

20 17 OPEN DAY

The 2017 Open Day will be held under the auspices of the Arfon branch of the society at Bron y Gader, part of the farm of J Roberts a'i Gwmni, Tyddyn Coed, Llanbedr y Cennin, Conwy LL32 8JD **on Saturday 30 September 2017** at 1.00pm by kind permission of Norman & Bob Roberts and family.



Past winners of the Pierce Owen Cup for the society's best flock, this will not be the first time that the Roberts family will have hosted an Open Day for their society on their farm.

To reach Bron y Gader, you'll need to take the B5106 between Llanrwst and town of Conwy on the western bank of the river Conwy, turning left by the Bedol pub in the village of Tal-y-bont if travelling up from Llanrwst or turn right if coming down from the direction of Conwy. Go straight on through the village of Llanbedr y Cennin, past the Bull tavern and on for over a mile before turning left for the mountain.

There will be roadsigns to direct you and remember that the open day itself is not in Tyddyn Coed but on the mountain in Bron y Gader. **The road is exceptionally narrow in places.** Please be very patient and careful to avoid an accident or mishap.

Tyddyn Coed farm extends to some 1,000 acres in total, rising to over 2,500 feet at its highest point on Y Drym, a mountain that's part of the Carneddau range and with another name as well, Carnedd Penyborth-Goch. This part of the farm used to belong to one of the pioneers of the society, WJ Hughes.

The Welsh Mountain flock has some 550 ewes that are retained pure with 150 ewe lambs. 300 other Welsh Mountain ewes are crossed with Blue-faced Leicester rams to produce Welsh Mules which in turn are crossed with Texel rams to produce finished lambs. All finished lambs are sold through the local auction mart. A herd of Limousin cattle is also retained.

Light refreshments will be available at Bron y Gader where there are appropriate facilities. Parking has been arranged in the field by the farm buildings. Everyone is urged to be on-time and to take care to ensure that traffic flows more easily along some very narrow roads.

OPEN DAY BY THE MEIRIONETH BRANCH

The Meirioneth county branch of the society will be holding an open day on Saturday 7th October at Egryn, Talybont LL43 2BZ near Barmouth at 1.00pm with the kind permission of Hefin and Bethan Evans and their son Gwynfor and family. Hefin and Bethan live at Eithinfynydd, a farm of some 600 acres, keeping 500 Welsh Mountain ewes and 30 pedigree Welsh Blacks. At a Welsh Black Cattle Society sale in Dolgellau in January, one of Hefin's bulls sold for 16,000 guineas. Hefin is the third generation of the family to live at Eithinfynydd.

The Open Day will be held at Egryn where Gwynfor is a National Trust tenant. Gwynfor goes out to shear during the season and also builds stone walls in the area. He has the help of his brothers John or Meirion on occasions.

Egryn extends to 400 acres and carries 400 Welsh Mountain sheep, 100 cross-bred sheep and 35 pedigree Welsh Black cattle; Charolais and Aberfield rams as well as Welsh Mountain rams. Finished lambs are sent directly to the abattoir while store lambs and breeding ewes are sold through Farmers Marts in Dolgellau.

Egryn is to be found on the A496, a little way to the south of the village of Talybont, between Harlech and Barmouth. It is close to the road and there will be road signs to guide you there. We would again urge to exercise the utmost care especially if you will be crossing the road to turn in to Egryn as other vehicles can travel exceptionally fast past the farm.

Light refreshments will be available.

