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## CEO Notes

### **Happy Easter!**

Happy Easter to all BAS members. Some welcome warmer weather makes Spring seem real. Hopefully you are all enjoying the longer days and the fields are drying up a bit.

### **EBV Webinar**

Around 30 members joined the webinar on EBVs presented by Duncan Pullar.

If you want to see the presentation you can find it here <https://youtu.be/vcmfsvGNLk0>

### **Education - Introduction to Alpaca Assessment**

The first 12 places have been taken but if there is enough demand we can run it again. There will be some face to face events in the summer organised by regional groups,. Details will follow in the next few weeks.

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

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BAS CEO 07496 578781



## BAS work in Europe

BAS has been doing some work this Spring to try and improve the image of British Alpacas in Europe, and it seems to be working.

In early Feb BAS took a stand at the World Expo in Graz, Austria. Many contacts were made and many positive conversations had. Just being there and showing an interest in the European Alpaca community went down very well. BAS had a goody bag ready for visitors.



BAS had anticipated that a common theme would be exports and bTB and with that in mind a leaflet explaining the UK process was prepared and printed in English and German. If anyone want a copy the pdfs are on the BAS website here.

English Language

[https://bas-uk.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/BAS\\_A5-leaflet\\_Jan23.pdf](https://bas-uk.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/BAS_A5-leaflet_Jan23.pdf)

German Language

[https://bas-uk.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/BAS\\_A5-leaflet\\_Jan23\\_German.pdf](https://bas-uk.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/BAS_A5-leaflet_Jan23_German.pdf)

Well done Neil Payne, Michelle Payne, Emma Taylor , Kate Brookes, Elaine Clarke, Tim Hey and others who helped with the effort.

At the Graz Expo an invitation was issued for BAS to attend a Show in Germany at the end of February which Neil and Emma decided was a good idea. The event at Hohenlohe was another success and a reciprocal invitation was given to the Show organisers who did make it to Telford.

To develop relationships more widely across Europe BAS have written to the leading alpaca associations explaining their desire to have a more open conversation about alpaca genetics and (of course) disease control. It will be interesting to see how that develops.



**Castration  
Clinic**

10th  
May

Inc. Vet  
Health Check

**£70+VAT**  
Includes tea/coffee & cake!

## LASTCALL

Don't forget this amazing opportunity for your uncastrated boys and for your wallet!

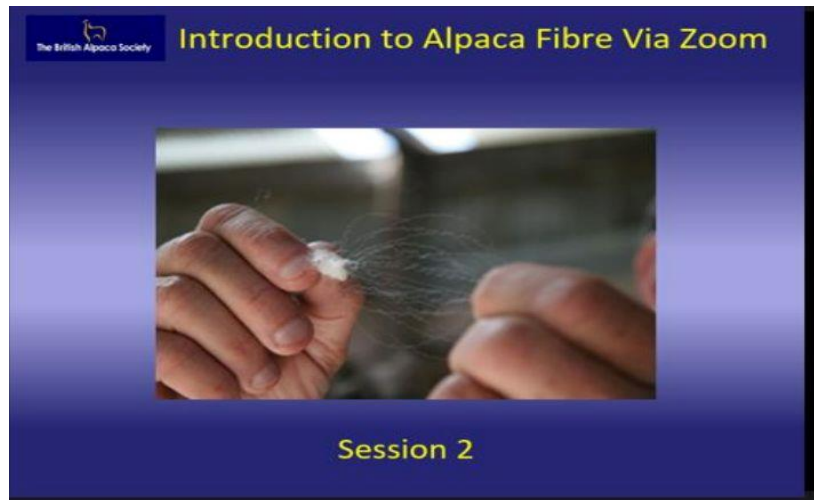
**BOOK BY 10AM MONDAY 10TH APRIL!!!!**

\*\*\*\*\*STOP PRESS\*\*\*\*\* NEXT CASTRATION CLINIC DATE\*\*\*\*\*

We have held several successful Castration Clinics for the benefit of those with smaller numbers of alpacas and having had such positive feedback we are running it again this May. If you have males of an appropriate age to castrate and want to reduce your vet bill this is a great opportunity so make sure to put the new date - **10th May** in your diaries NOW !!!

Your boys will be professionally handled both prior and during the quick painless procedure by our vet. For more information and to book please contact [shirley@alpacaevolution.com](mailto:shirley@alpacaevolution.com)

Just £70 + VAT per alpaca and includes a hot drink and slice of cake while you wait!



**NOW FULL...**  
**but if we get enough we can do a**  
**second one.....**

## **Introduction to Alpaca Assessment - Online**

We have adapted the BAS Introduction to Alpaca Evaluation Course to be delivered in 4 x 90 minutes virtual sessions in 4 consecutive weeks

The course is scheduled for

TBA

If you are interested please email Duncan using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)

You must attend all sessions in full to have completed this course -  
if you can't do that please don't book.

The course tutor will be **Mary Jo Smith**.

Fleece samples will be posted to delegates so that they can see and feel the fleece for some examples (but the majority of fleece work will be done with pictures).

The course will cover:

- Basic conformation including teeth, stature, genitalia, legs, gait and body condition scoring;
- Fleece – Understand primary and secondary fibre development and to recognise the different qualities and traits of fibre including, fineness, density, crimp, uniformity, length, colour, and an introduction to histograms. You will have the opportunity to look at characteristics and discuss the merits of different qualities and styles.

Course handouts will be provided including a glossary of terms.

There will be a maximum of 12 people for the course

Cost: BAS Members £ 40 + VAT Non Members £65 + VAT

This course will only run if there is a minimum of 8 people.

Completing this course on-line will carry the same level of credit as doing it face-to-face when applying for the course that follows this one (Alpaca Evaluation - Intermediate)

Book with Duncan by email using [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com). Places will be filled on a first come first served basis. If demand exceeds one course other dates will be arranged.

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## Subscription Renewal

Membership subscriptions are due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> April. If you have signed a direct debit form these funds will be collected from your account on 1<sup>st</sup> April at the discounted rates of £74 for Single members and £95 for joint members. VAT receipts will be sent out shortly.

If you have not signed a direct debit form you will receive a reminder email from Grassroots.

You can sign up to DD from the landing page in the Online Registry.  
Thank you to everyone who has already paid.

**Please consider moving to direct debit because it will save you money and the society bank charges.**

Payment can be made by cheque, by direct bank transfer or by credit or debit card via PayPal at the full rate of £84 for single or £105 for joint membership.



Thank you everyone for choosing to join.

Make the most of your membership by looking out for:

1. Information and alerts regarding health & welfare
2. Notice of shows
3. Invitations to education & training events
4. Fibre info, training & events
5. Services contact info (not endorsed by BAS)
6. Member offers via My Society
7. Board & Committee news & minutes
8. Access to the registry
9. Access to members side of the website
10. Networking opportunities
11. Support & advice
12. Welfare & Husbandry information
13. Access to the EBV programme
14. Access to BAS Facebook Chat Forum to have your views discussed
15. Information about the drive for alpacas, alpaca farming & fibre in the UK and beyond
16. Management & breeding tools
17. 4 Magazines a year
18. Consultation with Government
19. Welfare advice
20. Access to a re-homing service

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## **2023 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

Wed	April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Affiliate Course – Herts (shearing/fleece focus)
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 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 2023

### **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**

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Halter: £36 inc VAT and Fleece: £18 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 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: 3rd July 2023

Entries Close: 13th Aug 2023

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



Judge: Cathy Lloyd

Opening Date 04/09/23

Closing Date 16/10/23

Max number of entries 175

### **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)

