

**“Merthyr Express” 19 May, 1866**

Waun Fair The first fair of the season took place last Monday. Business was very brisk.

**“Merthyr Express” 2 June, 1866**

Waun Fair The attendance at the mountain fair was much thinner than usual. With the exception of a few horses and pigs, no stock was on the ground, and business, necessarily, was very slack.

**“Merthyr Express” 8 September, 1866**

Waun Fair The annual fair noted for the sale of apples and fruit took place last Monday. Business is reported to have been brisk in all departments.

**“Merthyr Express” 18 May 1867**

The Waun Fair The May Cattle Fair took place last Monday. Business was not very brisk, the attendance being unusually small

**“Merthyr Express” 22 June 1867**

Waun Fair This Fair was held last Monday, and was attended by farmers in considerable numbers. The show of stock was not large however, and a very small amount of business in cattle was done. Towards the evening, a great number of persons visited the Fair from Dowlais, Rhymney etc, and before the night the assistance of the police was necessary to quell several fights.

**“Merthyr Express” 30 September 1871**

The Waun Fair The “apple and pear” – one of the most important of our Waun fairs – was held last Monday. A large number of farmers arrived by the morning train, and we learn that the attendance was quite as numerous as on any previous occasion. Stock of every kind was plentiful and obtained excellent prices. As is customary in the evening of this the last fair of the year, a ball was held at the Crown Inn. Music of “brassy” description was played, and the company tripped it merrily for several hours. Host Davies was as usual very obliging.

**“Merthyr Express” 7 September 1872**

Waun Fair The usual Waun Fair was held on Monday, when there was a good attendance of buyers and sellers. There was a limited supply of cattle, which reached £16 to £18 each. There were no cows or calves for sale. Ewes 20 shillings to 26 shillings, and draught horses from £20 to £50. Mountain ponies reached from £7-£14, and from £20-£35 respectively. There was a plentiful supply of pigs sold at usual prices.

**“Merthyr Express” 16 May 1874**

Waun Fair The usual fair was held on Wednesday. There was an abundant supply of cattle but there were no buyers. We are informed that there has not been such a poor fair for some time.

**“Merthyr Express” 18 May 1867**

May Cattle Fair - Waun Fair took place last Monday

**“Merthyr Express” 22 June 1867**

Waun Fair held last Monday

**“Merthyr Express” 29 September 1888**

Waun Fair The last Fair of the season was held on Monday last at Twynywaun, when there was a good attendance. The market proved to be over-stocked with horses, “suckers” fetching from between 28 shillings to 35 shillings. There was no demand for cobs, and the carters made a poor show. The demand for cattle, sheep, and pigs, was however very good.

**“Merthyr Express” 29 March 1890**

Cattle Fair The March cattle fair was held on Tuesday when the weather proved very unfavourable being wet and cold. A great many head of cattle were sold at about average market rates. The pleasure fair was held in the afternoon and evening.

**27 September 1924** Prizes Half a sheep and a live pig formed one of the prizes in an Ealing charity competition.

**11 April 1925** Lambing A ewe belonging to Mr. Robt. Slimmons, Llwyn Iago Farm, Fochriw, gave birth to a lamb recently, and nine days afterwards gave birth to another lamb. Both ewe and lambs are alive and doing well.

**1 May 1926** Lambing Amongst the record number of the lambs this season with Mr. Robert Slimmons, Fochriw Farm, are 12 pairs of twins.

**8 September 1928** Highly Important Sale of Welsh Mountain Sheep [Messrs Lewis & James Ltd. will run special buses from Deri to the sale at 1:00p.m., returning to Deri immediately after the sale.] John Herbert has been favoured with instructions from the Bedlinog - Fochriw and District Sheep Breeders' Association to sell by public auction on Wednesday, 19 September, 1928, at 2p.m., 1250 sound mountain sheep, 1000 excellent mountain ewes (direct from the actual Breeders), 200 and store wethers and lambs, 50 excellent rams, also, 8 Dozen New Ash Hurdles. The above sheep are guaranteed direct from the principal Breeders of sound mountain sheep in the district, and have been reared on the best and soundest sheep farms and mountains in the country. Special attention is drawn to buyers of Welsh ewes to this genuine and important sale. Further particulars: Apply L. Edwards, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Bedlinog Farm, or The Auctioneer, Cefn Rhos y Bedd, Crumlin, Mon.. Tel. 40

**29 September 1928** Sheep Sale On Wednesday, a sale of Welsh Mountain sheep took place at Pentwyn. The auctioneer was Mr. John Herbert, this being the first sheep sale for a long time at Pentwyn.

**21 September 1929** Sheep Sale The second annual sheep sale took place at Pentwyn on Thursday, and a very large crowd was attracted from all parts. A large number of sheep were sold at good prices, also cows, ponies, etc.

**9 November 1929** Dinner The Sheep Breeders' Association held their second annual dinner at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Thursday. Mr. T. Kinsey presided, supported by the secretary, Mr. L. Edwards. Mr. J. Herbert gave a very encouraging report from the buyers at the recent sale, who were well satisfied with the goods. Mr. Evans, vice-president, gave the history of the Welsh Mountain breed. Mr. Prynne encouraged the young farmers to carry on. Mr. Wigley sang several songs.

**20 September 1930** Sale The annual sales of sheep, etc., took place at Pentwyn on Thursday last, and attracted in very large number of buyers and sellers.

**29 August 1931** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Draft Ewe Sales: Pentwyn, Fochriw Welsh Mountain Sheep (only sheep direct from the actual mountain breeders allowed in the sales) - 2,500 excellent hardy mountain sheep as follows: 1,850 strong ewes; 600 fat and store ewes and wether lambs and wethers; 50 mountain rams. John Herbert has been favoured with instructions from the Bedlinog, Fochriw and District Sheep Breeders Association to sell the above by public auction on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1931, at 12.30p.m. prompt. Also, 25 dozen new ash hurdles. Further particulars: Edwards, Bedlinog Farm, & Auctioneer, Crumlin, Tel. 40.

**1 October 1932** Sheep Sale A large crowd was attracted to Pentwyn on Wednesday, when Mr. John Herbert conducted the 5<sup>th</sup> annual draft ewe sale.

There was a fine collection of hardy mountain ewes, fat and store lambs, weathers, rams, etc.

**29 September 1934** Sheep Sale The annual Welsh mountain sheep sale took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn. Many buyers were present, and a fine class of ewes, lambs and rams was sold.

**28 September 1935** Sheep Sale The annual Welsh mountain sheep sale was held at Pentwyn on Wednesday, when a large number of ewes, lambs and rams were for sale. The auctioneer was Mr. John Herbert.

**26 September 1936** Sheep Sale The annual sale of Welsh mountain sheep took place at Pentwyn on Wednesday last, and attracted a large crowd of buyers and sellers. Good prices were realised.

**23 September 1939** Ewe Sale The 13<sup>th</sup> annual draft ewe sale of Welsh mountain sheep was held at Pentwyn on Wednesday, when a large number of ewes, fat lambs and rams were sold. The auctioneer was Mr. John Herbert.

**20 September 1941** Sheep Sale The annual sale took place at Pentwyn on Tuesday. The sale of Ewes, store lambs, rams and young cattle was conducted by Mr. John Herbert, F.A.L.P.A.

**6 November 1954** Sheep Farmers Dinner At Fochriw More than 50 farmers and their friends attended the annual dinner on Wednesday of the Fochriw and District Sheep Breeders' Association. The dinner, one of the most successful in the Association's history, was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn. Mr. Lewis Edwards, J.P., a former member of the Gellygaer Urban Council, and one of the best known farmers in the Gellygaer and Merthyr areas, presided, and welcomed the guests, who included Mr. John H. Davies, prospective Conservative candidate for the Caerphilly Parliamentary Division; Police Supt. William Folland, Ystrad Mynach; Police Inspector Stanley Farr, Ystrad Mynach; Mr. A. S. Williams, J.P., Bargoed. The majority of the artistes in a programme of entertainment were drawn from members of the farming community, who were congratulated by several speakers on their initiative and enterprise. Votes of thanks were given by Mr. Geraint Ingram and Mr. T. Lewis.