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**\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE\*\*\***

As you're all aware annual membership subscription is due before 31 March annually. Fully paid members can register stock, vote in meetings, enter the Royal Welsh Show, enter the Annual Show & Sale, be included in the Facebook members page, receive Society correspondence including the Flockbook and be nominated onto the judges list. As the Society has changed banks and increased membership fees this year and all Standing Orders need to be completed from new, it has been decided that the date for paying membership in 2023 be extended to 12 May 2023. Any membership payments made after this date will be treated as **late** and will therefore be double the standard amount to re-join the society.

Enclosed with this newsletter is the new Standing Order form with the new bank details. Please complete this with your details and the selected membership amount according to the type of membership. Please then return this form to **YOUR** bank so that they can process it and arrange for payment into our account. Payment can also be made by BACS.

**Membership amounts are as follows:**

Single membership: £25 (£30 by cheque)

Family membership £50

Junior membership (16 and under): £10

Please take note of bank details for further online bank payments for tags etc.

Please use your Prefix as reference on any Standing Orders or BACS.

**LLOYDS BANK**

**Sort Code** 30-98-97

**Account Number** 81268262

## **Neges y Cadeirydd / Chairman's Message**

Annwyl Aelodau / Dear Members,

It is with great sadness that we notify the passing of two of our most committed and dedicated members within our society. Mr Emlyn Kinsley Pugh MBE and Mr Myrddin Parry were both founder members and Life members, an honour given to only a handful. They were stalwarts within the society since the start and without them and a few others at the beginning, we might not have a society today. They were both past Chairmen with Emlyn being past President and influential in getting badger sheep classes into the Royal Welsh and NSA sheep sales, and Myrddin, worked tirelessly as Treasurer for 24 years. They both helped to improve the breed over the years and always encouraged new members. Both, will be a great loss to our Society, and may we convey our deepest condolences to their families.

Despite a sad start to the year, the Society does have a lot to look forward to during 2023. The Society AGM will be held at the Greyhound Inn, Builth Wells on Sunday 14 May at 2pm – agenda enclosed and minutes are on the website. The Society will have a stand at NSA Welsh Sheep on 16 May and also at the Smallholding & Countryside Festival on 20 & 21 May. Entries are now open for the Royal Welsh Show in July, but please note that there is a slight change to the usual schedule with the Torwens being judged on Monday this year and the Torddu on Tuesday. There are numerous other shows included in the showing calendar and I wish you all the very best. Remember, whatever part of the country you're attending a show please keep us all updated through social media – I'm grateful to you all that promote the breed in all parts of the UK.

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at various events throughout the year. Please remember that myself, other officers, and the committee members are here to help so please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Cofion Cynnes / Kind Regards

**Geraint Jones**  
**Cadeirydd / Chairman**

## **Letter for Glastir**

Please contact the secretary if you need a letter for the Glastir element. Please note that the letter the Society provides confirms membership only. It is your responsibility as members to provide evidence of sheep owned e.g. copies of registration forms, copies of flockbooks or invoices of sheep purchased.

## **Registrations 2023**

The letter for this year's lambs will be L. Don't forget that all stock shown at shows and entered into the Society Show and Sale must be registered. Please do not leave your registrations to the last minute. The registration forms were sent out with the Christmas 2022 newsletter or they can be downloaded from the Society website.

## **New Members**

We wish to welcome all new members to the Society. You will find previous newsletters on the website along with a helpful information sheet regarding tagging of lambs and also various information. If you have any queries regarding breed points and registering your lambs, please contact our Field Officer, Mr Timothy Evans on 07837 714854. He is more than happy to have a chat with anyone and willing to speak to you on the phone, visit you and your sheep or accept videos and photographs in order to assist all members.

## **Merchandise**

The Society is currently re-stocking its merchandise and it will be available to purchase at the AGM and at the Smallholding & Countryside Festival. Keep an eye out on the members group on Facebook to see what will be available at both events.

## **Social Media**

Just a quick reminder that the Society has a public Facebook page and all members are welcome to tag the Society in your photos. The Society also has a closed facebook page 'Badger Face Welsh Mountain Sheep Society (Members only group)'. It's been wonderful to see an increase of many members engaging in discussion on this group. The Society also has an Instagram account – please tag us in your posts and stories. Please note that if your account is private we are unable to share your posts/stories.

## **Newsletter**

Please send any relevant news that you wish to be included in the next newsletter to the Secretary before 1 July. The committee is always looking for members who are doing something to promote the breed across the UK – please send us your good news and/or interesting stories.

## **Glyn Hawker Young Shepherd Award 2023**

This is your chance to show us your enthusiasm and passion for the breed along with showing off your best husbandry skills.

There are a few simple rules:

- All entries to be in the form of a video diary to cover the whole year
  - All video clips and pictures should be from 2023
- Time/length of video diary - no less than 10 minutes no more than 40 minutes
  - Competition open to any junior member
  - Video can be presented in Welsh or English or both
- Closing date for submitting the video to the secretary 8 December 2023

## **Volunteers needed for the Society Stand**

If you are able to spare an hour at the Smallholding & Countryside Festival and Royal Welsh Show in order to support the Society on the stand please contact Enfys [secretary@badgerfacesheep.co.uk](mailto:secretary@badgerfacesheep.co.uk) Many hands make light work and these two events are wonderful opportunities to meet and engage with new members.