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Merry Christmas

A verry Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all BAS Members and their alpacas!! The BAS Board hope 2023 delivers everything you hope for in your alpaca lives.

Merry Christmas and thanks from Duncan to all Newsletter readers!

Two webinars in January

Details of two webinars in January are posted further down.. Fleece shows in 2023 will be judged under a new system and Mary Jo Smith will be taking interested exhibitors through the new system. Grassroots have re-written the show management module and Libby Henson will conduct a guided tour of the new system.

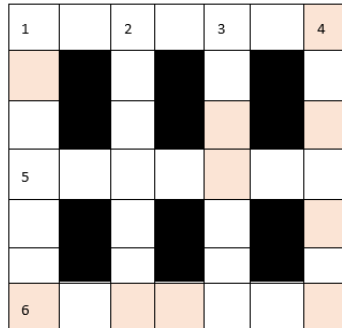
Next Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be sent out on 6th January unless there is anything urgent that needs to be communicated.

You can contact me about the above or anything else using ceo@bas-uk.com

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Mini-crossword for festive fun

Across

1. Round things
5. Fibre producers
6. layered pasta dish

Down

1. Tasty burnt sugar
2. Little waves
3. What a boil needs?
4. Small citrus

Hidden Words 5,5 (it's an anagram) taken from the coloured squares

Correct hidden word answers emailed

to ceo@bas-uk.com

Bottle of something pleasant on the way to the first out of the hat on 24th
December 2022.

Please put "crossword" in the subject line of your email



HoEAG Skirting & Noodling Workshop 2023

Unsure of how to skirt a fleece, or want to recap? Want to present your fleeces to the best of their ability at shows, but don't know how to noodle?

Then this workshop is for you.

Run by BAS Judges, Shirley Bettinson and Julia Corrigan-Stuart this is a practical workshop, starting with how to skirt a fleece and then explaining how to noodle them in garden fleece to keep them intact and present well for fleece shows for Judges to judge, or just to store them neatly. You can bring your own fleeces to work on, or there will be fleeces provided.

The workshop is being held at CS Alpacas, Yeat Wood Farm, Wotton Underwood, Bucks HP18 0RL and the cost is £10/person (HoEAG Member) and £15/person (non-member).

We are thinking of running this workshop on one of four dates.

If you are interested in attending, please complete this poll to state which date(s) you can do and we will run the course on the most popular date.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6DBJ5LF>



Australian and New Zealand Market Access & Trade Update

Australia – New Zealand Trade Lane:

Negotiations between the relevant Government departments of Australia (DAFF) and New Zealand (MPI) to reopen the Australia - New Zealand trade pathway have been ongoing since export ceased in 2018. MPI ceased trade due to efficacy concerns with the Q Fever test.

The AAA Market Access & Trade Committee have been working with DAFF for the past 4 years to have this trade pathway re-opened. Regrettably, New Zealand's MPI advised the Australians that the ongoing issue of Q fever testing and subsequent protocol changes would not be progressed as part of MPI's 2023 work plan. This was further clarified as being unlikely to change in the short term. The reason cited for the omission from the work plan is simply that it was not prioritised high enough compared to other issues to warrant allocation of resources for 2023.

Whilst the above decision by MPI is very disappointing, we will still assist the AAA and focus on providing market access to both the UK and Europe when and where possible.

UK Access for Australia:

DAFF, on behalf of the AAA and IAE , requested the development of bilateral protocol with the UK post BREXIT. Whilst UK have agreed to develop a bilateral protocol, our application was currently in a holding pattern as DEFRA addresses trade protocols with many trading partners which they consider to be “higher priority” whilst Brexit occurs. International Alpaca Exports are working with the AAA MATC and providing relevant professional information in regards to protocols, testing and logistical advice post Brexit. This information and work we hope will enable a direct protocol to be established in the near future now that Brexit has been finalised with its trading partners. We feel that this market (UK) will be the quicker of the 2 direct options being considered given the speed of which the European Union operate.

NZ to UK Trade Lanes:

MPI have recently brokered a direct access to the UK. The access guidelines (Import Health Requirements) mirror the old EU RUM certificate but the UK has allowed applications for a dispensation to the “same aircraft enroute” policy the EU RUM certificate had in place. The flight options we still want to use are freighter flights because we have full access to the stock throughout the flight which is paramount to the welfare of the stock. Our view is that if anything does occur (delays, cancellations) we have Alpaca trained staff that look after them throughout the journey.



TB prevention in alpaca & llama herds

Tuesday 17th January - in person meeting

TB Advisory Service, Torch Farm Vets, Camelid Veterinary Services & Mullacott Alpacas are pleased to invite you to. "TB prevention in alpaca & llama herds".

Speakers:

Claire Whitehead: Bovine Tuberculosis in camelids Claire is the UK's first camelid specialist vet, and runs Camelid Veterinary Services. She has extensive experience dealing with TB in alpacas. Claire is president of the British Veterinary Camelid Society.

Jenny Schmidt: TB Advisory Service - how TBAS advice visits can benefit your animals Jenny has been in First opinion Farm Animal Practice in North Devon since 2004, and delivering TBAS advice visits for almost 4 years. She very much enjoys working with small holders.

Kate Brookes: Mullacott Alpacas and voluntary TB testing in camelid herds Kate and Simon have been breeding alpacas in North Devon for over 20 years.

This meeting will be suitable for owners of herds of all sizes.

Please reserve your free place by contacting Torch Farm Vets on 01271 879516



Eastern Alpaca Group - Craft & Create

Come along for a day of craft demonstrations and opportunities to try new challenges. Also, a chance to purchase alpaca yarn and crafts. The event will be open to the public and light refreshments will be provided.

Hosted by Eastern Alpaca Group at **Essex Young Farmers Club Centre**, Little Waltham, between 10am and 4pm on **Saturday 28th January**.

Throughout the day our demonstrators and tutors will be creating products in their chosen way, including crochet, machine knitting, hand knitting, peg loom weaving, weaving, hand spinning, drop spindle spinning and more.

If you would like to be one of our demonstrators or would like to bring items for sale or display (available to EAG members) please contact either Kath Shearer (secretary@easternalpacagroupuk.org) or Emma Taylor (fibre@easternalpacagroupuk.org).

Tickets - £20 per adult (£15 EAG member), £5 per child (EAG children free). This includes light refreshments of tea and cake. Please feel free to bring a packed lunch if you are planning to stay for the whole day. **Tickets are available on the EAG website** <https://easternalpacagroupuk.org/calendar/craft-create/>



BAS Winter Webinars

As we did last year the links are made available here to members so you don't need to register your interest. Where the presenters give their permission a recording will be made and posted on Youtube which can be accessed via the BAS Website members area. Click [here](#) to access previous Webinars.

January 2023

Mary Jo Smith - Breeder and BAS judge

Introducing the New Fleece Judging System for 2023

Date: Thursday 12th January 2023

Time 7.00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89364745522>

Meeting ID: 893 6474 5522

Libby Henson - Grassroots Registry

Introducing the New Show Management System

Date: Thursday 19th January 2023

Time 7.00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88234954754>

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.

Affiliate courses

2023		
Sunday	Jan 22nd	New Affiliate Training day - Kenilworth
Saturday	Jan 28 th	Craft and Create, Essex Young Farmers
Saturday	Jan 28 th	Affiliate Course – Hertfordshire
Saturday	Jan 28 th	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	Jan 29 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	Jan 29 th	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	Feb 24 th	Affiliate Course – Hertfordshire
Sunday	Feb 25 th	Affiliate Course – Hertfordshire
Thursday	March 16 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Saturday	April 1 st	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	April 2 nd	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	April 30 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	July 27 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	Sept 3 rd	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	Nov 9 th	Affiliate Course- Glous

If you would like your BAS, Educational or Regional group **event** included in this section (not shows) please send details to Duncan.

2023 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.

2023

BAS National Show 2023

Champion of Champions Fleece Show

Date: 18 Feb 2023

Entries open Tuesday 3rd Jan 2023

Entries Close: Sunday 15th Jan 2023

Judge: Mr Roger Clarke

Fleeces on display 17th to 19th March 2023. Prize giving Friday evening 17th March

Halter Show

Dates: 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 Monkcom

Northumberland Championship Halter Show

Date: 27th May 2023

Venue: Bywell Hall, NE43 7AB

Judge: Mrs Shirley Bettinson

Entries Open: 1 Mar 2023

Entries Close: 28th April 2023

Organisers: Paul and Rachel Vaclik

rachel.vaclik@gmail.com 07900 871838

paul.vaclik@gmail.com 07802 829792

Cornwall Fleece Show

Date: 15th July 2023

Entries open: 12th May 2023

Entries close: 14th June 2023

Max number of entries 60

Fee inc VAT (if known) £24

Judge: Jo Bridge

Fleeces Delivered to Sandra Muriel, Carn Tremayne Farm, Praze, Cornwall, TR14
9PG between 1st to 12th July 2023

EAG Fleece Show

19/20th Aug 2023

East of England Halter Show

7/8th October 2023

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show

Dates: 14th and 15th October

Judge: Roger Clarke

Venue: York Auction Mart, YO19 5GF.

Entries open: 17th July

Entries Close: 3rd September

Organiser: James Stanger jameslstanger11@gmail.com 07757687378

Welsh Alpaca Halter show

Venue: Welshpool livestock centre

Date: 21st October 2023

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Entries open: 14th August 2023

Entries close: 17th September 2023

Organisers Susan Myerscough and Michael Henderson