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Detholiad o fy nyddiadur prysur yn Eisteddfod Tregaron

Pwysigrwydd amaeth yng nghyd-destun ehangach o wead holistaidd bywyd pob dydd yng Nghymru

gan Glyn Roberts, Llywydd UAC

AM wythnos, cafwyd oedfa arbennig fore Sul. Diddorol oedd clywed Ifan Jones Evans yn ei ddarlleniad yn cyfeirio at yr apostol heddwch sef Henry Richards, yn pregethu am heddwch dros ddau gan mlynedd yn ôl ac ystyriwch lle rydym ni heddiw! Yn adleisio'n y cof oedd geiriau'r diwedd

barchedig J T Roberts yn cyfeirio at wareiddiad, fod dynoliaeth wedi dod o'r goedwig ond bod cael y goedwig o ddynoliaeth yn llawer anoddach, gan ei fod dal yn ei fabandod.

Ar y ffordd yn ôl i babel yr Undeb fe fu i mi gwrrd a'r Archdderwydd (Myrddin ap Dafydd) a chael sgwrs ddiddorol dros baned yn ein pabell, gyda Myrddin yn cyfeirio at y newid pwyslais o ddefnydd tir ac yn bryderus iawn am yr holl brynu tir er mwyn plannu coed i wrthbwyso carbon gan gyfeirio yn hynod ddifrif at gestyll Dinefwr, y Dryslwyn a Charreg Cennen, a'r ffaith mae diben adeiladu'r rhain oedd amddiffyn y tir a'i gadw er mwyn sicrhau cyflenwad o fwyd drwy fagu a phesgi gwartheg. Gair y de am wartheg yw da, a tarddiad y gair da yw arian neu werth. Mae 'na wersi i heddiw yn hyn.

Wedyn cael y pleser o brynu llyfr Clymau, Plethiadau, Gweadau a Rhwydi gan E Lloyd Jones, un o aelodau mwyaf diwylliedig yr Undeb yng Ngheredigion. Person diymhongar yn meddu ar gof arbennig. Nid hwn yw'r llyfr cyntaf iddo ysgrifennu gan ei fod wedi cyhoeddi llyfr o'r blaen ar hanes Talgarreg, ac mae 'na si fod llyfr diddorol arall ganddo ar y gweill.

Dydd Llun

Yn y bore roeddwn yn bresennol mewn digwyddiad ynghylch "Ein hiechyd meddwl" gan y to ifanc o Senedd Ieuenctid Cymru. Ymhlith eu pryderon oedd



Stondin UAC yn yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yn Nhregaron eleni.

cael cyraeddiadau academaidd uchel, a chyfnod y clo mawr. Cael y fraint wedyn o fod ar banel ym mhabel y cymdeithasau gyda chriw iau o lawer na fi'n hun, sef cadeirydd yr Undeb yng Ngheredigion Morys Ioan, Teleri Fielden, Swyddog Polisi UAC a Mared Rand Jones, Pennaeth Gweithrediadau CAFC yn trafod dyfodol amaeth.

Roedd y 'stafell dan ei sang a'r drafodaeth yn ddifrif. Diolch i staff yr Undeb am drefnu ac i'r aelodau am fynychu.

Ar ddiwedd y pawns gwranddo ar deyrnged i'r diwedd Aled Roberts, Comisiynydd y Gymraeg, cyfaill i'r iaith Gymraeg a'r diwydiant amaeth. Yr oedd Aled yn berson y cefais y fraint o'i gyfarfod ar aml i achlysur pan oedd yn Aelod o'r Cynulliad er mwyn trafod materion amaethyddol ac fe fydd yna golled fawr ar ei ôl.

Dydd Mawrth

Gwranddo ar araith ysbrydoledig a phositif gan Rhiannedd Richards, sef pennaeth BBC Cymru, ar y ffordd ymlaen gyda darlledu, a theimlo'r pwysigrwydd ein bod fel Undeb yn blaenaru'r tir yn y maes hwn er mwyn cael ein neges allan i'r cyhoedd.

Wedyn mynd i wrando ar banel yn trafod yr 'Hinsawdd a Heddwch'. Er i mi ofni y byddwn yn tynnu'n groes yn y sesiwn yma, rhaid dweud fod y panel yn eithaf cytbwys er fod rhaid gwneud y pwynt mae diffyg cyflenwad bwyd fyddai'n esgor yn y dyfodol ar ryfeloedd;

"Yr had a etyb reidiau'r tyrfaoedd, a bloedd yr oesoedd rhag blaidd yr eisiau" i ddyfynu Dic Jones.

Dydd Iau

Helynt y ddiid ceirch oedd stori newyddion y diwrnod gan arwain at gynnal cyfarfod gydag arweinydd a phrif

weithredwr Cyngor Sir Ceredigion. Cafwyd hefyd gyfarfod gyda Chyfoeth Naturiol Cymru ganol bore yn trafod y Cynllun Ffermio Cynaliadwy.

Yn ddiweddarach cefais y fraint o gyfarfod enillydd y fedal ryddiaith, sef Sioned Erin Hughes, pan ddaeth atom i'n pabell am baned.

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FUW UPDATE

A difficult Autumn ahead

by Guto Bebb, FUW Group Managing Director

READING *Y Tir* will give you a strong flavour of the number of shows that the FUW have attended this summer. From before the Royal Welsh up until the end of September our County Teams, Policy Staff and the Insurance staff have been attending shows, large and small, meeting members, customers and the public. We have also met with politicians from all parties and every level of Government which have an impact upon the Agricultural Community.

The weather has been a key part of the conversation at all these events with the lack of rain having a real impact on farming communities. Just recently, driving back from Sioe Llandeilo, the yellow fields and the state of reservoirs such as Clywedog, gave a real sense of the problems that we are facing and there is little doubt that weather patterns and the lack of rain that we have seen since the Spring will have added to the financial pressures that we will see as an industry this autumn.

Whilst we have been at the shows during the summer, the race to win the support of Conservative Party members in order to become Prime Minister has also been on-going throughout the same period. However, the discussions in that race appears to be somewhat divorced from the reality facing farmers and businesses here in rural Wales.

Whilst the question of whether to offer enhanced support for households with their heating bills over the winter has been a key part of the leadership debate, there has been little or no discussion about how to help small businesses facing increased energy costs that are currently not restricted or capped in any way. The FUW, for example, has budgeted for increased energy costs this year with our initial budget showing a jump from £37,000 to £80,000 simply to keep our office lights on and our staff warm so that the business can operate as normal. I know that without intervention from Government this budgeted increase will not be sufficient with the October price surge a real worry.

My experience with budgets for the FUW is clearly not unique and despite having no need to heat our homes over the past three months the concern about energy prices was relayed to us by members and the general public alike at all the events that we attended this summer.

There is, at the moment, no obvious plan out there to mitigate the impact of energy driven inflation costs on the farming community and from the debate that I have seen there appears to be no real desire to even reflect upon the inflation

rates farmers are witnessing in their input costs. We need to be clear about this, a farmer dealing with the general inflation rate of 10% as things stand would be fairly content since what most of our members are actually witnessing in their own businesses are inflation rates of 30% and upwards. These types of increases are not sustainable in the long-run and yet, when the NFU in England offered to host a debate about the future of farming and the challenges we face with the two candidates to succeed Boris Johnson, only one of them was willing to engage. That is a concern.

Come the autumn we are likely to see significant changes in the Westminster Government and potentially the loss of George Eustice who has been a DEFRA Minister since 2014.

As such, the FUW must re-double our efforts to ensure that the forthcoming inflationary and energy challenges that the industry is facing are not ignored as a result of a new and inexperienced Secretary of State at DEFRA and a Government that will be overwhelmed by the crisis facing the UK public as a result of energy prices, which are now going to consume such a significant portion of people's incomes.

So, as the sun sets on what has been a long summer of shows where we have again been able to meet each other and discuss the topics of the day a challenging autumn is fast approaching over the horizon. I suspect that there are tough times ahead.



Concerns over Air Ambulance base closure proposals

THE FUW says members are extremely concerned about the possible impacts of a proposed restructuring of Wales Air Ambulance services which could lead to the closure of air ambulance bases at Welshpool and Caernarfon.

The Powys County Times reported on August 17 that as part of a major review of its operations, Wales Air Ambulance could close its Welshpool base and relocate crews to North Wales, and that the current base near Caernarfon could move as part of the plans.

FUW Montgomeryshire County Executive Officer Emyr Davies, (pictured right), said: "The plans have come as a big shock to our members in Montgomeryshire and across mid Wales, and it is a source of great worry.

We all know someone who has had their life saved by the Welshpool air ambulance, often because of the critical minutes and seconds saved

as a result of having a service based in the heart of Wales."

Mr Davies said that many farmers and their family members were among those whose lives had been saved, as well as many others living in isolated communities in regions where accident and emergency centres have been closed and traditional services have been whittled away.

Wales Air Ambulance told the County Times that the proposals, which would include extending the hours covered by the helicopters

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from 12 hours to 18 per day, would allow its service to meet a greater demand for its service than at present, including attending more missions in Powys each year.

"However, it is unclear whether this estimated improvement in services is simply a result of the proposed 50% increase in hours of coverage, and whether the closure of bases such as the one in Welshpool is a separate issue that would actually reduce the quality of service in rural areas such as Montgomeryshire due to longer response times," said Mr Davies.

"The bottom line is that it's difficult to see how moving an air ambulance base from Wales' most rural county would benefit Wales' most rural areas," he added.

Mr Davies said that the FUW had already contacted Wales Air Ambulance and that the charity had agreed to meet to discuss its proposals and the concerns of FUW members.



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Parhau o'r dudalen flaen

Tipyn o gamp i ferch 24 mlwydd oed i ennill y fath anrhydedd, er ein bod ni yma yn Sir Gaernarfon yn ymwybodol iawn o'i llwyddiannau yn Eisteddfod CFFI y sir. Mae'n rhaid dweud fy mod yn teimlo rhyw wefr fod y mudiad ffermwyr ifanc, a magwraeth Sioned fel merch fferm wedi cyfrannu rhywfaint at ei llwyddiant.

Bum a'r orymdaith "Nid yw Cymru ar Werth" wedyn gan fod hyn yn cyd-fynd a'n daliadau ni fel Undeb. Yn dilyn hyn, braf oedd clywed datganiad gan y Gweinidog dros y Gymraeg ac Addysg, Jeremy Miles yn datgan y bydd yn lansio "Comisiwn Cymunedau Cymraeg". Bydd yr aelodau yn rhannu o'u profiadau a'u harbenigedd o sawl maes polisi gan gynnwys yr economi, tai, addysg, llywodraeth leol, adfywio cymunedau, technoleg, cynllunio ieithyddol a sawl maes arall.

Mae'n deg dweud fod datblygiad o'r fath yn agos iawn at ein dyheadau polisi ni fel Undeb. Yr ydym ar sawl achlysur wedi dweud fod dyfodol cefn gwlad a'r iaith yn llifo o'r economi, a braf oedd gweld yr holl waith lobio yn dwyn ffrwyth. Gobeithio y cawn gyfle i ddylanwadu'n bellach ar waith y Comisiwn.

Darlith ddiddorol gan Richard Wyn Jones wedyn ar pam fod y Blaid Lafur yma yng Nghymru wedi ennill pob etholiad ers canrif, ac yn dilyn hynny, bu i mi fynychu cyfarfod diddorol gan Brifysgol Aberystwyth ar ddyfodol addysg bellach yma yng Nghymru.

Braf oedd cael mynd wedyn i wrando ar banel yn trafod Dyfodol Darlledu a Chyfathrebu, a brafiach fyth oedd clywed un o'r panel yn cydnabod gwaith Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru ac yn diolch am ein presenoldeb. Yn dilyn diwrnod hynod o brysur, fe fu'm yn rhan o gynulleidfa rhaglen Pawb a'i Farn oedd yn cael ei darlledu'n fyw o'r Eisteddfod.

Dydd Gwener

Er i Brif Weinidog Cymru gael ei urddo i'r Orsedd dan yr enw Mark Pengwern, roedd un arall arbennig iawn i'r Undeb yn cael ei urddo ar yr un diwrnod sef Glyn Senni. Ia yn wir, ein Glyn ni sef Glyn Powell. Braint o'r mwyaf oedd ei groesawu i'n pabell i gael te parti i ddatlu ei urddo a'i ben-blwydd yn 90 oed. Llongyfarchiadau mawr i ti Glyn. Cafodd un arall o hoelion wyth ein Undeb ei ben-blwydd yn ystod wythnos yr Eisteddfod, felly dyma ddymuno unwaith yn rhagor ben-blwydd hapus i Dafydd Williams, Sir Benfro.

Dydd Sadwrn

Cynrychioli'r Undeb ar banel "Iechyd meddwl mewn amaeth" oedd dyletswydd cyntaf y bore. Roedd pawb yn teimlo'r angen i chwalu'r stigma sy'n ymwneud a phroblemau o'r fath a'r pwysigrwydd bod y seiciatryddion neu'r meddygon yn deall y byd amaeth. Mi fydd yr Undeb yn parhau gyda'n gwaith yn y maes hwn.



Prynhawn Sadwrn bu i mi fynychu anerchiad Llywydd yr Eisteddfod, sef Ben Lake AS Ceredigion. Roedd yn pwysleisio pwysigrwydd amaeth i ddyfodol ein cymunedau gwledig a'r iaith Gymraeg sef dau bwnc sy'n allweddol i waith yr Undeb.

Diwedd y prynhawn cefais gyfle i grwydo'r Maes a chwilio am lyfr go dda. Un gyfrol aeth am mryd oedd "Ar Drywydd Twm Carnabwth" gan Hefin Wyn. Twm oedd arweinydd Merched Beca, gan arwain ffermwyr llethrau'r Preseli i ddiwrio tollborth Efailwen ym 1839. Yn rhyfedd iawn ar fy ffordd o Sioe Sir Benfro trafaeliais dros y Preseli i gyfeiriad Crymch, ac er syndod yn ymyl Mynachlog Ddu gwelais arwydd Carnabwth ar y groesffordd gyda llwybr yn arwain i'r fferm. Difyr ydi ystyried y cyfraniad mawr y mae ffermwyr wedi ei wneud i hanes Cymru.

Yn ychwanegol at yr uchod, cawsom sawl cyfarfod gyda gwleidyddion yn ystod wythnos hynod brysur ac mae'n rhaid i mi ymddiheuro os na chefais amser fel yr hoffwn i sgwrsio mwy gyda'r aelodau. Cyn gorffen rhaid talu teyrnged i staff yr Undeb a FUWIS am ei gwaith caled yn ystod yr Eisteddfod a chyn hynny yn paratoi. DIOLCH YN FAWR i bawb a diolch i Gwion am olchi'r carped coch yn barod ar gyfer Llyn ac Efonydd 2023!

Un peth yn bendant y cofiaf am Eisteddfod Tregaron yw cyfeillgarwch y trigolion lleol, yn ogystal a'r cydymdeimlad sydd yno ymysg y cyhoedd tuag at ein diwydiant. Y mae'r gefnogaeth yma i fyd amaeth yn rhywbeth y dylem fod yn ymfalchio ynddo wrth edrych ymlaen yn bositif i'r dyfodol.

Ymlaen i'r Sioeau Amaethyddol

Ym mis Awst mae'r sioeau yn eu hanterth, ac eleni, mor braf yw hi medru mwynhau cwmpeini a chroeso gan yr aelodau nad ydym wedi eu gweld wyneb yn wyneb ers tair blynedd. Y sioe gyntaf i mi fynd iddi dros yr haf oedd Sioe Môn. Rhaid dweud fod bwrlwm yn ein pabell, a cawsom gyfarfodydd gyda'r gwleidyddion canlynol: Lesley Griffiths Gweinidog dros Faterion Cefn Gwlad, Senedd Cymru; Llyr H Griffiths; Mabon ap Gwynfor; Rhun ap Iorwedd, Senedd Cymru. Ar yr ail ddiwrnod, cafwyd cyfarfod adeiladol gyda swyddogion Llywodraeth Cymru.

Yr wythnos ganlynol, teithiais lawr i sioe Sir Benfro ar y dydd Mercher, ac unwaith eto roedd prysurdeb a chroeso mawr yn ein pabell. Y gwleidyddion cyntaf i ni eu cyfarfod oedd Simon Hart AS, cyn ysgrifennydd gwladol Cymru a Stephen Crabb AS, Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Materion Cymreig. Trafodwyd problemau dybryd y diciâu, yn ogystal ac arian "Ffyniant", a lle roeddem yn y broses o newid o hen drefn Ewropeiaidd y Gronfeydd Stwythurol. Hefyd trafodwyd y cytundebau masnach a'r problemau enfawr sy'n deillio o'r cynnydd mewn costau sy'n wynebu ein haelodau. Wedyn, cafwyd cyfle i gyfarfod gyda Cefin Campbell; Lesley Griffiths; Eluned Morgan; Paul Davies a Sam Kurtz, Senedd Cymru.

Yn ôl am sioe Dinbych a Fflint, a rhaid llongyfarch y sir am ennill yr ail wobwr am y babell orau ar y cae. Roeddent yn drydydd tro cynt, ac fel dywedodd Mari, ein Swyddog Sirol yn siroedd Dinbych a Fflint: "Mae pethau'n mynd i'r cyfeiriad iawn i ennill tro nesaf!" Pob lwc!

Roedd angerdd yn y ffordd roedd swyddogion y sir yn holi'r gwleidyddion, a bu cyfarfodydd di-dor o 11 y bore hyd at 4.30 y pnan gyda Mark Isherwood; Darren Miller; Sam Rowlands; Mabon ap Gwynfor a Carolyn Thomas o Senedd Cymru. Yna cafwyd cyfle i glywed arweinydd Cyngor Sir Ddinbych Jason McLellan yn trin a thrafod ein maniffesto i'r cynghorwyr sirol.

Yn gyffredinol y pwyntiau a godwyd gydag Aelodau Senedd Cymru oedd:

Y Bil Amaeth fydd yn cael ei gyflwyno i'r Senedd ym mis Medi/Hydref, rhaid sylweddoli os na fydd yn ddeddf erbyn 31 o Ragfyr 2024 bydd pwerau Amaeth yn dychwelyd i San Steffan.

- Bydd y Bil yn cynnwys - Cynllun Ffermio Cynaliadwy
- Cyllid i'r diwydiant
- Casglu data
- Coedwigaeth
- Materion tenantiaid
- Dal anifeiliaid gwyllt mewn bagal
- Safonau masnachu
- Asesu carcass
- Ymyrraeth mewn Materion Amaethyddol

Byddwn yn pwysu i ychwanegu sicrhau incwm i deuluoedd amaethyddol yn ogystal â diogelu cyflenwad bwyd at y rhestr.

Fel y gwelwch mae yna oblygiadau pellgyrhaeddol iawn yn y Bil, mae'n gywir dweud fod tynged amaeth am y 10 i 15 mlynedd nesaf yn dibynnu ar gael hwn yn iawn, ac nad wyf yn gor ddweud mae dyma yw'r mater pwysicaf i amaeth yng Nghymru ers



deddf Amaeth 1947, felly gallaf eich sicrhau na wnawn fel Undeb adael ru'n garreg heb ei throï er tegwch i ddyfodol ein diwydiant.

Pwynt arall roeddem yn ei godi oedd y Cynllun Ffermio Cynaliadwy. Er ein bod yn croesawu fod y cynllun yn mynd i'r cyfeiriad cywir, a'r ffaith ei fod dal yn ddogfen ymgynghorol, rydym yn bryderus am lawer o'r elfennau, yn cynnwys wrth gwrs y deg y cant o goed, a bydd rhaid ymladd hwn. Hefyd, byddwn yn ymladd am y pwysigrwydd o gyflenwad bwyd a chadw pobl yng nghefn gwlad trwy sicrhau bod incwm ein ffermydd yn gynaliadwy. Mae'n hanfodol cael uchafswm (cap) o bres i bob daliad, fel y gwelwyd yn y system flaenorol.

Mae angen sicrhau hefyd bod y rheol "ffermwr gweithgar" (*active farmer*) yn ddigon cryf er mwyn gwneud yn siŵr fod y pres yn mynd i'r fferm deuluol, gan mae dyma sy'n gwneud y cyfraniad mwyaf i'r economi leol.

Mater amserol iawn yw'r costau cynyddol gydag effaith y Rhyfel yn Wcráin a'r sychdwr. Tynnwyd sylw'r gwleidyddion at brisiau gwrtaith, ynni a thanwydd, yn ogystal â'r posibilïadau o ddiffyg cnwd i fwydo ein hanifeiliaid dros dymor y gaeaf. Yn sicr, nid ydym eisiau bod yn yr un sefyllfa ag yr oeddem rai blynyddoedd yn ôl lle'r oedd cnwd yn brin, a gwaeth na hynny, roedd yn cael ei allforio i lwerddon gan fod y Gwyddelod yn medru talu mwy amdano oherwydd bod eu Llywodraeth hwy yn rhoi cymorth ariannol iddynt i'w brynu.

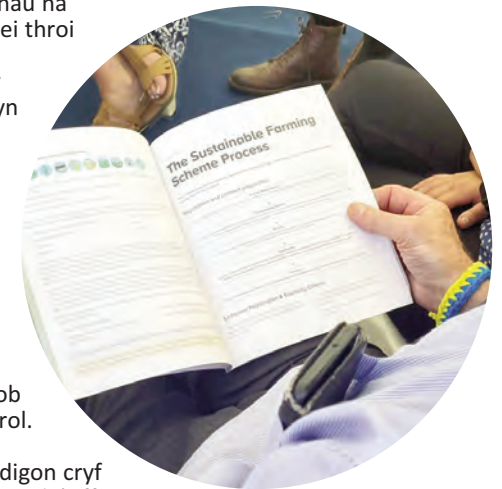
Pryder mawr arall cafodd ei drafod oedd Adnoddau Dŵr (NVZ) a'r holl gostau sydd yn deillio o'r rheolau newydd yma. Fel Undeb rydym yn erfyn ar Aelodau Senedd Cymru i fabwysiadu argymhellion Pwyllgor Economi, Masnach a Materion Gwledig.

Yng nghefn meddwl pob ffarmer mae'r diciâu, a chafwyd trafodaeth drylwyr ar y pwnc yn y gwahanol siroedd. Roeddem yn ffodus o gael Hazel Wright (ein harbenigwr iechyd anifeiliaid) gyda ni. Rhaid i'r gwleidyddion sylweddoli'r effaith seicolegol mae hyn yn ei gael ar iechyd ein ffermwyr.

Mater arall sydd o bwys mawr yw bod cwmnïau mawr yn prynu ein ffermydd i blannu oed er mwyn gwrthbwyso carbon. Yr unig beth mae hyn yn ei wneud yng nhydestun cynhesu byd-eang yw rhoi trwydded i lygru, heb sôn am yr effaith ar ein cymunedau yng nghefn gwlad.

Dyma'r materion pwysicaf yn y llun mawr y trafodwyd gyda'r gwleidyddion yn ystod y sioeau uchod, ac wrth reswm, roedd hefyd rhai materion lleol i bob sir. Hoffwn ddiolch i'r adran Polisi am eu cymorth yn ein bwydo gyda gwybodaeth drylwyr.

Both columns are available in English on the FUW website - News - Y Tir News: "President's columns," or from your local county office.



"Mor braf yw hi medru mwynhau cwmpeini a chroeso gan yr aelodau nad ydym wedi eu gweld wyneb yn wyneb ers tair blynedd."

Impacts of dry weather and drought on agriculture

August 19 2022

Background

- On 19th August 2022, a Temporary Use Ban (TUB) or 'hosepipe' ban came into force in Pembrokeshire and parts of Carmarthenshire, as NRW declared drought status for river catchments in South West Wales
- According to NRW, Wales received 58% of its expected rainfall during July, although this wasn't evenly distributed with catchments ranging from 29% for Valleys and the Vale of Glamorgan and 74% in Carmarthenshire
- During the five months from March to July, Wales received 61% of the average rainfall. The only other drier periods in the past 100 years occurred in 1984 and 1976
- The expected rainfall coming up is expected to be short and intense. It will take more than a short period of rain over a couple of days to change the current situation substantially

Impacts

- The majority of farmers across Wales are being impacted by the prolonged period of dry weather in one way or another. This is in addition to the impacts of the war in Ukraine with many deciding to apply less fertiliser this year as a result
- FUW members who are able to are reverting to mains water supplies for their livestock, crops and other requirements such as parlour washes due to private water sources drying up
- In some parts of Wales, there is an amber alert for wildfires
- Many are supplementary feeding full winter rations to compensate for a lack of grass growth
- Crops have stopped growing, meaning they will be harvested earlier with lower yields, and a number of farmers have been unable to harvest a second cut of silage and are now grazing those fields or plan to take late silage cuts in the Autumn if weather conditions are suitable
- Livestock are also losing condition due to the hot conditions and prices are falling as more livestock are being sold to relieve the pressure on fodder availability later this year and into 2023
- These impacts are likely to have significant impacts on cash flows and fodder availability across the UK and Europe during the winter when grazing and/or harvesting forage aren't viable alternatives
- Robin Hawkey, a Senior Nutritionist at Mole Valley Farmers said: *"Balancing of rations will be needed this year if silage analyses show a low lactic acid to VFA ratio as this affects rumen function"*
- *"Mycotoxins are produced by specific fungi or moulds and tend to be a problem in drier silages. If farmers don't move across the face fast enough, secondary fermentation and mould formation can pose a significant risk to cows"*

FUW Position

- The FUW has been engaging with the Welsh Government and Stakeholders over recent weeks to discuss the impacts of the dry weather and what measures should be taken to mitigate the impacts on agricultural production and animal welfare
- While no two years are the same, it is important that effective solutions can be established and implemented this year and in future years
- Grants should be made available to help farmers collect and store rainwater in preparation for prolonged dry weather events
- The Welsh Government must ensure that farmers who seek derogations for Glastir options such as 32/32b to compensate for prolonged periods of dry weather are not penalised as adopted in 2018
- The Welsh Government should seek to relax Glastir rules to allow farmers to extend their grazing seasons into the autumn on areas covered by contractual agreements when grass will be more readily available
- The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) Regulations should be suspended to avoid increasing red tape for Welsh farmers at a time when they are facing a perfect storm of uncertainty, climatic pressures and the impact of global events

Resources

- A Temporary Use Ban (TUB) or 'hosepipe ban' came into force in Pembrokeshire and parts of Carmarthenshire on August 19 2022. Full details can be found: www.dwrcymru.com/en/drought
- Guidance on private water supplies can be found: www.dwi.gov.uk/private-water-supplies/
- NRW dry weather updates (updated fortnightly) can be found: <https://tinyurl.com/3ryth529> (URL has been shortened)
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Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 briefing

August 15 2022

- During the 5 year period from 2016 to 2020, agriculture was responsible for 599 substantiated water pollution incidents in Wales out of a total of 3,592, representing 16.7% of all water pollution incidents. These comprised 496 (13.8% of the total) 'low impact' incidents; 78 (2.2% of the total) 'high-significant impact' incidents and 19 (0.5% of the total) 'high-major impact' incidents

- By comparison, of the total 3,592 water pollution incidents recorded during the same period, 933 (26.0%) were caused by sewage material and 597 (16.6%) were from contaminated water, while the water industry was responsible for 21.9% of all water pollution incidents

- The data also demonstrates that in many Welsh water catchment areas, no water pollution incidents have been attributed to agriculture since 2015, while in scores of others the number of incidents attributed to agriculture are dwarfed by those attributed to other industries and sectors

- For example, 49% of water catchments across Wales had 2 or less water pollution incidents relating to agriculture during the same 5 year period, 9% of which did not experience a single incident

- In 2021, the current Senedd voted unanimously for a relevant Senedd Committee to undertake an urgent review of the regulations. The Senedd Economy Trade and Rural Affairs Committee published its report and recommendations on June 8 2022

- The FUW has welcomed the report and has urged for it to receive the attention and respect it deserves and for all of the recommendations to be implemented in full

- Recommendation 1 states that *"the Welsh Government should re-introduce the derogation which allowed qualifying grassland farms to spread up to 250kg per ha of nitrogen"* which was omitted from the regulations before being laid in front of the previous Senedd in 2021 without any form of warning or explanation

- Given that the 170kg per ha of nitrogen limit would place a particularly reserved stocking rate of approximately 1.5 dairy cows per ha, the decision by the Welsh Government to remove the option of applying for such a derogation will massively restrict the ability of Welsh farmers to maintain milk and beef production levels from January 1 2023, while further eroding the ability of Wales' farmers to compete on a level playing field with the rest of the UK - where it is understood that derogation provisions are continuing



- Re-introducing this derogation would serve as a significant safety net for a number of farmers in Wales who are already above the 170kg per ha of nitrogen limit where reducing stock numbers or buying or renting additional land are not viable options, and compliance with the 170kg limit will breach contracts or tenancy agreements, or compromise the ability to repay loans

- Recommendation 8 states that *"the Welsh Government should prioritise any suitable alternative proposals that utilise technology rather than closed periods for spreading, or 'farming by calendar'"*

- The Welsh Government must, at the earliest opportunity, consider and implement alternative measures which utilise technologies to allow for a shift away from prescribed storage requirements and fixed closed periods for slurry spreading

- Such moves would make the regulations more flexible and effective, reflecting the many different farming systems adopted in Wales and avoiding the need for hundreds of millions of pounds of capital investment

- The Welsh Government's Regulatory Impact Assessment states that the regulations in their current form will cost Welsh farmers as much as £360 million in infrastructure costs alone - with annual compliance costs in addition to this figure

- With current inflation rates at 25% for construction materials, this equates to a potential cost of £450 million for Welsh farmers, £120 million more than Wales' average annual Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) budget over the 2014-2020 CAP funding period

- Nevertheless, those who are willing and able to invest to become compliant with the regulations are facing barriers outside of their control with delays in planning applications, shortages of building supplies and the availability of builders to complete such works before August 1 2024

- As such, and in light of the impacts of the war in Ukraine on global food security, supply chains and input costs, the Welsh Government should - at the very least - suspend the regulations to allow farmers to maximise the use of natural fertilisers and provide sufficient time for the Welsh Government to consider and make amendments to the regulations

Political Matters

by Libby Davies, FUW Senedd and Parliamentary Affairs Officer

OVER the past few months summer shows have provided us with an excellent opportunity for political engagement outside of the Senedd and Westminster. These shows have been invaluable for me to meet members, hear your concerns and therefore be able to feed them back to elected representatives.

At the Gower Show this year, we met with Tom Giffard, Member of the Senedd for South Wales West, where we shared our thoughts and concerns on the proposals for the Sustainable Farming Scheme. Whilst we acknowledge there has been positive progression since the Welsh Government's original plans were laid out, I am also aware that issues such as the lack of payment rates and requirement to reach 10% tree cover will be alarming to some of our members. We will continue to raise these concerns and work with the Welsh Government and MSs to 'co-design' a SFS that values our food production and security, and is accessible for all farmers in Wales.

Agricultural shows have also provided the chance to speak to County Councillors about our County Council Manifesto which was published earlier this year. The manifesto includes issues such as

protecting Council farm holdings and it's essential that we work with our local authorities to protect such an important asset of the industry. We discussed this with Swansea Councillor, Lyndon Jones at the Gower Show, as well as the provision of mental health support across the industry.

I also attended the Vale Show where we met with South Wales Central Members of the Senedd, Andrew RT Davies and Joel James. We discussed the rise in solar farms across Glamorgan and the need to balance on-farm renewable energy with food production. We see great potential for renewable energy in agriculture, as seen in our 5 point plan which I referred to in last month's Y Tir. However, to maintain our food security, we must also ensure large areas of



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productive agricultural land are not taken out of food production.

Similarly, at the Brecon County Show, we met with James Evans MS where we discussed the Welsh Conservatives' Alternative Agriculture Bill and the need to place social, cultural and economic sustainability, as well as environmental sustainability, at the heart of the Welsh Government's legislation. We also discussed our County Council Manifesto with Powys Councillors, Iain McIntosh and Matthew Dorrance.

Our manifesto asks Local Authorities to apply higher council tax premiums to second homes and to implement procurement policies that will shorten supply chains, support the high environmental and animal welfare standards Welsh farmers must adhere to, and bolster circular economies.

However, the Senedd also has power over these matters and both second homes and procurement form part of the Welsh Government-Plaid Cymru Cooperation Agreement. Therefore, we have also met with Plaid Cymru's Designated Member, Cefin Campbell, to raise our concerns and discuss potential solutions. For instance, the roll-out of free school meals from September provides the perfect opportunity to review where our local authorities source their produce. Hence, it is important the FUW continues to be in conversation with Senedd Members and Councillors to ensure policies at all levels support agriculture and the wider rural economy.

In Gwent we also met with Monmouthshire Council Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment, Catrin Maby recently. We discussed ways to work together to reduce pollution in the River Wye and the Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021. We explained that the regulations are likely to place significant pressure on local planning authorities and the costs associated with the regulations are significant. In our view it is imperative that local authorities encourage Welsh Government to ensure the current review of the regulations results in proportionate and affordable proposals to mitigate the impact of the legislation.

I'm also looking forward to meeting with members and elected representatives at the Usk Show in the coming weeks, before the Senedd and House of Commons return from recess.

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"HIR yw pob ymaros" yw'r hen ddywediad, ond wrth gwrs, mae rhai pethau'n werth aros amdanynt, ac rwy'n siwr y byddai un person o Gwm Senni yn cytuno a hyn.

Rwyf am fynd a chi nôl i rhifyn mis Medi 2020 o *Y Tir* wrth i ni gyhoeddi bod Gorsedd Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru yn mynd i anrhydeddu Mr Glyn Powell, un o hoelion wyth yr Undeb gyda'r Wisg Las yn ystod Eisteddfod Ceredigion 2021 yn Nhregaron.

Er mawr siom i bawb, gohiriwyd yr Eisteddfod am flwyddyn arall o dan cwmwl parhaus y coronafeirws. Ond, i ddefnyddio dywediad arall, "Mi ddaw eto haul ar fryn", dyna'n union beth ddigwyddodd yn Nhregaron rai wythnosau nôl pan gafodd y dref ei chyfle i ddisgleirio a chynnal yr Eisteddfod o'r diwedd.

Ac o'r diwedd hefyd, ar ôl dwy flynedd o aros, cafodd Glyn y cyfle i dderbyn Gwisg Las yr Orsedd. Ond sut brofiad oedd y cyfan iddo? Dyma Glyn i ddweud mwy wrthym: "Teimlais ryw wefr ryfeddol wrth fod yno ymhlith pobl roeddwn wedi eu hedmygu erioed. I mi roedd yr anrhydedd yn annisgwyl gan fy mod yn adnabod cymaint o bobl eraill a oedd yn fwy haeddiannol," eglura Glyn.

"Bûm yn ffodus i gael fy enwebu gan ddwy o ferched mwyaf blaenllaw llên Cymru ac o gymharu â nhw, doeddwn i ddim yn teimlo'n deilwng o'r Wisg Las. Roeddwn yn disgwyl rhyw drefniant ac awyrgylch braidd yn swyddogol ac amhersonol, ond roedd pawb mor gyfeillgar a hwylus a merched y gwisgoedd yn rhyfeddol o amyneddgar a chyfeillgar.

"Wrth ymuno yn yr orymdaith, rhyfeddais fod un o'r "werin datws" yn rhan ohoni a chynifer o'r eisteddfodwyr yn fy nghymeradwyo. Dw i ddim wedi datgelu i neb o'r blaen ond pan oeddwn yn Swyddog yn y fyddin ym Malaya, dywedodd yr Uwch Gaptwr wrtha i y byddwn yn aelod o'r Orsedd ryw ddiwrnod! Roedd e'n ymwybodol o'm harfer o fynnu siarad Cymraeg gyda'r milwyr o Gymru a phobl eraill y buaswn yn dod ar eu traws ac am fy mod yn derbyn llyfrau Cymraeg yn gyson oddi wrth fy nghyn athro Cymraeg a Bedwyr Lewis Jones fy nghyfaill coleg agosaf."

Rhywbeth sy'n fy niddori i yn bersonol yw dysgu beth yw cefndir dewis gwahanol bobl o enw barddol, a dyma gyfle perffaith i holi i Glyn am ei ddewis ef. "Doeddwn i ddim am bechu naill ai Crai, lle bûm yn byw am 30 o flynyddoedd neu Senni, cartre'r teulu wedi hynny ac am fy nghysylltiad gyda'r frwydr dros ddeng mlynedd i achub y cwm rhag ei foddii," eglura Glyn. "Felly, dewisais enw Cwm Cilieni lle bu Mam yn byw a lle buodd fy nhad yn was ffarm adeg eu priodas. Dw i wedi bod yn ymwneud â'r Epynt oddi ar hynny. Gwnes i gystadlu yn eisteddfod olaf Capel Y Babell a hefyd dioddefais wythnosau o ymarfer filwrol ar yr Epynt cyn mynd i Korea."

Wrth edrych nôl ar Eisteddfod Ceredigion

yn Nhregaron, beth fydd yn aros yn y cof i Glyn? "Rwy'n ddiolchgar i Dregaron am roi'r llwyfan i mi dderbyn yr anrhydedd pennaf all ddod i Gymro bach o wreiddiau cwbl werinol. I goroni'r achlysur, fe wnaeth Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru drefnu digwyddiad i ddathlu fy urddo a'm mhenblwydd yn 90."

Yr hyn sy'n fy nharo i wrth ddarllen geiriau Glyn, ac rwy'n siwr y cytunwch ei fod yn cyfeirio at ei hun fel un o'r "werin datws" yn rhan o'r Orsedd. A dyna ddisgrifio Glyn yn berffaith.

Mae cyfraniad oes Glyn i'w filltir sgwâr a'i gymuned leol yn aruthrol ac yn destun edmygedd i bawb.

Wrth gysylltu â Bethan, merch Glyn cyn mynd ati i lunio'r erthygl hon, diddorol oedd darllen erthygl ganddi am anrhydedd ei thad pan gafodd ei enwebu gyntaf a ymddangosodd ym mhapur bro Aberhonddu, Y Fan a'r Lle. Mae'r erthygl yn frith o'i gyfaniadau at yr ardal leol, yn genedlaethol, a'i angerdd byrlymus dros yr iaith Gymraeg a diwylliant Cymru.

Yn athro; ffermwr brwd; cefnogwr ffyddlon o'r CFFI; beirniad, cyd-drefnydd ac arweinydd eisteddfodau a nosweithiau llawen lleol a sirol; aelod selog ac yn flaenor yng Nghapel Trinit, Defynnog, cyn Is Lywydd a Dirprwy Lywydd yr Undeb ac arweinydd deallus o ymgyrchoedd tyngedfennol, mae'n hawdd iawn gweld pam bod "un o'r werin datws" bellach yn aelod haeddiannol o'r Orsedd.

Ar ran pawb sy'n gysylltiedig â'r Undeb, yn aelodau a staff, llongyfarchiadau mawr i chi Glyn a diolch i chi am eich anogaeth a chefnogaeth dawel a chyson.

This article is in English on the FUW website - News - Y Tir News: "A chance for Cwm Cilieni to shine," or from your local county office.



Dathlu pen-blwydd: O'r chwith, Llywydd UAC Glyn Roberts, Glyn Powell, Gwenllian (gwraig Glyn) a Bethan (merch Glyn) yn torri'r gacen pen-blwydd ar stondin UAC yn yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol.



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Ar ôl aros yn amyneddgar, bellach rydym yn medru cyhoeddi y bydd Dal y Mellt i'w gweld gyntaf ar S4C ar Hydref yr 2il, ac rwy'n siŵr bod chi fel ni yn edrych ymlaen at weld Y Tir yn ymddangos ar y sgrin fach. Ond beth yw hanes Dal y Mellt?

Trosiad o'r nofel boblogaidd, Dal y Mellt, yw un o gomisiynau drama ddiweddaraf S4C, ac mae'r awdur o Drawsfynydd, Iwan 'Iwcs' Roberts', hefyd yn un o'r cynhyrchwyr sy'n gyfrifol am ddod â'r nofel yn fyw. "Mi wnes i gyhoeddi fy nofel gyntaf, Dal y Mellt, yn 2019," meddai Iwcs. "O ni'n gwybod yn fy nghalon pan o ni'n sgwennu fod hi'n nofel weledol iawn. Drama oedd hi yn fy mhen cyn i mi ddechrau. Peintio hefo geiriau oeddwn i mewn ffordd."

Yn ystod y gyfres, bydd cyfle i ni ddod i nabod y cymeriadau Carbo, Mici Ffin, Les, Meri-Jên, Gronw, Antonia, Dafydd Aldo a Cidw yn yr hyn mae Gwenllian Gravelle, Comisiynydd Drama S4C yn ei alw'n "Gomisiwn cyffrous fydd yn dod â rhywbeth ffres ac egniol i S4C."



Y cast.

Mae Gwenllian yn mynd ymlaen i ddweud: "Mae'n gast anhygoel sydd â'r gallu i greu drama all y gynulleidfa wir ymgolli ynddi. Trwy sicrhau fod edrychiad ac arddull y gyfres tipyn yn wahanol i'r arfer o ran goleuo, gwisgoedd a props, mae Vox Pictures wedi creu gwaith arbennig iawn."



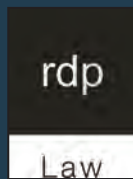
Mae'r hanes tu ôl i'r ymholiad gwreiddiol yn un diddorol dros ben ac yn llawn o gysylltiadau agos gyda'r Undeb, dyma Gwynedd i egluro mwy: "Mae Gwyn Eiddor yn fab i aelod i ni sef ffarm Windy, Llecheiddior, Garndolbenmaen. Mae ei Dad yn gyn-gadeirydd y Sir sef Richard Parry, a Taid Gwyn yw'r diweddar Wil Sam, sef dramodydd enwog iawn o'r ardal. Mae Gwyn wedi bod yn gweithio yn y byd ffilmiau a theledu ers blynnyddoedd lawer, yn gefnogwr pêl-droed brwd iawn ac yn dilyn tîm pêl-droed Cymru dros y byd. Ei frawd Tudur Eifion sydd wrthi yn ffermio adref erbyn heddiw gyda'i Dad Richard. Bu i Gwyn gysylltu i ofyn am ganiatâd i ddefnyddio rhifyn o Y Tir mewn golygfa fisoedd lawer yn ôl ac wrth gwrs roedd pob croeso iddo wneud hynny."

Am hanes diddorol ac yn gyfle gwyh gweld ein papur ni ar y teledu! Ond beth mae ein Golygydd yn meddwl am y sylw i Y Tir? Dywedodd Nia Davies-Jones: "Roeddem yn fwy na pharod i Dal y Mellt ddefnyddio hen gopïau o Y Tir yn ystod y broses ffilmio, mae papur newydd amaethyddol ar fwrdd cegin y ffermdy yn rhywbeth cyffredin iawn ac rydym yn falch bod nhw wedi dewis defnyddio papur newydd Y Tir. Edrychaf ymlaen at weld Dal y Mellt ac Y Tir ar ein sgriniau yn fuan iawn."

Felly cofiwch wyllo S4C nos Sul Hydref yr 2il am 9yh i fwynhau cyfres newydd ac i weld Y Tir ar y teledu!

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Why we have our own Claims Team

by Guto Bebb, FUW Group Managing Director



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As a Broker, we have taken the decision to have our own in-house claims team and Sally, Meleri and Alex undertake a crucial role for us as a business and also for you as our customers in ensuring that the vast majority of claims our customers make are paid.

As a Broker we are often frustrated by the time it takes for some claims to be paid but this reflects the fact that as a broker we need to collect evidence and information from

our customers and then present what has been received in an appropriate format to the insurer in order for the claim to be settled.

Sometimes this process takes longer than we would want but in truth, if the insurer wants us to jump through hoops x, y and z to get a claim paid then our claims team will do just that.

A key challenge to the claims team at the moment is the increasing demands from insurers for comprehensive information with regards to sums insured whether this relates to stock values or the cost or re-instating damaged or destroyed property. You are only insured to the value of the cover that you have purchased but with stock values and property re-instatement costs increasing significantly over the past two years this remains a key area of work for us as a business and creates real challenges for the claims team.

The idea that some insurance is better than none does not really hold when you are making a claim, especially if the sums insured are significantly lower than the actual sums at risk. For example, if you hold £500,000 of stock but they are insured for only £200,000 then you are covered for only 40% of any stock claim. Sally, Meleri and Alex can often work miracles but in a situation where the valuations are so significantly out of kilter with the sums insured there is little that they can do despite their commitment to serve our customers.

So, if you find yourself dealing with a claim on your policy then please remember the names of Sally, Meleri and Alex. They will ascertain what the insurer needs and then collect that information from yourselves as policyholders in order to submit as comprehensive a claim as possible - the more comprehensive the initial paperwork manages to be the quicker the claim can be paid. Yes, they might come back to you to ask for more but that will simply reflect the fact that the insurer is asking for more.

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

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

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

The winner of each category will receive a £30 gift voucher for themselves, a packet of the Christmas cards depicting their design, one day's free admittance to the 2022 Royal Welsh Winter Fair to receive their prizes and a £50 cheque for their school.

The closing date for entries is Friday 28 October 2022. The pupil's name, age, class number, school name and home address must be included on all entries, which should be e-mailed to ytir@fuw.org.uk



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Mae UAC yn gofyn i blant rhwng pedair ac 11 oed i ddylunio golygfa amaethyddol Nadoligaidd ar gyfer ei chardiau Nadolig, a fydd yn cael eu gwerthu i godi arian ar gyfer elusen yr Undeb sef y DPJ Foundation.

Dywedodd Llywydd UAC Glyn Roberts: "Caiff y gystadleuaeth ei rannu'n ddau gategori - yr ymgeiswyr Cymraeg a'r ymgeiswyr Saesneg. Gall y plant ddefnyddio unrhyw gyfrwng i greu eu cardiau, megis creonau, pensiliau lliw, peniau blaen ffelt neu baent i dynnu'r llun, ac mae'n rhaid defnyddio dalen A4 o bapur a'i e-bostio atom ar ffurf jpeg.

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Bydd enillydd pob categori yn derbyn tocyn anrheg gwerth £30 i'w hunan, pecyn o'r cardiau Nadolig yn dangos eu dyluniad, mynediad un diwrnod am ddim i Ffair Aeaf Frenhinol Cymru 2022 er mwyn derbyn eu gwobrau a siec gwerth £50 ar gyfer eu hysgol.

Y dyddiad cau ar gyfer ceisiadau yw dydd Gwener 28 Hydref 2022. Mae angen i bob cynnyg gynnwys enw, oedran, rhif dosbarth, enw'r ysgol a chyfeiriad cartref y disgybl a'i e-bostio at ytir@fuw.org.uk

Calling all keen photographers / Yn galw ar bob ffotograffydd brwd

IF you enjoy snapping the countryside or anything agricultural then this is the competition for you. We want your photos to create an FUW 2023 calendar, these will be sold on the FUW stand at this year's Royal Welsh Winter Fair and all proceeds will go to the President's charity, The DPJ Foundation. There's a top prize of £250 up for grabs so get your entries in via email to ytir@fuw.org.uk by September 16 2022.

Os ydych yn mwynhau tynnu lluniau o gefn gwlad neu unrhyw beth amaethyddol yna dyma'r gystadleuaeth i chi. Rydym am i'ch lluniau chi greu calendr 2023 UAC, a fydd yn cael eu gwerthu ar stondin UAC yn Ffair Aeaf Frenhinol Cymru eleni, gyda'r holl elw'n mynd i elusen y Llywydd, sef Sefydliad DPJ. Mae yna brif wobwr o £250 i'w hennill, felly ewch ati i anfon eich ceisiadau i mewn trwy e-bost at ytir@fuw.org.uk erbyn Medi 16 2022.

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The Welsh Game Fair - save up to 20% on tickets

THE new, three-day event, to be hosted by the Vaynol Estate, near Bangor from September 9-11, is being organised by the team behind the hugely popular The Game Fair and The GWCT Scottish Game Fair, in partnership with leading conservation charity The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT).

Fishing, clay shooting, gundogs, game cookery, falconry, horses and hounds, as well as rural crafts, food and drink will feature at the event, which is expected to attract

people passionate about the countryside, country pursuits and conservation. Visitors can look forward to a wide range of attractions, displays, live debates, shopping at hundreds of trade stands and family entertainment.

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FUW Board Farmer Director graduates

Congratulations to FUW Board Farmer Director Alan Gardner, (pictured below), who has obtained a University Postgraduate Certificate in Change Leadership, through the Business School in Aberystwyth. Collaborating with Menter a Busnes who as part of their continual staff development programme offered employees, and subsequently contractors such as Alan the opportunity to study towards a recognised qualification.

The PGC involved three modules, Facilitation for Organisation Leadership, Coaching and Mentoring for Leaders and Leading Change.

Alan said: "The first module commenced in early 2018 and I actually graduated in 2021, but obviously the pandemic meant that ceremonies were carried over until this year. I decided to do the modules principally because of the relevance to my role as an Agrisgôp Leader with Farming Connect, but also as a challenge to myself. Having not had the opportunity of a university education as a young person."



Llaeth buwch ddim yn opsiwn - pam?

YN dilyn pryderon gan aelodau o'r cyhoedd am ddiffydwis dewis llaeth buwch ar stondin Cyngor Sir Ceredigion yn yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol wrth i blant wneud smwddis ffres gyda diod ceirch yn cael ei gynnig yn unig, cafwyd trafodaeth gydag Arweinydd y Cyngor i geisio darganfod y rhesymeg tu ôl i'r penderfyniad.

Wrth darfod y mater fe godwyd y pwynt gan UAC fod yr Eisteddfod eleni wedi ei chynnal ar dir fferm llaeth ac fe ofynwyd am eglurhad o'r dewis amheus i ddefnyddio diod ceirch o Ffrainc yn hytrach na llaeth lleol.

Dywedodd Llywydd UAC, Glyn Roberts: "Mae Ceredigion yn un o'r siroedd enwocaf yng Nghymru am gynhyrchu llaeth go iawn ac mae'r diwydiant yn gwneud cyfraniad enfawr i economi a diwylliant y sir.

"Mae maes a chystadlaethau'r Eisteddfod llawn pobl a phlant sy'n dod o ffermydd llaeth, yn ogystal â phobl sy'n gweithio yn y diwydiant ac mae'r

ymdeimlad o ddieter a siom ynglyn â dewis diod ceirch o Ffrainc yn hytrach na llaeth lleol yn amlwg."

Er bod Cyngor Sir Ceredigion wedi honi bod y penderfyniad i ddefnyddio diod ceirch yn hytrach na llaeth buwch wedi ei seilio ar bryderon ynglyn â chadw llaeth ar y tymheredd cywir, dywedodd Mr Roberts bod cwestiynau mawr i'w hateb ynglyn â'r esgus hwn.

"Doedd dim byd allan o'r cyffredin am y tywydd a'r tymheredd wythnos yr Eisteddfod, ac mae'r cwestiwn yn dal yn sefyll pam fod Cyngor Sir Ceredigion wedi penderfynu hybu diod ceirch sydd wedi ei fewnforio o Ffrainc yn hytrach na diod lleol o'r safon uchaf," ychwanegodd Glyn.

This article is in English on the FUW website: "FUW in talks with Ceredigion County Council Leader following concerns about the lack of a cow's milk option for making smoothies on their stall at the Eisteddfod," or from your local county office.

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THE FUW is gearing up to celebrate World School Milk Day on September 28 2022.

Dei Davies, Chair of the FUW Milk and Dairy Committee said: "Milk has been a classroom staple since the 1940's when it was introduced due to concerns of children's health and undernourishment. More recently a link has been made between undernourished children and their ability to concentrate in class.

"It is a very sad state of affairs that eighty years later, we are still talking of children going hungry and families in Wales facing poverty as a result of the current cost of living crisis.

"Milk packs a punch and has a bounty of nutritious benefits, with a 189ml carton of milk providing over half of a child's Calcium, Iodine and Vitamin B2 requirements as well as a plethora of other beneficial vitamins and minerals.

"But most impressive is that a small glass of milk will provide 100% of a child's Vitamin B12 requirement which is vital for sustaining a healthy nervous system and supporting the immune system in fighting off diseases."

Elin Jenkins, FUW Dairy Policy Officer added: "Another benefit of Vitamin B12 is its ability to reduce fatigue and tiredness. So, we want to see children and consumers across Wales full of energy after quenching their thirst with this locally produced superfood and show your support for World School Milk Day by sharing a picture of your school raising a glass of the white stuff!"

Refs:

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Nominations sought for outstanding dairy person in Wales

THE FUW is once again looking to recognise an individual who has made a great contribution towards the development of the dairy industry and has become an integral part of the dairy industry in Wales.

To recognise such a person, the Union is seeking nominations for its FUW Outstanding Service to the Welsh Dairy Industry Award. The winner will be announced, and the presentation made, at the Welsh Dairy Show on Tuesday October 25, 2022.

FUW Carmarthen County Executive Officer, David Waters, *(pictured right)*, said: "There are a number of very worthy individuals in Wales who deserve this award and looking back we have had some fantastic nominations and winners. So if you know of a person who has made a great contribution towards the development of the Welsh dairy industry and has become an integral part of it, then why not nominate them for this prestigious award?"

Nominations should be in the form of a letter or citation giving full details of the work and achievements of the nominee and need to be emailed to the FUW Carmarthen office - carmarthen@fuw.org.uk or sent by post to FUW Carmarthen, 13A Barn Road, Carmarthen, SA31 1DD by Friday October 7 2022.



#FarmingMatters at the National Eisteddfod

BACK in 1955 when the FUW was formed, the National Eisteddfod of Wales was held in Pwllheli and District and it's hard to imagine that the welcome back then on the FUW stand wasn't as warm and embracing as it was this last month in Tregaron.

Situated on pitches 624-626, we ensured we had a full programme of events to suit all tastes across the eight days and we hope you found the time to join us on the stall over the week.

Welcoming visitors to our stand, staff were available for a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit and our Presidential team were always ready to talk shop and discuss the hot topics that are bothering farmers and those in the rural economy.

FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "Everything we do at FUW is underpinned by our slogan 'Farming Matters'. We realise that farming matters not only to farmers who produce our food but is also the cornerstone of our rural communities and farming families play a huge role in conserving the Welsh language. Having a presence at such an important Welsh cultural event as the Eisteddfod Genedlaethol is hugely important to the FUW, its staff and our members."

Monday morning we were very lucky to be joined by an excitable character who charmed the children and parents alike when author Anwen Francis launched the Welsh version of her children's book 'Diesel y Donci' on our stand with a guest appearance by the mischievous donkey himself.



Anwen Francis signing her book 'Diesel y Donci' on the FUW stand with the mischievous donkey himself.



Ifan Evans and Y Strab Tomos Bwlch entertaining us on the stand.



The man himself called over to the stand, Dafydd Iwan, pictured with, from left, past FUW President Gareth Vaughan, Glyn Roberts, FUW North Wales Vice President Eifion Hughes and FUW Deputy President Ian Rickman.



reruns of Cefn Gwlad, Siôn a Siân and Rasmus in a section titled Dwy Awr Dai am Ddau where we remembered the singer and broadcaster Dai Jones Llanilar, another Ceredigion stalwart and farming champion.

The last day saw us attending a panel discussion run by Meddwl and attended by FUW President Glyn Roberts and Alun Elidyr where we talked about the importance of farmers and those working in agriculture talking and asking for help when they felt they were alone and had nowhere to turn.

Ever-present on our stand was the late poet and former Archdruid Dic Jones, whose awdl Y Cynhaeaf won him the Chair at the Aberavon and District Eisteddfod in 1965.

Dic was born in Tre'r Ddôl North of Ceredigion but farmed later on in life at Blaenannerch in the south of the county. His legacy as well as his words will carry on in his memory, with the words from Y Cynhaeaf ringing true for the FUW today, as they did when they were written... "tra bo dynoliaeth fe fydd amaethu, a chyw hen linach yn ei holynu."

Glyn Roberts added: "At the FUW, our stand is not just about farming; it is about the wider recognition of how #FarmingMatters, where supply chains are involved, how money circulates in the local economy, where people survive, where profits are made, communities are sustained and our Welsh culture continues to thrive and I am encouraged and hopeful after spending a week at the Eisteddfod that this will be the case for centuries to come."

Later on in the day, a panel discussion was held in Pabell y Cymdeithasau, with a lively well-attended session about the future of agriculture in the context of young people and the importance of education to get to grips with the challenges faced by the industry, chaired by FUW Ceredigion County Chair Morys Ioan, also present were FUW President Glyn Roberts, RWAS Head of Operations Mared Rand Jones and FUW Policy Officer Teleri Fielden.

Tuesday we enjoyed a cookery demonstration by Gareth Richards which was a very welcome distraction from the grey drizzly weather.

Causing mayhem and much mirth on Wednesday, Ifan Evans and Y Strab Tomos Bwlch were on the stall to entertain and delight with an hour-long chat about everything and anything - from the weather to the YFC, football, girls and farming.

Every day at 2pm we were joined by members who sat and enjoyed watching



From left, FUW President Glyn Roberts, FUW Ceredigion County Chair Morys Ioan, RWAS Head of Operations Mared Rand Jones and FUW Policy Officer Teleri Fielden at a lively debate about the future of agriculture in the context of young people.



A panel discussion run by Meddwl about the importance of farmers and those working in agriculture talking and asking for help.



Sioned Erin Hughes, winner of the Prose Medal with her book 'Rhyngom' (Between Us), popped in to say hello, pictured with Glyn Roberts.



Ifan Evans and Y Strab Tomos Bwlch with some of the staff that worked hard on the stand during the week, from left, FUW Insurance Services Ltd. Account Executive Mared Hopkins, FUW Insurance Services Ltd. Senior Account Executive Gwion James, FUW Ceredigion County Executive Officer Emma Davies, FUW Ceredigion Deputy County Executive Officer Mari Davies and Glyn Roberts.

Land damage from off-road vehicles discussed with Chris Elmore MP at Blackmill farm visit

CHRIS Elmore was welcomed to Gellifeddgaer Farm just outside of Blackmill recently to discuss the extent of damage to the common caused by 4x4 vehicles for social enjoyment.

Charles and Gill Morgan, along with their son Richard, run the hill farm Gellifeddgaer which sits 700 - 900ft above sea level. The farm runs 750 Welsh mountain cross easycare ewes which lamb mid-March in an outdoor lambing system. The family buy Limousin x Hereford x Friesian weaned calves and sell them at about 16 - 18 months or keep the heifers and calf them while the ewes graze Coity Walia Common throughout the year.

The Morgan family were joined by other neighbouring graziers on the common - Phil Thomas, Jonathan Jones (who is also Chairman of the Graziers Association) and the secretary from the Mynydd Y Gaer Grazier's Association Huw Griffiths and his daughter Gemma Haines.

Huw Griffiths expressed his concerns saying: "This is an ongoing problem with numbers plates and vehicle details being sent to the police but we are all concerned as no action is taken for the damage the 4x4 vehicles are doing."

Phil Thomas went on to say: "Whenever I come up here I'm always picking up plastic bottles, glass bottles, beer cans and no end of broken tow ropes, just left lying around. It's dangerous for the cattle which graze on the common as they could very easily ingest some of the rope and plastic."

Phil also added: "We have also found sheep cast on their backs stuck in the ruts made

by the vehicles. It gets to the point where we wonder what we're going to find when we come up here."

Richard Morgan explained: "This is damage which has been caused this year alone," dipping his shepherd's crook in the muddy water and over half of it disappearing into the deep trench.

"In the winter months the damaged peaty soil is washed off the common especially with the wetter winters we are having. The damage to the common shows a lack of respect for the livestock and the farmers who look after the land. Our members are trusted guardians of this landscape which in all weathers is demanding to both body and mind. To be faced with continued damage to the common is both frightening and upsetting, not only is it a loss of grazing but it is also a loss of habitat."

Jonathan expressed his concerns, saying: "We have less graziers on the common these days due to farmers having to get second jobs to support the farms income. We still need to protect and conserve our hills and commons. They play a vital part in our environment and bringing visitors into the area which helps our rural economy."

Huw Griffiths agreed saying: "It's important we work with the land owner, the Rights of Ways officers and the FUW County team to help protect the landscape and prevent irrevocable damage to the common."

FUW County Executive Officer Sharon Pritchard added: "Our members do their utmost to protect the environment every day. To have people purposely set out to damage the common is soul-destroying and gives rise to huge concerns about animal welfare."

"Consideration needs to be given to the livestock who graze these commons, the habitat it surrounds and the farmers who look after them."



FUW member Robert Morgan with his crook, showing the depth of the trench.



From left, FUW Senedd and Parliamentary Affairs Officer Libby Davies, Chris Elmore MP, FUW Executive member Charles Morgan and FUW Gwent and Glamorgan County Executive Officer Sharon Pritchard.

The damage to the common shows a lack of respect for the livestock and the farmers who look after the land

"Hyfryd gweld Canolfan y CFFl yn llawn bywyd unwaith eto"

WRTH i'r flwyddyn CFFl ddirwyn i ben, pa ffordd well sydd yna na dod at ein gilydd unwaith eto yng Nghanolfan y CFFl ar Faes Sioe Frenhinol Cymru mewn chwip o Sioe arall! Dechreuodd y cystadlaethau ddydd Sul gydag Arddangosfa'r Ffederasiwn, a gafodd eu beirniadu a'u noddî'n garedig gan Dŵr Cymru.

Dechreuodd y cystadlu dydd Llun, y diwrnod poethaf a gofnodwyd erioed, gydag aelodau'n dangos eu sgiliau mewn rhaglen gystadlaethau llawn dop. Daeth y Pafiliwn Cneifio yn fyw unwaith eto ar ôl cyfnod hir gyda stondinau tawel, ac fe ffrwydrodd llwyfan y CFFl, a oedd unwaith yn segur, gyda chystadlaethau llwyfan cyntaf y sioe.

Drwy gydol yr wythnos, roedd y babell grefftau yn orlawn o greadigrwydd, gyda ffocws ar ddefnyddio Gwlân fel un o ddeunyddiau'r gystadlaethau grefft. Roedd trefniadau'r blodau yn sefyll yn falch, ac roedd gwaith caled bythol ein haelodau yn amlwg yng nghystadlaethau Llyfr Lloffion. Roedd barnu stoc ar y fwydlen

unwaith eto, wedi'i wasgaru o amgylch maes y sioe, i brofi sylw ein haelodau i fanylion a'u harbenigedd cynyddol unwaith eto. Roedd hefyd yn amlwg bod nifer o'n haelodau yn berfformwyr naturiol, gan fod maint y gynulleidfa ar gyfer pob cystadlaethau llwyfan yn dyst i'w poblogrwydd. Roedd cystadlaethau gwaith coed dydd lau hefyd yn arddangos sgiliau ein haelodau.

Cafodd enillwyr menter Menter Moch eu cyhoeddi gan Gadeirydd Materion Gwledig, Will Jones dydd Mawrth, ac mae CFFl Cymru yn ddiolchgar iawn i Menter Moch am y cyfle y maent wedi ei roi i'n haelodau.

Llwyddiant arall wrth integreiddio CFFl i mewn i'r Sioe Frenhinol Cymru oedd gweini cig oen CFFl Cymru ar y fwydlen yng Nghinio Cadeirydd CAFC, diolch i Fenter Cig Oen Dunbia a CFFl Cymru, a gyflenwir gan Sainsburys. Mae'r fenter wedi'i lansio eto yn dilyn y sioe, yn barod ar gyfer unrhyw un arall a hoffai ymuno â'r cynllun.

Cynhaliwyd derbyniad y Cadeirydd brynhawn Mawrth hefyd, lle croesawyd cefnogwyr, cyn-aelodau a noddwyr fel ei gilydd i Ganolfan CFFl Cymru ar gyfer prosecco a chacen. Cafwyd araith ddiufant gan Caryl Haf, (gweler ar y dde), yn diolch i bawb am eu cefnogaeth barhaus i'r mudiad, a bu'n myfrio ar flwyddyn lwyddiannus arall i'r aelodau yn dilyn dwy flynedd o ansicrwydd. Hyfryd oedd gweld Canolfan y CFFl yn llawn bywyd unwaith eto.

Roedd yna hefyd ymweliad Brenhinol, wrth i Ei Huchelder Frenhinol y Dywysoges Anne gamu allan o'r cylch gwartheg ar ôl gwyllo cystadlaethau y "Capable Campers". Cafodd ei thywys o gwmpas y ganolfan gan y

Cadeirydd Caryl Haf, a'i chroesawu yn y gweithdy gan staff a swyddogion, a fwynhaodd sgwrs sydyn am bwysigrwydd y mudiad ar draws Cymru, rhywbeth y cytunwyd yn unfrydol arno.

Roedd Caryl Haf, Cadeirydd CFFl Cymru, yn falch o sut aeth y sioe o safbwynt y CFFl: "Roedd yn braf gweld yr aelodau yn ôl yn cystadlu fel mudiad ac yn cael hwyl, yn ogystal â chwrdd â ffrindiau newydd. Diolch i bawb fu'n rhan o'r paratodau ar gyfer yr wythnos, mi oedd hi'n sicr yn sioe lwyddiannus.

"Ar y cyfan, cafwyd sioe hynod lwyddiannus o safbwynt CFFl Cymru. Ar ôl egwyl fer dros yr Haf, ni allwn aros i weld beth fydd gan y flwyddyn CFFl nesaf ar y gweill!"

Gellir gweld yr holl ganlyniadau ar wefan CFFl Cymru - www.cffi.cymru/

This article is in English on the FUW website - News - Y Tir News: "Wonderful to see the YFC Centre filled with life once more," or from your local county office.



Let's work together to break the stigma around mental health

by Elen Williams, Charity Marketing & Engagement Assistant, The DPJ Foundation

WE all have mental health; in the same way we all have physical health. Sometimes it's good, sometimes it's not so good and sometimes we need a bit of help. When you know the signs that your mental health isn't as good as it should be, then you can do something about it to start feeling better.

Sadness, anger, and different emotions are all part of our daily life - in the same way that we will all experience pain at some point, so will we experience these different emotions. Like when we can't control pain we would seek help, when we can't manage our emotions then is the time too to seek help - and when you need help, we are here.

Unfortunately, we sometimes hear negative comments directed at people talking about their poor mental health. "Attention seeker", "not really ill", "making it up" are all things we have heard. Would we levy these same insults at someone who has cancer

when they talk of the pain of their treatment? I would hope not. So why is it acceptable to say these to someone with depression? My guess is that there is a lack of understanding of this condition which is why we offer mental health awareness training as well as talks to groups. If you would like to arrange a talk, please get in contact with us.

Ways to combat the stigma

- Understand mental health and its challenges in the agriculture sector - Join us on our free mental health awareness training. For more information head over to the Eventbrite page <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-dpj-foundation> or contact our training manager - Kay@thedpjfoundation.co.uk
- Talk openly about mental health, it's nothing to be ashamed of
- Be conscious of your language and what you say. We sometimes use the words 'mental', 'nutty', 'psycho', without thinking. Stop, and think before you talk
- Understand that equality between physical and mental illness is important

If this is something you feel passionate about, why not join the DPJ Foundation team and become a volunteer? You can help our community by becoming a "Regional Champion" volunteer. Please get in touch with us kate@thedpjfoundation.co.uk or to find out more head over to www.thedpjfoundation.co.uk/work-with-us/regionalchampions The role can differ for each volunteer, depending on what your strengths are and the amount of time you have available. It might include:

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Upcoming Schemes

Scheme	Summary	Window
Woodland Creation Planning Scheme	The Woodland Creation Planning Scheme offers grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to develop plans for new woodland creation. After a plan is successfully verified by NRW it will be eligible for Welsh Government funding for tree planting. More information here: https://gov.wales/woodland-creation-plan-scheme The design of the scheme is based on the pilot which was run last year. The scheme will be open throughout the year (subject to budget) with applications selected every 6 weeks. Funding for woodland creation will be available from August 2022, with windows opening every 3 months from then onwards (subject to budget).	Open until December 31 2022
Small Grants - Environmental	A scheme to support a range of land management interventions and provide capital support for on-farm environmental improvements to enhance the quality of Wales' natural resources. This is equivalent to the previous Glastir Small Grants scheme. It is a standalone scheme providing a maximum of £7,500 funding per window for Capital Works Projects. This round will address the theme of Water. Land parcels already under Glastir contracts will not be eligible. The indicative budget for this window is £3m.	August 24 - October 5 2022
Small Grants - Growing for the Environment	A pilot scheme to encourage the growing of crops and pastures to provide an environmental benefit such as protein crops, mixed leys and cover crops for environmental, biodiversity and production benefits.	October 3 - November 11 2022
National Forest for Wales - The Woodland Investment Grant (TWIG)	The scheme is once again open to landowners and managers, including not-for-profit organisations. It will provide support for people to create new woodlands and/or enhance and expand existing woodlands in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard. Grants of £40,000 to £250,000 and up to 100% capital and revenue funding. All projects that involve woodland creation over two hectares need to apply to the Welsh Government's Woodland Creation Planning Scheme before applying for TWIG grant funding.	Round two EOI window closes October 14 2022
Woodland Creation (Planting)	Woodland Creation Planting Grants available for those who have a verified plan completed by a registered woodland planner and approved by NRW under the separate Woodland Creation planning Scheme. Planting and capital works from this application window must be completed and claimed by March 31 2023. The scheme will then open for applications every 3 months. Funding for fencing has been increased to £5.56/m.	August 30 - October 14 2022
Small Grants - Woodland Creation Scheme	This scheme is aimed at farmers and other land managers to encourage planting of small areas of trees on land which is agriculturally improved or of low environmental value in Wales, therefore applications will not need a woodland creation plan verified by NRW. Funding is available for planting areas between 0.1ha and 1.99ha for shelterwoods, tree planting alongside watercourses, in field corners or small fields. The scheme offers 12 years of payments for Maintenance and a Premium payment alongside an increased fencing rate of £5.56/m. All new planting and capital works and claims must be completed by March 31 2023. Further windows are expected to open every three months to cover planting in the 2023/24 planting seasons and beyond.	August 30 - October 14 2022

What influence will higher levels of atmospheric CO2 have on crop productivity?

by Dr William Stiles, Farming Connect Knowledge Exchange Hub, IBERS, Aberystwyth University

CLIMATE change is anticipated to have significant influence on crop production systems from factors including changing weather patterns and increased pest and disease incidence. In addition to the factors surrounding climatic change, increasing atmospheric CO2 will also drive direct effects on plant growth potential and yield outcomes, and the nutritional composition of crop plant tissues. Developing an understanding of what influence this will have on crop growth patterns is essential in order to maintain food production and achieve food security.

Higher levels of atmospheric CO2 are expected to alter plant growth patterns, as this gas is essential for photosynthesis. This may result in an increase in net primary productivity and therefore carbon capture, but it would also be expected to be complicated by a range of factors such as water and nutrient availabilities, heat stress, and others.

Changing plant growth patterns can have significant impacts on the nutritional quality of cultivated crops, which may lead to shifting patterns of crop choice among producers, subject to consumer needs and demands, and shifting crop suitability, as the changing environment alters which crops will offer the greatest potential for yield and nutritional outcomes.

Cereals for instance, are

incredibly important crops, providing billions of tons of protein globally for human consumption and livestock feed. Elevated CO2 has been found to negatively impact the nutritional quality of grain crops. For example, studies on barley, rice and wheat, reported that elevated CO2 mediated a protein reduction of 15, 10 and 10%, respectively. However, this effect is not consistent across all cereal crops.

When considering grain crops such as maize or corn, elevated CO2 does not appear to affect protein and micronutrient levels to the same degree.

Plant responses to increasing atmospheric CO2 is a highly debated topic. A rise in CO2 is most often associated with increases in plant productivity due to higher rates of photosynthesis, but this is likely to be complicated by a range of factors including water and nutrient availabilities.

Regardless, what this does indicate is that the future challenges for food production systems presented by climate change are nuanced and stretch beyond simply the physical influence of altered weather patterns.

Future crop choices will need to be based on yield versus nutritional quality outcomes, and may require new or novel crop options.



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Ar ôl dwy flynedd hir o fod wedi methu mynychu'r Sioe roedd yr haul poeth yn tywynnu drosom y tro hwn. Braf oedd cael bod nôl ym mhlith aelodau'r Undeb unwaith eto yn eu croesawu i'r stondin ynghyd â gwleidyddion sydd yn cynrychioli'r ardal yn y Senedd yng Nghaerdydd ac yn San Steffan.

Diolch yn fawr i aelodau o'r Tîm Troseddau Cefn Gwlad, Sefydliad y DPJ, AX Track, Davis Meade a RML Planning am fod ar y stondin ac i bawb am alw mewn i'n gweld. Cafwyd adloniant gwerth chweil gan Dylan Morris, Monsŵn a'r cogydd Mel Thomas.



UAC yn cyfarfod hefo Lesley Griffiths AS Gweinidog Materion Cefn Gwlad a Gogledd Cymru a'r Trefnydd a James Owen Dirprwy Gyfarwyddwr i'r Adran Diwygio Rheoli Tir i drafod pryderon y diwydiant megis sychdwr a dyfodol y cymorth daliadau.

After two long years of not being able to attend the Show, the hot sun was shining on us this time. It was nice to be back amongst Union members once again welcoming them to the stand together with politicians who represent the area in the Senedd in Cardiff and in Westminster. Many thanks to members of the Rural Crime Team, DPJ Foundation, AX Track, Davis Meade and RML Planning for their presence on the stand, and to everyone for popping in to see us. We enjoyed excellent entertainment from Dylan Morris, Monsoon and chef Mel Thomas.

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FUW Awards presented



Mali Davies and Rhys Ouseley receiving their awards from FFW Carmarthen County Chairman Philip Jones.

What better way to bring an end to an academic year is there than to have free drinks and cake at the end of the final week? First, have an Awards Ceremony or Prize Day, receive recognition for having produced the best project and then celebrate your well deserved success!

On the date when nights begin getting longer, Coleg Sir Gâr Landbased College, Gelli Aur held its end of academic year Prize Day and awarded Mali Davies and Rhys Ouseley the Level 3 Award for the Best Project within Agriculture 2021/22.

The FUW Award was shared between the students because both projects, although very different, were equally good; Rhys' project described a trial that he conducted on their home farm whereby freshly calved cows were fed different quantities of maize silage in their ration and the effect that this had on their yield and its economic implications whereas Mali, although focusing on milk, chose that which is produced by milking sheep! How well known and received is sheep's milk among consumers, Mali's project involved conducting surveys of product awareness and what were consumers thoughts of its taste.

For more information on the projects, come along to a Carmarthenshire FUW Executive Meeting and listen to both students present their findings; date and location (virtual or in-person) to be announced.

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Busy Brecon Show

It was great to be back at Brecon Show and lovely to see so many people. FUW Brecon and Radnor County Executive Officer Kath Shaw said: "It really is a shop window for those of us in the agricultural communities to show the general public the hard work which goes into looking after the livestock."

FUW Glamorgan & Gwent County Executive Officer Sharon Pritchard added: "It was great to team up with Kath at Brecon Show. A lot of Gwent and Glamorgan members go to Brecon so it was great to catch up with them. There was a fantastic show of livestock and a credit to all those who were exhibiting."

The team were joined by Jane Dodds MS for a meeting to discuss the large amounts of land being purchased for inflated prices by companies outside of Wales for the purpose of carbon capture.



From left, FUW Regional Vice President Brian Bowen, Jane Dodds MS, FUW Deputy President Ian Rickman and FUW Brecon & Radnor County Executive Officer Kath Shaw.

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Erbyn y byddwch wedi derbyn y rhifyn yma o Y Tir, rydym yn gobeithio'n fawr y byddwn wedi gallu cyfarfod â'r 3 Aelod o Senedd Cymru sydd yn eich cynrychioli yng Nghaerdydd i drafod pryderon presennol y diwydiant amaeth gan gynnwys effaith y sychdwr presennol ar fusnesau amaethyddol a'r rheolau NVZ newydd. Mae hyn yn hollbwysig o ystyried y bydd y Senedd yn trafod argymhellion y Pwyllgor Dethol Trawsbleidiol ar yr 21ain o fis Medi.

By the time you read this edition of Y Tir, we very much hope that we will have met with all 3 of the Senedd Members that represent you in Cardiff to discuss the current concerns within the industry such as the effect of the current drought on farming businesses and the new NVZ regulations. This is very important considering that the Senedd will be discussing the recommendations of the Cross-party Select Committee on September 21.

Ffair Helwriaeth

Rydym yn edrych ymlaen at eich croesawu i stondin yr Undeb os byddwch yn ymweld â Ffair Helwriaeth Cymru sydd yn cael ei chynnal ar Ystâd y Faenol yn y Felinheli rhwng y 9fed a'r 11eg o Fedi. Bydd croeso cynnes i chi gyd i ddathlu pob peth sydd yn dda am gefn gwlad a chael cyfle i drafod #AmaethAmByth.

We're looking forward to welcoming you all to the FUW's stand at the Welsh Game Fair that will be held on the Vaynol Estate grounds from September 9-11. A warm welcome awaits you to celebrate all that is good about rural areas and an opportunity to discuss #FarmingMatters.

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Cyhoeddi Ilyfr

Mr E Lloyd Jones, aelod UAC Ceredigion, dyn diwylliedig ac awdur y llyfr 'Cylymau, Plethiadau, Gweadau a Rhwydi'. Gwaith sy'n amlygu oes o ddi-ddordeb i Mr Jones o Fynachlog, Talgarreg, Ceredigion.

Drwy gydol y llyfr, dengys bod y gymuned leol a chenedlaethol yn bwysig iddo, ac felly mae cyfrol o'r natur yma yn y Gymraeg yn gyhoeddiad pwysig.

Bydd yr holl elw o werthiant y llyfr yn cael ei rannu rhwng elusennau ymchwil Clefyd y Siwgr a Chlefyd MD, un o glefydau'r llygaid.

Gweler Mr E Lloyd Jones ar y dde gyda Llywydd UAC Glyn Roberts yn yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol.



Mr E Lloyd Jones, FUW Ceredigion member, a cultured man and author of the book 'Cylymau, Plethiadau, Gweadau a Rhwydi'. This book highlights a lifetime of interest for Mr Jones of Mynachlog, Talgarreg, Ceredigion. Throughout the book, it shows that the local and national community is important to him, and therefore a book of this nature in Welsh is an important publication. All profits from the sale of the book will be shared between the research charities for Diabetes and MD, an eye disease. Mr E Lloyd is pictured above with FUW President Glyn Roberts at the National Eisteddfod.

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Llwyddiant yn y Sioe Frenhinol

gan Tomos Roberts, Trewen, Dinbych



Tomos gyda'i fam a'i dad yn derbyn y Lloyds Perpetual Cup yn y Sioe Frenhinol, gyda cynrychiolwyr o'r teulu Lloyd, Mrs Bethan Lloyd, Elinor Lloyd Evans a Jac Lloyd Evans.

Cefais lwyddiant arbennig yn y Sioe Frenhinol Cymru yn 2022 a hefyd yn ôl yn 2019 lle enillais y Grŵp o Dri yn adran y defaid. Roedd dros 40 o wahanol fridiau a bu i mi ddod i'r brig.

Eleni cefais y frainc o ennill Tlws Her Barhaol Emlyn Hooson oedd yn cael ei gyflwyno i Bencampwr yn Adran Defaid Mynydd Penfrith Cymreig. Hefyd enillais y wobwr Lloyds Perpetual Cup yn yr adran defaid ucheldir.

Rwyf yn 21 mlwydd oed ac wedi dechrau dangos defaid mewn sioeau yn ôl yn 2016. Dros y blynyddoedd rwyf wedi derbyn amryw o wobrwyon.

Rwyf yn hynod o falch o'r gefnogaeth yr wyf yn ei dderbyn gan fy rhieni, maent yn cynorthwyo hefo'r wyna ayb gan fy mod yn gweithio'n llawn amser ar fferm odro yn Nyffryn Clwyd.

I had brilliant success at the Royal Welsh Show in 2022 and also back in 2019 when I won the Group of Three in the sheep section. There were over 40 different breeds and I came out on top.

This year I had the privilege of winning the Emlyn Hooson Perpetual Challenge Trophy which was presented to the Champion of the Welsh Hill Speckled Face Sheep. I also won the Lloyds Perpetual Cup in the upland sheep section.

I am 21 years old and started showing sheep at shows back in 2016. Over the years I have received various awards.

I am extremely proud of the support I receive from my parents, they help with the lambing etc as I work full time on a dairy farm in the Vale of Clwyd.

Wedding day celebrations



Huge congratulations to Ben Elias and Gemma Gardner, daughter of FUW Board Farmer Director Alan Gardner, on their wedding day. Llonyfarchiadau mawr iawn i chi.

Charity event



Alan Gardner (left) presenting FFW President Glyn Roberts with a cheque for the DPJ Foundation.

A very big thank you to the Gardner Family for arranging and hosting a fantastic Charity event on Sunday August 7.

Thank you to Swans Farm shop for supplying and serving the food and to all others who donated to the raffle. Diolch yn fawr. £1,100 was raised and will be donated to the DPJ Foundation & Dementia UK.

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First visit to Gower Show

Coats and wellies were in order as we set up for our first visit to the west of Glamorgan County. County Executive Officer Sharon Pritchard and Deputy County Executive Officer Helen Thomas were there to meet with members new and old and answer any questions from the general public.

County Chairman Richard Walker said: "It is important that we support all areas of our County and the local shows are a great way of being able to do that." County Acting Vice Chair Rachel Walker added: "It's a great way to educate the children, when they visit the agricultural shows they have the opportunity to see the different animals, the produce and even meet the farmers!"

As the sun came out the team were also joined by Tom Giffard MS and Councillor Lyndon Jones. Concerns were raised by FUW Deputy President Ian Rickman: "For tenant farmers the financial impact of the NVZ regulations could be devastating with potentially tens of thousands of pounds of investment needed just to allow them to continue to farm."

Ian Rickman went on to say: "Although the related Sustainable Farming Scheme discussion document from the Welsh Government is an improvement on their original proposals four years ago for a scheme based completely on payment for public goods with little mention of farmers or food production, many members are still rightly very concerned about some of the Welsh Government's proposals. We need to encourage the younger generation to come into the industry to make it truly sustainable. There are many barriers facing young entrants at the moment including increased competition for farmland for tree planting along with high input costs to name a few."



From left, Glamorgan County Chairman Richard Walker, Glamorgan Acting Vice Chair Rachel Walker, Meredith Walker, FFWIS Account Executive Rebecca Prothero, Deputy County Executive Officer Helen Thomas, FFW Senedd and Parliamentary Affairs Officer Libby Davies, FFW Deputy President Ian Rickman. Front row, far right, Glamorgan & Gwent County Executive Officer Sharon Pritchard.

Student award for Sam

Sam Halliday, (pictured right), grandson of FUW member David Halliday, was nominated for the Dr Richard Phillips award along with three other students from Gelli Aur.

Any student in Wales that has studied agriculture to a degree level is eligible for the award, with each university able to nominate four students.

Sam was asked to send a portfolio of evidence to the judging panel based on his experience in the industry and his academic experience.

He went on to have an interview with various people, including a representative of the Royal Welsh Show and a member of Dr Richard Phillips' family.

Sam said: "During the interview I was asked several questions regarding the agricultural industry, my role within the industry and my desires for the future.



"As well as this I was asked about my experience at Gelli Aur and in particular questions about my dissertation, in which I collected data regarding farming knowledge about carbon sequestration."

A couple of weeks later Sam was informed that he had won the award and that there would be a presentation at the Royal Welsh Show.

Sam was later made aware that he is the first student from Gelli Aur to win the award, making it even more special.

Sam added: "There was a small ceremony on the Tuesday of the Royal Welsh Show where a number of people were presented with various awards by the president of the show and Princess Anne. Although Princess Anne did have to leave before I was presented my award the ceremony was just as special."

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'Gwnaed â Gwlân'

Yn ddiweddar bu Huw Jones, Swyddog Sirol yn cynrychioli'r Undeb mewn cyfarfodydd gan Menter Môn yn eu gwaith o hyrwyddo'r defnydd o wllân. Enw'r prosiect ydi 'Gwnaed â Gwlân' a rhoddwyd cyllideb sylweddol gan Lywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer y gwaith.

Mae'r prosiect dan sylw, sy'n cael ei gyflwyno gan Menter Môn, yn dwyn ynghyd rhanddeiliaid y diwydiant gwllân yng Nghymru i wireddu potensial gwllân fel deunydd naturiol, cynaliadwy ac amlddefnydd.

Mae cyhoedduswydd eisoes wedi ei roi i'r gwaith, a bydd mwy o wybodaeth yn cael ei gyflwyno o fewn y misoedd nesaf.



Huw Jones, County Executive Officer recently represented the Union in meetings by Menter Môn in their work to promote the use of wool.

The name of the project is 'Made With Wool' and a significant budget was given by the Welsh Government for the work.

The project by Menter Môn, brings together stakeholders of the wool industry in Wales to fulfil the potential of wool as a natural, sustainable and

multi-use material. Publicity has already been given to the work, and more information will be given over the next few months.



Grŵp a ddaeth ynghyd yn y Drenewydd beth amser yn ôl.

Sioe Sir Feironnydd

Wrth i'r rhifyn yma o Y Tir fynd i'r wasg, roeddem yn brysyr yn sioe Meirionnydd a gynhaliwyd ar Ystâd y Rhug, Corwen. Adroddiad llawn a lluniau yn y rhifyn nesaf.

As this issue of Y Tir went to print we were busy at the Meirionnydd Show that was held on Rhug Estate, Corwen. Full report and pictures in the next issue.

Pwyllgor Gwaith

Cynhelir cyfarfod nesaf Pwyllgor Sirol Meirionnydd yn y Clwb Rygbi yn Nolgellau ar Nos Lun y 12fed o Fedi.

Bydd hwn yn gyfarfod hybrid unwaith yn rhagor, gyda chyfle i aelodau ymuno yn rhithiol os ydynt yn dymuno.

Os oes gan unrhyw un o'r aelodau ddiddordeb ymuno am y tro cyntaf, mae croeso i unrhyw un gysylltu efo'r Swyddfa Sirol.

The next meeting of the Meirionnydd County Committee will be held at Dolgellau Rugby Club on Monday evening, September 12. Once again, this will be a hybrid meeting, with an opportunity for members to join virtually if they wish. If any members are interested in joining for the first time, they are more than welcome to contact the County Office.



Ymweliad fferm

Wrth edrych ymlaen at fis Hydref, bydd ymweliad fferm gennym ar Ddydd Llun y 3ydd o Hydref yn Rhydyfen, Arenig, ger y Bala drwy garedigrwydd Geraint, Sharon ac Osian.

Mae'r trefniadau ar y cyd gyda FWAG Cymru ac rydym yn falch o'r cydweithio. Y gwŷr gwadd arbennig fydd Mabon ap Gwynfor AS, a James Owen o Lywodraeth Cymru. Mae croeso i bawb.

Mwy o fanylion o'r Swyddfa Sirol yn nes i'r amser.

Looking ahead to October, we will have a farm visit on Monday October 3 in Rhydyfen, Arenig, near Bala courtesy of Geraint, Sharon and Osian. The arrangements are joint with FWAG Cymru and we are proud of the collaboration. The special guests will be Mabon ap Gwynfor MS, and James Owen from the Welsh Government. Everyone is welcome. More details from the County Office nearer the time.

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Success for Montgomery YFC

As we near the end of another successful year for Montgomery YFC we reflect on the fantastic year we have had and thank all those involved in making it so, from county officials to staff, sponsors, parents, helpers, the wider YFC family and of course our members, which we have had 603 of.

For many in YFC, once the Royal Welsh Show is over, we start to look forward to the new YFC calendar year and wonder what exciting prospects this will bring. Something that must be held before we commence the 2022/23 YFC year is our Annual General Meeting.

Montgomery AGM was held on July 28. Thanks were given to the current officials: Aled Rees (County Chairman), Lynfa Jones (County Vice-Chairman), Elin Lewis (County Marketing Officer) and Lliwen Jones (County Communications Officer), as well as all committee officials that keep their respective committee meetings relevant, exciting, and engaging. A special thank you also went to Sarah

Lewis (County President) as she stood down from her 3 year post, Aled Rees thanked Sarah for always being so committed to Montgomery YFC and for being there whenever she was needed.

However, the whole night was not about thanks, there was some nail-biting voting going on with more people standing for positions than ever before. Thank you to all those that stood this year. Montgomery YFC 2022/23 County Officials stand as follows:

County President: Carol Morgan

County Vice Presidents: Anwen Orrells, Alun Jones, Angela Owen and Meinir Wigley

County Chairman: Lynfa Jones, Dyffryn Banw

County Vice-Chairman: Alun Tudor-Thomas, Llanfair YFC

County Marketing Officer: Katie Jones, Dyffryn Tanat YFC

County Communications Officer: Sioned Mills, Abermule YFC



From left, County Vice Presidents Anwen Orrells, Angela Owen, Alun Jones, Meinir Wigley and County President Carol Morgan.



From left, County Communications Officer Sioned Mills, County Vice-Chairman Alun Tudor-Thomas, County Chairman Lynfa Jones and County Marketing Officer Katie Jones.

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Pembrokeshire County Show

Well, what a great two days we had at the Pembrokeshire County Show. It was wonderful to be able to catch up with our members after such a long time and we also managed to squeeze in six meetings with local and regional Members of the Senedd, local MP's, the Minister for Rural Affairs and a local Councillor to discuss #FarmingMatters.

Polly the Pig found a lovely new home with Ffion Wainwright our colouring competition winner and we had the pleasure of winning Reserve Champion Small Agricultural Trade Stand. Our County Chair, Mike Kurtz, was also presented with a Long Service Award for his 30 years' service working for a north Pembrokeshire farming family.

We would like to thank everyone who visited us, our helpers before, during and after the show, you know who you are and we couldn't do it without you and the volunteers of Pembrokeshire Agricultural Society for putting on the show. We look forward to doing it all again in 2023!



Colouring competition winner Ffion Wainwright.



County Chairman Mike Kurtz being presented the Reserve Champion Small Agricultural Trade Stand rosette from Delme Harries, Pembrokeshire Agricultural Society.

Advertorial

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maintaining a healthy gut, probiotics also have another very important effect. Recent science has now shown that there is what is called a 'cross talk' between the gut, the lungs and immunity. It is now known that a healthy gut, or microbiome, not only governs gut health, but it also governs immunity. The commensal bacteria of the gut act as an immune signalling system to the other body compartments, thereby protecting them (e.g. the respiratory system). What is interesting here is that even in young calves that receive adequate colostrum, the passively acquired immunity antibodies deplete over a few days, and so by using Provita Protect, an extra layer of immunity kicks in and covers the immunity gap in the calf shortly after birth, thus protecting it from future disease. References available on request.

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by Owen Roberts, Hybu Cig Cymru/Meat Promotion Wales Communications Manager

RARELY have our butchers been more important to the red meat sector in Wales. From high street retailers to large processors, skilled craft butchers are at a premium and it's vital to develop our talents.

Alongside supporting existing independent butchers this summer with new promotional materials, HCC is supporting training in the sector, including sponsoring the new Wales Craft Butchery Team.

As part of their final preparations for the World Butchers' Challenge in Sacramento, California this month, team members took part in a range of preparatory events at the Royal Welsh Show.

Members of the team performed butchery demonstrations and perfected HCC's on-stand butchery displays during the Show in Llanellwedd at the end of July.

Audiences were drawn to butchery displays given by team captain Peter Rushforth from Flintshire, team member and Apprentice of the Year Ben Roberts from Wrexham, as well as team co-ordinator Chris Jones.

Butchers are not only respected experts who act as ambassadors for Welsh meat on the high street, but also a really important part of the supply chain here in Wales. We are pleased to support these young Welsh butchers as they compete against the best and become the next generation of Welsh butchers.

We had many comments throughout the Royal Welsh Show on how impressive our butchery displays were and how it further heightened the appeal of PGI Welsh Lamb, PGI Welsh Beef and pork from Wales, and the expert butchery demonstrations

given by the team were hugely popular.

The team will be up against 14 nations, including reigning champions Ireland, as they make their debut in the competition.

As well as Peter Rushforth and Ben Roberts, team members include Craig Holly from Caerphilly, Dan Raftery from Powys, and young north-east Wales butchers Tom Jones, Matthew Edwards and Liam Lewis.

The team will also act as great ambassadors for Welsh meat brands on the world stage, especially as the USA has just granted market access for Welsh Lamb and Welsh Beef.

Nawr yn fwy nag erioed, mae ein cigyddion yn bwysig i'r sector cig coch yng Nghymru. O fanwerthwyr stryd fawr i broseswyr mawr, mae angen cigyddion medrus ac mae datblygu eu sgiliau yn hanfodol. Ochr yn ochr â chefnogi cigyddion annibynnol presennol yr haf hwn gyda deunyddiau hyrwyddo newydd, mae HCC yn cefnogi hyfforddiant yn y sector, gan gynnwys noddi Tim Cigyddiaeth Crefft Cymru newydd.



PROPERTY MATTERS

Landlord's improvements

by Kathryn Williams, Director, Davis Meade Property Consultants

THE rent on an agricultural holding can be increased under section 13 of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986, where a landlord has carried out an improvement to the agricultural holding in certain situations.

The amount of rental increase will be equal to the increase in the rental value of the subject holding, directly attributable to the improvement made. The landlord must give notice to the tenant within six months of completion of the improvement, however the increase will become applicable from the completion date of the improvement.

If the landlord has carried out the improvement partly using grant funding, then there is no increase in rent for the grant funded element of the improvement and as such the tenant receives the benefit of the grant if applicable. If the tenant contributes to the cost of the improvement or provides a benefit in kind to the landlord, this will also be taken into consideration.

Improvements subject to this provision would include:

1. An improvement carried out at the request or in agreement with the tenant.
2. An improvement carried out under a direction from the First-tier Tribunal / Agricultural Land Tribunal under section 11 of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986.
3. An improvement carried out in pursuance of a notice served by the landlord under section 67 (5).
4. An improvement carried out in compliance with a direction given by the Minister under powers conferred on him by or under any enactment.
5. Works executed on a holding for the purpose of complying with the requirements of a notice under section 3 of the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act 1956.
6. An improvement carried out in compliance with an improvement notice served, or an undertaking accepted, under Part VII of the Housing Act 1985 or Part VIII of the Housing Act 1974.

If a landlord fails to adhere to the provisions of section 13 and fails to agree conditions for the carrying out of the improvement, that interest shall be charged, at a specific rate, or he fails to serve notice within 6 months from completion of the improvement, he does not lose any benefit from the improvement indefinitely, but rather, has to wait until the next rent review date under section 23 before any income in respect of the improvement can begin to be recovered.

For further information on the above please contact Kathryn Williams, Davis Meade - kathrynwilliams@dmpcuk.com

Gellir cynyddu'r rhent ar ddaliad amaethyddol o dan adran 13 o Ddeddf Daliadau Amaethyddol 1986, pan fo landlord wedi gwneud gwelliant i'r daliad amaethyddol mewn sefyllfaoedd penodol. Am ragor o wybodaeth mae croeso i chi gysylltu â Kathryn Williams - Davis Meade ar kathrynwilliams@dmpcuk.com



MERCHED MEWN AMAETH

Gwneud gwahaniaeth o fewn eich cymuned

gan Tegwen Morris, Cyfarwyddwraig Cenedlaethol, Merched y Wawr

WEL mae sioeau amaethyddol yr Haf wedi bod yn llwyddiant mawr a'r elfen o gystadlu a chefnogi yn eilradd i'r balchder o gyfarfod ein gilydd i gymdeithasu a chael rhoi'r byd yn ei le unwaith eto.

Felly hefyd y bu yn yr Eisteddfod gydag amryw yn falch o gael y cyfle i sgwrsio a chloncan ac wrth gwrs i drafod y tywydd. Ond nawr a ninnau yn troi ein sylw tuag at fisoedd yr Hydref mae angen yr hyder arnom i barhau i gymdeithasu, cyfarfod, ac nid yn unig i gynnal gweithgareddau, ond i gynnal ein gilydd a chefnogi ein gilydd.

Os nad ydych yn perthyn i fudiad neu grŵp, ystyriwch wneud hynny, ystyriwch ehangu eich grŵp o ffrindiau, gall fod yn gyfarfod wyneb yn wyneb neu ar y we. Mae yna gymaint o ddiddordebau y medrwyh ymgymryd â hwy.

Ddechrau Medi cynhelir ein Penwythnos Preswyl yng Ngholeg y Drindod yng Nghaerfyrddin a bydd rhywbeth bach at ddant pawb, o wibdeithiau, i gorau, siaradwyr, sioe ffasiwn ac adloniant, a'r elfen eithriadol o bwysig cyfle i gymdeithasu a chefnogi busnesau bach lleol.

Dewch ferched, os nad ydych eisoes yn aelod o grŵp cymdeithasol, dyma'ch cyfle yn awr i wneud gwahaniaeth o fewn eich cymuned. Efallai y byddwch chi fel aelodau Ceredigion yn gwau sgarff chwarter milltir o hyd i gynorthwyo eraill.



Aelodau Merched y Wawr Ceredigion gyda sgarff chwarter milltir o hyd.

Merched y Wawr have enjoyed a summer of socialising in various shows and at the National Eisteddfod in Tregaron. With the Autumn months fast approaching, why not consider joining a group and widen your circle of friends and make a difference to your community.



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New partnership with the Welsh Regional Fire Services to tackle wildfires



THE FUW will soon start working with the Welsh Regional Fire Services to coordinate a service which will protect farms and grazing land from wildfires.

By taking advantage of the Fire Service's partnership with Llethrau Llon, the Union will spread the message about the project with their members by arranging for Jeremy Turner, (*pictured left*), the Fire Service's Farm Liaison Officer, to visit the counties during their monthly meetings.

Speaking about the scheme Jeremy said: "Our hope is to engage directly with the farmers with the help and guidance of the FUW in order to arrange to visit individual farms to discuss a plan that will address several aspects of preventing fires on their land."

These include offering support and guidance to farmers, graziers and land owners in order to protect any controlled burning activities by providing a Burning Plan which will discuss burning techniques, fire barriers and how to control vegetation with alternative methods.

There will also be a hay bale temperature testing service available on request with a fire officer visiting the farm to use special equipment to record the temperature and humidity of the bales to prevent spontaneous combustion.

The major concern of farmers and smallholders is the damage to livestock when a wildfire breaks out through a farm and across the land. On top of the worry of the devastating effect on the farm buildings and the land, losing an animal to a fire is a huge distress and therefore special equipment is available together with rescue teams to reduce the risk to the animals.

At the heart of every farm is the farmhouse and of course, this needs to be protected as much as the buildings, land and livestock. As part of the free service, a fire officer will also offer advice and practical help such as installing smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms in order to reduce the risk and protect against the destructive effects of fire on the home.

As a Union, we are eager to address the mitigation of the effects of wildfires on

agricultural or grazed land and we will meet again with the Fire Services and the Farm and Countryside Liaison Officers over the coming weeks and months to develop a strategy for the next 5-10 years.

Speaking about the new partnership and the opportunity to work together with the Fire Services across Wales, FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "We are very grateful to the Welsh Fire Service for the opportunity to work with them in developing the Llethrau Llon scheme and are eager to spread the message about the all-important and essential service available to farmers, land owners and grazers to protect their property from the devastating effects of wildfire - which is free of charge."

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