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## Wales being pillaged for carbon warning

THE FUWs' Presidential Policy Team (PPT) has warned that carbon captured through tree planting risks joining a long list of Welsh natural resources sold off to outside companies and individuals wishing to make a profit.

The warning came during a special meeting of the 'extended PPT', membership of which comprises the President, Deputy President, Vice Presidents and all FUW central Committee chairs.

During the meeting, members received a presentation on the complexities of carbon credits and how the UK and global carbon market operates from Clive Thomas of Leri Consulting.

Members were told that land which already holds carbon or is already planted with trees has no value in terms of the carbon market as it is treated as a baseline, but that the value of the additional carbon captured on land newly planted with trees could be worth as much as £8,000 per hectare over the course of a carbon trading agreement - although this period could be many decades, bringing the annual value down significantly. It was also believed that the value of such carbon was likely to rise as international companies seek to offset their carbon footprints rather than reduce their emissions.

FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "While superficially this is good news for some farmers, on almost a weekly basis we are receiving reports from those who have wanted to buy neighbouring or nearby farmland but have been outbid by companies or individuals from outside Wales who aim to plant trees in order to cash in on this growing market."

Mr Roberts said that while there were important opportunities for farmers in this new market, Wales need only look at the past impacts of afforestation to see the potential for economic, social and environmental devastation as a result of inappropriate tree planting.

"The GVA per hectare of Welsh commercial forestry is a fraction of that of agriculture, while agriculture employs around 150% more people per hectare than commercial forestry," he said.

"However, in many cases we are not talking about commercial forestry - we are talking about broadleaf tree species that currently have a negligible economic value except for the sale of their carbon - so after establishment there is a real risk that fields which once supported contractors, shearers etc. become of no local value whatsoever."

Mr Roberts said that the sale of carbon in this way also risked undermining the ability of farms, Welsh agriculture or Wales as a whole to become carbon neutral.

"When a piece of farmland is sold and planted with trees it is no longer officially available to the agriculture sector for offsetting emissions, and if someone plants trees on Welsh land and sells the carbon to a multinational company based in California then this does nothing to help Wales reduce its carbon footprint and could undermine the ability of future generations' of Welsh farmers to farm in a carbon-neutral way."

PPT members highlighted the fact that Welsh Government Glastir Woodland Creation (GWC) scheme money was often being used to pay for tree planting on Welsh farmland bought by outside investors.

This concern was confirmed in a recent Welsh Government response to a Senedd question by Plaid Cymru agriculture spokesperson Cefin Campbell, which revealed that between GWC application windows 8 (November 2019) and 10 (November 2020) the number of applicants with addresses outside Wales grew from 3% to 8%.

In response to another question from Mr Campbell, the Welsh Government also revealed that between windows 8 (November 2019) and



9 (March 2020) the proportion of land accepted for the GWC grant following applications from outside Wales rose from 10% to 16%.

"This means that the areas of Welsh land being planted under GWC by people with addresses outside Wales are far larger than the areas being planted by people from within Wales," said Mr Roberts.

"In other words, Welsh Government is paying a significant number of people from outside Wales to plant large areas of land, and the annual payments for those plantations will leave Wales over the coming decade bringing minimal benefits for Welsh communities - while at the same time allowing those people to sell Welsh carbon to whoever they want anywhere in the world."

PPT members agreed that this was rapidly becoming a dangerous 'land-grab' issue that the Welsh Government must address at the earliest opportunity.

"PPT members were extremely concerned that the Welsh Government were fixated with their tree planting target while being under the naive illusion that this will help them with their goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050, and have not woken up to the fact that Welsh money is going to fund people from outside Wales to buy land, plant trees and create carbon which will then be sold on the international market, which does nothing to help achieve Wales' net-zero goal."

Mr Roberts reassured members that the FUW continues to raise these concerns with the Welsh Government.

Following a proposal in July by the FUW's Land Use and Parliamentary Committee, the FUW Council will discuss the issue of carbon trading and whether a carbon quota or similar system should be introduced to address such concerns.

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## FUW UPDATE

## Covid, inflation and other challenges

by Guto Bebb,  
FUW Group Managing Director

AS I write I'm feeling, for the first time in months, that I might need to switch-on the heating which I generally try and avoid until it's at least October. With energy prices rocketing, fuel shortages at forecourts and prices appearing to be on the increase in all aspects of daily life I suspect a jumper will have to suffice for a few weeks longer!

These price changes are not unique to people's personal household costs either. High energy businesses, and much of farming falls into that category these days, will also be badly impacted by higher prices and whilst we all acknowledge that farm gate prices have been strong this year, we also need to be aware that input prices of energy, feed, labour and raw materials are also increasing at pace.

Many farms and businesses will, despite charging and receiving more for what they do, feel as if they are running to stand still. In the context of an uncertain world where future legislation surrounding farm support have not been agreed, where access to our traditional European markets is far from seamless and where the quota relaxation secured by Australia looks more dangerous to our red meat producers as tensions between Australia and China rise, we are in a situation where planning can be difficult. A long-term industry such as agriculture needs, more than anything, stability.

These challenges are similar within the FUW Group. Having started to emerge to a new normal, Covid numbers are still worryingly high and with in-person political conferences for Plaid Cymru and Labour cancelled in October and November it is clear that the pandemic will affect us for the rest of 2021 and into the New Year.

This therefore is the background to our work on developing a Strategic Plan for the FUW Group. The context is far from easy for us as my presentation to the September Grand Council attempted to convey. We need to be doing more lobbying of politicians, both in the Senedd and at Westminster. Our policy team needs to be increasingly specialist to deal with a myriad of issues and challenges and the support at county level remains important to many members as the demands of paperwork and bureaucracy continues to intensify despite all the promises of a bonfire of regulations.

In addition, we are also as a Group, having to plan for a large increase in Corporation Tax from April 2023 onwards and we are also badly impacted by the recent National Insurance increases announced at Westminster. For example, the National Insurance change hits our employees in terms of a higher payments and thus a reduced pay-packet but also hits us as the employer. We will need to find more money to keep the same number of staff doing the same job. For us as a Group the change to National Insurance rates will cost us £50k per year from April onwards.

These are just some of the issues that we are dealing with as we develop our strategic plan for the Group. In this respect we are no different to any other commercial organisation but it is an important consideration for people to keep in mind as we go out to consultation on our future direction as the FUW Group.

In the November edition of *Y Tir* there will be a discussion document provided on the centre pages which will be the basis for a consultation with our members and the counties. As with yourselves, we are facing numerous challenges, often not of our own making but a challenge is also an opportunity and now is the time to grasp the nettle and set forth a direction of travel for the FUW which will strengthen us as we support Welsh agriculture through a period of change.

## Bovine TB and tree planting concerns raised with local MS



FARMERS from Ceredigion have raised their concerns around bovine TB and current tree planting targets with local Member of the Senedd, Elin Jones. Hosting the meeting was FUW Ceredigion County Chairman Morys loan, who farms with his wife Helen, at Fferm Drefach, Cross Inn, Llandysul.

The farm has been in the family for over 150 years and Morys is the 5th generation to farm Drefach. Morys and Helen own 24 acres and rent a further 244 acres. They keep 200 sheep and also rear 450 beef calves from dairy herds as stores and finishing cattle.

Morys has recently come home to run the family farm and a lot of improvements have been made to the land including the planting of 4,000 hedging plants through the Glastir Small Grants scheme. Work has also begun on an approved calf rearing unit on which the farm business will be focusing on for the next 5 years. Working with local dairy farms, Morys is currently working on a way to accommodate the bovine TB situation as part of the business.

Speaking to Elin Jones MS, Morys loan explains: "We've applied for a TB isolation unit, given that the TB situation isn't improving. Our plan is to get the unit up and running in the next month and then we will be able to buy calves from TB restricted holdings, which after 2 clear tests in the unit will be officially TB free. Then we can treat them as normal and rear them and finish. It's disappointing that that's the case but that's where we are and how we're having to move the business forward."

Members discussed the option of badger cull licenses for farmers as a solution to the problem but highlighted that if farmers were to apply for such a license there would be a backlash from animal rights groups and many members of the public. What was needed, Morys argued, was better funding for the science to help combat bovine TB.

"The whole situation is very upsetting and disappointing. The science to combat bovine TB needs far more investment. Money talks. Covid has shown us that. If you throw enough money at something, you get results very fast," added Morys loan.

FUW Policy Officer Elin Jenkins added: "The refusal to implement a badger cull in Wales is having adverse effects on the industry and the bovine TB situation. Even though the option is there to apply for an individual cull license, farmers have not taken up the option because of fear of persecution by animal rights groups."

The science behind tackling bovine TB must therefore be improved and accelerated, added Mrs Jenkins, and the cost effectiveness of the current testing regime must be questioned.

Turning the conversation to environmental

matters, Morys explained that the family have planted 4,000 hedging plants through the Glastir small grants scheme and a neighbouring patch of land they purchased has since benefitted from the extra hedgerows which benefit the stock and also store carbon.

Morys and Helen pride themselves on their carbon negative status. He said: "We calculate our carbon footprint here on the farm through Farming Connect discussion groups and we are actually carbon negative. We will keep it that way for as long as we can. That's our long term aim, to stay carbon negative and we will work constructively with any partners that want farming to work with, rather than against, the environment."

To achieve their carbon negative status, the family have reduced the use of machines and the amount of bought in animal feeds. They are making the best use of what they grow on the farm.

"We grow grass very well. The science behind how much carbon you can build in the soil by good grassland management is what we're incorporating and it's going really well. We buy calves locally and rear them and finish them on grass. That way you have a locally sourced, grass reared, carbon negative beef source. That's good for the environment and good for people," added Morys loan.

The family takes their responsibility for the environment seriously, but Morys is concerned about some of the tree planting targets.

"Planting trees is a good thing but where you plant them and who plants them is also important. You shouldn't plant them on productive food producing land. There are marginal lands on every farm that would benefit from tree planting. The big issue is that external companies and big companies from within Wales are buying up land and family farms and then blanket planting them with trees. From the business side, these companies are not reducing their emissions and are just using this to lazily offset their carbon footprint," he said.

Such actions also negatively impact society, Morys loan added, as it displaces communities, the Welsh language and people who have been living here for generations. "We won't have any rural communities left if this carries on unchanged," he added.

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# Challenges but also opportunities ahead

by Glyn Roberts, FUW President

SEPTEMBER has been and gone and it's hard to believe that it's already time for the October column! Last month was once again a busy one for us all, with counties continuing their political farm visits, and wider political conversations taking place - all with the aim to ensure that we have sustainable, thriving family farms for generations to come.

When we talk about sustainability, we have to talk about finances. No farm business is sustainable if it's not financially secure and with that in mind we wrote to Secretary of State for Wales Simon Hart MP to remind him that the FUW believes it was disingenuous for the UK Treasury to have included unspent EU funding from the 2014-2020 funding period in its calculation of the 2021-2022 Welsh Common Agricultural Policy budget - a methodology that led to an allocation which was £95 million less than had been anticipated.

The £243 million in BPS funding announced on December 30 2019 did not include circa £42 million transferred annually to the Pillar 2 (Rural Development) budget through the Pillar Transfer mechanism.

As such, we reinforced the fact that Wales received around £137 million less in agricultural and rural development funding than had been anticipated given repeated claims that the UK's departure from the EU would not lead to a fall in such funding.

Whilst we didn't repeat our arguments about the validity of including unspent funds from a different budgetary period in the calculation of Wales' allocation, it is notable that the EU's 2021-2027 CAP budget has now been set at €386.6 billion.

As such, had the UK remained in the EU and Wales continued to receive the same proportion of this budget, we believe the average annual Welsh allocation of CAP funding would have been £334 million (based on the £0.89/€ exchange rate) in addition to any unspent funds - some £92 million above what was announced on November 25 2020.

Following our conversations with Simon Hart MP last year regarding this issue, we are aware that he made



strong representations to the UK Treasury regarding the importance of Welsh agricultural funding.

In light of the UK Treasury's decision last year to adopt a creative interpretation of the manifesto commitment to "...guarantee the current annual budget...", we highlighted that we are naturally concerned that they will adopt the same approach in the current review.

Given this, we asked him to do his utmost to ensure unspent funding is not once again included in the UK Treasury's calculation, as this would add to a reduction in funding that is already some £137 million below what had been anticipated based on commitments.

Notwithstanding this, if the UK Treasury is adamant that it will not honour the manifesto commitment and the promises made by many now in Government in the lead up to the Brexit referendum, it should at the very least disclude allocated funding from any reductions in the 2022-2023 budget.

We recently also had useful discussions on this matter

with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Wales David T C Davies during the Usk Show, and are hoping to discuss this matter further with the Secretary of State for Wales in due course.

Members will also want to know that we wrote to David T C Davies MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, firstly to thank him for taking the time to meet with us at the Usk Show to discuss a number of issues that we face as an agricultural industry in Wales and the UK, but also to reiterate our belief that there needs to be strong representation from Wales on the Trade and Agriculture Commission (TAC).

Welsh representation on the TAC needs to reflect the importance of agriculture to Wales' rural economies and communities where free trade agreements that undermine our high environmental protection, animal welfare and food standards would have the most impact.

While the UK Government has promised that the TAC will be given the time to scrutinise the UK - Australia Free Trade Agreement (FTA), there remains no indication as to when it will be established. There also remains confusion in terms of the scrutiny powers the TAC will have when it comes to considering international trade deals such as the UK - Australia FTA and whether it will have the ability to do so before they are signed.

We have therefore asked the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Wales for a clear explanation of the scrutiny process for the UK - Australia FTA and future trade deals. In addition, we asked that he seeks to ensure that Wales is fairly represented on the TAC and that it is established in a timely manner.

The months ahead will no doubt present us with many more challenges but also opportunities, and by working with all the political parties in Wales, I'm sure we can achieve a favourable, sustainable and thriving future for our members and agriculture in Wales in general.

*Mae'r golofn yma yn Gymraeg ar wefan UAC - Newyddion - Newyddion Y Tir: "Heriau ond hefyd cyfleoedd o'n blaenau," neu o'ch swyddfa sirol leol.*

## Proposed lift on USA lamb ban welcome news for industry



The FUW met with the USDA in 2016 to discuss lamb export opportunities. From left, US Agricultural Specialist Steve Knight, US Counselor for Agricultural Affairs Stan Phillips, FUW Senior Policy Officer Dr Hazel Wright and FUW President Glyn Roberts

THE FUW has welcomed news that the long standing ban on importing Welsh lamb into the United States is to be lifted soon. The announcement was made by UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Wednesday September 22.

The FUW has long discussed the prospect of lifting the unjustified ban with the USDA in various meetings over the past decade. Hybu Cig Cymru - Meat Promotion Wales have highlighted that the potential market for PGI Welsh Lamb in the USA is estimated to be worth as much as £20 million a year within five years of the export restrictions being removed.

Speaking from his Carmarthenshire sheep farm, FUW Deputy President Ian Rickman, said: "Now more than ever we need to explore other export markets while also protecting our long established markets in Europe. The US market is one we are keen to develop much stronger relationships with and the news that this ban could soon be lifted is most welcome news for our sheep industry."



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# 'You can't go green if you're in the red'

by Gareth Parry, Senior Policy and Communications Officer

THE lifting of Covid-19 restrictions has allowed the FUW and the Policy Department to return to organising and attending farm visits to engage with politicians in person for the first time since the 2021 Welsh Senedd elections.

Most recently, Meirion Rees' family sheep farm near Eglwysrwrw of around 260 hectares (ha) with common land rights on the Preseli Hills provided a platform to meet with Cefin Campbell MS, Shadow Spokesperson for Rural Affairs and Agriculture for Plaid Cymru.

The family now farm 2,000 Welsh mountain ewes after they stopped milking around 20 years ago and no longer keep suckler cows due to the ongoing bovine TB issue in the area. While the discussion around carbon trading and tree planting is becoming more prominent by the day, the farm visit provided an opportunity to discuss a number of different agricultural issues.



## Water Resources 'NVZ' Regulations

The first of many issues to be discussed was the Water Resources 'NVZ' regulations. While the FUW has recently submitted its evidence on the impacts of the current approach to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Senedd Committee, it remains high up on the agenda for farmers.

In particular, Meirion rents some lowland area to nearby dairy farmers who use it for three to four cuts of silage every year. Under the current approach, such farmers are likely to be seeking to buy or rent additional acres simply for the purpose of spreading slurry.

Cefin agreed with the FUW to say that *"the current regulations don't make sense as they go against the scientific evidence which has been presented. Policies should be formulated by following and trusting the science."*

The FUW reiterated the recommendations that were provided by the Wales Land Management Forum sub-group on agricultural pollution in 2018 which are just as relevant by today and highlighted that the estimated £360 million in infrastructure costs alone could be as high as £500 million by now given shortages in building materials.

## Domestic Livestock Transport

Meirion often moves his large flock from the lowland holding up to the common land and therefore the proposed changes to domestic livestock transport were briefly discussed. It provided a great example to demonstrate how limitations on moving livestock and the need to purchase new livestock trailers with temperature regulating facilities would have a significant impact on a business of this type.

Whilst the ban on live exports was expected given the UK Conservative Government's manifesto commitment to do so, it was explained that the implications of such a ban may not be felt by the UK livestock sector in the immediate future given that currently, live export levels are near zero and the demand for UK lamb and beef is high.

However, what must be recognised is that a ban immediately removes a potentially important export market for our food producers in the future, and that such a scenario may result in an oversupply and depressed commodity prices in the UK.

## Sustainable Farming Scheme

Furthermore, it was emphasised that while public goods is part of the answer when it comes to a future agricultural support scheme in Wales, it must also provide stability for farmers, security for family farms, support for rural communities and Welsh jobs and sustainable agriculture.

The FUW also pointed out that many of the concerns raised in response to the 2018 Brexit and Our Land consultation are yet to be addressed and that the deadline for having a Welsh Agriculture Bill finalised and in place is fast approaching.

Cefin Campbell agreed that a form of baseline payment must be retained given that around 80% of farmers in Wales rely on the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) to generate a profit. It was also questioned how the Welsh Government will meet the administrative costs associated with the proposed sustainable farming scheme.

To this end, the Welsh Government must recognise that farms need to be financially and commercially viable in order to provide environmental outcomes for the benefit of Wales - **'you can't go green if you're in the red.'**

Meirion emphasised how important the Glastir Commons scheme is to his business and the farming system. The scheme has been important for the continued habitat management of the mountain, with stock being cleared from the Preseli Hills from November until the beginning of March as part of the contract.

While there remains uncertainty as to how the proposed sustainable farming scheme will work on common land without the huge costs of running commons councils, the FUW has welcomed Minister Lesley Griffiths announcement that the Glastir Advanced, Commons and Organic scheme contracts will be extended by two years.

## Animal Health and Welfare

On Meirion's farm, all of the sheep are dipped when they come off the mountain to prevent sheep scab, however, concerns remain in regard to how sheep scab will be controlled across Wales in the future.

It was raised that the Sheep Scab Industry Group submitted an industry-led sheep scab report to the Welsh Government in 2018.

The report recognised the need for coordinated treatment across contiguous premises and outlined a sheep scab control programme which would increase the likelihood of neighbouring farms working together to eradicate scab through a more holistic and workable approach.

Although it was estimated that the programme would cost £8.6 million over 3 years, Minister Lesley Griffiths announced a budget of £5.1 million for a national sheep scab eradication programme via the Rural Development Programme (RDP) in January 2019.

Despite a free pilot scheme for the testing of skin scrape samples, the industry is yet to receive the promised £5.1 million for an eradication programme from more than two years ago.

To end, given its prevalence in Pembrokeshire, bovine TB was discussed with the MS. It is evident by the ongoing bTB problem in the area that the current TB eradication policy in Wales is not working as emphasised by the high recurrence rate.

Whilst the FUW is generally supportive of blanket measures such as annual and pre-movement bTB testing, considerable concern exists regarding the proportionality of some measures and the severe economic restrictions they place on farms.

It was noted that cattle vaccination trials have begun on behalf of the Welsh Government and other devolved administrations as part of a long-term strategy towards possible vaccine rollout by 2025.

Cattle vaccination, in combination with a usable DIVA test, can act as a preventative measure and play a vital role towards achieving Welsh Government's 2041 target for bTB freedom rather than the current 'reactive' approach. However, this cannot be considered as a silver bullet as it remains just one method of bTB control.

The FUW continues to support a holistic approach to bTB control in Wales which is guided by science rather than politics.

The impact of bTB on the mental health of the farming community was also recognised, as was highlighted by the FUW 'What impacts do TB breakdowns have on mental health?' seminar at the 2019 Royal Welsh Agricultural Show.

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## "I'm excited to take on new role"

by Elin Jenkins, new FUW Policy Officer



Elin Jenkins.

SOME of you might recognise me from my role as Administrative Assistant in Ceredigion, a role I have enjoyed for the last six years working first in the Aberaeron office and then in the Lampeter office with our County Executive Officer Emma Davies.

It has been a pleasure working at county level and helping members in Ceredigion but the time has come to move to pastures new. Not straying too far of course and the move into the FUW's Policy department is one I'm excited about.

I have a keen interest in livestock farming systems and studied Microbiology and Zoology at Aberystwyth University. I'm also married to a dairy farmer and have been keen to further develop my career in a way that draws on my experience on the farm and the dairy industry and that incorporates my University qualifications.

I'm excited to take on the challenging role as Policy Officer and the remit for Animal Health, Bovine TB, Antimicrobial Resistance and also working with the Milk and Dairy Produce Committee.

These are challenging times for the farming industry and I'm proud to be able to play my part in ensuring that we have thriving, sustainable family farms in Wales for generations to come.





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"Dechreuodd diadell Caron ym 1988 ar ôl prynu defaid yn Llanelwedd," eglura Gwilym. "Fy Mam a'n Nhad, sef Gerallt ac Eileen Williams, Llys Y Wawr, Penuwch, ger Tregaron, oedd wedi dechrau Caron. Ers prynu'r defaid cyntaf yn Llanelwedd, penderfynodd y teulu gystadlu mewn sioeau amaethyddol lleol yng Ngheredigion a Sir Gaerfyrddin.

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Ond a oedd y teulu'n ymwybodol bod Caron Dynamite yn un arbennig o'r dechrau? Mae Gwilym yn cofio'r diwrnod y cafodd yr oen ei eni: "Roedd ganddo lygaid siarp, coesau cryf a chefn sgwâr. Ac ym mis Chwefror eleni dechreuodd Dynamite ddatblygu cymeriad, pŵer a siâp. Ers hynny roedd Dynamite yn altro o hyd, roedd e yn siapus, cefn llydan ac yn sefyll yn sgwâr ar ei draed. Pleser oedd i'w weld yn sefyll yn y cae, gyda'i ben lan ac yn llond ei groen."

"Pan gyrhaeddodd ni'r farchnad yng

Nghaerwrangon, mi ddalodd Dynamite llygaid llawer o fridiwr o Loegr a'r Alban. Fel teulu, penderfynwyd mynd a Dynamite allan i'r sioe cyn y sêl, a chafwyd y fraint o ennill y wobwr gyntaf mas o ddosbarth cryf. Ar ôl cael y rosét coch, ni chafodd Dynamite llawer o lonydd gyda llawer o bobol yn dod i'w weld ac yn dangos diddordeb mawr.

"Ar ddiwrnod y sêl roedd y nerfau'n gwaethu pob awr. Roedd yna llawer o gyffro o gwmpas y lloc, a dilynodd y cyffro hwnnw ni fewn i'r cylch gwerthu. Aeth Dynamite mewn i'r cylch gwerthu gyda fi a'r ferch, Lowri. Dechreuodd y bid cyntaf ar £10,000, ac roedd yr arian yn codi pob dwy fil. Peth nesa', roedd Dynamite yn gwerthu am £30,000! Roeddem yn crynu mewn cyffro a methu credu bod rhywbeth fel hyn yn digwydd i deulu bach o Dregaron! Ac yna, roedd yr arwerthwyr yn gweiddi allan y rhif "£32,000 guineas", roedd y dyrfa'n dawl, gyda sŵn y mwrthwl yn bwrw lawr a'r geiriau "Caron Dynamite, sold for £32,000gns to the Halbeath flock, Aberdeen and Maerdy Flock, North Wales," Dechreuodd y dyrfa roi cymeradwyaeth i ni fel teulu. Breuddwyd anhygoel."

Felly beth yw'r dyfodol ar gyfer diadell Caron ar ôl llwyddiant Dynamite? "Mae llwyddiant Caron Dynamite yn mynd i fod yn fythgofiadwy i ni fel teulu," eglura Gwilym. "Mae gwerthu Dynamite wedi rhoi hyder i ddiadell Caron i gario ymlaen, ac i gynhyrchu mwy o hyrddod i'r safon yma. A gobeithio un diwrnod, gallwn ni cael y fraint yma eto a gwerthu hwrdd am bris da."

Waw, am stori wych! Diolch yn fawr i'r teulu am eu hamser i'w rhannu hi gyda ni, ac rwy'n siŵr y cytunwch fod pawb bellach yn mynd i gofio enw Caron Dynamite! A thu ôl i lwyddiant Dynamite mae yna stori hyfryd o fenter deuluol gydag aelodau'r teulu'n rhannu'r un balchder a llwyddiant. Dymuna teulu Williams, sef Gwilym, Nerris, Jenna, Lowri a Cennydd, ddiolch i'r teulu a ffrindiau am eu cefnogaeth a bendith trwy'r profiad bendigedig yma.

Pob hwyl i Caron Dynamite hefyd - cofiwch yr enw, bydd hanes yr hwrdd £32,000 o Geredigion yn cael ei gofio am flynyddoedd llawer i ddod!

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# UK drivers will no longer require insurance 'Green Cards' for driving in Europe

by Jackie Burrows, Business Development Manager, FUW Insurance Services Ltd

## Changes to European Driving Rules that UK motorists must be aware of

FOLLOWING Brexit, UK drivers were required to carry a 'Green Card' (an International Motor Insurance Certificate) when driving in Europe. This document, issued by the motor insurance providers, certifies that the holder has sufficient motor insurance cover to allow them to legally drive in the country that they are visiting.

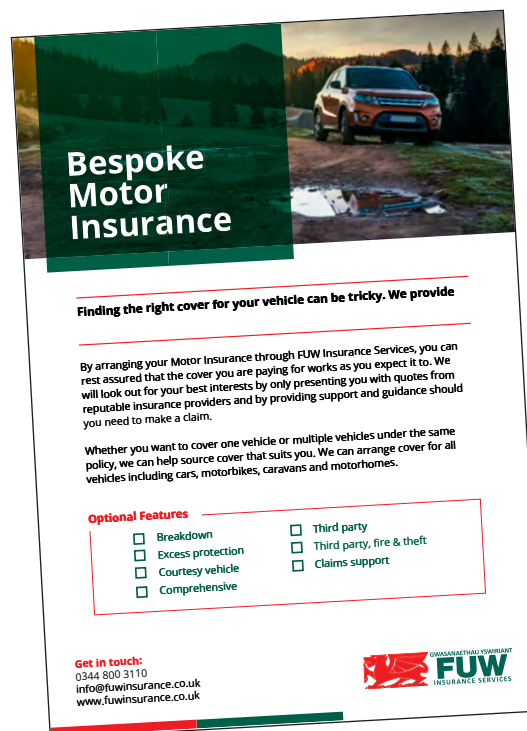
On June 30 2021, the European Commission announced that, with effect from August 2 2021, this would no longer be the case. The announcement stated that the UK would be able to participate in the Green Card Free Circulation Area (GCFCA), which consists of all 30 European Economic Area (EEA) countries, as well as Andorra, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Serbia and Switzerland.

Travellers abroad can breathe a sigh of relief, as they can scratch one more thing off their pre-travel to do list.

## Do I need an International Driving Permit after Brexit?

The International Driving Permit (IDP) is a document that validates your licence to be able to drive abroad. Please check local driving restrictions before you travel to see if you need this.

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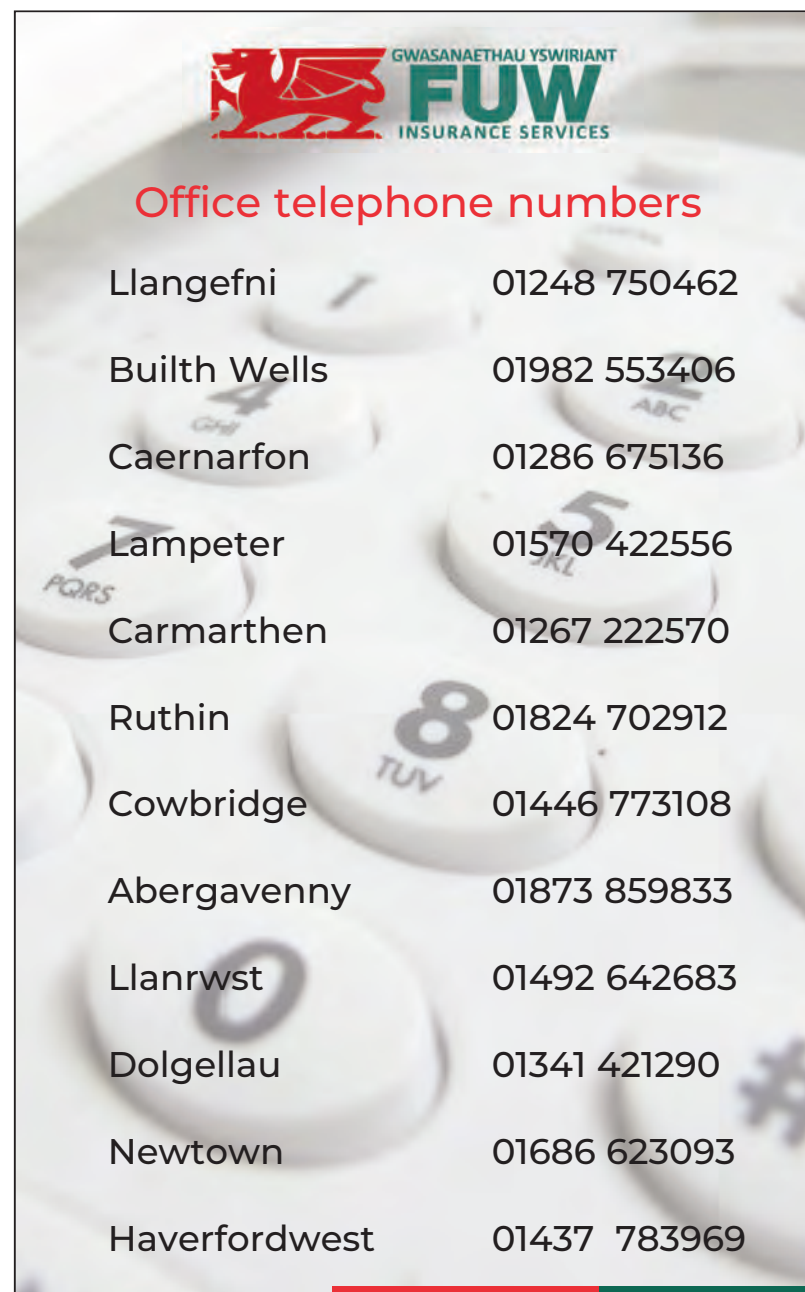
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# Farmers highlight industry concerns

FARMERS from Ceredigion, Carmarthen and Pembrokeshire have highlighted concerns of the industry, including the future of agricultural policy in Wales and bovine TB, when they met with Cefin Campbell Member of the Senedd for Mid and West Wales. Hosting the meeting was FFW member



From left, FFW Ceredigion member Anwen Hughes, FFW Deputy President Ian Rickman, Cefin Campbell MS, FFW Pembrokeshire Vice Chairman Gerwyn William, FFW Pembrokeshire County Chairman Mike Kurtz, Meirion Rees, FFW Group Managing Director Guto Bebb and FFW Senior Policy and Communications Officer Gareth Parry.

Meirion Rees, who farms in partnership with his parents, Val and Meurig Rees at Penrallt Meredith, Crosswell, Eglwysrwr.

The family farming business was started by Meirion's parents, Val and Meurig, over 40 years ago. Originally a dairy farm the family stopped milking around 20 years ago and kept suckler cows and sheep.

Meirion went to University in Cardiff to study civil engineering and spent 10 years working on different engineering projects in all parts of the country. However, he always kept an interest in the farm and helped out when he could. Eight years ago he moved back to the farm full time.

Today the family no longer keep cattle themselves due to the TB problem in the area. They look after 650 acres plus common land rights and focus on sheep farming, keeping 2,000 breeding Welsh mountain ewes.

Speaking to Cefin Campbell about the future of agricultural policies, Meirion Rees highlighted that while the provision of public goods is part of the answer when it comes to a future agricultural support scheme in Wales, it must also provide stability and security for family farms, support for rural communities and Welsh jobs and facilitate sustainable agriculture.

Meirion further emphasised how important the Glastir Commons scheme is to his business and the farming system. The land is a mixture of hill and lowland and includes grazing rights on the Preseli Hills and MOD land at Castlemartin, an agreement that has been in place for over 60 years.

The common land grazing rights are crucial to the success of the business. "We have a Glastir Commons agreement in place which means that the Preseli Hills are cleared of stock between November and the start of March. The scheme has been important in helping to manage the mountain as there are certain costs and losses involved in actively managing it," he said.

Thinking about the future, Meirion is worried about how the future agricultural schemes will work on common land. He said: "It is vital that common land is actively managed and Glastir Commons alongside the BPS payment currently assists farmers like me in continuing to manage the common land habitats through grazing. We need to work with the Welsh Government to understand how this environmentally important activity can be incorporated into a public goods scheme."

Meirion was clear that people won't keep sheep on the land if they can't make money from them. "We need a balance in the scheme between recognising the importance of producing food and providing public goods," he said.

Union officials also highlighted the ongoing problem with bovine TB in the area, emphasising that the current policy was not working considering the ongoing high recurrence rate. FFW Pembrokeshire County Executive officer Rebecca Voyle said: "Whilst the FFW is generally supportive of blanket measures such as annual and pre-movement bTB testing, considerable concern exists regarding the proportionality of some measures and the severe economic restrictions they place on farms."

It was noted that cattle vaccination trials have begun on behalf of the Welsh Government and other devolved administrations as part of a long-term strategy towards possible vaccine rollout by 2025.



Meirion Rees (left), and Cefin Campbell MS.

# Un drws yn cau, un arall yn agor

gan Glyn Roberts, Llywydd UAC

HOFFWN ar ran yr Undeb ddiolch o waelod calon i chi Margaret, (*gweler ar y dde*), am yr holl flynyddoedd o wasanaeth i'r Undeb. O gyfnod cynnar Evan Lewis fel Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol a Myrddin Evans fel Llywydd, i gyfnod Guto Bebb fel Rheolwr Gyfarwyddwr. Rydych wedi gweld newidiadau mawr o fewn yr Undeb ac wedi bod yn graig gadarn drwy'r holl gyfnodau gan addasu'n ddiifwddan.



Margaret yw un o'r cymeriadau mwyaf craff rwy'n adnabod - sydd yn medru darllen cymeriad person i'r dim.

Byddai Margaret yn profi sawl anhawster a her weithiau wrth geisio cael agenda a chofnodion y Cyngor neu'r pwyllgorau canolog allan mewn pryd am nad oedd rhywun wedi anfon rhyw adroddiad neu rywbeth cyffelyb, ond ni fyddai byth yn beio neb arall ond yn hytrach - pen i lawr a datrys y broblem.

Wrth ymdeol bydd cyfrolau o wybodaeth am

yr Undeb a llawer o gyfrinachau yn mynd hefo hi! Tybed y cawn lyfr o'i hanes?! Byddai yn ddi-ddorol dros ben - o gofnodion y Pwyllgor cyllid a threfn i gofnodion y Bwrdd.

Ers i gyfnod swyddogol Margaret gyda'r Undeb ddod i ben eleni, mae drws arall yn agor iddi, sef y drws i dreulio llawer iawn mwy o'i hamser gyda'i theulu. Fel rydym yn gwybod mae gofalu am ei theulu yn flaenoriaeth i Margaret a dymunwn bob bendith i'r teulu cyfan.

Ystrydeb fyddai dweud beth rydym yn mynd i'w wneud hebdi...bydd chweth enfawr ar eich ôl Margaret.

Ond, dymunwn bopeth, dim ond gorau i chi a diolch o waelod calon am eich gwaith ar hyd y flynyddoedd - i'r Undeb ac i'w phobl.

Hoffwn gymryd y cyfle yn yr un modd i groesawu Catrin i'n plith, mae Catrin wedi bod yn cysgodi Margaret ers pedwar mis ac wedi setlo yn werth chweil hefo ni fel Undeb. Rydym fel Undeb yn dy groesawu yn gynnes i'n plith ac edrychwn ymlaen at gael cydweithio.

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## Upcoming EOI window details

Scheme	Summary	Window closes
<b>Glastir Woodland Creation Window 11</b>	The next GWC window will have a budget of £5.5 million. Applicants will have 8 weeks after EOI selection to submit a plan and will be required to complete all works by March 31 2023. Projects will also need to be registered before any planting takes place. Applicants must have submitted a Manage My Land and have full management control of the land submitted.	<b>28 October 2021</b>
<b>Woodland Planning Pilot</b>	Applicants who register a Woodland Creation Plan may be eligible for Welsh Government funding for 5 years. A minimum of £1,000 will be paid for each plan with an additional £50 per hectare for any areas of over 20 hectares. Welsh Government will pay a maximum of 80% of the cost of having a survey. Plans which meet one of the four woodland categories supported by Welsh Government will be eligible for future funding for tree planting. The maximum grant available per EOI is £5,000.	<b>28 October 2021</b>
<b>Farming Connect Training Application Window</b>	The Farming Connect training application window is open and will close on October 29 2021. Those registering for the first time in order to apply for a funded training course or that need to update their account details, please contact Farming Connect before 5pm on October 25 2021.	<b>29 October 2021</b>



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# Ecologist turned farmer highlights industries crucial role in sustainable food production



FOUR miles south of Machynlleth, nestled in the Dyfi valley and on the edges of the Cambrian mountains is Cefn Coch Farm, home to Dr Joseph Hope. The farm lies at about 200 to 250 meters above sea level and the land rises to the south and you can walk to the summit of Pumlumon without seeing a road or a house.

The farm has 40 acres of species-rich pasture and woodland, and Joe is currently buying another 50 acres at Ynyslas. A new entrant, he keeps a small growing herd of Highland cattle, currently just 12 head in total. 4 saddleback x wild boar pigs are also busy clearing bracken and brambles in order to rehabilitate it for grazing.

Joe moved to Cefn Coch just over 6 years ago, leaving behind a life in Edinburgh, and a career at the Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh where he worked as a lichenologist. He initially let out the fields to a neighbour for grazing sheep and cattle and it was only 3 years ago that he bought his first cattle - 3 cows and calves. It was a big shift but got him hooked into pursuing a farming life.



"I guess I just wanted to get my hands dirty! Working at the Botanic Gardens was a real privilege but very cerebral. I wanted to do rather than just observe. I inherited money from the sale of my grandmother's farm in Australia and didn't just want to pile it into stocks and shares. I have a long interest in conservation and the countryside and came here to look after what seemed to me to be a very special patch of land. In time I decided that the best way to do that was by continuing to farm sensitively," explained Joe.

With an appreciation of biodiversity, nature and the role livestock plays in maintaining healthy ecosystems, Joe explored the countryside around him, drawing on his expertise as an ecologist. He found a landscape rich in wildlife; the woodland down the valley being one of the best for lichens in the county.

"Lichens are a very important part of the biodiversity of the western fringe of Britain. They're little known stars of our ecosystems. The mosses, liverworts and lichens are elements of our biodiversity for which Wales is probably most special. The woodland on the farm is less ancient than that downstream so we don't have quite so many of the rare old forest lichens, but we've got a healthy assemblage of species here," said Joe.

"We have one real special rarity: a piece of golden eye lichen (*Teloschistes chrysophthalmus*) growing on a crab apple tree. It is the only known specimen in the whole of the northern half of Wales and also the most northern example in mainland Britain," he added.

Joe says that when we talk about 'biodiversity', most might picture otters, ospreys and orchids. The big, showy or cute species - especially birds and mammals - get the most attention. "That's understandable because these species are wonderful and inspirational. But many of the lichens and mosses that grow here aren't found in such abundance

"To me, the challenges agriculture faces with sustainability are part of a much larger problem with industrialised society that we have to tackle holistically with smarter systems."

anywhere else in the world. These are species for which Wales has an international responsibility, including keeping the ecosystems that support them healthy."

"It's crucial that we keep these globally rare species in good condition. They have taken millions of years to evolve, to fill the exact niche that they do. But they also perform key functions in their ecosystems in terms of moisture retention, nutrient cycling, and providing habitat for other species. For example, the cyanolichens are even fixing nitrogen from the atmosphere and contributing to the fertility of that ecosystem," said Joe.

One of the most valuable things about biodiversity, Joe added, is that it's an incredible source of complexity. "Each of these species has its own complex biology and we barely understand how they contribute to ecosystems or how they might be able to help us in the future. Lichens in particular produce a huge range of biological compounds that are often completely unique. Many of them have been shown to have potential medical applications. It's a treasure trove of unknown possibilities and I try to farm in such a way that protects them," he explains.

The key to keeping all things working in harmony is sustainability, Joe said: "Sustainability, as a concept, refers to practices you can be doing in perpetuity without negatively affecting the ability of future generations to similarly sustain themselves. That means looking at all of the impacts of what you're doing and how they contribute at a global level.

"A practice might appear sustainable on short to medium timescales if it's physically capable of being repeated. But if, for instance, it uses a lot of fossil fuels, then we might question how truly sustainable it really is, because there's a finite amount of fossil fuels left in the ground and burning them contributes to climate change. We have to move away from unsustainable practices - in all industries, not just farming - or our hand will be forced anyway by catastrophic climate change. The challenge though is making environmentally sustainable farming financially sustainable as well. Farming has to support livelihoods or it's very immediately non-viable. We need the government to play its part in this, because current food prices just don't reflect the costs of sustainable production."

Describing his farming system Joe says it is a low intensity model designed to let nature flourish alongside the farming. "The farm was already a bit of a wildlife haven when I arrived, with lots of field trees and grown out hedges. I'm capitalising on this, and trying to enhance that character by intentionally moving towards a designed agroforestry system. Different areas of the farm will have different styles of silvopasture - for instance my large field, Cae Mawr, is being divided by hedges into 8 or so smaller paddocks, which can be rotationally grazed.



"The hedges will be species rich, with those closer to the house composed of trees and shrubs that provide edible fruit and nuts such as raspberries, blackcurrants, and hazelnuts, as well as less familiar species such as jostaberry and cornelian cherry. Moving up the slope the focus will be on native species such as thorn and holly, but skewed a little towards those that are palatable to livestock. I'm keen that the animals get the benefit of the foliage from the hedges as part of their diet, so I'm adding things like small-leaved lime and wych elm that are currently not so abundant this far up the valley. We're also going to plant some individually protected apple trees, to produce cider on the farm in years to come."

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The Highland Cattle breed was chosen for a number of reasons. "As someone new to farming it's great that they're relatively low maintenance. They happily stay out all winter and eat the grass as it comes - they do well enough on the rough stuff, so I'm not pushed towards applying fertilisers, which would decrease the conservation value of the grassland.

"In fact, Highlanders are one of the preferred breeds for conservation grazing, so they're working for biodiversity. As well as that, they're good calvers and they have a quiet temperament. They're very beautiful too - everybody loves them!"

Joe cares deeply about the welfare of the animals and recognizes the important role small local abattoirs play in the process. "I have a small number of cows so I know them all individually. I think about how they will be affected by all the decisions made on the farm. One big loss has been the closure of Wil Lloyd's as a local abattoir and butcher. It was incredibly valuable to me because he was just 4 miles away and had a reputation for being good with the animals. I make sure that these animals have a good life and it's important to me that they have a good death too."



Despite initially coming from a conservation angle, production of high-quality food is also a key objective for Joe. "Farming is coming in for a lot of stick in the media at the moment, but of course we continue to need to eat! To me, the challenges agriculture faces with sustainability are part of a much larger problem with industrialised society that we have to tackle holistically with smarter systems.

"Some people advocate an industrial route out, where we produce our food in factories and rewild our countryside, but I want to explore what can be done to integrate producing healthy food with maintaining a healthy environment. I certainly don't have all the answers, I'm trying to learn as I go, especially from older farmers. If you look at the small farms around here, they produced food in a non-intensive way for centuries. I think this is what most people want: beautiful farms with thriving nature producing excellent food."

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Prynodd yr Ymddiriedolaeth Genedlaethol Fferm Parc yn 2015, ac roedd yn brynant pwysig gan fod cynlluniau ar y gweill bryd hynny i droi'r fferm 150 erw yn gwsr golff, a chyda hynny byddai'r defaid wedi gorfod mynd.

Mae'r defaid yn breswylwyr hanfodol ar y Gogarth, gan sicrhau bod hawliau pori yn cael eu cynnal a bod y dirwedd a'r fioamrywiaeth yn ffynnu.

Yn ffermwr defaid ucheldir traddodiadol, mae Dan yn ffermio mewn ffordd sy'n rhoi natur yn gyntaf. Mae cynhyrchu bwyd yn cael ei wneud mewn ffordd gynaliadwy, naturiol yma. Nid yw'n ddwys, ac mae'n mynd law yn llaw â gofalu am yr amgylchedd. "Mae'r ffordd hon o ffermio wedi bod yn ffordd naturiol o ffermio yng Nghymru ers cenedlaethau. Efallai y bydd rhai yn ei ystyried ychydig yn hen ffasiwn. Ond dyma'r ffordd ucheldir traddodiadol Cymreig. Mae hynny'n golygu ein bod ni'n gweithio gyda natur a chyda'r tymhorau ac nid yn eu herbyn. Nid ydym yn defnyddio unrhyw wrtaith anorganig ac yn ategu'r defaid cyn lleied â phosibl fel y gallant ddefnyddio eu hamgylchedd naturiol i gynhyrchu bwyd," esboniodd Dan.

Ers argyfwng y traed a'r genau gostyngodd niferoedd y defaid ar y Gogarth, sefyllfa debyg ledled ucheldiroedd Cymru, gan ddod â llu o heriau gyda hynny. Cafodd y gostyngiad yn nifer y defaid yma effaith niweidiol ar y dirwedd hanesyddol hon, a gwelwyd llystyfiant trwchus o laswelltir tal a thwmpathog sy'n cael ei ddomynddu gan rywogaethau bras o borfa yn cymryd drosodd. "Mae porfa hir fras yn mygu perllysiau llai er enghraifft, ac roedd yn effeithio ar rywogaethau planhigion pwysig

eraill fel y Creigafal a'r Rhwyddlwyn Pigog sydd gennym yma. Roedd yn cael sgil-ffaith ar yr holl fioamrywiaeth a natur a dyna pam y cyflwynodd yr Ymddiriedolaeth Genedlaethol ddefaid er mwyn pori'r tir mewn ffordd draddodiadol," meddai Dan.

"Oherwydd ein bod ni ar galchfaen, rydyn ni'n cael rhai planhigion diddorol yma sydd ddim yn byw yn unman arall ar y ddaear. Mae yna un planhigyn yma sy'n bwysig iawn o ran cadwraeth sef Creigafal y Gogarth, creigafal brodorol. Mae'n un o'n planhigion gwyllt prinnaf, a dim ond chwe llwyn gwyllt gwreiddiol o'r creigafal brodorol hwn sy'n wybyddus yn y byd. Mae'r chwe llwyn gwyllt yn tyfu yma. Mae gennym ni blanhigion pwysig eraill fel y Rhwyddlwyn Pigog (*veronica spicata*) hefyd ac mae angen i ni ofalu am y planhigion hynny," ychwanega.

Pan brynodd yr Ymddiriedolaeth Genedlaethol y fferm, cynhaliwyd arolwg ohoni a mesurwyd y fioamrywiaeth. Mae'r fferm bellach yn cael ei monitro bob dwy flynedd ac mae Dan yn falch o ganlyniadau eleni. "Cynhaliwyd arolwg ym mis Mehefin eleni ac mae'r niferoedd yn edrych yn dda iawn. Mae blodau gwyllt a nifer yr infertebratau wedi cynyddu. Mae'n mynd i'r cyfeiriad cywir ac rydyn ni wedi cyflawni cryn dipyn mewn 5 mlynedd yn unig," meddai.

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Gan fod y Gogarth yn cael ei gydnabod fel parc gwledig, SoDdGA ac APP (Ardal Planhigion Pwysig) mae'n cael ei reoli gan y cyngor lleol a Chyfoeth Naturiol Cymru, ac mae Dan yn gweithio'n agos gyda nhw. Mae hefyd yn gweithio gyda'r Ymddiriedolaeth Genedlaethol a Plantlife Cymru sydd wedi prynu'r ddiadell gynefin ar gyfer y fferm. "Roedd Plantlife Cymru eisiau sicrhau bod y pori'n iawn a bod y ddiadell gynefin yn medru pori ar y Gogarth yn y dyfodol. Pe bawn i'n gadael a ffermwr newydd yn dod, byddai'r ddiadell gynefin honno'n aros, gan sicrhau pori ar gyfer cenedlaethau'r dyfodol," meddai Dan.

Ni fyddai'r tir yma yn ffynnu nac yn cefnogi'r amrywiaeth o rywogaethau sydd yma oni bai am geidwaid y tir fel Dan Jones. Mae gweithio gyda'r RSPB a gweithredu strategaethau pori penodol wedi croesawu cynnydd mewn rhai rhywogaethau penodol. "Mae'n lle anhygoel i adar ac mae'r RSPB yn chwarae rhan fawr. Cytunais i bori 2 o'r caeau ar y fferm yn eithaf trwm trwy gydol y flwyddyn i ddarparu'r tir chwilot a dellyd ar gyfer y frân goesgoch. Pan ddeuthum yma gyntaf roedd yna 6 pâr bridio ond yn yr arolwg diwethaf roedd yna 7 pâr bridio. Nid yw'n swnio fel llawer ond mae'n gyflawniad gwyach," meddai.

Mae rhan o'r Gogarth hefyd yn eiddo i Ymddiriedolaeth Bywyd Gwyllt Gogledd Cymru ac mae Dan yn gweithio'n agos gyda nhw hefyd i bori eu safleoedd. Mae gan Gyfoeth Naturiol Cymru warchodfa natur yma hefyd sydd â'r creigafal arni. Mae'r rhannau hyn o'r tir angen dull pori gwahanol, eglura Dan. "Rwy'n pori'r parceli tir hyn ar wahanol adegau o'r flwyddyn fel bod y glaswellt lawr, ac yna rwy'n mynd â'r defaid oddi yno, fel bod modd i rywogaethau planhigion arbennig fel y Creigafal y Gogarth ffynnu. Un o'r heriau mawr yma yw siarad â'r sefydliadau mawr hynny a sicrhau bod pawb yn cytuno. Hyd yn hyn, serch hynny mae'n gweithio'n dda."

O ran cynhyrchu bwyd yn gynaliadwy, wrth ofalu am yr amgylchedd, mae ffermwyr fel Dan Jones yn arwain y ffordd. "Mae gwahaniaeth enfawr o ran sut rydw i'n cynhyrchu cig a'r manau bwydo mawr ledled y byd. Mae'n rhwystredig pan rydyn ni'n cael ein trin yr un fath. Mae newid yn yr hinsawdd yma ac mae angen i ni wneud rhywbeth yn ei gylch. Ond mae angen i ffermio Cymru sefyll lan drosto'i hun ac arddangos yr holl bethau da rydyn ni'n eu gwneud. Nid ydym yn ceisio lladd y byd, rydym yn cynhyrchu bwyd wrth helpu'r blaned, natur a bywyd gwyllt a gwneud yr ardal yn hyfryd i bawb," meddai.

Mae'r defaid ar y brynau'n chwarae rhan hanfodol yma, o ran sicrhau'r cyflenwad bwyd a chadwraeth. "Mae angen i ni gadw'r defaid ar y brynau i gadw planhigion pwysig i ffynnu. Fodd bynnag, mae'n rhaid i ni fod yn ymwybodol o orbori sydd wedi digwydd yn y gorffennol. Mae'n rhaid cael cydbwysedd. Mae popeth mewn bywyd

yn ymwneud â chydbwysedd a dyna dwi'n ceisio ei wneud yma.

"Bydd yn rhaid i ni blannu mwy o goed ond mae'n bwysig bod y goeden iawn yn yr ardaloedd cywir. Yn ôl pob tebyg, nid yw rhai o ffermydd dwys y tir isel mor amrywiol o ran bywyd gwyllt a natur, ond dyna'r tir sy'n cynhyrchu'r mwyaf o fwyd. Rhaid gwneud penderfyniad rhwng cael bwyd a natur a chadwraeth a'i gydbwysu. Rydym yn gwneud cymaint ag y gallwn mewn gwirionedd. Nid yw cael gwared a ffermio a gadael i bopeth dyfu'n wyllt yn gweithio. Mae angen i ni reoli ein tirwedd a rheoli'r pori, wrth fwydo poblogaeth sy'n tyfu o hyd."

O ran dietau a bwyd pobl, mae Dan yn credu'n gryf mewn dewis personol, cyn belled â'i fod yn wybodus ac nad yw'n cael ei arwain gan wybodaeth annoeth a data amheus. "Dewis personol yw diet pawb, ac os ydyn nhw eisiau bod yn fegan mae hynny'n iawn. Ond mae addysgu yn hollbwysig. Mae angen i ni ddangos i bobl o ble mae eu bwyd yn dod, ac mae gwahaniaeth rhwng systemau cynhyrchu. Mae diet cytbwys yn bwysig iawn i'ch iechyd a hefyd i'n planed."

Mae Dan yn siarad o brofiad ac wedi gweld pa mor bwysig yw diet cytbwys pan gymerodd ran mewn ras feiciau dygnwch eithafol gan gwblhau 1,200 milltir yn ystod yr haf. "Mae angen protein o ansawdd da arnom a dim ond cymaint o ffacbs y gallwch eu bwyta i gynnal eich hun a sicrhau'r swm cywir o brotein. Mae cig a llaeth yn rhan hanfodol o'r diet os ydych chi am osgoi dewisiadau amgen a gynhyrchir yn gemegol. Mae gennym ni ddewis o ran yr hyn rydyn ni'n ei fwyta a dylem ystyried ble a sut mae'r bwyd hwnnw'n cael ei gynhyrchu a pha mor gynaliadwy yw hynny."

Mae'r sgwrs ynghylch cynaliadwyedd yn ennill momentwm gyda COP26 yn agosáu. I Dan, mae cynhyrchu bwyd cynaliadwy yn golygu system fwyd y gellir ei chynnal am byth mewn cylch blynyddol heb niweidio'r amgylchedd. "Mae cynaliadwy yn golygu nad yw'n cael effaith niweidiol ar yr amgylchedd a dyna beth rydyn ni'n ei brofi yma bob dydd, bob blwyddyn. Ond mae'n rhaid i ni addysgu ein defnyddwyr ynglŷn â sut rydyn ni'n cynhyrchu'r bwyd," meddai.

Yn denu dros 600,000 o ymwelwyr y flwyddyn, y Gogarth a Fferm Parc, yw'r ail atyniad naturiol yr ymwelwr ag ef amlaf yn y wlad, yn agos iawn tu ôl i'r Wyddfa. Mae hynny'n rhoi cyfle gwyach i Dan addysgu pobl o wahanol gefndiroedd a dangos iddynt sut mae pethau'n cael eu gwneud yma. "Rhan o fy rôl yma yw ymgysylltu â'r cyhoedd, ac rwy'n ceisio cyfleu'r neges hon i'r cyhoedd. Rydw i hefyd yn dangos i grwpiau sut rydyn ni'n ffermio. Rwy'n aml yn synnu am gyn lleied y mae pobl yn ei wybod am gynhyrchu bwyd. Pan fydd pobl yn mynd i brynu cyw iâr o'u harchfarchnad mewn deunydd lapio



plastig, nid ydyn nhw'n meddwl o ble mae wedi dod. Dyma'r bobl y mae angen i ni dargedu. Rydw i hefyd yn croesawu grwpiau ysgol yma ac rydw i wir yn mwynhau esbonio cynhyrchu bwyd a sgwrsio gyda'r plant," meddai.

O ran addysgu pobl, ni ellir anwybyddu pŵer y cyfryngau cymdeithasol ac mae'n darparu teclyn arall i Dan helpu i ledaenu stori gadarnhaol ffermio da byw yng Nghymru. "Mae cyfryngau cymdeithasol mor ddylanwadol ac yn aml rwy'n gweld gwybodaeth ffug sydd â'r nod o wneud arian i gorfforaethau mawr am resymau amheus, yn seiliedig ar ffeithiau anghywir. A dyna pam rydw i ar Trydar - i sefyll lan dros ffermio ac egluro sut rydyn ni'n cynhyrchu bwyd yn gynaliadwy yma. Y dyddiau hyn, os ydych chi'n ei hoffi ai peidio, bydd pobl yn edrych ar ble maen nhw'n mynd ar gyfryngau cymdeithasol yn gyntaf. Felly i mi mae'n bwysig rhannu'r delweddau hyn o'r Gogarth a sut rydw i'n ffermio oherwydd dyna le mae profiad ein hymwelwyr yn cychwyn. Maen nhw'n gwylt pam fod y defaid yma cyn iddyn nhw ddod ac maent yn deall ein stori."

Yn y dyfodol mae Dan yn gobeithio sefydlu busnes arlwygo ei hun ar y fferm, gan werthu cynhyrchion cig oen a gwllân, yn ogystal â mêl a gynhyrchir yn lleol. "Mae gen i rai cychod gwenyn i helpu gyda pheillio, ac rwy'n gobeithio gwerthu ychydig o fêl yn fuan. Ar hyn o bryd dim ond digon i'n dibenion ni sydd, ond mae'n wych. Yr adeg hon o'r flwyddyn, mêl grug sydd yn bennaf oherwydd dyna beth sy'n blodeuo ar hyn o bryd. Rwy'n gobeithio cael ychydig mwy o weny yn fuan. Rwyf wedi cadw gwenyn ers 4 blynedd bellach ac mae'n eithaf pleserus. Mae'r hyn maen nhw'n ei wneud yn anhygoel. Maent yn waith caled ac yn cymryd llawer o amser ond byddwn yn annog unrhyw un i gael ychydig o gychod gwenyn ar y tir er mwyn ein hamgylchedd."

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## Hyrwyddwyr cynaliadwyedd rhifyn mis Tachwedd



Edrychwn ymlaen at gwrdd â'r hyrwyddwyr cynaliadwyedd Teleri Fielden a William Williams yn rhifyn mis Tachwedd Y Tir

We look forward to meeting sustainability champions Teleri Fielden and William Williams in the November edition of Y Tir





# Light a beacon for Queen's Platinum jubilee celebrations



FARMERS across Wales are being invited to sign up to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on June 2nd 2022. The occasion will be marked by lighting Beacons up and down the country and the FUW is giving the members the opportunity to support the celebrations.

There is a long and unbroken tradition in the UK of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of Beacons - on top of mountains, church and cathedral towers, castle battlements, on town and village greens, country estates, parks and farms, along beaches and on cliff tops.

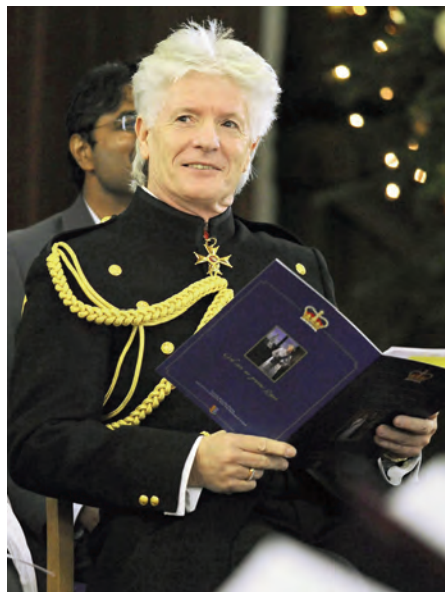
In 1897, Beacons were lit to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. In 1977, 2002 and 2012, Beacons commemorated the Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees of The Queen, and in 2016 Her Majesty's 90th birthday.

FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "Overall the aim is to light 70 Beacons in each county of Wales, with each Beacon representing a year in the life of The Queen's 70 years reign. Whether public or private, members will have the opportunity to support this special tribute to Her Majesty The Queen."

More than 1,500 Beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, and one in each of the capital cities of Commonwealth countries in recognition of The Queen's long and selfless service. The Beacons will enable local communities, individuals and organisations to pay tribute to her as part of the official Platinum Jubilee Weekend of celebrations from June 2nd to 5th 2022.

"As it is most likely this will be the last chain of Beacons lit in The Queen's reign, we hope that the farming community in Wales and others will join with the many organisations who have already agreed to take part in this special tribute to Her Majesty on June 2nd 2022. Let's make it the largest celebration of its kind the

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Beacons can be a private occasion celebrating this unique milestone with family, friends and farm workers. They do not have to be open to the public, but will still be seen as equal participants being sent the same information as public events but won't be listed in the Guide before June 2nd next year, and the organisers of the Platinum Jubilee Weekend of celebrations will not be informing the media of their involvement to protect their privacy.

Participants will be listed in the special book of Beacons being lit in tribute to Her Majesty The Queen, which will be given to The Queen after the event.

Those wishing to take part are being asked to provide the information requested below as soon as possible or by no later than the end of May 2022. Please send the information directly to - [brunopeek@mac.com](mailto:brunopeek@mac.com)

Name of Country:  
Name of County:  
Name of Farm:  
Address of Farm:  
Name of Contact:  
Email:  
Confirm if the Beacon lighting is Public or PRIVATE:

The Guide To Taking Part in The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons can be viewed and downloaded by going to - [www.queensjubileebeacons.com](http://www.queensjubileebeacons.com)

## BPS and Glastir contract extensions welcomed

THE FUW has welcomed the announcement by Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales and Trefnydd, Lesley Griffiths, that subject to sufficient funding being provided by the UK Government, farmers will continue to receive the Basic Payment Scheme until 2023 and that there will be a two year extension to the Glastir Advanced, Commons and Organic scheme contracts.

The Glastir contract extension represents a budget commitment of £66.79m over two years for Welsh farmers. All existing eligible contract holders will be offered an extension via their RPW on-line accounts.

Responding to the announcement, FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "This is very welcome news for the farming industry. With so much uncertainty around at the moment, this offers some stability for the next two years. A reassurance the industry very much needs, particularly as trade deals with large global agri-exporters are made by the UK Government.

"The Glastir Advanced scheme extension is also most welcome as contract holders were in the difficult position of not knowing whether they would have any funding from next year onwards."

Mr Roberts added that it was now up to the UK Government to ensure that the right amount of funding is made available to Wales to ensure that the basic payment scheme can continue as intended.

The FUW recently wrote to Secretary of State for Wales Simon Hart MP to remind him that it was disingenuous for the UK

Treasury to have included unspent EU funding from the 2014-2020 Common Agricultural Policy funding period in its calculation for the 2021-2022 Welsh agricultural budget - a methodology that led to an allocation which was £95 million less than had been anticipated.

In his letter to Simon Hart MP, Mr Roberts asked him to do his utmost to ensure unspent funding is not once again included in the UK Treasury's calculation, as this would add to a reduction in funding that is already some £137 million below what had been anticipated based on commitments.

"Following our conversations with Simon Hart MP last year regarding this issue, we are aware that he made strong representations to the UK Treasury regarding the importance of Welsh agricultural funding. However, in light of the UK Treasury's decision last year to adopt a creative interpretation of the manifesto commitment to "...guarantee the current annual budget...", we are naturally concerned that they will adopt the same approach in the current review," said Mr Roberts.

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**Submit your farming Christmas card design in aid of charity**

PRIMARY school pupils from all over Wales are being invited to enter a Christmas card design themed around farming for the FUW's Christmas card competition.

The FUW is asking children aged from four to 11 to design a Christmas farming scene for its Christmas cards, which will be sold to raise money for the Union's charity The DPJ Foundation.

FUW president Glyn Roberts said: "The competition will be split into Welsh language and English language categories. Children can use any media in their entries, such as crayons, coloured pencils, felt tipped pens or paint which must be completed on an A4 sheet of paper and emailed to us in jpeg format.

"The only stipulation is that it must be a Christmas card showing a farming scene. The competition has been a huge success in the past and we hope we can once again count on the support of our primary schools all over Wales."

The winner of each category will receive a £30 gift voucher for themselves, a packet of the Christmas cards depicting their design, one day's free admittance to the 2021 Royal Welsh Winter Fair to receive their prizes and a £50 cheque for their school.

The closing date for entries is Friday October 29 2021. The pupil's name, age, class number, school name and home address must be included on all entries, which should be e-mailed to: [ytir@fuw.org.uk](mailto:ytir@fuw.org.uk)



# Cefnogi cymunedau lleol drwy fwyta cynnyrch lleol

gan Gwion Rowlands, Is-Gadeirydd UAC Meirionnydd

RWY'N byw yma yn Gaergoed, Glanrafon ger Corwen gydag Elaine y wraig a'r plant, Lleucu 9, Saran 6, a Lliwen 3.

Mae gennyf ddi-ddordeb mawr yng ngwaith yr Undeb yn lleol, yn mynychu Pwylgor Gwaith Meirionnydd yn rheolaidd, ac yn mwynhau'r trin a thrafod pynciau cyfredol. Rwy'n aelod o Gyngor Canolog yr Undeb ers rhai blynyddoedd, ac ym mis Mai eleni cefais fy ethol yn Is-Gadeirydd y gangen sirol. Rwy'n ystyried hyn yn fraint, a byddaf yn gwneud fy ngorau i gynorthwyo a bod yn rhan o'r gweithgareddau.

Ar ôl gadael yr ysgol, treuliais flwyddyn yng Ngholeg Amaeth Llysfasi, yna blwyddyn yn dilyn cwrs Rheolaeth Biff a Defaid yng Ngholeg Reaseheath, Nantwich. Yn dilyn hyn, gweithiais ar fferm JCB yn Uttoxeter, cyn treulio 18 mis ar ffermydd yn Awstralia a Seland Newydd, cyn dychwelyd adref i fugeila ar ffermydd lleol ar y cyd hefo gweithio gartref.

Erbyn hyn rwy'n ffermio mewn partneriaeth gyda fy nhad a'm brawd Gethin. Rydym yn ffermio Gaergoed a Tyn Pant, Llidiardau, Bala sydd yn ymestyn i oddeutu 240 acer rhyngddynt ac yn rhentu 420 acer ychwanegol. Rydym yn cario oddeutu 2,200 o famogiaid sy'n cynnwys rhai Cymraeg, Texel croes a Mule croes. Mae'r wŷn i gyd yn cael eu gwerthu yn dew drwy farchnad Rhuthun neu'r Trallwng. Mae gennym ni 25 o fuchod sugno sy'n cael eu croesi gyda tharw Charolais, ac mae'r lloi i gyd yn cael eu gwerthu yn dew, gyda'r rhan fwyaf yn cyflenwi'r lladd-dy lleol yng Nghorwen neu yn cael eu gwerthu drwy farchnad yr Wyddgrug.

Credaf fod cynhyrchu stoc o'r safon orau a'i gadw yn lleol yn bwysig iawn. Mae'n holl bwysig i gadw'r economi lleol yn troi a chynnal cymunedau.

Mae cymorthdaliadau yn bwnc llosg! Mae'r oes sydd ohoni yn golygu fod ffermio yn fusnes fatha unrhyw ddiwydiant arall, ac mae angen i ffermydd gynnal eu hunain heb ddibynnu ar yr "amlen frown". Bydd gofyn i ffermydd fod yn hyblyg yn eu systemau a bod yn fwy effeithiol a phroffidiol heb ddibynnu ar gymorthdaliadau sydd yn fwy perthnasol gyda graddol ddileu'r Cynllun Taliadau Sylfaenol.

Nid wyf yn coelio mewn cynlluniau fel Glastir ar y cyfan. Yn bennaf oherwydd eu bod wedi arwain at lai o stoc ar ein ffermydd gyda dim manteision. Mae amryw o ardaloedd yn edrych dipyn salach ar ôl dilyn y cynllun ac mae'r manteision i'r amgylchfyd yn fychan iawn. Rydym fel ffermwyr yn amgylcheddwr naturiol, ac mae cefn gwlad i'w weld ar ei orau pan mae'n cael ei amaethu yn llwyddiannus.

Mae addysg ac addysgu'r cyhoedd yn holl bwysig. Dylwng fel ffermwyr a chynhyrchwyr geisio dangos i'n cwsmeriaid fod ein cynnyrch yn gynaliadwy, o'r safon uchaf a bod manteision clir i brynu'n lleol. Mae ôl troed carbon ffermydd Cymru yn fychan iawn ar y cyfan ac mae pwyntio bys arnom fel ffermwyr yn y cyswllt hwn yn wiriondeb, wrth weld llywodraeth yn agor y drws i fewnforion cig o ben draw'r byd.

*This article is available in English on the FUW website - News - Y Tir News: "Support local communities by eating local produce," or from your local county office.*



## 30th anniversary celebrations for PMR



From left, former General Manager, Neil Davies; General Manager, Mary Rees; Chairman, John Phillips; Member, Charles Rees and Lead Member Co-ordinator, Joanne Davies.

A WELSH initiative founded on the principle of matching a shortage of machinery on one farm with a surplus on another is celebrating 30 years of operating.

PMR, then known as the Pembrokeshire Machinery Ring, was founded at a farmers' meeting in October 1991 as a conduit for farmers to contract in equipment used only occasionally to minimise their own investment, or to contract out machinery to better justify ownership.

In the intervening 30 years its growth has been significant and 800 members and farmers can now find the best deals on straw, fuel, seeds, animal health products, even machinery spare parts.

PMR general manager Mary Rees says the organisation is continually evolving to meet the needs of its members.

Her father-in-law, Charles, of Dudwell Farm, Camrose, was at that first meeting. For him and his son, Tom, membership of the ring has taken the legwork out of buying herbicides, fuel and seed.

"There is just one number to ring, it probably saves us a day a month," says Charles.

PMR takes care of all the invoicing, running a direct debit system for services and goods supplied.

Ian James is a Pembrokeshire FUW member and one of the PMR Directors, he says that PMR is an invaluable part of his Farm and Contracting business. This year alone PMR has helped him sell his corn, Pedigree Hereford Bulls, and in the past, whole crop and grass. He also uses them to purchase fuel and chemicals as well as wearing parts for the machinery.

Ian says: "The courses available through PMR are so important for farmers, the courses coming up in the autumn include: Telehandler; ATV; Chainsaw; Pesticides; Welfare of transport of animals; Pest control and many more.

"Congratulations to PMR for the last 30 years, and I look forward to

working with them for the next 30 years," added Ian.

PMR was founded following a meeting of farmers in Narberth at which Nick Helm of the Severn Wye Machinery Ring was the speaker. Farmers were so impressed by what they heard that they each pledged £10 to get the Pembrokeshire Machinery Ring up and running.

A £10,000 European Union grant then allowed a new computer system to be installed and north Pembrokeshire farmer Graham Perkins was appointed as general manager.

He ran the organisation from his kitchen at a time when the mobile phone had yet to become commonplace so the bulk of his calls came when farmers were at home having their breakfast, lunch or evening meal.

Fuel sales was the next service to be added, based on the idea of bulk buying from multiple vendors to get the best price for members.

PMR also started brokering farm-produced commodities between members, including silage, straw and hay.

In 2003 its reach was extended into South Wales and field officers were appointed for Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Monmouthshire and Glamorgan.

Neil Davies, who later became PMR's general manager, was one of those field officers. He helped to establish the training division, PMR Direct, a company limited by guarantee but wholly owned by PMR, to deliver mainly statutory courses such as pesticide use. PMR now covers the whole of Wales.

Its role has developed since its inception and while there is still some association with the word 'machinery', it is about much more than that now.

In the latest development, PMR is working with all the machinery rings in England and Scotland to install a new software system that will further improve efficiency.

## UK - New Zealand free trade deal on the horizon

OVER recent months, the FUW has raised concerns regarding how the UK - Australia free trade agreement, which aims to liberalise the trading of agricultural goods, will set the precedent for trade deals with other major international countries.

UK - New Zealand free trade agreement negotiations are now ongoing and it is said to increase trade between the two nations beyond the total £2.3 billion in 2020 once agreed.

It was originally mooted by the UK Government that the plan was to have an agreement in principle in place by the end of September, however, visas for workers, access to agricultural markets and financial services continue to be the key sticking points.

New Zealand has confirmed that they aim to achieve similar market access as the UK offered to Australia by providing access to the UK meat and dairy markets in exchange for New Zealand's financial services.

It is positive however to note that the noise the agricultural industry made in relation to the UK - Australia free trade deal has been recognised and has muddied the waters in negotiations with New Zealand.

The issue with such trade deals is the volatility they add to UK markets for all sectors. Current

demand in China for meat and dairy products from Australia and New Zealand is high and the loss of such markets would expose the UK to potentially very cheap imports with no way of controlling their volume or price.

Reciprocal trade will be restricted to very niche and specialist goods, and with a population on the other side of the world that's lower than that of Scotland, opportunities in New Zealand will be extremely limited.

Whilst the exact details of the free trade agreement with New Zealand have not yet been published, the FUW is urging the UK Government to take note of the comments made by the industry in regard to the free trade agreement with Australia and that concerns about lamb imports alongside dairy products must be recognised.

Members of Parliament need to ensure that when it comes to such trade deals, the long term interests of the UK are protected.

The value of developing existing and seeking new markets for all UK products, including food, is of course recognised, but this must not be done at the cost of the long term viability of Wales' food and farming industries, the environment and animal health and welfare standards.



# Raising awareness of domestic violence in rural communities



From left, DPJ Foundation Charity Manager Kate Miles, FUW President Glyn Roberts and Wales Rural and Wildlife Crime Coordinator Rob Taylor launching the domestic violence awareness raising campaign in our rural communities at Usk Show.

THE FUW, in cooperation with the DPJ Foundation and police forces across Wales, is putting the spotlight on an increase in domestic violence in all of our communities since the Covid-19 restrictions came into place last year.

There are many consequences of domestic abuse, including the development of anxiety, depression and other mental health conditions, and the FUW made a commitment to keep the spotlight on mental health issues for as long as it remains a problem in our rural communities and the last 12 months have been tough for many.

For many people home is not a place of safety and Covid-19 restrictions have increased the isolation suffered by many which is often exacerbated in our rural communities. It has also been more difficult for victims of domestic abuse to seek help at a time when incidence of domestic abuse has increased, which is even more acute in some of our isolated rural communities.

According to the Crime Survey for England and Wales from March 2020 to 2021 there had been a 7% growth in police recorded domestic abuse crime but support services have seen a bigger rise, with many victims not seeking justice through the criminal justice system. Victim support have seen a 12% increase in the number of domestic abuse cases referred and many charities such as The DPJ foundation have seen an increase in calls regarding domestic abuse over this time.

As part of the campaign, the FUW will provide Domestic Abuse Training to all staff to better understand domestic abuse and how to sign post people to specialist support.

Launching the campaign at Usk Show on Saturday September 11, FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "Much awareness raising has been carried out over the past 5 years and progress has been steady in raising awareness and confidence in our farming community

that it is ok not to be ok and that seeking help is not a sign of weakness but necessary in order for our farmers and their families to remain strong.

"However, for our minds to be healthy, we also need to be in healthy environments and surround ourselves with people who can help us, not abuse us. Given these sad statistics on domestic abuse, we are joining forces with our charity The DPJ Foundation and police forces across Wales to help raise awareness of what constitutes domestic violence and how you can get the help you need."

The UK government's definition of domestic violence is 'any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. The abuse can encompass, but is not limited to psychological, physical, sexual, financial, emotional.'

The DPJ Foundation Charity Manager Kate Miles said: "At The DPJ Foundation, we provide a confidential helpline to people who want to talk, who need help or who may be struggling with their mental health. Calls can be on any issue and during and following the coronavirus lockdowns, we did see an increase in calls and enquiries relating to domestic abuse.

"As a result we have provided our volunteers with training in Domestic Abuse Awareness which means that they can support those people who are calling that may be in an abusive relationship, whether they realise it or not."

Unfortunately, anyone can suffer from domestic abuse - it is not just those who are weak and not just women. "We receive calls from men who are being controlled or abused by their partners and I feel it is important that we all recognise what can be abusive behaviour. We have also supported people who are experiencing abuse within their family, between generations," added Kate Miles.

Behaving in an abusive way can also be a sign of poor mental health - and getting help for your mental health can lead to a positive change in behaviour. "We want to encourage anyone who is worried about their own or someone else's behaviour to seek help. This can be done confidentially and we will not judge you or them. Our volunteers and counsellors can support you to get help regardless of whether you are the victim or perpetrator," she added.

Wales Rural and Wildlife Crime Coordinator, Rob Taylor, said: "Domestic violence, whether it be physical or mental, holds no boundaries. Men and women of all ages and backgrounds can become victims and it's certainly not confined to urban areas. It is so important that we can reach out to our rural communities to offer support to those who are isolated and suffering unnecessarily.

"No one should feel alone and it is vital that we get the message across that there are people from many areas and organisations within Wales who can help. In my new role as Welsh Rural Police Coordinator I will ensure that the best possible service is available to those in our rural communities to help those who need us, by pulling together the incredible people that we have here in Wales."

A 7% growth in police recorded domestic abuse crime from March 2020 to 2021

Victim support have seen a 12% increase in the number of domestic abuse cases referred

## Reach out to your community - #ShareTheLoad

The DPJ Foundation are urging people to take a minute to reach out to someone in their community, to show them that they have a choice. Let's break the stigma that talking about mental health and suicide is a sign of weakness. Suicide is preventable and mental health can be improved.

THE Samaritans' latest statistics for suicides show that there were 5,691 deaths by suicide registered in England and Wales in 2019, this is an increase of 321 compared to 2018. And there is a rising suicide rate in both under 25-year-olds and middle-aged men. The suicide figures appear to be increasing every year. Figures from 2018 highlight that in England and Wales, 83 farmers and agriculture workers died by suicide.

Kate Miles, Charity Manager of the DPJ Foundation emphasised: "Covid has made this year very challenging, especially for those in the rural communities. Some farmers had already been isolated before covid-19, working very

**"Sign up to take part in The DPJ Foundation Mental Health Awareness training. These free sessions are delivered in both Welsh and English. You could save someone's life."**

long hours and usually alone. We need to reach out and get the message out there that you always have a choice.

"We hear very often about the experiences of farmers dealing with mental health and suicide. There are so many responsibilities on individuals, it's a big load to carry on your own, don't let your mental health get on top of you.

"This year is even more important for awareness around suicide prevention. No one should suffer alone. As an industry we have a responsibility to do something about the issue of mental health and the risk of suicide within agriculture. We all have a role to play."

If you work within agriculture or the farming community, sign up to take part in The DPJ Foundation Mental Health Awareness training. These free sessions are delivered in both Welsh and English. You could save someone's life.

We have an English session online over Zoom on October 11 at 1pm and a face-to-face session in the Abergavenny area later in October. Follow us on Eventbrite [www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-dpj-foundation-32983967795](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-dpj-foundation-32983967795) to book a place or to get more information on future sessions.

Our "Share the Load" service is a 24/7 confidential call and text line. Call 0800 587 4262 / Text 07860 048799.





## Ailagor ein swyddfeydd sirol / Re-opening our county offices



Fel rhan o'n camau cyntaf tuag at ailagor Swyddfeydd Sirol UAC yn llawn yn dilyn gorfod cau yn sgil Covid-19, mae'r swyddfeydd bellach ar agor ar sail apwyntiadau yn unig. Rydym yn edrych ymlaen at eich croesawu yn ôl, ffoniwch eich swyddfa sir leol i drefnu apwyntiad. Sylwch na fydd mynediad yn cael ei ganiatáu heb apwyntiad a rhaid gwisgo gorchudd wyneb oni bai bod chi'n cael eich eithrio'n feddygol, a byddwn yn gofyn i chi lenwi holiadur Covid-19 cyn mynd mewn i'r swyddfa.

**As part of the first steps towards us fully re-opening the FUW County Offices following our Covid-19 enforced closure, with immediate effect the offices are now open on an appointments only basis. We look forward to welcoming you back, call your local county office to arrange an appointment. Please note that access will not be granted without an appointment and facemasks must be worn unless medically exempt, and we will be asking you to complete a Covid-19 questionnaire prior to entry to the office.**

## BPS payments

RPW will be issuing 2021 BPS Advance Payments from October 15 2021, which will be 70% of your estimated total claim value. Please note that the payment may not be issued if, for example, the necessary supporting documents have not been submitted, there is an ongoing land dispute, significant breaches have been identified during an inspection or there are outstanding probate issues.



The 30% balance payments will be issued from December 15 2021 subject to claims having been fully validated.

It is also important that if you receive a notification from RPW Online that there is a new message on your account that you log in to your account to check it, as the message could be asking for additional information in relation to your BPS claim, which if not actioned, could delay the release of your payment.

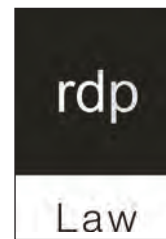
## Could you take part in this?

THE Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) has awarded a contract to Eville & Jones to run veterinary field trials of CattleBCG vaccine and the companion DIVA (Detecting Infected amongst Vaccinated Animals) skin test. The Contract Research Organisation (CRO) now seeks to work with interested farmers and veterinary practices to support the field trials on suitable farms that meet the inclusion criteria. The first phase of the project aims to determine the safety and specificity of the DIVA test in TB-free herds in the Low Risk Area of England and the Low TB Incidence Area in Wales. In addition, the following herd criteria need to be met:

- Officially TB Free for 8 years or more.
- Not in a current TB hotspot, or in a radial or contiguous testing regime. Not in the Welsh spatial units GW1, CL1 or CL2.
- TB test window of October to December 2021 or willing to undertake an additional private TB test on selected trial animals.
- Willing to enrol 30 - 60 animals (needn't be the whole herd).
- Availability of the same practice vet to visit the herd on a daily basis for two weeks.
- Ideally a closed herd or with minimal purchases (e.g. stock bull only). No purchases from a higher TB risk area in the last 12 months.

Farmers taking part in the trial will be paid for their involvement. If you are interested in taking part in this crucial research project, meet the inclusion criteria and have spoken to your vet, please contact Dr Lindsay Heasman by emailing: [lindsay.heasman@eandj.co.uk](mailto:lindsay.heasman@eandj.co.uk)

## RDP Law webinar



RDP Law have organised a member webinar on the topic of: "Protecting the Family Farm - how family law can help your succession planning," on

Wednesday October 20 at 7pm.

Content will include a talk and panel discussion between Marjha Golding Evans, Head of Family, RDP Law, Sioned Thomas, Head of Private Client, RDP Law and a FUW specialist about how relationship planning within family law can be used in succession and financial planning.

For further information and to receive a link to the webinar, contact your local county office.

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## Cefnogi Llywydd a Chadeirydd CFFI



Ar yr 21ain o Awst aeth criw o aelodau a swyddogion y mudiad ynghyd a'i ffrindiau i gefnogi'r Llywydd, Carol Bown Williams, a'r Cadeirydd, Rhys Richards, yn eu her o feicio 50 milltir o amgylch yr Ynys, i godi arian tuag at y Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust.

Llongyfarchiadau i bawb gymrodd ran! Wrth i ni symud tuag at y 'normal newydd' braf iawn yw gweld y Clybiau Ffermwr Ifanc yn cwrdd unwaith eto, felly os ydych chi rhwng 13 a 30 mlwydd oed ac yn awyddus i ymuno â'r bwrlwm, ewch draw i:

### Nos Lun (7.30-9yh)

Canolfan Bro Alaw, Bodedern  
Ysgol Parc y Bont, Llanddaniel  
Canolfan CFFI, Mona  
Hen Ysgol Llanddona  
Neuadd Gymuned Penmynydd  
**Nos Fawrth (7.30-9yh)**  
Neuadd Gymuned Rhosybol

**On August 21, a group of members, officials and friends of the YFC movement supported the President, Carol Bown Williams, and the Chairman, Rhys Richards, in their challenge of cycling 50 miles around the Island, to raise money towards the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust. Congratulations to everyone who took part! As we move towards the 'new normal' it's lovely to see the Young Farmers' Clubs meet again, so if you are aged between 13 and 30 and want to get involved, go to:**

Monday evenings (7.30-9pm)  
**Bro Alaw Centre, Bodedern**  
**Parc y Bont School, Llanddaniel**  
**YFC Centre, Mona**  
**Llanddona Old School**  
**Penmynydd Community Hall**  
Tuesday evenings (7.30-9pm)  
**Rhosybol Community Hall**

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## Pwyllgor Gwaith

Cynhaliwyd Pwyllgor Gwaith llwyddiannus ar Zoom unwaith eto, cyfarfod addysgiadol iawn yng nghwmni John Richards, Rheolwr Datblygu'r Diwydiant a Chyberthynas Hybu Cig Cymru, (**gweler ar y dde**).

Derbyniwyd gwybodaeth ar sefyllfa bresennol y sector cig coch a beth yw dyfodol tebygol y farchnad.

**Another successful County Executive meeting was held via Zoom which was very informative, with John Richards, Hybu Cig Cymru's Industry Development and Relationship Manager, (pictured right), in attendance. Information was received on the current situation of the red meat sector and the likely future of the market.**



## CEREDIGION

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## Meeting with Ben Lake MP

We had a very interesting meeting with Ben Lake MP, (**pictured right**), recently to discuss in detail the Animal Welfare in Transit consultation. Members conveyed their concerns regarding the proposals that will no doubt affect their business.



## Enillwyr Clwb 200 winners

Llongyfarchiadau i enillwyr Clwb 200 Ceredigion

**Congratulations to the September 200 Club winners**

221: Thomas, Eisteddfa Gurig

183: Jones, Brynceiro

55: Jones, Minyrhos



## CARMARTHEN

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## Climate change issues raised with Deputy Minister

Members from Carmarthenshire and Union officials recently discussed critical climate change issues facing the agricultural industry with Deputy Minister for Climate Change, Lee Waters MS.

Union officials acknowledged that given the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the role played by soils and plants in sequestering carbon is attracting significant attention, with a particular focus by the Welsh Government on planting trees.

FUW Carmarthen County Chairman Phil Jones said: "The FUW supports the overall aims of the Welsh Government with regards to environmental issues but we are concerned that a number of

recent policy proposals to increase tree planting targets from 2000 hectares per year to 5000 ha/pa could see agricultural funding being diverted towards forestry and woodland with a lack of clarity on the consequences for Wales' family farms and rural communities.

"We will continue to work with the Welsh Government to find a way of mitigating climate change in a manner that also supports family farms and the economic viability of rural communities. We thank Mr Waters for meeting with us to discuss these very complex issues and hope for continued positive discussions with the Minister and Welsh Government," concluded Mr Jones.

## DENBIGH &amp; FLINT

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## County Executive meeting

The Flint branch County Exec meeting was held on September 6 where we received a talk from Louise McNicol who is a PhD student of Environmental Management at the School of Natural Science, Bangor University.

Her PhD research, which is sponsored by HCC, is on the effects of climate change to agriculture, and specifically how to obtain zero net emissions.

Her talk was interesting and had many facts and figures on how the problem will face the farming industry in the near future. A very interesting question and answer session followed. Louise also attended the Denbighshire branch meeting on September 13.



## GLAMORGAN &amp; GWENT

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## Successful Usk Show



The FUW and FUW Insurance Services Ltd. welcomed members, customers, friends of the Union and politicians at Usk Show on Saturday September 11, where farming matters discussions took centre stage. The event, which was one of a few to go ahead in person this year, was a busy and successful day, which celebrated the very best of Monmouthshire farming and rural life. Joining the FUW Ltd. group on the day were the DPJ Foundation, Wales Rural and Wildlife Crime Coordinator Rob Taylor, and police officers from the Gwent Police force. The county office also arranged a raffle and childrens competition. Full article and more pictures on page 23.

## MEIRIONNYDD

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## Ymweliad â'r Henblas, Llwyngwril



Guto Bebb a Mrs Swancott Pugh.

Wrth deithio i lawr i'r Treialon Cŵn Defaid Cenedlaethol yn Nhywyn ar ddiwedd mis Awst, cafodd Rheolwr Gyfarwyddwr Grwp UAC, Guto Bebb, gyfle i alw gyda Mrs Swancott Pugh, Fferm Henblas, Llwyngwril, sydd yn Aelod Oes o Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru. Roedd yn braf iawn cael sgwrs am y datblygiadau diweddaraf o fewn yr Undeb, a hel atgofion am y blynyddoedd y bu hi yn weithgar iawn gyda'r Undeb, ac yn Is-Lywydd cenedlaethol yn y 1990au. Diolch yn fawr iawn am y croeso cynnes yno.

*At the end of August, whilst traveling to the National Sheepdog Trials in Tywyn, the FUW Group Managing Director Guto Bebb had the opportunity to call with Mrs Swancott Pugh, Fferm Henblas, Llwyngwril, who is a Life Member of the Farmers' Union of Wales. It was great to talk about the latest developments within the Union, and reminisce about the years she was very active within the Union, and as national Vice President in the 1990s. Thank you very much for the warm welcome received.*

## Cyfarfodydd ardal

Yr adeg hon o'r flwyddyn, byddwn fel arfer yn trefnu cyfarfodydd yn ein canghennau lleol drwy Feirionnydd. Gan nad yw sefyllfa Covid i'w weld yn gwella, nid yw'n debygol y gallwn gynnal rhain wyneb yn wyneb am beth amser etc. Bydd y Pwyllgor Sirol yn parhau ar Zoom wrth gwrs, ond os oes rhai ohonoch o fewn yr ardaloedd yn gweld y gellir cynnal cyfarfodydd lleol drwy Zoom, byddem yn falch o glywed gennych, ac fe wnawn bob ymdrech i drefnu.

*We usually arrange meetings at our local branches throughout Meirionnydd at this time of year. As the Covid situation does not appear to be improving, it is unlikely that we will be able to hold these meeting in person for some time yet. The Executive Committee meetings will of course continue on Zoom, but if any of you within the areas feel that local meetings can be held through Zoom, we would be happy to hear from you, and will make every effort to organise.*

## Pwyllgor Gwaith mis Medi

Trwy gyfrwng Zoom, roedd nifer dda yn bresennol ym mhwyllgor gwaith mis Medi, a'r prif bwnc dan drafodaeth oedd mesur allyriadau carbon, trafod masnachu carbon, yr ymdrechion i gael ffermydd a'r diwydiant amaeth yn 'garbon niwtral' ayyb.

Roedd Emma Jones, Uwch Ymgynghorydd Bwyd ag Amaeth ADAS gyda ni i roi cefndir i'r drafodaeth. Mae hi yn arwain grwpiau ym Meirionnydd ar y pwnc yma ar hyn o bryd, ac mae nifer o'r aelodau yn rhan o'r gweithgarwch yma.

Hefyd roedd Teleri Fielden o Adran Bolisi Prif Swyddfa'r Undeb gyda ni i gynorthwyo, a gwerthfawrogwyd ei chyfraniad yn fawr iawn.

*Through Zoom, the September's Executive Committee was well attended and the main topic for discussion was measuring carbon emissions, discussing carbon trading, the efforts to get farms and the agriculture industry 'carbon neutral' etc. Emma Jones, ADAS Senior Food and Agriculture Adviser was with us to provide background to the discussion. She is currently leading groups on this subject in Meirionnydd, and many members are involved in these activities. Teleri Fielden from the Union's Head Office Policy Department was also present to provide assistance, and her contribution was much appreciated.*

## Llongyfarchiadau Huw



Mae Huw Jones, Swyddog Gweithredol Sirol Meirionnydd wedi cael ei anrhydeddu fel Aelod Cyswllt Cydnabyddedig Cymdeithasau Amaethyddol Brenhinol (ARAGs) i gydnabod cyfraniad nodedig i'r diwydiant amaethyddol (Gwobr CARAS

Cymru). Gwobrwyd Huw fel Aelod Cyswllt ym mis Tachwedd 2019 am ei gyflwyniad 'Cyfraniad Oes i'r Diwydiant Ffermio a'r Gymuned Wledig'. Derbyniodd ei wobwr yn ystod seremoni ar ddechrau mis Medi. Llongyfarchiadau i holl aelodau UAC a dderbyniodd wobwr hefyd.

*Meirionnydd County Executive Officer Huw Jones has been awarded Associateship of the Royal Agricultural Societies (ARAGs) in recognition of distinguished achievement within the agricultural industry (CARAS Cymru Award). Huw was awarded the Associateship in November 2019 for his submission 'A Lifetime's Contribution to the Farming Industry and the Rural Community'. He received his award during a ceremony at the beginning of September. Congratulations to all FUW members who also received an award.*



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## Treialon Cŵn Defaid Cenedlaethol

Bu'r Gangen Sirol yn brysur yn y Treialon Cŵn Defaid Cenedlaethol ar fferm Sandilands, Tywyn ar ddiwedd Mis Awst. Cafwyd tri diwrnod gwych, a braf oedd croesawu'r holl aelodau a chyfeillion i'n safle ar y cae. Diolch yn fawr am yr holl gymorth a chefnogaeth.

Roedd safle'r treialon ar lecyn cwbl odidog, gyda thirwedd Meirionnydd ar ei orau. Llongyfarchiadau i'r holl enillwyr, ac yn wir i'r holl gystadleuwyr. Rhaid canmol yn fawr hefyd yr holl griw fu ynghlwm wrth drefnu'r achlysur.

*The County Branch had a busy time at the National Sheepdog Trials held at Sandilands Farm, Tywyn at the end of August. It was an excellent three day event, and it was great to welcome members and friends to our site on the field. Thank you so much for all the help and support. The trials were situated in a wonderful area, with the Meirionnydd landscape at its best. Congratulations to all the winners, and indeed to all the competitors. Congratulations to everyone who was involved with organising the event.*



Sgwrs ar gyfer Radio Cymru gyda Dylan Davies, Cadeirydd Pwyllgor Lleol Treialon Cŵn Defaid Cymru, a Huw Jones, Swyddog Sirol ar ddiwrnod cyntaf y treialon yn Sandilands, Tywyn.



Liz Saville Roberts AS a Guto Bebb, Rheolwr Gyfarwyddwr yr Undeb ar safle'r Undeb ar y maes.

## Ymwelidau Mabon ap Gwynfor AS

Diolch yn fawr iawn i Mabon ap Gwynfor, AS Dwyfor Meirionnydd am ymuno efo ni ar ymweliad â rhai ffermydd yn ne Meirionnydd yng nghanol mis Medi. Bu'n gyfle i drin a thrafod gwaith sydd ar y gweill, a pholisïau amaethyddol. Cafwyd sgysiau buddiol dros ben. Rydym yn gwerthfawrogi ei amser a'i gymorth, ac am gydweithio yn agos gyda'r swyddfa sirol ar nifer o faterion. Diolch yn fawr iawn am y croeso cynnes a gafwyd ymhobman y prynhawn hwnnw.

*Many thanks to Mabon ap Gwynfor, Dwyfor Meirionnydd MS for visiting some farms in south Meirionnydd with us during mid September. It was an opportunity to discuss current work and agricultural policies. There were some very useful discussions. We appreciate his time and help, and for working closely with the county office on a number of issues. Thank you very much for the warm welcome everywhere that afternoon.*



**UCHOD CHWITH:**  
Buddug Davies,  
Tynymaes, Talyllyn gyda  
Mabon ap Gwynfor.

**UCHOD DDE:** Mabon ap  
Gwynfor (dde) yn trafod  
gyda Dewi Owen yn  
Esgairgyfela.

**DDE:** O'r dde, Hywel  
Evans, Mabon ap  
Gwynfor a Sion Evans  
yn Marchlyn, Pennal.



## MONTGOMERYSHIRE

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## New County Officials for Montgomeryshire

Montgomeryshire County Executive met face to face for the first time in 18 months for its September 2021 meeting.

During the meeting a vote was held to select County Officials for the County. First we would like to extend our gratitude to the outgoing County Chairman Mr Bryn Francis whom has been in post since May 2018. On the evening Mr Francis was presented with an engraved Welsh Crystal bowl.

Additionally, we would like also to thank the outgoing County President, Mr Gareth Vaughan for his service.

The new County Officials for Montgomeryshire are: Mr Iwan Pughe Jones (County Chairman); Penygraig, Darowen, Machynlleth, Mr Wyn Williams (Vice Chairman); Penllwyn, Llanfair Caereinion; and Mrs Lynda Brown (County President) Neuadd Fach, Llandinam.

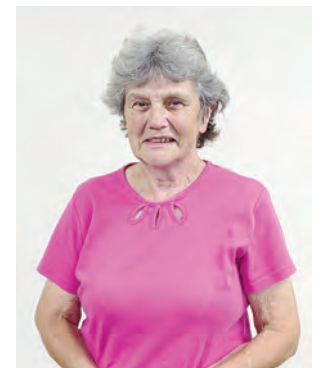


**ABOVE:** Outgoing County Chairman Bryn Francis (left), receiving his gift from new County Chairman Iwan Pughe Jones.

**BELOW LEFT:** Iwan Pughe Jones, Montgomeryshire County Chairman.

**BELOW CENTRE:** Wyn Williams, Montgomeryshire Vice Chairman.

**BELOW RIGHT:** Lynda Brown, Montgomeryshire President.



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## 200 Club+ Winners

## July

£25 - Hill, Eisteddfa Arthur  
£10 - Belton, Headlands  
£10 - Davies, Treicert

## August

£25 - Davies, Penrhiw  
£10 - Jones, Penlan  
£10 - Davies, Blaenwaun

## September

£25 - Thomas, Priskilly Fach  
£10 - Young, Upper Bastleford  
£10 - Chambers, Brynawel



If you would like to be in with the chance of winning one of three monthly prizes and are not yet signed up to our 200+ Club, please contact the county office for further information.

## Agricultural Waste Exemptions

Don't forget that your agricultural waste exemptions registration only lasts for three years and is not automatically renewed at the end of the three year period, so it is important that you check when your registration expires and re-register your exemptions accordingly.

If you want to check when your registration expires or you need to re-register access to NRW's website, contact the county office for assistance.



# Have you taken advantage of your farm safety training discount?

THE Farmers' Union of Wales and FUW Insurance Services Ltd have teamed up with Lantra to bring a special farm safety e-learning course to rural communities.

In 2020-21, 41\* people were killed in agriculture and around 12,000\* serious injuries were reported. Every death and injury has devastating and life-changing consequences for individuals, families, businesses, and communities, and nearly all of them are avoidable.

To help address persistently high rates of death and serious injury, Lantra has worked with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) to develop training that is affordable and accessible to every farmer. The new Farm Safety e-learning course focuses on the most common causes of farm accidents, such as:

- Falls from heights
- Moving vehicle accidents
- Crushed or trampled by cattle
- Contact with machinery
- Drowning and asphyxiation

It gives simple practical advice on how to keep yourself and your workforce safe and how to meet your legal responsibilities.

Also, because it's e-learning you can do the course wherever and whenever it suits you. The course is in bite-sized modules, so you don't have to do it all at

once and when you've finished, you'll get a certificate to prove it.

Both Lantra and HSE have heavily subsidised the development of this course, to make it as affordable as possible.

Everyone thinks "*it won't happen to me*", but if you drive a tractor, ride a quad bike, handle livestock, or operate farm machinery, 12,000 people just like you were killed or seriously injured. They didn't think it would happen to them.

This training could be all it takes to prevent you or a work colleague from losing an arm, a leg, their eyesight or even their life.

To enrol on to a discounted version of the Agriculture Health and Safety: How to Meet Your Legal Responsibilities e-learning course, which retails for £18 +VAT, against £20 +VAT for the standard commercial version, all you need to do is to follow this link: [www.elearning.lantra.co.uk/register/94/55](http://www.elearning.lantra.co.uk/register/94/55)

Once you are registered for the course and have paid, you will be sent a confirmation email with details on how to access this course. Occasionally, these emails may be directed to a junk folder, however. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with [elearning@lantra.co.uk](mailto:elearning@lantra.co.uk) if you experience any problems or have any questions about the course.

The course includes a Welsh language version of the modules.

\*Source: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/agriculture/pdf/agriculture-fatal-injuries-2021.pdf>



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## Safe maintenance of farm machinery - What you need to know

Many serious incidents on farms involve machinery, often during maintenance or unblocking. In maintenance work, conditions are very different from those normally encountered and new hazards may be introduced. It is essential that everyone involved is trained to be aware of the hazards and the correct precautions to take to prevent harm.

### Follow Safe Stop

- before leaving the driver's seat/operating position;
- anyone else approaches;
- before anyone carries out maintenance, adjustments or deals with a blockage.

### Before you start maintenance work

When you are planning to carry out maintenance operations follow the 'safe stop' procedure and make sure:

- all movement has stopped before removing any guards;
- workers are properly trained to do the job;
- adequate tools, instructions, and manuals are provided for maintaining, adjusting, cleaning and unblocking machines;
- safe working practices are devised and used;
- stored energy, eg from compressed material, springs or hydraulics, is released safely before you start work;
- machines or parts supported by hydraulics are prevented from descending by using mechanical devices such as stops or jacks when people work under them.

### Dealing with blockages or other problems

- Always follow the Safe Stop procedure before carrying out any intervention.
- Secure anything which could fall on you, eg by using props or scotches on tailgates/doors.
- Secure anything which could move or rotate, eg by using chocks.
- Remember that energy is stored in springs or hydraulics, for example. Consider how will you stop this energy being released or release it safely.
- Use the right tools for the job. Remember, machine components may suddenly move when a blockage is cleared.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions/procedures, eg as set out in the operator's manual.
- Use built-in ladders and other purpose-designed access points and platforms where provided. Where such facilities don't exist you will need to consider alternative safe means of access, eg with measures provided to prevent falls.
- When the job is finished, always replace the guards before running the machine.
- Check the machine over and make sure people are well clear before restarting.

### Isolating equipment

Isolate machines before any maintenance, cleaning or adjustment. It is not enough just to switch the machine off - you need to use the main isolator, usually a separate control. If the machine is at some distance from the isolator, or if work in progress is not obvious, remove the fuses from the isolator box and attach a 'danger' tag to it, or lock the isolator box and keep the key safe.

### Pressurised plant

Any plant or equipment under pressure, such as slurry tankers, boilers and air receivers, may burst violently. Reduce the chances of this happening and anyone being killed or injured. Make sure:

- the plant is suitable for its intended purpose and installed correctly;
- you know the safe working pressure and temperatures of any pressurised system or equipment;
- safety valves are fitted to relieve excess pressure, as well as safety devices to make over - or under-pressurisation unlikely, such as boiler low water level alarms;
- you avoid accidentally pressurising any system or equipment, eg provide boiler 'blowdown' tanks with an adequately sized vent pipe. Applying heat to drums or tanks which have contained flammable material may create pressure, so always cold-cut sealed containers.



For more information and advice on how to stay safe on farm, please visit the Health and Safety Executive website: [www.hse.gov.uk/agriculture/](http://www.hse.gov.uk/agriculture/)



## MEAT MATTERS

## Opening of USA lamb market a welcome step forward

by Rhys Llywelyn, Market Development Manager, Hybu Cig Cymru

REMOVING the decades-old restrictions on exporting lamb from the UK to the USA has been a very long process.

HCC initially raised the issue in 2008, and subsequent discussions were held between the US Department of Agriculture and Welsh Government Ministers.

More recently, work to lift this ban has been undertaken by the UK Government and by the UK Export Certification Partnership - the cross-industry body which does the detailed technical work to demonstrate our standards and obtain the 'Export Health Certificate' which is essential for any exports to begin.

After little progress during the Trump administration, steps forward had been made in recent months, however the announcement in September came as a welcome surprise.

Although some technicalities remain to be ironed out, HCC is ready to work with the industry to develop a market which could be valuable in the long term.

While lamb in general isn't as popular in the US as other proteins, the country has many different ethnic communities, some of whom are significant consumers of lamb. Our previous market research has also suggested that there is a potential premium market in the hotel and restaurant sector on the east coast.

Although HCC has been in contact with potential distributors and customers so as to be ready when restrictions are lifted, there won't be large volumes of Welsh Lamb heading across the Atlantic immediately.

However, the USA is one of the world's largest lamb importers. As our peak of production is at

a time of year when Australian and New Zealand imports are more scarce, there's plenty of evidence to suggest this could be a useful market - perhaps worth as much as £20 million a year if investment is made in trade development.

This will not, of course, replace our trade with our nearest neighbours in Europe which is so useful to achieve carcase balance and obtain a good price for a wide range of products during our peak production season.

That's why HCC has been active in promoting Welsh Lamb to the European foodservice sector as it reopens. Ceredigion-based French chef Ludovic Dieumegard headed over recently to the major 'SIRHA' food fair in Lyon as part of a joint HCC, AHDB and QMS mission, which went down very well with potential trade customers.

**Mae Hybu Cig Cymru wedi croesawu agor marchnad yr Unol Daleithiau i allforion wŷn fel cam ymlaen. Mae gwaredu'r cyfyngiadau ar draws degawdau ar allforio cig oen o'r DU i'r Unol Daleithiau wedi bod yn broses hir iawn.**



## PROPERTY MATTERS

## Notice to quit following death of a tenant

by Kathryn Williams, Director, Davis Meade Property Consultants

WHEN the death of a tenant occurs, who immediately before the date of death, was a tenant subject to a tenancy agreement under the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986, the tenancy does not automatically come to an end in line with the death.

To formally bring the tenancy to an end, the landlord must serve a Case G Notice to Quit. Until this notice is served the tenancy will remain in operation, vested in the personal representatives of the deceased tenant.

A landlord has three months to serve a Case G notice to quit beginning with the date of any relevant notice. The relevant notice can either be notification in writing to the landlord from a personal representative or administrator of the tenant's estate informing the landlord of the tenant's death or the date on which the landlord is notified of an application for succession on death.

The three month period used to run from the date of death of the tenant, with no obligation on anybody to give the landlord notice of the death. This led to injustice towards absentee landlords.

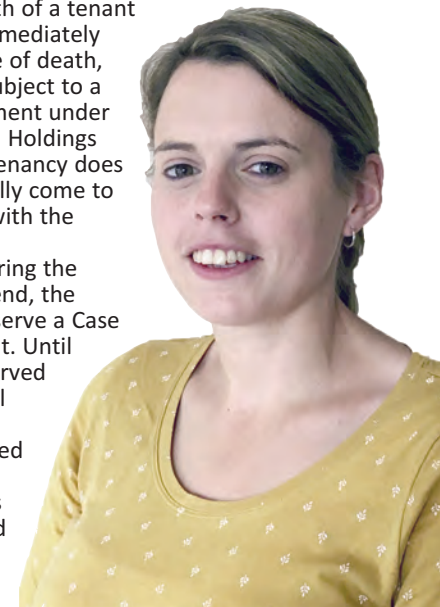
Problems have arisen in practice where the tenant is very well known to the landlord and the landlord is fully aware of the tenant's death. In some cases the landlord may have even attended the funeral of the deceased tenant and as such the personal representatives of the deceased tenant may not go through the process of notifying the landlord in writing of the death.

Inadvertently this extends the three month time limit for the landlord to serve the notice to quit as the test is not whether the landlord was aware of the death, but rather whether he had received a relevant notice.

It is not necessary for a landlord to wait to receive notice of the death or a succession application until serving a Case G notice to quit. A landlord should serve the case G notice on the personal representatives of the tenant if they have obtained a grant of probate and or the person responsible for the control or management of the holding and or in the event of doubt on the Public Trustee.

For further information on the service of Case G Notices to Quit following death of a tenant, please feel free to contact our Oswestry office - [oswestry@dmpcuk.com](mailto:oswestry@dmpcuk.com)

**Pan fydd tenant yn marw, ac yn rhwym i gytundeb tenantiaeth o dan Ddeddf Daliadau Amaethyddol 1986 yn union cyn dyddiad y farwolaeth, nid yw'r denantiaeth yn dod i ben yn awtomatig yn unol â'r farwolaeth. Er mwyn dod â'r denantiaeth i ben yn ffurfiol, rhaid i'r landlord gyflwyno Case G Notice to Quit. Hyd nes y cyflwynir yr hysbysiad hwn, bydd y denantiaeth yn parhau mewn grym, gyda cynrychiolwyr personol i diweddar tenant. I gael rhagor o wybodaeth am wasanaeth Case G Notices to Quit yn dilyn marwolaeth tenant, mae croeso i chi gysylltu â'n swyddfa yng Nghroesoswallt - [oswestry@dmpcuk.com](mailto:oswestry@dmpcuk.com)**



## MERCHED MEWN AMAETH

## Llyfr "Caru Crefftio" wedi ei lawnsio

gan Tegwen Morris, Cyfarwyddwraig Cenedlaethol, Merched y Wawr

MAE lliwiau hydrefol hyfryd yn harddu ein cymunedau erbyn hyn, a nifer ohonom wrth ein boddau yn mynd am dro ac yn gwerthfawrogi prydfwerthwch cefn gwlad. Mae yna lawer o baratodau ar y gweill ar gyfer amryw o weithgareddau gan gynnwys y Ffair Aeaf a gweithgareddau rhithwir.

Rydym mor falch fod y llyfr "Caru Crefftio" wedi cael ei lansio erbyn hyn ac yn ddiolchgar am greadigrwydd anhygoel ein haelodau a chyfeillion y mudiad. Mae yna ysbrydoliaeth, caredigrwydd, syniadau a hanesion difyr iawn o fewn y cloriau a phatrymau ar gael i'w rhannu.

Erbyn hyn mae nifer o ganghennau a chlybiau wedi bod yn cyfarfod wyneb yn wyneb tra bod eraill yn cynnal cyfarfodydd yn rhithwir - mae sicrhau fod adeiladau cymunedol ar gael i fudiadau a sefydliadau yn eithriadol o bwysig.

A oes rhai ohonoch fel ni wedi dod ar draws anawsterau gyda'r banciau? Methu a bancio trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg? Methu agor cyfrif newydd? Banc lleol yn cau a gorfodaeth bron i fancio ar lein heb ystyriaeth i rai heb yr adnoddau neu yn wir heb yr hyder i wneud hyn? Mae nifer ohonom yn wynebu'r un anawsterau, felly rhaid i ni gydweithio fel cymunedau i geisio diogelu adnoddau a gwasanaethau i'r dyfodol.

**Preparations are ongoing for the Winter Fair as well as virtual activities. 'Caru Crefftio', a book of inspiration, kindness, ideas, stories and patterns has recently been launched and Merched y Wawr are grateful for the support from its members. As communities we must work together to protect services and resources for example banks.**







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**#CALFMATTERS**

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# Farming Matters take centre stage at Usk Show

THE FUW and FUW Insurance Services Ltd. welcomed members, customers, friends of the Union and politicians at Usk Show on Saturday 11 September.

FUW Glamorgan and Gwent County Executive Officer Sharon Pritchard said: "We enjoyed welcoming friends, family, members, FUW Insurance Services customers and many politicians to our marquee on the day. We were pleased to be able to support this event, meet people in person and discuss the most critical farming matters with local politicians."

High on the agenda were farm support payments, potential cuts to the Welsh agricultural budget, the free trade deal with Australia, farm land in Wales being purchased by outside investors, Wales' net zero targets and the Agricultural Pollution Regulations which are in the process of being reviewed.

FUW Gwent county chairman Wayne Langford said: "We enjoyed meeting with Peter Fox MS, Natasha Asghar MS, Laura Jones MS, Sam Kurtz MS and David TC Davies MP on the day. We had very constructive discussions around a variety of topics and thank all of them for joining us. The future of our family farms depends on us working with all political parties and we will do all we can to ensure that there are thriving, sustainable family farms in Wales for generations to come."

FUW Senior Policy and Communications Officer Gareth Parry added: "There are some big issues facing agriculture at the moment and for Wales the issue of businesses from outside of Wales coming in and buying up farms and land is a major problem.

"In our meetings with the Members of the Senedd we highlighted our concern that carbon credits are being bought and used to offset the emissions of businesses outside of Wales which then can't be used to meet Wales' net zero targets."

Mr Parry added that the FUW doesn't object to the Welsh Government's tree planting targets but that it is essential that the benefits accrue to farmers, communities and Wales as a country rather than large corporations who have no long-term interest in Wales.

Union officials further highlighted members' concerns around the Australia Free Trade deal when they met with David TC Davies at the show.

FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "We had a very positive meeting with David TC Davies and it provided us with an opportunity to reinforce how little Wales and the UK would benefit from such a deal. The UK Government's own figures and projections demonstrate



From left, FUW Gwent and Glamorgan County Executive Officer Sharon Pritchard, Peter Fox MS, FUW Ltd. Group Managing Director Guto Bebb, FUW Gwent and Glamorgan Deputy County Executive Officer Helen Thomas, FUW Gwent chairman Wayne Langford and FUW Senior Policy and Communications Officer Gareth Parry.

that the degree to which the agreement in principle published in June 2021 delivers on UK interests is negligible."

Mr Roberts highlighted that the UK Government's own figures suggest the UK-Australia trade deal could increase UK GDP by 0.01% or 0.02% in the long run under considered scenarios, equivalent to an increase in UK GDP of £200m and £500m respectively, with resulting increases in average UK wages of 0.01% and 0.05% respectively. The latter figures equate to an increase in the average annual UK wage in the long run of £3.15 and £15.75 respectively (based on the current average UK income).

"The UK Government modelling also suggests a deal similar to that proposed could lead to an increase in UK exports to Australia of 7.3%, compared with an increase in imports from Australia of 83.2%, with a large portion of the latter expected to comprise of Australian food imports, predominantly beef and lamb," added Mr Roberts.

Notwithstanding other concerns, the Union President said, inherent to such an increase in food imports would be a reduction in the UK's food security through the displacement of domestic production and/or through additional reliance on food produced many thousands of miles away as opposed to in neighbouring countries.

"Let's not forget that the shipping distance between Melbourne and London is around 12,700 miles, compared to a shipping distance of 220 miles between Rotterdam and London. Such a reduction in food security would come at a time when the coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the fragility of both domestic and global food supply chains, and how rapidly changes can occur due to unforeseen circumstances," he said.



Sharing the load were Wales Rural and Wildlife Crime Coordinator Rob Taylor (left), and FUW President Glyn Roberts.



From left, Gareth Parry, FUW Deputy President Ian Rickman, Glyn Roberts, Wayne Langford, David TC Davies MP, Sharon Pritchard and Guto Bebb.



FUW officials discuss farming matters with Natasha Asghar MS.



FUW officials meet with Sam Kurtz MS.



FUW officials discuss industry concerns with Laura Jones MS.





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Gyda'r siaradwraig **Diana Rodgers**, dietegydd, cyfarwyddwr, cynhyrchydd ac awdur 'Sacred Cow', ffilm sydd wedi cael sylw rhyngwladol am archwilio'r berthynas foesol, amgylcheddol a maethol rhwng magu a bwyta anifeiliaid.

**Dyddiad:** 11 Tachwedd 2021

**Amser:** 15:30 – 19:30

**Lleoliad:** Canolfan yr Aelodau, Maes y Sioe Frenhinol neu ymunwch yn rhithiol.

Yn cynnwys lluniaeth gyda phryd poeth i ddilyn.

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## The Welsh Way: towards a sustainable and prosperous red meat sector

Against a backdrop of major environmental summits, the HCC Annual Conference will highlight the sustainability of the Welsh red meat sector and how it can stand out from the crowd.

Featuring **Diana Rodgers**, dietitian, director, producer and co-author of 'Sacred Cow', the internationally renowned film that probes the moral, environmental and nutritional quandaries we face in raising and eating animals.

**Date:** 11 November 2021

**Time:** 15:30 – 19:30

**Venue:** Members' Centre, Royal Welsh Showground or join virtually.

Including refreshments and followed by a hot-fork buffet.

Contact HCC for more information: 01970625050 / [info@hybucig.cymru](mailto:info@hybucig.cymru)