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## Auditor General exposes long-standing FUW concerns on RDP

A DAMNING report on Wales' Rural Development Programme (RDP) by Audit Wales has highlighted long-standing concerns raised repeatedly by the FUW.

The Audit Wales *Ensuring Value for Money from Rural Development Grants Made Without Competition* Report, published on June 30, says key aspects of the design, operation and oversight of the Welsh Government's Rural Development fund were not effective enough to ensure £53 million of grant awards would deliver value for money, and that the Welsh Government had adopted an approach of granting funds without competition and, in some cases, without taking any alternative steps to ensure the projects would deliver value for money.

FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "Welsh farmers pay the highest percentage of money possible into the RDP pot through a process called pillar transfer, totalling around £40 million a year, whereas in most EU countries and regions farmers pay a tiny fraction of this figure.

"When it was announced in 2013 that Wales would have the maximum 15% pillar transfer rate - the highest in the EU - we were promised an RDP that would in return deliver transformational change for our industry.

"Having since paid in a total of around £230 million, our industry deserved far better from the RDP, and the concerns that we had raised repeatedly since 2013 over the RDP should have been acted on sooner."

Amongst these was that the decision in 2013 to scrap a dedicated RDP Monitoring Committee and bring its work within a massive single EU Programme Monitoring Committee would undermine the scrutiny and monitoring of the RDP.

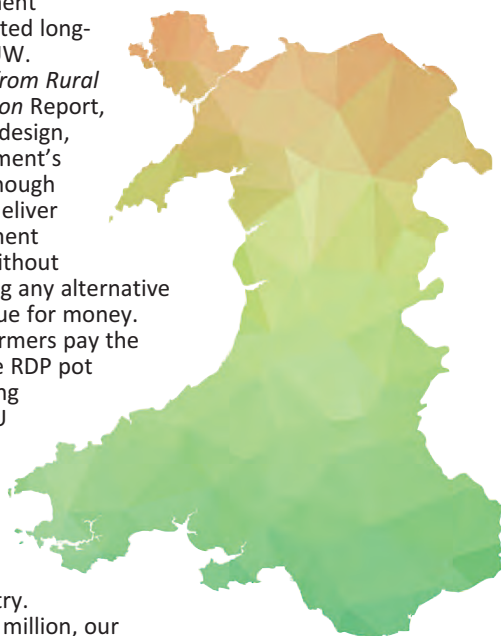
Similar concerns were raised in a Wales Audit Office report in 2018, which recommended that scrutiny arrangements for the management and delivery of the RDP be improved and that risk management arrangements for the RDP be clarified and documented.

During the formative stages of the current RDP the FUW worked in partnership with NFU Cymru and other farming organisations to present a targeted RDP aimed at delivering a productive, profitable and progressive agricultural industry through carefully monitoring the outcomes of actions and interventions to avoid inappropriate reinvestment.

"We are convinced that many of the shortcomings identified by the Auditor General in this latest report and the previous 2018 findings would have been avoided had our recommendations been taken up.

"We now urge the Welsh Government to use the remaining time of the RDP to take action to restore confidence and get money out to rural businesses, including through the derogations that have been introduced due to the coronavirus pandemic," added Mr Roberts.

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## Vaccine trials a step forward in Bovine TB control

THE FUW has welcomed the news that bovine TB vaccine trials are due to begin shortly in England and Wales. The trials form part of a longer-term strategy towards possible vaccine rollout by 2025 and will be conducted over the next 4 years on behalf of the Welsh Government, the Scottish Government and Defra.

FUW Senior Policy Officer Dr Hazel Wright, said: "Bovine TB continues to be one of the most significant issues facing cattle keepers in Wales, with more than 12,000 cattle slaughtered in 2019 due to this disease. Losing TB-free status is devastating to farming families and their businesses and the restrictions on a farm business can be emotionally and financially destructive."

The current Welsh bovine TB eradication programme target for TB freedom is 2041. However, much of the current TB eradication programme is reactive and removes animals from the farm after they have contracted the disease. Vaccination, in combination with a usable DIVA test, can act as a preventative measure and could play a vital role in disease eradication.

"The start of vaccine trials represents many years of research and development into bovine

TB vaccines and diagnostic tests. We hope to be informed as the research continues and we will await the results of the trial with great interest.

"Cattle vaccination continues to be one of the tools in the tool box that have, so far, been unavailable to our members and we welcome the news that work on this aspect of bovine TB control is moving forward.

"However, vaccination is not a silver bullet and it remains just one method of bovine TB control. We continue to support an holistic approach to bovine TB control in Wales which is guided by science and not politics," added Dr Wright.



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# Highlighting the vital role farming has to play in helping to address climate change

by Glyn Roberts, FUW President

AS farmers, everything we do and what influences us revolves around the weather, which is of course dictated by the seasons and the climate; whether we gather enough fodder in the summer to feed our animals over the winter; how long our animals have to be fed that fodder; what diseases our animals and crops are exposed to and a long list of other challenges are directly related to the weather, the seasons and the climate.

Such points were made clear when we met with the UK's High-Level Climate Action Champion, Nigel Topping, at a joint round table meeting at the end of July arranged by the FUW and NFU Cymru to discuss climate change and the "Race to Zero" campaign, an international campaign for a healthy, resilient zero carbon recovery.

I know there are many who are still skeptical about the existence of climate change, and they have every right to their view - after all, when many of us started farming we were being told that we were on the verge of a new ice age.

But, putting the FUW's insurance broker's hat on, I would 'say can you afford the risk of being wrong?'

It is a fact that Carbon Dioxide levels have risen rapidly since the industrial revolution to reach what are now the highest levels for 800,000 years. And we know that the 10 warmest years on record have all occurred since 1998. Nine of these have occurred in the past fifteen years.

In light of such evidence we cannot afford to gamble on the world's scientists being wrong, when losing the bet means the end of the world as we know it - impacts of Biblical proportions: Crop failures, famines, the loss of vast areas of farmland and communities to rising seas, mass migrations and war to name just a few.

And of course, whether we believe it or not, climate change is 100% a political reality that will drive policies and political agendas across the globe for decades to come.

The FUW has consistently recognised the threat represented by climate change and the need to take action, in manifestos and policy documents published over the past twenty years, and I am proud of the fact that our farmers have been instrumental in helping achieve a more than five-fold increase in renewable energy production in the past 15 years.

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A myth regularly perpetuated by those with other motives and agendas is that our industry is amongst the worst culprits in terms of greenhouse gas emissions, despite agriculture being responsible for emissions that are a fraction of what transport, energy or other sectors produce. And it's notable that even if the population of the UK were magically able to stop eating altogether, and all our farms disappeared, 90% of the UK's greenhouse gas would continue to be produced.

However, like every other industry, we have a responsibility to work hard to reduce our footprint and mitigate climate change, and we must work with others to do that.

As an industry we are also well aware of the risks from perceived silver bullets: After all, many of us are eye witnesses of the destructions of entire communities and ecosystems as a result of sweeping government policies, particularly through the creation of forestry plantations - areas which have a GVA per hectare which is less than half that of Welsh agriculture, and employment rates per hectare which are a fifth of those of agriculture.

That does not mean we do not recognise the central roles forestry and woodland creation must play alongside other land use changes - quite the contrary, we have no end of members whose ambition to plant trees on their farms has been thwarted by no end of imaginative obstacles put in place by the Welsh Government and its agencies that have prevented the planting of thousands of hectares of trees across Wales.

To rise to this challenge together we need to remove such obstacles in a way which enhances our farm businesses and productive capacity, not destroy it.

And we must avoid at all costs perceived silver bullets and policies which undermine the businesses and the families which are the backbone of our rural agricultural communities.

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"Tynnu sylw at y rôl hanfodol mae'n rhaid i ffermio ei chwarae wrth helpu i daclo newid yn yr hinsawdd."**



## Extension to free BVD testing in Wales welcomed

by Dr Hazel Wright, FUW Senior Policy Officer

FUNDING for free testing under Gwaredu BVD has now been extended until March 2021 and funding for Young Stock Screening has been extended from August 31 2020 to March 31 2021, with financial support available to hunt PIs until the end of 2022.

This increased payment rate for fourth tests (i.e for those that have tested every year) will apply retrospectively from April 27 2020. Any fourth tests conducted before the extension date (September 1 2020) will be honoured and paid as part of the extended programme.

Funding is available for those that have tested already (to continue yearly testing) and for those that have never tested before. This extension allows more time for cattle herds to engage in this free testing programme in order to ensure that they have prepared their herds for the possibility of BVD legislation next year.

The first round of funding provided £500 (£400 for testing and £100 for the vet) to hunt for PI animals after a positive youngstock test. In some cases, this would not have covered the cost of screening all animals during the PI hunt. Some farmers will therefore have chosen to top up this funding in order to screen every suitable animal.

As part of the Gwaredu BVD extension, this PI hunt funding has doubled to £1,000. In order to ensure that those engaging earlier do not suffer a disadvantage, farmers who paid extra to hunt PI animals can now claim this money back (up to the £1,000 total).

Farmers should contact Gwaredu BVD in order to submit a claim. For more information on the programme extension, please visit [www.ahww.cymru](http://www.ahww.cymru)



Dr Hazel Wright.

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# Royal Welsh Virtual Show a huge success

by Royal Welsh Agricultural Society Chief Executive, Steve Hughson

THANK YOU for tuning into the very first Royal Welsh Virtual Show. Our wide range of events have been extremely well received. With over 50,000 visitors from 44 countries visiting our virtual show. The Society was honoured to have the opening address of the Virtual Show by the HRH the Prince of Wales, in his opening address he emphasised the importance of the agriculture, horticulture, forestry and conservation sector to the Welsh economy.

We have been blown away by the level of support from our sponsors and contributors, without whom we could not have put our first virtual show together. Our various panels and discussions were filled with the most knowledgeable people within the agricultural and rural community.

This event has given many who attended new skill sets, increased knowledge and an improved sense of awareness of a wide range of differing topics. This Virtual Show has also given regular Show attendees the chance to attend events they would not usually get the chance to see, from the comfort of their own homes.

We hope that you have enjoyed the show as much as we have and look forward to welcoming you all back to Llanellwedd to a bigger and better show than ever before!

Chair of the Board of Directors, John T Davies said: "Although this year's show could not go ahead I am pleased the team here at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society pulled together to deliver our first virtual show.

Nothing will replace the buzz and the very special atmosphere of 'Sioe y Bobl' at Llanellwedd every July and we look forward to next year's show bouncing back stronger than ever."

The Virtual Royal Welsh Show was supported by NatWest Cymru. NatWest's Senior Director for Wales Business Banking, Kevin Morgan, said: "The Royal Welsh Show is such an important part of the calendar for rural Wales and we are delighted that NatWest Cymru has played a key role in bringing it to life digitally this year.

"There's a wealth of information, from thought leadership to debate to economic insight, which is still available on the platform to be accessed on demand and is a valuable resource for businesses in all sectors in rural areas."

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# Policy department update

by Gareth Parry, FUW Policy Communications Officer

## Virtual Working

Today is Friday of the Royal Welsh Show week, a day that would have seen the Policy team recuperating after four long days of meetings and speaking to members in Llanellwedd. Of course, our work continues and the fact that I'm writing this update just shows us how important it's been to keep in touch. The difference this year of course has been the impact of Covid-19 and consequently the first ever virtual Royal Welsh Show. The use of virtual technologies has meant that policy staff and Union officials have been able to dial into a number of meetings, discussions and seminars from home. In addition, the FUW has hosted and streamed a total of five seminars this week on various topics from innovation to insurance which, in case you missed them, will be going live on the member's section of our website throughout August:

[www.fuw.org.uk/en/rwas-seminars](http://www.fuw.org.uk/en/rwas-seminars)

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This week also saw a roundtable discussion, organised jointly between the FUW and NFU Cymru, with the UK's High-Level Climate Action Champion, Nigel Topping. In addition to wider discussions around climate change, the roundtable event provided a platform to discuss the international 'Race to Zero' campaign. This campaign for a healthy, resilient, zero carbon recovery was launched on World Environment Day, and will run up to the UN Climate Change Conference in November 2020. 'Race to Zero' also examines how each and every sector can contribute to a zero carbon recovery and agriculture is considered as part of the discussion but equally - and potentially more so - the solution.

Of course, everything that farmers do revolves around the weather, the seasons and the climate. Like every other industry, farmers must work to mitigate climate change but we must do so through innovation and by removing obstacles in ways which preserve and enhance family farming businesses and do not work in opposition to them.

Protecting our high standard of animal health and welfare, plant health and environmental protection from sub-standard food imports from other countries remains a major mission of the Union. The FUW recently wrote to major supermarkets highlighting the importance of maintaining our world-leading food standards and asking them to continue to support British producers by committing to not selling - not only chlorinated chicken or hormone-injected beef - but any food products produced to lower standards than those produced by our domestic farmers.

The FUW will continue to meet with supermarkets to discuss the wealth of important issues facing primary producers and we remain committed to protecting Welsh producers from the unfair competition of cheaper food produced to lower standards. However, in the absence of any firm commitment from the Government on this issue to date, the FUW continues to lobby for an amendment to the Agricultural Bill in order to protect the interests and sustainability of family farms in Wales.

On a positive note, the President of the FUW, Glyn Roberts, will represent the interests of Wales' farmers in the new UK Government Trade and Agriculture Commission which has been set up to advise the UK Government on negotiating future trade deals which do not compromise on our world-leading standards.

Although the FUW welcomes an additional opportunity to lobby UK Government, it should be noted that the Commission will be required to produce an advisory paper to be presented to Parliament at the end of the six month fixed term. The timelines involved in current trade deals may mean that some agreements may have been reached prior to the provision of the advisory paper. In addition, there is currently no guarantee that the UK Government will act on the recommendations put forward by the Commission.

Nevertheless, the FUW welcomes the opportunity to fully contribute to the advisory paper and will work to ensure that the UK's world-leading agricultural and food standards are maintained and that the interests of family farms and businesses in Wales are protected.

To keep up-to-date with the work of the FUW Policy team, please go to the FUW website and click on 'Agricultural Policy News' under the 'News' tab - [www.fuw.org.uk](http://www.fuw.org.uk)

## Commodity Sectors

Latest Hybu Cig Cymru - Meat Promotion Wales (HCC) cattle prices for the week ending July 18 show that average prime cattle prices for England and Wales stood at 197.4 pence per kilogram (p/kg), up by 3.3p on the week, 21.7p year on year and 11.4p on the five year average (2015-19). Deadweight (DW) steer, heifer and young bull prices were down by around 1p and cull cow prices were up by 0.9p on the week however, all remain 28-40p higher than 2019 prices.

Total cattle throughput across the UK stood at 239,400 animals in June. This is, 10.6 per cent above June last year (11.5 per cent by volume), bringing the 6 month total to 0.6 per cent below the first half of 2019. June prime cattle throughput also increased by 10.6 per cent, including an increase of 14.7 per cent and 18.6 per cent in heifers and adult cattle respectively on the year. Despite the disruption caused by the pandemic, beef exports were up by 2.8 per cent on the year for the first four months of 2020 although the total value was down from £144 million to £131 million.

For the week ending July 18, Welsh prime lamb liveweight prices fell by 1.7p on the previous week but remained around 40p above the same time last year and

the five year average, despite the expected increase in seasonal throughput. Welsh cull ewe prices were up £1.50 and GB DW lamb prices were down 3.3p on the week.

Total sheep throughput across the UK reached almost 1.1 million head in June, up 7.8 per cent on the year and nearly 30 per cent above May 2020, due to the seasonal increase in prime lamb throughput by 8.9 per cent. However, production levels are yet to return to normal as total production for the first half of 2020 remains 10 per cent below 2019 levels. UK sheep meat exports during the first four months of 2020 (£121.7m in value) were down by around 18 per cent on 2019 (£127.9m) but broadly in line with 2018 (£120.2m) levels.

As the throughput of new season lambs is rising in line with seasonal trends, HCC, Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) and AHDB have recently launched the new 'Make it Lamb' campaign which follows on from the successful 'Make it Beef' campaign which ran during May and June. The campaign is funded by a chunk of the £3.5 million AHDB ring-fenced fund for collaborative projects between the red meat levies and includes videos, radio sponsorship and digital advertising to promote and encourage consumers to purchase more lamb cuts.



## Funding Opportunities

As a reminder, eligible dairy farmers in Wales - who have lost more than 25 per cent of their income in April and subsequently May - are still entitled to up to £10,000, to cover 70 per cent of their lost income.

The scheme is open for applications on RPW Online and will close on August 14 2020. Eligible farmers will need to provide their Milk Statements covering February, April and May 2020 as supporting documentation in order to demonstrate the loss in income.

As an illustrative example, when a single price is paid for all milk volumes, a February 2020 average base price (excluding adjustments) of 26 pence per litre (ppl) and an April 2020 average base price (excluding adjustments) of 19ppl would calculate a loss in income of 26.9 per cent ( $26ppl - 19ppl \div 26ppl \times 100 = 26.9\%$ ) which would be eligible for the scheme.

Those members who believe they are eligible for the scheme and wish to receive assistance in completing and submitting their claims should contact their local FUW county office.

If you have an email address but are not currently receiving the FUW's member ebulletins and would like to, please contact [gareth.parry@fuw.org.uk](mailto:gareth.parry@fuw.org.uk) / 01970 629461



# Presidential team of the FUW re-elected

Members of the presidential team of the FUW have been re-elected at a special virtual meeting of the Council of the Union. The Presidential Team is democratically elected by the Union's farmer members from across all 12 County branches. In their roles as Official FUW Representatives, the Presidential Team speaks exclusively on behalf of the farmers of Wales at local, national and international levels.

They also frequently represent the Union at ministerial meetings, stakeholder workshops and local branch meetings. The full team includes the President Glyn Roberts and Deputy President Ian Rickman, as well as the Vice president for the North, Mid and South of Wales regions.

## Deputy President Ian Rickman

is a Carmarthenshire sheep farmer, who is a past County Chairman of the FUW in Carmarthenshire, and has held the position of Chairman of the hill farming and marginal land committee.



## North Wales Vice President Eifion Huws

, a highly respected Ayrshire cattle judge and dairy farmer, who has been representing the dairy industry in the hope of acquiring better conditions and prices for farmers.



## Mid Wales Vice President Brian Bowen

farms a mixed suckler cow and hill sheep unit near Tredegar. The farm consists of 150 acres of owned land with a further 1,000 rented acres and 1,200 acres of common rights on three separate commons. He runs the farm, along with his father, mother and son.

Brian served as FUW Brecon and Radnor Vice Chairman from 2008 and was elected as its County Chairman in 2010. He has been the Brecon and Radnor delegate on the FUW livestock, wool and marts committee since 2009 and currently serves as its Vice Chairman.



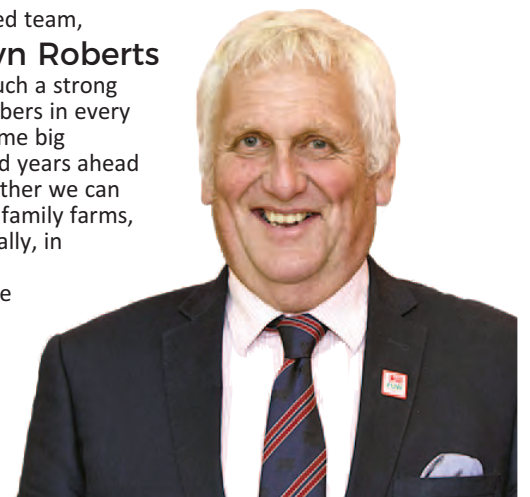
**South Wales Vice President Dai Miles** is a Pembrokeshire dairy farmer and Chairman of the milk and dairy produce committee. He is also one of the 4 founding directors of Calon Wen, an organic milk co-operative that not only sells on its members' milk to processors but has created its own brand of dairy products which are available through all major retailers in Wales and UK wide via distributors.

In 1997, in partnership with his wife Sharron, the couple took on the tenancy of Barnsley Farm, a 143 acres farm in West Wales. At the time it was a stock/arable unit which they converted into an organic dairy unit starting with 33 cows and leased milk quota. In 2001 they took on a further 90 acres of pasture land and then in 2005 the neighbouring farm within the same estate. At the moment the couple have 120 cows and 65 youngstock. Cropping is mainly grass, however arable silage, forage rape and fodder beet are part of the rotation farming approx. 300 plus acres.



## Speaking about the re-elected team, FUW President Glyn Roberts

said: "I'm grateful to have such a strong team representing our members in every region of Wales. We face some big challenges in the months and years ahead but I am confident that together we can advance and protect Wales' family farms, both nationally and individually, in order to secure thriving, sustainable family farms here in Wales - which has always been our mission and vision - and we will continue to do everything we can to keep our farmers farming."



## Baby joy for Meryl and Andrew



**Congratulations to the FUW's Group Marketing Manager, Meryl Roberts and her husband Andrew on the birth of their little girl, Mia Evelyn, born on June 12 2020 weighing 6lbs 12.5oz, welcome little Mia!**

## Laura re-joins the Union



WHILST Meryl Roberts is on maternity leave we welcome Laura Hiscox, (pictured left), back to provide her cover. Laura was with the Union on a short term contract last year supporting Meryl and now takes up the Group Marketing Manager role, serving the Union and FUW Insurance Services Ltd.

With a degree in Animal Science from Aberystwyth University Laura joins us after working at Hybu Cig Cymru as part of their communications team.

She has spent 16 years working in marketing and communications with a keen interest in digital marketing. She has worked in roles promoting the uplands of north Ceredigion as a tourism destination and also spent 10 years marketing renewable energy technologies.

Laura lives in Talybont with her family and until recent years was regularly showing horses at local agricultural shows, she now stewards instead of showing.



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MAE'R ffermwr bïff a defaid o Ogledd Cymru, Glyn Roberts, (*gweler ar y dde*), wedi cael ei ailethol yn unfrydol fel Llywydd Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru mewn cyfarfod rhithwir diweddar o Gyngor yr Undeb.

Daeth Glyn Roberts yn Llywydd Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru gyntaf yn 2015. Ers hynny mae wedi helpu i sicrhau #CyllidFfermioTeg i ffermwyr yng Nghymru; wedi canolbwyntio ar bwysigrwydd amaethyddiaeth mewn cymunedau gwledig ac ar y Gymraeg; ac mae wedi hyrwyddo #AmaethAmByth ar raddfa genedlaethol.

Wrth siarad am ei ailbenodiad, dywedodd Glyn Roberts: "Mae'n anrhydedd ac yn fraint cael gwasanaethu fel Llywydd Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru a diolchaf i'n haelodau am ymddiried yn ofod am dymor arall.

"Mae'n gyfnod ansicr iawn i'n diwydiant. Mae ein sector yn delio ag ôl-ffeithiau'r Coronafirws, mae Brexit a'n perthynas â'r UE yn y dyfodol yn parhau i fod yn ansicr ac mae yna lawer o faterion ffermio eraill, megis rheoliadau dŵr, polisïau fferm y dyfodol a TB, sydd angen sylw a'i datrys dros y misoedd a'r blynyddoedd nesaf.

"Wrth symud yr Undeb hon ymlaen, rydym am barhau i hyrwyddo ac amddiffyn ffermydd teuluol Cymru, yn genedlaethol ac yn unigol, er mwyn diogelu ffermydd teuluol ffyniannus a chynaliadwy yma yng Nghymru, a dyna'n gweledigaeth bob amser - a byddwn yn parhau i wneud popeth o fewn ein gallu i gadw ein ffermwyr i ffermio."

Cyn cael ei ethol yn Llywydd UAC, roedd gan Glyn rolau blaenllaw o fewn a thu allan i'r sefydliad gan gynnwys gwasanaethu fel cyfarwyddwr anweithredol ar fwrdd Hybu Cig Cymru trwy benodiad Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru; fel Is-lywydd UAC am wyth mlynedd (2004-2011); ar bwyllogor cyllid a threfn UAC (2003-2004) ac fel cadeirydd cangen Sir Gaernarfon UAC (1999-2002).

"Mae parhau i gynhyrchu bwyd yn golygu bod yn rhaid i ni gael yr offer cywir: yn wleidyddol, yn economaidd ac yn amgylcheddol wrth gwrs. Yn ystod y tymor nesaf, byddaf yn gweithio'n galed gyda'n tîm i sicrhau bod pob un o'r tri pheth hyn yn gweithredu yn y fath fodd fel y gallwn ddiogelu cynhyrchu bwyd, lles anifeiliaid, ein heconomi wledig ac wrth gwrs diogelu'r cyflenwad o fwyd.

"Mae hynny hefyd wrth gwrs yn golygu bod yn rhaid i ni fod yn flaengar, mabwysiadu gwahanol ffyrdd o weithio a manteisio ar y newidiadau mewn technoleg. Mae gan yr Undeb hon popeth o fewn ei gallu i sicrhau dyfodol cynaliadwy ar gyfer ffermio ac edrychaf ymlaen at y tair blynedd nesaf fel ei Llywydd," ychwanegodd Glyn Roberts.

*This article is in English on the FUW website: "North Wales beef and sheep farmer unanimously re-elected as FUW President."*

## Ymateb FUW i ddiweddariad Llywodraeth Cymru ar y Cynllun Ffermio Cynaliadwy

WRTH ymateb i sylwadau Llywodraeth Cymru i'w hymgyngoriad Ffermio Cynaliadwy a'n Tir Llynedd, mae FUW yn dweud bod nhw'n parhau i gredu y dylai teuluoedd, swyddi, cymunedau a chynhyrchu bwyd fod wrth wraidd cynllunio polisi newydd - ochr yn ochr â blaenoriaethau eraill.

Yn ystod diweddariad i'r Senedd, dywedodd Gweinidog yr Amgylchedd, Ynni a Materion Gwledig, Lesley Griffiths y bydd cynllun cymorth amaethyddol y dyfodol yn cael ei ddatblygu o amgylch fframwaith Rheoli Tir Cynaliadwy'r Cenhedloedd Unedig - dull y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi cydnabod sy'n canolbwyntio ar y defnydd cynaliadwy o adnoddau yn hytrach nag ystod ehangach o amcanion.

Wrth ymateb i gyhoeddiad Llywodraeth Cymru, dywedodd Llywydd FUW, Glyn Roberts: "Mae'r cynnig i fabwysiadu egwyddor Rheoli Tir Cynaliadwy'r Cenhedloedd Unedig fel yr amcan a'r fframwaith ar gyfer polisi yn y dyfodol yn methu â chynnwys nodau ac amcanion ehangach Cymru, gan gynnwys y rhai a ddiffiniwyd yn Neddff Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol 2015, ac nid yw'n bolisi cyfannol felly.

"Er ein bod yn croesawu rhai o'r casgliadau y daethpwyd iddynt yn ymateb Llywodraeth Cymru i'r ymgynghoriad, rydym yn parhau i gredu y dylai teuluoedd, swyddi a chymunedau fod wrth wraidd cynllunio polisi newydd - ochr yn ochr â chynhyrchu

bwyd cynaliadwy ac egwyddorion y Rheoli Tir Cynaliadwy."

Dywedodd Mr Roberts y byddai cynllun sy'n canolbwyntio ar ddarparu Nwyddau Cyhoeddus a chanlyniadau amgylcheddol yn unig ddim yn llwyr ystyried ffyniant, swyddi, diwylliant a materion eraill sy'n gynhenid i'r Nodau Lles ac Amcanion Cymreig eraill, gan beryglu effeithiau andwyol difrifol.

"Rydym felly yn croesawu ymrwymiad Llywodraeth Cymru i gynnal ystod o ddadansoddiadau economaidd i ddeall effaith symud o gynllun cymorth incwm yn seiliedig ar hawl i gynllun gwirfoddol sy'n gwobrwyo cynhyrchu canlyniadau.

"Rhaid i'r gwaith hwn fod yn drylwyr ac edrych ar effeithiau ar fusnesau unigol, sectorau a rhanbarthau Cymru, yn ogystal â'r goblygiadau i'r degau o filoedd o fusnesau sy'n dibynnu ar amaethyddiaeth a chostau cyflawni'r cynllun.

"Uwchlaw popeth, mae'n destun pryder nad yw'r prinder bwyd diweddar, oedi ac anawsterau wrth weinyddu ein cynllun amgylcheddol cyfredol - Glastir - a channoedd o ymatebion i ymgynghoriadau sy'n tynnu sylw at bryderon at y cyfeiriad cyffredinol, heb roi cyfle i Lywodraeth Cymru i feddwl yn ofalus."

*This article is in English on the FUW website: "FUW reaction to WG Update on Sustainable Farming Scheme."*



CORNEL CLECS

# Edrych nôl er mwyn symud ymlaen

gan Angharad Evans, Golygydd y Gymraeg

GYDA sôn ymhob man yn ddiweddar am y 'normal' newydd, weithiau mae'n rhaid camu nôl ychydig i werthfawrogi'r gorffennol, er mwyn gallu symud ymlaen. Rydym ynghanol cyfnod arloesol a chyffroes iawn yn hanes yr Undeb wrth i ni barhau a'r drefn arferol o weithio, ychydig yn wahanol, a hynny diolch i'r dechnoleg ddigidol ddiweddaraf.

Ym mis Rhagfyr eleni, mi fydd yr Undeb yn dathlu carreg filltir bwysig yn ei hanes, sef dathlu 65 mlynedd ers cael ei ffurfio. Cyn y cyfnod clo, roeddem yn cydweithio gyda'r Llyfrgell Genedlaethol yn Aberystwyth ar archif o hanes yr Undeb, ond nes bydd y gwaith hynny'n gallu ail gychwyn, dyma damaid i aros pryd, a hynny diolch i Roger Van Praet, cyn Rheolwr Gyfarwyddwr FUWIS sydd newydd ymdeol ar ôl blynyddoedd lawer o wasanaeth i'r Undeb.

Diolch iddo am gysylltu gydag Elis, mab y diweddar Emlyn Evans, un o'r nifer fu'n allweddol i sefydlu Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru, ac rydym yn hynod o ddiolchgar i Elis am yr adroddiad byr am ei dad. Ond, yn gyntaf, dyma Roger i ddweud ychydig bach o'r hanes am beth ddigwyddodd ar y noson hanesyddol honno ym mis Rhagfyr 1955:

"Yn ystod cyfnod o gynnwrf ac ansicrwydd i sector amaethyddol Cymru, mae'n bwysig peidio â cholli golwg ar ddewrder a rhagwelediad y dynion dewr hynny, a oedd yn teimlo'n rhwystredig iawn yn Rhagfyr 1955 oherwydd diffyg diddordeb yr NFU wrth ddiogelu cynaliadwyedd a hyfywedd amaethyddiaeth Cymru, a arhosodd ar ôl cyfarfod o Bwyllgor Gweithredol Sirol misol NFU ar 3ydd Rhagfyr, gan ddatgan eu diddordeb mewn sefydlu undeb ffermwyr i Gymru.

"Wedi cael fy magu ym Maesybont, yn rhannau uchaf y Gwendraeth Fach, Sir Gaerfyrddin mae gen i gof annelwig o aelod sylfaenydd llai adnabyddus ond serch hynny'r un mor ddewr, Emlyn Evans.

"Rwy'n ddiolchgar iawn i fy ffrind a'm cymydog, Elis Evans, un o feibion Emlyn Evans am roi ychydig mwy o wybodaeth i mi am ei dad."



Emlyn Evans.

Brodor o Maesybont oedd Emlyn gyda chefnidir ffermio â diddordeb brwd ym mhopeth yn ymwneud ag amaethyddiaeth.

Drwy brynu Fferm Derwendeg, Maesybont, a adwaenir o hyd gan rai yn yr ardal wrth ei enw hanesyddol Fferm y Miauwst, daeth Emlyn yn rhan o sefydlu Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru. Er bod y cofnodion yn fratiog, roedd gan yr aelodau sefydlu ffydd llwyr yn y sefydliad yr oeddent wedi'i ffurfio.

Wrth addo eu cefnogaeth, yn bersonol ac yn ariannol, yng nghyfarfod ffurfiol cyntaf yr Undeb ar 8fed Rhagfyr 1955, cyfrannodd naw aelod £50 yr un, a oedd yn swm sylweddol o arian bryd hynny. Cofnodir Emlyn Evans, Derwendeg fel un o'r naw hynny.

Yn drist iawn, dechreuodd iechyd Emlyn ddirywio, ac nid oedd modd iddo fod mor weithgar ym mlynnyddoedd cynnar yr Undeb ag y byddai wedi dymuno, gan farw yn ifanc iawn, yn 57 oed.

Cydnabuwyd ymrwymiad Emlyn Evans fel Aelod Oes o Gyngor yr Undeb cyn ei farwolaeth annhymig.

Mewn cyfnod mor heriol, mae'r Undeb yr un mor berthnasol heddiw ag yr oedd ym 1955 ac mae gan ddiwydiant amaethyddol Cymru ddyled fawr i'r gwŷr yma.

Diolch i Roger ac Elis am ddarparu'r berl fach yna sy'n rhan mor bwysig o hanes sefydlu'r Undeb. Mae'n holl bwysig ein bod ni yn cofnodi pob manylyn posib, fel bod modd i'r genhedlaeth nesaf werthfawrogi'r aberth a fu er mwyn sicrhau dyfodol llewyrchus iddyn nhw. Os oes gyda chi unrhyw hanes, lun neu rywbeth byddai o ddiddordeb i ni, cofiwch gysylltu. Mae hanes a threftadaeth ddiwylliannol yn elfennau hollbwysig o fodolaeth a llwyddiant Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru.

*This article is in English on the FUW website - News - Y Tir News: "Looking back to move forward."*

## FUW President appointed as member of the Trade and Agriculture Commission

LIZ Truss MP and International Trade Secretary has announced that FUW President Glyn Roberts has been appointed as a member of the "Trade and Agriculture Commission". The Commission represents farmers, retailers and consumers in the UK and is to advise the UK Government on trade policies to adopt to secure opportunities for UK farmers.

Speaking to *Y Tir* Glyn Roberts said: "I am delighted to be invited to join the Commission and I look forward to contributing to their work. The Minister referred to four key areas of responsibility, such as developing trade policy in new export markets, advancing and protecting British consumer interests and to engage with WTO to build a coalition that helps advance higher animal welfare standards across the world, the very first stated objective is hugely important - to advise Government on trade policies they should adopt to secure opportunities for UK farmers, while ensuring the sector remains competitive and that animal welfare and environmental standards in food production are not undermined.

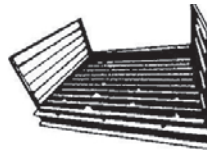
"I am fully aware of the concern and great worry that, for instance, chlorinated chicken could be allowed into the UK, or, similarly, US beef, which is heavily contaminated with natural or synthetic hormones, could be allowed into our home markets. The UK - and Wales - has the highest standard in food production and welfare in the world. Those standards should not, under any circumstance, be lowered or allowed to be compromised in any way.

"Welsh consumers deserve the healthiest and most natural local produce which, in the case of Welsh beef, has been fed on grass on Welsh hills which have carried quality livestock for generations," added Glyn.

FUW Deputy President Ian Rickman said: "Congratulations to Glyn, his appointment is a very important public one. The work of the Commission could define and influence agricultural policy in Wales for years to come. I am delighted that Glyn will be a member of the Commission and at the table to speak and to represent Welsh, as well as UK farmers."

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# The time is right for me to retire

by Roger Van Praet

"I believe the FUW is as relevant today to as it was in 1955 in promoting and safeguarding the viability and sustainability of Welsh Agriculture. Never more so, in my opinion, than in the recent and disastrous Brexit catastrophe. The FUW was clear and unequivocal from the beginning of the debate that an exit from the EU & European Free Market would be disastrous for Welsh Agriculture."

8,114 days ago - or 22 Years, 2 months, 17 days - on April 14 1998, after an interview with a panel of about 35 members, I was appointed FUW Area Officer, West Carmarthenshire, taking over from Ronald 'DJR' Evans who was retiring after 33 years of service. Today I retire after almost two years as Managing Director, FUW Insurance Services Ltd.

Much has happened in those 8,114 days. Working out complex premiums from massive rate books around the kitchen table and issuing instructions to AGF on triplicate handwritten memo pads will be a distant memory for some of us - and a completely alien past era to most others!

Some of us may remember FUW's first venture into IT when we piloted the TW Admin System, that really was a massive step forward and considering the system was built entirely in house by our talented colleague, Tony Williams, it was quite superb. Foot and Mouth; IACS; Devolution; marching through Cardiff with motivational speeches from Deputy President, Glyn Powell; Lobbying in Westminster (pre-Devolution) - Denis Skinner stuck his head in 'don't let the bu\*\*ers grind you down' he said, then disappeared; Fuel protests in Milford Haven; even Bob Parry standing down as President - he'd been in post for ever! Life seemed so clinical and tame by today - until Covid came along!

The widening of our pathways to the Insurance market in 2007 by becoming Brokers was a massive upheaval but unquestionably laid the foundations for the growth of our business and secured the future of the Union. SSP Sirius in 2006/7 (Acturis was our preferred choice even then) and subsequently Acturis ensure we have the Compliant Broker platforms essential for conduct of business in the Regulated Market we operate in.



Roger Van Praet.

I often reflect on the courage, bravery and vision of the twelve or so founder members who remained behind this new, fledgling organisation, the FUW. As well as their courage and bravery, these gentlemen were pragmatic and astute enough to understand that the FUW would need funding - and by December 15 discussions had already taken place with NEM to provide insurance services for our members. It is a well tried and tested model which sustains the organisation to this day through all your hard work.

I believe the FUW is as relevant today to as it was in 1955 in promoting and safeguarding the viability and sustainability of Welsh Agriculture. Never more so, in my opinion, than in the recent and disastrous Brexit catastrophe. The FUW was clear and unequivocal from the beginning of the debate that an exit from the EU & European Free Market would be disastrous for Welsh Agriculture.

Tragically, the outcome of the referendum and the slender margin in favour of Brexit was one of those very rare occasions that the rural vote could have made a difference.

My own connection with FUW goes back a lot further than 1998. My late father became a member in the early 1960's and insured his smallholding and later his commercial business with FUW throughout his life. We were able to offer diverse SME cover even back then!

I insured my first car with NEM through FUW as a 17-year-old - ridiculously, looking back, you could get an 'Any Driver' policy for relatively little money - madness by today's standards. As I was an active farmer I have been a member since the early 1980s.

The FUW and its subsidiary company, FUWIS has presented me with significant career opportunities over the last 22 years - progressing from Area Officer to South Wales Regional Manager in 2006 and subsequently Deputy Operations Manager. When FUW Insurance Services Ltd was incorporated as a separate Limited company in 2012, as Compliance Director and ultimately - though in rather unexpected circumstances - Managing Director since July 2018.

Unexpected events and a helicopter ride, now over seven years ago, which took me out of the business for almost two years, meant I never returned to a full-time role, though in reality have done so in the last year or so. The FUW is a most generous, supportive, flexible and tolerant employer. Its willingness to work with me through my challenging recovery and convalescence back to work will always remain with me with fondness and gratitude.

It is with considerable sadness that I have taken the decision to retire, but the time is right. The business is in a good place. There will always be challenges. The insurance market is particularly volatile at the moment and rates will continue to harden and capacity and risk appetite will reduce but every challenge is an opportunity that the whole team consistently rises to.

The FUWIS Board have appointed Guto Bebb as Managing Director, an excellent appointment. It has been a pleasure working with Guto during the transition period, even though we haven't actually met face to face since he was appointed! Strange times indeed!!

We have a dedicated Executive Team, all bringing different and wide-ranging expertise and skill sets to the business and a hardworking, committed and flexible sales and support team focussed on relationship building and first-class service.

I wish everyone within the FUW, members, colleagues and your families well and thank you all for your friendship, support and courtesy shown at all times.

Cofion gorau,  
Roger.



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grew in ruminant nutrition and formulating diets for over 120 herds in Wales. I then moved to Strathclyde Nutrition advising and selling a wide range of products including feed blocks, mineral supplements, and grain preservatives to farmers and merchants.

Having met my husband through the YFC movement, I now live in Machynlleth, Mid Wales with Dylan and our two daughters where we run a flock of 1000 pedigree Lleysns and a small flock of Suffolk sheep.

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# 'Becoming Chairman wasn't planned - but I enjoy it'

by Bryn Francis, FUW Montgomeryshire County Chairman

Bryn Francis is the current Montgomeryshire county chairman. He lives in Llanfair Caereinion, and attended Llanfair Caereinion primary and then Caereinion high school of which he is now a parent governor. Bryn has been married to Caroline since July 1994, they have three children, daughter Enfys (13) and two sons Alaw (12) and Derwyn (10). The family keep mule ewes that are put to homebred Texel tups and a suckler herd of Belgian blue cross cows that are put to a blonde d'aquataine bull, all lambs and cattle are sold through live markets at Welshpool and Oswestry.



Bryn and his family.

livestock market on a Tuesday evening. My family have been involved with the FUW since the 1960s (Dad was County Chairman in the mid-70s and then went on to be County President).

However, what followed next I had not planned, having previously attended some half a dozen meetings I turned up, all green, at the county AGM, only to find myself sitting in a room full of past County Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, therefore when it came to "proposals for NEW Vice-Chairman", things looked ominous. Knowing that there was an excellent team in Emyr and all the staff at the county office I knew that I had nothing to worry about.

Having spent two years as Vice-Chairman learning the ropes I have now just completed twelve months of a two-year stint as Chairman. So far, I have quite enjoyed the experience. I do not like long drawn-out meetings but must say my experience of Council meetings in Aberystwyth have been enjoyable.

During my second year as Vice-Chairman, I attended meetings in Moreton Park, Gledrid, where Vice-Chairmen, Chairmen and Presidents from three counties, Montgomeryshire, Flintshire and Denbighshire were gathered for leadership training by the inimitable Alan Gardner. These ten or so meetings over that twelve month period I found very beneficial toward my role as Chairman, and would urge anyone in office who is offered to attend these meetings to make the most of this opportunity.

## Being Chairman

Having not been involved in any formal meetings since YFC some 25 years previously, I had the bright idea one day five years ago that there was no use complaining about decisions that were made by the farming unions, if I was not willing to contribute in some form, or at the very least voice my own opinion on matters.

So, the decision was made to attend the Montgomeryshire branch meeting at Welshpool

## Covid-19

Unlike twenty years ago when foot and mouth struck, covid-19 has not restricted our ability to get on with our work. In 2001 we were within the three-kilometre restriction zone which meant we were not allowed, for several months, to move our animals between our holdings

and because most of our ewes were at home (ready for lambing) when the outbreak occurred, we were unable to move them off our silage ground.

Covid-19 on the other hand affects humans and as far as sheep farmers are concerned, we go into isolation for two months of the year on an annual basis when lambing starts.

We also have to be thankful that the ports have remained open for the export of our lamb, under the circumstances things could've been so much different - in 2001 we were getting £23 per head for lambs that would have realised £60 before the outbreak.

## Home schooling

The extra time with the children has been interesting. All good fun at the beginning when dad had a lot of extra help through lambing, however, the tables turned sharply when home schooling kicked in, and dad was required to help with the translation, as Mr Google Translate is not always reliable - and paperwork or computer work is not my favourite pastime.

## Zoom

Not being a computer expert hasn't prevented me from finding a positive in the Zoom meetings that I have recently attended both on county and national level. This is certainly something to consider continuing in the future, as time is precious and travelling to and from Aberystwyth eats into your day and I live much closer than many.

If people miss the social side of the physical meeting then maybe as was suggested by a member within our county meeting, the AGM could still go ahead in Aberystwyth (post covid) but purposefully making it a more social gathering for delegates and Union representatives to get to know each other.



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# Keeping the conversation going with online seminar

THE FUW made a commitment at the Royal Welsh Show in 2017 to keep the spotlight on mental health issues for as long as it remains a problem in rural communities. Approaching the fourth year of awareness raising and doing everything it takes to help break the stigma, the Union has kept the conversation going - online. FUW Deputy President Ian Rickman said: "Under normal circumstances we would have held a seminar at the Royal Welsh Show, but given the circumstances - the conversation moved online. We hosted a successful virtual seminar, where we explored what has changed, how far we have come and what issues still remain.

"I thank the panel once again for their valued contributions and believe that together we can break the stigma that sadly still prevents many from seeking the help they need and deserve."

Titled 'Mental Health- how are you doing?', the event, as part of the virtual Royal Welsh Show, heard from Emma Picton-Jones, founder of the DPJ Foundation, David Williams, Wales Regional Director for the Farming Community Network, Gareth Davies, Chief Executive Office, Tir Dewi and Suzy Deeley, Corporate Partnership Manager at RABI.

Speaking about the mental health situation in rural communities David Williams, Wales Regional Director, Farming Community Network said: "Conversations around mental health are challenging, and in the farming community in particular, it can be especially difficult to open up about what you may be experiencing. Many of the common signs of mental ill-health can be missed when farmers are spending significant periods of time alone working and for long hours of the day.

"During the Covid-19 pandemic, FCN has seen a large amount of stress-related calls to our Helpline, with many having a mental wellbeing implication. Concerns around financial stability, market uncertainty, managing change and a wide range of other issues can all have a negative impact on mental health.

"Thankfully, campaigns to raise awareness of mental health in farming help to reduce stigma and encourage farmers to open up about their experiences. Through platforms such as social media we are seeing many productive and positive conversations around mental health. While much progress has been made, more work still needs to be done to support farmers who are going through difficult times and to let them know that it's 'OK to not be OK'.

"FCN's free, confidential national Helpline (03000 111 999) is open every day of the year between 7am - 11pm. If you are feeling lonely, depressed or just need to speak to someone about what you are going through, our friendly volunteers are happy to help."

Gareth Davies, Chief Executive Officer at Tir Dewi, said: "In the middle of February, Storm Dennis followed Storm Ciara leaving damage and flooding across much of Wales. It was another worry added on top of the uncertainty of Brexit and the changes to the Basic Payment Scheme.

"No one saw Coronavirus coming! Much of the population of the UK has had a taste of lockdown and there is a lot of talk around how this has impacted the mental wellbeing of those placed into isolation.

"Isolation is the norm to many farmers who also have to deal with the aftermath of storms, uncertainty of markets and future income and, now, the knock-on effects of global pandemics too. Often all alone. This is not healthy and we all need to be aware of it and how we can help."

Emma Picton-Jones, founder of the DPJ Foundation said: "The situation at the moment is very much 'unknown territory'. Mental health has been an issue in the sector for a long time but we are facing unprecedented times and with that brings uncertainty which is never helpful when it comes to mental health issues. Thankfully in Wales there is support available and we need to ensure that those who need it know how to access it."

Suzy Deeley, Corporate Partnership Manager, RABI, said: "The challenging nature of farming today means that many who contact us for help not only face financial or practical issues, but are also experiencing poor mental health.







"Whilst RABI is not a mental health charity, all of our service delivery team receive Mental Health First Aid training so that they can recognise the signs of poor mental health and help to connect our service users with the specialist mental health support that they need.

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# Some food for thought - looking past the headlines

by Anne Dunn, FUW Press Officer

WE have talked about food security many times before. Theoretically speaking most of us have relatively little to worry about when it comes to putting food on the table. When our bellies are full it is easy to forget that there are millions of people across the world not so fortunate.

The thought of not being able to either access safe and nutritious food, or not having the funds to pay for it, should not be a problem in the 21st century. But it is.

A case in hand was the subject of a story featured in *The Economist* (May 30 - June 5 edition) - Lebanon's crisis, Devaluation gardens - which focussed on how hobbyists hope to halt hunger by growing their own crops on rooftops.

The country has experienced decades of famine. Years of hunger killed half the population during the first world war here and as the country is tipped to fall into the next depression, food prices soar.

Some 20-25% of workers are involved in agriculture, about 13% of the land is arable, yet

agriculture is reported to generate less than 3% of GDP and Lebanon imports 80% of its food. Add to that a worsening currency crisis - their industry is under immense threat.

Whilst one would think that losing 63% of value from the Lebanese pound would play into the hands of local food businesses, that is far from possible given that so little of their food is produced locally and relies heavily on imports such as seeds, fertiliser and animal feed. The country is also in serious debt and has a severely underfunded agricultural industry.

As a result people in Lebanon now pay approximately 50% more for a bowl of rice, lentils and fried onions; potatoes and onions cost a third more than last spring and tomato prices are reported to have more than doubled. These are, by most people's standards not luxury items - but staple foods. And they are becoming so expensive that even though they might be available - people are struggling to afford to buy the basics.



## How do we feed the kids?

The news headlines in the UK over the past months have highlighted how many people urgently need help in feeding their children over the summer here at home - making clear that providing food is not just a worry in distant lands.

A sigh of relief will have escaped many parents when the UK Government announced that they will continue to provide free school meals over the summer holidays.

What this means is that the families of about 1.3 million children in England will be entitled to a voucher worth £15 per week per child throughout the summer holiday. That's just over £2 per day per child. You may ask yourself though - what can you buy in the supermarkets, that's nutritious, sustainable and not a Pot Noodle, that will keep your children healthy and not hungry?

In Wales schools will also continue to provide lunch for pupils eligible for free school meals (including those who are transitionally protected) whilst they are unable to attend school as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak.

With this in mind, we must recognise that despite some interventions The Trussell Trust reported a soaring 89% increase in need for emergency food parcels during April 2020 compared to the same month last year, including a 107% rise in parcels given to children.

The number of families with children receiving parcels has almost doubled compared to the same period last year and food banks in the Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN) report a 175% increase in need for the same period.

The majority of us would agree that nobody wants to be in a position where they struggle to feed the kids. Yet, why as part of efforts to support those who are suffering financially and those whose incomes are unaffected, has not every effort been made to help families to use their time at home to reconnect with the pleasures and health benefits of home-cooking quality Welsh and British produce and properly balanced meals?

## A rise in undernourishment as a result of economic slowdown?

A few *Y Tir* editions ago, we asked if we would see a rise in undernourishment as a result of economic slowdown, given that all the warning signs were pointing in that direction. Looking at the reported figures it appears we were right in our analysis so far.

Solving the ethical questions of what's right or wrong, who should get free food and why do we even have to have mechanisms in place for such interventions, is a different conversation altogether.

Whilst this is sadly a political conundrum, a question that keeps coming up is do we have enough food to go around, are the markets functioning the way we need them to and can we expect to see turbulence because of the Covid-19 crisis?

Providing some of the answers is the latest 'The Food Outlook' report published by The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, which warns that global food markets are still bracing themselves for uncertainty in 2020/21 because of the pandemic.

Some solace can be taken in the fact that whilst food markets will face many more months of uncertainty due to the pandemic, the agri-food sector is likely to show more resilience than other sectors, the report suggests.

"The impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic have been felt - at varying degrees - across all food sectors assessed by FAO. Whilst Covid-19 has posed a serious threat to food security, overall, our analysis shows that from the global perspective, agricultural commodity markets are proving to be more resilient to the pandemic than many other sectors.

"That said, owing to the size of the challenge and the enormous uncertainties associated with it, the international community must remain vigilant and ready to react, if and when necessary," said Boubaker Ben-Belhassen, Director of the FAO Trade and Markets Division.

The report makes interesting reading, and whilst it highlights some on-going concerns we have previously discussed and drawn attention to, it offers some hope.

## Has Covid-19 caused a food crisis?

The analysis presented in 'COVID-19: FROM A GLOBAL HEALTH CRISIS TO A GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS?' a special feature part of the report, suggests that a Covid-19-induced global food crisis is not on the horizon.

Indeed, while the world food economy was ill-prepared for the shocks that characterized the global food crisis in 2007 - 2008 and the recession that followed in 2009, this the authors believe, cannot be said of the situation in 2020.

This they argue is because, global food production prospects are positive, stocks are high, international food prices are low, trade is broad based with more importing and exporting countries, costs of bulk transportation is depressed, fertilizer and input prices remain stable, energy prices have collapsed and competition from biofuels has virtually ceased.

Policy-makers, they reckon, in 2020 are more experienced in dealing with global crises, and are arguably also better informed and better prepared.

However, the importance of 'global stabilizers' such as central banks using the instruments of monetary easing and on the fiscal side, governments lifting spending

constraints - allowing market forces to equilibrate imbalances - are key to solidifying the fundamentals for international food security, the report highlights.

In order for these stabilizers to work, the current hindrances to logistics and distribution must be addressed and mitigated.

In this regard, the report further suggests that governments must recognize the importance of ensuring that trade, whether internal or international, remains open and frictionless, free from restrictions, and meets food capacities in terms of volumes and fulfilling nutritional gaps. This also implies speedy clearances at customs, borders and ports.

Furthermore, and especially with Covid-19 in mind, global and national food systems should be regarded as on a par with health systems in ensuring that hunger and poor nutrition problems are not allowed to escalate.

This in turn requires that farmers maintain and invest in productivity, with access to affordable credit, and that consumers have normal opportunities to procure food and meet their nutritional needs on the marketplace.

Such points have also been raised by the FUW on numerous occasions, especially with regard to the on-going Brexit negotiations and the Agriculture Bill.



# At the kitchen table

## UK exposed to dangers of food shortages?

Responding to the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee Inquiry on Covid-19 and food supply, the Union was clear that the pandemic has highlighted the degree to which policies which further decouple rural support from food production, active farmers and the family farm - as is currently proposed in both England and Wales - would expose the UK population to food shortages and disruption in the event of a future pandemic or emergency.

Of course, many issues relating to food production and supply chains are devolved to the Welsh Government and Welsh Assembly, but the UK's food supply chain extends across the UK and is an integral part of the EU supply chain. Therefore all actions by the UK Government relating to mitigating disruptions to the food supply chain caused by the pandemic are relevant to farmers and food producers in Wales.

In terms of actions that mitigated the risk of food shortages, the UK Government has been essential in allowing food supply chains to continue to operate, by for example categorising those involved in the food supply chain as key workers and extending driver hours.

However, the pandemic and the need for such actions brings into sharp focus the degree to which such actions would not have been possible or effective had domestic food production been undermined by trade deals with other countries - thereby extending control of food supplies beyond the UK's jurisdiction - and the further decoupling of agricultural and rural policies from food production.

Such moves would have reduced farm production and therefore the UK's food security - there can be no doubt about it.

The adverse impacts we have seen would certainly have also been made worse in the event of a global pandemic that was more contagious or with higher mortality rates, including where such a pandemic impacted only countries upon which we were dependent for food.



## What have we learnt?

To address the question of what lessons we have learned, the FUW hosted a seminar to explore the lessons the Coronavirus pandemic has taught us when it comes to food and our supply chains, what measures need to be put in place to safeguard food producers and consumers and examine if local strategies with a global outlook are the key to food security.

Joining the conversation as part of a special virtual Royal Welsh Show event were Carmarthen County Council Corporate Policy & Partnership Manager, Gwyneth Ayers; Principal Investigator of IKnowFood Professor Bob Doherty; Cardiff University Professor of Governance and Development Kevin Morgan and Food and Drink Wales Deputy Head of Food David Morris.

Opening the event FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "The impact of the coronavirus pandemic on Welsh food producers and the dangers of trade and rural support policies which undermine UK food security have starkly come to the fore over recent months.

"Covid-19 hit all sectors of life and was met with panic buying and empty supermarket shelves. However, it wasn't luxury items that the general public rushed to get their hands on but the essentials like food.

"For many years the FUW has stressed that food security is an issue that needs desperate attention and the last few months have served to illustrate such concerns."

A valuable point was made as Gwyneth Ayers drew attention to the role public bodies play: "Public bodies have played a significant role in the response to the pandemic and we will also have a key role in supporting, and where necessary, leading the recovery. Localism will be at the heart of our economic and community recovery from Covid-19."

David Morris added: "Food producers in Wales have a product offering that works at local, regional, all Wales, UK and global levels which is why the sector presents so many opportunities for both new and established businesses."



## No-deal - no-food?

Covid-19 has most certainly highlighted the dangers of a no-deal Brexit, given the degree to which the UK's food supply chains are integrated into EU supply chains.

Notwithstanding price falls and volatility, the most significant disruption to on-farm food production has occurred on farms which rely on significant numbers of workers, whereas farming units relying primarily on family labour are naturally better able to self-isolate while continuing to produce and sell food.

The FUW fully recognises the value and necessity of farm workers across all sectors, particularly in the fruit and vegetable sectors. However, for those sectors able to operate effectively as family units, policies which drive family farm production down in favour of large-scale production would reduce the ability of agriculture to continue to produce food in the event of a dangerous pandemic.

In terms of the disruptions, the FUW called for a range of support measures to

be introduced, made available or be prepared for implementation.

This includes extending various forms of financial support to include farm businesses where this is not the case, interventions and support for markets, the introduction of Private Storage Aid (now opened by the EU) and changes which recognise the role of part time workers.

Disruption has occurred not only in terms of shortages (driven at least initially by 'panic buying') but also in terms of oversupply as some supply chains closed down altogether - primarily in the service sector (schools, restaurants, public houses etc.).

The closure of such supply chains caused immense disruption and significantly depressed prices in most or all sectors as tens of thousands of outlets for prime products have closed, and buying in supermarkets has switched to cheaper products.

Bearing all of this in mind, we recently asked a panel of experts what lessons we must take away from the previous months.

## Food for thought - we need a plan

With this in mind we must take note of what Professor Bob Doherty and Professor Kevin Morgan stressed.

"The Covid-19 pandemic has revealed some of the vulnerabilities of our UK Food System. We need a proper collaborative plan that focuses on health, economics and the environment that brings together government (national, regional and local) the private sector, the research community and civil society," said Professor Bob Doherty.

Professor Kevin Morgan added: "If Covid-19 has taught us anything it is the value of foundational services such as health, social care and food security.

"In Wales we have a need (because of high levels of poverty) and a duty (because of our Well-being of Future Generations Act) to set a high priority on good food for all. It is time we used our public procurement policies to source more Welsh food in our public institutions."

## A final thought

If anything has become clearer - at the heart of UK food security lie our family farms. The dangers of undermining these have been laid bare by the pandemic and we have made no secret in our assessment that had some of the policies being mooted in England and Wales been in place already, our vulnerability to food shortages in the face of such catastrophes would have been far greater.

Our governments must therefore recognise the importance of safeguarding family farms and domestic food security, and the FUW will continue to do everything possible to drive that message home.

Further information here: FAO. 2020. Food Outlook - Biannual Report on Global Food Markets: June 2020. Food Outlook, 1. Rome - [www.doi.org/10.4060/ca9509en](http://www.doi.org/10.4060/ca9509en)

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# Recent Innovations in Agricultural Research

by Dr David Cutress, Farming Connect Knowledge Exchange Hub, IBERS, Aberystwyth University

EXPERT researchers across the UK came together on July 20 sharing their knowledge and discussing innovations ongoing across four important agricultural areas. The topics discussed included; the role of targeted breeding in ruminants to reduce methane emissions, sustainable and production efficient grazing and grassland management techniques, the challenges and potentials of upland farming practices and combining agroforestry with livestock as a route towards carbon-neutral farming.

With the current push in the agricultural industry being towards sustainable and environmentally considerate farming, these talks offered several innovative options to help achieve these goals.

**Professor Rainer Roehe from Scotland's Rural University College (SRUC)** highlighted work ongoing at SRUC, in collaboration with Genus Breeding Ltd, that he feels will offer a new approach to selective breeding for lower methane emissions. Their method finds microbial populations in the rumen creating a ratio between different species of microbes. These ratios are linked to genetics which control methane emissions and feed efficiencies in the animal.

Such research suggests that using microbiome ratios could act as a simple, cost-effective tool for identifying low methane emitting cattle for targeted breeding, whilst ultimately, DNA sequencing tools could be used to find specific microbial genes from the rumen and use these to further refine breeding strategies.

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**Dr Sarah Morgan from Rothamsted Research in collaboration with Agri-Tech Cornwall** spoke on the potentials of modern precision grazing techniques. Her research looks to improve the sector's understanding of benefits associated with strategies including mob grazing and cell grazing, particularly when compared to traditional set-stock and rotational grazing systems.

Her project follows various dairy and beef steers, using a whole system approach, collecting data on soil, pasture, animal and animal product effects of cell grazing in direct comparison to set-stocking. They have seen cell grazing strategies increasing the weight gained per head of cattle which has been connected with an increased number of grazing days achieved using cell grazing strategies. Weight gain per hectare was found to be almost twice as high in cell grazing systems, however, more data collection was underway to confirm these findings.

**Dr Mariecia Fraser from the Institute of Biological Environmental & Rural Sciences (IBERS), Aberystwyth University** discussed research into enhancing upland grassland use which is ongoing at the 'Pwllpeirian Upland Research Centre'. Mariecia highlighted the shift in agriculture towards providing public goods noting the important role upland regions can play in delivering these through recreational tourism, carbon management and flood control to name a few.

The importance of improving understanding of crop growth across challenging upland environments was discussed in order to use this land more efficiently and it was noted that current UK recommendations regularly failed to take these considerations into account. Mariecia highlighted the reliance on single species grazers of upland grasslands (traditionally sheep), as well as a lack of grazing entirely, as management practices which are detrimentally shaping upland environments, with very little information into predicting the effects of grazing animal application into upland areas being available.

Research performed at Pwllpeirian alongside the RSPB had used radio frequency tags on sheep allowing tracking and mapping of animals (via drone data collection) across these large areas, increasing the understanding of how to influence upland grazing patterns.



**Professor Jim McAdam, former head of the Grassland and Plant Science branch of the Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute (Northern Ireland),** spoke on the impacts of including agroforestry within livestock farming systems. He highlighted the greenhouse gas (GHG) emission concerns associated with livestock farming but confirmed the importance of livestock food products in the UK, due to the high proportion of land being suitable only for livestock grazing, as opposed to crop growth.

Jim believes agroforestry is a tool which could massively assist in the alleviation of GHG emissions associated with livestock by acting to store more carbon than grassland pastures alone can achieve. Silvopasture, the practice of integrating trees and forages with livestock, was noted to have overall useful economic effects to farmers as it provides two product outputs, both meat and timber. Whilst these systems can be more complex, due to following the market values and forecasting of multiple products, it does allow for the resilience of farming systems, particularly if one market begins to decline.

If you are interested in the information from these talks they are available on both the FUW and the Farming Connect websites:

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[www.businesswales.gov.wales/farmingconnect/](http://www.businesswales.gov.wales/farmingconnect/)

## Tir Dewi Launches in Powys

5 YEARS ago, Tir Dewi began to offer a volunteer delivered support service for farmers in the three counties of West Wales. "But there was always a dream that one-day it might serve the whole of Wales. After all, Tir Dewi refers to all of David's land!" said Eileen Davies, Archdeacon of Cardigan, founder of Tir Dewi and a sheep and dairy farmer in Carmarthenshire.

The first step towards this was taken at the Virtual Royal Welsh as Tir Dewi launched its Powys service making its support available to another huge proportion of Welsh farmers.

Tir Dewi Chief Executive, Gareth Davies said: "Because our service is entirely confidential, few people ever hear of what we do, since our launch we have made a very real difference to the lives and businesses of over 200 farmers and their families. Imagine if we could stand here in 5 years' time and say that we have helped and supported 200 farmers in Powys."

Project Leader for the Powys launch, Elen Skyrme said: "Before deciding to launch in Powys, we conducted a survey of farmers here to see whether a service was needed and, if so, why? We didn't anticipate the sheer scale of the need.

"The Survey revealed five separate problems that were listed as issues by over half of all farmers who responded to the survey - bTB, rural crime, poor internet and mobile signals, financial worries and poor mental health, and there were a lot more. The fact is that these don't come one at a time - our experience has taught us that if a farmer is struggling with one or two of these, then there is a very high chance that they are struggling with a few of them if not all!"

The survey also asked whether farmers would ask for help and, worryingly, 67% said that they wouldn't due to fears over confidentiality and embarrassment or shame.

"This is very disturbing, as well as the statistic that 58% didn't know where to find help. Tir Dewi can support with your problems, whatever they are, and that support will always be confidential, free and we will never judge a farmer," added Gareth.

You can contact Tir Dewi on 0800 121 4722, or mail@tirdewi.co.uk or @DewiTir. Please call if you need help or if you feel you could volunteer.



## Welsh wool in home insulation - letter sent to PM

LIZ Saville Roberts MP has written to the Prime Minister following a telephone call on July 17 in which she proposed the use of currently wasted sheep's wool for home insulation.

The Prime Minister responded positively to the suggestion during the conversation. In the letter, the Plaid Westminster Leader notes that the fund announced by the Chancellor last week to insulate homes in England creates an opportunity for the use of surplus wool.

She goes on to highlight that the closure of wool markets means prices have collapsed by around 70% this year.

In the letter, Liz Saville Roberts writes:

I would firstly like to thank you for the opportunity to raise Plaid Cymru's concerns about the need to prepare for a possible second wave of covid-19 in winter. During today's meeting, I raised the suggestion of making increased use of Welsh wool as insulation for homes.

I welcome the Chancellor's pledge to fund a new energy efficiency plan as part of a wider plan to cut carbon emissions in England. While other measures will also be necessary to start the green recovery from covid-19 and to protect the population from the additional health risks brought on by cold weather, it is an important first step.

One of the most natural and sustainable

materials for home insulation is sheep wool, but around 9 million kilos of wool currently sits unsold and unused. This is around a third of all 2019 wool stock across Britain. Given the two-part pricing structure under which sheep producers receive payments (an advance and a balance), the unsold stock therefore not only determinately affects how much farmers will receive for the 2019-20 balance, but it also means British Wool are unable to pay an advance for this season's wool.

According to British Wool, the current closure of wool markets mean that the average payment will be just 19p/kg for the 2019/20 season. This is approximately 70% less than the payment received last year when the loss of the advance is taken into account.

The fact that British Wool has been denied covid-19 support through the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme means that the industry is threatened further.

As housing and planning are devolved competences, Plaid Cymru will be strongly urging the Welsh Government to act on this issue. I would also urge the UK Government to support farmers all across the UK by making wool insulation a key aspect of the UK Government's energy efficiency programme, thereby supporting the green recovery as well as supporting our agricultural communities.



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## ANGLESEY

## Anglesey farmer diversifies



In the early 1990s, Anglesey farmer and FUW member Peter Williams left home to work on a 30,000 sheep farm near Riyadh in Saudi Arabia. Here he worked with Romney ewes which were crossed with the native fat tailed rams.

Thirty years later, looking for diversification on his Anglesey farm, he established that there were no fat tailed breeds of sheep in the UK. This gave him the idea to try and import some to see how they would fare in Wales. In 2018 he chatted with another farmer,

Bedwyr Jones, who farmed in Snowdonia about his idea.

They discussed how, following Brexit, diversification would be even more important and what novel enterprises could bring in additional streams of income to safeguard their businesses. They wondered if there would be a gap in the UK market for this speciality meat, already popular in many countries.

The next step was to take the idea forward together to initially assess the viability of fat tailed sheep in the UK. They sought advice from Farming Connect and were advised to apply for support through the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) Wales. This provides funding and expert guidance for developing new ideas and innovative projects on farms.

Retired Vet, Tricia Sutton then joined them as a technical advisor for animal health and welfare issues. Geraint Hughes, their appointed EIP innovation broker, helped them to submit an EIP group application for financial support and the additional specialist knowledge needed to turn their ideas into reality.

Embryos and semen from Damara sheep were imported and implanted in to Romney and Texel cross ewes, with lambing in early May. Both pure bred and cross bred lambs had a good survival rate at lambing.

They are growing well to date in a commercial farming enterprise. The group are now considering further steps for marketing the lambs.

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Mae'r Sioe Rithiol wedi ei threfnu ar gyfer wythnos arferol Sioe Môn. Bydd y Sioe Rithiol ar agor am 5.30yh dydd Mercher 12fed o Awst gan adeiladu at y prif ddiwrnod sef Dydd Sadwrn 15fed o Awst.

Bydd modd ymweld a'r sioe rithiol er mwyn cael gweld yr amrywiaeth o gystadlaethau, arddangosfeydd, gweithdai, sesiynau holi ac ateb, a chyfle i siopa.

Ydych chi'n chwilio am rywbeth i wneud, beth am roi cynnig ar un o'n cystadlaethau? Mae rhestr cystadlu ar gael ar y wefan! Ac ar y 15fed o Awst bydd yr holl ganlyniadau ac uchafbwyntiau'r cystadlu yn cael eu cyhoeddi!

Mae'n gyfnod cyffrous ac rydym yn mawr obeithio y byddwch yn ymuno â ni. Mae yna dal gyfle i gymryd rhan, ewch i'n gwefan am fanlynon llawn [www.angleseyshow.org.uk](http://www.angleseyshow.org.uk)

**With great sadness, the 2020 Anglesey Show had to be cancelled, but the Show's volunteers have worked tirelessly to offer you something different! For the first time the Anglesey Show is hosting a**



**Virtual Show to showcase local agriculture. The Virtual Show is scheduled for the usual Anglesey Show week. The Virtual Show will open at 5.30pm on Wednesday August 12, building up to the main day on Saturday August 15.**

**You will be able to visit the virtual show to see the variety of competitions, exhibitions, workshops, question and answer sessions, and an opportunity for some shopping. If you're looking for something to do, why not enter one of our competitions? A list of competitions is available on the website! And on August 15 all the results and competition highlights will be announced! It's an exciting time and we very much hope you'll be able to join us. There is still an opportunity to get involved, please visit our website for full details [www.angleseyshow.org.uk](http://www.angleseyshow.org.uk)**

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## Save the date



The next County Executive Committee meeting will be on Tuesday September 1 with FUW Insurance Services Ltd Managing Director Guto Bebb, at 8pm via Zoom. From September the meetings are open to everyone and we will have a series of guest speakers at the beginning for informal question and answer sessions.

Details of how to join the meeting will be circulated by email the week before the meeting. If you would like to be notified and we don't have your email address please contact us in the usual way.

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## County Executive meeting

A successful County Executive meeting was held at the beginning of July via Zoom with guest speaker Adam Price MS, (pictured right).

A range of topics were discussed on how the pandemic has affected all areas of agriculture as well as other topics. A big thank you to Adam Price MS for joining the meeting.



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## DENBIGH &amp; FLINT

## Effaith Cofid-19 ar y treialon cŵn defaid

gan gyn bencampwr y byd Treialon Cŵn Defaid ac aelod FUW Aled Owen

Er gwaetha'r cyfyngiadau Cofid-19 roedd cyfnod wyna yn un didrafferth ar y cyfan gyda thywydd godidog o braf a llond tŷ o staff i helpu!

Penwythnos y Pasg mae treialon cŵn defaid cyntaf yn cael eu cynnal ond eleni roedd yn rhaid aros adre - dim treialon! Cafodd y treialon Cenedlaethol, y Rhyngwladol a'r Byd eu gohirio yn fuan ym mis Ebrill ac yna daeth y newyddion fod dros 60 o dreialon Gogledd Cymru wedi eu canslo am eleni. Gobeithio gyda'r cyfyngiadau Cofid-19 yn cael eu codi yn raddol y bydd cyfle i fynychu ychydig o dreialon cyn diwedd yr haf.

Mae'n chwth mawr i mi golli'r cystadlu - ar ôl treulio misoedd y gaeaf yn hyfforddi cŵn mae'n bleser cael mynd a ci allan a'r gae treialon i gystadlu yn ystod yr haf - ond dyna ni am eleni bydd yn rhaid bodloni ar dreulio'r amser yn hyfforddi cŵn adref.

Fel arfer tua canol mis Mai byddaf yn cychwyn ar y teithiau o fynd i America, Siapan ag i sawl gwlad o fewn Ewrop i gynnal clinics hyfforddi cŵn defaid ond wrth gwrs dwi wedi gohirio pob taith tan o leiaf diwedd 2021. Mae'r cyfle i werthu cŵn wedi bod yn ddiddorol yn ystod y misoedd diwethaf gydag arwerthwyr Dolgellau yn trefnu gwerthu cŵn defaid ar y rhyngwlad am y tro cyntaf. Roedd angen anfon ffilm neu ddwy o'r ci yn gweithio, yna gwylio'r bidio am y ci yn digwydd ar y cyfrifiadur a dim syniad pwy sydd am ei brynu tan ddiwedd yr arwerthiant. Dwi wedi gwerthu tri gan ddefnyddio'r dull newydd yma - pwy a wŷr os mai dyma fydd y dull normal o werthu cŵn defaid?

Ddiwedd Gorffennaf daeth y newyddion trist fy mod wedi colli ffrind Gwyn Lightfoot. Collodd ei frwydr yn erbyn afiechyd o'r enw Ameloid. Dyma un o gymeriadau mwyaf hwyliog ar unrhyw gae treialon. Roedd yn gystadleuwr brwd ond bob amser yn gweld rhywbeth doniol a byth yn colli cyfle i dynnu coes cystadleuwyr neu unrhyw un oedd yn sefyll wrth ei ochr!

Ym 2011 beirniadodd Dreialon Cymru ac yna yn



2017 beirniadu'r Rhyngwladol - clod ag anrhydedd mawr iddo. Dwi wedi colli cyfaill triw iawn a oedd bob amser yno yn barod i helpu ac un oedd wastad yn rhoi gwen ar wyneb pawb ohonom yma ym Mhenyfed.

**Normally, every year, April marks the start of a busy season for former Sheep Dog Trials World Champion and FUW member Aled Owen as he starts travelling the world to hold sheep dog trialling clinics, but unfortunately, Covid-19 has put an abrupt stop to everything this year. As well as the National, International and World Sheep Dog Trials being cancelled for the year, the way Aled sells his world famous dogs has also changed, with it all being done virtually, bidding online for dogs after watching a few videos of them working. At the time of writing this piece, Aled was very saddened to hear that one of his close friends, Gwyn Lightfoot had passed away after losing his battle with Ameloid. Gwyn was certainly a character, and a keen competitor, and had the honour and privilege of judging on a National and International level. Gwyn will be missed by Aled and everyone at Penyfed.**



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## MEIRIONNYDD

## Llythyr i'r Golygydd

Oes gennych chi unrhyw ddi-ddordeb yn economi cefn gwlad Cymru a dyfodol safonau bwyd a lles anifeiliaid, cadwch lygad barcud ar Gomisiwn Amaeth a Masnach.

Cafodd y corff hwn ei sefydlu ddiwedd Mehefin gan yr ysgrifennydd masnach, Liz Truss. Er gwaetha'i deitl awdurdodol, mewn realiti cam i gadw cefn y llywodraeth sydd yma, a hynny er mwyn rhoi taw ar ddeiseb â thros filiwn o gefnogwyr, aelodau seneddol Ceidwadol anffodog a lobi ffyrnig gan y diwydiant amaeth. Ar yr union adeg roedd trafodaethau masnach mawr ar y gweill, roedd rhaid sicrhau bod y cyhoedd yn llyncu neges y llywodraeth am bwysigrwydd safonau bwyd, lles anifeiliaid ac incwm ffermwyr.

Ond beth arall fydddech chi'n disgwyl gan AS Plaid Cymru? Pam y diffyg brwdfrydedd? Cwestiwn teg - felly dyma'r rhesymau dros gwestiynu.

Gydag oes o chwe mis yn unig, mae'r Comisiwn yn methu ar ddau gownt. Yn y tymor byr, mae'n cynnig modd i'r llywodraeth osgoi gwelliannau anghyfleus mewn deddfwriaeth. Ac yn y tymor hir, ni fydd yn ddigon hirhoedlog i ddal y llywodraeth i gyfrif.

Mae llawer o drafodaethau masnach - megis y rhai gydag Awstralia a Seland Newydd - yn bwrw yn eu blaen yn barod. Does dim unrhyw awgrymiad y byddai unrhyw argymhellion yn cael eu hól-ddyddio.

Ac yn olaf, mae cadeirydd y Comisiwn, Tim Smith, wedi dangos ei liwiau trwy ddweud bod angen rhoi stop ar godi bwganod am gywion ier wedi'u clorineiddio. Mae'n anodd coelio y bydd Mr Smith yn gweithredu'n ddi-ragfarn os yw mor barod i wfftio pryderon diffuant y cyhoedd.

Liz Saville Roberts AS

**SYLW GAN Y GOLYGYDD: Enwebwyd FUW gan yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol Liz Truss i eistedd ar y Comisiwn Amaeth a Masnach ac, fel y pedair undeb ffermio arall yn y DU, mae'n teimlo dyletswydd i dderbyn yr enwbiad, er gwaethaf amheuo ynghylch yr amseriad a'r cymhellion o sefydlu'r Comisiwn. Fel y cyfryw, mae Ms Saville-Roberts yn tynnu sylw at pryderon dilys sy'n cael eu rhannu ac sydd wedi cael eu hamlygu dro ar ôl tro gan yr FUW.**

*Anyone with an interest in the rural Welsh economy and the future of food and animal welfare standards will keep an eagle eye on the Trade and Agriculture Commission. The grand appellation of this body - announced by trade secretary Liz Truss at the end of June - belies the fact that it was a panic measure cobbled together by the UK government. Faced with a million-strong popular petition, backbench Tory rumblings and concerted industry lobbying just at the time when major trade negotiations were progressing, the public had to be fed a message that the government really cared about food standards, animal welfare and farmers' incomes. How cynical from a Plaid Cymru MP, I hear you cry. How un-boosterish at a time when boisterous public confidence is the order of the day. Fair comment - so here's why I'd beg you to put down the rosy-tinted spectacles. With a life span of just six months, the Commission falls between two stools. It's a means for the government to side-step awkward amendments in legislation in the short term, and will simply not exist long enough to hold the government to account in the long term. Many other trade negotiations - such as those with Australia and New Zealand - are already advancing. There is no indication that any potential recommendations will be back-dated. Finally, the Commission's chair, Tim Smith, has set a line in the sand by calling for the 'alarmism' over chlorinated chicken to end. This dismissal of legitimate public concerns smacks of prejudice prior to consideration of evidence.*

Liz Saville Roberts MP

*EDITOR'S COMMENT: The FUW has been nominated by Secretary of State Liz Truss to sit on the Trade and Agriculture Commission and, like the UK's other four farming unions, has felt duty bound to accept the nomination, despite reservations regarding the timing of and motives behind the establishment of the Commission. As such, Ms Saville-Roberts highlights valid concerns which are shared and have been repeatedly highlighted by the FUW.*

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## MONTGOMERYSHIRE

## British Wool Zoom meeting

Members from the County Executive relished the opportunity to raise questions and concerns with representative from British Wool on Thursday July 23 namely Gareth Jones - Producer Marketing Manager and Huw Evans Non-Executive Board Member for North Wales.

We would like to thank them both for their time and also for the presentation that was given.



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## PEMBROKESHIRE

## We're still here for you

As we find ourselves in August we contemplate the fact that we won't be spending three days at the Pembrokeshire County Show this year, welcoming you all to our stand for a cuppa and a catch up.

Whilst we will miss seeing you all, as we all try our

best to stay safe during these difficult times, don't forget that we are still available at the end of the phone to answer any queries that you have or just for a catch up chat, but for this year you will need to provide your own cuppa!

## County Executive Committee meetings



We just want to say a little thank you to those members of the County Executive Committee who have joined us via Zoom in our last couple of monthly meetings. We know that initially for some it has been a bit daunting but with your patience and a few one-to-one 'training' sessions we are getting there.

It has been really important for us that we have continued to hold these meetings as they provide a crucial point of contact for us with members so that we can hear your views on issues and they also allow us to provide you with updates about what is happening.

If you would like to join in with one of our monthly meetings please get in touch with the county office and if you need any help with the 'technology' just let us know.

## Upcoming EOI window details

| Scheme                       | Summary   | Window closes              |
|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| BPS Greening Requirements    | The three crop rule crop diversification requirements for the 2020 BPS year <b>will no longer apply</b> . Seed receipts need not be submitted however Ecological Focus Area requirements remain in place. The system cannot be changed at this late date to stop warnings appearing on the SAF when the three crop rule is not met - a message will therefore appear and can be ignored.  |                            |
| Glastir Contracts            | Glastir Advanced contracts whose initial period ends on December 31 2020 will be offered contract renewals to commence on January 1 2021. Glastir Organic contracts whose initial period ends on December 31 2020 and Glastir Advanced and Commons contracts where their contract renewal period is due to end on December 31 will be offered an annual extension to commence on January 1 2021. It is anticipated these contracts will be offered in the autumn. | Autumn                     |
| Glastir Small Grants - Water | Glastir Small Grants (GSG) - Water is a programme of capital works available to farmers to carry out projects to improve water quality and reduce flooding. This window has a budget of £3 million and applications must be submitted via RPW Online. Successful applicants will need to complete the capital works and submit the final claim by March 31 2021. Please contact your local FUW county staff for assistance with your application.                 | 27 July - 4 September 2020 |



# Lampeter office - meet the rest of the team



## Gwion James Uwch Weithredwr Yswiriant

**Pa mor hir gyda'r Undeb:** 15 mlynedd

**Swyddi/addysg flaenorol:** Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig, Aberystwyth. Prifysgol Cymru Aberystwyth - Gradd Amaeth a Busnes

**Bywyd cartref (priod/sengl ac ati):** Dwi'n briod i Manon sy'n Rheolwraig Cyfathrebu gyda S4C ac mae gennym ni dri o blant - Ianto, Twm a Nel sy'n mynd i Ysgol Henry Richard, Tregaron

**Diddordebau/gweithgareddau eraill y tu allan i'r gwaith:**

Dwi'n hoff o gyfrannu at weithgareddau lleol ac ers gorffen chwarae Rygbi rhai blynyddoedd yn ôl dwi wedi cymryd at seiclo er mwyn cadw'n iach. Dwi'n aelod o Glwb Seiclo Caron, Tregaron ac yn mwynhau'r gwmniaeth a'r golygfeydd wrth seiclo o amgylch y wlad ac ar ein teithiau i Ffrainc. Yn fwy diweddar rwy'n brysur fel Ysgrifennydd Pwyllgor Cyllid Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru Ceredigion, sydd yn Nhregaron yn 2021 (ar ol gohirio 2020!)

**Beth mae eich swydd yn ei olygu:** Rheoli cyfrif Yswiriant FFW Gogledd Caerfyrddin, ac hyrwyddo'r Undeb yn gyffredinol trwy gefnogi'r tîm yn Swyddfa'r Sir

**Cais mwyaf anarferol:** Galwad am 'cover note' am 3 o'r gloch y bore - dyna beth yw gwasanaeth 24 awr!

**Beth ydych chi'n fwynhau fwyaf:** Mae'n ffrainc i gael gweithio yn y diwydiant gwledig. Rwy'n hoff o gwrdd a phobl, ac mae'n bleser i weld busnesau ac unigolion yn datblygu dros gyfnod - yn enwedig ffermwyr ifanc

**Beth yw'r rhan bwysicaf o'ch swydd:** Sicrhau fod y 'cover' addas gan bawb, cynnal y gwasanaeth a bod ar gael yn hawdd. Mae'r polisiau yn amrywio'n fawr o ran maint, ond mae'n bwysig i drin pawb yr un fath

**Beth fydddech chi'n ei newid i wneud eich swydd yn well:** Lleihau'r 'paperwork', a cael pick-up truck newydd fflam gan y cwmni gyda 'FUW' arni i gael dreifo rownd y wlad yn falch!

**Diwrnod 'arferol':** Gwaith gweinyddol yn swyddfa, cwrdd a chleientiaid, a galw yn y mart yng Nghaerfyrddin a Llanybydder

**Unrhyw beth arall:** Mae'n ffrainc i gael bod yn rhan o dîm gweithgar a hwyliog swyddfa Llambled, a'r tîm ehangach o staff a swyddogion yr Undeb drwy Gymru. Rwy'n mwynhau'r gwmniaeth pan fydd pawb yn cwrdd i'r gynhadledd blynyddol a'r hwyl ar ein digwyddiadau codi arian achlysurol.

## Mared Hopkins

### Account Executive (North Ceredigion - based in Head Office)

**How long with Union:** Worked for the FFW Insurance Services in Head Office as central unit staff working on personal lines policies (household and private cars) for a year before starting my current role as Account Executive in October 2018 following Dai Jones's retirement

**Previous jobs/education:** I was a pupil at Tregaron secondary school, had a place in Harper Adams University to study Agriculture but decided to go and work in New Zealand in the shearing sheds for a period of 4 months. I returned and was offered a full time job at Clynderwen and Cardiganshire Farmers at Aberystwyth where I had been working previously as weekend staff but returned to a full time sales assistant role and left 5 years later to come to the FFW

**Home life (married/single etc):** I was born and raised in Pontrhyd-y-groes, my brother and I are the fourth generation on our family farm Pengwernydd. Like many other farms in the area we have had to diversify as making a living on farming alone is very difficult. With this background I can relate to most of you with the difficulties of farming. Myself and my four-year-old daughter Magi live a short distance from my family farm and spend most of our free time there helping and exploring the gorgeous countryside

**Hobbies/other activities outside work:** Mostly my spare time is spent with my daughter, helping on the family farm, socialising with friends, doing home improvements on the house - being at the hairdressers is my happy place 😊

**What does your job entail:** I cover north Ceredigion, from Tre-ddol down to Llanrhystud, to Tregaron and as far across as Cwm Ystwyth. I work from the Head Office near Plas Gogerddan. As an Account Executive it's my responsibility to work with existing clients to ensure they have the best possible cover at the most competitive price, this is done by yearly reviews of the policy and presenting a policy at renewal to other insurances to ensure the best premium is offered. Whilst actively working on or looking for new business opportunities within the area I cover by visiting livestock markets and events

**What do you enjoy doing most:** It was always my aim to be working out in the field visiting clients, speaking face-to-face and working on policies such as farms, agricultural vehicles, commercial and tradesman's packages. I also enjoy visiting the local markets and having a general conversation with farmers

**What's the most important part of your job:** Providing the best possible service, cover and price for the client - I work in such a wonderful area, full of interesting characters that have been nothing less than welcoming to me in my first year within my new role, I'm very grateful for their support

**Typical day:** How long have you got!



## Carys Davies Cydlynnydd Cyfrif

**Pa mor hir gyda'r Undeb:** 10 mlynedd - Mawrth 2010

**Swyddi/addysg flaenorol:** Gweithio i gwmni Cyfanwerthwr am ugain mlynedd cyn ymuno â UAC ar diwrnod fy mhenblwydd!

**Bywyd cartref (priod/sengl ac ati):** Byw ar fferm gyda Clive y gwr a dau o blant Osian a Hafwen

**Diddordebau/gweithgareddau eraill y tu allan i'r gwaith:** Dwi'n mwynhau cerdded, coginio, siopa a cwrdd a ffrindiau a theulu i gymdeithasu. Rwyf hefyd yn hoffi gwilio chwaraeon yn enwddig tîm peldroed Cymru a Lerpwl. Hapus iawn yn ddiweddar!!

**Beth mae eich swydd yn ei olygu:** Delio gydag ystod eang o ymholiadau ynglyn ag yswiriant

**Beth ydych chi'n fwynhau fwyaf:** Cal 'chat' gyda'r cwsmeriaid ar y ffôn neu yn y swyddfa

**Beth yw'r rhan bwysicaf o'ch swydd:** Gwneud yn siwr fod y cleientiaid yn cael y gwasanaeth gorau posib

**Diwrnod 'arferol':** Prosesu Renewals, ateb e-byst a dyletswyddau gweinyddol cyffredinol

**Unrhyw beth arall:** Ffodus iawn o fyw mewn ardal bendigedig ac cyd weithio gyda chriw sydd wastad llawn hwyl ac yn barod iawn i helpu.

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## FUW Agency



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## Aled R Jones Account Executive (Carmarthen West)

**How long with Union:** 13 years

**Previous jobs/education:** Dairygold Foods, Aberystwyth Agri College

**Home life (married/single etc):** Married to Fiona

**Hobbies/other activities outside work:** Sports / Football / Farming

**What does your job entail:** Insurance requirements for members

**What do you enjoy doing most:** Meeting members

**What's the most important part of your job:** Ensuring the correct cover is in place

**What would you change to make your job even better:** Less paperwork

**Typical day:** Dealing with insurance matters.

## Cleo Preece Account Handler

**How long with Union:** Just over a year

**Previous jobs/education:** After finishing Ysgol Dyffryn Teifi school I went to work in retail for a few years, in between that I worked for a gas company as an admin assistant before I found my place in FUW!

**Home life (married/single etc):** Single

**Hobbies/other activities outside work:** I enjoy going to the gym (back when we were able to) walking, going on holidays, reading, baking/cooking, spending time with my family and friends

**What does your job entail:** Supporting the Account Executives, processing payments, answering the phone, dealing with queries, processing and sending out renewals - the list goes on!

**What do you enjoy doing most:** Working in an office with a great atmosphere, great people and good banter. Something I miss whilst working from home due to covid-19

**What's the most important part of your job:** To be able to prioritise work load, be there to assist the Account Executives and ensuring that I can help clients to the best of my ability

**Anything else:** I thoroughly enjoy working within the FUW team; it's most definitely the people who make the job!



# Show your 'love' for Welsh food & drink industry

SHOPPERS are being urged to show their support for key workers in Wales' food and drink industry by taking part in a new online campaign #CaruCymruCaruBlas #LoveWalesLoveTaste.

The campaign aims to encourage people to continue to support Welsh producers and retailers by buying Welsh food and drink products - either in shops or online.

It launched on July 3 with a day of Welsh food and drink celebration providing people with an opportunity to thank those who are working around the clock to feed the nation during the coronavirus pandemic. Two further Welsh Food & Drink Celebration Days are planned for August and September.

Producers, retailers and the hospitality sectors - were hit hard by the pandemic, with sadly, many businesses having to close overnight. But countless enterprises have shown incredible ingenuity and adaptability, and have kept on producing and providing goods under exceptional circumstances.

The #CaruCymruCaruBlas #LoveWalesLoveTaste is a Welsh Government campaign working in partnership with Menter a Busnes.

Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs, said: "We have seen and heard many wonderful examples where individuals and businesses have stepped up to the challenges presented by Covid-19.

"Now we want to say a very public 'thank you' to all the key workers within our food and drink industry. They have continued to produce great food and keeping our nation fed throughout this unprecedented time.

"It is more important than ever that we support Welsh food and drink businesses. That's why we are launching the #CaruCymruCaruBlas #LoveWalesLoveTaste campaign to encourage Welsh consumers to keep supporting our producers and retailers and buying high quality local Welsh produce."

Speaking about the launch of #CaruCymruCaruBlas/ #LoveWalesLoveTaste, Andy Richardson, Chair of the Food and Drink Wales Industry Board said: "Overall, the food and drink industry in Wales has shown itself once again to be resilient and creative in the face of crisis and vital to the UK economy as a whole. Covid-19 has presented challenges to the industry, but also opportunities - we know some businesses have been very badly affected, but some have prospered.

"Our role as a Board is to work with Welsh Government to address all these issues so Welsh Food and Drink can continue to grow as an industry. We know that markets have changed and consumers are more likely to shop online and crucially are more interested and invested in the provenance of their food; more connected with their locality.

"As we launch these celebration days we must remain confident to grow and focus on added value. We've seen producers diversifying their offering, helping the NHS and keeping the nation fed and we can continue to take huge pride in Welsh food and drink as we work together to recover from this crisis."

## Sausages and leeks in a Traditional Welsh Cider batter

Comfort food at its best and a perfect family supper dish. Serve with some seasonal vegetables.

Serves 4 | Prep 30 minutes | Cook 40 minutes

### Ingredients

3 large eggs  
120g flour, sifted  
125ml milk  
125ml Welsh cider (optional but substitute with more milk if not using)  
1 tbsp mustard  
1 tbsp chopped rosemary  
4 tbsp rapeseed oil  
8 Traditionally Reared Pedigree Welsh Pork sausages  
6 baby leeks  
Salt and pepper



### Method

- 1 Beat the eggs with a whisk until they are foamy and thick and pour over the milk and cider.
- 2 Sift the flour into a bowl, make a well in the centre then add the egg mixture a little at a time, whisking until everything is incorporated.
- 3 Add the mustard and rosemary, season and stir through. Leave the batter to sit for at least half an hour.
- 4 Preheat the oven to 200°C/Gas 6.
- 5 Put half the oil in a roasting tin (base measurement of 29x23cm) and melt it in the oven. Add the sausages, turning them over in the fat, then return to the oven to roast for 15 minutes.
- 6 Remove the sausages from the roasting tin. Turn the oven up to 220°C/Gas 7.
- 7 Put the rest of the oil into the tin and, when the oven is hot, heat this until smoking.
- 8 Carefully remove the tin from the oven. Lay the leeks in it, pour the batter on top then add the sausages. Return to the oven for 25 minutes until puffed up and golden. Serve immediately.



# Farmers across Wales join RDP Law for Zoom event

FARMERS from across Wales have come together online for a succession planning event hosted by RDP Law in conjunction with the FUW.

Leading the conversation was Sioned Thomas, *(pictured left)*, head of the Agricultural and Private Client departments at RDP Law.

Sioned began the session by outlining the importance of bringing the family together to discuss the future of the farm. Sioned went on to outline common aspects of succession planning such as partnership agreements, wills, and lasting powers of attorney. The reality of dying intestate (without a Will) was also covered.

The interactive session soon moved to a question and answer round, with many attendees looking to ask Sioned questions about their own situations. One participant asked if there was a right time to appoint a power of attorney. Another asked if a partnership agreement was needed if they had already outlined in their Will they wanted to leave the farm to their son.

Other questions included rental agreements, agricultural relief and making changes to Wills.

FUW Membership & Operations Manager Caryl



Roberts said: "We're grateful for Sioned and RDP Law for hosting a session on such an important yet sensitive topic. This session allowed members to learn about succession and the various options available to farmers with no obligation. Members had a great opportunity to ask their questions and receive answers immediately."

Sioned said after the event: "It was a pleasure to have so many turn up for this very interactive and informal event. It's more important than ever for the farming community to be having these conversations with loved ones and I hope the topics we covered got people thinking in a way they haven't before."

"Succession planning is vital for any farming family looking to protect the future of their business. A succession plan is a long-term plan about the future of the farming business, the goals and vision of the business and a plan on how to achieve them. It forms part of the overall business plan and deals with more than just retirement and death. It is a common misconception that simply having a Will in place is enough, and this session explored just that," added Sioned.

The event was free for FUW members, and took place via Zoom. Future sessions are set to take place with RDP Law and FUW with details being released soon. If you need any legal advice on succession planning contact Sioned Thomas on 01633 413500 or [sioned.thomas@rdplaw.co.uk](mailto:sioned.thomas@rdplaw.co.uk)

## Take advantage of the free services on offer from Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

A LARGE proportion of Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service's (MAWWFRS), 12,000 square kilometre Service Area is home to a tapestry of rural and agricultural communities, with many of our fire stations based within these villages and towns.

To best protect these communities, we are proud to draw upon the invaluable resource of our on-call firefighters, many of whom are primarily employed within the agriculture sector.

Acknowledging the rich farming heritage of mid and west Wales, MAWWFRS also employ a Farm Liaison Officer to work with farmers to best protect their property and livestock from the threat of fire.

Jeremy Turner, *(pictured right)*, is a Farm Liaison Officer for Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service. The son of beef and sheep farmers, Jeremy works on the family farm and runs a small agricultural contracting business. He has also served the community of Hay-on-Wye, as an on-call firefighter, for the past 16 years.


Jeremy Turner said: "I thoroughly enjoy my role as a Farm Liaison Officer (FLO) as it allows me to combine my passion for farming with my knowledge of fire safety in order to protect farming communities, similar to the one that I grew up in. I believe that my agricultural upbringing gives me a better understanding of the issues facing the farming community and a clearer insight into farming practices."

"A significant part of the job involves talking with members of the farming community. Since taking on the role of an FLO over two and a half years ago, I have attended numerous livestock markets, agricultural shows and events across mid and west Wales in an effort to raise awareness of my role as well as promoting the free services, which are available from MAWWFRS."

"Another important requirement for the Farm Liaison Officer is to work alongside other agencies to best protect our rural communities. To this extent, I work closely with Police Rural Crime Teams, National Parks, Natural Resources Wales and colleagues from Fire and Rescue Services across Wales and the UK."

"Everybody will know that the Fire and Rescue Service responds to emergency incidents, but we also provide a wide range of advice to prevent fires. There are several FREE SERVICES that are available to farmers and I encourage them to take full advantage," said Jeremy.






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**Upcoming Demo Farm Live events:**

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| 02/09/20       | 19:30        | Graig Olway, Brynbuga / Usk          | Canolbwyntio ar symudedd gwartheg, storio slyri ac isadeiledd.<br><i>Focus on cow mobility, slurry storage and infrastructure.</i>  |
| 16/09/20       | 19:30        | Dolygam, Drenewydd / Newtown         | Opsiynau porthiant amgen i wella cynhyrchiant a lleihau'r effaith amgylcheddol ar fferm ucheldir.<br><i>Alternative forage options to improve productivity and reduce environmental impact on an upland farm.</i>   |

### Free controlled burning advice

MAWWFRS offer support and guidance, which is free of charge to farmers, graziers and landowners who wish to carry out controlled burning as part of their land management. During a visit to your farm, a FLO can help you create a 'Burn plan'.

### Free farm fire prevention advice

Upon request, a Farm Liaison Officer will visit your farm to offer free fire prevention advice to reduce the risk from fire occurring. The FLO can also provide advice on a fire plan, in the event of a fire, and identify hazards.

### Free bale temperature testing

If you have concerns regarding the temperature of your bales you can request a free check of the temperature and moisture content of the bales, using specialist equipment.



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"As a Farming Liaison Officer, I would encourage all members of the farming community to make contact with our FLO Team for all, non-emergency, fire safety-related advice. As a Fire and Rescue Service, we would also welcome suggestions on how to improve the FLO role or any other ways in which we could offer additional support to farmers and the wider agricultural community," said Jeremy.

To contact your local Farming Liaison Officer please phone 0800 169 1234 or email [farmsliaisonofficer@mawwfire.gov.uk](mailto:farmsliaisonofficer@mawwfire.gov.uk)



## MEAT MATTERS

## Summer Lamb campaigns launched

by Rhys Llywelyn, HCC Market Development Manager



AFTER several successful beef promotions earlier this year, we at Hybu Cig Cymru are now putting full focus on promoting PGI Welsh Lamb to coincide with when it is most widely available to purchase for consumers.

Undoubtedly, society has undergone some significant changes this year with the Coronavirus

outbreak. Despite these changes, we still have in place a strategic and purposeful campaign which will build on many of the consumer trends which lockdown life has revealed.

Data has shown that with lockdown more people have been cooking from scratch and have had more time to try out new recipes and dishes. We have also seen that on the whole, people are managing food more effectively with things like batch cooking, home freezing and using up leftovers. In our campaign, we will exploit these trends - we'll be providing contemporary new recipes for people to try and information about how people can make prime Welsh Lamb cuts go further.

Lockdown restrictions have meant that more people have spent more time on social media and so the majority of our campaign work will be on social media, websites and other digital

channels whilst outdoor events are still prohibited. We have refreshed the eatwelshlambandwelshbeef.com website and filled it with new recipes and information which will appeal to home cooks. We are also partnering up with influencers and key magazine titles such as BBC Good Food, Olive and Delicious to broaden our reach and target foodies who are looking for new recipes and have an interest in cooking.

We will also continue to highlight the sustainable and environmental attributes of PGI Welsh Lamb during the campaign - appealing to consumers who are increasingly conscious of food choices and food production.

As well as our specific PGI Welsh Lamb campaign, we are also joining forces with our counterparts QMS in Scotland and AHDB in England to run a nationwide lamb campaign.

Following on from the #MakeItBeef campaign earlier in the year, the #MakeItLamb campaign will feature TV chef John Torode using print, radio, video on-demand and digital advertising and will encourage consumers across GB to choose and cook lamb at home.

Be sure to follow our Welsh Lamb social media account on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for further updates and to get involved.

*Ar ôl sawl ymgyrch hyrwyddo cig eidion llwyddiannus yn gynharach eleni, mae Hybu Cig Cymru bellach yn canolbwyntio'n llwyr ar hyrwyddo Cig Oen Cymreig PGI i gyd-fynd â'r cyfnod lle mae'r cig ar gael fwyaf i'w brynu. Cofiwch ddilyn gyfrif Cig Oen Cymreig ar gyfryngau cymdeithasol Hybu Cig Cymru, sef Twitter, Facebook a Instagram i weld y diweddaraf a sut i ddod yn rhan o'r ymgyrch.*

## PROPERTY MATTERS

## Compulsory purchase issues raised during Zoom seminar

by Eifion Bibby  
of Davis Meade Property Consultants



I WAS delighted to welcome FUW members to an evening Zoom seminar when farmers from across Wales logged in, thirsty for knowledge about different projects threatening their holdings.

One farmer had been approached by his local authority about building a 'super school' on his land. If it goes ahead the new school would come right across the fields and up to the farmhouse and

farmyard. Detail was highlighted of the compulsory powers the authority could draw on, together with some practical advice about initial negotiations with the authority.

Eifion Bibby.

Plans for a new cycle path were causing concern for another farm. In addition to worries regarding the actual route and responsibility for appropriate fencing and gates, key considerations here would include potential loss of privacy, access, security, insurance and the possibility that leisure cyclists would want somewhere to take a break.

Telecoms masts are a worry with new agreements being offered on much poorer terms than previously. Cases are now being considered by the Upper Tribunal Lands Chamber which should shed more light on the valuation aspects but it's likely to be a few more months before the decisions are available. Pending that should we be looking more pragmatically at these agreements? For example, in certain circumstances, is a mast an opportunity to upgrade internet access on advantageous terms?

Renewal of the National Grid distribution system threatened another farm, with the prospect of a temporary 1,000-metre track across the farm made up from 100 lorry loads of stone and extensive tree-felling.

Another question asked was about the potential for profiteering. The questioner had in mind land bought with compulsory purchase powers then being offered on to developers for house building.

It was considered that the law does not offer a watertight solution but the Crichel Down Rules may provide an answer as they relate to the later sale of land which has been compulsorily purchased. On a broader front it may be necessary to use independent ombudsman reviews and political pressure in these situations.

These questions were stimulated by our presentation on compulsory purchase and utility powers during which I outlined the compensation entitlements in different circumstances while Charles Cowap, consultant to DMPC, explored procedural and taxation aspects.

It was clear by the end of the meeting that Welsh farmers will be facing a number of challenges from compulsory purchase and infrastructure projects. Careful and well considered professional advice will be more important than ever.

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*Roedd Eifion Bibby o Davis Meade Property Consultants yn falch iawn o groesawu aelodau FUW ar draws Cymru i seminar a gynhaliwyd trwy Zoom yn ddiweddar. Trafodwyd nifer o bynciau, o godi ysgol anferth ar dir un ffermwr, i gynlluniau am lwybr beicio ar dir ffermwr arall. Amlygodd y cyfarfod bod ffermwyr Cymru'n wynebu nifer o sialensiau o ganlyniad i brosiectau pryniant gorfodol a seilwaith.*



Charles Cowap.

## MERCHED MEWN AMAETH

## Diolch i'r Loteri Genedlaethol

gan Tegwen Morris, Cyfarwyddwraig Cenedlaethol, Merched y Wawr

WEL rhyfedd iawn ydoedd Sioe Rithiol, a sawl cyfarfod ar lein yn ystod wythnos arferol y Sioe Fawr. Rydym fel elusen yn ddiolchgar iawn i'r Loteri Genedlaethol gan ein bod wedi cael grant a fydd yn ein galluogi i ddatblygu'r Ganolfan Gymunedol yn Aberystwyth ac i gynorthwyo cymunedau ar draws Cymru i ddarganfod a defnyddio technoleg, efallai y bydd nifer ohonoch fel ein haelodau am gael cyfle i ddefnyddio mwy o Zoom a gweplyfr neu hyd yn oed i drydaru dros y flwyddyn nesaf.

Mae'r tywydd mor agos at ein bywydau a sawl dywediad yn golygu mwy eleni nag erioed yn enwedig enfys y bore aml gawode ac enfys y prynhawn tywydd teg a gawn. O ran bod yn deg cofiwch am eich cyfeillion, cysylltwch, siaradwch, ffoniwch - mae wedi bod yn amser hir i gymdeithas sy'n arfer cymdeithasu. Ac eleni ni welwyd ein ffrindiau blynyddol yn y Sioe.

Mae ein cylchgrawn ar y gorwel ac fe fydd yna lyfr *Curo'r Corona'n Coginio* ar ein sillfoedd erbyn mis Medi - ydi mai wedi bod yn gyfnod hapus o gydweithio a diolch i Cywain a Hybu Cig Cymru am hyrwyddo'r gorau o Gymru. Mwynhewch weddill yr Haf.

*As a charity we are very grateful and fortunate that we have been awarded a grant from the National Lottery which will be used to develop the Community Centre in Aberystwyth and to help communities across Wales to learn more about technology. Our magazine is out imminently, and the book 'Curo'r Corona'n Coginio' will be out in September, thank you to Cywain and Meat Promotion Wales for promoting the best of Wales.*



Y Pwyllgor yn diolch i'r Loteri dros Zoom.



# Stay safe...Wales Farm Safety Partnership issues a plea to all farming families this summer



MOST of us hear the words 'stay safe' on a daily basis these days. Since Covid-19 arrived, life has changed dramatically and it's become even more of a priority to look after ourselves and our families.

But there is nothing new about being asked to 'stay safe' if you work in agriculture. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has already reported the tragic death of six Welsh farm workers this year. Each incident has wrought devastation for the families and friends left behind as they struggle to come to terms with losing a loved one. Children, teenagers, experienced farmers - every fatality adds to the shocking statistics issued by the Health and Safety Executive which has stubbornly remained at an annual average of five fatalities in Wales for the last five years. If the statistics included life-changing injuries, that figure would be considerably higher, while many more incidents undoubtedly go unreported.

Accidents have involved farm vehicles such as tractors, ATVs and telehandlers; crushing and injuries caused by animals, farm machinery, stacked bales and heavy gates; falling from heights; asphyxiation from inhaling dangerous substances; slurry pit disasters - there are too many hazards to list on almost every farmyard.

Most of the time, farmers and their families plan their work carefully, carry out routine maintenance, take care and put the necessary safety procedures in place. These are the farmers who are successfully reducing the risks to themselves, their workers and their families. For others, that momentary lapse in concentration, that tendency to cut corners, are errors of judgement which can have dire consequences.

As we head towards summer, with children and young people already spending a lot more time at home due to the Covid-19 restrictions, 'stay safe' is the message to all farming families from the Wales Farm Safety Partnership (WSFP), a collaboration of all the key agricultural stakeholder organisations in Wales.

WFSP ambassadors Alun Elidyr, a well-known television presenter and farmer and Ceredigion farmer, Glyn Davies, a Farming Connect health and safety mentor, say that 'Stay safe' is the critically important message WFSP wants to send out this summer.

"The WFSP, through Farming Connect and its partner organisations, is determined to alert the industry to the importance of taking preventative measures to help reduce the number of accidents which occur in Wales every year," said Mr Elidyr.

Farming Connect has on its website a number of guidance booklets which highlight some of the key areas where farmers can take practical, often very simple steps, to make their farms safer. All booklets are available to download and Mr Elidyr says just a few minutes reading time could help save a life.

Through Lantra Wales, Farming Connect provides a number of training courses on topics including farm Health & Safety, First Aid and handling pesticides. Although no face-to-face training is available at the current time, check on the Farming Connect website for more information on the courses available digitally now and those that will be arranged once the current lockdown restrictions are lifted. The dates of skills application windows will also be shown.

Eligible farmers can apply for up to 15 hours of fully-funded, confidential on-farm guidance from one of the approved 'farm health and safety' mentors, who are part of Farming Connect's high profile mentoring programme.

"The WFSP is intent on raising awareness to reduce the number of on-farm accidents, but to achieve that, we need farming families to work with us, to take advantage of the guidance, training and mentoring available, with much of it fully funded or subsidised by up to 80% for farmers registered with Farming Connect.

"Most farmers are aware that they sometimes take short cuts and don't always follow the correct safety guidance, but having an expert to informally visit your farm and point out, in complete confidence, what steps you can take to minimise or eliminate risks could reduce the risk of accidents for many families," said Mr Elidyr.

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## Fatal injuries in agriculture, forestry and fishing in Great Britain 2019/20

**21**

Fatalities

**7 employees killed**  
**13 self-employed killed**  
**1 member of the public (child) killed**



**7** Killed when struck by moving vehicle

Incidents involved tractors, a combine harvester, telescopic handlers, an all-terrain utility vehicle, and a boat



**4** Killed by fall from height

Incidents included falls from a fragile roof, a telescopic handler, and a fork lift truck (FLT)



**4** Killed when struck by an object

Incidents included a bale, trees and a tree branch



**2** Killed when injured by an animal

Incidents involved a cow and a bull



**2** Killed by contact with machinery

Incidents involved a rotavator and a seed drill



**2** Killed when trapped by something collapsing

Incidents involved a mower unit and a steel structure

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*The Wales Farm Safety Partnership (WFSP) is a collaboration between all the key organisations representing agriculture and allied industries in Wales. The partner organisations are committed to working together for a safer farming industry in Wales by aspiring to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries caused to farmers, their families, farm employees and others who come into contact with farm activities.*

*Partner organisations include: Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), Country Landowners Association Cymru (CLA Cymru), Farm Community Network (FCN), Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW), Hybu Cig Cymru (HCC), Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), Lantra Wales, National Farmers Union Cymru (NFU Cymru), NFU Mutual, Natural Resources Wales (NRW), Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI Cymru), Royal Welsh Agricultural Society (RWAS), Wales Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (Wales YFC), Welsh Government and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE- advisory role).*



# Don't be complacent when it comes to farm safety

THE FUW is warning the agriculture industry not to be complacent when it comes to keeping safe on farms.

The latest figures from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) show a reduction in farm fatalities, highlighting that 18 less people have lost their lives last year and 9 less than the 5-year average (30).

Whilst this is the lowest number of deaths recorded in the last 5 years, there were still 21 deaths, including 3 in Wales.

Half of the workers killed were aged 55 years or older and the youngest person killed was a 4-year old child.

Responding to the latest statistics, FUW President Glyn Roberts,

said: "Whilst this is a welcome reduction in fatalities, we still haven't reached zero and just one death is one too much.

"There are still too many people dying on farms across the UK, and I urge the industry not be complacent - your safety and that of your family is hugely important.

"Whichever way you look at it, we still have serious Health and Safety challenges on our farms: Over the last twenty years, other industries such as construction and quarrying have greatly improved their safety records, while unfortunately farming has not.

"It is frightening that you are, despite everything, six times more likely to be killed on a farm than you would on a building site."

While the number of deaths by each cause varies each year, the 5 most common remain as:

- Struck by moving vehicles
- Fall from height
- Struck by an object
- Killed by animals
- Contact with machinery

## Refined SUV-style cross-over with 4x4 choice

by Huw Thomas, Vice Chairman, Welsh Motoring Writers



Mazda CX-30.

TOUGHER regulation and 'more realistic' WLTP fuel economy and emissions testing have put the squeeze on car makers. It's a huge struggle to get the figures below the line to avoid future (draconian) fines if model range averages are over the limit. This has led some to introduce 'softer' cross-over SUVs with a lower roof line.

Partly perhaps, the rationale for Mazda's CX-30. However sleek the look, total frontal area is key to a car's aerodynamics. The

greater the area the more the drag. The more the drag the heavier the 'mpg' and, with that, up too goes the emissions count.

Based on the latest Mazda3 (2019) the CX-30 came soon after for the 2020 model year. Not just here for its looks and mpg/emissions, it fills in between the smaller CX-3 (no longer sold here) and larger CX-5 and also, to an extent, Mazda3 and 6.

Two engines for this market - both petrol. One is the 2.0-litre "Skyactiv-G" 4-cylinder 122ps unit and the other the unique "Skyactiv-X" which combines both petrol-type spark ignition and diesel-like compression combustion. Mazda is first to market with such an engine and it's the 180ps variant (rather than 150ps) which comes here.

Spark ignition is the default for start-up and pulling away yielding to compression in the cruise and for light throttle mode. Accelerate and it's there again instantly.

A mini-supercharger helps increase air pressure in the cylinders and a self-contained 24V mild hybrid system (recharged by energy regeneration from braking) further lightens engine load. Optimising performance in this way, says Mazda, avoids seeking added boost by fitting a turbocharger.

All Wheel Drive (reserved for Skyactiv-X) follows the familiar pattern - front-drive normally with 'intelligent' activation of drive to other wheels on demand. No specific off-road traction aids but the electronics adapt to exploit what grip there might be. It's for moderate off-road use but all three AWD models have a 6-speed manual gearbox as standard (auto-box an extra cost option).

Unlike most of its competitors (and CX-3; CX-5) you do not step up into the car so seating not 'SUV-elevated'. Fit and finish is to Mazda's high standard, interior design clean and ergonomically sound if (on this car) almost out-doing Audi in 'clinical-cold'. Good level of safety-tech becomes an 'armour' the more you climb the range.

Despite the free-revving willingness of this engine there is no forgetting how well-matched a gutsy 'torque-laden' turbo Diesel is to an SUV. Fortunately the 6-speed manual 'box is smooth and slick so it's no chore to use the rev-range to make progress. Steering is direct, ride-roadholding trade-off nicely judged and fine chassis tuning makes for stability and calm within for both driver and passengers alike.

**Model Line-Up:** SE-L; SE-L Luv; Sport Lux; GT Sport; GT Sport Tech. £22,895-£33,495. AWD from £29,295 (Sport Lux). Includes 1st yr Road Tax\*.

**Facts & Figures:** GT Sport Tech AWD Manual (£32,545); 127mph; 0-62 in 9 secs; 43.5mpg (official comb); 37.5 (trip computer ave on test); CO2 111g/km; £175 1st Yr\* Road Tax £150 thereafter; Ins Grp 22E; Max Braked Trailer Wgt 1,300kg.

**Verdict:** AWD and 'X-engine' available on top model Mazda3 hatch (a bit cheaper) and, at the other end, excellent CX-5 (2.2 T-Diesel) not too far away. SEAT Ateca or Skoda Karoq more immediate compact SUV competition together with VW/Audi equivalents; Volvo's XC40 also 'nearby'. All good stuff - deal will clinch it.



Toyota Hilux.

### Pick-Up News:

Longbed SsangYong Musso on sale; revised Toyota Hilux (pictured) and new Isuzu D-Max before year-end. Maxus (ex LDV) T60/T80 too or early 2021. All due for a valuation as they become available and movement restrictions eased.

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## FUW Member Value

If you put a value on each of the member benefits

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|-----------------------|-------------|
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| Manage My Land        | £50 an hour |
| Sheep Inventory Form  | £75         |
| CPH Management        | £100        |
| Y Tir Newspaper       | £25         |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>£900</b> |
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(Prices based on a 100 acre farm)

Every year we raise money for our President's chosen charity. The farmhouse breakfast week in Jan 2020 alone raised over £15000 towards the DPJ Foundation who help to support mental health issues in agriculture

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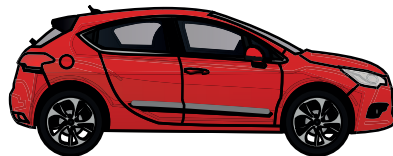
## Representation and Lobbying

Your membership ensures our Policy team and Presidential Team make your voice heard from your local council to national Governments as well as public bodies such as NRW.

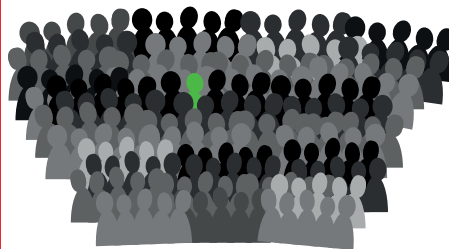
We actively and independently campaign to advance the interests of the farmers of Wales.

Since the 1st January 2020 the Policy team has spent over 280 hours attending 56 high level meetings, and have driven over 3,500 miles!

The FUW's Policy team also produce a monthly ebulletin packed with all the latest agri-information including grant deadlines, regulation updates and more!



**3,500**  
miles travelled to gather and share member views



**280** hours attending **56** high level meetings to make your opinions heard

Monthly e-bulletins packed with agri-information, grant deadlines and updates



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