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## CEO Notes

### **National Show Next Week**

The BAS National Show in Telford is open on 17th, 18th and 19th March 2023. There will be lots of interesting things to see and do.

- The Halter show will have judging on Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday.
- The Fibre Zone will be showcasing BAS member creations in fibre
- The Champion of Champions Fleece Show display will show the best fleeces from 2022.
- The World of Alpacas will have a range of information stands addressing all things alpaca
- The trade stand village will show case alpaca related products

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



## HoEAG Craft Competition

*Kindly Sponsored by Softly Softly*  
Judged by Shirley Bettinson



We know we have some very talented and creative members within the alpaca world, so again this year we're giving you the opportunity to show off your skills, talents and wares in our **Alpaca Fibre Craft Competition**. We would like to have a fantastic display of all the entries at the **HoEAG Spring Alpaca Fiesta**. Our thanks to **Softly Softly** for sponsoring the Craft Competition. **Mrs. Shirley Bettinson** has kindly agreed to judge the competition again and this will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April with the winners being announced later that day.

### HOW TO ENTER

The Categories are: **ALPACA YARN, WEARABLE ITEMS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, TOYS, MISCELLANEOUS** and **THE JUDGE'S CHALLENGE**. For 2023 our Judge, **Shirley Bettinson**, would like you to create an item of **NECK WEAR** using alpaca fibre.

The **SPECIAL TROPHY** to be awarded, was kindly donated in 2020 by **Kerry Lord**, Author of the "Edward's Menagerie Collections" - a Crafters delight using British Wool.

**ENTRY FORMS** are available on our [website](#) along with category details - just click the 'Download' link!

ENTRY FEE: HoEAG Members £4 per item & \*Non Members £5 per item

**Closing Date: 31<sup>st</sup> March & items to be received no later than 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

To enter any of the above categories simply complete an entry form and send with your item(s) to **LULU OLIVER, Lusi Alpacas, Bunkers Hill Farm, Moulton Rd, Northampton NN6 9BB** to arrive by Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Payments can be made via BACS.

**Please include a description of each item, including the materials used.**

Please note : if you will be entering any other Alpaca Craft Competitions around that time, we will liaise for your items to go to/from HoEAG - just mark on the Entry Form!

Any queries please email [fleece@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk](mailto:fleece@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk)

\*Membership to the HoEAG is available at just £25 per year!



## **Two Italians looking for alpaca work experience**

Two Italian students, Arianna and Michele, both with good English, would like to have an alpaca- work experience in England,

They would like to gain experience on an alpaca farm.Michele's mother and Michele have a farm (@lana\_al\_pascolo).

They would like to do a few months starting in September 2023. Michele would like to be in contact with animals more (for example training, trekking, maintenance, cleaning...). Arianna both office work and in contact with the public, but also with animals. W

Contact Arianna Marconi [ariannamarconi2001@gmail.com](mailto:ariannamarconi2001@gmail.com) if you can help.



**Emerald Sponsors: Artwork Alpacas and Beck Brow Alpacas**

**Heart of England Alpaca Group Spring Alpaca Fiesta**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Bury Farm Equestrian Centre, Mill Lane, Slapton, Bucks LU7 9BT**

**Judge: Mr. Roger Clarke**

**Arrivals will be on Friday morning and judging will commence that afternoon.**

**ENTRIES** will reopen on **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March**, closing at midnight on **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March**, during which time you will be able to select your alpacas but the total number of entries you reserved, must remain the same.

There will be no refunds and we will not accept withdrawals, except due to illness under the usual conditions.

We will be including Modern Grey as Classes at the Fiesta again this year. Best Appaloosa will be awarded at the Show but the latter must be entered under the Multi/Fancy Class in 'Manage Your Herd'.

**All Extras to be booked at the same time as making your Entries, via Manage Your 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.

**Sponsorship opportunities are available, please email**  
**[fiesta@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk](mailto:fiesta@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk)**

**The HoEAG thank you for your support and wish you good luck at the Fiesta.**



## BAS Winter Webinar

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.

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

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	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Sunday	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Affiliate Course - Yorks
Sunday	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Thursday	July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
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. 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.

#### **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

### **North Somerset Show**

Date: 1st May 2023

Venue: North Somerset Show ground BS48 1NE

Judge: Julia Corrigan Stuart

Entries: Open 13 March 2023

Entries Close: 10 April 2023

Entry Fee: £25 in VAT

Max Entry :120 max 6 per exhibitor

Organizer: Garry Naish 07785 116211 : [oakviewalpacas@aol.com](mailto:oakviewalpacas@aol.com)

### **Devon County Show**

Dates: 18,19,20 May 2023

Venue: West Point, Exceter, EX5 1DJ

Judge: Mr Nick Harrington Smith

Entries Open: **28th March**

Entries Close: 10th April

Entry Fee £29

Organisers Chas Brooke and Victoria Lee

[chas@alpaca-uk.co.uk](mailto:chas@alpaca-uk.co.uk)

Victoria Lee - [hello@littleorchardalpacas.com](mailto:hello@littleorchardalpacas.com)

### **Northumberland Championship Halter Show**

Date: 27th May 2023

Venue: Bywell Hall, NE43 7AB

Judge: Mrs Shirley Bettinson

Entries Open: 1 Mar 2023 9am

Entries Close: 28th April 2023 (or when maximum numbers reached).

Entry fee £25 + VAT

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**

Date: 17th & 18th June 2023

Venue: Three Counties Show Ground, WR13 6NW

Judge: Mary- Jo Smith

Entries Open: 24 April

Entries Close: 31 May 2023 (or when maximum numbers reached).

Entry fee £26.40 inc VAT

Organisers: Roger Mount, Jay Holland, Iain Sharp

[snowhillalpacas@btinternet.com](mailto:snowhillalpacas@btinternet.com), [jay@purealpacas.co.uk](mailto:jay@purealpacas.co.uk),

[iain.c.sharp@gmail.com](mailto:iain.c.sharp@gmail.com)

07711044106 – 07789257222 -07722953635

### **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

### **East of England (Fleece) Show organised by EAG**

Dates: 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Limit on entries: 120

Judge: Mr Tim Hey

Venue: Essex Young Farmers Centre

Entries Open: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Entries close: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 or when full

Entry Fee: £18 EAG members: £24 non-members (prices include the BAS Show levy & VAT on the levy). Fees collected by EAG who will invoice

exhibitors direct, [treasurer@easternalpacagroupuk.org](mailto:treasurer@easternalpacagroupuk.org)

Fleece Delivery: Harley Laver, Elmlea, Cold Norton Road, Latchingdon, Essex, CM3 6HP by 9th Aug 2023.

Organiser: Harley Laver - [harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk](mailto:harley@churchfieldalpacas.co.uk) / 07934 463342

### **Westmorland County Halter Show**

Date: 13/09/2023

Judge: Jo Bridge

Entries Open: 03/07/2023

Entries Close: 28/07/2023

Max number of entries - 120

Fee inc VAT TBC

Organisers: Steven & Tracey Ellershaw [lythebrowalpacas@yahoo.com](mailto:lythebrowalpacas@yahoo.com)

### **Somerset County Show - Halter and Fleece**

Date: 16th & 17th September 2023

Venue: Taunton Racecourse TA3 7BL

Judge: Mary- Jo Smith Fleece, Roger Clarke- Halter

Entries Open: 1 July 2023

Entries Close: 19 Aug 2023 (160 Halter places).

Entry fee £26.40 inc VAT

Organiser: Tim Hey [timhey@incaalpaca.co.uk](mailto:timhey@incaalpaca.co.uk) / phone 078755328827

Fleeces delivered to Southern Sands Alpacas, Southport Farm, Highbridge, Somerset, TA9 4H by 27/9/23

### **Stokesley Show**

<https://www.stokesleyshow.co.uk/>

**This is a new show to be hosted by the Yorkshire Alpaca Group. The YAG 2 day Halter Show in Oct will still be taking place and those entering this show as well as Stokesley will receive an incentive (specifics to follow).**

Date: Saturday 23rd September

Venue: Stokesley Agricultural Showground

Judge: Mr Tim Hey

Entries Open: tbc

Entries Close:tbc

Organiser: James Stanger [jameslstanger11@gmail.com](mailto:jameslstanger11@gmail.com) 07757687378

### **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)



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