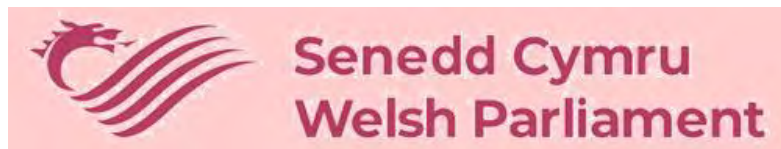


WORSHIPFUL LIVERY COMPANY OF WALES

CELEBRATING WELSH ACHIEVEMENT AT THE SENEDD ON 17th SEPTEMBER 2026

Since its foundation in 1993, the Welsh Livery Company has supported outstanding young people in the arts, science and technology throughout Wales. Our Awards Programme has helped nurture the talent of students, apprentices, Armed Forces personnel and early-career professionals. With funding, mentoring and a vibrant winners' network, our awards open doors, celebrate achievement and contributes to Wales' future.



Thanks to the kind sponsorship of Mr Darren Millar MS, the Senedd again hosted this special celebratory event. Past and recent awardees were honoured as we demonstrated the impact that the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales has made over the last 30+ years.

This was an opportunity to promote the Company and its work to distinguished guests and possibly future liverymen. The attendance and support at this event were greatly appreciated as we shared a moment of pride and purpose, although it was a disappointment that so few Liverymen were able to join our guests.



Liverymen, guests and awardees began arriving at 11:00 am, when tea, coffee and buttered bara brith were served. By the start of the Awards Ceremony at noon, everyone was seated and ready for the proceedings. There were almost seventy people in attendance, and we were even joined by people coming into the Assembly and staying to listen.

The Master Dr Jane Croad welcomed everyone to the Awards Celebration and presented the Assistant Clerk Angela Parry, her Stewart Norma Jarboe and Angharad Llyoyd Beynon, with delightful arrangements of flowers thanking each of them for their work in organising the event.



The Master thanked Darren Millar MS for once again sponsoring the awards event and welcomed award winners, partner organisations, Liverymen, Senedd Members and the Senedd events team who had worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event so successful. She also announced that there would be another St David's Day Awards Ceremony Dinner in March 2027 when the new £10,000 WLCow Art, Law & Language Award, in honour of Past Master Gillian Davies, would be presented.

At this point she handed over to Liveryman and Joint Vice Chair of the Awards Committee, Angharad Lloyd Beynon, who conducted the awards presentations bilingually and led us through the programme.



The first award went to Dylan McCarthy, a student at Coleg y Cymoed, His father James McCathy, accepted the award on his behalf as Dylan was unable to attend.



A Freeman of the WLCow, Ryan Green, himself an awardee in 2025, introduced Chloe Foulis who received the Trinity St David Award. (*bottom left*)

Sarah Hoffman seen below with the Master Dr Jane Croad and Ryan Green, won the Master's Award (*bottom right and far left*)



After receiving certificates in recognition of their achievements, awardees spoke briefly about what the award meant to them. Their presentations were met with enthusiastic applause by those attending making the recipients feel especially valued.



*Dr Claude Evans,
Awards Committee Member*



Dr Jane Croad, Rowan Gear and Dr Claude Evans



*Dr Jane Croad, Lewis Thomas and
Dr Claude Evans*

Rowan Gear, a young farmer from Bridgend, received The Young Farmers Award at the Royal Welsh Show for his innovative approach to diversification. Working across a large, arable sheep enterprise, he has developed practical solutions for land and water management, including producing barley straw bales to help prevent algae growth in ponds. His forward-thinking methods and commitment to sustainable farming make him an emerging talent within Welsh agriculture.

Lewis Thomas, a 17-year-old poultry breeder, said: "Farming is incredibly challenging, and many local farms are disappearing. However, with the support of Chickwood Poultry, I am determined to keep Coed Cyw Fawr successful and sustainable for years to come." Lewis explained that Chickwood Poultry specialises in fertile eggs, day-old chicks, pullets and point-of-lay hens. He also visits local schools to teach young people about farming. He added that "We were delighted to win the Best Trade Stand award at the Llandyfaelog Show".



Coleg Gwent Award Winner Mara Moruz being presented with her certificate and pictured with Dr Jane Croad and Angharad Lloyd Beynon. *(pictured far left)*

Bridgend College Award Winner Sydney Jones being presented with her certificate and pictured with Dr Jane Croad and Angharad Lloyd Beynon. *(pictured below)*



Cardiff & Vale College Award Winner Charlie Burton being presented with his certificate and pictured with Dr Jane Croad and Angharad Lloyd Beynon. *(pictured far left)*



Lewys Brill shown here with Dr Jane Croad and Major John Charles



Past Master Major John Charles TD* DL introducing the Armed Forces Award to Lewys Brill URNU Gower College

Dr Daniel LLŷr Thomas, Cardiff University Medicine Elective Travel Bursary Winner 2025, spoke bilingually about his study of medical provision in Fiji. (Shown below with Dr Jane Croad and Angharad Lloyd Beynon.)



Daniel works in emergency medicine in Wales and his Award in 2025 allowed him to travel to Fiji to undertake an elective in the CWM Hospital in Suva. He was part of the emergency medical team which had to rely less on technology than UK medical teams. Learning diagnostic approaches from Fijian doctors has informed his practice going forward.

Video Presentation from Gareth Tresedar, Silver Jubilee Development Award Winner 2025/2025

Gareth (shown far left) is a Swansea-born composer and tenor with a degree from the University of Bristol and a Postgraduate Diploma from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama (Honorary Associateship).



Gareth will use his £3,000 award to fund the Welsh premiere of his Passiontide oratorio, *Dioddefaint Sant Mathew*. Setting Matthew 27 in William Morgan's 1588 Welsh translation, the work is scored for tenor solo, piano and SATB choir and includes two short choruses based on traditional Welsh prayers. A community focused "Come and Sing" event is planned for Lent 2027, provisionally at Swansea Minster, with English and German performance translations to encourage national and international performances.

The premiere will be recorded for archival and publisher submission. Gareth will dedicate the score to the Company and acknowledges the Award's role in promoting Welsh language, culture and choral composition.

Father Sebastian introducing the event's sponsor, Darren Millar MS



*Junior Warden and Chair of the Charitable Events Committee
Father Sebastian Jones*



Darren Millar said that he welcomed the opportunity to support the celebration once again, praised the exceptional achievements being recognised and expressed his hope that the awards celebration would continue and also confirmed his willingness to sponsor the event in 2027.

Concluding remarks from our Master Dr Jane Croad



The Master again thanked Darren Millar MS for his comments and for sponsoring the celebration of our amazing Award Winners. She then asked all Award Winners to come up to the stage for a group photograph.



After the presentations, awardees, guests and Liverymen had time to mingle over refreshments. With the sun shining throughout the day and everyone clearly enjoying the occasion, the atmosphere was relaxed, welcoming and full of good humour. It was a truly delightful event, bringing people together to celebrate talent, hard work and the continuing success of the Company's Awards Programme.