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Neges gan y Cadeirydd / Chairman's Message

I hope that you're all keeping well despite a challenging Spring and start to the Summer due to the weather. It's been a busy few months for the Society and its members. The AGM was held in May and I'd like to welcome new committee members Matthew Bevan, Aron Hemmings and Myfyr Jones. I'd also like to thank the out going members – Lynn Williams, Jill Evans and Ben Pritchard, for their dedication over a longer period of time than usual, due to Covid.

After the AGM we all headed to Builth again for the Smallholding and Countryside Festival. I would like to thank all exhibitors for putting on such an excellent show of Badger Face Welsh Mountain Sheep. Thank you to our judges, Torddu – Mr Huw Williams and Torwen – Mr Gareth Jones. Congratulations to Malcolm Evans and Family for winning both Championships. The Torddu Reserve Champion was awarded to Mr Matthew Bevan and the Torwen Reserve Champion was awarded to the Brown Family. Well done to all Young Handlers who competed in the open competition. The Society was also proud to win the Best Sheep Breed Tradestand. Winning this award was extra special this year, as the trophy was awarded by the late Mr Emlyn Pugh, MBE. I would like to thank Osian-Paewai Jones and the Davies Family for providing sheep on the stand during the weekend and to everyone that help to set up the stand and helped with stewarding it throughout the weekend.

From Builth Wells, show goers headed to Malvern and once again there was an excellent turn out of Badger Face Welsh Mountain Sheep. Thank you Mr Gareth Jones for judging and congratulations to Matthew Bevan for winning and to the Richardson Family on winning Reserve Champion. Mrs Gail Gribble won the Rare Breeds Survival Trust's Any Other Hill Breed Section with a Torwen ewe lamb. The highlight for me so far this year has been seeing the various successes of all our younger members in the Young Handlers classes at Builth, at Malvern and various local shows. Our younger members are the future of the Society and I thank them all for the effort and time they put into their sheep. The Badger Face Welsh Mountain Sheep are holding their own at all the major shows this year and the Great Yorkshire Show was no exception as Mrs Beverly Walker took the Champion in the Hill & Heath Section with a Torddu ewe lamb.

As most of you are aware we have been without a publicity officer and an e-Communications officer since the autumn of last year. I am pleased to announce that Teleri Haf Thomas has been appointed as the Society's new e-Communications officer. Hopefully, the website will be back up and running within the next couple of weeks. The publicity officer role remains vacant at this time.

The Society Show & Sale will again be held in Brecon Livestock Market on Sunday 10 September. Entries are now open and will close on Wednesday 2 August. Don't forget to register your lambs with Aeron in plenty of time.

Don't forget that there is a slight change in this year's judging times at the Royal Welsh – the Torwens will be at 3pm Monday afternoon and the Torddus will start at

8.30am Tuesday morning. The annual social get together will this year be held on the Tuesday evening in the sheep ring to start at 6.30pm. If it's raining we will head to the Society stand which is in a new location this year – upstairs on the balcony in the sheep shed – overlooking the sheep ring itself. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Royal Welsh Show and our annual Show & Sale.

Geraint Jones

Cadeirydd / Chairman

New e-Communications Officer – Teleri Haf Thomas

Hailing from Trecastle in the Bannau Brycheiniog, I now happily reside in Bethlehem, Llangadog with my partner Sean Jeffreys running a share farm partnership. We farm Welsh cross Cheviot ewes that graze the black mountain, Innovis Aberdales and of course Badgers which seem to be multiplying! Despite not coming from a farming background, I have always been engaged with the agricultural community having been a member of the YFC movement since the age of 11, and still play an active role in my club, Sennybridge YFC.



Fast forward to 25, having gained a degree in History and International Politics from Aberystwyth University during the height of covid, I am now fully involved in farming life working full time as the Social Media lead for a Welsh government funded project seeking to support Welsh farmers to adapt and thrive. I'm also currently studying a masters degree in Digital and Strategic Marketing part time alongside work and badger chasing! Badger face sheep were my first introduction to the sheep game, a game badgers definitely enjoy playing testing out fences and patience, but as someone who enjoys singing and performing, I appreciate it's just a part of their natural character! I'm looking forward to fulfilling my new role as Publicity officer and contributing to the Society which has helped introduce me to the farming life.

If you see me at the Royal Welsh or the Society Show & Sale be sure to say hello as I'm keen to get to know as many of you as possible. I can be contacted on email:

webadmin@badgerfacesheep.co.uk

Royal Welsh Show 2023

Don't forget the Torwen sheep will be judged at 3pm Monday and Torddu at 8.30am Tuesday. Please can last Year's Winners remember to bring all your cups back on the Monday and the Tuesday.

Exhibitors - Please Note :

- The judges may ask to turn the sheep loose during judging. There will be assistance for you to catch them back up if needed
- All sheep must have a society tag before being allowed to enter the ring
- Photos will be taken of all class winners. We are not sure yet when photographs will be – it all depends on what time judging finishes and the weather. It is your responsibility to check with Enfys what the plan is for official photographs
- There will be an opportunity for anyone who hasn't won their class to have a photo if they wish – please speak to Enfys

There will be the usual social gathering on Tuesday night at 6.30pm. If it's dry it will be held within the sheep ring, however if it's wet, we will be back at the Society stand which is in its new location. All members are welcome at the gathering whether you have been showing or not. Please bring your own drinks and a chair. There will be Society merchandise available to purchase on the stand throughout the week.

Polite Reminder

All Society officers work full time and/or farm as well as some having young children. It is not always possible for them to answer the phone or answer Messenger messages immediately. When phoning and if you require a call back please leave a voicemail message. Our officers will get back to you as soon as they can but we ask for your cooperation. Diolch.

Flock Competition

The flock competition will run again this year. Please contact the secretary to enter. There will be a large and small flock section again covering the 4 regions. Closing Date **10 September 2022**.

Annual Show & Sale

Details of the annual Show & Sale can be found on the back page of the newsletter. Please promote the sale as much as you can. The poster can be found in the closed facebook group for members and can easily be saved to your images on your phone for your own use. Entry forms are available on the closed members facebook group, you can ask the secretary to post one out to you or they will be available on the Society stand at the Royal Welsh Show.



THE OFFICIAL 2023 SHOW & SALE OF BADGER FACE WELSH MOUNTAIN RAMS & FEMALES

Will be conducted at
Brecon Livestock Market

ON SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023
Entries Close Wednesday 2nd August 2023



**Catalogues available
first week in
September**



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