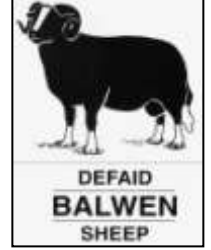




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**NEWSLETTER JULY 2017**



Hi All

I hope your lambing season was a great success and you have lots of potential prize winners for the future.

**Inspection Dates for 2017**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July - Builth Wells Market start 10am CPH52/002/8000

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July - Manchester and the North, **BOOK IN WITH CHRIS LEWIS**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July - Bryncir Market, North Wales, start at 10.30am **BOOK IN WITH CHRIS LEWIS**

Thursday August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Llanybydder Market start **10.30am** CPH 55/066/8561, **BOOK IN WITH MAIR WILLIAMS**

Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Builth Wells Market, start 10am  
Cirencester area - **contact Chris Lewis**

Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> - South West, Contact Gillian Dixon - 01837 810274

**Please pre - book at least 2 days before the inspections**  
**Any other area please contact Chris Lewis (Field Officer), on**  
**01600 780087, as soon as possible.**

Mobile No. on the day for all inspections: Chris Lewis 07792232758

**Important Note** - Lambs **MUST** have EID tags in before they come to inspection or they **WILL NOT** be inspected.

**All members are responsible for notifying EID Cymru of your movement**

Please bring two completed movement licences, outward and inward, with accurate details of animals.

**NO ANIMAL WILL BE INSPECTED UNLESS YOU BRING BOTH SIRE AND DAM NUMBERS WITH YOU - PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR TAGS**

May I remind you to abide by the Society's Bio-Security rules and that sheep having dirty feet will not be inspected.

May I also remind you to abide by the 6 day standstill on your holding unless you have a designated isolation unit approved by Defra.

**PLEASE NOTE- NO ANIMALS WILL BE INSPECTED AT SALES IN THE FUTURE**

## **AGM**

The AGM was held on Sunday May 7th at the Llanelwedd Arms Hotel, Builth Wells. Chairman, Mrs Meinir Howells welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an overview of the last year's events.

### **Appointment of Officers**

President, Mrs Elizabeth Eagles (Flock 218)

President Elect, Mr Martin Groucott (Flock 234)

Chairman, Mrs Meinir Howells (Flock 84)

Vice Chairman, Mr Huw Williams (Flock 10)

Secretary, Mrs Anne Groucott (Flock 234)

Field Officer, Mr Chris Lewis (Flock 101)

Treasurer, Mrs Mair Williams (Flock 11)

Auditor, Ms Jones.

Website Administrator, Ms Julie Wilks (Flock 344)

Society Auctioneers, Dai Lewis

Committee - Mr Huw Williams (Flock 10), Mrs Sue Bowden (Flock 110), Mrs Meinir Howells (Flock 84), Miss Georgina Davies (Flock 289).

### **Balwen Club Draw**

47 - Caitlin Morgan

19 - Carys Morgan, Bronynglyn

52 - Mary Bowman

72 - Matthew Bevan

If you are not already involved in the Balwen Club, please join up. It costs just £5 a year and cash prizes are awarded twice a year. This money helps to boost the funds of the Society and hopefully help to avoid increases in costs soon. **Don't forget - 'You've Got to Be in It to Win It'**

### **ROYAL WELSH SPRING FESTIVAL**

Thanks to judge, Mr Chris Lewis and all competitors. Congratulations to Gary and Meinir Howells and to Huw Mason who were champion and reserve respectively.

Thanks to all who helped with the stand- Mrs Elizabeth Eagles for the floral display, Deio Hughes, Margaret and Boys for loaning an ewe and lamb and everyone who provided craft items to make our stand as attractive as it was. Thanks also to people who volunteered to take a turn to man the stand.

**I am very happy to report that we won the best sheep tradestand.** There was a bit of a drama to this as at 7pm on Friday evening Georgina and Katie Davies asked where the banners were, I blamed Martin, my husband for taking them back to the caravan when in fact, I had left them at home!! After numerous phone calls and grovelling to Martin and my mother they agreed to meet each other in Talgarth for the handover of the banners.

Elizabeth and Brian Eagles, Julie Earle, Aled's girlfriend Holly and myself carried on setting up the display. We put up a very nice display of photos with what seemed like hundreds of staples. The banners arrived and were put into place.

There were no lights on in the shed and thankfully our Society Auctioneer, Mr Geraint James came along and contacted someone who turned the lights on.



Holly and I were at this point on our own, everything finished, I thought! Holly then decided that we had too much of a gap on one side of the photo display so everything had to come down and be re-positioned. Hundreds of staples had to be carefully removed and new ones put in place- everything looked lovely-it was 10.30pm.

What an evening!

A very early morning followed to get everything just so, Mair arrived with 'home-made' welsh cakes to impress the judge but it was all worth it in the end because:

*'We are the Champions'*



#### **ROYAL WELSH SHOW JULY 24th - 27th 2017**

Won't be long now! 92 entries

Our judge this year is Mrs Mair Williams, Glynglas (Flock 10) and judging will be on Monday at 3pm. **May I remind you that all sheep, (except lambs), presented at shows and sales after 30th June have to have been shorn in that current year.**

Could I please remind trophy winners from 2016 to return the trophy (shining and sparkling), to me before the start of the Balwen section judging - THANKS

Please note Royal Welsh Agricultural Society - Rule 21

Exhibitors in all sections (except goats) are not permitted to enter an animal in any class, which is to be judged by a person who has had a financial or other interest in the animal, or which has stood in his or her yard. The onus of complying with this regulation rests entirely on the exhibitor.

**Date of Sale for 2017 - Monday September 25th.** Please try to support this sale if you can, purchasers come from all over the country!

#### **Pencefn and Alun and Mair Williams Trophies**

These trophies will be presented to members gaining the most points at shows during 2017 and the animal gaining the most points. Would those of you entering, please send your results to me

by 20th September 2017. Points can only be counted if the show has a Balwen class and a Balwen judge.

**DON'T FORGET** -----Royal Welsh Get-Together will be on Wednesday evening in the sheep ring after the competitions have finished - we have a back-up plan if it is raining. If you would like to join us please provide your own drinks, nibbles and chairs (if you wish to sit down). We have had some lovely evenings so far, so please join us. It is a great opportunity for new members to get more involved with the Society.

Please let me know if you intend to join us - **Everyone welcome!!! - This is for exhibitors and Balwen members and families visiting the Royal Welsh.**

If you are able, would you please bring a raffle prize as this is another opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Society?



Come and join us, we have a GREAT time

Anglesey Show is on 15 - 16 August and has dedicated Balwen classes for the first time. Judge is Mrs Doris Jones. Tel 01407 720072 for schedule, entries close on Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup>. Please try to support if you can.

Good luck for the rest of the show season,

Don't forget to email in your pictures

See you at the Royal Welsh Show

*Anne*