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CEO Notes

New benefits for existing and new BAS members

To encourage new members the board decided that half-price membership will be offered to new members joining after 1st April this year. Members who lapsed over a year ago, will qualify for the half-price membership in 2024.

The Board have also agreed to support regional group membership for new members. Each new BAS member will be given one year of free membership for the regional group that covers the address where they live.

All existing and new members will be entitled to 20 free registration of females or notification of males (this does not include the full registration of stud males) for the two years from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2026. The board hopes this will encourage members to register all the alpacas they breed, and encourage new or lapsed members to get their herd registration up to date. NB, Listing of non-breeding males destined for castration remain free of charge, and are not included in the 20 animal allocation.

BAS webinar

Vet Andrea Turner will be giving a Webinar on 28 Feb on First Aid for Cria. Full details and link below.

Why I Keep Alpacas - new Facebook feature

We are starting a feature on the BAS Facebook page called "Why I Keep Alpacas".

Every week we want to feature an alpaca owner with a biography of how you came to keep alpacas, why you keep them and what you enjoy about them.

Remember it is your story and whether you keep a few pets, a breeding herd, fibre animals, you go to shows or run some sort of diversification business , we want to hear from you.

Please send your stories and pictures by email to Duncan ceo@bas-uk.com or what's app to Sue on 07930578083.

We will try and publish every story, feel free to include your herd name and location, if you want to include details of breeders you have bought from then please just use their Christian name rather than herd name.

Duncan Pullar

BAS CEO 07496 578781



RCVS looking for student placements

RCVS News: Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons calls on animal-based workplaces to help support student veterinary surgeons

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), the regulatory body for UK veterinary surgeons, is calling upon owners of animal-based workplaces such as farms, livery yards, animal shelters and charities, to consider taking on current veterinary students for short placements to support them in their journeys to becoming fully-fledged vets.

An important aspect of all veterinary degree programmes is that all vet students must undertake workplace-based placements to prepare them for the practical side of work in the form of extra-mural studies (EMS). In the early years of the veterinary degree - usually students in their first or second year of study – this is focused upon gaining experience undertaking animal husbandry duties to get student vets used to handling and caring for animals in a variety of settings.

This can be anything from working on a farm supporting with the milking of cattle, lending a helping hand in lambing season, working in a livery yard, or supporting an animal shelter or charity.

With the number of vet students steadily increasing, the RCVS are keen to increase the number of EMS placements available to students in order to meet this rise in demand and ensure there are a sufficient range of placement types to choose from. Dr Linda Prescott-Clements, RCVS Director of Education, said: “While increasing the number of available animal husbandry EMS (AHEMS) placements available to students will be invaluable for the students themselves, there are also benefits to the establishments willing to provide these opportunities.

“In return for providing a supportive and positive learning environment, EMS providers often appreciate having passionate and knowledgeable students working alongside them who care deeply about animal health and welfare.

“Additionally, establishments who offer EMS placements will be helping to support the vital development of our country’s future vets. It’s a mutually beneficial experience for all involved.”

Anybody wishing to learn more about becoming an AHEMS provider should email ems@rcvs.org.uk.

Heart of England Training
- Preparing for Shows and Exhibiting

Alpaca



New to alpacas and considering entering a halter show, but nervous about what to expect?

OR

Want to improve your handling skills in the show ring and find out what the Judge is primarily looking for at a halter show?"

Then the Heart of England Alpaca Group can help you!

Former **BAS Judge and Trainer Liz Barlow** is running a workshop on....

Preparing for Shows and Exhibiting Your Alpacas – Show ring Etiquette, Procedures, and Insights

VENUE: CS Alpacas, Wotton Underwood,
Buckinghamshire HP18 0RL

DATE: Saturday, 2nd March 2024

9.45 for a 10am start, to finish around 3.30 pm

COST: HOEAG Members - £10 each
(incl. light lunch) Non-Members - £15 each



This is an interactive and practical course, designed for those new or relatively new to showing or those who simply want to learn more.

The current BAS show rules can be found at

<https://bas-uk.com/wpcontent/uploads/2023/08/BAS-SHOW-RULES-19th-edition-2023.pdf>

There is NO need to read the show rules before the Workshop, but it could be useful to have a look through before your next show.

Email: admin@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk to reserve your place.

Numbers are limited so please book soon to avoid disappointment!



BAS National Show 2024



Show Dates: Friday 22nd March to Sunday 24th March

The show is fast approaching! A few updates in advance of next week's Show Newsletter:

Halter Show

The **running order for classes** in the Halter Show have been published and you can find them on the National Show website by following this [link](#)

In addition to the **Junior Handler classes and Masterclasses**, this year the show includes a new **Youth Training** activity for younger alpaca enthusiasts - it's a chance to spend time with experienced alpaca breeders & judges, Tim Hey and Julia Corrigan-Stuart, doing some hands on learning about huacaya and suri breeding respectively. Check out all the activities for young people [here](#)

Stud Auction

This year's fabulous stud auction has just commenced its final week. Check out these great choices and find out all the details on the [Stud Auction page](#)



Farm: [Beck Brow Alpacas](#)
Stud Male: Beck Brow Moves Like Jagger
Registration: [UKBAS43154](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Solid White
Auction:
Starts Mon 19th Feb 2024
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Inca Alpaca](#)
Stud Male: Inca No Strings
Registration: [UKBAS40608](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Solid Black
Auction:
Starts Mon 19th Feb 2024
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Ballymac Alpaca](#)
Stud Male: Bozedown Trailblazer
Registration: [UKBAS44100](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Solid Light Fawn
Auction:
Starts Mon 19th Feb 2024
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Velvet Hall Alpacas](#)
Stud Male: Velvet Hall Finisterre
Registration: [UKBAS36005](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Medium Grey
Auction:
Starts Mon 19th Feb 2024
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Artwork Alpacas](#)
Stud Male: Artwork Jack The Lad
Registration: [UKBAS40095](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Solid Mid Fawn
Auction:
Starts Mon 19th Feb 2024
[Full Details](#)



Farm: Winsaula Alpacas
Stud Male: Thistledown Oscuro
Registration: [UKBAS39318](#)
Type: Suri
Colour: Solid True Black
Auction:
Starts Mon 19th Feb 2024
[Full Details](#)



Farm: Limestone/Chinchero Alpacas
Stud Male: Softfoot Koo Wee Rup
Registration: [UKBAS31233](#)
Type: Huacaya
Colour: Solid Med Brown
Auction:
Starts Mon 19th Feb 2024
[Full Details](#)



Farm: [Dark Sky Alpacas](#)
Stud Male: Surico Bolero of Dark Sky
Registration: [UKBAS31658](#)
Type: Suri
Colour: Solid Light Fawn
Auction:
Starts Mon 19th Feb 2024
[Full Details](#)

Sponsorship

There are just a couple of sponsorship packages left for the Show - at the time of writing they are Grey Suri and Modern Grey Suri Sashes. If you'd like to snap up one of the last opportunities, please visit the [show website here.](#)

Thank you to all our sponsors so far - your support is a big part of making the show what it is!

and finally....

Would you like to help with the Show?



Last year's show ran smoothly with our small but perfectly formed 'crack team' of volunteers, and we are looking for people to help us this year. If you haven't helped before, this is a great opportunity to meet alpaca people from all over the UK, make friends, and see some of the inner workings of the show – there's a lot that goes into this, but it's the team behind the scenes that really makes it work!

As per previous years, we'll make sure there are plenty of snacks and drinks on hand to keep everybody energised (healthy.... and unhealthy).

At the moment we are pulling together a list of **'who' and 'which days' you can help (and any restrictions)** and then we'll quickly work through and divvy up all the jobs/timings, put together a sensible rota to share. As a reminder, the show dates this year are **22/23/24 March** at Telford International Center.

There's plenty of jobs to be done, from checking in to collection stewarding etc. but on a practical note the more people we can draft in to help, the easier it gets for everyone and the more fun we can make it – which is important too!

If you can spare a few hours at the show and have not been in touch about this years show already, please get in touch with Iain Sharp -

07722953635 - iain.c.sharp@gmail.com or Liz Barlow – Liz@livanti.com –
07976 671701



The Scottish Alpaca Championships

The Scottish Alpaca Championships will be held on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th April 2024 at Lanark Agricultural Centre, Muirglen, Hyndford Rd, Lanark ML11 9AX.

We are delighted that Mr. Tim Hey has accepted our invitation to judge this year's show.

Entries open on Monday 19th February for numbered entries, and closes on Sunday 10th March. Named entries open on Monday 18th March and closes on Tuesday 26th March. The maximum show entries are 250 and we will close once we have reached the limit.

As in previous years we will be live streaming the show and delighted to announce that the BBC Landward team will also be filming the show.

Arrivals can commence on Friday 26th from 15:00 through to 19:00 and the morning of Saturday 27th from 07:00 to 08:00.

After the success from last years show we will be holding a fibre zone competition, and anyone wishing to enter the completion can do so on the day, or contact Elaine Loydall for an application form. elaineloydall@yahoo.com

Finally, as part of the fibre zone we will be holding a weaving experience, where exhibitors and members of the public can get some hands-on experience of weaving.

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.

BAS Webinar by Vet Andrea Turner

1st aid for Crias

In this webinar, vet Andrea Turner will be discussing what owners and breeders can do to maximise the health and success of their crias in the event of an emergency or sickness, both at the time of birth and beyond. The webinar will cover troubleshooting for neonatal crias as well as what you can do to give a sick cria the best chance before you call the vet, or while you await their arrival.

Andrea Turner Vet MB Dip ECBHM MRCVS

Lead clinician

Langford Farm Animal Practice

Langford Vets

Time: Feb 28, 2024 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82653746697>

Full listing of all affiliate courses available using the link below.(next 3 months shown here)

[Education – The British Alpaca Society \(bas-uk.com\)](http://www.bas-uk.com)

BAS Affiliate courses

BAS Approved

Fri	1st Mar	Affiliate Course- Herts Modules 1, 2 & 3 https://www.yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-events/courses-workshops
Sat	2 nd Mar	Affiliate Course- Shrops Modules 1, 2 & 3 www.clivewoodfarm.co.uk
Sat	9 th Mar	Affiliate Course- Herts Modules 5 & 6 https://www.yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-events/courses-workshops
Sat	9 th Mar	Affiliate Course- North Somerset Modules 1-3 https://booking.bookinghound.com/fe/booking?og=43ad7082-5cec-4abe-8742-1aed3926c302
Sat	16 th Mar	Affiliate Course- Herts Modules 4, 7 & 6 https://www.yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-events/courses-workshops
Sat	23 rd Mar	Affiliate Course- Shrops Modules 4 to 9 www.clivewoodfarm.co.uk
Sat	6 th Apl	Affiliate Course- South Wales Carmathenshire Modules 1-3 https://fancythatalpacas.com/events-education/
Sat	6 th Apr	Affiliate Course – Devon Modules 1-3 www.mullacottalpacas.com
Sun	7 th Apr	Affiliate Course – Devon Modules 7&8 www.mullacottalpacas.com
Sat	27 th Apr	Affiliate Course- North Somerset Modules 5-8 https://booking.bookinghound.com/fe/booking?og=43ad7082-5cec-4abe-8742-1aed3926c302

Sun	28 th April	Affiliate Course – South Wales, Monmouthshire Modules 1-3 Contact Us uskvalleyalpacas.co.uk
Sat	11 th May	Affiliate Course- South Wales Carmathenshire Modules 4-8 https://fancythatalpacas.com/events-education/
Sun	9 th June	Affiliate Course – South Wales, Monmouthshire Modules 4-8 Contact Us uskvalleyalpacas.co.uk

Full details including description of module content:

[Education – The British Alpaca Society \(bas-uk.com\)](http://bas-uk.com)

If you would like your BAS, Educational or Regional group **event** included in this section (not shows) please send details to Duncan.

Show Diary



Champions and Judges from National Show 2023

Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

Full [Shows information 2024 – The British Alpaca Society \(bas-uk.com\)](https://www.bas-uk.com/shows-information-2024)

2024

BAS National Show 2024

Dates: 22nd, 23rd, 24th March 2024

Venue: Telford International Centre

Judges: Mary Jo Smith and Shane Carey

NWAG Alpaca Championships

Date: Sat 6th April 2024

Entries Open: 12th Feb

Entries Close: 26th Feb

Max 175

Fee £22 + VAT

Venue: Borderway Mart, Carlisle, Cumbria.

Judge: Roger Clarke

Heart of England Spring Alpaca Fiesta

Dates: Friday 12th, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April 2024

Venue: Bury Farm Equestrian Centre

Judge: Mrs. Julia Corrigan-Stuart

Entries for numbers open: Monday 12th February

Entries for numbers close: Sunday 3rd March

Named entries open: Monday 11th March

Named entries close: Monday 25th March

Contact: fiesta@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk

South of England Spring Live Alpaca Halter Show

Dates: 20th and 21st April 2024

Entries will open for named entries on Saturday 10th of February at 09:00am

and close on Sunday 10th March at midnight night or when maximum numbers have been reached.

Venue: South of England Showground, RH17 6TL

Judge: Mr Rob Bettinson

Ring Steward: Mr Paul Wills

Organisers: Tony and Hilary Monkcom, hilary@pinnaclealpacas.com

26th and 27th April 2025

SCOTTISH ALPACA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates: 27th and 28th April 2024

Venue: Lanark Ag Centre, ML11 9AX

Judge: Tim Hey

Open for Pre Booked Places : 9am Monday 19th Feb

Close for Pre booked Places : midnight Sun 10th March (or when the max of 230 is reached)

Only people who have paid will be able to enter their animals.

Open for allocation of animals : 9am Monday 18th March

Close for allocation of animals : midnight Tuesday 26th March

North Somerset Halter how

Dates: 6th May 2024

Venue: North Somerset Showground, BS48 1NE

Judge: Mr. Nick Harrington-Smith

Max entries: 6 per exhibitor

Max total entries: 120

Entries open: 25th March 2024

Entries close: 15th April 2024 or when maximum entries reached.

Entry fee £30 Inc vat.

Devon County Show

Dates: 16th, 17th and 18th May 2024

Venue: West Point, Clyst St Mary, EX5 1DJ

Judge: Tim Hey

Northumberland Championship Halter Show

Dates: 25th May 2024

Venue: Bywell, near Stocksfield, Northumberland NE43 7AB

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Entry Fee: £25 +VAT

Cornwall Fleece Show

Dates: 20th July 2024

Venue: Carn Tremayne Farm, Praze, Cornwall, TR14 9PG

Judge: Mrs Julia Corrigan-Stuart

Organiser: Sandra Muriel

East of England Alpaca Fleece Show organised by EAG

Dates: 16-18 August 2024

Venue: Essex Young Farmers, Chatham Green, Chelmsford, Essex CM3

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Judge: TBC

Organiser: Harley Laver

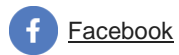
East of England Alpaca Halter Show organised by EAG

Dates: 13th October 2024

Venue: Beechwood Equestrian Centre, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford
CM3 8DY

Judge: TBC

Organiser: Harley Laver



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