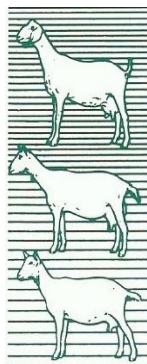


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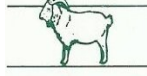
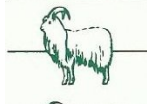
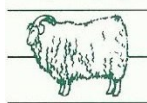
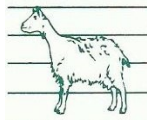
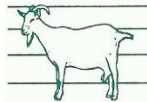
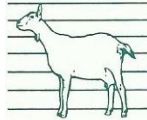
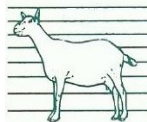
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NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new members who are:

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Mr & Mrs Munsey, Somerset;	Miss Charlton, Perthshire;
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Please make use of them!

Ros Earthy

SHOW UPDATES

Kernow

Correction to kidding date and therefore time points.

Goats Name	Reg. No.	Yield	Fat% am	Fat% pm	Prot% am	Prot% pm	Mths	Pts
Ardross Zilvana *2	BS042758D	4.80	3.18	3.08	2.57	2.51	2.8	18.84

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dear Members,

The BGS Office will be closed from 3rd September—25th September. I will deal with as many shows, registrations and transfers as is possible beforehand.

Show results are being received at the office in good numbers. Can I request for all back to back shows that two (2) marked catalogues are sent to the office. Please do not use the same catalogue and mark the 1st day down the left hand side and the 2nd down the right hand side of a page. Your help with this would be appreciated.

Do be aware that kids born early in the year may be approaching six months of age and if you intend to register them, that at over six months the price doubles.

For members that have internet access and use Grassroots to register or transfer goats, this is also a time to update your herd and record any deaths that may have occurred.

There are two Autumn Conferences coming up this year, the first, detailed on the next page, will be hosted by The Northumbrian Dairy Goat Society at County Hall, Durham. The second will be hosted by the Nottinghamshire Goat Club and held in November. Full details next month.

Michael Ackroyd is again Editor of the BGS Year Book and is asking for your articles and adverts for the 2015 edition. The 2014 was the “best ever” so please help to make the 2015 edition even better. Details of how to contact Michael appear in this Monthly Journal.

If you would like to contribute a “Herd Diary” to the Monthly Journal, please contact the BGS office.

Best Wishes
Jane

BGS AUTUMN CONFERENCE

Hosted by
 The Northumbrian Dairy Goat Society
 on
 SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER 2014
 at
 County Hall, Durham City DH1 5UL
 from
 1030 hrs until 1300 hrs

AGENDA

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| 10.30am | Arrival Tea/coffee & Biscuits |
| 11.00am | Richard Bevan – Researching the Wild Goats of the Cheviot |
| 11.45am | Entrepreneurs Paul and Debbie Rippon of Barnacre Goats and Alpacas |
| 12.30pm | Buffet lunch, followed by raffle draw |
| 1.30pm | Tom and Tricia Wallis of award winning Lowna Dairy |
| 2.15pm | BGS Question Time |
| 3.00pm | Tea/Coffee, biscuits and depart |

The cost for the day, including tea/coffee & lunch will be £15 per person.
 Cost without lunch £5 per person.

Cheques made payable to the Northumbrian Dairy Goat Society

Please send by 30th September 2014 to:

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For a location map of Durham County Hall see:

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Please do not hesitate to contact me for any technical specifications.

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The BGS office is situated within ear-shot of the Otterburn military training ranges. Indeed the office itself is situated in the extensive military “dry training area” (no live rounds!). Occasionally soldiers on exercise knock on the door and ask for directions, water or refuge from overhead spotter planes and helicopters. Army convoys can turn up any time of the day or night. One year even Prince Harry drove past in a tank before calling in at the local Co-op shop in Bellingham! So we are constantly reminded of the role the British military and their NATO partners play in defending our values and freedoms.

So it was a privilege on Sunday 3rd August to attend a Drumhead service to



commemorate the outbreak of the First World War at the World War One train-



World War 1 training trenches, Otterburn

ing trenches high up on the moors. A Drumhead service is a tradition going back centuries when soldiers in the field, without recourse to their chapels or churches on the Sabbath would lay their drums neatly, consecrate them by laying their standards on them and use them as an improvised altar.

More than 100 members of local communities attended together with over 40 members of the Army Cadet Force from Newcastle. The short but moving service was led by former chaplain to the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, the Reverend Michael Bryce.

One of the pleasures of walking on the Otterburn Ranges is to catch a glimpse of the wild Cheviot Goats that browse there. One year two billy goats turned up at Gibshiel for a few days but departed after they browsed our spinney and finally realised our female goats were not showing them the same interest! Goats played

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an important role in the First World War – mascots and pets as well as of course providing butter, cheese, yoghurt, milk and meat. The brave, kind and loyal nature of goats was an inspiration to some and a comfort to others. This is not better illustrated than by the example of Taffy IV, the Regimental Goat of the Second Battalion, The Welch Regiment.

Taffy IV, drawn from the Royal herd, was presented to the Battalion by Kind



Taffy IV, the Regimental Goat of the Second Battalion, The Welch Regiment

Edward VII in 1906. He arrived with a draft from the Battalion in Quetta (part of what is now Pakistan) on 28th February 1906 and was on parade on the 12th March for the visit to Quetta by the Prince and Princess of Wales. Taffy IV accompanied the Battalion on its tour of duty in South Africa from October 1906 to 1910.

In August 1914 this most famous of the 2nd Battalion Goats accompanied the Battalion to War, marching at its head through Southampton Docks to embark for Le Havre on August 12th. The goat, already well known to the public due to its appearances at the Caernafon Investiture of 1911 and public duty in London in 1912, was present during the epic Retreat from Mons, and, like the Battalion, drew impressive comment from one American War Correspondent for the “parade ground” style of marching presented at the end of the long withdrawal. His name was Frederick Coleman, and in his book “from Mons to Ypres with French” published later he had this to say.

“Our field guns opened up with increasing frequency in positions to the right and left. The Welch Regiment and Gloucesters passed, the former accompanied by its handsome white goat. Stout chaps, the infantrymen, bearded like the pard, except for sundry hairless youths. Their firm step in the muddy road as they swung along at a good four miles an hour was evidence of their fitness and the spirit that was in them. A short mile away, many of them were to

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meet their death. They were not going towards it carelessly or thoughtlessly but were pressing forward with the eagerness of splendid fighting stock when the Battle is within sight and hearing. A heavier roll of rifle fire, or an increase in the staccato of the rapid fire guns seemed a signal for the quickening of their step. I never saw finer soldiers!''.

That extract refers to the opening stages of the Battle of the Aisne. The goat, by then at least eight years of age, went on with the Battalion into the first great Battle of Ypres and Gheluvelde and later Festubert and Givenchy. Worn out by age, the campaign and the winter climate, the goat died on January 15th 2015 and was buried on the canal bank at Bethune. A cross was erected over his grave by Men of the Battalion Transport. In 1918 the grave was still identifiable to Officers and Men of the 2nd Welch and other Battalions of the Regiment serving in that sector. He was posthumously awarded the 1914-15 Star Medal, the

British War Medal and the Victory Medal. (from left to right above). His horns, metal head plate and medals are preserved in the Cardiff Museum of the Regiment.



We shall remember them

The author thanks the Curator of the Regimental Museum of the Royal Welsh, Bill Cainan, for his help with the research and for permission to reproduce material from the Museum archives.

Roger Wilson

DUTCH NUBIAN SHOW



Above: Adult males ResChampion Elvis van de Wilgenhoeve (left) & Champion Elite's Maybach (right)

*Below: Male Champion Kid ResChampion Black Thunder van Ljsselstee (left) & the Champion is called
Champion van Oudwoude
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Dutch Nubian Show

*Above: Choisy van Oudwoude as a 1 year old milker dam of the UK Imported Chaviva.
Below: Champion and Reserve Champion Female Kid Isa Bella van Oudwoude and Cheryl van Oudwoude.
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ROYAL WELSH SHOW

In 1977 we bred our first kid and took her along to a kid party, Graham Godfrey was judging the kids and Davgill Anna got 1st, this gave us the bug to start attending proper shows. Graham became a close friend and our children, then aged 3, 5 and 7 yrs were very fond of Graham, he helped us with advice on stud males and encouraged the children with their interest in the goats, even letting them handle his kid in some shows.



I knew as children they were very close to Graham and then when they were making their wedding guests lists as adults, Graham was written at the top with close relatives. However it was at

this year's Royal Welsh Show that the extent of their regard was seen. My eldest son had injured his back and was in severe pain; the idea of sleeping in a tent on a lilo was not very attractive but he came because he wanted to see Graham, my daughter had had a pretty horrific week but on the Thursday she drove up to the show, again purely to say Hi to Graham.

Two of my grandsons, aged 7 and 9 yrs were at this year's Royal Welsh Show, helping out as 'trainee stewards'. They were a bit down as there were no jobs for them when the judging started, Graham noticed this and told them he needed some help. They were to sit near the table and when he finished judging each class they were to take the rosettes to him and give them out when he said. This they did and were thrilled; now there is another generation of Graham fans.

I don't think you can beat goat people for their kindness and patience with new exhibitors and youngsters; the boys and our two granddaughters were allowed to go on the trailer in the parade and Theresa Ogborn very patiently gave them milking instruction on all four of her goats.

Hopefully they will be goatkeepers of the future.

Gill and Dave Wharmby

RED DEER CALVES AND GOAT'S MILK

These two red deer calves were rescued. One was found stuck down a pothole by a gamekeeper and the other was from a deer farm where the mother was first time calving and rejected it completely.



With advice from the deer farm I started them on lamb-lac but they both got terrible diarrhoea but as soon as they went on six feeds a day of 300mls goats milk they have not looked back. Both are very tame and are now out in a lovely sheltered field in front of our house.

Gordon Webster

*El Merial Jones daughter of Shann Jones
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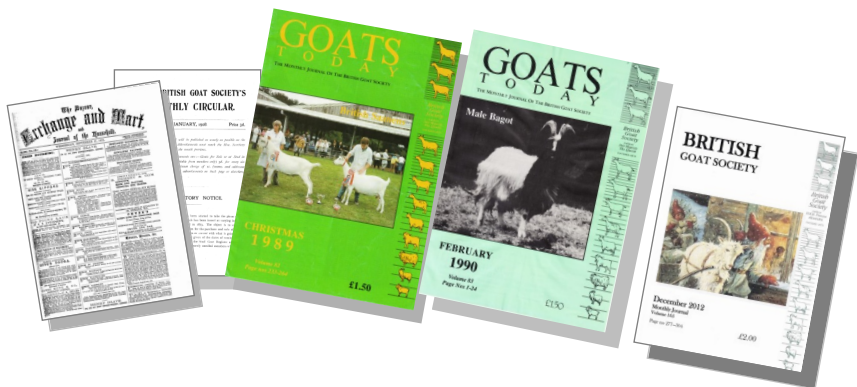
The Circulars and Journals from 1908 until 2012, are available on two discs, including some historical and interesting copy from the Bazaar, Exchange & Mart from 1873 to 1908, held by the British Library. The 'Origin and Early History of the British Goat Society' by Holmes Pegler is included, taken from the 1922 Year Book, as this is invaluable to the understanding of the formation of the BGS.

An Index of over 8,000 photos in the Year Books, English Goat Society Albums, and Circulars and Journals is also included on disc 2.

We are very grateful to Ruth Candy, Nick Parr, Christine Ball, Margaret Hardman and Mary & Mike Thomasson for allowing their copies to be scanned for the BGS.

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Back to Back Shows

Over the last few years several goat clubs have developed the practice of holding “back to back shows”. One venue and set of penning can be used for 2 shows held on consecutive days.

The usual procedure adopted is for there to be 2 milking competitions, one on each day. The drawback to this is that goats entered in both milking competitions may not leave the showground until after the milking has been completed on the second milking of the second milking competition.

The regulations require that each milking competition must:

1. be held within 24 hours,
2. be based on 2 milkings, one in the morning and one in the afternoon,
3. with an interval of not less than 10 hours, the second milking being completed not more than 24 hours after the competing animals have been stripped dry.

There is however no requirement that the first milking take place in the morning. Therefore on the first show day the morning and evening milkings can be used for the competition. For the second show the evening and morning milkings can be used **providing** that the 10 hour minimum interval and 24 hour total times are strictly adhered to.

An example of how this might work on a back to back weekend show is as follows:

1. Friday afternoon, goats arrive and stripped out by 7 p.m. for the first show.
2. Saturday morning, goats milked and milk weighed and sampled for the first milking competition. Milking to be completed by 9 a.m.
3. Saturday morning, goats stripped out by 9 a.m. for the second show.
4. Saturday evening, goats milked and milk weighed and sampled for the first milking competition. Milking to be completed by 7 p.m.
5. Saturday evening, milk weights used and second sample taken for the second milking competition.
6. Sunday morning, goats milked and milk weighed and samples taken for the second milking competition. Milking to be completed by 9 a.m.
7. Sunday afternoon, goats may leave the showground when judging has been completed.

The committee has considered this issue and the possibilities of allowing the second day of showing to end earlier, thus allowing exhibitors to leave a little earlier and have a more comfortable – and safer – journey home.

Nick Parr

PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGE

Proposed amendment to BGS Rules and Regulations

The proposal will be voted upon at the November 15th Committee meeting
The regulation change is proposed by Mrs M Hardman and seconded by Mr C Newton.

Addition to Regulation 21 Distinguishing Signs and Awards

- (11) BRITISH GOAT OF MERIT. A male or female goat who meets the criteria detailed in (a) and (b) below will be eligible for a British Goat of Merit Award. This award will automatically be credited once the goat has obtained the necessary Certificates of Merit and the goat's name will appear in the next available Herd Book and Year Book. The goat will not be entitled to any form of pre or suffix. A certificate will be issued to commemorate each award. This award will be available to goats exhibited at BGS Recognised Shows after 1 January 2015.
- (a) A male goat who has won four Certificates of Merit under three different Judges. He must also have sired a daughter who has qualified for one of the following awards defined in Regulation 21:
- (i) Star (*), Q Star (Q*).
 - (ii) R, RM, AR.
- (b) A female goat who has won five Certificates of Merit under three different Judges and she must have gained not less than sixteen points in the Milking Competition at the same Shows and has also qualified for a Star or Q Star (see Regulation 21(1)(a) and (b)).

Amendment to Regulation 22(a) (4)

Remove final line of above Regulation which reads: 'A Certificate of Merit is not a cumulative award and a goat is not entitled to any form of pre or suffix based on this award.'

LONDON EVENING NEWS 1921

Published in London in 1921, *The Best 500 Cockney World War I Stories* comprised, in the words of its newspaper publisher (*The London Evening News*) "a remembering and retelling of those war days when laughter sometimes saved men's reason".



Got His Goat!

We, a Field Company of the Royal Engineers in France, were on the move to a new sector, and amongst our "properties" was a mobile "dairy" - a goat.

"Nanny" travelled on top of a trestle-wagon containing bridging gear, with a short rope attached to her collar to confine her activities.

But a "pot-hole" in the narrow road supplied a lurch that dislodged her, with the result that she slid overboard, and the shortness of the rope prevented her from reaching the ground.

The driver of the wagon behind saw her predicament, and, dismounting, ran to her assistance, shouting for the column to halt. Then he took Nanny in his arms to relieve the weight on her neck, whilst others clambered aboard and released the rope. Nanny was then put on her legs while her rescuer stood immediately in front, watching her recover.

This she speedily did, and, raising her head for a moment, apparently discerned the cause of her discomfiture peering at her. At any rate, lowering her head, she sprang and caught Bermondsey Bill amidships, sending him backwards into a slimy ditch at the side of the road.

As he lay there amidst the undergrowth he yelled, "Strike me pink, Nanny! You'll hang next time."

E. Martin, Putney,

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Goats and the War

In these disturbed days with war everywhere in the air, and the journals teeming with accounts of battles, we cannot well issue our monthly circular without some reference to the subject, especially as it happens that even goats are affected by the course of events. After waiting for years in the expectation of obtaining the longed for facilities from the Board of Agriculture, a gleam of hope seemed forthcoming in the announcement as made in the last circular, that Mr Runciman the late President, would receive a deputation to hear the views and requirements of the Society on the need for importing fresh goats. The first Declaration of War, however, so entirely engrossed the attention of the Cabinet, that all such matters had to be placed on one side, and the interview was at first postponed for a week and subsequently abandoned. Those of our readers who may have noticed in another journal, a statement that the interview actually took place must please put this down to over zealotry on the part of the Editor of that paper, who, in his anxiety not to be behind with his news, was on this occasion a little "too previous".

Shows and the War

Goats and goat-breeders are further affected by the war, in the matter of shows. The Derby Show would have been an exceedingly good one had all the goats entered been sent to the show yard, but some breeders took fright at the disturbed state of the traffic on the railways, and the fact that the railway companies in some cases would not guarantee delivery of goats, and, preferring not to run any risks, kept their animals at home. The exhibits that were sent however, came as usual without any trouble or delay, and were so returned, the railway traffic having resumed its normal state by Monday 17th August. Other shows, however, have been cancelled, viz: the Southminster and Lancaster shows announced for September 2nd. The Dairy Show (as at present arranged) will be held as announced. The editor of *the Bazaar* announces that during the war Wednesday's issue will be suspended and the Friday issue will be published on Thursdays. "Notes" and other goat matter will be found in future in this issue. The report of the Derby Show will probably appear in next Thursday's issue.

BGS Website

Following Graham Godfrey's resignation from the committee earlier this year, I took over as interim web site manager then at the committee meeting following the AGM, I was confirmed as the web site manager. I, along with other members of the small sub group set up to take forward the web site upgrade, held a teleconference with the upgrade provider when various stages of the process were discussed; we have fed back our suggestions and ideas regarding how we would like the home page to look and have advised we would like, if possible, to incorporate the BGS logo of goat silhouettes which appears on the monthly journal front cover replicated throughout the site. We were asked for and have provided six main home page 'headers' and we are now at the stage of reaching agreement about what should be included in the drop down menus under each of these headers. Two draft home pages have been supplied for us to consider, however, we are not entirely happy with either of them and further discussion will be required in an attempt to achieve a more striking, eye-catching effect. Several web site suggestions have been put forward by members and whenever possible, these will be incorporated – if any member has anything they would like to see on the web site, please let me know and if feasible we will do our best to accommodate.

Agnes Aitken

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