

# YFC CHATTER



## Wales YFC Chairman to Conquer the Three Peaks of Wales

Each year the Chairman of the Welsh Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs selects a charity. This will then be the charity the federation works to raise funds for throughout the year.

The current Wales YFC Chairman, Hefin Evans, has chosen to support Diabetes UK Cymru and Wales Air Ambulance during the 2022-23 year. Here are a few words from the Chairman;

"Wales Air Ambulance is an amazing charity as they provide a lifeline to the rural areas of Wales, providing transport and medical attention for people in accidents. Diabetes Cymru is a charity that is close to my heart with many family members suffering with it. And I aim to raise awareness around the disease. The challenge I will be embarking on is the Three Peaks of Wales Challenge, which will be taking place in August 2023. The challenge will be open for all members, they can join us in doing all the three summits or choose the summit that is closest to them.

In a statement from Wales Ambulance they said:

"It means everything to Wales Air Ambulance to be selected as charity of the year for Wales YFC. A high number of our life saving missions are related to agriculture or farming. Having doctors on the helicopters and rapid response vehicles means we are now able to bring A&E to the patient instead of taking the patient to hospital. This ensures that lifesaving treatment can be administered at the scene resulting in better outcomes and quicker recovery times. We receive no direct government funding so we truly rely on the support from the people of Wales to make sure that we can continue to serve Wales and save lives."

Diabetes UK Cymru have told the federation: "We are very grateful to the Welsh Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs for confirming Diabetes UK Cymru as one of their charities to support over the coming year. Diabetes is a serious condition and can affect everyone; YFC's support ensures we can continue the fight against Wales' growing health crisis. We look forward to working with YFC to raise awareness and support people living with and at risk of developing diabetes, especially in our Welsh farming communities. Our fight involves us all; we are proud to work together with Wales YFC and look forward to the year ahead."

– Rachel Burr, National Director, Wales



### Chairman's Challenge

This year, Hefin Evans, chairman of Wales YFC will be embarking on his chairman's challenge, the Three Peaks of Wales. This will consist of scaling the three highest and most iconic mountains in Wales; Yr Wyddfa Wales' tallest peak, Cadair Idris, a spectacular peak at the southern edge of Snowdonia National Park and finally, Pen y Fan in the heart of the Brecon Beacons National Park.

The group will set off bright an early on Saturday the 12th of August, climbing the three peaks against the clock to raise donations in aid of Wales Air Ambulance, Diabetes UK Cymru and Wales YFC.

If you would like to embark on this challenge or make a donation, please contact [information@yfc-wales.org.uk](mailto:information@yfc-wales.org.uk).



# FIELD DAY

The Wales YFC Field Day was held at Trawsgoed Farm, Ceredigion on the 15th of April, hosted by the Ceredigion Federation.

Throughout the day, members from all corners of Wales competed in various competitions with close links to the agricultural industry, and to showcase their skills in competitions such as fencing, stock judging and sheepdog trial competitions.

## Stockman of the Year Competitions

Each year, at the Field Day, Wales YFC hold Junior and Senior Stockman of the Year competitions. During these competitions, teams of four members from each county complete an animal health questionnaire and are required to judge and give reasons on four rings of stock: four dairy cows, four Butchers cattle, four commercial breeding ewes and four butchers' pigs. The competition saw teams from all twelve counties represented in the senior section and eleven counties in the Junior Section.

For the Senior Stockman of the year competition, in third place was Radnor YFC, in second place was Carmarthenshire YFC and in first place, earning the Elwyn Griffiths Statuette Trophy was the Ceredigion Federation.

In the Junior Stockman of the year competition, Pembrokeshire YFC were awarded third position and second place went to Ynys Môn YFC. But it was the Carmarthenshire Federation who took home the Tom Evans Memorial Cup and won the title of best junior stock judging team.



## Fencing Competitions

Similarly, to the Stockman of the year competition, we held fencing competitions in both Senior and Junior sections. In this competition teams of three members from each county were given the task of erecting stock-proof fences of detailed specifications. After a morning of fierce competition, it was the Radnor Federation that come out on top in both sections, with their senior team being awarded the Brian Llewellyn Trophy.

## Re-cycled Metalwork Sculpture

During the Wales YFC metalwork sculpture competition, members were required to create an item of 'Metalwork' made from predominately metal and recycled items. The members then also needed to produce a story board containing pictures to accompany the exhibit. Earning full marks in this competition was Lowri from the Carmarthenshire Federation. In second place was Rhydian from Ceredigion YFC and in third was Jacob from Ynys Môn.



## Farm Machinery Skills

Another competition held at this event was the Farm Machinery Skills competition. The aim of which is to highlight the importance of farm safety across different aspects of a farm. The competition consisted of teams of four members who complete tasks such as manoeuvring a tractor and trailer, tractor fault finding, ATV handling and First Aid. During the awards ceremony, the Sir Lynn Thomas Memorial Shield and Crystal Bowl was awarded to Caryl Bevan, Pembrokeshire, for her success in the First Aid section of the competition. The Col. J J Davies Challenge Trophy was awarded to the Pembrokeshire federation also, as the overall winners of the Farm Machinery Skills competition.



## Fferm Ffactor

The 'Fferm Ffactor' competition consists of teams of two junior members. The pairs are then given two agricultural related tasks to complete as a team. However, the members only find out what the tasks entail on the day of competition! The First task was to complete an agriculture themed quiz and the second task was to erect a section of non-live electric fence.

During the results ceremony, it was the duo from Ceredigion that took the top spot with teams from Glamorgan and Pembrokeshire coming in joint second.

## Sheepdog Trials

That afternoon, the annual Wales YFC Sheepdog trials were held, whereby a member and their dog must guide a small group of sheep around a course. The course is intended to test the dog's ability to perform certain tasks which the dog may be required to carry out in everyday work on a farm. During the Awards ceremony, Arran, Brecknock, came in third place, Llion from Pembrokeshire came in second and Elin Hope, Ceredigion, received first place for the second year in a row.



## Fashion: Make and Model

In this year's Fashion competition, members were required to create an outfit relating to the theme "Day out at the Races". On the day of the competition the competitor was also asked to show costings by producing receipts.

After a brilliant Fashion show, that showcased the tailoring talents of the members. It was Elinor from the Clwyd Federation that received the first-place certificate. Naomi from Gwent came in a very close second and Megan from Pembrokeshire was awarded third place.

## Auctioneering

The auctioneering competition at the Field Day saw a large crowd gather to watch members auction off three lots each. Prior to the auction commencing, the competitors viewed a total of six items. The lots included both agricultural and non-agricultural items. The members then provided descriptions and valuations to the judge prior to the auction. Members began each auction with an introduction to open the auction sale, outlining the procedure and relevant conditions of the sale. Finally, once all lots had been 'sold' the auctioneer closed the auction in a suitable way and the judge calculated their scores.

After some exciting competition, it was Thomas from Brecknock who came in first place. With Isabelle from Pembrokeshire coming in a close second. And Grace from Montgomery that was awarded third place.

Following a competition filled day, it was time for the awards ceremony. The final results are as follows;

- 12th - Eryri
- 11th - Meirionnydd
- 10th - Glamorgan
- 9th - Ynys Môn
- 8th - Gwent
- 7th Montgomery
- 6th - Clwyd
- Joint 4th - Brecknock & Radnor
- 3rd - Carmarthenshire
- 2nd - Pembrokeshire

But it was Host County Ceredigion who came out on top and received the Brecon and Radnor Suckled Calf Rearing Association Shield.



Wales YFC would like to extend their sincere congratulations and thanks to everyone involved, especially to all the Judges, Stewards, members, and coaches for the giving of their time and to everyone at Trawsgoed Farm for the use of their fantastic venue. Finally, Wales YFC would like to thank Crystalx for sponsoring the event.



# ABERYSTWYTH ADVENTURES

Following Youth Forum's successful trip to Winter Wonderland in Cardiff in January 2023, an opportunity was seen to arrange another trip for the organisations junior members.

With travelling and socialising an integral factor of being a member of Young Farmers Club, it was lovely to see members from eight counties together for our junior members' first overnight stay. Wales YFC's international programme is a special one, annually providing members with opportunities to travel the world. Over the coming year, seventy members are set to travel with the programme across 10 locations. This year, the International committee and Youth Forum have worked together to arrange an additional trip, with an overnight stay for the organisations junior members.

Twenty-five Junior members came together, between 11 and 17 years old, in Aberystwyth on the 22nd of April. Wales YFC is a democratic youth organisation, and the young members had the chance to be a part of the organisation's development, with a session held about the organisation's effect on the members and their development, which will contribute towards the Wales YFC impact report.

Sessions were held by the International Committee officers to allow the members to get to know one another, these included; teambuilding, games and sports. Pizza was served to commence the evening, before welcoming 'Jengyd' for a teambuilding session of an escape room, all five teams succeeded to complete the task in great time.



Staying in a residential hall, within Aberystwyth University bunkhouse, gave the members an experience of independence, and possibly prepare the older ones for university living in the future. The members experienced a farm tour at Trawsgoed Farm on the Sunday morning. The members were given an educational tour around the milking and calf rearing farms. The members also showed an interest in the machinery and the different styles of farming.

Youth Forum Chairman, Cerys, said; "My favourite bit of the weekend was seeing the junior members socialising and mixing which was what the weekend was for."

In the feedback following the trip, it was noted that the group enjoyed meeting people from across Wales and made some new friends. It was great to hear, towards the end of the trip that they were all keen to see each other again. The junior trip was an important one as it provided an opportunity to travel, build confidence, socialise and work as a team. The hope is that this will be built on and there will be more events for the junior members of Wales YFC and it's Youth Forum in the very near future.

We would like to extend a big thank you to those who held sessions and to the International Committee, Jengyd and Trawsgoed Farm, also to Aberystwyth University for providing the perfect location. Onto the next trip!



# RURAL YOUTH EUROPE: BUDAPEST



My name's Lucy, I'm 25 and I'm a member of Presteigne YFC. In April 2023 I travelled to Budapest to take part in a study session organised by Rural Youth Europe. The theme of the session was 'Respect and Resilience - Strengthening Communities in the Face of Adversity' and throughout the week we took part in activities that aimed to encourage us to think about building resilient youth structures, to help improve the lives of young people, with a focus on mental health.

I first heard about this opportunity through the Wales YFC travel programme, and having seen the work Rural Youth Europe was doing on social media, I thought it seemed like an amazing opportunity. As part of the application process I wrote a statement about myself and why I was interested in taking part in the session, and attended an interview at the Royal Welsh Showground.

I travelled to Budapest on the Sunday and checked in to the European Youth Centre, where we'd be staying. The facilities were perfect, we shared double rooms and all our meals were provided. I was lucky enough to be sharing a room with Elin from across the hills in Montgomeryshire who was also a member of Wales YFC, so we had plenty to talk about! The main sessions took place on the top floor of the building which had incredible views across the city.

The workshops involved lots of team building activities to help us get to know each other, but also sharing our aspirations for our youth organisations at home. Between us we were representing 17 different countries, and it was so interesting to hear about our shared experiences. Despite being from completely different countries and backgrounds, we had so much in common and everyone was facing similar challenges. Some of my favourite discussions were around the different types of organisations and what they're offering young people, and conversations around mental health.

One of the highlights of the trip was the international evening which took place on the first night. We were each asked to bring items from our home country and share an insight into our culture and history. Myself and Elin put on a good old fashioned Welsh spread - from Welsh cakes, bara brith, Snowdonia cheese and Welsh butter which all went down a treat! The only thing letting our side down was the lack of beverages, but the other countries more than made up for this and by the end of the evening we were learning traditional dances from Armenia, Belgium, Ireland and Austria.

I had an amazing time on this trip and would highly recommend anyone considering doing the travel programme to give it a go - you get to meet so many new people and discover a new part of the world. It's much more than a holiday, and the experience will stay with you for life!





## Dates for you Diary

- 11.06.23 Sub-Committees & Council
- 13.06.23 Welsh Water Roadshow (West)
- 18.06.23 Sports Day
- 19.06.23 Welsh Water Roadshow (Mid)
- 08.07.23 NFYFC Competitions Day
- 14.07.23 NFYFC Dairy Stock Judging
- 24.07.23 Royal Welsh Show
- 05.08.23 NFYFC Tug of War
- 12.08.23 Chairman's Challenge
- 01.09.23 NFYFC Malvern Autumn Show
- 02.09.23 NFYFC Stock Judging Weekend
- 15.09.23 Start of Wales YFC AGM Weekend
- 16.09.23 Sub-Committees & AGM
- 17.09.23 Council Meeting

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# RURAL AFFAIRS ROADSHOW

### Elanco Animal Health Talk

Wales YFC Rural Affairs Committee has had a very busy couple of months getting out and about at different events. Since our conference in early January, we held the first of our Elanco animal health talks. This was held at Pencoed Rugby club and was supported by members from Glamorgan, Gwent, and Carmarthenshire. This was an insightful and interactive evening discussing important animal health issues. The members found the evening very useful and informative.



### Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol – Gelli Aur

February saw the start of not one but two conferences, the first was held at Gelli Aur College with Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol. Wales YFC were in attendance to promote to potential and current members what the federation has to offer. The conference was well attended by colleges from all over Wales and it was lovely to see speakers from Aberystwyth University, Coleg Gelli Aur and Melanie Owen to name a few.

### NFU Conference

Next on our list was the NFU Conference at the ICC Birmingham, where five Wales YFC representatives attend the conference 'Feeding a Changing World' and we are very thankful to NFU Cymru for giving us the opportunity to be there. Over the jam-packed two days we had a chance to listen to very high-profile speakers to include Rt Hon Mark Spencer, Sir Keir Starmer, Prof. Tim Benton and many more. It was all chaired very professionally by NFU President Minette Batters and Deputy President Tim Bradshaw.

### A session with Welsh Water

On Tuesday the 28th of February, the Wales YFC Rural Affairs committee held the first of their joint road show with Dŵr Cymru – Welsh Water, held at Monmouthshire livestock Market where members from Gwent and Glamorgan came together to learn about the working partnership between Wales YFC and Dŵr Cymru. They also learnt about the Water Champions scheme. A presentation was given on water catchment areas and an insight into the journey our water has before it comes through our taps. Speaking after the event, Emily Morgan, Glamorgan YFC told Wales YFC; "It was great to learn about the importance of what Welsh Water do and how they work in conjunction with Farmers. The WaterSource Scheme looks to be an exciting opportunity for YFC members whether they are looking for a career in Welsh Water or even to enhance their CV".

### NSA Sheep Event

Yesterday Wales YFC visited the NSA Welsh Sheep Event at Red House Farm, Aberhafesp. We had a joint stand with Montgomery YFC, where we welcomed past and present members, in addition to many YFC supporters. It was a busy day with plenty going on and lots to see! Wales YFC and Montgomery YFC would like to thank NSA Cymru for the opportunity to attend the event.



### Smallholding & Countryside Festival

The team had a great few days at the RWAS Smallholding & Countryside Festival in Llanelwedd last weekend. Thank you to those who popped by for a cuppa! And we hope the little future young farmers enjoyed the educational activities provided too! We would also like to thank Cows on Tour and NFU Cymru for the use of their stand and educational resources and HCC for donating their educational packs.

On Saturday, at the RWAS Smallholding & Countryside Festival, we held a session on Welsh Pig Stock Judging to help educate our members on the breed, in preparation for their county stockjudging competitions. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Joyce Evans for providing the training and to the Hideaway Farm Pedigree Pigs for providing the pigs for judging.



Wales YFC

## BABY BEEF Competition

Start Planning Now!

Tuesday 28th  
November 2023

Royal Welsh Showground,  
Llanelwedd





# PUBLIC SPEAKING

Young people throughout Wales travelled to the Royal Welsh Agricultural Showground in Llanelwedd for the Wales YFC Festival of Public Speaking that took place on Sunday the 26th of March.

The Festival is an opportunity for members to compete in a wide range of styles through the medium of Welsh and English to improve their reading skills, expressing their opinion, debating and discussing topics. Once again the competition was fierce and the standard high with results being close amongst the counties.

Members demonstrated their skills in public speaking through a variety of competitions, including; Brainstrust, Call my Bluff, Debating and Junior Reading. There were also opportunities for members to compete in a Situations Vacant competition, that helps develop young people's interviewing skills. The final competition of the day was the street dance competition.



After a long day of competing, the results of the Welsh Public Speaking Section are as follows:

- 9th Brecknock
- 8th Meirionnydd
- 7th Clwyd
- =5th Eryri
- =5th Ynys Môn
- 4th Montgomery
- 3rd Pembrokeshire
- =1st Carmarthenshire
- =1st Ceredigion

And the final results for the English Public Speaking Section are as follows:

- 9th Clwyd
- 8th Glamorgan
- 7th Montgomery
- 6th Radnor
- 5th Ceredigion
- =3rd Gwent
- =3rd Brecknock
- 2nd Carmarthenshire
- 1st Pembrokeshire



Following the event, Endaf Griffiths, Wales YFC's Senior Member of the Year 2023-24, said: "This was my first event as Wales YFC's Senior Member of the Year and, sadly, my last Public Speaking Competitions event as a member. Yes, I really am a 'senior member'!

"It was a successful day that saw members from all over Wales come together to develop that all important life skill – public speaking.

"On a personal note, it was a pleasure to be a member of the winning team in the Welsh Senior Debate competition alongside two fellow members of Ceredigion YFC (and Pontsiân YFC!) – Cennydd Jones and Naomi Nicholas-Jones – as well as the English senior team with the same two and Emily Lloyd-Williams.

"Well done to every member who competed on the day and thanks to the trainers for all their work and support over the past few weeks."



Wales YFC would like to both Congratulate and extend their thanks to everyone involved, especially to the Judges, Stewards, members and coaches for giving of their time and for making the event the success that it was.

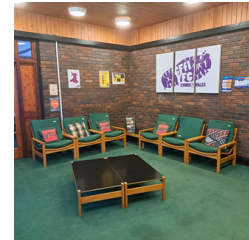
# Room Hire

The Wales YFC Centre has facilities available for hire. Our meeting/training room will accommodate approximately 22 people theatre style and 20 people in a boardroom layout.

Bookings include:

- Meeting room, in either Theatre, Boardroom, Workshop or Function Layout
- Cafe Area
- Wi-Fi via an Ethernet Cable
- Television Presenting Screen
- Refreshment Facilities
- Abundance of Free Parking
- Hybrid option with an additional charge

For enquiries and bookings, contact;  
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# Sponsorship

Wales YFC have some exciting sponsorship opportunities available for our up-and-coming competitions and events, including the Royal Welsh Show!

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## Join us at the Royal Welsh Show! 24th – 27th July





# COUNTY NEWS

## Ynys Môn

We hosted an evening with Welsh Water at the beginning of the month and held meetings with Bro 360.

At the moment we are completing our judging competitions for the Rally, having completed the Welsh pigs, Charolais sheep and ending with the Holstein cattle last week.

The members are working hard towards our Rally, which is on the 17th of June at the Anglesey Showground. The evening dance is on in our local Community pub Yr Iorwerth, Bryngwran which has won several awards nationally. The groups that will be singing are the Palms and the Magee Brothers.

The members of the organization are currently organizing the staging of the play that won the Cymru YFC Eisteddfod in 2021. The play will be staged at Theatr Fach, Langefni. The writer is Carwyn Jones and the director is Gareth Evans Jones.

Members have been assisting with the arrangements for the Anglesey Eisteddfod 2023 which was held on the 20th of May with 3 members being inaugurated to the throne. They also support the Anglesey Agricultural Show which will be on the 15th & 16th of August. The members hope to do the "Hatrick" of winning the competition for the most attractive and informative stall for the third year in a row.

## Eryri

Our first annual Fieldwork Day was held at the end of March. We had a very successful day and we hope that the Fieldwork Day will be an annual event in the County's calendar from now on.

We had a very good night at Bethesda Rugby Club recently as we held our Rugby competitions (7s, Junior Mixed Touch and Women's Touch) followed by a Mock Eisteddfod.

As part of the County Training Committee's action plan, a group of members have recently completed dry wall lifting training. And First Aid training has been organized for the Summer.

With a few days to go, all Clubs across the County are very busy with last minute preparations for the Rally which is being hosted this year by Dyffryn Madog Club on Llystyn Canal farm, Garndolbenmaen. There will be a Dance to follow with Bryn Fôn and Aeron Pughe.

To conclude the County's activities for the year, we have organized a trip to Cheshire Races at the beginning of July in order to give the older members a chance to celebrate.

In this edition of 'YFC Chatter' seven of our twelve counties have been featured. Come back for our next edition to see the pieces from our other five county federations!

## Pembrokeshire

Members of Pembrokeshire YFC have recently been busy preparing for our County Rally, the pinnacle of the YFC Calendar! Many Pre-Rally competitions have already been held including the Stockjudging and Tug of War, with the final held on Rally Day. Members and supporters enjoyed a great day of competing in the sunshine. One of the highlights of the day is always the arrival of the Rally Queen, Megan Phillips, Male Ambassador, Tomos Lewis, and Attendants Alys Owens, Annie Peters, Cariann Griffiths and Cerys Jones, this year by horse and carriage, before the crowning ceremony takes place. The overall Rally champions were Llysyfran YFC, presented with the coveted NFU Rally Shield! Good luck to the competition winners that go forward to the Royal Welsh Show. A big thank you to everyone involved in the success of the day.

## Radnor

As members reappeared from lambing sheds, Pre-Rally competitions began in earnest with Holstein Cattle, Charollais sheep and Welsh Pig stockjudging being held over three nights with venues stretching from Herefordshire to Breconshire and finally back to Radnor! The excitement is building, and clubs are practising for the Rally across village halls in Radnor. Radnor Valley are our host club this year and they have worked exceptionally hard to get lots of sponsorship for Rally to help with the cost of putting on the event – top job Radnor Valley!

The Dancing competition is scheduled for this Friday evening with 11 teams preparing to strut their stuff at the Albert Hall Theatre in Llandrindod Wells – with points being added up which club will go into the Rally leading the way – we wait to see.....

## Gwent

Gwent YFC is enjoying a period of membership growth and enthusiasm, with competition entry numbers up across the board. Made up of six clubs in the most south easterly corner of Wales, Gwent has long operated under the slogan of 'small but mighty' and in recent times this is increasingly becoming the case. For the first time this year the county federation won the YFC section at the Welsh Winter Fair, an accolade the federation is extremely proud of.

Back at home, Gwent YFC took its entertainments competition to another level, being staged at the ICC Wales at the Celtic Manor, Newport which saw Abergavenny YFC win for the first time in 25 years, just going to show that hard work and perseverance can pay off.

Most recently, the county enjoyed a well-supported field day at Monmouthshire Livestock Centre resulting in Usk YFC earning the winning cup.

Both club and county teams are now busy working towards the rally day on Saturday 3 July to held at Old Castle Court Farm, Pandy by kind permission of the Probert family. A great day is instore, before members can kick back and let their hair down at the annual rally dance.

## Carmarthenshire

Following intensive preparation, we held our Field Day at Gelli Aur. Following a wet start to the day, the spirits of members, supporters, and volunteers soon brought the sunshine. Congratulations to all members who were victorious and those who participated to make the day a success. The winners went on to represent in the Wales Field Day, and after another day of strong competition amongst the best Wales YFC has to offer, Carmarthenshire achieved 3rd position overall, congratulations to all who competed.

Shortly after, the time had come for the interviews for the 2023/24 County Ambassadors to be selected. Congratulations to Betsan Jones and Dafydd Evans, both from Llanllwni YFC, on being selected, and to their deputies, Sioned Bowen, Menna Isaac, Hannah Richards, and Fiona Phillips. With our ambassadors selected, the Rally was upon us and held on May 13th in Carmarthen Showground, another immaculate day. The crowds were treated to a high level of entries from all 19 clubs. Winning the Senior Shield was Cffi Llanllwni, and the Junior Shield was won by Cffi Capel Iwan. The day was topped with a great night of celebration of the past year in the Rally Dance. Congratulations to all.

## Brecknock

On Friday 12th May Brecknock YFC held their 80th Anniversary Dinner. The evening was attended by present and past members, officers, friends and families. Everyone was welcomed to the evening by the County President Mr Gethin Havard, this was followed by an opening speech from Mr Evan Morgan, grace was by given by the Deputy President Mr Robert Healey and the guest speaker for the evening was Mr Brian Jones, Castell Howell Foods.

Following the meal a Charity Auction was carried out in aid of the two very worthy Charities that our County Chair, Leanne Davies, has chosen to support this year; The DPJ Foundation and The Wales Air Ambulance. A huge thank you goes to everyone that supported and donated items for both the auction and the raffle. Fantastic support was given and raised a tremendous £3,945.

It was great to get the County together to share memories, to celebrate and to mark the occasion.

On Sunday 14th May Brecknock YFC held their Sports Day at Brecon Leisure Centre. It was a great day and fantastic to see entries from eight of our clubs. Well done and congratulations to everyone who took part.

Sennybridge YFC were victorious and triumphant in every sport taking 1st place in the Hockey, Dodge Ball, Basketball, Mixed Rounders and Ladies Rounders.

Good luck to the members who will go on to represent the County at Wales Sports Day on the 18th June in Aberystwyth.



# CLUB OF THE MONTH

The Club of the Month feature is new to Wales YFC for 2023. Each month, the spotlight is shed onto a different club, with each month being dedicated to a different county. This is the perfect opportunity for clubs to put themselves on the map and to be featured on our social media platforms and newsletter!

## April Llanbrynmair & Carno YFC, Montgomery

Number of Members:  
33

Where you Meet:  
Carno Community Centre / Ysgol Gynradd Llanbrynmair

Describe your Club in 3 words:  
Young, Enthusiastic & Optimistic

### Favourite Club Night Activity:

Bubble Football – Held in Carno on the football field in the summer, the members thought it was such a laugh and great fun!

Carno Windfarm Tour – Members were educated about our local windfarm, currently consisting of two phases and then had the opportunity to go inside one.

Pizza & Quiz Night – The members made a variety of interesting pizzas and ate them whilst doing a quiz.

### Fundraising Accomplishments:

The club's annual September car wash raised £420. A bingo night held in January raised £420 for the DPJ Foundation.

Llanbrynmair & Carno YFC Club dinner raised £1100 this year.

### Work Within the Community:

The Club organises activities at both Llanbrynmair Show and Carno Show each year. Last year, they organised sports at Carno show and an egg throwing competition at Llanbrynmair Show.

### Favourite Competitions:

The Club compete in the Field Day, Eisteddfod, Stockjudging, Public Speaking and Rally competitions annually. They really enjoy competing in the county Rally where their members take part in many competitions such as flower arranging, dancing and speed shearing.

### How do you use the Welsh Language:

During meetings, matters are discussed in both Welsh and English, as the majority of the members speak Welsh as their first language. However, some members are learning Welsh and so we ensure we are inclusive and that everyone understands.

### Fun Facts:

This year, the club held their first Club Dinner & Dance in six years, with a total of 96 attending the meal!



## May Bodedern YFC, Ynys Môn

Number of Members:  
31

Where you Meet:  
Canolfan Bro Alaw at Bodedern High School

Describe your Club in 3 words:  
Enthusiastic, Confident and Sociable

### Favourite Club Night Activity:

At our recent club Easter Party, hosted by our leaders, we had four teams; The Bunnies, The Mee's, The Moo's and The Chicks who all competed in a night full of fun activities and silly games. We are very lucky to have the support of our leaders as we are a club with a high number of younger members.

### Fundraising Accomplishments:

We are a club that does a lot of fundraising within the community, and enjoy organizing or being part of local activities. We have created a good relationship with a community hub in the area, Yr Iorwerth in Bryngwran. We are extremely grateful to be able to help the crew to hold events and be part of the preparation, the day itself and the clearing at the end. The Halloween and Christmas fun days have been very successful for the area but also the club.

### Work Within the Community:

We hope to organize a day of fun for the members and the community during the summer, raising money for the club and local charities. We are also currently preparing towards making the cafe during the Anglesey Eisteddfod 2023, and we are extremely grateful to the members and their parents for their help with this. It is nice to be able to work together with other local committees to be able to hold events like this.

### Favourite Competitions:

As a small club, every member tends to be involved in every competition. We have members who enjoy public speaking, others enjoy a dance competition, and others like the stock judging. But I think the Rally is the highlight of the year, especially the Tug of War competition! The Rally is an opportunity for all members to show their talents and have incredible opportunities with the various elements within the competitions.

This year, everyone enjoyed the Half Hour Entertainment competition, and were extremely proud to represent the County at Welsh level. The members liked the variety of the competition, with each member getting a part that suited them.

### How do you use the Welsh Language:

We use the Welsh language in every club night and always compete in Welsh. We have a member who is learning Welsh at the moment, and it is nice to see the member growing in confidence every week, and starting to compete through the medium of Welsh too!

### Fun Facts:

- Our Treasurer, Rhys, is the Vice-Chairman of Wales YFC!
- Our two slogans are 'Mad Cows Boded' and 'Teirw Wylt Boded'.

## June Nantglyn YFC, Clwyd

Number of Members:  
34

Where you Meet:  
Nantglyn YFC meets weekly, either in Neuadd Y Groes or the Nantglyn church hall, every Monday evening at 7:30

Describe your Club in 3 words:  
Friendly, Active, Fun

### Favourite Club Night Activity:

Our club nights are full of fun and there are many highlights, but apparently a card night is always popular, and no club night gets to end without everyone having a cuppa and a biscuit before going home!

### Fundraising Accomplishments:

As part of the federation's display at this year's rally, it was chosen to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust through the Just Giving page

### Work Within the Community:

Since 71 years of support Nantglyn YFC has held an annual show. The members play a big part in the organizational work, setting up and clearing the field, stewarding and making food. This is the highlight of the year for the members and it is nice to see ex-members and friends of the club coming together on the show. Holding such a show comes to the general conclusion of competitions for everyone.

### Favourite Competitions:

The variety of competitions that the YFC offers means that there is something for everyone. Some star in the Eisteddfod and Public Speaking Festival and others experience success in the Field Work Days or the Rally.

### How do you use the Welsh Language:

Welsh is the natural language of all the club's activities





**Harper Adams named best university in the UK for Career Prospectus for seventh year running**

Glowing student reviews have once again seen Harper Adams University named as the best in the country for career prospects for the seventh time in a row.

The University took the top spot at the WhatUni Student Choice Awards, or WUSCAs, in the Career Prospects category in April. The win is the seventh time the University has taken the award since 2016, securing it every year except 2021, when awards were not made nationally due to the covid-19 pandemic.

The 240 higher education institutions which are assessed for the Whatuni Student Choice Awards are nominated and judged by their students – with more than 35,000 verified student reviews generating this year's shortlist and winners.

Speaking on the win, Harper Adams Vice-Chancellor Professor Ken Sloan said: "It is fantastic news to see Harper Adams maintain its unbroken record in the Careers Prospects category at the WhatUni Student Choice awards.

"At each year's Careers, Scholarship, and Placement Fairs, the number of students and alumni returning to talk about their careers is very noticeable – and very welcome. Our graduates go on to work in some of our best-known businesses and institutions, driving change and innovation across the country.

"The strength of those partnerships outlasts the time they are studying with us – but it is heartening to see Harper Adams students once again recognising their value.

"I'd like to thank everyone who helped make this happen – our employees, alumni, donors, partner employers and organisations, and of course - our students."

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**Welsh Agribusiness student**

A desire for pupils to know more about where their food comes from drove a student to investigate how agriculture is taught in the UK's primary school curriculum.

Final year Harper Adams BSc (Hons) Agri-business student Lucy Morgan, from Montgomeryshire in Mid Wales, was inspired to take up her research after attending a farm open day in the Lake District during her placement year with New Breed. New Breed are an independent ruminant nutrition company, who support farmers across Lancashire, Cumbria and south west Scotland.

While taking part in the event, Lucy was shocked to discover how little some of the children understood about agriculture and food production.

Her research explored how food and farming issues are taught in British schools – and focused on the opinions of the country's primary school teachers and teaching assistants, whose opinions she sought through a tailored questionnaire.

Lucy said:

"I wanted to understand the importance of teaching the concept of 'farm to fork' in UK primary schools and the challenges associated with including it in the current curriculum for teachers.

"My dissertation topic was inspired by taking part in a farm open day for primary schools during my placement year.

"Despite many of the schools being from rural Cumbria, a large proportion of the children had little understanding of where their food came from.

"I think it is imperative that children understand how their food is produced and how difficult farming life can be so that they grow up with an appreciation of this.

"I grew up on family run dairy farm so feel very fortunate that I have always been around agriculture and rural life, but I am fully aware many children do not have this upbringing."

She added: "I chose the Agri-business degree at Harper Adams because I am passionate about supporting British agriculture and I felt that the course would give me a broad understanding on the industry,

"Harper Adams has been an amazing community to be part of and has connected me with so many different people.

"My future career aspiration is to educate young people about the concept of 'farm to fork' and rural life. I want my career to have a positive impact on the sector and the people involved."



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