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Neges y Cadeirydd / Chair's Message

Welcome to our December Newsletter. I would like to wish all our Members a Happy Christmas and a healthy 2025.

We enjoyed a very good Sunday lunch at The Metropole on 19th November, before our autumn meeting. It was an opportunity to meet up with our friends and catch up, before the business discussions.

A large part of the meeting covered the finances of the Society. We are mindful of the rising running costs and hope that members will help where possible. Please ensure that your subs are paid and stock registered in good time. It involves both time and money to chase for these. All Officers are listed on our website with contact details, please ensure that correspondence is sent to the correct person to avoid delays. Unfortunately, it has been inevitable to make the decision that we recommend at the AGM next April to raise the cost of membership, though we remain one of the lowest sheep societies.

Sean Jeffreys will be compiling the 2024 Flockbook. He will require all information to be included, by the end of January to enable printing in time for distribution at The Smallholders. Please forward any reports/photographs to him as soon as possible.

The Royal Welsh Winter Fair was again, a fantastic sight for the Badger Face classes. Huge numbers of excellent quality were the order of the day and we congratulate C, A & R Joseph for winning the Torddu class of 29 entries forward. Jill Evans not only took the award in the Torwen class, but was also placed both 1st in the class for a pair of lambs out of a Welsh dam, sired by a continental ram, with her daughter Shauna taking 2nd. In fact, 5 out of the top 6 in this class were out of Badger Face ewes, a great advertisement for our breed!

Also, at the Winter Fair, three of our young Members were placed 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the Wales YFC Prime Lamb Producer competition – congratulations to Megan Powell, Jess Richardson and Cai Lewis. Thankyou for flying the flag for the Badgers. A big thank you must go to Neil Dillon and Matthew Brown for supplying the lambs for the Taste Test Competition. This involves much work and time, we really do appreciate your help.

Looking ahead to the forthcoming year, I wish you all a good lambing and I look forward to meeting everyone at our gatherings of shows and sales.

Lucy Levinge

Cadeirydd / Chair

Royal Welsh Winter Fair

A busy couple days for the Badger Face Welsh Mountain, with the Torddu class being the biggest of the classes seen on the Monday with 29 pairs forward.

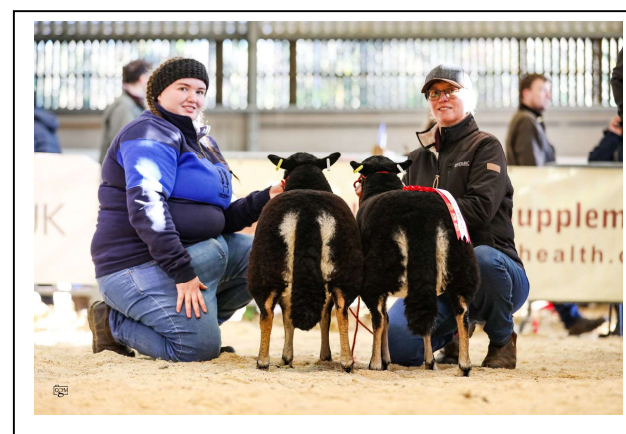
Torddu

- 1st Joseph family (68.5kg)
- 2nd Kay Richardson (73kg)
- 3rd Kevin Davies (68kg)
- 4th Dylan Davies (58.5kg)
- 5th Neil Dillon & Family (71kg)
- 6th Kyle Mantle-(59.5kg)



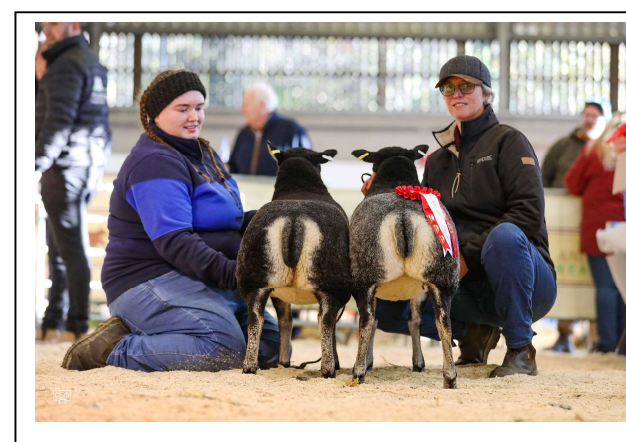
Torwen

- 1st Jill Evans (69.5kg)
- 2nd Sion Evans (61kg)
- 3rd Eirian & Jaz Jones (65.5kg)
- 4th Lowri Lewis (58kg)
- 5th Eryn Stephens (52.5kg)
- 6th Gwilym Williams & Elizabeth Rees (64kg)



Welsh Dam x Continental sire

- 1st Jill Evans -Sold £170
- 2nd Shauna Evans- Sold £170
- 3rd Enfys Williams -Sold £175
- 5th Neil Dillon & family-Sold £165
- 6th Darren & Sian Hayward-659 N/F



These 5 exhibitors had lambs out of Badger face ewes.

Wales YFC Best Prime Lamb Producer

2nd Megan Powell, Brecknock

3rd Jess Richardson, Gwent

4th Cai Lewis, Pembrokeshire

Carcass

3rd - Live Weight 36.5kg Dead Weight 19.2kg

6th - Live Weight 35kg Dead Weight 19.3kg.

Young Handlers

4th - Iestyn & Iwan Dillon

5th – Harri & Ella Williams

True Taste Awards

Thank you to Neil Dillon and family who supplied a Torddu ewe lamb & Matthew Brown & family who supplied a Torwen lamb for the taste test awards on behalf of the society.

They came joint 2nd out of 7 Welsh Breeds.

The Society wishes to thank Mathew Brown and Dunbia for supporting the Society in taking part in this competition by arranging the kill and cut of the lamb.

Postage of tags 2025

At the AGM in May, it was agreed that, due to continuous rising postage costs, members would need to pay for postage. The cost for posting tags to members has been set at £2. The registration officer will not issue tags until the postage has been paid. Members are reminded that when posting forms to the Registration Officer that the correct stamp should be put on the envelope – there have been numerous occasions during this year when the Registration Officer has had to pay to retrieve post from the sorting office.

50th Anniversary - 2026

A sub committee will meet in 2025 in order to start discussing ideas for the 50th anniversary celebrations. If you have any ideas please forward them onto the Secretary.

Membership

Membership is due 1st January. Invoices will be sent to all members. During January to March the members group on Facebook will be audited and any unpaid members will be removed from the group.

AGM 2025

The 2025 AGM will be held on Sunday 27 April. The time and location in Builth will be confirmed early in 2025.

Bricklin Shield

Brian and Elizabeth Eagles have kindly donated a shield for the highest number of points at shows in England and Scotland. Sheep which have entered any other hill classes or badger face classes are eligible. The shield will be awarded annually. The Society wishes to thank Brian & Elizabeth for their kind donation.

Christmas Fatstock Market Prices

Vicky Crew & Family's pen of Torddu lambs came 2nd at Penrith Christmas Market. The lambs (pictured) weighed 32kg and sold for £100. Lucy Levinge sold a pen of Torddu lambs at Monmouthshire Livestock Market – 34kg selling for £111 with her pen of Suffolk x Torddu lambs – 36kg selling for £115.50. Please keep us informed of your market prices so that we can promote the versatility of the breed.





Design a Christmas Card Competition
Entries close 31st March 2025

Artwork in any medium,
Digital, Photography, Drawing, etc.
Preferably featuring both Torddu and Torwen sheep.
With a suitable Christmas greeting in Welsh or English.
(Though separate Torddu/ Torwen images maybe considered)

Look out for more details in January,
Entries to Jill Evans
publicity@badgerfacesheep.co.uk

The committee will choose the best entries for a vote.