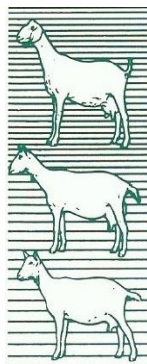


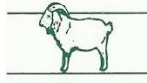
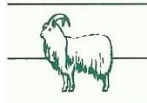
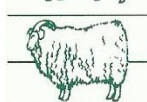
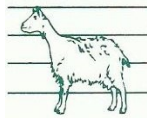
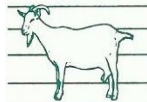
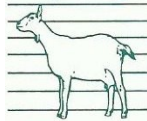
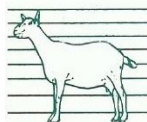
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Mary Thomasson

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dear Members,

The DEFRA/ADAS goat health meetings were well attended with an attendance of over 280 through all the seminars. The overall opinion was that there should be more in the future. See Odells letter on page 64 and details of two further meetings arranged on 1st May at Ruthin & 2nd May at Bluith Wells showground. Details on page 75.

Would members be kind enough to keep their Sale/Hire/AI of animals up to date. Please contact the office for these updates to be made.

Michael Ackroyd, our Year Book Editor, contacted me this week to apologise for the severe delay in the Year Book. Apart from the fact that by the closing date for submissions he had hardly received anything, and was still getting copy last month; he was called overseas on business for a month and on his return has gone down with pneumonia. Michael apologises for the delay and is doing his best to speed things along now. It will definitely not be the latest Year Book ever produced, but it will be his latest... which he deeply regrets.

I was delighted to welcome the Northern England Goat Club & Cleveland Dairy Goat to Gibshiel and the office during February and March. Photos centre pages.

Best Wishes
Jane

AN APPEAL

As part of the process of scanning our historic publications, the BGS would like to borrow the following:-

- 1908-1917 all Monthly Circulars
- 1918 Jan Monthly Circular (February-December have been scanned but see below)
- 1924-25 Stud Goat Scheme leaflets
- 1926 Stud Goat Scheme leaflet

plus better copies to include the pages below:-

- 1918 February Circular (front cover badly torn and stained)
- 1918 December Circular (pp 17-18 missing)
- 1927-1928 Stud Goat Scheme leaflet (pp 1-2 missing)
- 1933-1934 Stud Goat Scheme leaflet (pp 15-16 missing)

They should preferably be loose and not bound. If anyone has these, and is prepared to lend them to the BGS, please contact:

Jane Wilson 01434 240866 or email her at secretary@allgoats.com.

Thank you.
Margaret Hardman

Letters

Dear Jane

On behalf of Brian and myself and our family, I would like to thank everyone who sent their best wishes to us all, in their phone calls and cards.

I am progressing slowly (too slowly for me) but we are still hoping to show the goats again this year, if all goes well.

Regards
Sue Head.

Hi Jane

Would you please send an email to all your members regarding the ADAS goat meetings. They were all well attended and we had great discussions throughout and after the meetings had finished. The attendees turned out in all manner of weathers and for that we are really grateful. We spoke to over 200 goat keepers in all.

I would also be very grateful if you could add something to your forum or website thanking all the clubs and societies who marketed the meetings for us via email, word of mouth at meetings or in their literature. If it hadn't been for the enthusiasm of these people the meetings would certainly not been such a success.

Thank you to all from David Moorhouse and Odelle Walker at ADAS, David Harwood AHVLA, Dreda Randall and Sue Smith: independent goat keepers.

Thanks and regards

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Living on the Isle of Wight, access to top quality stock can be difficult locally, and in 2010 I bought in from the mainland two litter-sister white kids from a BS female line, mated with a BT male, and with potentially lots of milk.

Both grew on very well and I experimented with one, Daphne, and mated her at 10 months, and she kidded at 15 months in June 2011. Her milk reached over 10 pints a day. Her udder was 'good', indeed very good. She fell to around six pints in the mid-Winter, but is now racing up again and steady at over 7 pints a day. (late February) Is that good for a goat mated as a kid? She did get quite thin when milking at the top, but is now almost a perfect shape and size, nicely rounded. She eats everything I give her and more if I let her. I reared her single male kid for meat; kept him on a bottle all the time as I had plenty of milk, and he is now meat and produced an excellent carcass, albeit quite fatty (for a kid). As the slaughterman said "you've done him well"

I kept the other kid, Dianthus, to mate as a goatling, but she milked as a maiden milker giving up to 5 pints a day, and all the time she got fatter and fatter, eating everything. My thoughts were that I might have a problem getting her in kid being so fat! She became enormous and so friendly that she would just refuse to move when I pushed into her; she was a great lump of a goat, but in fabulous condition.

We had the GG male, Peaclond Pureglitz on loan from the mainland from

September 2011, and put him to Dianthus on 30th September as soon as she came into season. I always tell others not to mate at the first season, so I went against my own advice. After all he was 'here' and rampant, I could not deny him any longer. She did not return and I kept my fingers crossed.

Daphne also came into season making the most hideous noise I have ever heard, for three full days (and every season since). I had to lock her in her stall and the doors closed for fear of annoying the neighbours!

My goatkeeper neighbour mated two of his with Pureglitz as soon as they came into season, and they took first time. Several other female goats on the Isle of Wight whom were booked for a service took until December to come into season. Pureglitz returned home in mid-December having mated 7 goats and no returns.

Dianthus was not just large; she became huge; and solid like an elephant, but eating up and looking great. How was I ever going to get a kid out of that? She was due to kid on 29th February 2012.

Thursday evening (23rd Feb) she looked normal, no sign of kidding, not bagged up, lying down but eating and unperturbed. After all she was not due for a week.

Friday morning I looked out of the kitchen window to hear Daphne calling out in an agitated state what sounded like "Come and look; come and look". Muttering 'stupid goat' and similar expletives,

DON'T ALWAYS FOLLOW THE BOOKS! Cont'd

I entered the goat shed. Dianthus stood up and looked at me as much to say, what do you want. Then I heard a small bleat; then two; then three. Three kids, already dry and suckling on Mum happily. Two girls, and a smaller boy! No sign of the afterbirth which must have been eaten up. They all doing well; she is eating up and totally unconcerned.

My plan to bottle feed from day one had now gone out, I was too late. Mated by a pure GG and with a mother who is half BT, the two female kids are almost pure white, but the boy is a pale brown which makes it easy to identify. Two lovely

female kids who should become good milkers, and an ex-male who will taste great.

Dianthus still looks like an elephant, but not quite so fat. I wonder what the future holds for her.

By the way, with such a lovely udder at such a young age, Daphne became known as Jordan, and Dianthus with similar potential, as Katie (her male kid became Andre- (he got the chop!). The new kids; I think 'Glitzzy'; and 'Glamour' might be appropriate names?!

Derek Sprake

ROGERIAN HERD DIARY

Diary of Agnes Aitken, Stonehaven, home to the Rogerian Herd of dairy goats and Hillrun Herd of Pygmy goats. I live on a smallholding with my husband Rob, a lorry driver, older son Roger a joiner and younger son Ian an apprentice mechanic. Last year I became a redundancy statistic from my job as a member of administrative support staff with Grampian Police following 37 years service. I have now re-invented myself as a telesales advisor/receptionist in the office of my local weekly newspaper – The Mearns Leader.

2nd Feb, Workmen came and finished rebuilding brick built gable end of the goat shed which had been blown in during December. Goat shed is Nissan hut which has stood the test of time and all the elements could throw at it for the last

15 years, but alas was not able to hold out against severe gales of 8 December. No animals were injured when it came down – it did however leave them very nervy for a few days after the event.

4th Feb Attended BGS committee meeting in London. Boarded sleeper at 10 pm previous night in Stonehaven, arrived London Euston at 7.45 am then walked to Regent Street where enjoyed warming cup of tea and bacon roll in McDonalds. Hefty agenda of items discussed, numerous decisions taken then off to Heathrow accompanied by Maureen Ross to catch 5.30 pm flight to Aberdeen. Slight delay to take off time - runways had to be treated for ice. Home around 8 pm - welcome cup of coffee and 2 slices of toast.

5th Feb, Rob mucked goat shed with

tractor and loader prior to arrival of kids (due any time this week). Big bales of barley straw sourced from near neighbour proved good quality – deep bedded the pens in readiness for new arrivals. Goats went out into field for exercise, cold but very bright and sunny with no snow, just frost. Did weekly shop at Asda (which didn't get done on Saturday for obvious reasons) and started ironing. Ian came in around 4.30 pm and announced Carron had produced 2 kids – she certainly hadn't looked like kidding earlier in the day. Excellent reason to abandon ironing! Checked all was well with mum and kids, saw it was 2 females and sprayed navels. Sorted out kid box and checked bulb in hot lamp was working then gave Carron a warm gruel to drink – her udder looks promising. She's a second kidder who missed securing any awards as a first kidder – could this be her year? (*Probably not!*) Milked some colostrum off Carron and gave it to kids from bowl – both drank well. Kids taken off mum and placed in box under hot lamp before I went to bed.

6th/7th Feb, On holiday all this week. Remaining 4 due goats kidded, 1 x twins (1M/1F), 1 x triplets (2M/1F) and 2 x singles (1M/1F), mums and kids all well. Have kept 5F and 1M – 2 are AOV and 4 BA, 3 conceived by AI and 3 natural matings. Will be interesting to see how they develop over the next few months. Should have been at Angus Agricultural Show committee meeting on Tuesday evening – sent apologies. Too busy tending new arrivals and milking first kidders who, it has to be said,

all stood quite well.

10th Feb, Meeting with nutritionist at local feed company to explore possibilities available re changing goats concentrates – currently use course calf mix but I'm the only person in the area buying it and whilst they are prepared to continue producing a batch for me it seemed sensible to see if an alternative feed which is routinely produced might also be suitable for the goats. After in-depth analysis of a calf pellet components, agreement reached that I would try these and see how we get on. I also intend feeding whole oats and sugar beet shreds as an evening feed to compliment the pellets. Rob's birthday today.

11th Feb, Collected new wedding rings from local goldsmith who made them specially for Rob and I – my original ring had to be cut off over a year ago as I had 'outgrown' it. I had a 22" waist and weighed 8½ stones when I was married – I am now considerably larger. It was necessary to get 2 identical rings for Rob then the goldsmith cut them and made one from the two because Rob's finger was so large it was actually off the goldsmith's measuring scale!

13th Feb, Van at garage – dash battery warning light keeps coming on and we think it is the alternator. Garage advise alternator is OK, fault is electrical and will require to be rigged up to a diagnostic device (which they don't have) to discover where problem lies. Van won't start when I attempt to drive it home – get a jump start and am advised to go home via back roads on side lights.

16th Feb, Out for lunch with work colleagues – before we left the office we agree not to speak about work but that's exactly what we end up doing. Pygmy goat kidded twins (males) whilst I was milking the dairy goats this evening – absolute little beauties and all well.

18th Feb, Attended committee meeting of Scottish Goatkeepers Federation – several decisions taken and a good catch up on news after not seeing folk through the winter months. One of the pygmy kids won't suck – have had to tube it and now have it drinking from bowl. Builders came and laid foundation for a 24' x 16' shed which is going up adjacent the Nissan hut – the plan is to store hay/straw in new shed as this will free up space in the Nissan hut to accommodate bigger pens for pygmy goats and dairy males through winter months.

20th Feb, Chinese goose laying but not sure where her nest is – Springer Spaniel Waggit knows though as she keeps turning up wagging her tail with a broken goose egg in her mouth. I think she may have made her nest under the Leylandii bushes but don't have the time nor the inclination to go looking. We don't have any broody hens at the moment and the incubators are not turned on so there's no great panic to collect setting eggs just yet.

21st Feb, Pygmy kid now sucking from mum – no longer need to bowl feed it. Two of the first kidders who were a bit reluctant to stand for milking have suddenly got the hang of things and are now standing still to be milked. One in par-

ticular has a very thin stream of milk, not like a cotton thread more like a silk one! It's taking me ages to milk her and it's compounded by the fact that she has the tiniest teats.

23rd Feb, My father-in-law's friend has a Clydesdale mare who foaled at 5 am this morning but the mare is showing no sign of an udder or milk. Granda phoned me at work in the hope that I might have some frozen colostrum for the foal. I tell him I have plenty in the freezer and that I also have fresh milk he could get as well if need be. It's agreed his friend Charlie will go to my house and get whatever he needs from Rob. Learned later in the day that they managed to milk enough colostrum off the mare to sufficiently feed the foal, however, the mare is now for nothing to do with her foal (biting and kicking it) so Charlie has decided to get mare's milk substitute from his vet and pail feed it. The foal has to be put in an adjacent loose box for fear of the mother lashing out and breaking its legs. Fortunately she is not bad tempered with people. It's the mare's first foal – she clearly has a lot to learn about parenting.

24th Feb, Rob took van to garage at Aboyne where a broken wire was diagnosed and duly fixed.

25th Feb, Friends attended a poultry sale at Carlisle – I had downloaded the catalogue and noticed some Buff Cochins for sale so was very happy to learn that friends managed to buy a trio on my behalf. Collected birds and they are now happily installed in shed along with some Silver Laced Wyandotte bantams for

company – they are all getting along well.

26th Feb, Trimmed some goat's feet. Rob (driver of van/trailer and camera operator), Roger and Ian (both enthusiastic participants on their bikes), along with numerous friends, spent the day at an off-road motor bike track near Coupar Angus. Ian is to apply for his race licence this year and hopes to take his first competitive steps over the coming summer months. One of the guys who was also at the track (but not in the company of our lot) fell off his bike, was pinned under it and sustained a broken leg. Ian ran over and lifted the bike off him as the lad was trapped and couldn't manage to get up by himself. He told Ian it was the third time he'd broken his leg

whilst off-roading. Seems some folk never learn.

28th Feb, Been contacted by a lady who is running a Smallholder and Growers Festival on 30 September at Forfar Mart asking if I will help out with the poultry side of things. She is having pigs, sheep, goats and poultry at the event, the first of its kind in Scotland – I have provisionally agreed to assist as there's nothing else in my diary for that day.

29th Feb, Started milk recording again after a break of a few months when the milkers I recorded last year had dried off. Have decided to record the two second kidders Shaunna and Carron only at the moment as I have two other goats due to kid at the end of March who would be

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potential milk recording candidates as well, providing all goes OK when they kid. The first kidders are milking reasonably well but I suspect they may not carry on to complete a full lactation so will wait until they are second kidders before milk recording them.

Agnes Aitken.



Who Says I'm British

Bluecollar Sunspot. British Guernsey in the USA.

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GOATS AND TB, DISEASE RISK MANAGEMENT

I recently went to a TB biosecurity Workshop for goats organised by the South West TB Farm Advisory Service, SWTBFAS who invited FERA, the Food and Environment Research Agency, and AHVLA to give presentations to goatkeepers at Forde Grange Goat Dairy, by kind invitation of Tim Frost. The South West TB farm advisory service, which is supported by DEFRA is available free to farmers in Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Dorset, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall. Among the services available are free one to one visits to discuss biosecurity and disease risk management, or advice on what you can do if you get TB in a herd, support if you do get it, the stress can be considerable to put it mildly, Badger surveys, which will be increasingly valuable as viable vaccination gets nearer, and... well read on!! On line advice can be sourced by anyone, anywhere.

It is easy to be sceptical about biosecurity, but it was refreshing to find that there was a lot of thinking that was new and very practical, without costing the earth. Some previous DEFRA recommendations were now seen to be of limited effectiveness.

The first speaker, was Dr Jo Judge from the Woodchester Park ecology team. This is an estate just outside Stroud in Gloucestershire where a detailed study of badgers and TB has been carried out for many years in a well known "Hot spot" for TB. Jo came up with several interesting points, at times blowing away some previously "Set in stone" theories.

We were shown a map of the Woodchester Park estate showing the distribution of setts, and the distribution of latrines from them as traced by pelleted peanuts fed to badgers in each sett. That showed that there was very little interaction between setts as each sett has a very well defined territory. Each sett would have an average of 3 main entrances, and would house a group of from 3 to 9 adult badgers. Only one female in each sett will breed in any year, producing an average of just over two cubs, of which 50% die before they are a year old. The expected lifespan is 3 to 5 years for the survivors.

That map was then compared to the distribution of TB in the badgers in the setts, as measured by trapping and TB testing. The animals are released by the way. The whole ethos of this ongoing work is to look at how TB spreads among badgers over a period, but has since become a vaccination trial area without slaughter to build upon the extensive knowledge previously gained.

Badgers were classified after testing as being clear, infected, and heavily infected to the extent where they were likely to transmit infection. You need to realise that badgers, like other animals, do not produce detectable antibody for a few weeks after infection, and then probably produce it only somewhere between 70% and 90% of the time, so "negative" test results merely means that the badger concerned was not producing detectable antibody when trapped.

With that note of caution, only about 60% of the setts there are known to be

infected. No infection has been detected in the other 40%. In those setts where infected badgers were detected, the level of infection was quite variable, with there being a significant proportion of non infected badgers in those setts, though it was not stated what age the individual badgers concerned were.

Research is under way to improve PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) testing, a form of DNA testing, techniques for detection of TB in badger faeces from latrines, which would have an obvious advantage in that it would make tracing of infected and non infected setts much easier and thus enable any culling to be targeted at those known to be infected. That would have the dual advantage of NOT culling non infected badgers and thus leaving a healthy badger population behind, hopefully vaccinated in future, to perpetuate a much loved and hopefully much more healthy, species. The slight downside to this ideal theory is that not finding TB in latrines associated with a particular sett, strictly speaking will only prove that no evidence of infection was found. It does not prove beyond all doubt that a sett is clear, but nevertheless it could be a big step forward in establishing TB free colonies of badgers, and thus minimising risks to other animals, and of course reducing the numbers of badgers which need to be culled to reduce the level of infection.

There is an assumption, current in most circles up to now, that only sick badgers go into farm buildings looking for a ready made food supply. Oh no!!, that was blown neatly out of the water. We

were shown Infra red film of badgers in farm buildings, interacting with cattle, and treating food stores as a sort of holiday playground with eat all you can offer thrown in. One shot showed FOURTEEN badgers exiting stage right from a feed store after being disturbed at night.

There has apparently been a theory that a dog will keep badgers away. We were shown more film from the same premises. An Alsatian chased the badgers out of the food store. Impressive!! The next shot showed the badgers at the food store again, twenty minutes later. The Alsatian had resumed his round and chased them off again. Apparently this went on all night!!. Sorry if you are trying this one. Not very effective!! The FERA South West TB advisory service will on request set up an infra red CCTV camera for a couple of nights so you can see what YOUR risk level might be!!.

Another method of separating badgers and livestock for biosecurity reasons is to make livestock buildings and food-stores, badger proof. Gates and exterior walls should be sheer to about 3'6" . However badgers can burrow underneath gates and foundations quite easily if soil conditions are right, so the strategy will only work if the building is built on a concrete or similar apron which extends beyond the walls. You should make sure that gates are no more than 3 inches off the ground, otherwise believe it or not they are not badger proof. A useful tip was to make gates with a flap on the bottom which can be latched closed, but allows them to be opened over any build up of dung.

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Enterotoxaemia

Internal and external parasites

Lameness

Discussion panel

In addition, the panel will further discuss any husbandry practices that can impact on goat welfare such as ear tagging and disbudding.

Evening workshops (7 pm to 9.30 pm) will be held during May 2012; and are free to all commercial, and small scale goat keepers. Places are however limited and must be pre-booked.

Contact Sian Lloyd on 01970 617309

or Lynne Holmes on 01522 751374 or email sian.lloyd@adas.co.uk

1st May
Ruthin Castle Hotel, Ruthin

2nd May
ADAS Building,
Royal Welsh Showground, Bluith Wells.

Maize silage clamps are an obvious attraction to badgers, Badgers treat Maize with a similar enthusiasm to children being offered ice cream, but badgers are nocturnal so you only need to protect them at night!. A three strand electric wire across the access appears to do nicely, heights 3, 6 and 9 inches above ground. Cheap and easy.

One thing that was stated as fact was that badgers tend to shy away from livestock rather than to engage with them at close quarters. Infra red film was shown of a bull in a pen, completely ignoring badgers who were apparently invading his space, and they ignored him. That contradicts a piece of research published about a year ago which appeared to show that at pasture at night, badgers and cattle appeared to rub noses in what in TB terms might be termed epidemiological promiscuity. There is plainly a difference of opinion which needs to be followed up. I can imagine goats taking great interest in sniffing around any badgers who care to join them, in or outside buildings!!

There were some very interesting pictures displayed of feeders which were in effect free standing between metal tresses rather than built into a wall. They would be suitable for adult goats but not for younger ones, and would be just about impossible for badgers to access. The same applies to water troughs, though that is a lot less easy to arrange in practice!! Goats being smaller than cattle, it will never be possible to make troughs of any sort badger proof in themselves, while still being reachable by less than

full grown animals, or indeed pigmy goats.

Fencing off badger latrines and runways remains a sensible option, but should be done in a way that allows the badgers to continue their natural behaviour, but keeps farmed livestock away. This applies to all species!.. As runways are usually along the edge of, rather than across, fields, this is not a great practical problem. Trying to put badger proof fencing on field boundaries is a waste of effort. Badgers can burrow VERY deep!!

Alan Shuttleworth, the Animal Health VLA South Western Regional TB advisor, and and Fin Twomey from the AH-VLA regional laboratory at Starcross, highlighted between them the place of goats in TB epidemiology. Fin discussed the pathology of TB in goats, in particular referring to the 2008 outbreak in Golden Guernsey goats. There it was found that whereas in cattle TB usually becomes walled off in thick walled abscesses, known as tubercles, in goats the pus is often much thinner and far more often found "Free" in lung tissue, thus making it much more likely to be present in exhaled breath or in faeces after being coughed up and swallowed. On the other hand, apart from the outbreak in Golden Guernsey Goats in 2008, only 4 cases of TB in goats have been RECORDED in goats in the last 5 years, and only another 4 in the previous 30 or so years.

The message might best be summed up as being that while TB in goats is a rare finding, the potential for spread once infection is established in a herd is devas-

tating. There have been cases abroad which demonstrated this all too well in the last three years, where a herd of 127 in Portugal was slaughtered and over 90, NINETY, percent were found to be infected. In a herd of 290 in Ireland, over 250 were found to be reactors,. the herd was slaughtered out and a representative sample was post mortemed, of which around 55% had visible lesions of TB.

Goats in buildings which are largely badger proof are at very low risk of getting TB, but it can be introduced via bought in goats. It is therefore essential to take care when "Buying in", especially if that is from a herd in an area where TB is common. A 4 week isolation period before letting purchased stock join the herd is good general biosecurity practice, and extending that to 10 to 12 weeks and then testing for TB, will MINIMISE , but NOT ELIMINATE, the risk of a bought in goat carrying TB. Insisting on pre movement TB testing is also useful, but will not always pick up recently infected animals. A combination of pre and post movement testing remains best possible practice.

Goats kept on extensive systems in "High risk" areas will always be at risk, though usually at lower risk than cattle. If you are keeping goats extensively in such an area, it will be less difficult, at least in theory, to eliminate it from your herd than if the herd is housed, as it will spread more slowly. Periodic testing may be wise. Currently, skin testing is the test of choice in goats, and is indeed the only legally recognised test for goats. To keep costs within bounds you

may like to consider testing a proportion of the herd at regular intervals. Your veterinary surgeon should at all times first obtain permission from AHVLA to carry out any TB test, whether it is routine surveillance, a pre or post movement test, or as a diagnosis in a suspect goat, and is obliged to send the results to AHVLA, and in case you are wondering , the control of what is a notifiable disease on this occasion overrides any data protection considerations.

If your holding is registered in Wales, your herd may be compulsorily tested at Welsh Assembly Government expense if deemed necessary after a local risk assessment. Compensation is payable. In England all testing of goats is at the owner's expense unless TB is found in cattle kept closely with your goats. No compensation is payable. Policy in Scotland is currently under review.

Signs of TB in goats might include any of milk drop, innappetance, weight loss, coughing, and diarrhoea. Any coughing goat which fails to respond to antibiotics must be considered potentially to be tuberculous, especially if a drop in milk yield and weight is associated. Such goats should be tested, or if appropriate, post mortemed.

Nobody wants to find TB in any species, but if it is there, it is far better to accept that it is present in whatever species, so that we can eventually minimise, or perhaps even, eventually eliminate what is a nasty and debilitating disease all round. FERA south west TB awareness group are considering running another biosecu-

SHOW UPDATES

Alresford 1st September

Judge Mr S Thomas.

Nottinghamshire M&F 1st July

Judge Roy Parkin

Usk 8th September

Judge Mrs G Wharmby

Show Name	Cup	Class'n	Dates 2011	Judge	Entries	Secretary Name	Phone
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Anglo Nubian Breed Show	23,32	c/w	30th June	tbc	1st June	Mrs M Hyde	01724798805
IGPA Midlands (Kells)		c/a	7-8th July	Mr G Ringland	22nd June	Mrs B Donaldson	0863520560
Latheron Show (m/f)		a/c/w	14th July	Mrs S Prior	17th June	Mr D Mackay	01593721494
Northumberland Male & Ystock		a/w	15th July	Miss D Oliver	6th July	Mr. R. M. Wood	01661823733
Dumfries	6	a/w	3-4th Aug	Mr T Baker	16th July	Mrs E Bicket	01461203551
Glendale Show	26	a/w	27th Aug	Mr B Perry	10th Aug	Richard Wood	01661823733
Cleveland	6	a/w	28th July	Mr B Perry	14th July	Miss Newton	01642764161

GOATS & TB CONT'D

ity workshop for goat owners if there is sufficient demand. To register an interest please telephone 01392 440706. To register, you should have a a holding in the six counties listed in the first paragraph, BUT, limited numbers of places may be available to those outside the region on a first come first serve basis. My apologies to any one who tries to register and is refused. Please understand that these are meetings for small groups, and therefore those within the South West region will be given priority. In case you are wondering, there is no similar organisation in other regions at present.

LINKS <http://www.southwest-tbadvice.co.uk/> info@southwest-tbadvice.co.uk

Nick Clayton.

IF GOATS COULD TALK THEN WHAT WOULD THEY SAY? HERE'S A FEW OF MY SUGGESTIONS:

- 1 I'm the boss
- 2 Three, two, one, RUN!!!
- 3 You can't catch me
- 4 Told you so

- 5 You still can't catch me
- 6 I'm hungry
- 7 I love you really

Jodie Elders

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Sire of Juvela: SM CH §§163/201† Holdbrook Fungus BrCh AN031037D

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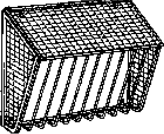
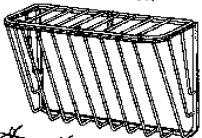
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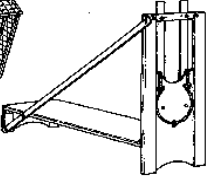
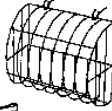







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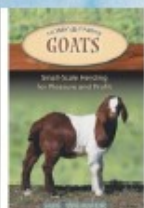


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