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Llanwenog

sheep breeders support group

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The summer show season has started and whether you are a veteran or a novice, the show ring is an excellent way to gain a bit of extra attention for the breed. We also have a new show stand which the main society contributed towards. It will be making its debut appearance at the Bath & West Show and will be available for anyone wanting some additional presence at events across the country; simply contact a committee member for availability. On the social front, we have an excellent day lined up for our AGM on 3rd July and I look forward to catching up with old friends and welcoming new members, too. Don't forget to put the date in your diary.



Have a go— don't worry about premier league stock or trimming expertise, all you need is a bit of enthusiasm, oh and a white coat ...

Brian Williams, Chairman

FIXTURES FOR YOUR DIARY

Stafford Show	2-3 June
Royal Bath & West Show	2-5 June Shepton Mallet
NSA South Sheep	16 June Chilbolton
Three Counties Show	18-20 June Malvern
Royal Welsh Show	19-22 July Builth Wells
NSA Sheep 2010	3 Aug Malvern
Chepstow Show	14 Aug
Mid Somerset Show	15 Aug
Monmouthshire Show	26 Aug
Dairy Event & Livestock show incl RBST National Show & Native Breeds Exhibition	7-8 Sept NEC



The Silverware

Champion

Ousley Perpetual Cup

Best Ram

Hodges Trophy

Best Ewe

Jenny & Gilles Tankard

Best Sheep bred by exhibitor

Bradden cup

Best Group of Three

Trevor Kelland shield

English Championship

This will be held on Sun 20th June which is the Rare Breeds Day at the Three Counties Show, Malvern. In addition to the Salisbury Cup which is awarded to the overall Champion, there will be prize categories for support group members.

Project updates

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The support group website build is about to begin. The aim is to keep the content regularly updated and we want to work towards a system that can permit members to input information directly ... Look out for www.llanwenog-supportgroup.co.uk. We are keen to include some of your photos, so do send them to nellfarm@btconnect.com

An analysis of the phone survey will be published in the next issue which will be sent out early in August.



Flock Blog

Jonathan Crump hosted a farm walk for the RBST Gloucestershire group and a few of us gate crashed to have a peak at the newly established Llanwenog flock. Last Autumn, Jonathan snapped up some bargains at Llanybydder and together with some top ups from the Worcester sale, has returned to the breed after 12 yrs. He is planning to compare the prolificacy of the Llanwenog vs the Lleyn and hoping to recapture his previous lambing experience of 200%. The best ewes were bred pure and we saw only a small sample of the flock amongst a sea of Jacobs, Cotswolds and Castlemilk Moorits. There were some steep banks on some of the fields which challenged the vehicles pulling their heavily laden passenger trailers but the views were magnificent as we passed Gloucester cattle peacefully grazing the banks and pigs free ranging in the meadows. High above Stroud we had stunning views over the River Severn and Vale of Gloucester. We also sampled some delicious Single and Double Gloucester cheese which Jonathan makes exclusively from the milk of his Gloucester cows.

If anyone has any stock for sale or articles that might be of interest to our readers, please contact Charles Horton 01285 850905 with details.



THE **AGM** 3RD JULY

We have chosen to hold our meeting at St Fagans Castle which prides itself as one of Europe's finest open-air museums providing the chance to walk back in time to Celtic Wales. Highlights include the Grade 1 Elizabethan Manor House & magnificent gardens and the living museum with traditional craft demonstrations and a chance to explore re-erected original buildings from different historical periods set in 100 acres of parkland.

Opening hours are 10-5pm. Entrance is Free but there is a £3 pay & display parking fee.

Directions:

St Fagans is found 4 miles west of Cardiff City Centre, just off the A4232. 'Museum of Welsh Life' is sign posted from the M4 J33.

Timetable for the Day:

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| 10.00am | Arrive after 10am and enjoy the Castle before the main events start (refreshments can be bought at the Café in the main entrance hall) |
| 12.00pm | Meet at Main Gate for Llanwenog Flock Visit (with Emma Edwards, assistant Farm manager) |
| 1.00pm | A Private Buffet Lunch in the Committee Room (see menu right £14.50 + VAT per person *) |
| 2.00pm | AGM & Election of Chairman and the Committee |

* The cost is more expensive than we would like but we have the benefit of a private room for our meeting and lunch will be provided by the exceptional quality in-house caterers.

R S V P on the attached slip by 22nd June and enclose your payment for lunch. It is important that we know numbers for the catering.

Annual Subscription Reminder

Annual Fee: £5. Cheques payable to the Llanwenog Sheep Breeders Support Group

Subscription for 2010/11 must be paid by the AGM (3rd July 2010). Please return to the Secretary at address overleaf.



Check it out @
www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/st-fagans

Lunch Menu

Chef's selection of hand made sandwiches on traditional and continental breads

Roasted vegetable crostini

Caramelized red onion, spinach and feta tartlet

Rare roast Celtic Pride beef in a mini Yorkshire pudding

Lamb kofta with minted yoghurt dip

Mini Muffins

OFFICIAL SHOW & SALES

Llanybydder 28 Aug
Worcester 4 Sept

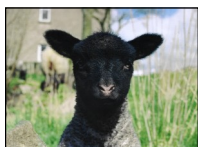
Other traditional & rare breed sales include

Sedgemoor 19 June
Shrewsbury 3 July
Cirencester 7 August
Melton Mowbray 11 Sept
Chelford & Carlisle 18 Sept
York 1 October

AGM weekend for the Llanwenog Sheep Society
Lampeter 5-7 Nov

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PHOTO CAPTION COMPETITION

A bottle of wine for the wittiest
caption received.

Please send in any amusing
snaps for future editions.



To get the ball rolling

“Our newly single
secretary makes
friends”

Your Committee

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22 ewe lambs sired by stock ram

House move unfortunately forces dispersal

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Suffolk, Flock no. 398