

CYLCHLYTHYR NEWSLETTER



April 2015



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Chairman's Words

I hope everyone has had or is having a good lambing time. All we need now is some good spring weather and a summer like last year.

Over the winter months the Society plans many promotional events, this newsletter outlines the busy year we have ahead. We will soon be around to the show and N.S.A. event season. The Society has booked and scheduled the relevant events to take the stand. As breeders please get involved with these events either by volunteering on the stand for an hour or helping to supply sheep. This is an important part of promoting your breed – your sheep. Visitors who attend the stand to find out more about the breed enjoy talking to breeders for their hands on experience.

The National Lley Sheep Competition is taking place at the Livestock Event. Entries are limited and must be made through a Breeders Club. As a past participant, I encourage you to take part in this modern event.

Lley Gold has been launched by the Breed Development committee, a recording scheme to help improve efficiency. Much work has been done on this and will continue to be done for the benefit of you as breeders, please consider taking part.

The 2015 AGM weekend is taking place in Devon, the decision to move to different venues round the country has been well received.

As a breed we must continue to look forward and work together to always improve. The Society is always keen to hear from breeders so please do come and meet us at the summer events.

All the best

David Knowles



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Something for you to consider Selling Females in Batches

It was noted at many of the 2014 sales that breeders were increasingly selling all their sheep in small batches i.e. groups of 5. Although this works for the occasional show pen or the buyer looking for small numbers of pedigree type sheep it does not suit the commercial buyer (the buyer who has come for larger quantities). Selling many sheep in small numbers can be negative as it slows the momentum of the sale. Therefore it is recommended to sell the odd pen/pens in five and the others in 10, 15 20 and more. This could help attract more of those commercial buyers to the ringside, hence helping the general trade!

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ARE YOU TAGGING YOUR REGISTERED LLEYN EWE LAMBS CORRECTLY?



There are two options for tagging ewe lambs. The most common one used is where you tag the lambs with double tags ordered from your own tag supplier that are Government approved. The LSS requires you to have your Society flock number and year of birth printed on the secondary tag as well as the UK/IE tag number.

EWE LAMB REGISTRATION



Your 2015 ewe lamb registrations are now due!

Please note the registration fee for all ewe lambs born in 2015, registered on or before 31st October 2015 will be charged at £1.50 + VAT or €2.10. For all those registrations received in the office after this date, the fee increases to £2 + VAT or €2.80 each.

Therefore it is cheaper to get your ewe lambs registrations sent into the office before 1st November! You can do this by spreadsheet, online or paper form.



Ewe Lambs at Sales

Remember - ewe lambs (as all sheep) must be registered before being presented for sale. At Society sales the Society will be undertaking spot checks.

The Council will be notified of any breeder presenting sheep which is not registered before sale with relevant penalties being applied where necessary.

Don't forget purchasers can now check this information themselves on any computer or phone with Internet access. Any fully paid up member of the Society has access to the Online Flock Book & Registry at all times.

Purchasers may be eligible to return sheep which have been incorrectly sold as registered.

RAMS



There is the option on the Ram forms to name your rams. For rams born in 2014 (Shearling Rams) names must start with the letter 'D'. That could be 'D' for Dean, Dandy, Donald or Dynamo.

Upset Price Don't forget when selecting your rams for inspection/registration; there is an upset price of **250gns or €300** at Society sales.

Testicle Size Concerns have been raised about the small testicles of some rams at sale time. Please be aware of this.

LLEYN GOLD

OUTSTANDING MATERNAL PERFORMANCE

The Society has launched the above scheme with full details available on pages 95 - 100 in the 2015 Society handbook.

The Breed Development Committee has put together the scheme with the objective for breeders to identify their most productive ewes hence giving you more information to help you decide which ewes to keep for replacements and which to consider for culling. The long term goal is for the breeder to increase the productivity of their flock. With increased numbers of breeders undertaking the scheme the effects should be felt further with an increased productivity across the breed. By increasing productivity and better still backed up by figures, we could have a strong marketing tool for the future.

The scheme is very much voluntary but the Society encourages breeders to take part.

SUMMARY

Based on weighing lambs at 8 weeks and ewes at weaning

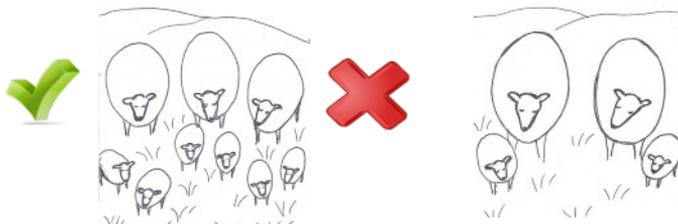
Performance Efficiency = weight of lambs ÷ weight of ewe

Data gathered on-farm by the breeder, for the breeder.

Only the Flock Average figure to be sent to the Society.

The Society will produce flock average figures for breeders' information and promotions, i.e. overall; regional; lowland/upland/hill.

If you are interested in taking part in the scheme please notify Heather by email promotions@lleysnsheep.com or telephone 079666 99930

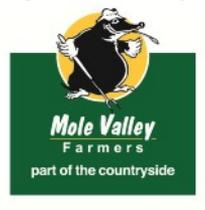




2015 Photo Competition

Entries close Thursday 1st October

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Classes

- Class 1 Lleyn Ewe(s) with Pure Bred Twins
- Class 2 Lleyn Ewe(s) with Crossbred Twins
- Class 3 A field full of Lleyn
- Class 4 A Lleyn Ram
- Class 5 Photogenic Lleyn
- Class 6 Lleyn - anything goes!
- Class 7 A photo of Lleyn taken by someone 16 years of age or under. (You must be no older than 16 on 24th October 2015. You must be connected to a Society flock, e.g. your parents. You must send your age, DOB and connected flock number with your entry.)

Guidelines

1. Photos should be advantageous in the promotion of the Lleyn breed
2. The Lleyn Sheep Society reserves the right to use any of the photographs entered into the competition for future publicity material including the Society website
3. If you are submitting images of sheep which do not belong to you, please ask permission from the owner before entering. Please also make sure that the owner is identified on the entry i.e. in the file name.
4. The prizes will be won by the entrant.
5. Please do not enter photographs which have been entered in previous years.

Please send your entries in by email or disc. Please ensure that the class number is saved in the title. Please ensure the disc or email is clearly marked with your name and flock number. Additional information e.g. crossbred info etc can be included in the email or enclosed on a piece of paper with the disc.

All entries will be displayed at the Society AGM Weekend.

Please send your entries to: promotions@lleysheep.com

Or Heather Stoney-Grayshon, 2 Whiterow Cottages, Greenhow, Harrogate HG3 5JQ



NATIONAL LLEYN SHEEP COMPETITION 2015

**WEDNESDAY 8TH & THURSDAY 9TH JULY
THE N.E.C. BIRMINGHAM
PART OF THE LIVESTOCK EVENT**

£2775 Prize Fund

- Classes for Registered Lleyн Shearling Ewes also Lleyн Ewes with crossbred lambs including special Texel class sponsored by the Texel Sheep Society
- £250 for 1st prize, £150 second & £125 third
- Special £150 cash prize for highest placed ewe with Hampshire Down lambs kindly awarded by the Hampshire Down Sheep Society

The entry forms & schedule is available online.

Entries are to be made via your local Lleyн Breeders Club

Contact your local Club Secretary to register your initial interest

Entries close 29th May



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2015 AGM Weekend

24th & 25th October

'A Taste of the West Country'



Within easy reach of the M5, the Best Western Tiverton Hotel will welcome Society members for an Exmoor-flavoured Annual General Meeting event.

A full weekend has been arranged: a tour of the high moorland, wooded valleys and incomparable coastline of Exmoor with its steep cliffs dropping to the sea; lunch (and shopping) at the famous Victorian village of Lynmouth and a visit to the scenic Valley of the Rocks near

Lynnton; then a Devonshire cream tea and flock visit will await you at the Crudge's family farm (Flock 1265).

With a chance to see a famous herd of 'Red Rubies' (North Devon Cattle) or perhaps you would like to explore Knightsshayes Court (beautiful National Trust house and gardens) near Tiverton, and Sunday lunch back at the hotel before you hit the motorway for home, there will be something for everyone.

AGM BOOKING DETAILS

Please book your own accommodation direct with the hotel:

Best Western Tiverton Hotel 01884 256120

(mention Lleyn Sheep at time of booking to benefit from the following rates)

Room	Rate B & B Per night	Rate B & B & Evening Meal Per night	Saturday Night Society Dinner
Double/Twin	£75 per room	£100 per room	+ £3.50 per person
Single	£55 per night	£70 per night	

DINNER - SATURDAY NIGHT

If booking your accommodation at the hotel, SAVE money and book your Saturday Night Society Dinner tickets at the same time for only an extra £3.50 per person.

Non Hotel residents will be able to book their tickets with Heather nearer the time at £25 per person.



All
Society
Members
Are invited
to join
in the
weekend

Ram Inspection Dates

Venue	Date	Venue	Date
Norfolk Area, R Evans Farm	9 th June	Kendal Market	24 th June
Northern Ireland	13 th June	Skipton Market	25 th June
Ruthin Market	14 th June	Selby Market	26 th June
Carmarthen Market	17 th June	Newark Market	27 th June
Ross on Wye Market	18 th June	Dolgellau Market	30 th June
Exeter Market	19 th June	Welshpool Market	1 st July
M Miller's Farm, Dorset	19 th June	Bryncir Market	2 nd July
Isle of Wight (TBC)	19 th June	Southern Ireland	11 th July
D Bond's Farm , Chichester	20 th June	N Lawrence's Farm Aberdeenshire	26 th July
Hadlow College	20 th June	Orkney	27 th July
H Nelles' Farm, Morpeth	23 rd June	Stirling Market	28 th July
Carlisle Market	24 th June	Lockerbie Market	29 th July

These venues and dates are subject to change. If insufficient numbers are entered for a venue, it maybe cancelled. Breeders with rams entered for a venue that becomes cancelled will be asked to take them to another venue

TROPHIES

AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO WIN



Open to all members. These are the Society trophies which are available to be won by you in 2015:

The following two trophies will be presented at the Society's AGM in October (please have your entries into Gwenda by 1st October):

The H.E. Roberts Cup

For points won at the Nefyn, North Wales (Caernarfon) and Angelsey Shows

The Noel Baseley Memorial Show Points Cup

To qualify for this trophy you must supply results/placings from three shows (**either** County or Royals - *new rules for 2015*) which have taken place in 2015.

The Gwilym Williams Perpetual Memorial Trophy

This is presented to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in the Lleyrn section at the Royal Welsh Show 2015. This trophy is presented at the reception held after the judging at the Society Stand.

2015 Sale Dates

Sale	Date	Entry Closing Date
Exeter	Thursday 27 th August	Wednesday 29 th July
Ross on Wye	Thursday 3 rd September	Wednesday 29 th July
Roscrea (SI)	Saturday 5 th September	Wednesday 29 th July
Ruthin	Monday 7 th September	Wednesday 29 th July
Thainstone	Wednesday 9 th September	Wednesday 12 th August
Ballymena	Saturday 12 th September	Wednesday 12 th August
Stirling	Monday 14 th September	Wednesday 12 th August
Carmarthen	Thursday 17 th September	Wednesday 19 th August
Bakewell	Saturday 19 th September	Wednesday 19 th August
Roscommon	Saturday 19 th September	Wednesday 19 th August
Builth Wells	Monday 21 st September	Wednesday 29 th July
Carlisle	Thursday 24 th September	Wednesday 26 th July
Welshpool	Saturday 26 th September	Wednesday 26 th July
Skipton	Thursday 1 st October	Wednesday 2 nd September

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DIARY 2015

Friday

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Sunday

NSA Breed Forum	6 th May
Balmoral Show, Belfast	13 th -15 th May
NSA Welsh Sheep, Newtown	19 th May
Breed Development Committee Meeting	17 th May
Council Meeting	30 th May
NSA North Sheep, Cockermonth	3 rd June
NSA Highland Sheep, Ross-shire	9 th June
NSA South West Sheep, Tawton	16 th June
Royal Highland Show	18 th -21 st June
Council Meeting	31 st June
NSA Northern Ireland, Ballymena	6 th July
Livestock Event & National Lleyn Sheep Competition, NEC, Birmingham	8 th -9 th July
Great Yorkshire Show	14 th July
Royal Welsh Show	20 th -23 rd July
AGM Weekend including Council Meeting	24 th - 25 th October
Promotions Committee Meeting	October TBC
2015 born ewe lamb registrations received in the office by today will be charged at £1.50 + VAT. Registrations received after this day will be charged at £2 + VAT each	31 st October
Promotions Committee Meeting	November/December TBC
Breed Development Committee Meeting	November TBC
2015 Born Ewe Lamb Registration Deadline	31 st December 2015

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