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## CEO Notes

### **Alpaca Insurance**

Several BAS members have phoned me recently when their insurance was up for renewal because their supplier H&H/ Armitage declined to continue with the insurance. I asked H&H to clarify their position a few weeks ago and have now received this message.

**"H&H Insurance Brokers who own Armatige-In-Livestock & Insure My Alpaca. no longer offer alpaca insurance".**

### **World Expo**

Some BAS members have gone to the World Expo in Austria this weekend. BAS have taken a stand to promote British Alpacas and encourage links with or neighbours in Europe. There is an official expo Facebook page if you want to follow events [\(17\) Alpaka Expo | Facebook](#). I expect there will be post from various BAS members too.

You can contact me about the above or anything else using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)

*Duncan Pullar*

BAS CEO 07496 578781



## National Show Saturday Night Dinner

We hope you will join us on the evening of March 18th for a celebratory supper and a catch up with friends and fellow breeders.

We will be in the Ludlow Suite at TIC again this year. The informal approach seemed to work so we are going with that again.

Dinner will be a "Street Food Menu". Tickets are £54.17 (+VAT) per person and can be booked through the registry.

The entertainment after dinner will be the fun casino with roulette and black jack tables with real croupiers. There will be a prize for the highest roller on the night.

Menu: Select on the night

### **Mains.**

Vegan chilli dogs

Chargrilled beef burger, brioche bun, sauce, shredded iceberg

Jerk Chicken with rice and peas plus a side of slaw

Mini battered fish and chips with mushy peas and tartare sauce

### **Puddings**

Ice Cream, Portuguese Custard Tarts, Churros with Chocolate sauce, Fruit

Pots

## BAS Board BLOG- Paul Hetherington

Cumbria has had more than average rainfall over the last month so, like many people, the 'choke points' where the alpacas come into their shelters were getting a bit muddy. After talking to a couple of friends who already use them we decided to invest in some mud control mats. Craig put his 20 years of civil engineering training to good use and laid out a couple of pathways into the shed. At the first sight of our efforts the alpacas did what they normally do when they first see something new; stop dead, stare, work out if it is safe to continue, then run past just in case. For the first couple of days most of them ignored their new road and continued to squelch through the mud ( except when they need to poo of course when the mats were very useful ! ). Now the ground has dried out they have started using their new path!

No overtaking!



Routine husbandry has been the order of the day for the last couple of weeks. The cria have been transitioned from Lambivac to Bravoxin 10 to make sure they are better covered for Clostridial disease. They still get

weighed every week to make sure no-one is going backwards. All the adults had their monthly weigh and were given a multivitamin and mineral drench. The girls we mated last summer were scanned and all those we thought were pregnant seemed to be which is good news. We use both ultrasound and Pregtone for pregnancy testing, if we don't get a positive result on one we try the other and combined they give pretty accurate result overall. We only had one girl this year that didn't give a definite indication on both systems but she looks pregnant so we'll see!

All the cria are now weaned. We only had one mother who got a little vocal this year and interestingly she is not pregnant. All the other mothers seemed quite happy to forget last years cria to concentrate on growing this years.

The favourite cria this year is Mighty Mo. He was born in June weighing 6.5kg and has this week just tipped the scales at 14kg. He's never been ill, has a massive appetite, and pushes the adults out of the way to get to the feed trough.

Can you spot Mighty Mo?



You can find previous Board Blogs [here](#)

# BAS National Show Stud Auction

## - Week 2

Bidding on the auction for Week1 starts on Monday 30th January at 9am and closes at 8pm on Sunday 5th February.

New Studs will appear each week

**Week 2 studs below available from 6th Feb closes at 8pm Sunday 12th Feb**



Farm: [Amberly Alpacas](#)  
Stud Male: Amberly Tactical  
Registration: [BNBAS15421](#)  
Type: Huacaya  
Colour: Solid White  
Auction: Starts Mon 06th Feb 2023  
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Orchard Corner Alpacas](#)  
Stud Male: Artwork V.V. American Eagle  
Registration: [UKBAS36637](#)  
Type: Huacaya  
Colour: Solid Medium Fawn  
Auction: Starts Mon 06th Feb 2023  
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Beck Brow Alpacas](#)  
Stud Male: Limestone Red  
Registration: [UKBAS36975](#)  
Type: Huacaya  
Colour: Solid Medium Brown  
Auction: Starts Mon 06th Feb 2023  
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Nero Black Alpaca](#)  
Stud Male: Inca Marcelo  
Registration: [UKBAS34302](#)  
Type: Huacaya  
Colour: Solid Black  
Auction: Starts Mon 06th Feb 2023  
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Redens Alpacas](#)  
Stud Male: Redens Dynamic  
Registration: [UKBAS36374](#)  
Type: Huacaya  
Colour: Solid Black  
Auction: Starts Mon 06th Feb 2023  
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Inca Alpaca](#)  
Stud Male: Inca Grey Orsaha  
Registration: [UKBAS41671](#)  
Type: Huacaya  
Colour: Medium Grey  
Auction: Starts Mon 06th Feb 2023  
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Lanehouse Alpacas](#)  
Stud Male: Caprianna Casper The Casanova  
Registration: [UKBAS37440](#)  
Type: Suri  
Colour: Solid White  
Auction: Starts Mon 06th Feb 2023  
[Full Details](#)

***We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of those farms how  
have kindly donated  
one or more sires for the 2023 auction.***

This links you to the studs on offer [Studs : British Alpaca Society BAS  
National Show](#)

Please take a look at **TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE STUD  
SERVICES AUCTION**



## Correct Microchip Placement

Placing microchips in alpacas is a really useful skill to learn. You can place microchips yourself. However, if you are not confident you can always ask your vet to do this for you or show you how!

Microchips are used for identifying animals with a unique identifier. This identifying number is associated with the owner of the animal on the Pedigree Registry of the British Alpaca Society. Consistent placement of microchips in the same location makes it easier to check identity of any animals when required.

Camelid Veterinary services have published a useful step by step guide and video which you can find using the link below.

[Placing Microchips in Camelids - Camelid Veterinary Services  
\(ukalpacavet.com\)](http://ukalpacavet.com)





## BAS Winter Webinars

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

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.

Courtney Pye- MD, Wool Testing Authority Europe

### **Alpaca services from Wool Testing Authority Europe**

*A webinar with MD Dr Courtney Pye to introduce the Wool Testing Authority to the alpaca industry. The webinar will give Wool Testing Authority an opportunity to present what they can offer the alpaca industry and for breeders to ask questions.*

Date 15 Feb 2023

Time 7.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86903807690>

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 to 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](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com) or go to the BAS website.

#### Affiliate courses

<b>2023</b>		
Saturday	Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	Affiliate Course – Hertfordshire
Sunday	Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Affiliate Course – Hertfordshire
Saturday	March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Affiliate Course - Yorks
Thursday	March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Affiliate Course- Glous
Saturday	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Affiliate Course - Devon
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Sunday	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Affiliate Course - Yorks
Thursday	July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	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.

### **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

Entries Open: 01/02/2023 at 9am

Entries Close: 20/02/2023 or when maximum numbers reached

Fee: £25 + VAT

Max numbers 160

### **Heart of England Spring Alpaca Fiesta**

**Dates:** Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th April 2023

**Judge:** Mr. Roger Clarke

**Venue:** Bury Farm Equestrian Centre

**Opening Date For Numbers:** 13/2/23

**Closing Date For Numbers:** 05/3/23

**Opening Date For Names:** 13/3/23

**Closing Date For Names:** 26/3/23

**Entry Fee:** £29 +VAT Minimum of 3 and maximum of 20 per herd

**Electric Points:** at £35+VAT each - maximum of 4 fans per supply and compulsory

**Pen Clean Up Service:** at £40+VAT, which will be refunded if you decide to do it yourself.

### **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

### **Spring Live South of England Halter Show 2023**

**Dates:** 22nd and 23rd April 2023

Judge: Tim Hey

Entries open: Friday 10th February 2023

Entries close Sunday 5th March 2023

Entry Fee: £32 ( NO VAT) Minimum of 3 Entries per herd

Venue: South of England Showground, Abergavenny Building, Ardingly  
West Sussex RH17 6TL

Organisers: Hilary and Tony Monkcom

Pen Clean Up Service: £20 (NO VAT)

Electric Points: £30 (NO VAT) at least one is compulsory

### **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](mailto:rachel.vaclik@gmail.com) 07990 871838

[paul.vaclik@gmail.com](mailto:paul.vaclik@gmail.com) 07802 829792

### **Royal Three Counties - 17 & 18th June**

#### **Cornwall Fleece Show**

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Entries open: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Entries close: 14<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**WSAG Fleece Show -**

21/22 July 2023

**EAGFleece Show**

19/20<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023

**Heart of England Autumn Fleece Show**

Judging: Thursday 28th & Friday 27th September 2023

Results: Sunday 1st October 2023

**East of England Halter Show**

7/8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

**WSAG Midland Show**

4th November

**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

**Northern Fleece Show 2023**

Date: Wednesday 29th November.

Judge: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith

Entry: £20 + VAT

Entries Open: :2nd October

Entries close:: 1st November (or if the maximum of 70 is reached before that date)

Fleeces to be sent to: Beck Brow Alpacas, Beck  
Brow, Ainstable, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA4 9RE  
by Monday 20th November

Fleeces will be displayed on Sunday 3rd December at a morning fleece activity at Beck Brow Alpacas (free to NWAG members) followed by Christmas lunch at the Heather Glen Hotel in Ainstable.

If you are interested in attending the Sunday event please  
email: [barbara@beckbrowalpacas.co.uk](mailto:barbara@beckbrowalpacas.co.uk)