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FUW meets with new First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs

THE FUW has met with the recently elected First Minister for Wales, Vaughan Gething, and new Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Climate Change, Huw Irranca-Davies, to discuss the way forward for the farming industry.

Speaking after the meeting, FUW President Ian Rickman said: "We welcome this early opportunity to outline the current challenges we face as a farming industry and to discuss possible next steps with the newly appointed First Minister and Cabinet Secretary following our request for an urgent meeting.

"We made it very clear that the feeling of frustration and anxiety within the industry still very much exists, and we presented our extensive Sustainable Farming Scheme

consultation response and a list of our key asks to the Cabinet Secretary."

FUW Deputy Head of Policy Gareth Parry added: "We also welcome the recognition and appreciation from both the First Minister and Cabinet Secretary of the current situation we find ourselves in. This is a crucial first step in understanding the severity of the problems we face and finding the best way forward to address them.

"What we want to see is the establishment of a small focussed stakeholder group tasked with discussing and proposing changes to the scheme through genuine co-design," he said.

President Ian Rickman added: "The recent Government reshuffle is certainly positive news for the industry as it presents a new opportunity for meaningful change to the current proposals. We look forward to regular meetings with the Cabinet Secretary, and First Minister, to ensure that the final version of the Sustainable Farming Scheme properly delivers for Welsh farmers."

Mae UAC wedi cyfarfod â Phrif Weinidog newydd Cymru, Vaughan Gething ac Ysgrifennydd newydd y Cabinet dros Faterion Gwledig a Newid Hinsawdd, Huw Irranca-Davies, i drafod dyfodol y diwydiant amaeth. Wrth drafod wedi'r cyfarfod, dywedodd Llywydd UAC, Ian Rickman: "Rydym yn croesawu'r cyfle cynnar hwn i amlinellu'r heriau presennol sy'n ein hwynebu fel diwydiant ac i drafod y camau nesaf posibl gyda'r Prif Weinidog newydd ac Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet yn dilyn ein cais am gyfarfod brys."

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From left, FUW Deputy Head of Policy Gareth Parry; Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Huw Irranca-Davies; First Minister for Wales, Vaughan Gething and FUW President Ian Rickman.

Union presents strong case for SFS rethink to Senedd Climate Change Committee

THE FUW provided oral evidence as part of the Senedd Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee's inquiry into the Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS) on March 21, during which the Union presented a strong case for the need to rethink current proposals.

Speaking during the session, FUW Deputy Head of Policy Gareth Parry said: "We have no doubt that by ensuring the mandatory element (universal layer) of the scheme is achievable, accessible and economically sustainable for all, it will deliver far better results in the long term rather than focussing on short-term targets which are only six years away.



From left, FUW Policy Officer Elin Jenkins; FUW Deputy Head of Policy Gareth Parry; Llŷr Gruffydd, Plaid Cymru MS and Chairman of the committee; Rachel Lewis-Davies and Aled Jones NFU Cymru with committee member, Huw Irranca-Davies MS who has now been appointed Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

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Lambing and leadership elections - the calm before the storm?

by Guto Bebb, Group Chief Executive

AFTER the excitement of the protests that escalated from the initial Welshpool meeting to the Senedd event on February 28 the situation now appears somewhat calmer. However, I would warn politicians not to take this period as an indication that the worst is over from a perspective of farmers protesting the failure of the Welsh Government to listen to legitimate concerns.

In truth, having made the views of the sector known to Government, having responded in our thousands to the request for feedback responses to the consultation process, Welsh farmers and the FUW are now waiting to see if there will be any meaningful changes to the current SFS proposals. Suffice to say it would be reckless for the Government not to respond to some of the common-sense proposals made by the FUW in our own consultation response.

Whilst protestors returned to lambing and the other tasks facing farmers seven days a week and 52 weeks a year the Labour leadership election ended with the election, by a narrow margin, of Vaughan Gething MS as leader of Welsh Labour. His success saw him elevated to the position of First Minister becoming the fifth First Minister of Wales since the advent of devolved Government in 1999. The FUW wish him well in his new role.

The last thing we want to see is a lack of solutions to Welsh problems from a Government elected here in Wales. This is the crux of our concerns around the SFS. Whether you agreed with Brexit or not, and most readers know where I stood on that issue, we did have an obligation to work towards a bespoke Welsh agricultural policy from the point it became clear that we would be leaving the EU, the Common Agricultural Policy and the Single Market. This chance to create Welsh solutions to the challenges facing Welsh agriculture has been a missed opportunity thus far.

From 'Brexit and our Land' onwards the Union has been engaged in a rearguard action against the proposals brought forward by Welsh Government. These proposals often reflected the stale thinking of DEFRA officials from the late 1990's rather than being what was needed to re-vitalise Welsh farming in the 2020s. So, will these six years of dithering and delay now give way to genuine co-design and a real willingness to listen? Well, perhaps.

I think many of us, if pushed, would have wanted Huw Irranca-Davies MS to be offered the opportunity to lead on Rural Affairs and Agricultural matters. When that came to pass, I think most of us were both surprised and pleased.

In my experience of politics many leaders refuse to trust and promote their most expert backbench members to positions of authority in subject areas where they actually know their stuff. As such, I applaud the decision taken by Vaughan Gething to appoint an individual who knows a lot about rural affairs and the agricultural sector to this key role.

Since I took responsibility for the FUW team back in February 2021 Huw has always been willing to meet with us and discuss our concerns. On more than one occasion he has facilitated events for us in the Senedd including sponsoring our breakfast event back in 2023. Will he give us everything we want? I suspect not. Will he listen and engage constructively with us and the wider sector? Yes, I think he will and that will be a step in the right direction.

The Welsh Government has lost many friends over the past few years, not least in rural Wales. With this appointment they might, just possibly, have opened the door to re-building some trust and as you know, when you have trust between people then you can create the opportunity to change.

Pob dymuniad da yn y swydd newydd Huw - mae 'na gyfle go iawn i ti wneud gwahaniaeth.

Ar ôl y protestiadau a chyfnod ymgynghoriad y Cynllun Ffermio Cynaliadwy yn cau, yr hyn sy'n digwydd yn Llywodraeth Cymru sy'n cael sylw ein Prif Weithredwr Guto Bebb mis yma. Bellach mae gan Gymru Brif Weinidog newydd Vaughan Gething AS ac Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Newid Hinsawdd a Materion Gwledig newydd Huw Irranca-Davies AS. Trwy'r penodiad yma, gobeithio y gellid dechrau ar y broses o fedru ymddiried unwaith eto yn Llywodraeth Cymru.



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"If this scheme is not economically sustainable for all actively farming businesses, the Welsh Government can forget about incorporating a mandatory tree cover target within the universal layer of the scheme of any percentage of land."

In response to a question posed by the Committee around whether the current timescales allow for the scheme to be re-designed to the extent it requires, Mr Parry made clear that nothing is impossible. However, whether or not the scheme is ready and workable by the end of this year will entirely depend on the imminent

decisions the incoming Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs will have to make on how he engages with the industry over the coming months.

"The industry has been told repeatedly that this scheme will not be introduced until it is ready. We therefore left the Committee in no doubt that if we find ourselves in a position where the scheme is not fit for purpose by the end of this year, the extension of the

"We need clear direction from the incoming Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs on how he intends to genuinely engage with the industry at this crucial time."

Basic Payment Scheme which currently supports farmers at current rates must be a real option," he said.

FUW Policy Officer Elin Jenkins added: "We need clear direction from the incoming Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs on how he intends to genuinely engage with the industry at this crucial time, and we sincerely hope to have an urgent meeting immediately after the Senedd recess."

"What we want to see is the establishment of a small focussed SFS design stakeholder group which can consider changes to the scheme design and associated payment rates, with the option to create sub-groups or panels that consider the details of different elements of the scheme."

"This approach has previously been successful in introducing major changes to schemes, and as such we believe this approach should be applied to ensure that the SFS can be redesigned to the extent it requires within the time available."

"We welcome the opportunity to provide oral evidence to the Committee and contribute to the Committee's recent stakeholder event and we have no doubt that the need for a serious rethink came over clearly during our evidence," added Mrs Jenkins.

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“The next generation are relying on us and I’m absolutely determined not to let them down!”

by Ian Rickman, FUW President

I STARTED my column last month by saying what an extremely busy start it had been to 2024 and as we all know the last month hasn’t been any less hectic. The protest at the end of February in Cardiff saw farmers from the length and breadth of Wales descend on the Senedd to leave our elected politicians in no doubt as to the strength of anger and frustration that we are feeling at the moment.

It was a great example of our rural communities working together to ensure that the day was a huge success. We are grateful to the organisers for their hard work and efforts, the many local businesses, as well as our FUW county offices, who supported by arranging buses with everyone working as one to ensure it was the biggest protest ever seen in front of the Senedd.

It was a pleasure to look out over the crowd and see the many placards with our FUW/UAC logo and I thank, not only everyone who made the effort to get to Cardiff on that day, but also the many who wanted to be there but had to stay at home on the farm and hold the fort, at what is one of the busiest times of year. We made our point peacefully and with dignity, you can see some protest pictures on pages 21 and 22.

Let’s hope the Welsh Government now realise that the SFS needs more than just tweaking - we need to see significant change to make the universal layer of the scheme truly accessible to all farmers in Wales.

The message from farmers at the moment is clear, if the scheme remains in its current form then many feel they are unable to sign up to the SFS and in that scenario there are no winners, we all lose, especially our local communities and the many businesses and jobs that rely on our support.



But it’s not all ‘doom and gloom’, we have an opportunity now with a change at the helm of the Welsh Government. We look forward to working with Vaughan Gething and Huw Irranca Davies to leave them in no doubt about the concerns of members, not just regarding the SFS but also bovine TB and the NVZ regulations. We need to find a way forward and see some meaningful change - actions not words.

Not only have we been voicing your concerns to the Welsh Government in Cardiff but March was also a busy month with the political parties spring conferences here in Wales. We’ve been present at all three, talking to Conservatives, Lib Dems, and Plaid Cymru members and politicians. Our discussions have included your concerns and working with our NFU Cymru counterparts we’ve delivered a strong, united message on those three key issues SFS, TB and NVZs.

Amongst all the lobbying there’s still been time for some farming. Like many across Wales we’re busy lambing here at Gurnos, and I’m indebted to my wife Helen and Sean, my young business partner, for tending to the sheep in my absence. Both are capable and efficient and supported by our boys at weekends with Lily Annie, the vet student, also here working with us. It’s great to have the youngsters about, the future generations are so vital to our great industry and our communities.

As I write we are over half way through lambing, so with spring, and hopefully some better weather just around the corner, seeing the ewes with lambs at foot out in the fields is always a time of optimism.

We have to remain positive, the next generation are relying on us and I’m absolutely determined not to let them down!



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Sustainable Farming Scheme

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1. The SFS must provide meaningful support and income to active farmers in Wales for producing sustainable food in line with the first Sustainable Land Management objective
2. The Welsh Government and key stakeholders, notably the Welsh farming unions, should agree on revised overarching objectives of the SFS, such that they align with the Welsh Way Forward principles and the nine objectives that underpin the 2021-2027 EU CAP framework that governs our main competitors
3. Those overarching objectives must include minimising adverse economic impacts and disruption for businesses, sectors and regions. If necessary, changes reflecting this should be made to the Agriculture (Wales) Act 2023
4. A small focussed SFS design stakeholder group that includes the farming unions should be established to consider changes to the SFS and associated payment rates, with the option to create sub-groups or panels that consider the details of different elements of the SFS - for example, in relation to broad policy areas such as woodlands, animal health etc
5. The group should also assess the overall budget required to deliver different versions of the SFS, such that a case can be made to the UK Government for funding, and changes can be made to the final scheme if that funding falls short of what is required
6. The group should also consider options for transitioning from the BPS to the final SFS scheme and

ensure that the final SFS proposals are practical in terms of their administration by Welsh Government

7. The Welsh Government must ensure all Universal Actions and Scheme Rules are accessible and achievable by all and do not represent barriers to scheme entry

8. The Welsh Government should establish an independent panel tasked with evaluating the science around net zero and carbon sequestration to help develop the SFS in such a way that takes into account all actions farmers can undertake to make progress towards net zero in a sustainable way

9. It is imperative that scheme payment rates are calculated in agreement with farming unions by using evidence gathered from economic impact assessments and farm business data to ensure payments go beyond income foregone and costs incurred and thereby ensure the scheme is economically sustainable for farm businesses and others involved in agricultural supply chains

10. The Universal Baseline Payment must provide a meaningful income stream for farming businesses which properly rewards farmers for undertaking Universal Actions and compensates for the loss of the BPS. The payment rates must also recognise the innumerable social and cultural contributions farming makes to rural communities

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Paying tribute to the gentleman Richard Walker

IT is with sadness that we share the news that Richard Walker, *(pictured right and below)*, of Flaxlands Farm has passed away after a prolonged illness. Richard held Glamorgan County together for 10 years as Chairman, as well as representing the County on the Livestock, Wool and Marts, Animal Health and Welfare and Arable standing Committees.

FUW Glamorgan County Chair Charlotte Llewellyn said: "A quiet man, he held politicians to task

firmly and politely, listening to their views and in response putting forward the farmers' perspective in a calm and considered way. At cost to himself he recorded interviews about his own struggles with mental health issues in the hope that it would encourage other farmers to speak of their own struggles and let them know they were not on their own.

"He was particularly supportive of county staff and that support was typical of an individual who said very little unless he could help a situation."



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"He was particularly brave and honest in speaking openly about the challenges he faced in dealing with his mental health - an honesty that was both moving and very important to raising awareness of this very serious issue. I was genuinely shocked to hear of his passing and reiterate Charlotte's message of support and sympathy to his family."

FUW President Ian Rickman added: "Richard was always an absolute gentleman and I thank him for the years of service that he gave to the members of Glamorgan as county Chairman.

"I first came across Richard when I was Regional Vice President and attended meetings in Glamorgan. He always made me feel welcome and it was a pleasure to work with him.

"My sympathies go out to Rachel and their young family at this difficult time."

repeated again and again.

"FUW Glamorgan committee send sincere condolences to Rachel, his wife, to his children, to Peter and Ann, his parents and his sister Sarah," Charlotte added.

Group Chief Executive Guto Bebb added: "I found Richard to be supportive and constructive in his approach to the changes to the structure of the Union that we made in Glamorgan and Gwent during his time as Chairman for Glamorgan. I also know that he was particularly supportive of county staff and that support

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Anthony Rees sy'n gwneud yr apêl, a dyma fe i ddweud ychydig mwy am yr hyn mae'n chwilio am: "Mewn cydweithrediad â chlybiau Ffermwyr Ifanc Sir Gaerfyrddin, rydym yn tynnu lluniau ac yn mapio'r holl stondinau Ilaeth sydd wedi goroesi yn y sir cyn ei bod hi'n rhy hwyr a bod nhw'n diflannu," esbonia Anthony.

"Bydd y prosiect hwn yn rhedeg trwy gydol gwanwyn 2024. Er bod y ffermwyr ifanc yn mapio ac yn tynnu lluniau o stondinau Ilaeth sydd wedi goroesi, byddwn wrth fy modd â'ch help mewn un neu fwy o'r tair ffordd ganlynol:

- Gallwch gloddio i mewn i'r albymau lluniau llychlyd hynny i weld a oes gyda chi unrhyw luniau o stondinau Ilaeth. Byddai dangos nhw'n cael eu defnyddio gyda churns neu lorïau yn wych, ond hyd yn oed os yw'r stondin Ilaeth yn llechu yn y cefndir, byddem wrth ein bodd yn eu hychwanegu at y casgliad cenedlaethol. Yn yr un modd os oes gyda chi unrhyw hen ffilm - byddai hynny'n artefact prin iawn a phwysig iawn. Mae Ysgol Gelf Gaerfyrddin wedi cynnig cymorth gyda rhan ffotograffiaeth y prosiect.
- Byddem wrth ein bodd yn clywed straeon ffermwyr, gywyr lorïau, neu weithwyr Ilaeth a allai gyfrannu at ein dealltwriaeth o dapestri diwylliant stondin Ilaeth Sir Gaerfyrddin. Efallai eich bod chi, neu os oes gyda chi ffrindiau neu deulu a oedd/yn ffermwyr Ilaeth yn Sir Gaerfyrddin ac sy'n cofio'r stondinau Ilaeth yn cael eu defnyddio. Neu efallai eich bod yn adnabod rhywun a arferai weithio i'r Bwrdd Marchnata Ilaeth a oedd yn gyrru'r lorïau a chasglu'r Ilaeth. Anogwch nhw i siarad â mi fel y gallant rannu eu hanesion sy'n haeddu sylw! Mae gan bawb rydyn ni'n siarad â nhw am y stondinau Ilaeth straeon a hanesion amdanynt, byddem wrth ein bodd yn clywed eich un chi.
- Os oes gyda chi unrhyw stondin Ilaeth neu ddogfennau, llythyr, datganiadau, labeli corddi Ilaeth ac ati, byddent i gyd yn cael eu derbyn yn ddiolchgar i'r casgliad. Mae Archifau Sir Gaerfyrddin wedi bod yn wych ac wedi datgelu cofrestr anghofiedig sy'n cofnodi'r taliadau blynyddol a wnaeth rhai ffermwyr i'r Cyngor er mwyn cael stondin ar y prif ffyrdd. Heb y prosiect hwn, ni fyddai'r gofrestr hon wedi cael ei darganfod.

"Nid oes unrhyw sir arall yng Nghymru wedi gwneud hyn, felly mae hwn yn gyfle i gyfrannu rhywbeth gwerthfawr i genedlaethau'r dyfodol, a fydd, o bosib yn ceisio dyfalu pwrpas y pentyrrau hynny o gerrig ar ochr y ffordd!

"Tan ddiwedd y 1970au, bob bore roedd lorïau o'r Bwrdd Marchnata Ilaeth yn arfer casglu churns Ilaeth wedi'u llenwi o'r stondinau, fel arfer ar ddiwedd lonydd fferm. Yn 1974 roedd 1,700 o ffermydd Ilaeth yn Sir Gaerfyrddin ac felly rydw i'n tybio y byddai nifer bron yn gyfartal o stondinau Ilaeth. Erbyn hyn mae llai na 500 o ffermydd Ilaeth.

"Fodd bynnag, ers cyflwyno casgliadau Ilaeth swmp mae'r stondinau hyn wedi gorwedd yn segur ac mae llawer ohonynt wedi'u dileu. Mae'r rhai sy'n aros yn aml yn ddigariad, yn pydru ac yn gordyfu ar ddiwedd lonydd ffermydd ledled y sir; maen nhw'n ein hatgoffa o'rffennol amaethyddol cyfoethog, ac rwy'n teimlo eu bod yn werth eu cofnodi cyn ei bod hi'n rhy hwyr.

"Trwy dynnu lluniau a dogfennu hanes y stondinau hyn gallwn sicrhau y gall cenedlaethau'r dyfodol gysylltu ag esblygiad y diwydiant Ilaeth yn Sir Gaerfyrddin ac yn wir ein cymdeithas amaethyddol gyffredin."

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The Importance of reviewing the Sum Insured for your Livestock

by Karen Royles, Group Operations Manager, FUW Insurance Services Ltd



INSURANCE is an essential part of your business transferring risk and providing much needed financial security. However, for insurance to fulfil its objectives, the cover you purchase needs to accurately reflect your business requirements. Insuring assets, including your livestock, for incorrect values or setting cover limits too low is likely to result in underinsurance.

Underinsurance can lead to policies not operating as intended delivering less indemnity than needed following a loss. This in turn jeopardises your farm business's ability to recover from any such loss. Despite the serious consequences, underinsurance remains a concern that we highlight on a regular basis with our customers. Recent research by Zurich suggests that underinsurance was a feature in no less than 79% of insurance claims. This is a real problem for all of us.

Underinsurance is a perennial problem within the agricultural sector in particular. It is difficult to understand why the issue seems to have such a low profile when it poses such a threat to your business survival and its on-going success. Underinsurance occurs when cover is set too low to adequately meet a policyholder's needs. Below is an example that demonstrates how underinsurance can affect your livestock insurance cover:

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Estimated by the Policyholder at inception of cover and declared as the livestock sum insured.	True value at risk, normally assessed at the time of a claim through completion of a value at risk form.	Policyholder suffers a significant loss of livestock due to an insured peril.	Underinsurance 'Condition of average' applies. The final settlement is proportionally reduced to ⅓ of the claim value.	Policyholder is left ⅓ of the claim amount short.

Livestock prices have been fairly buoyant recently and this should be reflected in your overall Sums Insured. It is essential that your Sums Insured should reflect the overall value at risk.

Cattle and Sheep can be specified separately if differing levels of cover are required. Insurers' margins on livestock claims tend to be minimal and they will almost always look for Statement of Value at risk before settling a livestock claim. As such, regular reviews are essential.

Your FUW Insurance Services Account Executive will always welcome the opportunity to discuss and review your insurance requirements. Contact them today!

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Have you arranged an on-farm vet visit yet?



The regulation requires the Vet Attestation Certificate Number (VAN) to accompany animals and animal by-products through processing for export

SINCE December 2023, farmers in Wales are required to have organised for their Veterinarian to sign a veterinary declaration which certifies that animals have had regular (annual) health check visits from a vet.

However, if you are a member of a farm assurance scheme such as FAWL, WLBP or Red Tractor, you are adequately covered as a result of scheme membership and do not need to take further action.

Obtaining a Veterinary Declaration is a requirement of the Export Health Certificate needed in order to export agricultural products, such as meat and animal by-products into the European Union. This includes fifth quarters and, as such, affects many farm businesses in Wales.

It is strongly advised that both farmers and veterinarians, have a signed copy of the declaration held with their records for future reference.

The regulation requires the Vet Attestation Certificate Number (VAN) to accompany animals and animal by-products through processing for export. As a result livestock markets and abattoirs will need your VAN number in order to process relevant paperwork to allow for products to be exported.

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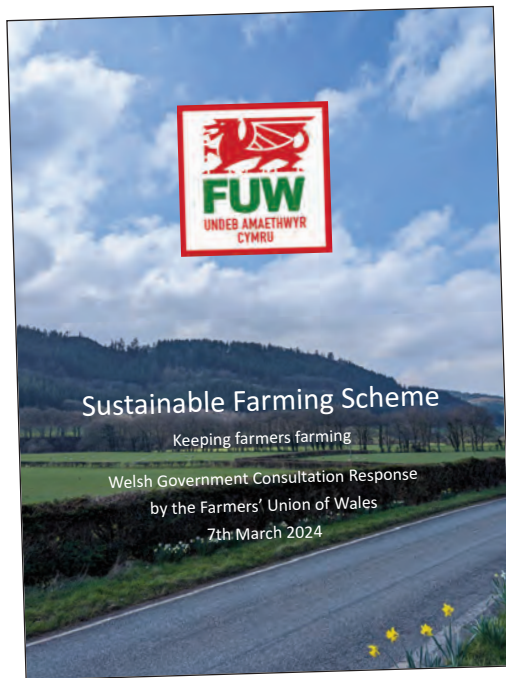


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FUW response to SFS consultation highlights concerning amount of change required



THE FUW's response to the Welsh Government's Sustainable Farming Scheme: "Keeping farmers farming" consultation has highlighted the concerning amount of change that is required to make sure the scheme is fit for purpose within the time available.

The Union's response was compiled following

discussions with members and sector representatives at thirteen regional meetings across Wales. Those meetings, attended by hundreds of members, as well as others who have a direct or indirect interest in the agricultural industry, were instrumental in compiling FUW's response. Engagement also took place at twelve FUW County Executive meetings and meetings of the Union's ten Standing Committees.

FUW President Ian Rickman said: "The Union's response to this final consultation on the Sustainable Farming Scheme provides a comprehensive insight into the views and concerns of our members.

"Firstly, we believe the overarching objectives of the scheme must be revised so that they align with the Welsh Way Forward principles and the nine objectives that underpin the current EU CAP framework, such as minimising adverse economic impacts and disruption for businesses, sectors and regions.

"At the very least, the SFS must provide meaningful support and income to active farmers in Wales for producing sustainable food in line with the first Sustainable Land Management objective."

The FUW's response also calls for the establishment of a small, focussed SFS design stakeholder group that includes the farming unions to consider the changes to the SFS and associated payment rates. There should also be the option to create sub-groups or panels that consider the details of different elements of the SFS, for example, in relation to broad policy areas such as woodlands.

"It is imperative that we use the next few months effectively to re-design elements of the scheme in collaboration with the Welsh Government and other key stakeholders.

"This includes ensuring that the scheme payment rates are calculated in agreement with farming unions by using evidence gathered from economic impact assessments and farm business data. This would ensure payments go beyond income foregone and costs incurred so that the scheme is economically sustainable for farm businesses.

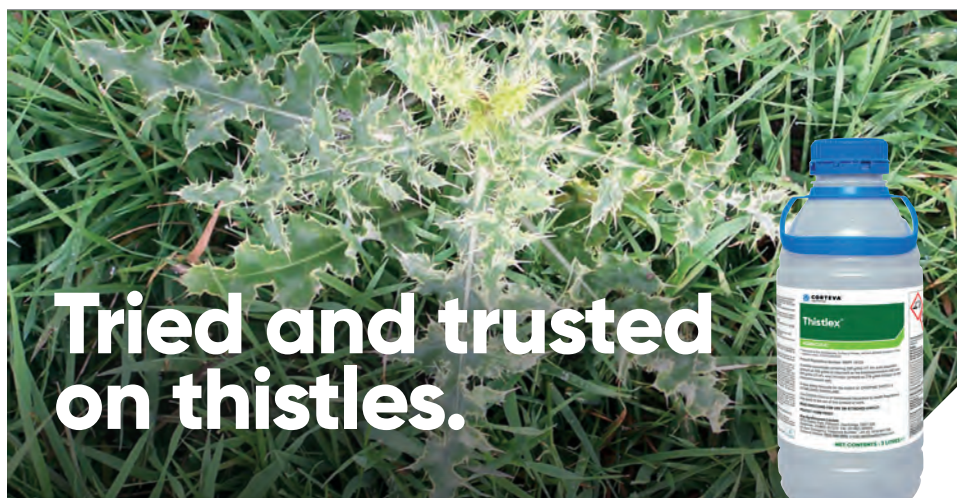
"It also includes the need to ensure that all Universal Actions and scheme rules are accessible and achievable by all and do not represent barriers to scheme entry," he said.

Such a group should also assess the overall budget required to deliver different versions of the SFS, so that a case can be made to the UK Government for adequate funding. Changes can be made to the final scheme if that funding falls short of what is required.

"The current and incoming Welsh Government must now seriously consider every single one of the thousands of responses to the consultation and work with the industry to design a scheme that is genuinely fit for purpose.

"On a final note, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to the Union staff and to everyone who attended our SFS county meetings and contributed to the final FUW response," concluded Ian Rickman.

A copy of the FUW's full response is on our website - www.fuw.org.uk - Policy - Policy Reports



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Registration will be a mandatory requirement for GB bird keepers

THE long awaited summary of responses to the cross governmental consultation in the spring of 2023 has been published. The consultations called for views on proposals to mandate poultry registration requirements for all bird keepers.

It was announced on March 19 that new measures to better protect the poultry sector from future disease outbreaks, such as Avian Influenza, will come into force in the autumn of 2024.

Currently, keepers with more than 50 birds are required to register their flocks. The changes announced will mandate all keepers, regardless of flock size, to officially register their birds before the deadline of the 1st of October in Wales (and England) with Scottish keepers having to register prior to the 1st of September 2024. Keepers will also be legally required to update their information on an annual basis.

The regulations extend to poultry species including chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, pigeons (bred for meat), partridge, ratites, guinea fowl and pheasants. However, pet birds such as budgies, parrots and similar species that are housed within dwellings with no outside access are exempt from the new registration requirements.

Defra and the devolved administrations state that extending compulsory registration to all keepers will facilitate co-working between government and bird keepers. Improving communication and ensuring keepers receive important updates on disease outbreaks and information on biosecurity rules will help protect flocks from future disease outbreaks, which in turn will assist in monitoring the control and spread of notifiable avian diseases in Wales and across GB.

In responding to the consultation on proposed registration requirements for all bird keepers in GB, the FUW disagreed with the need to extend the registration requirements to flocks with fewer than 50 birds as it was deemed that the administrative and policing cost of the proposals would outweigh any meaningful strides in biosecurity.

Considering that the responsibility of policing the regulation would be laid on Local Authorities, identifying and ensuring compliance with regulation and the annual updating of information of every backyard bird keeper was considered an impossible task and thus deduces the intention of the regulation as meaningless bureaucracy with little scientific evidence to support its implication.

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Lack of consideration for tenants and new entrants under SFS proposals is concerning

THE lack of consideration of tenant farmers and proper support for new entrants were just some of the key concerns expressed by the Presidential Policy Team of the FUW during a meeting held recently at Builth Wells.

This was the final formal meeting held by the FUW to discuss the initial feedback received from over 1,500 farmers at local county meetings across Wales and was used to formulate the Union's final response to the Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS) consultation.

Speaking after the meeting, FUW President Ian Rickman said: "Whilst many of the comments and concerns raised in our local county meetings were discussed at length, Union officials raised some serious concerns around the impracticalities tenant farmers may face when trying to enter the Sustainable Farming Scheme.

"Moves to annualised agreements and exemptions to the 10% tree cover requirements for tenants are of course welcomed. However, a number of other practical limitations for tenants must also be considered, such as the ability to obtain landlords' permission to create new ponds and habitats or deciding who has management control of historical features or individual trees within hedgerows.

"Minister for Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths, has said many times that if the SFS does not work for the tenanted sector then it does not work at all. All of these practical examples will need to

be addressed if all active farmers are to have an equal opportunity to join the scheme," he said.

FUW Younger Voice for Farming Committee Chair, Gemma Haines, (pictured left), said: "It's clear that the concerns and questions raised during meetings of the Welsh Government's New Entrants Working Group also seem to have been dismissed here.

"New and young entrants who decide to enter the SFS from next year onwards will have to surrender thousands of pounds worth of entitlements, and those that enter the industry from next year onwards won't be entitled to claim the stability payment at all.

"The Welsh Government claims to have removed barriers for new and young entrants, but, there remains no commitment to properly support these individuals who are new to the industry with something akin to a meaningful top-up payment."

FUW Regional Vice President for south Wales, Brian Bowen, also highlighted the lack of detail around the extent in which common land graziers will be supported as the BPS is phased out and the Collaborative Actions are implemented.

For many graziers, the common land proportion of their BPS payment is significant, with most having already faced significant cuts in payments between Glastir Commons and the Habitat Wales Scheme.



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History repeating itself as two agricultural Senedd motions voted down

FOLLOWING a protest by thousands of farmers and staff from associated businesses on the steps of the Senedd in Cardiff Bay on February 28, the Senedd proceeded to debate and vote down two motions on policies relating to the Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS) and bovine TB.

The Welsh Conservatives motion called on the Welsh Government to scrap the current sustainable farming scheme proposals and to re-engage with the farming sector to develop a new scheme that has the support of the farming community.

The second motion on bovine TB, tabled by Plaid Cymru, called on the Welsh Government to urgently undertake a long-term evaluation and appraisal of current cattle controls to determine their relative effectiveness in preventing and controlling disease transmission. Additionally the motion also asked for immediate changes to on-farm slaughter policy and establish policies which reflect wildlife as a source of infection.

Speaking in response to the debates, FUW President Ian Rickman said: "I am proud to say that the agricultural community stood in unity on the steps of the Senedd to express the strength of feeling towards the current situation and the future direction of agricultural policy in Wales.

"We heard many speakers say, including Senedd Members, how at difficult times we must stand together in unity. However, despite our presence and the very real frustrations of the farming community that have been



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demonstrated by events right across Wales over recent weeks, the Senedd votes reflected party political priorities rather than real consideration of the facts.

"This is history repeating itself since two years ago Plaid Cymru's motion to annul the Control of Agricultural Pollution 'NVZ' regulations was lost by 30 votes to 27 despite the regulations repeatedly being referred to 'as a hammer to crack a nut.'"

Following recent meetings with both farming unions and other farming representatives the First Minister and Minister for Rural Affairs issued a joint statement outlining the next steps now being considered to the SFS. There were also some comments made by the Government around the issue of bovine TB and the 'NVZ' regulations but no clear way forward has emerged on either of these two issues.

"While it's positive to see that at least some steps are now being considered

with the SFS, it is truly disheartening to think it has taken thousands of us standing on the steps of the Senedd for the Welsh Government to acknowledge the severity of the situation and issue a rather bland statement which doesn't come close to addressing our concerns.

"As a professional farming union, with members' interests at our core, we have a duty to work with both the government in power and the opposition parties to drive things forward. Our job will continue: ensuring that Wales' agricultural sector and our family farms receive the consideration and respect they deserve," added Mr Rickman.




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Wrth siarad cyn y digwyddiad, a gynhelir ar ddydd Iau 30 Mai, dywedd Wyn Evans, sy'n Gymrawd y Gymdeithas Amaethyddol Frenhinol a Chadeirydd y pwyllgor trefnu: "Rydyn ni'n falch o fod yn gweithio gyda Phrifysgol Aberystwyth ac yn edrych ymlaen at groesawu ffermwyr o bob rhan o Gymru a thu hwnt i Drawsgoed, lle bydd y wybodaeth a'r dechnoleg gynaliadwy ddiweddaraf yn cael eu harddangos.

"Rydyn ni hefyd yn ddiolchgar am gefnogaeth ein dau brif noddwr DeLaval a Germinal, ac am gefnogaeth hael yr holl noddwyr eraill, gyda UAC yn un o'r rhai hynny."

Mae ymchwil amaeth Prifysgol Aberystwyth yn cael ei gydnabod yn rhyngwladol am ei rhaglenni bridio planhigion, yn ogystal â'i harbenigedd ymchwil mewn gwyddor anifeiliaid a chnydau.

Mae'i ffermydd ymchwil, gan gynnwys Pwllpeiras, Gogerddan a Thrawsgoed, yn ymestyn dros oddeutu 1,200 hectar ac yn gweithredu fel safleoedd arloesi.

Mae fferm 436 hectar Trawsgoed yn cynnwys tir gwastad ar waelod Dyffryn Ystwyth, tua 60 metr uwchlaw lefel y môr sy'n

codi i dir pori tua 280 metr uwchlaw lefel y môr. Mae ganddi hefyd 100 hectar o goetiroedd a reolir yn cynnwys coed brodorol a chonifferau.

Ychwanegodd yr Athro Jon Moorby, Cadeirydd Gwyddor Da Byw a Chyfarwyddwr Systemau Ffermio Cynaliadwy Phrifysgol Aberystwyth: "Mae'n fraint fawr croesawu digwyddiad mor arwyddocaol yn y calendr ffermio i un o ffermydd y Brifysgol. Rydwn ni'n edrych ymlaen at weld pawb."

Yn ogystal â'r arddangosiadau peiriannau, bydd y digwyddiad yn cynnwys lleiniau yn dangos gwahanol fathau o laswellt, teithiau fferm, stondinau masnach a seminarau technegol.

Bydd unedau arlwygo a bar trwyddedig yno, gydag adloniant gyda'r nos yn ogystal.

Mae tocynnau cynnar ar gael o wefan Cymdeithas Amaethyddol Frenhinol Cymru am bris gostyngol:
<https://cafc.cymru/digwyddiadglaswelltir/>



The Royal Welsh Agricultural Society's annual Sustainable Grass and Muck Event will be held at Trawsgoed farm at the end of May. The event is part of Ceredigion's year as the society's feature county.

With 150 acres put aside for demonstration machinery, the event will give grassland farmers the chance to see the latest silage-making machinery in action.

It will also feature demonstrations of efficient and effective spreading of slurry and farmyard manure.

The significance of the event in the agricultural calendar is a sign of the importance Welsh farmers place on producing and harvesting sustainable, high quality and home-grown forage.

Speaking ahead of the event, which will be held on Thursday May 30, Wyn Evans, who is a Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Society and Chair of the organising committee said: "We are pleased to be working with Aberystwyth University and look forward to welcoming farmers from across Wales and beyond to Trawsgoed, where the latest information and sustainable technology will be showcased.

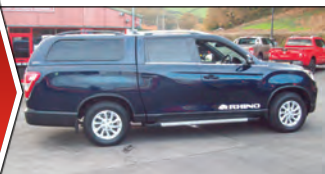
"We are also grateful for the support of our two main sponsors DeLaval and Germinal, and for the generous support of all other sponsors, the FUW being one of those."

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Mae'r dair blynedd ers ni adael yr Undeb Ewropeidd wedi bod yn gyfnod digynsail ym myd gwleidyddol y DU. Darluniwyd Brexit fel proses syml, a fyddai'n rhyddhau'r DU o reoliadau beichus a pholisïau ac a fyddai'n agor y drws i fyd newydd o bartneriaid masnachu newydd. Dywedwyd wrthym y gallem lunio ein llwybr ein hunain, gan 'ail-afael yn yr awenau' a rhyddhau ein hunain rhag biwrocratiaeth gyfyngol a chostus yr UE.

Yn anffodus, mae'r hyn sydd wedi digwydd ers etholiad Mai 2017 wedi bod yn wahanol iawn i'r darlun ideolegol o fywyd y tu allan i'r UE. Mae UAC, a finnau yn credu bod y cyflymder yr aeth y Llywodraeth ati i roi canlyniad Refferendwm yr UE ar waith ymhell o fod yn gyfystyr â phroses bontio ddi-dor, a bod blaenoriaethau gwleidyddion wedi cael y llaw uchaf dros fuddiannau busnesau a diwydiannau'r DU.

Rydym bellach yn wynebu cynlluniau cymorth amaethyddol ledled y DU sy'n gosod mwy o werth ar 'nwyddau cyhoeddus' a 'chylaf naturiol' na chynhyrchu bwyd, a llif o fewnforion nad ydynt yn cwrdd â safonau uchel ein cynhyrchwyr domestig yma yn y DU. Pa bynnag blaid a gaiff ei hethol i redeg Llywodraeth nesaf y DU, rhaid iddi wneud pob ymdrech i atgyweirio'r difrod a wnaed gan gytundebau masnach bryslog.

Ni angen gweld bwyd yn parhau i gael ei gynhyrchu ar ein tir, i'r safonau uchel sydd

mor bwysig inni, a hynny ar ffermydd teuluol, sef asgwrn cefn economaidd, diwylliannol ac amgylcheddol ein tirwedd.

Gyda'r mater o gyllid gwledig a chytundebau masnach yn parhau i fod yn ganolbwynt allweddol i'r ymgyrch etholiadol bresennol, mae ein manifesto yn darlunio polisïau UAC ar sut y dylai ein perthynas â'r UE a gweddill y byd ddatblygu. Mae hefyd yn delio â materion eraill o bwysigrwydd canolog hirdymor i'n diwydiant, megis adfer yr hinsawdd, taclo TB gwartheg, a chaffael cyhoeddus.

Ers 1977 mae UAC wedi'i chydabod yn swyddogol gan Lywodraethau fel Undeb sy'n cynrychioli barn ffermwyr yng Nghymru. Rydym yn ffermwyr Cymreig, yn siarad dros ffermwyr Cymru, yn fudiad gwleidyddol niwtral gyda dyletswydd i weithio gyda phob plaid, i ddod â'r gorau i amaethyddiaeth Cymru.

Mae'r rôl a chwaraeir gan amaethyddiaeth o ran gwarchod ein hamgylchedd naturiol a'n cymunedau gwledig, ynghyd â phwysigrwydd cynnal ac atgyfnerthu'r fframweithiau gwleidyddol hynny sy'n diogelu'n cyflenwad bwyd, yn golygu y dylai amaethyddiaeth, ac yn arbennig y fferm deuluol, fod yn uchel ar agenda unrhyw Lywodraeth yn y dyfodol.

Ian Rickman, Llywydd UAC

ARIANNU TEG ar gyfer ein Heconomi Wledig

Nid all economïau a pholisïau gwledig weithio os na chânt eu hariannu'n deg. Amaethyddiaeth yw sylfaen yr economi wledig, a rhaid i lywodraethau gydnabod y rôl hanfodol a chreiddiol a chwaraeir gan ffermio ac amaethyddiaeth o fewn strwythur economaidd Cymru.

GOFYNION ALLWEDDOL UAC

- 1 Ddyrannu o leiaf £450 miliwn y flwyddyn o gyllid wedi'i warchod ar gyfer amaethyddiaeth a datblygu gwledig yng Nghymru.
- 2 Diogelu incwm ffermydd gyda fformiwla teg ledled y gwledydd datganoledig.
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GOFYNION ALLWEDDOL UAC

- 1 Roi'r gorau i gytundebau masnach rydd a chreu cytundebau sy'n diogelu marchnadoedd a chynhyrchwyr bwyd y DU.
- 2 Sefydlu trefniadau masnachu rhyngwladol sydd o fudd i gynhyrchwyr sylfaenol, gan roi blaenoriaeth i drafodaethau gyda'r UE.
- 3 Sicrhau archwiliadau tollau a thariffau cyfartal sy'n cael eu gorfodi'i iawn.
- 4 Adrodd ar ystadegau mewnfurio, archwiliadau a thariffau yn rheolaidd.
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GOFYNION ALLWEDDOL UAC

- 1 Gyflwyno polisïau caffael sy'n rhoi blaenoriaeth i sicrhau bod cyrrff cyhoeddus yn cefnogi busnesau yng Nghymru a Phrydain.
- 2 Annog busnesau llai o faint i ymuno â'r broses gaffael.
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GOFYNION ALLWEDDOL UAC

- 1 Sicrhau bod costau cydymffurfio â safonau iechyd a lles anifeiliaid yn gymesur, ac nad ydynt yn rhoi cynhyrchwyr yng Nghymru dan anfantais.
- 2 Datblygu'r rhwydweithiau cadw golwg am glefydau gydag Aelod-wladwriaethau'r UE a diogelu cyllideb sganio a gwyliadwriaeth y DU.
- 3 Gwneud hi'n gyfraith bod cŵn yn cael eu cadw ar dennyn mewn caeau lle mae da byw yn agos neu gerllaw.
- 4 Ailwampio polisïau a rhaglenni bTB i sicrhau eu bod yn addas i'r diben.
- 5 Diddymu'r Ddeddf Moch Daear i ganiatáu rheoli moch daear i atal bTB mewn gwartheg.



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FUW General Election Manifesto summary

The 3 years since we left the EU has been an unprecedented time in UK politics. Brexit was painted as a simple process to free the UK of burdensome regulation and policy and open the door to new trade deals. We were told we could forge our own path, 'take back control' and free ourselves of restrictive and costly EU red tape.

Sadly, what has unfolded since the May 2017 election has been far from this ideological life outside the EU. The FUW, and I, believe the Government's implementation of leaving the EU has been anything but a smooth transition, and that political priorities have been placed above the interests of UK business and industry.

We now find ourselves facing agricultural support schemes across the UK that value 'public goods' and 'natural capital' over food production, and a flow of imports that do not meet the high standards of our own producers. Whichever party is elected to run the next UK Government, must repair the damage done by rushed trade deals.

We need to see food continuing to be produced on our land, to the high standards we hold dear, and on family farms which are the economic, cultural and environmental backbone of our landscapes.

With rural funding and trade deals a key focus of current election campaigning, our manifesto portrays the FUW's policies on how our relationship with the EU and the

rest of the world should develop. It also deals with other matters of central long term importance to our industry, such as climate recovery, bovine TB and public procurement.

Since 1977 the FUW has been formally recognised by Governments as representing the views of farmers in Wales. We are Welsh farmers, speaking for Welsh farmers, a politically neutral organisation with a duty to work with all parties, to bring the best for Welsh agriculture.

The role we play in food production, food security, protecting our natural environment and rural communities, means agriculture, and in particular the family farm, should be high on the agenda for any future Government.

Ian Rickman, FUW President



FAIR FUNDING for our rural economy

Rural economies and policy cannot function without a fair funding allocation. Agriculture is the foundation of the rural economy and governments must recognise the critical position that farming and agriculture plays in underpinning Wales' wider economic structure.

FUW KEY ASKS

- 1 Allocate at least £450 million per year in protected funding for agriculture and rural development in Wales.
- 2 Protect farm incomes with a fair funding formula across the devolved nations.
- 3 Increase research in all areas of agriculture and use this to take a more scientific approach to policy making.

THE AVERAGE WELSH FARM INJECTS UPWARDS OF £100K PER YEAR INTO THE WIDER RURAL ECONOMY

£100k per year

FUTURE PROOFING International Trade, Immigration and a Level Playing Field at Border Control

In Westminster there has been a political drive to hastily put together post-Brexit trade agreements. This has created a trade environment that disadvantages many of our industries, including primary food production.

FUW KEY ASKS

- 1 Abandon liberal trade deals and bring in deals that protect UK markets and food producers.
- 2 Forge international trading arrangements that benefit primary producers, prioritising negotiations with the EU.
- 3 Equal customs checks and tariffs that are properly enforced.
- 4 Regular reporting of statistics on imports, inspections and tariffs charged.
- 5 Include roles essential to primary production on the Shortage Occupation List.

RECOGNISE AND INVEST in Agriculture's Contribution to Climate Recovery

The farmed environment, and the landscapes and environments it creates, continue to define our national identity and improve the physical and mental wellbeing of the UK population. Agriculture has consistently reduced its emissions and strives for industry improvement, yet we are often shouldered with the responsibility of fixing the climate emergency for the whole of Wales.

FUW KEY ASKS

- 1 Tackle the grid capacity deficit to enable on-farm renewable energy projects.
- 2 Recognise food production as a national strategic asset and halt the use of productive agricultural land to meet tree planting targets.
- 3 Ensure environmental targets do not result in unfair competition and increased imports.
- 4 Properly reward and compensate farmers for delivering environmental and public goods.

APPROX 410 MILLION TONNES OF CARBON IS CURRENTLY STORED IN WELSH SOILS

410m tonnes

REFORM PUBLIC PROCUREMENT and Supply Chains

The decision to leave the EU was supposed to allow primary producers to capitalise on new domestic procurement policies where public bodies led by example and supported local Welsh and UK food. However, despite this new freedom the UK remains stubbornly behind other nations on local procurement.

FUW KEY ASKS

- 1 Introduce procurement policies that prioritise public body support for Welsh and British businesses.
- 2 Encourage smaller businesses to join the procurement tender process.
- 3 Introduce policies that promote a more transparent supply chain.
- 4 Expand the powers of the Groceries Adjudicator to address wider unfair supply chain practices and review UK competition rules.

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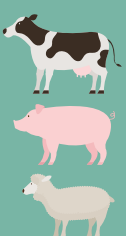


PROTECT OUR LIVESTOCK and High Welfare Standards

Welsh farming should be proud of its consistently high standards of animal health and welfare. Despite increasing costs for public and animal health measures, legislative bureaucracy and low profits, primary producers continue to provide some of the highest standards in the world.

FUW KEY ASKS

- 1 Ensure animal health and welfare compliance costs are proportionate, and do not disadvantage Welsh producers.
- 2 Develop the disease surveillance networks with EU Member States and protect the UK scanning surveillance budget.
- 3 Bring into law that all dogs should be kept on a lead in fields near or adjacent to livestock.
- 4 Overhaul bTB policies and programmes to ensure they are fit-for-purpose.
- 5 Revoke the Badger Act to allow badger control to prevent bTB in cattle.



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Political Matters

by Lauren Price, FUW Senedd and Parliamentary Liaison Officer

RECENTLY, Welsh agriculture has seen some of the most widespread discontent of our time, and uncertainty likened only to that felt during the foot and mouth pandemic. This is largely as a result of the latest Sustainable Farming Scheme consultation, but also its compounded effects with bovine TB and NVZ regulations.

There have been a few pieces of big news since March's edition hit your kitchen table, one of which was the mass farmers protest at The Senedd in Cardiff. Those of us lucky enough to make the trip and not be stuck in the lambing shed experienced an incredible display of solidarity and unity. Farmers and associated industries came from the length and breadth of Wales to show the Welsh Government that the SFS, in its current form, just isn't workable for the industry, and the predicted impact on wider communities and economies is unacceptable. We hope that the numbers of people and heartfelt testimonies from the speakers on the day made the Welsh Government sit up and listen. We look forward now to seeing the results of the consultation responses later in the Spring and keeping the pressure on for significant change within the scheme and real co-design with the industry. *(See pictures of the protest on pages 21 and 22)*

Political meetings continue as we take members' views right to the top. Our President



On farm meeting with Jane Dodds MS.

and policy team continue their regular meetings with the Rural Affairs Minister, Ian met Mark Spencer MP, DEFRA Minister, to discuss future funding and the state of affairs in Welsh agriculture, we hosted Jane Dodds MS on a members farm to discuss SFS design, along with TB and NVZ's and we also hosted the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak MP, on a members farm. This was an excellent opportunity for members to voice their concerns to the leader of the country, to explain how these issues affect them and what we need to do to rectify them.

We hosted a joint fringe event with NFU Cymru to discuss the SFS at the Welsh Conservative Party Conference. This was incredibly well attended, and it was encouraging to see standing room only to hear both Presidents and policy teams explain the pit-falls of the scheme. A local farmers' peaceful tractor protest outside the venue, was another show of unity and anger about what the SFS will mean for Wales.

Of course the other big news was the announcement of the new leader of Welsh Labour, and First Minister of Wales, Vaughan Gething MS. In the end, the battle between Vaughan and Jeremy was a very closely fought one, with the final results coming down to 51.7% and 48.3% of the vote respectively. We have already written to Mr Gething asking him to meet with the FUW and we look forward to this when it happens.

Of course with a new First Minister, we will see a cabinet reshuffle in Wales. This could bring a new Rural Affairs Minister, or even the creation of a new Minister responsible for farming and agriculture. We're keeping a close eye on this and look forward to working with whoever takes charge of agriculture in Wales.

Myself and the policy team attended the Plaid Cymru party conference in Caernarfon on March 22 and 23. We hosted another joint fringe event with the NFU on the SFS, and I took part in an agri discussion panel on the main stage.

Despite the pressures of lambing and the chaos that brings, there's no let up on the political front of Welsh agriculture and we look forward to the challenges as they come.

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Top safety tips to remember during lambing

SAFETY must be a priority on all farms, no matter what the enterprise. Lambing time is the busiest time of year for sheep farmers, vastly increased workload and labour can lead to corners being cut for ease, and significant health and safety factors being neglected.

Here are some top safety tips to emphasise that your safety, as well as the safety of your family or other workers on the farm, is kept as a prerogative.

Proper Facilities

Whether you're lambing indoors or outdoors, it's important to have the right facilities in place. This makes the whole process easier on the farmer, as well as allowing safe handling of the pregnant ewe. It's crucial to always be vigilant when handling livestock, as to avoid being butted or kicked by protective ewe mothers. Moreover, as the average pregnant ewe weighs between 60 kg - 90 kg, lifting and moving can be a strain on the body, therefore holding the ewe in the correct position will reduce the risk of injury to the handler.

For example, if lambing indoors it's critical to have sufficient lighting to ensure that all work areas are illuminated and therefore decreasing the risk of falling from hidden hazards, as well as remaining aware of your surroundings by keeping shed walkways clear.

If lambing outdoors, ensuring that gates and fences are all fixed and in working order is often sufficient without a huge added cost, as well as having sheep handling equipment is useful to help sheep that might need assistance and decrease the stress for the livestock and farmer.

Use of ATVs

ATVs / quad bikes are a handy tool to get around the farm, especially at lambing time. To help minimise the risks when using an ATV:



FUU President Ian Rickman using his ATV safely.

- Always wear suitable head protection
- Don't overload racks, and ensure loads are secure and balanced
- Check tyre pressures regularly
- Always read and follow the owner's manual
- Stick to planned routes where possible
- Take extra care with trailed or mounted equipment and understand how they affect stability
- Make sure all riders receive adequate training

Hygiene Practises

Make sure to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when handling pregnant ewes. The protective clothing should be washed well, and ideally outdoor clothing should be removed before coming into the house during lambing time.

Wearing gloves on both hands during the lambing procedure is the

best possible practice to protect yourself from contamination from amniotic fluids is essential, as well as protecting the sheep's health and welfare by decreasing the risk of contamination.

Many farmers don't wear gloves when lambing sheep and could be putting themselves or their staff at unnecessary risk of contracting infections like sepsis which can be fatal.

Disposable gloves should be tight-fitting for best protection, and can be easily carried in a pocket at all times. Afterwards hands, arms and face should be washed thoroughly with warm water and soap to reduce the risk of infection.

Although the number of human pregnancies affected by contact with an infected animal is small, the individual impact can be high and it's important that pregnant women are aware of the risks to themselves and their unborn child, and take appropriate precautions not only during lambing time but also with cattle and goats that have recently given birth.

To avoid the risk of miscarriage and infection this lambing season, pregnant women should not:

- Help milk or lamb ewes
- Come into contact with aborted or new-born lambs or the afterbirth, birthing fluids or materials like bedding and equipment contaminated by such birth products
- Handle (including washing) clothing, boots or any materials that may have come into contact with animals that have recently given birth.

Lambing time is the busiest time of year for sheep farmers, vastly increased workload and labour can lead to corners being cut for ease, and significant health and safety factors being neglected

Pregnant women should seek medical advice if they experience fever or influenza-like symptoms, or if concerned that they could have acquired infection from a farm environment.

Disinfection points should be set up at all entry and exit points of the farm to avoid transmission of infection.

Risk Assessment

Before the lambing season starts, be prepared and carry out a risk assessment of your farm and update your safety statement. Identify the hazards, risks and appropriate control measures, and ensure that these are shared and communicated with everybody working on the farm.

Consider potential ill health possibilities, serious accidents and even fatalities that can happen from working with livestock and machinery on the farm.

For example, to avoid injury make sure chemicals and injections are kept out of sight and reach of young children on the farm.

Importance of rest

Make sure to get as much rest as possible during the long and enduring lambing period, as lack of sleep can severely reduce alertness and awareness of potential hazards. Take advantage of any help and labour that may be on offer depending on the size and scale needed on the farm.

Rhai awgrymiadau diogelwch i bwysleisio bod eich diogelwch chi, yn ogystal â diogelwch eich teulu neu weithwyr eraill ar y fferm, yn cael blaenoriaeth adeg wyna.

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FCN Cymru working in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support

by Linda Jones, National Manager (Wales), The Farming Community Network

I'm very pleased to be able to announce that FCN Cymru will be working in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support to improve the support available to those living with cancer in rural Wales. As part of this partnership FCN Cymru will be working closely with Macmillan Cancer Support, including raising awareness in rural communities of the signs and symptoms of cancer and building referral bridges to and from Macmillan's services.

Farmers, farm workers and people living in rural communities can have lower access to cancer services and support due to the nature of their work and rural life in often isolated areas. A diagnosis of cancer can have a devastating effect on farming people's mental health. The initial shock of a cancer diagnosis and how the diagnosis relates to farming's day to day activities can lead to worry, stress and anxiety. Farming doesn't stop because someone is ill with cancer. Finding ways to cope will differ from person to person, as will

"Farmers, farm workers and people living in rural communities can have lower access to cancer services and support due to the nature of their work and rural life in often isolated areas."



a person's treatment plan. At FCN Cymru we realise that knowing where to get support and information relating to a cancer diagnosis is vital. People's coping strategies may vary, from wishing to know everything and reading extensively, to finding it difficult to even talk about the diagnosis.

Macmillan Cancer Support provide booklets, leaflets and extensive resources to help with the emotional effects of cancer as well as practical information. Family members and friends may also find it difficult to address the subject and may not know what is helpful in the first instance. The farming community is a very close-knit community and when someone needs help, plenty of offers tend to

arrive from neighbours. Knowing someone is offering to feed livestock, milk the cows, or cut the silage helps with the worry of how to manage daily farm work during treatment.

Many people do not like talking about their cancer and how it is affecting them. Some people may find the idea of sharing details regarding their cancer upsetting or uncomfortable. But talking to someone can help people cope with their emotions and is often the first step in helping them feel better as it can be reassuring to know that someone understands and cares.

Farming people are proud by nature and asking for support from others can be difficult for them. Finding a way to express fears, worries and uncertainty can ease the pressure and help clarify thoughts.

Managing stress and anxiety on a daily basis can be difficult whilst dealing with an uncertain situation. Farming people are resilient by nature, however, receiving a cancer diagnosis can test even the most resilient farmer. People have different reactions and emotions at different times. This is part of what many people go through when dealing with an illness.

In the coming months, FCN Cymru will be attending shows and events to raise awareness of the support that is available from Macmillan Cancer Support. Please do come and talk to us to find out more.





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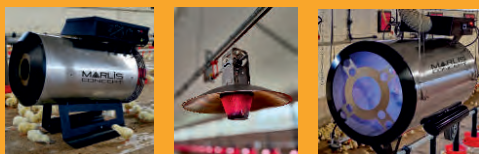
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On behalf of FUW and Anglesey Grassland Society members a big thank you to the following companies for their kind sponsorship towards the cost of a bus from Anglesey to Cardiff to attend the protest outside the Senedd on February 28; Lloyd Williams and Hughes - Bryncir Mart, CCF, Shearwell Data, Morgan Evans, Simon Sturrock & Will Davies Lime and Fertilizer Sales and Spreading.



Dyma'r criw hwyliog ar y daith hir i lawr yr A470 dan ofal profiadol y gyrrwr Elfyn Thomas, diolch yn fawr iddo am ein cludo'n ddiogel!

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A beneficial meeting was held with Plaid Cymru members ahead of their Spring Conference in Caernarfon on Pengelli Isaf farm, Ffordd Bethel, Caernarfon courtesy of Tudur and Ffion Parry. The industry's concerns were discussed and there was an opportunity to see Tudur's recent investment to comply with the rules to prevent agricultural pollution.

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Croeso nôl Catrin

Mae Catrin Griffiths wedi dechrau yn ei swydd fel Swyddog Gweithredol Sirol UAC Ceredigion, ochr yn ochr â Dirprwy Swyddog Gweithredol y Sir, Mari Davies.

Roedd hi'n gweithio i'r Undeb dros 20 mlynedd yn ôl fel Swyddog Rhanbarthol De Ceredigion. Yn ddiweddar bu'n gweithio ym Mhrifysgol Aberystwyth lle bu'n rhan o'r tîm Llywodraethu Gwybodaeth.

Mae Catrin yn gwirfoddoli i RABI a Thir Dewi, ac yn ei hamser sbâr mae'n mwynhau ffermio gyda'i phartner Alun, yn Ffostrasol.

Mae hi wedi dechrau yn ystod amser prysur iawn wrth gynorthwyo gyda'r ffurflenni SAF, ac mae'n edrych ymlaen at gwrdd ag aelodau yn y misoedd nesaf.

Catrin Griffiths has started in her post as FUW Ceredigion County Executive Officer, working alongside Deputy County Executive Officer Mari Davies. She worked for the Union over 20 years ago as an Area Officer for South Ceredigion. She recently worked at Aberystwyth University where she was part of the Information Governance team. Catrin volunteers for RABI and Tir Dewi, and in her spare time enjoys farming with her partner Alun, in Ffostrasol. She's hit the ground running with providing SAF assistance and looks forward to meeting members during the coming months.



Catrin Griffiths (dde) yn cael hyfforddiant gan Reolwr Busnes Grŵp UAC Caryl Gruffydd Roberts.

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Ymweliad fferm lwyddiannus



Cynhaliwyd ymweliad fferm ar Fferm Pantwgan ar Fawrth 14 gyda Jane Dodds AS ac aelodau UAC. Trafodwyd llawer o wahanol bynciau gan gynnwys yr SFS, rheolau NVZ a TB. Diolch i'r Gerddi Fotaneg am gytuno i gael y cyfarfod yna.

A farm visit was held on March 14 at Pantwgan Farm with Jane Dodds MS, and FUW members. A range of topics were discussed including the SFS, NVZ regulations and TB. Thank you to the National Botanical Gardens of Wales for hosting us.

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School menus discussed



From left, Flintshire County Chairman Tim Faire; Farmer Director Alan Gardner; John Worthington; Councillor Alasdair Ibbotson, NEWydd Managing Director Steve W Jones; Jenny Wrench; John Wrench and Dei Davies.

Members from the Flintshire branch met up with Steve W Jones, Managing Director of NEWydd Catering and Cleaning along with Councillor Alasdair Ibbotson last month to discuss the school menus in Flintshire Primary Schools.

We received a very interesting discussion regarding the importance of using local sourced produce and it was very promising to see that Welsh Beef is used in a range of different meals every week. It was highlighted that NEWydd do promote the need for a nutritional and balanced diet for children and ensure that there is always a meat option available along with seasonal fruit and vegetables. We would like to thank Steve for arranging the meeting and for Councillor Ibbotson for joining us.

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Stand united

Glamorgan hosted the biggest demonstration the Senedd has ever seen when thousands of farmers came together from across Wales to show their frustrations and despair at the inability of the Welsh Assembly to heed 7 years of consultation on the Sustainable Farming Scheme.

In an extremely well organised event, guest speakers spoke of the ongoing trauma of the failing TB policy, the missed opportunities of the unworkable Agri-pollution regulations, and the despair felt by the failure of the proposed SFS to Keep farmers farming, or to help the environment and biodiversity.

The demonstration ended with a rendition of 'Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau' that was spine tingling. A huge thank you to those involved in the organisation, though I fear this won't be the last time we will need to stand United to persuade Welsh Government that food production needs to be supported for the rural economy, rural environment and biodiversity to thrive.



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Diolch yn fawr i Haf

Diolch yn fawr iawn i Haf Puw am ei gwaith cydwybodol i ni fel Cangen Sirol o'r Undeb dros y blynyddoedd diwethaf. Bu'n bleser cydweithio hefo Haf, ac rydym yn dymuno pob llwyddiant iddi i'r dyfodol.

Many thanks to Haf Puw for her conscientious work for us over the past few years. It was a pleasure working with Haf, and we wish you every success in the future.



O'r chwith, Swyddog Gweithredol Sirol Heledd Williams, Haf Puw a chyn Swyddog Gweithredol Sirol Huw Jones.

Dangos cryfder



Aeth bws o Feirionnydd i'r brotest yng Nghaerdydd yn ddiweddar. Hoffem ddiolch i CCF, Shearwell, Farmers Marts a Milfeddygon Dolgellau am eu rhodd tuag at gost y bws. Er gwaethaf y tywydd, braf oedd gweld y diwydiant yn dangos ei gryfder tu allan i'r Senedd.

A bus from Meirionnydd went to the protest in Cardiff recently. We would like to thank CCF, Shearwell, Farmers Marts and Dolgellau Vets for their donation towards the cost of the bus. Despite the weather, it was nice to see the industry showing its strength outside the Senedd.

Cymorth SAF

Yn ôl yr arfer, mae staff y gangen sirol yng nghanol prysurdeb y ffurflenni SAF yr adeg hon o'r flwyddyn. Mae'r swyddfa sirol yn brysur iawn, a chynhaliwyd cymorthfeydd yng Nghanolfan Henblas y Bala hefyd. Rydym yn ddiolchgar iawn am yr adnoddau gwych sydd yno.

Cofiwch gysylltu â'r swyddfa ar 01341 422298 i wneud apwyntiad i gwblhau'r ffurflenni.

As usual at this time of the year, county branch staff are busy completing SAF forms. The county office is very busy, and surgeries were also held at Canolfan Henblas, Bala. We are very grateful for the wonderful resources there. Remember to contact the office on 01341 422298 to make an appointment to complete the forms.

Noddi Gwledd Adloniant

Pleser oedd cael noddi Gwledd Adloniant 2024 - Dramâu, Clybiau Ffermwyr Ifanc Meirionnydd yn ddiweddar. Llongyfarchiadau i Glwb Cwmtirmynach am ddod i'r brig, (gweler isod), a hefyd i Lowri Dascalu am dderbyn tlws yr actores orau a Dafydd Davies am dderbyn tlws yr actor gorau - y ddau'n cynrychioli Clwb Cwmtirmynach.

It was a pleasure to sponsor the 2024 Entertainment Festival - Meirionnydd Young Farmers Clubs Dramas recently. Congratulations to Cwmtirmynach YFC for winning the competition, (pictured), and also to Lowri Dascalu for receiving the best actress trophy and Dafydd Davies for receiving the best actor trophy - both representing Cwmtirmynach Club.



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MEAT MATTERS

HCC delivers excellence for levy payers and industry

by Laura Pickup, Head of Strategic Marketing and Connections, Hybu Cig Cymru/Meat Promotion Wales

AS we approach a new financial year, it's worth pausing to reflect on some of our highlights during this last year and to acknowledge the great work that HCC's team has delivered on behalf of levy payers and the industry.

The work that is carried out by the different departments, be that export trade development, consumer focussed campaigns or retail and foodservice engagement, as well as the on-the-ground work we do with the supply chain, all ensures that we fulfil our mission on behalf of the industry.

We have seen incredible successes with our major, multi-channel consumer campaign 'Uniquely Welsh. Experts in their Field', which resulted in a considerable uplift in both brand awareness of 26% and propensity to purchase Welsh Lamb by 7% and which resulted in trust in the Welsh Lamb brand over competitor brands.

HCC has also attended major trade shows including in Dubai, Tokyo and Nashville in the final quarter of the financial year - attendance at these has been incredibly worthwhile for the development of trade and wider stakeholder engagement. We were excited to hear that 5,000 consumers in Tokyo have given Welsh Lamb a glowing review and have asked to see it on menus again - results that we are seeing thanks to the work of our team in collaboration with the supply chain.

This work does of course come at a cost.



Therefore, and in order to ensure that we can continue to deliver for the red meat sector, a 4.2% increase in the levy paid by producers and abattoirs in Wales has been approved by the Minister.

This increase is set to ensure the red meat sector in Wales faces a sustainable future and the levy will be used to fund activities to assist with the promotion and development of the Welsh red meat industry, notably work that would not be done under normal market conditions. Given the breadth and depth of the challenges facing our industry, a sufficiently funded red meat levy body is essential. Through such a levy increase we will maintain the momentum already achieved and remain aligned to the delivery expectations of our levy payers, and to the agreed objectives of the HCC Business Plan 2022-2026.

The next financial year will bring some challenges for us, as it will for the sector in general, but HCC is confident that, together, we will be effective in ensuring we have a vibrant and sustainable Welsh red meat industry.

Wrth i ni agosáu at flwyddyn ariannol newydd, mae HCC yn adlewyrchu ar rai o uchafbwyntiau'r flwyddyn ddiwethaf sy'n amrywio o'r ymgyrch Unigryw i Gymru. Arbenigwyr yn eu maes i fynychu sioeau masnach ryngwladol - oll i sicrhau eu bod nhw'n cyflawni'r genhadaeth ar ran y diwydiant.

PROPERTY MATTERS

Case G - Death of a tenant

by Kathryn Williams, Director and RICS Registered Valuer, Davis Meade Property Consultants

UNDER the Agricultural Holdings Act (AHA) 1986, upon the death of the tenant, the tenancy does not automatically terminate, but rather, under common law will vest in the personal representatives of the deceased tenant and continues as before until terminated.

The appropriate notice to terminate a tenancy governed by the AHA 1986, is a Case G notice to quit. This must be served by the landlord, following the death of the sole or sole surviving tenant and must be done within 3 months beginning with the date of any relevant notice.

The relevant notice includes written notification of the tenant's death from an executor or administrator of the tenant's estate or notice of an application for succession. The 3 month period used to run from the date of death, however this produced an injustice where a landlord was absent.

There have also been many situations in which the landlord is fully aware of the tenant's death, in some cases the Landlord has even attended the late tenant's funeral, however this is not sufficient to start the 3 month time period and as such written notice must be given.

A landlord does not have to wait to receive a relevant notice before a Case G notice to quit can be served. In practice a landlord will often look to establish whether an application for succession is going to be made before serving the Case G notice. An application for succession must be made within 3 months from the date of death of the late tenant.

The Case G notice should be served on the personal representatives of the tenant if they have obtained a grant of probate. In addition to this or alternatively service can be made on the person responsible for the management of the holding and thirdly if in doubt service on the Public Trustee can be made. In practice covering all avenues is advisable.

If the landlord fails to serve a Case G notice and no application for succession is made, the tenancy continues but is vested in the personal representatives.

There is no option for Arbitration to challenge a Case G notice, the only option or means of challenge is through the court.

For further information or advice please contact Kathryn Williams, Davis Meade Property Consultants: kathrynwilliams@dmpcuk.com

O dan Ddeddf Daliadau Amaethyddol 1986, ar farwolaeth y tenant, nid yw'r denantiaeth yn dod i ben yn awtomatig, ond yn hytrach, o dan gyfraith gwlad bydd yn breinio yng nghynrychiolwyr personol y tenant ymadawedig ac yn parhau fel o'r blaen hyd nes y daw i ben. Am ragor o wybodaeth, cysylltwch â Kathryn Williams, Davis Meade Property Consultants: kathrynwilliams@dmpcuk.com



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gan Tegwen Morris, Cyfarwyddwraig Cenedlaethol, Merched y Wawr

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Mae Eisteddfod yr Urdd ar y gorwel yng nghanol Mwynder Maldwyn a braf ydyw dweud fod y merched wedi bod yn brysur yn paratoi at groesawu pobl o bob ardal i Feifod - fe fydd telynu yn addurno'r ffyrdd a byntins o ddefnydd Laura Ashley. Gwnaed y telynu trwy ailgylchu hen pallets a rhoddwyd hwy a'r paent gan fusnesau lleol - mawr ydyw ein diolch. Cofiwch y bydd croeso cynnes i chi alw i mewn am banded a sgwrs a dysgu llawer iawn mwy am hanes y fro.

Gwledda bydd ein hanes hefyd yn ystod mis Ebrill - dau ginio a swper y Llywydd yng ngwesty Y Cliff yng Ngwbert a Phlas Isaf Corwen. Bydd gennym adloniant difyr iawn eleni sef 'Ar ôl Tri' a 'Hogia'r Bonc'.

Un o uchafbwyntiau'r flwyddyn yn sicr ydyw'r Wyl Haf ym mis Mai. Dyma ddiwrnod ein Cyfarfod Blynnyddol - hynny'n digwydd yn y bore a chynrychiolwyr o'r holl ganghennau a chlybiau â'u cyfle i bleidleisio dros neu yn erbyn y cynigion gerbron. Edrychwn ymlaen at groesawu Mared Rand Jones, Prif Weithredwr CFFI Cymru i fod yn siaradwraig wadd.

Yna hwyl y cystadlu yn y prynhawn, o berfformiadau torfol fel sgets/cyflwyniad llafar i'r

cystadlaethau llenyddol, gan gynnwys rhai i ddysgwyr o wahanol allu, yn ferched neu'n ddynion.

Braf yw medru dweud fod dros hanner cant o gynigion wedi eu derbyn gan ddsygwyr eleni a rhywbeth yn debyg yn y tasgau iaith gyntaf. Bydd hefyd cystadlaethau dominos, chwist, dartiau, badminton, dewis dau ddwrn, tenis bwrdd, bowlio a sgrabl ac amryw o weithgareddau eraill yn digwydd mewn mannau arall o'r adeilad. Bydd arddangosfa o gynnyrch gwaith llaw a choginio'n cael ei feirniadu a bydd cyfle i brynu sgarffiau a gemwaith i gefnogi gwaith Ambiwlans Awyr Cymru.

Diolch i Bethan Gwanas am ein diddanu ar Ddiwrnod y Llyfr/Diwrnod Rhyngwladol y Merched - mwynhawyd yn fawr iawn. Diolch hefyd i'r tiwtoriaid a phawb a fu yn cymryd rhan yng nghwrs Crefft y De yn Aberaeron o arlunio i winio peiriant ac o osod blodau i greu ffelt gwlyb - bu yn ddiwrnod hyfryd a hwyllog. Llonyfarchiadau hefyd i'r holl ganghennau a chlybiau sydd wedi denu aelodau newydd - mae gennym gynnydd eleni eto.

Spring is in the air and Merched y Wawr members are as busy as ever. A warm welcome awaits all visitors to the Merched y Wawr stand at the Urdd National Eisteddfod held this year in Meifod. The annual Summer Festival will also be held in May where a number of various competitions will be held, and a chance for members across Wales to meet and socialise.



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Wales YFC members pull together to beat Guinness World Record!



Wales YFC members with team captains Scott Quinnell and Elinor Snowsill.

ON Friday March 1 2024, around 100 Wales YFC members made their way down to Cefn Sidan beach in Carmarthenshire to celebrate St David's Day a little differently.

Wearing red rugby shirts, YFC merchandise and daffodil hats the young farmers came together to attempt the Longest Distance game of Tug of War on the longest beach in Wales. Members were cheered on by team captains - Wales rugby legends Scott Quinnell and Elinor Snowsill.

It was Elinor's team who came out on top, but everyone who took part on the day were winners! The record was broken, and a new

Guinness World Record title was set for the Longest Distance Game of Tug of War. The record to beat was 365 metres and on St David's Day the new record was set at 516.35 metres (1694 ft).

Wales YFC would like to thank all the members that took the time to travel down to Pembrey County Park to pull together to break the new record.

The attempt was part of numerous record-breaking activities that Welsh language broadcaster S4C recorded to celebrate St David's Day. You can watch all the attempts on the "Guinness World Records Cymru 2024" show which aired on Monday April 1.

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Dydd Gwener Mawrth 1 2024, aeth tua 100 o aelodau CFFI Cymru i lawr i draeth Cefn Sidan yn Sir Gaerfyrddin i ddathlu Dydd Gŵyl Dewi ychydig yn wahanol.

Wrth wisgo crysau rygbi coch, nwyddau CFFI a hetiau cennin Pedr daeth y ffermwyr ifanc at ei gilydd i roi cynnig ar yr ornest tynnu'r gelyn hiraf ar y traeth hiraf yng Nghymru. Cafodd yr aelodau eu calonogi gan gaptiniaid tîm - sêr rygbi Cymru Scott Quinnell ac Elinor Snowsill. Tîm Elinor ddaeth i'r brig, ond roedd pawb a gymerodd ran ar y diwrnod yn enillwyr!

Torrwyd y record, a gosodwyd teitl Record Byd Guinness newydd ar gyfer Yr Ornest Tynnu'r Gelyn Hiraf. Roedd y record i'w churo yn 365 metr ac ar Ddydd Gŵyl Dewi roedd y record wedi ei gosod ar 516.35 metr.

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