

Lleyn Sheep Society
2013 AGM Report
Saturday 26th & Sunday 28th October

With many members arriving on Friday afternoon/evening, many sat down together for an evening meal in the Hotel to catch up.

Saturday morning saw the Council Members have early breakfasts ready for the 8.30am meeting. This meant everyone else was free to visit the town of Kendal or enjoy the Spa and leisure facilities in the hotel. The coach then collected the group at 11.15am from the Hotel and transported them to the lakeside of Lake Windermere. With the rain holding off and the Lake relatively calm, the group described it as "relaxing and tranquil". The coach met them once again when they reached Bownass. David Knowles then gave a guided tour of one corner of the Lake District with the weather allowing for excellent sightseeing. The narrow roads were passed relatively easily apart from meeting another coach on a cliff edge – it all added to the entertainment! The Group returned to the hotel full of admiration for David and his tour guiding skills.

Allowing for a relatively relaxing shower and change, members then re-grouped in the meeting room at 6pm for the Annual General Meeting, approximately 50 attended, a vast improvement on previous years.. Nia Williams was once again elected as President and Wynne Davies as Vice President. Dylan Jones and Peter Vickerton have stood down from Council being replaced by .Rees Davies and Daniel Rowbottom.

The trophy presentation was as follows:

HE Roberts Memorial Cup – Wynne Davies
The Noel Baseley Show Points Cup – Wynne Davies
Barnard Cup – WJ & DJ Williams
Lleyn Sheep Society Cup – DN Bennett & Son
Morgan Evans Cup – JA & R Geldard & Sons
Roseland Cup – AW Hughes & Robert Bennett
Lluest Wen Cup – DN Bennett & Son

The Results of the Photo Competition were given out:

Judged by Mr & Mrs M Williams
Champion – ST Morris Flock 273 wins £75 Mole Valley Farmers Vouchers
Reserve – William Power Flock 1949 wins £25 Mole Valley Farmer Vouchers

The Special Council Meeting held after the AGM saw David Knowles elected as Society Chairman with Ifor Jones as Vice Chairman. Dai Morris was re-elected as Society Treasurer.

Everyone then moved on to the Function Room for the Annual Dinner in which 86 people attended. Phil Stocker was the Guest Speaker for the evening. There was a choice on the menu, with the lamb supplied by JA & R Geldard & Sons proving very popular. With the clocks being put back one hour

some chose an extra hour in bed while others chose to use it in the bar where the socialising continued into the early hours.

Sunday morning, with everyone wound down and relaxed we gathered at Foulshaw the home of the Wray Castle Flock and JA & R Geldard & Sons.

Charles Geldard gave a very informative tour of the sheep, cattle and egg enterprises. The forward thinking of the family was noted and admired by the group. This part concluded with a vote of thanks and a presentation by newly elected Chairman David Knowles to the Geldard Family.

Finally to round the weekend off we travelled 10 minutes to Junction 36 and the home of the new Kendal Auction Mart. John Geldard gave a brief tour of the new facilities before we sat down for a lovely three course Sunday lunch in the Mart cafe.

On behalf of the Society, thank you to all those who came and took part in the weekend. Thank you to the Geldard Family for hosting us on Sunday and thank you to North West Auctions and Andrew Southcott for opening the doors on Sunday. Thank you to David Knowles for the guided tour on Saturday that people will be talking about for some time to come. Thank you to those retiring officers, especially Meurig Williams who chaired the morning council meeting and looked after our speaker on Saturday evening. Thank you to the hotel and their staff who were all very friendly providing an excellent service.