

YFC CHATTER



WINTER FAIR

Wales YFC members from all over Wales and Herefordshire travelled to the Royal Welsh Agricultural Winter Fair to compete in a variety of competitions, held over the two days.

During the Winter Fair, counties competed against each other to take the honours in the Wales YFC stock Judging, Prime Lamb Producer, Baby Beef, Lamb Trimming, poultry jointing, decorating a chocolate log and the making a Christmas wreath competition to name just a few. It is a delight to announce that all 12 counties of the Welsh Federation competed across the two days of the Fair, with a special mention to Ceredigion and Gwent federations for becoming the overall joint YFC winners of the Fair, with Pembrokeshire coming in the third position.

Following on, in the stock judging section each county could put a team of four members together (Under 16s, 18s, 21s and 28s) for each of the three classes; lamb carcass, beef and butchers' lamb. Radnor and Montgomery were hailed overall joint winners of the Stock Judging classes, and Ceredigion received the third position.

On the Monday morning, Wales YFC, Dunbia and Sainsbury's co-held a brunch to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Lamb Initiative. During this event, suppliers and all three partners of the scheme engaged with guest speakers and enjoyed a bowl of cawl, made with lamb from the initiative supply chain.

Suppliers, partner representatives and officers thoroughly enjoyed the event, and we look forward to continuing to build momentum for the scheme in the future.

Later on that Monday afternoon, the Wales YFC annual Prime Lamb Producer competition was held. There were three initial classes; continental, lowland and hill breeds. Steffan Thomas, Carmarthenshire won the continental class with his Beltex lambs. Sioned Thomas, Pembrokeshire, received a red rosette with her Southdowns in the Lowland class and Gethin Davies, Ceredigion, gained a first place with his Tregaron Welsh lambs in the Hill breed class. All champions and reserves then re-entered the ring to compete against each other for the title of the Wales YFC Prime Lamb Producer Supreme Champion, which was awarded to Steffan Thomas. Sioned Thomas was successful in earning the Reserve Supreme Champion and Best Stockman awards. And finally, the highest placed new competitor was Gethin Davies, Ceredigion.

Bright and early on the Tuesday morning, a handful of our members were busy preparing their calves for our Baby Beef competition. Angharad Davies, Ceredigion YFC, was awarded the title of Wales YFC Baby Beef Supreme champion with her heifer and Owen Phillips, Herefordshire YFC, was awarded Reserve Supreme Champion with his heifer. It is also worth noting that Jordan Chapman, Carmarthenshire YFC, received the title of Best Steer. The Best Stockman Award went to Jack Bodily, Gwent and the Highest Placed New Competitor was Will Edwards, Glamorgan.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dunbia for sponsoring both the stock judging and the Prime Lamb Producer Competitions again this year. We are also grateful to ABP for sponsoring the Baby Beef competition and look forward to continuing to build and develop these in the future.

Later on that Tuesday, Wales YFC held a competition in Partnership with Menter a Busnes, the winner of which received a £1,000 scholarship and support from the Cywain project! The members competing had to create a business plan for a new (or existing) start up business that the competitor has within the food and drink industry. Submitted Business Plans included a product description, their differentiators, marketing strategies and how they plan on growing the business in the future. The business plan also specified how the successful candidate would allocate the £1,000 prize money presented by Menter a Busnes in order to develop their business to be a viable one for the future. Later that day, in the YFC awards ceremony, it was announced that Huw Rowlands from Glamorgan would be the member receiving this scholarship and we wish him the best of luck in the future development of his business.

To see the full results and gallery for the 2022 Royal Welsh Winter Fair, head to our website!

INTERNATIONAL Travel the World with Wales YFC

The international programme interviews for 2022-23 took place on Sunday the 4th of December. With a record-breaking 79 applications, the seven panels had a busy day deciding who would get to go on one of these amazing trips. See to the right, the list of members who were lucky enough to be selected to travel with Wales YFC in 2023.



USA Road Trip

Thirteen Members will embark on an adventure to the American Southwest where they'll experience some of the country's most sought after national parks. We can practically guarantee that the lucky members will fall in love with the desert landscapes of Joshua Tree and that they'll never want to leave the splendour of the Grand Canyon. With plenty of challenging yet rewarding hikes through four major national parks and some of the best stargazing in the world, this is a trip not to be forgotten!

Rural Youth Europe: Autumn Seminar - Georgia

This event organised by RYE is best described as a multicultural youth exchange. The seminars are one week in length and are hosted by a different member organisation each year. Although the seminars have a different theme each year, their central focus is on bringing young people together to discuss and share knowledge on topics that effect rural youth, such as; rural development, youth participation, intercultural dialogue and human rights.



Rural Youth Europe: European Rally - Austria

The European Rally has a long history and it is a fundamental part of RYE activities. The first Rally was held in 1960 in Zuidlaren, Netherlands. The rally has become a major event on the calendars of all member organisations involved throughout Europe. Members have noted that the European Rally was an unique experience never to be forgotten. Learning during the European rally is done in a very informal way. The information is presented in a fun way often centred around games and unstructured sessions but the impact on the members is unbelievable.

Rural Youth Europe: Study Seminar - Budapest

One of the aims of Rural Youth Europe is to unite rural youth organisations across Europe promoting rural development, sustainable lifestyle and youth participation. They also raise awareness on human rights and intercultural diversity. Budapest is set to host the 2023 study seminar on the theme of Respect and Resilience – Strengthening Communities in the Face of Adversity.

Mystery Trip

An opportunity for members to find out where YFC travel will take them next, but only as they board the plane. 10 adventurous members will explore a city in Europe for 5 days, taking in the sights and sounds of their destination. Where will you end up? There's only one way to find out.. passports at the ready!

Agri EYE

Through the support of the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust Wales YFC is offering the opportunity to participate in a fully funded programme. Designed to inspire and motivate the next generation of Welsh farmers the programme will consist of educational visits and workshops. Taking place over three weekends throughout the year, the programme will provide an insight to whole supply chain including visits and meetings with producers, processors, manufacturers and distributors.



European Interrailing

This group trip will bring together members from all corners of Wales to travel around Europe by train for two weeks. As part of the team you will have the opportunity to design the trip to ensure you get to see as many European attractions as possible.

Isle of Man

Members will travel to the Isle of Man for a 4 day adventure, staying in a local B and B, enjoying the sights of the island. The opportunity will involve the chance to meet with members of the Isle of Man YFC with trips arranged to local farms and attractions including a day out at the Royal Manx Show. Evening entertainment will involve social events with local YFC clubs.

Elwyn Jones Memorial Scholarship

The International sub committee is delighted to once again work with the Elwyn Jones Memorial Scholarship committee to offer a member of Wales YFC the opportunity to undertake an educational agricultural trip of a lifetime to a country of their choice. The focus of the scholarship is to learn more about the global agricultural industry and how innovative ideas can be implemented into farming systems in Wales.

Orkney Islands

This group trip will bring together members from all corners of Wales to travel around Europe by train for two weeks. As part of the team you will have the opportunity to design the trip to ensure you get to see as many European attractions as possible.



Review of 2021-22 Travel

The 2021-2022 International Calendar was jam-packed, with a wide range of trips on offer, from interailing and sailing to safaris and European Rally's, there's something for everyone in our international programme!

European Interrailing

Nine members from our Organisation went on an Interrailing trip around Europe for two weeks, travelling by train from city to city. Sioned Davies, Ceredigion YFC, has said;

"We saw many landmarks, tasted different foods, and enjoyed the culture. It was an unforgettable trip, and the crew encourages members of the organisation to apply for the international opportunities that the movement offers."

Ohio & Colorado

Three members headed to USA, with Alaw Rees, Ceredigion YFC, and Martha Morse, Ceredigion YFC, travelling to Ohio, where they stayed with different host families across the state, each providing completely different experiences. Alaw, said in a review of the Ohio trip;

"I learned a lot about American and Venezuelan culture, food, and history, and I will forever cherish the friendships and memories I made."

Meanwhile, Sioned Davies, Brecknock YFC, has recently concluded her three-month trip in Colorado She told Wales YFC;

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience and can't believe the trip has come to an end!"

Sailing Challenge

The 5 day voyage started in Penarth Marina, Cardiff and the 6 teenagers from Wales YFC, aged 16-19 years old, undertook all tasks from cooking and cleaning to sailing and navigating in pairs. It was a character-building experience said Mari, whereby they were expected to work as a team and follow instructions from the skipper and the professional sailing team. *"It really was a great start for young people who are beginning their travelling voyages"*.

Safari Trip, South Africa

This summer, 20 of our members embarked on a 'once in a lifetime' safari in South Africa. The members climbed mountains, ate local cuisine, went on a helicopter ride and woke up to some zebras! Elin Lewis, Montgomery YFC, told Wales YFC;

"Never have I had a more jam-packed 12 days, but never before has a series of 12 days been so unforgettable! South Africa, Cape Town, Kruger National Park, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Victoria Falls, Chobe, Botswana – just a few of the sights I was lucky enough to see on 12 days of travelling to South Africa with Wales YFC."

The Wales YFC International Programme offers unforgettable experiences for members to travel the world. You can travel as an individual, as a pair or even as a group! It is a fantastic opportunity to learn about cultures, explore new experiences, gain confidence and make friends for life!

To read the full international blog, head to our website!

Dates for you Diary

- 18.12.22 Council & Competitions Sub-Committee meeting
- 05.01.23 Winter Wonderland Trip
- 14.01.23 Agri 23 Conference
- 15.01.23 Agri 23 Workshops
- 21.01.23 Council & Sub-Committees
- 04.03.23 Entertainment Festival
- 26.03.23 Public Speaking
- 15.04.23 Field Day

Eisteddfod Gallery

To see more of images of our members performing on stage, head to the gallery on our website!



EISTEDDFOD

The Wales Young Farmers Clubs Movement prides itself on being a member-led organization, delivering a broad and diverse program that is integral to the calendar of our rural communities and rural youth development and our Eisteddfod plays a significant part in this.

The Annual Wales YFC National Eisteddfod was held at Ysgol Bro Gwaun, Fishguard, on Saturday the 19th of November, hosted by the Pembrokeshire Federation. Over 600 members from all over Wales came to take part in the event.

Members competed in an array of competitions including singing, recitation, light entertainment competitions and a number of home work competitions in literature, arts and crafts and photography. Following a full day of competitions it was Ceredigion who were the overall winners, taking home the Mansel Charles trophy, with 45 points. Second were Eryri with 43 points and third place was awarded to Carmarthenshire with 39 points.

The Chair went to Eryri with Lisa Angharad Evans, from Godre'r Eifl YFC, winning with her poem on the subject of Paths. *'A poet who knows the value of focusing on one location and one subject rather than trying to cover a bit of everything and splashing in all directions,'* according to the judge, Ceri Wyn Jones. The Chair was designed and created by Tomos Lewis, a Pembrokeshire YFC member and sponsored by Trefign Quarry and Oil.

Mared Fflur Jones, Dinas Mawddwy YFC, Meirionnydd was the winner of the Crown, designed and created by Eifion Thomas, Eifion Thomas Blacksmith. A piece of poetry on the subject of Ebb and Flow was the requirement of this year's Crown competition. Her work was praised by the judge, Cathryn Gwynn, and Mared took the crown *'for work that responded to the topic with original variety and brilliance.'* The crown was sponsored by MDS Distribution Ltd.

Both count this privilege of winning the Eisteddfod's main prizes as their greatest success and their highlight with the organisation. Congratulations to the two who came top!

First place in the hotly contested choir competition went to Penybont YFC from Carmarthenshire who were awarded the Dyffryn Tywi Cup. Dyfan Parry Jones from Montgomery won the Ardudwy cup for best soloist and Teleri Haf Thomas, Brecknock won the Eirlys Myfanwy Davies and family cup for the best musical solo. The Menter Iaith challenge cup for the winning two voice party was awarded to Penybont YFC, Carmarthenshire.

Erin Dwyfor Roberts was named as the best individual in the recitation section and was awarded the Wales YFC Cup. Llywela Edwards, Clwyd won the contemporary song competition and was awarded the Meinir Richards Cup. The Joy Cornock Cup awarded for the most promising performance in the Eisteddfod was awarded to Beca Dwyrdd, Eryri for her performance in the Recitation solo in the Recitation 16 or under competition.

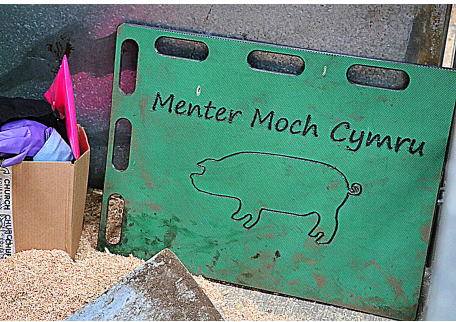
The Farmers Union of Wales Cup for winning the Homework section was awarded to Ceredigion and the Elony Phillips shield for winning the stage competitions was awarded to Eryri Federation. Wales YFC were glad to see all 12 federations competing in the Eisteddfod this year, eleven of which competed in stage competitions, and therefore had an opportunity to perform in front of a crowd and broadcasted on S4C TV channel.

Shân Griffiths was named President of the Eisteddfod, as a past-member of host county, Pembrokeshire YFC and a supporter of the movement, she was privileged to be there on the day. She said in her address to the crowd, *'Unfortunately, you can't be a Young Farmer for a long time, but you can be a friend of the young farmers forever, and that means the world.'*

Eisteddfod Chairman, Delun Evans said; *"The big day came, and it was nice to see everything come together after a long year of organizing. The day went very smoothly and the best thing for me was seeing so many members, families and friends of the organization come together for a feast of very high quality entertainment. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the day in any way, and thank you for the privilege of being Chairman of the Eisteddfod this year. Good luck to Gwen and Ynys Môn as they go about organizing the Wales YFC Eisteddfod 2023 in Ynys Môn!"*

We would like to thank all of our sponsors, stewards, judges and officers for their hard work and support in running another successful event. Thank you to the Pembrokeshire Federation for holding the Eisteddfod this year and for their enthusiasm in the months leading up to the event. We are looking forward to Wales YFC members travelling up to North Wales next year with Ynys Môn / Anglesey being the host county next year.





Wales YFC Members Bring Home the Bacon

Six members of Wales YFC were announced as the winners of the Menter Moch competition earlier this year. Over the last few months they have been rearing pigs as part of an initiative by Menter Moch Cymru and Wales YFC.

In a bid to encourage the next generation of pig keepers and to get farmers thinking about pigs as a viable diversification option, six Wales YFC members were awarded five weaners each as a steppingstone into the pig industry. These members were: Rebecca from Fishguard YFC, Pembrokeshire, Carys from Llangadog YFC, Carmarthenshire, Rhys and Jack from Gower YFC, Glamorgan, Frances from Sennybridge YFC, Brecknock, and Leah & Alis from Nantglyn YFC, Clwyd.

The winners faced the challenges of rearing their own pigs as they prepared for the Royal Welsh Winter Fair. Here are a few words from Carys as she was selected to receive the weaners;

"I saw the opportunity of rearing a small number of pigs, from weaner to finishing, as a learning opportunity in another sector which will broaden my knowledge base before venturing into the sector on a larger scale."

Another successful member, Frances of Brecknock told Wales YFC;

"From a young age, I have been heavily involved with our family beef and sheep farm set in the heart of the Brecon Beacons. I am delighted to have been selected for the Menter Moch Cymru and Wales YFC Pig Finishing Competition and it has been a fantastic opportunity to seek support and mentoring to build on my current basic knowledge of pig rearing and to develop my skills in marketing."



"The competition has given me the confidence and opportunity to test the suitability of a pig enterprise on our family farm whilst showing the benefits of an alternative source of income."



After a busy few days at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair, it was Rebecca that Judges Ela and Daniel hailed as the Overall Menter Moch Champion. Here is what Rebecca told Wales YFC in the weeks leading up to the competition;

"Being keen to diversify on the family farm, but unsure which type of diversifying to undertake, I felt that the Menter Moch and YFC pig finishing competition sounded like a fantastic way to establish a new enterprise on the farm whilst having plenty of support and training throughout. I decided to adapt a shed usually used to rear calves to rear the pigs on an indoor system. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the competition and it has really made me consider pursuing the pig enterprise on the farm permanently. All the training sessions with various people within the industry has been invaluable."

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Menter Moch Cymru for their partnership in running this competition and for providing our members with this unique opportunity.

To learn more about how the members got involved and prepared for the Menter Moch competition at the Winter Fair, head to our website.

Menter Moch Cymru

Developing the pig sector in Wales
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Winter Wonderland

Wales YFC's Youth Forum will be going ice skating at Cardiff's Winter Wonderland on the 5th of January, at 2.45pm.

You don't need to be a member of the forum to come on the trip but you will need to buy a ticket at our Shop on the Wales YFC website by the 16th of December to secure your place.



ATV Challenge

Working in partnership with Quad Bikes Wales, the Wales Federation of Young Farmers have run the ATV Challenge again this year, with the winner receiving a new Honda quad bike courtesy of the Quad Bikes Wales.

Wales YFC are also pleased to be working as a partner within the Wales Farm Safety partnership. The partnership aims to raise awareness of Health and Safety challenges, implications and how to work safely.

Working with judge Mr Sam Marvin, members were challenged to undertake a bike challenge, as well as completing a safety questionnaire.

With the prestigious prize of a Honda Quad Bike for one year up for grabs, along with a safety helmet for the winner and runners up, members from all over Wales competed in the challenge, with Radnor Valley member Sam Bowen winning the coveted prize. Lloyd Hammond, Howey YFC and William Jenkins, Lledrod YFC were noted as being worthy runners up.

Speaking about the competition and his success, Sam Bowen noted:

"What a great opportunity for someone to win a brand-new quad. Never did I think for one second, I would have won it. An incredible prize that was kindly donated by Quad Bikes Wales. The key point of this challenge was safety, and it should be pushed more to farmers/workers as everyone forgets the basics from time to time and doing this competition just refreshes your memory. It was great competing, and it was extremely organised, and more people should enter. What have you got to lose? (They even give you a free ticket into the Winter Fair!) Thank you very much for everyone who organised this competition and I hope you have more entries next year."

Wales YFC extends its grateful thanks to Quad Bikes Wales in their continued support of this competition.



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Gallery

To see more of images of our members on their travels, head to the gallery on our website!



Wales YFC are holding their annual Rural Affairs Conference on the 14th of January 2023, thanks to the generous support of CCF.

The event will be held at Plas Isaf, Corwen between 10am-5pm, and is open to members and friends of Wales YFC.

The theme for the conference is 'Farming Journeys' and we encourage anyone with an interest to come along and join Wales YFC to hear from a wealth of inspirational speakers.

Speakers for the 2023 conference include;

- **Rebecca Wilson** - Rebecca is a fifth-generation farmer on the family farm. She studied for an undergraduate degree in Human, Social and Political Sciences at the University of Cambridge and for a Masters in Rural Estate Management at the Royal Agricultural University.
- **Llyr 'Derwydd' Jones** - Derwydd is a busy, progressive and eco-friendly farm run by Llyr and his wife Emma, a vet, and their 3 young children; Dwynwen, William and Gruff
- **Nigel Owens, MBE** - Welsh former international rugby union referee and NFYFC President
- **Rhydian Glyn** - British Farming Award Winning Beef & Sheep Farmer from Machynlleth.

There will also be farm tours at the Rhug Estate.

Speaking ahead of the conference, Angharad Thomas, vice-chairman of the rural affairs committee noted;

"Our conference promises to be a very exciting one with extremely experienced speakers joining us, and some that are very familiar to everyone. We look forward to learning more about their paths into agriculture and what their plans are for the future. It promises to be a conference and a half, make sure you book your place early!"

RURAL AFFAIRS Wales Young Farmers Venture North

On the 14th of October 2022, thirty-five members of Wales YFC headed to Cumbria on the first Rural Affairs Study Tour since 2019. Members from Ynys Môn all the way down to Glamorgan embarked on the journey north.

The Rural Affairs Committee Chairman, Dewi Davies from Ceredigion YFC, attended the trip and told Wales YFC.

"The tour was a great chance for a range of members across Wales to come together to take ideas and inspiration from a range of innovative and forward-thinking rural businesses."

On route up to Cumbria we had our first visit at HJ Lea Oaks Feed Mill, Nantwich. HJ Lea Oaks are one of the longest established animal feed manufacturers in Britain with a history dating back to Swettenham in 1675. Many centuries later they are still doing what they do best, and it is still being independently run by their 15th generation! The group split up and had a very interesting tour of the mill while the other groups sat in a very interesting presentation giving the history of the business.

They were then back on the road and on the way to their final destination, Cumbria. That evening the members got to know each other at a social evening in Carlisle.

Saturday morning saw the members head to their first visit of the day, the Pedigree Limousin Bull Sale at Borderway Mart, Carlisle. Members had a look around the excellent show of stock and had time to watch some of the bulls sell. The visit was finished off with a full English breakfast to set everyone up for the day.



Later that morning they headed to the Thrimby Grange Farm of Matty and Dani Blair, they hosted the group and allowed them to see how they have progressed since taking on the farms as tenants. Many of the members were keen to know how they secured the tenancy and are improving the holdings cheaply and effectively to make the business run as efficiently as possible. Our members connected well with the couple and related to a lot of the barriers that they have had to overcome.

After an interesting visit to Thrimby Grange, it was South the group headed for their last visit of the Day to the Allan Family at Beck House, Killington. Neil and Linda and their children farm alongside Neil's parents. They keep 1200 ewes; 450 mules and 700 Swale ewes that go to a Blue Faced Leicester Ram and 120 first cross Texel Hoggets to Lamb. They also calve around 80 suckler cows and bucket rear around 40 dairy calves annually.

Later that evening Skelton YFC invited our members to their annual West Moorland Show Dance where members were able to socialise with counterparts in Cumbria.

Bright and early Sunday morning, it was time to begin the first of the day's visits, this was at Ainstable Hall where Brian Hall showed the members around his tremendous show of youngstock Heifers and Bulls and his Beltex sheep. Brian is a very keen stockman, and it showed with the quality of stock that was on show with him at his home.



They headed south then for Sunday lunch at the Crooklands hotel before our last visit to the Morris-Eyton Family at Beckside, Millom where they are milking 425 pedigree Holsteins with 430 head of young stock. They are averaging 12,000 litres and 962 kilograms of milk solids, they have grown enormously in the last 3 years and are still planning to grow their business more in the next 12 months. This was a very interesting and informative visit, which perfectly concluded the groups' Northern travels.

In a review of the trip, Angharad Thomas, our Rural Affairs Vice Chairman said;

"Seeing the challenges facing the feed industry in terms of supply and demand and how the feed was produced was one of my personal highlights of the trip. The variety of Cumbrian farms we visited was also interesting and hearing how they are preparing for the future."

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our hosts for graciously allowing us to visit. But also a massive thank you to NFU Cymru and FUW for sponsoring us on the trip. We are very grateful for their continued support.

After another successful Tour. Members have asked if there would be any more visits through the year, so we have spoken to A W Jenkinsons Penrith to arrange a visit for late spring 2023 to see their award-winning herd of Pedigree Limousin cattle. There will be one or two other visits during this trip that will be confirmed in due course.

We are already planning the Study Tour for 2023, we are hoping to visit the Isle of Man in October 23. Keep an eye on upcoming information relating to the trip as spaces fill up quickly!

Welsh Harper Adams sheep farmer wins National Sheep Association's Samuel Wharry Memorial Award



Lucy Griffiths

Harper Adams student will study sheep production in New Zealand after securing one of this year's Samuel Wharry Memorial Awards for the Next Generation.

Final year Bsc (Hons) Agriculture with Animal Science student Lucy Griffiths, from Presteigne YFC, Radnor, was one of two winners of the National Sheep Association award.

Her prize comes in the form of a generous £2,750 travel bursary to support a study trip to explore the application of science in sheep production.

The bursaries are made possible by funding from NSA alongside the Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England (the Staple).

After being shortlisted from many high calibre applications for the award, Lucy and her fellow winner Perry Parkinson both impressed a panel of judges including NSA and industry representatives to finally be selected as recipients of the bursaries.

The panel was led by Stephen Fell, Staple representative and a sheep breeder from North Yorkshire. He was joined by Dr Philip Skuce from Moredun, Edward Adamson from NSA Northern Ireland Region and Kate Hovers, vet and NSA Cymru/Wales Region Chair.

Mr Fell said: "The Company of the Merchants of the Staple of England is once again delighted to be sponsoring the NSA Samuel Wharry Memorial Award.

"This is a great opportunity for two people from our sheep industry to travel and broaden their minds in other countries. The successful recipients this year, Perry and Lucy, both interviewed very well and their chosen topics, will certainly produce reports of real topical interest."

The awards are given in memory of Samuel Wharry of Carnlough, County Antrim, who was NSA Chairman when he died suddenly in May 2017, aged just 56.

As an advocate of science and technology, particularly relating to genetics, these bursaries are given in Samuel's memory to ensure his enthusiasm, curiosity and practical nature live on.

NSA Chief Executive Phil Stocker added: "The NSA Samuel Wharry Memorial Award offers young sheep farmers support and inspiration to travel and discover the important roles that science and technology now play in the improvement of the worldwide sheep flock.

"All at NSA and the Staple are excited to be part of their journeys and wish them the very best with their studies."

Lucy and Perry are now in the initial stages of planning their study trips – with both hoping to visit New Zealand.

Lucy said: "It is a privilege to be chosen as a recipient and to represent young UK sheep farmers. I am excited to travel hopefully to both New Zealand and Australia to see first-hand their sheep systems, with a focus on outwintering techniques. I am sure it will give me extra motivation as I complete my final year at Harper Adams University."

Lucy works alongside her family on their mixed farm in mid-Wales, where they currently outwinter breeding ewes and lambs on forage crops as part of the crop rotation.



New-look courses ready for 2023 applicants

Calling all engineers, entrepreneurs and food innovators – Harper Adams University is introducing 10 new-look courses for 2023 entry.

Employers from across the agri-food and broader sectors are increasingly looking to Harper Adams to source future talent with the right business skills, knowledge and mindset to help them succeed. In response to this demand, the University is excited to offer three new, distinct business programmes.

Business Management will shape graduates who can excel in any business. Agribusiness Management will guide those who wish to work in the agricultural industries but are seeking an education to help them drive forward their business ideas. And Food Business Management will nurture talent from bespoke artisan production through to global retail.

For those who want to focus fully on food, Food Science and Innovation cover a broad range of 'food' themes including consumer needs, nutrition, food production, new product development, supply-chains to marketing approaches, research, and development, and issues of sustainability in food. Graduates will be equipped with the necessary practical, theoretical, and technical skills to help address current and future global food challenges.

The University's six engineering routes have been fully refreshed to recognise the changing technologies, techniques, and challenges of the future. Mechanical Engineering, Automotive Engineering and Agricultural Engineering are all available as either a four-year BEng or five-year MEng (integrated Masters), with the latter aiming to set candidates on the path to become Chartered Engineers.

Anyone wanting find out more about these courses – and the wide range of others offered by Harper Adams – can visit the University's next Open Day on Saturday, March 10. Find out more and book at <http://harper.ac.uk/yfcd>



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Are you a sheep farmer, passionate about the sector and keen to play a role in its future?

Non-Executive Board Member Nominations and Elections

At British Wool our number one aim is to maximise returns for our farmer members. We need farmer representatives on our board to help us and invite you to consider serving as a farmer-elected non-executive board member of British Wool.

It's a paid role, involving around 30 days' work per year attending meetings and representing British Wool in your region.

We are seeking nominations from candidates in the Scottish Southern, North Wales and English Southern regions and depending on levels of interest, elections will be held in January 2023 and those appointed will hold office for three years, from 1st April 2023.

About us:

British Wool is owned by approximately 35,000 sheep farmer members and operates under cooperative principles. We collect and grade wool from all farmers regardless of type, location, and quantity. We then market the wool collectively in a managed way throughout the year to maximise value. Alongside this we work continuously to drive demand for British wool from consumers, manufacturers and retailers through our licensing scheme and promotional campaigns.

British Wool's non-executive board consists of nine regionally elected and two publicly appointed independent members. The board is responsible for the success of British Wool, provides strategic direction to the executive team that manages the business and reviews business performance, major business initiatives and investment.

Details of the role:

- Non-executive board members are expected to work approximately 30 days a year, attending board meetings and other relevant committee meetings over a period of two to three days each month. They are also expected to represent British Wool in their region.
- Current annual remuneration is £9,218 pa. Reasonable business expenses will also be paid.
- Successful candidates will receive a full induction and be offered relevant training to assist them in carrying out their duties.
- Visit <https://www.britishwool.org.uk/board-members> for more details about the board, its members, and their roles.

If you have any questions please contact Board Secretary, Andy Whelan by email: andywhelan@britishwool.org.uk

Nomination process

- Candidates must be nominated in writing by 10 registered British Wool members from the region they wish to represent.
- No special form of nomination is required, but nomination forms can be downloaded from <https://www.britishwool.org.uk/become-a-british-wool-board-member>
- All nominators should supply their own address, authorised signature and membership number.
- For details of the regions please visit: <https://www.britishwool.org.uk/regional-structure>.

Nominations should arrive no later than **6pm on Thursday 5th January 2023** by email to kamdlay-lewis@britishwool.org.uk or by post to: British Wool, Wool House, Sidings Close, Canal Road, Bradford, BD2 1AZ.

The article to the right has been written by Wales Farm Safety Partnership.

The new video and workbooks for primary school children will be available in the new year. You can also access these and other resources via the Health & Safety section of the Farming Connect website at www.gov.wales/farmingconnect

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'Farms are wonderful but can be dangerous too' – new farm safety video and booklets will help primary school children recognise the risks!

The Wales Farm Safety Partnership (WFSP) is a collaboration of key agricultural stakeholder organisations working together to help drive down the unacceptable number of serious accidents and deaths that occur on farms across Wales each year.



Pictured at the Winter Fair in Builth Wells, Welsh Government Minister for Rural Affairs Lesley Griffiths launches the Wales Farm Safety Partnership's new farm safety campaign to help keep young children safe on Welsh farms. From left to right: Television presenter and Wales Farm Safety Partnership (WFSP) ambassador Alun Elidyr, Sabrina Davies from Brynrydd Farm, Howey with 3 year old daughter Tori who visited the WFSP stand and WFSP ambassador Glyn Davies.

At this year's Winter Fair in Builth Wells, Welsh Government Rural Affairs Minister Lesley Griffiths launched a new bilingual farm safety publicity campaign targeting primary-age school children in Wales.

Produced by the Wales Farm Safety Partnership (WFSP), a collaboration of some of the key rural stakeholder organisations in Wales, a short video together with two colourful A4 workbooks aimed at children aged from four to seven and from seven to eleven years old, will encourage these age groups to learn about the importance of farm safety and protect themselves from some of the most common hazards on farms.

The dangers of moving vehicles, falling from heights, slurry tanks and getting too close to animals are just a few of the 'high risk' areas that will be highlighted in the new campaign where hard-hitting facts will be easily understood through the highly engaging, informative video as well as the workbook puzzles, word-searches and quizzes. Each workbook will also contain a 'Farm safety emergency plan', which will encourage youngsters to sit down with older family members to complete and display this in a visible place, serving as a daily reminder of 'how to stay safe'.

The Minister, who was introduced by well-known television presenter and WFSP ambassador Alun Elidyr, explained that although farms can be a fantastic source of learning, both inspiring and informing youngsters to learn where their food comes from and to respect animals and nature, it is essential that they are made aware of the many hazards too.

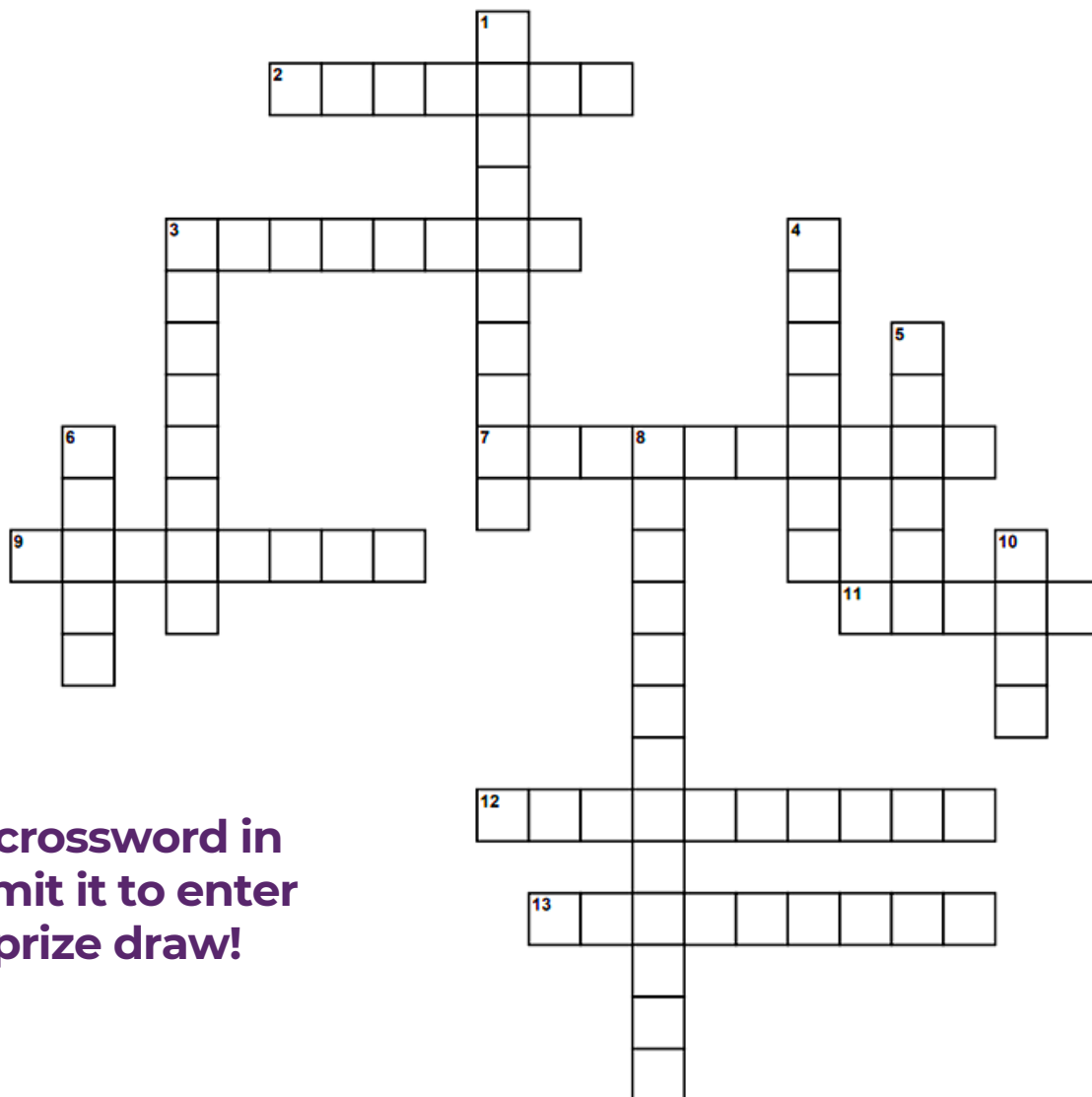
"Farms are wonderful places for children to grow up and provide great experiences for them.

"However, farms can be dangerous places too and tragically, accidents relating to children continue to occur on farms here in Wales year after year – each one a heart-breaking tragedy that can devastate families, friends and rural communities.

"It is critical that we all work together to do all we can to raise awareness of this important subject amongst young children and their families and I am therefore delighted to launch these important new resources for our primary school children," said the Minister.

Alun Elidyr thanked the Minister for the Welsh Government's continued support of the Wales Farm Safety Partnership as the industry works together with communities, stakeholders and families to try and create awareness and reduce the heart-breaking statistics that destroy farming lives year after year.

CROSSWORD COMPETITION



**Fill this crossword in
and submit it to enter
into a prize draw!**



Across

- 2 - How many years has the Wales YFC Lamb Initiative been running?
- 3 - What opportunity allows members to showcase their calves?
- 7 - Oldest YFC club in Wales
- 9 - Location of Agri 23 Conference
- 11 - 2022-23 Chairman for Wales YFC
- 12 - Who were the overall winners of the 2022 Eisteddfod
- 13 - Host town of the 2022 Wales YFC Eisteddfod

Down

- 1 - What pig finishing competition was held at the Winter Fair?
- 3 - What European City is the 2023 Study Seminar being in?
- 4 - Where did members travel to on the 2022 Rural Affairs Study Tour?
- 5 - How many county federations are there in Wales?
- 6 - Event that moves around the County, usually in July
- 8 - Wales International Rugby Referee that will be speaking at the Agri 23 conference
- 10 - How many pigs did each competitor of the pig finishing competition receive?

Name:

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