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CEO NOTES

National Farm Day

Thank you to everyone who invited visitors to their farm over the last weekend. Information is steadily coming in about how things went. At the busy end of the scale I have reports of 1000 plus visitors at a few farms over the weekend. Some more modest events were a success with around 100 visitors (but that was the aim). There were a couple of disappointing turnouts (compared to the numbers expected). Overall a great weekend with lots of positive publicity for alpacas.

To my knowledge we had mentions/ interviews on a dozen local radio stations including, 3 Counties (Heart/Beds/Bucks), Bristol, Cambridge, Cumbria, Hereford and Worcester, Newcastle, Norfolk, Northants, Oxford, Leeds, Teesside, and York

Several venues that are open to guests all year, and have an entrance fee, have asked how they can get involved and the Board will be looking at how this can be achieved for 2023.

BAS Board election at the AGM

AT the time of writing I have not received any nominations for the two Board places that will become available in November. If you are interested then do please make contact.

Responsible selling

I have had a couple of calls this week relating to the buying and selling of alpacas where things did not go smoothly. A couple of recurring themes came out of the conversations that are worth sharing.

The first one was the need for sellers to be responsible and make enquiries about the home the alpaca(s) being sold are going to. Are the buyers ready for alpaca ownership and capable of providing for their new charges?

The second one was the lack of any form of sale agreement so that both buyer and seller know what the position is if post sale. For example an alpaca sold as pregnant is no longer pregnant. Is a deposit returnable- or not if the sale falls through? So long as both parties agree what should happens its OK and a written sale contract should cover that . The [buyers guide](#) on the website touches on many areas for consideration.

You can email about this or anything else using ceo@bas-uk.com

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World of Alpacas - A New Attraction at the National Show 2023

BAS has decided to enhance the National Show with an extra attraction called "World of Alpacas"

The aim is for WoA is to inspire, advise and educate on alpaca related subjects. For this idea to work we will need BAS members to volunteer their time and energy to man the various stands.

Volunteers will get food vouchers for the day(s) they are on stand. Overnight accommodation will not be paid. The WoA area will stand alongside the existing trade stand village to make a complete experience for

visitors to the show with lots of alpaca experience or none at all. (Stands selling products and services, or taking orders for products and services will be a paid for trade stand as in previous years.) If you would like space in this area then please email Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com .

When will WoA be live?

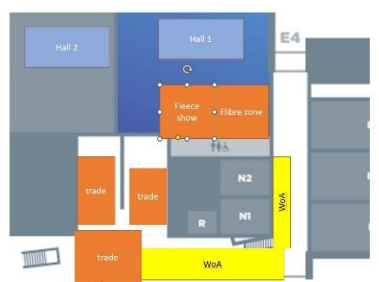
Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th March only

What will be there?

Information and advice for prospective, new and experienced alpaca owners

Where?

Inspiration and spinning demo adjacent to the fibre zone. Other elements in the foyer adjacent to the trade stands.



1. Inspiration Zone –

- a. Demonstration of possible products to complement the Fibre Zone competition. BAS members will be able to lend items to the show to illustrate all the possibilities.

If you would like to help in this area, then please email Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com .

Education and Advice Zone –

BAS stand - Welfare/ training education with BAS merchandise mugs, sew on badges/ pin badges, hats, pens, water bottles, tea towels.

- a. Diversification - Trekking /therapy/ yoga
- b. Demonstration/ have a go area -for spinning, weaving, felting, knitting, crochet. Feel the fibre, story of processing from fleece to yarn.
- c. Skirting demonstrations
- d. Meet the animals - alpaca and (possibly) llama to show the difference

If you would like to help in this area, then please email Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com .

3. **Competition-**

Award for the best Commercial enterprise or product in the UK by a BAS member to celebrate working with alpacas and their products.

First stage to be submitted by 1 Jan 2023 to ceo@bas-uk.com

Entrants will describe in no more than 1000 words their enterprise or product based on:

- Product or enterprise
- Commercial and /or social value
- Environmental and sustainability credentials

Second stage during January and February 2023.

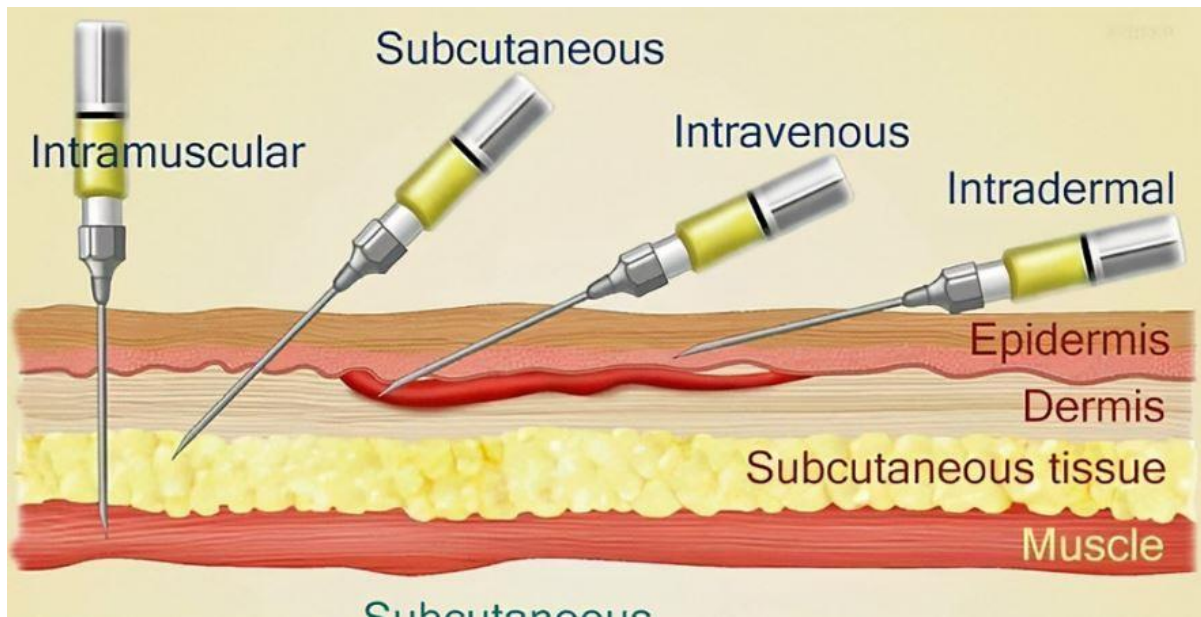
Shortlist of top three are interviewed by a panel to determine the winner

Third Stage

Substantial prize presented to the winner at the Show

4. **Trade stands as normal for people selling products or services or taking orders.**

If you are interested in trade stand space then please contact Duncan by email with your requirements. Prices for this year are being finalised and will be published shortly.



Medicine handling and injections for Alpaca owners

Ami Sawran and her team will be running a course on November 15th that discusses medicine handling and injection technique for smallholders and camelid keepers.

It will be at 9am-12pm at Essex Young Farmers, Whitbreads Farm Lane, Chatham Green, Chelmsford CM3 3FE.

Interested parties should contact chelmsford@westpointfarmvets.co.uk or 01306 628 489 to book. The course is £40 ex VAT, but they will give a 50% discount to extra people attending from the same farm.



BAS Caring for Alpacas Videos

To help improve the care of alpacas and to give invaluable advice to new and potential owners, as well as established owners and breeders, the BAS has created a series of Welfare and Husbandry videos, which is now available to all members on YouTube.

The comprehensive videos feature **Dr Alex McSloy** a lecturer in large animal internal medicine at the Royal Veterinary College, and **Garry Naish**, an experienced breeder and shearer.

The videos are well-paced and give sensible and sound advice about alpaca environment, healthcare, feeding – in fact all the basics are covered, as well as some advanced care practices like giving injections. The delivery is straightforward and offers owners plenty of handy hints and tips.

Click [here](#) for the BAS Website page with all the links.



AGM 2022

2nd September 2022

Dear Member

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Annual General Meeting of the British Alpaca Society will be held on

7.00pm Wednesday 2nd November 2022

By Zoom

The meeting has been convened to conduct the business of the Annual General Meeting, to receive and approve the Society Accounts, to receive the Chairman's and Treasurer's reports, to vote on any resolutions and to elect Directors.

Please submit any resolutions to Duncan by 19th September in the AGM format.

There will be **two** Board positions available for election if you would like to offer yourself for the Director ballot then please request the nomination form from Duncan and submit to Duncan by email (ceo@bas-uk.com) by 9 am on 19th September,



YAG Webinar with Vet Karin Mueller

Bookings are now open for:

22nd September	Vet Talk covering Parasites, Eyes and	£ 15 for YAG Members	KM3
2 Hours	Lameness plus Q & A on Zoom	£ 25 for non members	
18.50 for 19.00	With Vet Karin Mueller		

Please contact Deborah Sporton via deborah@fangdalealpacas.co.uk if you would like to book this event. The Zoom link will be sent out in mid September. Note that Karin now has excellent broadband.

The Yorkshire Alpaca Group are currently offering FREE membership up to the end of March 2023 if you have NOT been a member before; this offer will be ending soon, so contact Deborah NOW!



HoEAG Fleece Show - latest news

Thank you for your Entries to the **HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show**, which are now closed. The deadline for fleeces to be delivered to Julia Corrigan-Stuart, CS Alpacas, Yeat Wood Farm, Wotton Underwood, Buckinghamshire HP18 0RL, is **Sunday 18th September 2022.**

However, if you have entered other Shows around this date, we will liaise for your fleeces to be forwarded but please tell the Show and us that this is required.

2022 Event Diary



If you need information about any of the events listed below then please email Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com or go to the BAS website.

Intermediate Alpaca Assessment

Tim Hey/ Jay Holland Dunchurch Fri/Sat/Sun 2/3/4 Dec

Affiliate courses

Saturday	10th Sept	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	17th Sept	Affiliate Course- Surrey
Saturday	15 th Oct	Affiliate Course- Cornwall
Sunday	16 th Oct	Affiliate Course- Cornwall
Saturday	26th Nov	Affiliate Course - Devon

Other courses

Saturday	15-Oct	Alpacas in therapy - Co Down, NI
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If you would like your BAS, Educational or Regional group **event** included in this section (not shows) please send details to Duncan.

2022 Show Diary



Champions and judges from National Show 2022

Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

Breeders considering entering more than one fleece show may need the organisers of one show to forward the fleece(s) to the next show the fleeces are entered for. Please could entries to multiple fleece shows advise the organisers of the plan to ensure they know those entries need to be despatched asap to the next show. Please ensure that all the necessary entry forms are included in the box separately from the forms for the first shows.

SWAG Halter Show

Dates: 17th & 18th September 2022

Venue: The Somerset County Show 1 @ Taunton Racecourse TA3 7BL

Limit on entries: 160

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Entries close: 24th August

Organisers:: prwinsor@icloud.com 01934 732324 07540

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didavies@alphaalpacas.com 01308 488661 07739 382483

South West Alpaca Group Fleece Show

Date: 14th Sept for judging, display 17th and 18th at Somerset County Show

Judge: Mrs Jo Bridge

Entry Limit: 60 **Now full**

Organiser: Judith Newman

Fleeces must be delivered to Judith Newman, Apple Tree Farm, Bason Bridge. Highbridge TA9 4RF by no later than 12 noon on the 13th September, 2022. No exceptions.

Dates: Fleeces will be judged on the 14th September 2022 and there will be a display of winning fleeces at the Somerset County Show at Taunton Racecourse on the 17th & 18th September, 2022.

HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show 2022

Judges: Mrs. Mary Jo Smith and Mrs Barbara Hetherington

Judging on Thursday 29th September and Friday 30th September

Entries open: Monday, 1st August 2022

Entries close Friday, 3rd September 2022 or when the entry limit is reached.

Entry Fee: £20+VAT (includes judge levy)

Fleece delivery to CS Alpacas, Wootton Underwood, Bucks, HP18 0RL by Sunday 18th Sept

Results announced via Zoom on Sunday 2nd oct - details to follow.

East of England Halter Show, organised by EAG

Dates: 9th October 2022

Limit on entries: 140

Judge: Mr Jay Holland

Venue: Beechwood Equestrian Centre, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 8DY

Name entries open 1st Sept to 7th Sept

Entry Fee: £31.20 EAG members: £36 non-members (prices include the BAS Show levy & VAT on the levy

GRASSROOTS WILL COLLECT FULL AMOUNT AND MEMBERS WILL BE REFUNDED THE DIFFERENCE BY EAG)

Extras: Pen Cleaning £40 compulsory but will be refunded if pen is cleaned. (EAG to collect fees)

treasurer@easternalpacagroupuk.org ;Electric Hook ups £35 (EAG to collect fees)

Arrivals are on 8th October 2022 between 15.00 & 17.00. Arrival is the day prior to the show only (except in

exceptional circumstances)

Organiser: Harley Laver - harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk / 07934 463342

Onsite catering & evening meal & quiz - details to follow

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show

Dates: 15th & 16th October

Judge: Mrs Jo Bridge

Venue: York Auction Mart, YO19 5GF.

Entry fee: £27 inc VAT and judge levy

Entries Close: 4th September

Maximum of 200 Entries

There will be a compulsory clean up fee of £20 per herd payable direct to the YAG. This will be invoiced once entries close and payable before the show starts. There will be a minimum of 3 entries per herd. The show will be running over 2 days. Judging will commence at 10am on Saturday 15th - we hope to end the Show by 4pm on Sunday 16th.

Arrivals from 3pm on Friday the 14th October - 8-9am on Saturday 16th October.

Organiser: James Stanger jamesstanger11@gmail.com 07757687378

Fan hook up £25 per hook up (2 fans per hook up)

There will be a compulsory £20 clean up fee payable direct to YAG group. There is a minimum of 3 entries per herd. Arrivals from 3pm on the 14th October.

Welsh Alpaca Show

Date: 22nd October 2022

Judge: Mrs Julia Corrigan-Stuart

Venue: Welshpool Livestock Market

Entry fee: £20 + vat

Entries open: 15th August

Entries Close: 18th September

Organisers: Susan Myerscough 07796 678637 and Michael Henderson 07793 081388

Email: susan@alpacas.wales

Midlands Championship Halter Show

Date: 5th November.

Judge: Mr Nick Harrington Smith

Venue: **Avon Hall, Three Counties Show Ground, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6NW**

Entry fee:£33

Entries Open: 1st September

Entries Close: 17th October

Pen cleaning and Electricity hook-up £32 regardless of whether fans used or not.

Organisers: **Roger Mount, Jay Holland, Iain Sharp**

roger.mount@btinternet.com, jay@purealpacas.com, iain.c.sharp@gmail.com

07711044106 – 07722953635 -07789257222

Northern Fleece Show

Date: Wednesday 16th November 2022

Judge: Julia Corrigan-Stewart

Venue: Walkerburn Village Hall.

Entries Open: Monday 12th September

Entries Close: Monday 17th October

Entry Fee: £24.00 including the levy and vat

Entry limit: 70.

All fleeces should be delivered to Westyett Alpacas, Westyett Farm, Lanark ML11 8NT and arrive no later than Friday 11th November.

NEBAG Halter Show

Date: 19 November 2022

Judge: TBC

Venue: Hexham Mart, Tyne Green

Organisers: Paul and Debbie Rippon

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BAS National Show 2023

Friday 17th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th March 2023

Venue: Telford.

Judges: Mrs Barbara Hetherington, Mr Roger Clarke, Ms Amanda VandenBosch and Mrs Natasha Clark

NWAG Alpaca Championships

Saturday 1st April 2023

Borderway Mart, Carlisle, Cumbria.

Judge Mrs Julia Corrigan-Stuart

HoEAG Spring Alpaca Fiesta:

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th April 2023

Judge: Mr. Roger Clarke

Scottish Alpaca Championship

Dates: 22nd and 23rd April 2023

Venue: Lanark Auction Market

Judge: Mrs Molly Gardner

Entries Open: 17 Feb 2023

Entries Close: 6th March 2023

Organiser Stuart Ramsay

South of England Spring Live

Dates: 22nd and 23rd April 2023

Venue: Ardingly

Judge: Tim Hey

Organiser Hilary and Tony Monkom



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