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National Show

As this Newsletter goes out the final preparations for the BAS National Show in Telford will have been done (I hope), and the event will be about to start.

If you would like to come along you would be most welcome. There will be lots to see:

- The Halter Show will run from 3pm on Friday and 8 am on Saturday and Sunday
- The Champion of Champions Fleece Show fleeces will be on display. Results announced on Friday at about 5.30pm
- The Fibre Zone will be displaying some amazing products
- The Trade stands will be open all weekend
- The World of Alpacas will be open for advice and information all weekend.

The YouTube links for live streaming, catalogues and other show information can all be found on the Show website

[.http://basnationalshow.co.uk/](http://basnationalshow.co.uk/)

After the Dinner on Saturday there will be a Charity Auction for Quechua Benefit (www.quechuabenefit.org). You can place a bid before the auction by email if you like the look of any of the lots.

- Suri Cria from West Wight Alpacas (see note below from Neil Payne)
- Huacaya Cria from Alpaca Evolution
- Set of books by Mike Safley books
- 11 day Oregon getaway including 4 day conference and a 7 day stay at Northwest Alpacas
- Belinda Vicuna Shawl by KUNA
- Betty Cape by KUNA
- Basel Scarf by KUNA
- Set of 4 scarves by KUNA
- Bellinzona Shawl by KUNA

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

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO 07496 578781

Quechua Benefit Auction at the BAS National Show

West Wight Alpacas lot, a Female Suri cria from our 2023 drop

Michelle and I recently met Mike Safley in Graz while helping on the BAS Stand at the World Alpaca Conference. Mike is one of my alpaca heroes and in the early days of keeping alpacas I burnt the midnight oil reading Mike's books and his various scholarly articles on the internet, his story and his friendship with Don Julio Barreda at Accoyo is amazing.

We had the opportunity while in Graz to see the Premier of the film Vicuña Salvation, the untold story of the saving of the Vicuña taking it from almost

extinct in the 1970's with just five thousand known animals to a recovery of up to half a million animals today. The greatest untold conservation story. We also now all have the chance of seeing this magnificent and moving film at the BAS National on Friday Evening.

Michelle and I were inspired by Mike and particularly what he was doing with Quechua Benefit. We have always been inspired by the Quechua people, the modern day relatives of the Inca people Michelle has met on her five trips to Peru. I hope it might be my turn at some point soon.

We both felt we wanted to do something and when an invitation was extended for Mike to come and show his film but Michelle and I are not cash rich currently so we have decided to offer a female suri cria from our 2023 drop to be auctioned on the night of the BAS dinner which is our attempt at giving back to the people that have given us the alpaca and so much joy.

I note the details of our offer below but you should note we are letting you pick our best as Don Julio sent his best when first exporting alpacas and are delighted to be helping Quechua benefit.

West Wight Alpacas are offering a pick from a group of eight female Suri Cria or a pick from any of our Llama cria if you prefer from our 2023 cria drop (we have 25 suri cria and 5 llama cria due). These will be from female alpacas belonging to West Wight Alpacas and within that group will be females from our black stud male Thisteldown Khartoum of North West Suris who was awarded Supreme Champion Suri Fleece at the BAS National show 2022 also cria from our two grey stud males Wellow Silver Rider and Multi Champion Wellow Cool Runnings and further in house males. The only excluded females will be those that are from outside breedings. Female to be picked in October 2023 will be registered as West Wight and then transferred to the winning bidder once they have made their selection. You can take delivery upon weaning or after the National Show 2024 whichever you prefer. This offer is for the purchaser only and not to be sold on to a third party.

Neil Payne



Shearing and Fleece - what you need to know!

A Webinar presented by Scott Harding - "The Alpaca Shearer".

Tuesday, April 18th at 7pm

Open to all in Wales and outside.

Free for SWRAG members and £5 for others

Join us for South Wales Regional Alpaca Group's Inaugural event.

Scott will aim to take the mystery out of:

- How to prepare your animals for shearing
- What to expect on shearing day and how to ensure things run smoothly
- The quality of your fleece and taking fleece samples
- Following shearing, I have all this fleece, what are my options?

To join us for the Webinar or to become a member of SWRAG (£20 per year)

please email admin@swrag.org

Later events planned this year are: a webinar on Alpacas as a business and an in-person vet talk. Also, including other benefits, options around South Wales for assisting and learning about routine husbandry.

For more information call us on 07711 340658



International Suri Workshop

Sunday
30 April 2023

Presented by renowned suri breeder
and judge **Molly Gardner**

Areas covered:

Confirmation and Animal Selection

Feeding

Breeding

Fleece Quality and Preparation

Venue: North West Suri Alpacas, Canonbie
(Scottish Borders)

Cost: £75 per person

*Limited to 20 spaces – to be reserved with Alison Wiseman
(alison.wiseman@googlemail.com)*



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 15th 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: 31st March & items to be received no later than 7th 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, 7th 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

*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 if you can help.



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.

Duncan PULLAR - BAS CEO

EBV Webinar and Clinic

A brief summary of how the EBV programme works and a chance for BAS members to ask questions about the system and there own results.

Date Apr 5, 2023 07:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88240306750>

Meeting ID: 882 4030 6750

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

Saturday	April 1 st	Affiliate Course - Devon
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Sunday	April 2 nd	Affiliate Course - Devon
Wed	April 19 th	Affiliate Course – Herts (shearing/fleece focus)
Sunday	April 30 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	April 30 th	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Sunday	May 21 st	Affiliate Course - Yorks
Sunday	June 4 th	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Thursday	July 27 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	July 30 th	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Sunday	Sept 3 rd	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	Nov 9th	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

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

Devon County Show

Dates: 18,19,20 May 2023

Venue: West Point, Exeter, 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

Victoria Lee - 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 07990 871838

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

snowhillpacas@btinternet.com, jay@purealpacas.co.uk,

iain.c.sharp@gmail.com

07711044106 – 07789257222 -07722953635

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

WSAG Fleece Show -

21/22 July 2023

East of England (Fleece) Show organised by EAG

Dates: 18th & 19th August 2023

Limit on entries: 120

Judge: Mr Tim Hey

Venue: Essex Young Farmers Centre

Entries Open: 26th June 2023

Entries close: 31st 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

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

Organiser: Harley Laver - 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

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 Halter: £36 inc VAT and Fleece: £18 inc VAT

Organiser: Tim Hey timhey@incaalpaca.co.uk / phone 078755328827

Fleeces delivered to Southern Sands Alpacas, Southport Farm, Highbridge, Somerset, TA9 4HA by 27/8/23

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 07757687378

Heart of England Autumn Fleece Show

Judging: Thursday 28th & Friday 27th September 2023

Results: Sunday 1st October 2023

East of England Halter Show

7/8th 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

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



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