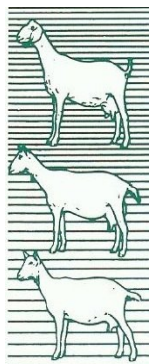


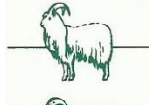
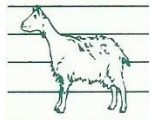
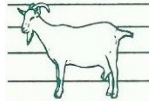
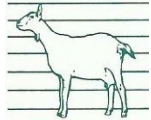
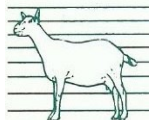
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 The Northumbrian Dairy Goat Society
 on
 SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER 2014
 at
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 from
 1030 hrs until 1500 hrs

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 |

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NEW MEMBERS

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

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 Mr Pettifar, Cambridgeshire;
 Mr Puddy, Carmarthenshire;
 Ms Reginiano, Perthshire;
 Mrs Ashworth, West Yorkshire;
 Mrs & Mr Martin, Suffolk;

Mrs Jackson, Yorkshire;
 Mrs Banbury, Cornwall;
 Stanley High School, Lancashire;
 Mr Untereiner, France;

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dear Members,

This Monthly Journal contains details of two Autumn Conferences, the 2015 Year Book and the 2015 Calendar. These are all for you to enjoy, so please participate.

I look forward to seeing you at these conferences. Full details of the Nottinghamshire Goat Club conference will appear in the next Journal. Please put these dates in your diary. In the meantime further details can be obtained from Vicki Hardy

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Best Wishes
 Jane

2015 Year Book

We are now preparing and booking advertising and photographic space for the 2015 Year Book of the British Goat Society.

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I am also pleased to accept articles of interest for consideration for publication.

Contact the editor for details ASAP.

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2015 BGS CALENDAR**SPONSORSHIP WANTED FROM MEMBERS**

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who sponsored a page on the 2014 BGS calendar. The plan is to produce another in 2015.

To sponsor a page/month on the calendar, please get in touch with Vicki Hardy
Email: kinmeaherd@btinternet.com
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You will need to provide a good quality photo, which can be emailed, plus your herd details and sent to Vicki by Friday 3rd October. Some page/months have already been booked, so please do get in touch soon.
The cost is £30 per page/month to BGS members.

Vicki Hardy

AUTUMN CONFERENCE

BGS Autumn Conference
Hosted by Nottinghamshire Goat Club
Saturday 1st November

Ashfield School, Sutton Rd, Kirby In Ashfield, Nottinghamshire NG17 8HR

Speakers will include veterinarian from the Goat Veterinary Society

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GOATS IN NEPAL

Nepal is a country wedged between India and China and is often associated with the Himalayas and Mount Everest. It has a significant goat population and these are virtually all kept for meat production. In fact goat meat together with chicken constitutes the vast majority of meat eaten, as it is a predominately Hindu country, where cows are sacred. Nepal has four types of native goat and these are distributed according to the geography of the country, as it is not all mountains.

There are two distinct breeds of goat in the high Himalayas in the north. The Chyngra are raised under a migratory system, where the goats graze the high pasture in the summer and then come down to the lower regions of the Himalayas during the winter. They have a

long coat, but underneath this they have good quality Cashmere or Pashmina.

The picture (below) shows me treating a fracture in a Himalayan goat and a group of these goats (front cover)

The other mountain breed is the Sinhal, which is the largest native breed. These are kept on the southern facing slopes. As might be expected with animals adapted to these harsh conditions they are late maturing.

About 50% of Nepal's goats are Khari from the hill region which is south of the Himalayas. These are capable of kidding about 16 months old and can kid every 9 months. They are quite variable with a different type in the west of the country from that in the east, with the middle



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region having an intermediate type.

About 9% of Nepal's goats are Terai goats. The Terai is the region in the south of the country which is an extension of the Indian plain. The goats are derived from the Indian Jamunapari breed, which as it is also the principal ancestor of Anglo-Nubian goats, would explain why Terai goats look like small Anglo-Nubian goats. They have similar prolificacy to the Khari goats.

As a vet, I have undertaken voluntary work in India on four different occasions and in May 2014 I was able to visit Nepal and see some of the livestock projects in the Terai that have been supported by



the United Mission to Nepal (UMN). During my time there temperatures reached 39°C. Some of the owners had goats that were taken to grazing on a daily basis away from where they were

kept. I also saw goats that were kept in zero grazing systems. The pictures show one of these where UMN has supported the building (above) of a raised house. This same herd has also been supplied with a Boer male, to

improve the meat quality of the offspring. The Boer is a relatively recently introduced breed, still in low numbers but with considerable potential in a country that has a large number of goats kept for meat production. Although some of the Nepali goats may be milked they are predominately kept for meat, however I did observe some local goat cheese for sale when I was in Nepal. This goat cheese was clearly a

novel product in Nepal and was probably purchased by ex-pats.

Approximately a third of Nepalis live on less than £1 per day, and Nepal is ranked 147 out of 157 countries on the

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human development index. With improved incomes they will have better nutrition, housing and be able to afford school fees. The vision of UMN is fullness of life for all in a transformed Nepali society.

Frequently income, nutrition and labour are provided by livestock and a herd also serves as medical insurance or as a retirement fund. When these animals are in poor health, are weak, plagued with disease or die, it drastically impacts the lives of these people. A healthy animal can literally make the difference between life and death for an entire family. Veterinary professionals are invited into these communities to provide training in animal health, nutrition, first aid and disease prevention. These people are empowered to take their futures into their own hands without having to become dependent on outside help or ex-



perience.

I have been offered a position working for UMN and we plan as a family to be in Nepal from June 2015. Due to their agreement with the Nepali government UMN are unable to pay a salary to ex-pats and we have been accepted by BMS, a British charity that will be able to help support us in this. BMS is a Christian charity working in church planting; development; disaster relief; education; health and justice ministries. Before we are able to go to Nepal we will be undertaking training with BMS.

We would welcome contact with anyone interested in what we will be doing

and would also be grateful for financial support, which can be gift-aided.

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A HOLIDAY IN SAANEN

By Charlotte Chamberlain

Charlotte Chamberlain (1879 – 1956) was president of the British Goat Society from 1945-1946 having been elected a member in 1917, and a member of the committee since 1925. In 1927 she was elected a judge and became one of the best in the opinion of many. Her wide knowledge and great experience of goats and goatkeeping was given unstintedly over nearly 40 years, both as a speaker and as a writer. The following is her delightful account, “a picture”, of her holiday at Saanen that was published in the May 1952 edition of the British Goat Society Monthly Journal. She developed the Westons herd over many years (see photo on page 210) (Editor)

The village of Saanen lies in the extreme south-west corner of the Bernese Oberland, and there we spent a delightful three weeks holiday in June 1951.

Saanen is a homely village lying in a wide valley from which radiate steep narrow valleys ending in snow-capped mountains, pine woods alternating with open grassy mountain sides scattered with numerous chalets.

The season was late and we were fortunate to find the hay meadows uncut and all the glorious sheets of flowers in full beauty and profusion. The flowers are bewildering in their variety of kind and colours, and the colours so rich in the bright sunshine of which we had a fair share. Generally there was a ground work of tall lace-like feathery white cow parsley mixed, now with masses of blue

forget-me-not, now rosy pink campion, then yellow mountain pansies or blue phyteumas and crane’s bill or handsome purple orchises – and this is but to mention a few.

There were delightful walks up these valleys and hillsides. We used to start out after breakfast with our rucksacks loaded up with lunch, mackintosh, cardigan, map and in my case a Kodak, and trudge up one of the valleys as far as our strength would take us. First through the meadows, and then up the steep hillside which took your wind and made pauses necessary for the elder amongst us, but how exciting it was as you came across the first alpine flowers! The yellow geums and then a stray gentian, yellow globe flowers gleaming against a background of dark firs laden with lovely brown fir cones, and at last, breathless, to find a sheet of blue gentians stretching before you and a little further on *Primula farinose* in various shades of pale mauve, and many another Favourite. Sometimes we got right up to the snow line to be rejoiced with sheets of white and mauve crocus thrusting their fragile heads even through the snow itself. How good your lunch tasted resting on those heights with a view of endless snow-capped ranges before you!

I was always on the lookout for goats. My companions kindly humoured me as I dashed off to peer into some cow byre of a mountain chalet, or stopped to Kodak what goats we did find. In one byre I found four cows and

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The BGS now has available to members Monthly Circulars and Journals 1908-2012

We are at last able to offer the final instalment of the trilogy of our publications on disc. You may not be aware that the Monthly Journals were originally called Monthly Circulars and first published in 1908. Before then, the Bazaar, Exchange & Mart was the means by which those interested in goats communicated, and it became the official organ of the BGS. This was some time after Mr S Holmes, (later known as H S Holmes Pegler), responded to an initial query in 1873 requesting help on the management of goats as milk producers, with a series of articles that led to 'The Book of the Goat' being published in 1874.

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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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two young ones fastened up on one side, and on the other a most attractive looking white goat and next to her a large ram. All had their bells on and were quietly chewing their cud. The goat was one of the nicest I saw, in good condition and fine quality. But alas there was no one about to take it out for me to kodak. However I was able to kodak several others that we came across and I collected what picture postcards I could find to add to my collection. I was struck with the fine quality of the goats, they had the long head of the typical milker, long slender neck, short fine coat, well up on their legs, the udders though small were well attached. Most decidedly they were not a heavy short legged breed with wide short heads such as we have seen so often in England.

In Saanen itself I made the acquaintance of Herr Köhli, President of the local Saanen goat breed society. He was a shoemaker by trade and owing to increasing business ties he had had to give up keeping his own goats. I knew only a word or two of German and he knew no English but 'with nods, and becks and wreathed smiles' we got along somehow, greatly helped by the pictures in the Year Books I had brought with me.

He told me the goats there were mostly kept in twos and threes by the chalets and not in big herds, though there were one or two herds up in the mountains. Good milk yields were from 5.5 pints and some even a gallon, but they were only fed on pasture in the summer and hay and silage in the winter. There was

no corn feeding. Under our conditions they would doubtless give far more milk. But the Alpine hay is of notably good quality owing to its fine mixed herbage. Three plants are specially looked for by the herdsmen, Alpine Meadow grass (Romeye), Mew-wort an umbellifera (Muttern), and an Alpine plaintain (Adelgras), these are aromatic and particularly nutritious, and give rise to the old world saying:

"Romeye, Muttern und Adelgras
Das Beste ist, was Chüeli frass."

And talking of cattle, one of our greatest thrills was to see herds of cattle on their way up to the mountain pastures for the summer.

Our bedrooms overlooked the village street, and one morning at 4.30 am we were awakened by the sound of clashing and banging approaching nearer and nearer; out of the windows we poked our heads and soon appeared, first, a long narrow peasant cart filled with wooden milking or cheese making utensils, with a woman seated on top of them, drawn by the typical bay horse. Then came the leading cows, the first two of which wore the most enormous ceremonial bell attached to leather collars 6-8 inches wide. The bells were so big that probably the cows could not feed with them on, and were worn only on special occasions. Their tones were deep and impressive.

Two men walked beside these cows, followed by the herd of 64 all wearing bells or ordinary size and of varying tones with the shriller notes of the calves' small bells. The cows are fawn coloured

A HOLIDAY IN SAANEN



*Charlotte Chamberlain with Patience of Westons - a daughter of Champion Proud and the dam of Wistful and grad-dam of Champion Whimsical of Westons Q*Q* (1920)*

with a few white markings. At the end of the long procession striding along to keep up with the quick moving cows, was a little girl, with rucksack on back and a switch in her hand. And so they passed below us with the clanging and clashing of bells echoing back from the walls of the narrow street. An unforgettable picture at that early hour.

So I must leave this inadequate picture of a Swiss holiday in a quiet village with its wooden houses with their great wide eaves and gay window boxes and the flowery countryside.

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 N Parr.

Regulation 25 is removed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Caprine Arthritis-Encephalitis (CAE) Control

25. Goat herds may be given the designation "CAE Monitored Herd" subject to approval by the Committee and the following conditions being met. In these conditions, the term "CAE Accredited Herd" means a herd accredited for CAE in the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) Sheep and Goat Health Scheme or equivalent. CAE-negative herd means a herd in which all animals over one year old hold a current negative CAE test certificate.

Herd Health Security

- (1) Any goats joining the herd must come from:
 - A monitored or accredited herd; or
 - A herd, which is whole herd tested, and in which all goats over one year old have been tested negative for two consecutive years.
 - The second test to be within the last 12 months; or
 - Have an individual negative test not more than one month before or after joining the monitored herd.
- (2) Goats coming in for mating must come from:
 - A monitored or accredited herd; or
 - A herd, which is whole herd tested, and in which all goats over one year old have been tested negative for two consecutive years.
 - The second test to be within the last 12 months; or
 - Have an individual negative test more than one month before coming for mating.
- (3) Goats going out for mating can only go to:
 - A monitored or accredited herd; or
 - A herd, which is whole herd tested, and in which all goats over one year old have been tested negative for two consecutive years.
 - The second test to be within the last 12 months; or
 - A male who has had a negative test not more than one month before the mating.
- (4) It is the duty of the member to inform the BGS of any problems or situations which have or could affect herd health security in regard to CAE.

PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGE

Herd Records

- (5) All goats in the scheme must have an individual identification mark which is acceptable to the BGS and DEFRA.
- (6) In addition to the records required by law, CAE Monitored Herds must keep and submit annually, the following records: identification for all goats, breed and sex, identity of dam, date of birth, date of death or disposal, transfer of ownership, loan, boarding, mating, showing, dates of all tests for CAE, movements in any other circumstances, evidence of Accredited status and of whole herd CAE-negative status as appropriate.

Joining the Scheme

- (7) To qualify for CAE Monitored status, two whole herd negative tests are needed not less than six months and not more than 12 months apart. Records as described in (6) are to be supplied for the interval between the first and second tests.
- (8) A CAE Accredited Herd may be designated a BGS Monitored herd without the qualifying tests provided that not more than two years have elapsed between tests.
- (9) A herd may become CAE Monitored without two qualifying entry tests if the herd is newly established on premises where there have been no goats for three months, all stock came to those premises directly from a Monitored or Accredited herd and the stock must have been part of either of these types of herd for an unbroken period of at least twelve months, or the whole of the animal's life. The first renewal date will be twelve months after the first goats came on the premises.

Testing Regime

- (10) All CAE tests shall be carried out in a manner and by persons or organisations approved for the purpose by the Committee.
- (11) To retain CAE Monitored status a whole herd negative test not more than 24 months apart is required on all animals in the herd over one year old on the day of the test. Renewal tests must be carried out not more than 30 days before the renewal date.
- (12) Test results, which must be on the BGS approved CAE Monitored laboratory form, must include all animals in the herd, individually identified, which are eligible for testing. The results must be sent by the herd owner to the Society or its appointed representative together with the records as specified in (6).
- (13) (i) Only goatlings born to a kidded kid (which was untested in the year she gave birth) need to be tested in the year in which the rest of the herd is not tested. Any other goatlings will be out of dams who were negative on their last test.

PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGE

- (ii) If a goat under one year old is pregnant, she must be tested if the rest of the herd is due to be tested. If she was not known to be in kid, she must be tested within 30 days of kidding.
- (14) The results of all CAE tests and applications for renewal or entry to the Monitored scheme must be sent to the BGS within two months of the results being received.

Other

- (15) CAE Monitored status will be withdrawn if the regulations or the testing regime are not fully adhered to.
- (16) In the event of a positive CAE test on one or more goats on the premises, CAE Monitored status will be withdrawn. The BGS Secretary must be informed, in writing, and a copy of the relevant CAE certificate forwarded to the BGS Office. Re-entry to the scheme will be allowed provided negative tests results are obtained from all goats in three consecutive tests as follows:
 - (i) the first two tests are separated by not less than six and no more than eight months, the third test to be between eight and twelve months after the second.
 - (ii) each of the three tests is separated by an interval of twelve months
- (17) The BGS reserves the right to exercise discretion on all matters relating to the Monitored Herd Scheme.

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