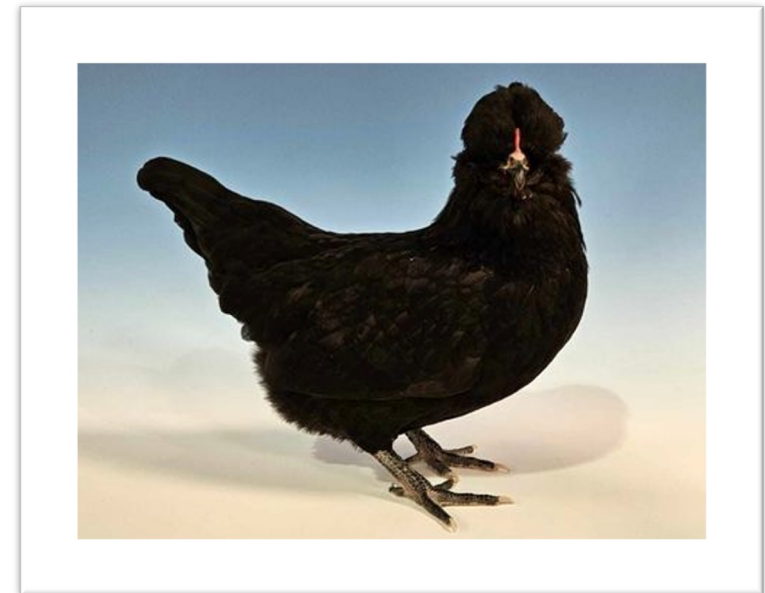

If you were lucky enough to
win a trophy at the last
Welsh Federation Show
(2021)

Please can you make sure to
return it clean and polished
for the next show on
November the 2nd. Thanks



NEWSLETTER
AUTUMN 2024

The Poultry Club of Wales was formed to promote the hobby of breeding and showing in Wales, as well as to help co-ordinate a calendar of shows and judges throughout the country.

Officials

President: Mr Huw Thomas

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Cover Photo. Dai O Davies' Black Araucana Bantam Pullet.

Show Champion at the Poultry Club of Wales Spring Show

Brecon County Show

Judges

Huw Thomas & Sue Black

Show Champion and Best Hardfeather Bantam. Black OEG. Paul Davies

Reserve Show Champion and Best Softfeather Light Bantam. Black Araucana Female. Dai O Davies

Best Hardfeather Large. Oxford Game. Warren Ashley

Best Softfeather Large. Light Sussex. Andrew Williams

Best True Bantam. Lavender Pekin. Catherine Dew

Best Waterfowl. White Call Male. Alan Davies

Best Juvenile. Modern Game. Cameron Burke

Best Eggs. . R Rohman

Usk Show

Show Champion and Best Bantam Hardfeather. Modern Game . Andrew Williams

Reserve Show Champion and Best True. White Pekin. Page Bros

Best Hardfeather Large. A James

Best Softfeather Large. Marcia Gilbert

Best Softfeather Bantam. Marcia Gilbert

Best Rare Breed. D Baynes

Best Waterfowl. C Mellor

Best Turkey. D Baynes

Best Trio. Sue Stankiewicz

Best Juvenile. D Page

Best Eggs. R Pritchard

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As Autumn approaches and all of us are hopefully in a position to select our best young birds ready for the main showing season, it is one of the most pleasant times of the year when we can all hope to end up with potential winners in all sections.

We in The Poultry Club of Wales are extremely lucky to be in a strong partnership with the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society. Our permanent poultry building and joint ownership of the show pens are of great advantage as we are able to keep our costs down to a reasonable level and also have no worries as to the location of all three shows which we manage.

Our main show, the Welsh Federation Championship Show on Saturday the 2nd of November is one to which we attach great importance, especially after the problems of the last few years and we look forward to a successful event.

The fact that there is also substantial prize money as a result of Edward Page's generosity which will be awarded to the Best in Show (£300) Reserve Best in Show (£100), the Best Brahma and the Best Oxford Old English Game (£50 each) is a huge bonus.

Whilst on the subject of shows, we decided at the recent AGM that we should include a separate section for school children and newcomers to poultry showing especially for those with poultry of any sort regardless of breed or cross. By doing this, we hope to encourage as many people as possible to come and join us.

Can we all encourage as many people as possible to bring along their birds. In the meantime, we will write to local schools and Young Farmers Clubs to invite them along.

Of course, no shows are possible without the hard and physical effort undertaken by Paul and Dai, not only for our main event but for the Winter Fair on the 26th of November, to say nothing of the annual Spring Fair held in May. A huge thank you to them both and also of course for managing all

three shows without a hitch of any kind.

Paul, as we all know runs the very successful Penclawdd Show over the Christmas / New Year period as well as attending the main RWAS livestock committee meetings on our behalf.

On a personal note, I sincerely hope that we can re-establish the Seven Sisters Show as well as any other like the small show at Talybont in Ceredigion.

Finally, the passing of Howard Davies is a great loss to our club. He will be greatly missed and Martin's tribute to Howard is one with which we all agree. It is wonderful to see Paul taking top honours in recent shows and may he continue to breed the top stock which he has inherited from his Dad.

We all look forward to being together on the 2nd of November to indulge in our fascinating hobby.

Huw Thomas

Machen Show

Show Champion and Best True Bantam White Pekin Female. Page Bros

Reserve Show Champion and Best Turkey. Black Turkey Female. Diane Tanner

Best Softfeather Heavy Large. White Wyandotte Female. Marcia Gilbert

Best Hardfeather Bantam and Best Asian. Black Red Ko Shamo Male. Danny Baynes

Best Softfeather Heavy Bantam. Barnevelder Female. Marcia Gilbert

Best Softfeather Light Bantam. Wellsummer. Danny Baynes

Best Trio. Buff Pekin. Sue Stankiewicz

Best Eggs. Turkey Eggs. Diane Tanner

Aberystwyth Show

Judges- Dewi Hughes and Stephen Johnson

Show Champion and Best Softfeather Heavy Bantam. Gold Brahma Female. Paul Tucker

Reserve Show Champion and Best True. Serama Male. Sue Stankiewicz

Best Softfeather Large. Black Minorca. Paul Williams

Best Bantam Hardfeather. Black OEG. Huw Thomas

Best Turkey. Crollwitzer . Diane Tanner

Best Juvenile. Black Silkie Bantam. Morys Jones

Best Eggs. 6 Brown . Paul Williams

Pontarddulais Show

Judge

Phill Parfitt

62 Catalogued Entries

Show Champion and Best Hardfeather Bantam. Black OEG Female. Paul Davies

Reserve Show Champion and Best Bantam Softfeather Heavy Buff Orpington Pullet

Best Softfeather Light Bantam. Leghorn Female. Christine Jeffries

Best Waterfowl. Goose. RGBA Bowen

Best Trio. Australorp. Lewis Dylan Thomas

Best Utility. Christine Jeffries

Best Juvenile. Wheaten OEG Female. Olivia and Molly Mason

Reserve Juvenile. Rhode Island Red Female. Ifan & Seren Williams

Best Eggs. Guinea Fowl. Lewis Dylan Thomas

From the Chairman

Dear Members,

The last 5 years have been a difficult time for poultry keepers. I have been to a number of summer shows and it has been great to meet poultry friends past and present.

All shows have been down in numbers but we must regroup and move forward and look forward to better times.

I am looking forward to our Poultry Club Show of Wales in November and looking forward to meeting poultry friends and especially exhibitors across the borders in supporting our show.

I would like to thank Dai for his patience in organising our show.

I would like to thank Edward and the boys for their very kind sponsorship for the prize money for this years show and anybody else that would like to sponsor the show.

Looking forward to seeing you at the show.

Paul Tucker.

From The Secretary

Dear Members,

With the show season in full swing its great to be back exhibiting and meeting up with fellow fanciers around the country. We had a successful spring show in May held at the same event as the Royal Welsh Spring Festival. Although the entries were down it was great to hear the noise of the poultry sounding through the fur and feather pavilion again.

Through the summer we saw smaller poultry shows restarting at country shows and thankfully the waterfowl sections could also be included as the ban on waterfowl was lifted.

I recently visited the Federation Show up in Stafford and whilst it was great to have a show it was concerning to see how many breeds have suffered with reduced entries. I hope that the breed clubs and the breeds themselves can see an increase year on year to previous entry levels and hope that some colour varieties are not lost forever.

It was sad to lose much loved and valued member of our committee Howard Davies back in July. He will be missed by us all on the committee and the poultry community as a whole. We extend our deepest condolences to his family.

As we look forward to our winter shows I'd like to thank Edward for his kind donation of £500 towards our Welsh Fed on the 2nd of November.

The Royal Welsh Winter Fair poultry section will make a comeback on Tuesday 26th of November. Schedules available through www.rwas.wales

Penclawdd Show is scheduled to be on Monday 30th December. Please contact Paul Tucker

Please get your entries in as soon as you can for the Welsh Fed. Either by post or by email. I look forward to seeing you all at the forthcoming shows.

Dai O Davies

Some Pictures from the Welsh Federation Spring Show 2024



Left. Reserve Show Champion— Black Red Modern Game bantam. Right. Best Bantam Softfeather Heavy— White German Langshan. Both Exhibited by B & C Ward



Left. Champion Juvenile D Scourfield and her winning Serama. Right. Diane Tanners Champion Turkey



Judge Wayne Parfitt

Show Results

Welsh Fed Spring Show 2024

Judges

Wayne Parfitt, Phil Parfitt and Hywel Page

348 Catalogued Entries

Show Champion and Best Softfeather Light Bantam. Black Araucana Female. Dai O Davies

Reserve Show Champion and Best Bantam Hardfeather. Black Red Modern Male . B & C Ward

Best Hardfeather Large. Brown Red Oxford Male. Kevin Walker

Best Softfeather Heavy Large. Black Orpington Female. D Bradley

Best Softfeather Light Large. Black Hamburg Female. Emma Duffy

Best Softfeather Heavy Bantam. White German Langshan Male. B & C Ward

Best True Bantam. Blue Partridge Dutch Male. Stephen Johnson

Best Rare Breed. Black Thuringian Male. Colin Booth

Best Asian Game. Silver Duckwing Ko Shamo. P Pedro Moreira

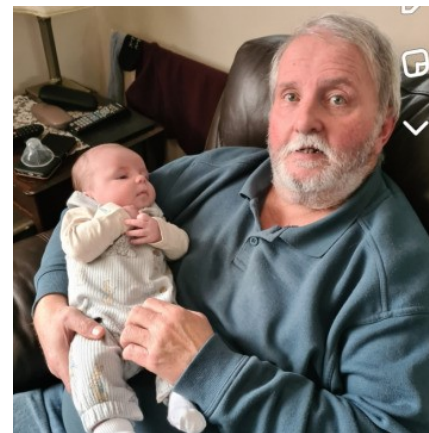
Best Turkey. Black Female. Diane Tanner

Best Trio. Black German Langshan Bantams. B & C Ward

Best Juvenile. Serama Female. B Scourfield

Best Eggs. 6 Brown Bantam. Marc le Clercq

Obituary- Howard Davies



Although we were brought up less than a mile apart I didn't meet Howard until we went to the Grammar School at Gowerton.

I went to the junior school in Loughor and Howard to the school in Grovesend. I am a little older than Howard so I went to the Grammar School in 1963 and Howard in 1964. Coincidentally that was the time that Howard started with bantams, I had been showing a year or more by then and so started a friendship which was to last 60 years.

Howard was a lovely guy he would do anything to help somebody and he would give you his last.

My wife Cheryl bakes every Saturday morning and Howard would arrive around 9 o'clock for a cup of tea and to sample whatever was on offer, rock cakes were his favourite.

Howard was not only a fine breeder and showman he was also a great administrator. He ran several shows over many years like Grovesend and Fforestfach. However his greatest achievement I think was when he revived the Welsh United Game Club. The shows were held at Seven Sisters and would get over 600 entries from all over the country. When you consider this was all one breed it was a magnificent effort. Only the Old English Game Bantam Club show, and Carlisle would have a bigger entry.

Howard was a family man and was devoted to his children Kelly, Paul and Emma and his 5 grandchildren. Nothing was to much trouble for them. I think he was a little afraid of Kelly because I would go there and Howard would be frantically Hoovering the carpets and tidying the house because he knew Kelly was coming and would go mad if the house wasn't tidy.

At the time of his passing Howard was President of The Old English Game Bantam Club, a very prestigious office of which he was very proud. Only three Welshmen have held this position, Howard, myself and Meudwyn Evans.

Howard and I travelled thousands of miles together to shows, and when judging we always went as a pair. I miss him very much not only because of the birds etc but because he was always there if I needed him, or he needed me.

The biggest compliment I can pay Howard is to say that in all the years I knew him I never heard anyone say a bad word about him, he was loved by everyone.

Howard was the best of men and I was proud to call him my friend.

Martyn Woolway

Obituary– Alun (Alexander) Rees



Alun passed away March 17th 2024 aged 92. Native of Pontarddulais.

I had known him all of my time. He was vice chairman of the Poultry Club of Wales when it was formed in 1994 and his opinion carried a lot of weight, and was sought by many people. Although he had not kept poultry late in his life, he would always ask about the fancy in general.

He showed in partnership with his father as A & B Rees. They kept Large O.E.G, Bantam O.E.G, White Wyandottes and Orpington Bantams.

He did all the premier shows, Dairy, Birmingham, as well as all the summer shows.

When he went to Carlisle Game show, he would call with John Newsham of white Wyandotte fame, John Woodward of Oxford was another friend of O.E.G Bantam fame.

His working life was as garage foreman at the South Wales Electricity Board depot in Pontarddulais until his retirement.

I attended his funeral, as did several members of Pontarddulais Angling Association of which he was a founder member.

Arwel Davies