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Llythyr Newyddion y Gwanwyn / Spring Newsletter 2026

Neges gan y Cadeirydd / Chair's Message

Welcome to our Spring newsletter.

I hope you have experienced a successful lambing, and that the weather has been kind to you as it has been for us in Herefordshire.

Firstly, I would like to convey our sincere condolences to those who have lost family members. We have recently been informed that our 1982 Chairman, Gwyn Jones, sadly passed away late November 2025. Lesley Cleland sadly lost her husband Dr Philip Cleland in March, many will remember the support he gave the Society, with his interest in native breeds. Malcolm Evans suffered the loss of his father last month. Our thoughts are with these past Chairmen and their families.

2026 is a special year for our Society, with some exciting events being planned to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. The dates can be found in the newsletter – we have a Show, an Open Day and a celebratory Dinner, with an exciting guest speaker. The Committee have been working hard to arrange these events, but any help from Members would be very welcome. If you have any special memories, photographs, etc which would be of interest, please let us know. It will create interest at our events.

At the time of writing, we also have £20 sponsorship opportunities available for classes at the show. This has been very popular and there are only a couple left. Why not contact Enfys or myself to arrange your Flock to be named with a particular class. Other sponsorship packages are available for local businesses – please let us have details of any agricultural suppliers in your area that may be able to help, so that we can forward information.

It was decided to mark the anniversary with a society badge, as we haven't had one available for several years. Each member will receive their commemorative badge (pictured below), 2 Grand Raffle books, together with their flockbook.

Included with this newsletter, are details about nominees for the AGM, to be held on Sunday 26th April at The Jubilee Hall, Builth Wells. We have various posts to be filled, so please take time to read the resumes, before attending. I hope to see as many members as possible at the meeting, it will be the first time we shall meet during this special year. You will also be able to see the fantastic new celebratory merchandise.

If you have completed your two years as a provisional judge, having judged at the minimum 5 shows, please let Enfys have details, so that you can move up to the main list of judges at the AGM.

As this will be my final contribution to the newsletter as Chairman, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all officers and committee members for their help over the past two years. The time given and support received has been very much appreciated.

Wishing the Society and all Members a very happy 50th Anniversary!

Lucy Levinge
Cadeirydd / Chairperson



Anniversary Year

As you're all aware the Society is celebrating a very special year this year and the committee are busy organising events to celebrate its 50th year. Please see the list of the various events and dates on the back page of this newsletter. The committee is extremely excited to welcome you to all the events and we hope that you as members will enjoy looking back on the past 50 years and join with us to celebrate. Thank you so much to all of you who have already sponsored various classes at the anniversary show to be held at Fedw Equestrian Centre. If you know of any business that would like to Sponsor the show please contact the secretary so that we may share the full sponsorship package. We are also looking for items for the Grand Raffle and the Auction.

We are also looking for a variety of photos and articles from across the years – if you are able to scan these please send them over to our secretary. If you would like us to scan them please contact the Secretary to make arrangements.

Merchandise

We have special anniversary merchandise available to purchase at the AGM and online after the meeting. Items ordered online can be posted at members cost or collected at the Royal Welsh or any anniversary event. There are a limited number of anniversary hoodies still available. New, for this year only, will be an anniversary tie and anniversary mug. The ties are priced at £20 and the mugs £12.

The Anniversary Show schedule will be available at the AGM and available online shortly following the meeting. Entries will open on 1st June and close on 16th July 2026. Entries can be made through the post and online. We will be looking for volunteers to help set up the show ring and pens during the week leading up to the show, please contact the secretary if you'd be willing to offer some help.



During 2026 only, members may order any clothing items, with the anniversary logo, directly from Seren Handmade. There's a great selection of clothing available so please contact the company directly.

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PRICE LIST

Clothing including left breast embro

- T-shirt £15
- Polo Shirt £18
- Sweatshirt £25
- Fleece/Soft Shell Gilet £30
- Standard Hoodie £30
- Fleece/Soft Shell Jacket £35

Social Media

Could you please share any Facebook events and social media posts. Just liking or interacting with our posts is super important, it really helps us reach a bigger crowd and connect with more people who might be interested in what we are up to and the breed. Sharing our posts is a great way to get more people involved and boost our Society. Photos and videos always attract a huge audience, so feel free to share and tag away. If I overlook anything, feel free to send me a private message.

Website

Please get in touch to advertise stock for sale on the website. This is free for members who are fully up to date with their subs only. Pictures will only load to the website if they are of a good quality/high resolution. Please email your requests to webadmin@badgerfacesheep.co.uk, which needs to include all contact information, prefix, and area.

Membership

Please could everyone ensure they have set up a direct debit for their annual membership, which is due on the 1st of January each year. Can all payments for membership be clearly referenced with your flock prefix? All membership enquiries to; membership@badgerfacesheep.co.uk

Flock Book

Thank you to everyone for all your contributions to the 2025 Flock Book. The materials are currently with the new printers, and we are awaiting the AGM in order for the audited accounts to be formally approved. After the AGM, we will proceed with any amendments, proofreading and printing shortly after.

Registrations

Please remember to add £2 onto all registrations to cover the postage of tags, also if paying by cheque please add an additional £1. Female registrations remain £3 until the end of November, after this they increase to £6. Registrations for 2025 lambs will close at the end of June 2026. To order your prefix tag from Dalton Tags , ask for the twin tag management tags.

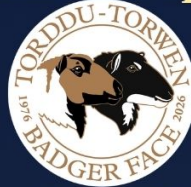
Registration Officer: Aeron Edwards registrations@badgerfacesheep.co.uk

Cups & Shields

The committee kindly asks that all members respect and look after the cups and shields that are awarded to them throughout the year. There have been instances this year when awards have been returned uncleaned and broken – this causes costs and also upset to those that have donated these awards. If you encounter problems with any awards before returning them please contact the Secretary.

**Digwyddiadau Dathlu 50 mlynedd
Events Celebrating 50 Years
Cymdeithas Defaid Mynydd Cymreig
Torddu Torwen / Badger Face Welsh
Mountain Sheep Society**

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2026

CCB / AGM

26.04.2026 - Jubilee Hall, Llanelwedd

Sioe Dathlu / Anniversary Show

22.08.2026

Fedw Equestrian Centre

Diwrnod Agored / Open Day

06.09.2026

Waun Flock, Ceredigion

Show & Sale

13.09.2026

Brecon Livestock Market

Cinio Dathlu / Anniversary Dinner

14.11.2026

White Hart, Llandeilo

