure of work Charles Horton has stepped down from the role, although he is still part of the Committee and Lynne Zorab (Brendon 221) has taken over. Lynne and her family moved to Exmoor 3 years ago and her small flock of Llanwenogs have settled very well, adapting to life at 1200' from the warmer climes of Hampshire without batting an eyelid!



Courtesy Mrs S. Comer, Ashott Barton

Many thanks to Andrew and Helen Tomkins for hosting our AGM this year and for the splendid lunch they provided with both beef and pork produced on their own farm.

Also a special mention must go to Sue Money-Kyrle for her work on the Newsletters (Lynne has taken this over from this issue) and Jane Roberts-Holmes for keeping our LSSG website updated.

By the time our next Newsletter is produced, I expect to be able to report on the progress of our Marketing Group and await with interest our new Llanwenog branding.

I also hope to elaborate on the progress being made in our programme at Cannington Centre, Bridgwater. At this point, 40 ewes have been supplied by Maurice Greenslade (Langley 338) and Charles Horton (Nell 363) for recording independent data against the existing flock.

Lastly, I would urge all members of the Llanwenog Sheep Society who own flocks outside of Wales to become members of the Llanwenog Sheep Support Group and so join in our efforts to promote the Llanwenog in your area.

Best wishes

Philip (Pip) Hodges
Chairman LSSG

News

The AGM and Flock Visit to Cumbria, 9th July

A warm welcome along with coffee and shortbread greeted those members who found their way to Hagsbeck, Carlisle, the home of Andrew & Helen Tomkins (Hallsford 274).



Courtesy Alison Ayling

Their flock of 130 ewes is a mix of pure Llanwenog, Charollais x Llanwenog and Hampshire Down x Llanwenog. Andrew chose the Llanwenog because he felt the breed would cope well with the rough grazing and very little extra input. He breeds his own replacements as he cannot buy in enough purebred ewes locally, resulting in the mix described above.

We were also shown the Beef Shorthorn cattle; the farm has a pedigree herd of 32 short-horns (also chosen for their ability to thrive well on his land), together with 30-40 Saddleback and Gloucester Old Spot pigs and we were able to see some weaners and a few sows about to farrow. Hallsford has a small butchery on site and their meat is sold through Food Festivals and also via their website (www.hallsford.co.uk). Our thanks to both Andrew and Helen for their hospitality and for taking the time to host the AGM.

Photographer Alert!

Please, please keep the photographs rolling in! We always need new photos, both for the stand and for the newsletter and website, as it keeps everyone interested and up to date. It would be a good opportunity, for a change, to have more photos of the Llanwenog in its natural state and not in show mode, so plenty of opportunity to walk round the flock to check, point and snap! Any articles which might be of interest to members are always very welcome too. The Society are also keen to include photos from some of the English flocks, so please send these to lynwenjenkins@tiscali.co.uk.



More news...

- The LSSG Stand went to **Sheep South West** on 14th June, held near Paignton, Devon. The sun shone and the Show was very well attended with much to see, including a sheepdog trial. The stand was very well placed with good footfall and Lawrence Jones provided the sheep, one pen with a 2 year old ram and the other with a ewe and her Beltex cross lambs, with a 'guess the combined weight of the lambs' competition, which proved very popular. Several good contacts were made and it was felt that the Llanwenog compared favourably with other breeds in a similar situation. The Chairman would like to thank those members who manned the stand for their time and effort on the day.
- A **Marketing Group**, made up of Sue Money-Kyrle, Philip Thornley, Charles Horton and Emily Addis, has been set up to look at re-branding the Society and they aim to present their ideas to the Working Committee at the end of September.

Also...

- Just to remind members that all **Flock Returns** will be due in by **22nd September** this year. This is an important part of being a member of the Society, so we should all make the effort to complete them please. Please also note the closing date of **1st October** for ewe lamb registrations.
- In an effort to be less paper-reliant, **Entry and Registration forms** can now be downloaded from the Society website, www.llanwenog-sheep.co.uk, or these can be sent out on request. Important dates will always be highlighted as they draw near, as well as being listed in the newsletters (and many are on the Society calendar).
- Do keep checking www.llanwenog-supportgroup.co.uk for all latest news and send any info/requests to llanwenogsg@gmail.com.



Show, Sale & Events Diary

Shows

6th - 7th Sept 2011: The RBST will not be attending The Dairy & Livestock Event

17th - 18th Sept 2011: Royal Berkshire Show, Newbury

Sunday 18th: Primitive, Rare and Other Minority Breeds; Class: Hill & Heath

Show office: office@newburyshowground.co.uk

Sales

9th & 10th Sept 2011: Melton Mowbray Sale

Tel: 01664 562971 or email: laura@meltonmowbraymarket.co.uk

30th Sept & 1st Oct 2011: Rugby Farmers Market, Stoneleigh

Tel: 02476 697731 or email: nicola@rugbyfarmersmart.com

7th & 8th Oct 2011: York Show & Sale

Tel: 01904 489731

The Group Stand will be at the above Sales and Show

8th Sept 2011: Wilton Sheep Fair (also 13th Oct including organic - entries close 29th Sept, 17th Nov - entries close 3rd Nov), 01722 321215

Events

5th Nov 2011: Main Society AGM & Dinner

Contact: Emily Addis, 01570 471 777 (evenings), llanwenogsheep@hotmail.com

Show Results

7th August 2011: Gilsland Agricultural Society Show

Success for Helen Brown (Lesser Moorguards 293) who won Champion Rare Breed with her shearling ewe (noted as a lamb by Jill Bennett in her report on visiting North of England flocks last year) and 3rd with her 4yo ewe.



Courtesy Helen Brown

11th August 2011: Okehampton Show

Lawrence Jones (Blackhall 380) had a good performance in the Rare, Minority & Primitive Breeds classes:

- 1st Hogg (yearling) Ram & 5th older Ram
- 1st 2 Tooth (yearling) Ewe
- 2nd Group of Three
- 3rd in Butcher's lambs class (Llanwenog x Beltex) up to 38 kg

Lawrence also did well at **Chulmleigh Show** on 27th July, achieving two 2nds and a 3rd with his ram, and 1st and 2nd with his Beltex cross lambs.

13th August 2011: Ringwood & Ellingham Show

A ram lamb from Margaret Brain's Whiteparish flock (211) had a clean sweep winning first the Shortwool Class and then taking the overall Livestock Championship. Margaret also had huge success at the New Forest Show on 28th July (photo) gaining three 1sts and five 2nds and going on to win Reserve Champion in the Hill & Heath section with her ewe lamb.



Courtesy May Clegg

Next issue...Llanybydder & Worcester Show and Sale reports.

Full details on the website soon.

For Sale

Livestock & Miscellaneous

Members can now advertise **NOT ONLY** livestock,
BUT ALSO equipment, services, wool/sheepskins etc

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Blackhall 380. All grass fed from prolific backgrounds. Vaccinated for pasteurella & clostridial disease. Sensible ex farm prices.

Tag no.	Sire	Dam	D.O.B	Birth Type
013M	Charndon 82C	Alltgoch 136D	12.03.10	2
	g.s.Charndon 43Z	g.s.Bryndolau 1C		
046M	Blackhall 960K	Ashott 74Z	17.03.10	3
Now sold	g.s.Charndon 82C			
143M	Hillsden 6111J	Blackhall 33K	02.04.10	2
	g.s.Charndon 409X	g.s.Lonarth382A		

Contact: Lawrence Jones, Blackhall Farm, South Tawton, Okehampton, Devon
Tel: 01837 840714 or 07814 743197 Email: blackhall@fsmail.net

RED BURROW FLOCK

Adult portion of Red Burrow (flock 235) (est. 1995 from Charndon stock) including 23 shearling ewes by Pessall J9 (half sisters to champion females at Worcester Society Sale 2010)

Contact: Brian Williams 01530 413050 or 07966 119 218 (Leics)



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Subscription Reminder

Annual subscriptions are still welcome for 2011/2012. There is a **£5 annual fee** renewable at the **AGM in July** or by completing the **renewal form** overleaf.

Please note only paid-up members will receive the next issue of the newsletter.

Your Support Group Committee

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There is a list on www.llanwenog-supportgroup.co.uk of all **Area Representatives** who are available to give advice and guidance to members should they require it.