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Timely Advice & Current News



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CEO Notes

Happy New Year

Happy New Year to all BAS members. I hope everyone achieves their alpaca related dreams in 2023!!

Looking ahead to 2023 it looks like being another busy and (hopefully) successful year for BAS. The shows calendar is filling up with regular events and there is the possibility of one or two new events on the horizon.

I know regional groups are active arranging local events so please do support them if you can. There are also three more BAS webinars schedules , so put a reminder in your diary for any that interest you.

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

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO 07496 578781



example of "goody bag"

BAS at the World Expo

BAS will be taking a stand at the World Expo at the beginning of February in Austria. The aim is to promote British Alpacas to our European neighbours.

If you would like to have promotional material included in the BAS information "Goody Bag" then you can,

For a cost of £100 your small promotional item or leaflet can be included in the "giveaway bag". We estimate that we will distribute 300 bags over the 3 days of the event. We are limiting the included items to 20 separate items and inclusion will be on a first come first served basis.

If you have an interest in promoting your alpaca business in Europe here is a good way to reach your audience.

**Your inclusion will need to be with me by
23rd January at the latest.**

You can contact me about the idea using ceo@bas-uk.com or give me a call on 07496 578781

Duncan Pullar
BAS CEO

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Festive Crossword

The anagram answer was SANTA CLAUS
And the winner was Karen Hepwrth-Lavery

All correct answers received a BAS pen, hat and key ring.
well done to Ken, Wilma, Liz, Karen and Jane
Goodies on the way.

World of Alpacas (at the National Show)

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 .

2. 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-

Entries now closed

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.

Langford Vets 

Practical Lambing Course

Join our vets Izzi and Scarlett for our practical lambing course held in state-of-the-art facilities with simulators. This course will cover lambing techniques including: preparation to lamb, perinatal care of the ewe, stages of labour, neonatal care and diseases of the ewe and lamb.



Lunch and refreshments included



When

Sat 28th
January 2023
9:30 - 3pm

Where

Langford Vets
in State of the
Art Facilities

Suitable for new and experienced shepherds, also relevant for goat and alpaca owners

Contact Reception:
Mon - Fri: 8.30am - 5.00pm

E: farmpractice@langfordvets.co.uk
W: langfordvets.co.uk/farm

£100 (ex. VAT)

25% discount for Young Farmers Club Members



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>



BAS Winter Webinars

Please find below confirmed webinars for the Autumn/ Winter series for 22/23

Other titles will follow as they are confirmed. 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

Join Zoom Meeting

<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

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Andrea Turner - Langford Vet

Birthing alpacas: forewarned is forecalmed

Birthing time is always stressful no matter how experienced you or your alpacas are, but feeling confident in your preparation and decision-making capabilities can remove a huge amount of anxiety. During this webinar I will discuss how best to prepare yourself, your set-up and your alpacas for the birthing season and give some clear guidelines on how to know when intervene or call for help.

Date : Mar 20, 2023

Time 07:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87831496146>

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
Saturday	March 4th	Affiliate Course - Yorks
Thursday	March 16 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Saturday	April 1 st	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	April 1st	Affiliate Course - Yorks
Sunday	April 2 nd	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	April 30 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	May 21st	Affiliate Course - Yorks
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 at Telford 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

YAG have negotiated discounts on accommodation at the Holiday Inn Express in York with 20% off flex rate for rooms booked before 28th Feb and 15% off for rooms booked after March 1st - the booking

link is <https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en&hotelCode=YORUK&rateCode=AL21P&PMID=99502056&corpNum=787077128&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

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

NEBAG Autumn Halter Show


Date: 18 November 2023

Opening Date 04/09/23

Closing Date 16/10/23

Max number of entries 140

Judge TBA

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