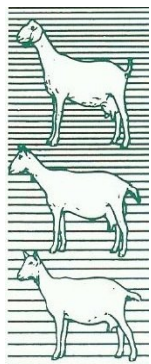


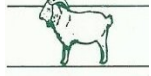
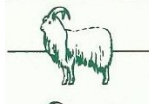
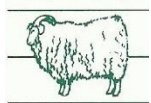
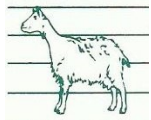
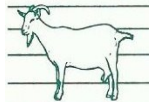
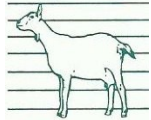
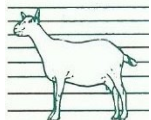
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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

You will read further into this journal that our secretary Jane Wilson has had her offer to assist at the Olympic Games accepted. I want to assure members that in Jane's absence it will be 'business as usual' regarding the office function – more details about how this will be achieved in the July journal.

Since the start of HB138, i.e. December 2011, 587 kid registration applications have been received with 73% of these applications being completed on-line via Grassroots. It is good to learn that members are using the on-line facility for kid registrations – whilst some areas of Grassroots still require little improvement tweaks to the functionality, from reports I have received it seems the section dealing with kid registrations works well and is user friendly. A recurring agenda item for committee consideration is the improvement of Grassroots software – the complexity of our Rules & Regulations is not easily replicated via a software package. I fear the situation is not made any easier when the computer programmer has limited knowledge of goat phraseology – we are a group of people communicating in a language which I'm sure to 'outsiders' takes a bit of understanding, e.g. Qstar milker; double section male; fish-tail teat; overshot jaw etc.

Last month an appeal was published for anyone interested in becoming the Society web manager to come forward – many thanks to those people who have expressed an interest in the job. The web site manager plays an important part in shaping our Society image by ensuring the web content is kept up-to-date, relevant and fresh.

Shows are now in full swing – good luck to all exhibitors. I sincerely hope the weather is kind to agricultural shows this year – several fell victim to rain last year. Neither man, woman nor beast is at their best when standing about miserable in the wet.

Agnes Aitken

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr & Mrs R E Cooke, Somerset; Mrs Saywell, Cambridgeshire;
 Ms Harrison, Yorkshire; Mrs Kind, Norfolk;
 Mr & Mrs Robinson, Lincolnshire; Mrs Hemsall, Lincolnshire;
 Mr Yule, Angus;

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dear Members,

When it was first announced that the 2012 Olympics would be in London, I added my name to the "list" for volunteers. I have now been invited to be a "Gamesmakers" one of 70,000, and I will be working at Greenwich Park in the Equestrian and Modern Pentathlon section. The rota that I have, means the BGS office will be closed from Monday 23rd July to Friday 10th August. Grassroots Systems have agreed to provide very able support to you all. In particular, Libby Henson of Grassroots Systems will work with shows to provide their catalogues. I will contact the shows concerned directly, in the next two weeks.

Details of contacts will be available in the July Journal, on the website (Secretary's Notes), through the BGS Forum, and as always, a phone message will detail the office closure dates.

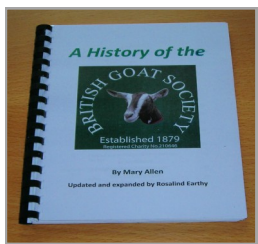
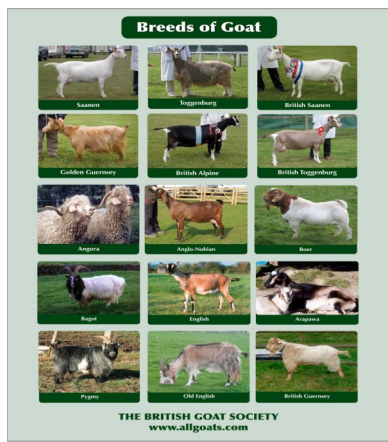
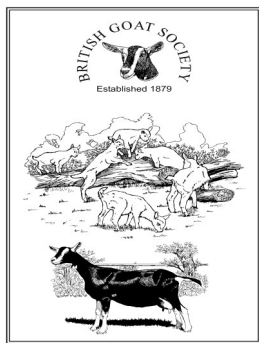
If you have registrations still to do, please note that some kids may be approaching six months of age when prices double compared to registering younger kids.

When making registrations online through Grassroots, a service certificate is still needed, where you do not own the sire. The Electronic Service Certificates programme introduced earlier this year, is available through "Manage Your Herd" for stud goat owners. More members are finding PayPal the most convenient method for payment for online transactions.

When registering a kid, please either ear tag and then send in the registration application or keep a good record of the ear number you intend to use for each kid when you do tag. Please note, you cannot use the same individual ear number on two different goats (DEFRA regulations) and Grassroots will pick duplicating tags up, many years apart. This will delay your application being processed. Grassroots will also pick up if you have used the individual name before.

Best Wishes
 Jane

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2012 Affiliated Societies Conference

The Chairman, Richard Wood, welcomed everyone to the Affiliated Conference and introduced the panel of Mrs A Aitken, Mrs M Hardman and Mr C Newton.

The following resolutions were passed for further consideration by the BGS Committee
Proposal from the Durham Dairy Goat Society "That the BGS consider printing in the Journal Reserve Best Goatling and Reserve Best Kid, with a view to Encouraging the younger members who are showing these goats"

One of our member has a daughter who is a member of the BGS and shows her goats and she is disappointed that her goat never gets a mention in the journal should it come in as reserve, so our members thought maybe other children find the same and if this encourages our young ones and there is sufficient space this could be done.

Proposal from the Grampian Goat Club" Consideration be given to the principle of electing one member resident in Scotland, one member resident in Ireland and one member resident in Wales to the main BGS committee, these representatives to be chosen by a vote of BGS members in the candidates country of residence"

Proposal from the Gloucestershire Goat Society "To be awarded a star a milking goat has to gain 18 points in the Milking Competition with not less than 3.25% butterfat at both AM and PM milking. To hold an awarded Breed Challenge Certificate she has to gain only 16 points in the Milking Competition at the same show with no ruling as to the standard of butterfat required. To avoid devaluing the butterfat standard for Breed Challenge Certificates and Challenge Certificates, the Gloucestershire Goat Society would like to suggest that the butterfat standard should be reinstated at not less than 3.00% at both milkings".

The following resolutions were not carried.

The British Toggenburg Society submitted a resolution that was withdrawn before the Conference.

Taken together the

A) The proposal from Mid Essex Goat Club: "Licences by secret ballot when there have been no complaints, either written or verbal, against any Judge. It feels that the legislation under Rule 18 (2) and 18 (3) is sufficient to deal with the removal of a Judge's Licence at any time without the need for a secret ballot.

It proposes therefore the following Rule change

Rule 18 (2)

Remove in full the last line

- 'The Committee shall decide by ballot and renew any Licence for a further period of three years, or allow the same to lapse'.

Replace by

- 'Unless there is written representation then the Committee will automatically renew all Licences for a further period of three years'.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES CONFERENCE CONT'D

Proposed: Hilary Matthews

Seconded: Ray Wiffen

B) Proposal from the Devon Goat Society: "The Devon Goat Society are anxious about renewing judges licences by secret ballot when there have not been any written grievances against a judge.

The Devon Goat Society suggest judges licences should be renewed automatically by the British Goat Society committee every three years unless there has been a valid written complaint or written resignation".

Ayrshire Goat Club: As there are comparatively few licensed judges willing to take on probationers, would it not be helpful to make it mandatory for judges to take on one probationer per year, if requested.

Obviously there would be various practicalities to overcome, travelling arrangements etc, but surely that could be overcome.

The Mercian Milk Recording Group: "Mercian Milk Recording Group requests that the British Goat Society Committee should nominate one of its members as Liaison Officer for Affiliated Societies/Clubs"

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My diary for the month starts at the end of March, because on Saturday 31st March I started the long flight to New South Wales in Australia to fulfil a judging engagement at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. However the few days before my departure turned out to be rather traumatic!

It all started to go a little awry because Mischa was due to kid on the 4 April. Originally this just presented as a minor inconvenience as Michael and the home support team (namely my 82 year old Dad, and Diana who can come in to help milk when needed) would have been more than able to cope. However complications arose as Mischa suddenly went down with pregnancy toxæmia a week before my departure, and Michael who had been feeling decidedly under the weather all week was suddenly admitted to hospital having been diagnosed as contracting pneumonia!!

To cut a long story short, Michael managed to get himself discharged from hospital on the Saturday morning and I left for the airport Saturday lunchtime. On Sunday Mischa finally delivered 3 large and healthy kids, but once they were born Michael was straight back in hospital where he stayed for the next few days. The latest news of those latest developments came to me bit by bit by way of text message when I was able to get any signal on my phone through the various stages of my journey.

There is no getting around the fact that the journey to Australia is a long one. Bearing in mind the difference it was

midnight on Sunday when I eventually landed at Brisbane. I was met by my sister and brother in law who live in Ballina, about a 2 hour drive from Brisbane. This is a beautiful part of Australia, on the Eastern coast, not far from the famous Byron Bay. I am pleased to report that the houses and streets in Ballina are a very close match to what we see on the Australian soap operas!

I spent a very nice few days with my sister, generally catching up on family matters, relaxing and getting used to the time difference. It does take a few days to get used to the changed times, after all according to what our body is telling us, night has turned into day! We even managed to fit in a bit of sight seeing too. One interesting feature was that many of the houses had an old fashioned milk churn turned on its side which was fixed on a post to cover as a letter box!

On the Wednesday I left from Ballina airport on the domestic flight to Sydney. At Sydney I was met by Ted Byers, an experienced goat man and farmer, who uses his experience and knowledge to do an enormous amount of charitable work, helping the underprivileged get themselves into paid farming work. I got myself settled in to my hotel in North Ryde on the outskirts of Sydney, which was to be my home for the next 4 or 5 days.

The Sydney Royal show is a massive event held in the Sydney Olympic stadium. It is open over almost 2 weeks and attracts a huge number of visitors. The Dairy Goats were in the show for the first 4 days, they were then followed by the

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Angoras and then the Boers. I had already been told there was an entry of over 300 so I knew I was in for a busy time. My first day of judging was on Thursday. Firstly I met the team of stewards who keep everything moving like clockwork. The stewards are led by Yvonne Byers, who is a past master at keeping everything ticking over. My first class appeared in the ring at 8.30.

There are 6 Dairy Breeds in Australia, Saanen, Toggenburg, Anglo Nubian, Australian Melaan (self coloured black) and Australian Brown (also self coloured). The later 2 are newly developed breeds; there were only a few kids to represent the browns. The judging of milkers is done almost entirely with full udders and there is no milking competition. So you do have to use your imagination to some extent to assess the production levels of the goats.

My first day of judging was hard work; there were big classes of milkers, by the end of the day I felt that I had earned my night in the comfortable hotel! Next day was judging of "Juniors"; goatlings and kids. Again there were very big and closely competed classes, which make the judging quite challenging and hard work. There is grandstand seating on both sides of the judging ring, and there was good audience from the public throughout the judging. Possibly the fact that the judge gives the reasons for placings over a microphone makes it more interesting to the public.

After milking on the Friday evening all the goat exhibitors go to one of the show

ground restaurants for dinner and they invite the judge to join them. I found this most enjoyable to mix with the exhibitors on a social level and be able to chat with them about the different and the same challenges that face us as goat breeders at the opposite ends of the world.

Saturday was a day off for the judge, so this saw me as a tourist, taking in the sights and spectacles of Darling Harbour. There is an excellent public ferry service around the harbour which takes you all around some of the sights that we know so well, in particular the Sydney Opera House; there it is just as we see it in photographs and on the TV. This was the one evening I really treated myself to a fabulous meal at a beautiful harbour side restaurant; well I was on a day off on a working trip after all!!

Sunday saw my last day of judging, a highlight of this was the junior judging competition. The Sydney show takes involvement of the young very seriously and the junior judging competitions are a very important part of the show. They are highly organised and I really enjoyed being involved in this one. The children did themselves proud, and I was really impressed with the skill and knowledge displayed by the winners.

The dairy goats left the show on Sunday afternoon, so I enjoyed the spectator sport of watching the goats being loaded for home, and I reflected how my enjoyable judging engagement had flown by and was now completed.

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While at the show I had met up with a South African Goat breeder, Walter Curlewis. Walter is manager of a large commercial goat farm not far out of Cape Town, and he also keeps a herd of about 20 of his own good quality British Alpines. I still had a couple of free days in Sydney, so we decided to make a small tour of some Australian goat keepers. We hired a car, and on Tuesday morning we drove to Singleton, in the Hunter Valley, where we visited Alex Berry and his family. Alex has about 250 goats of mixed breeds and produces milk which is collected twice a week by a cheese maker. Like many people in the UK, the Berry's took up goat keeping to diversify after years of running a large and successful dairy cow herd.

After leaving the Berry's farm rather later than we intended we drove up to Tamworth and stayed at a nice Motel, then the following morning drove to Baan Baa, to visit Lesley MacDowell. Lesley keeps about 25 goats, British Alpine, Anglo Nubian, Saanen and Me-laan. She had some very nice type BAs, tall and rangy, much the type preferred by UK breeders.

After that we set off to visit an Anglo Nubian breeder located not far from the East coast. However on this part of the trip we rather showed our naivety as tourists in a foreign land! The road took us through a thick forest area, which was a very steep mountainous area, and a series of zig-zag hair pin bends. All we could see was forest as far as the eye could see, and from the side of the road

sheer drops seemingly hundreds of metres deep! This went on for many miles, and there was no sign of any other life apart from the odd dead kangaroo on the side of the road. There were no buildings, no other vehicles on the road; we had no map with us, relying entirely on the sat nav that came with the hire car, and neither of us had any signal on our mobile phones. It started to rain and the light started to go as the afternoon went on; I realised that we had set off on a rather foolish journey!

Eventually, at about 8pm. we finally hit the Pacific Highway, which is the main motorway running down the East Coast; it was a very welcome sight! After travelling part of the way towards Sydney we checked into a motel and enjoyed recounting the adventure we had just had!

The next morning we finished the journey to Sydney, I said goodbye to Walter and caught the internal flight back to Ballina to spend the last few days of my holiday with my sister and brother in law. On my last afternoon we drove back to Brisbane and spent a very pleasant afternoon with Dulcie and Brian Richards. The Richards live in Bridgeman Downs on the outskirts of Brisbane. Their property is a 5 acre haven where they are fiercely fighting off ever encroaching builders and land developers. Dulcie has been a member of the BGS since the 1950s, and breeds the famous Glen Warri herd of Saanens. Here we saw goat keeping at its very best. The goats have big airy sheds, free range

ROYAL SYDNEY EASTER SHOW



Above: Best of Breed and Reserve Australian Melaans; Banfield Park Serenity and Sherralee Pizazz

Below: Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champion; Osory Serenah and Osory Candelabrum



ROYAL SYDNEY EASTER SHOW



Above: Nick Parr with Dulcie and Brian Richards, Brisbane April 2012

Below: Junior Judging Competition, Sydney Royal Easter Show 2012.

Pictured (LtoR standing): 3rd Rachel McKenzie, 1st Lachlan Hatton, 3rd Kerraleigh McGregor, Judge Nick Parr



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over some lovely well tended paddocks, soft stem leafy lucerne hay ad lib, plus home grown branches on tap. Dulcie has cultivated Bauhinia and Wattle bushes especially for cut branches for the goats, and they all enjoy a large bundle of these every day. One thing that caught my eye was a very big thick snake wrapped round a beam in the feed store!!! I had to keep my alarm under control as Dulcie assured me it was perfectly safe and very effective at rodent control.

This was the final part of my visit to Australia, and at 1 a.m. I was on the first flight on the journey home. By now I was very keen to get back and see the goats and especially the kids that I had not yet seen.

Nick Parr

GRAZING GOATS

Dorset Borough Council are using Feral goats to graze gorse and other vegetation on stretch of sloping cliffs near Bournemouth.

The goats are in a fenced enclosure with shelter and are expected to be used on larger areas of the cliffs eventually.

The Borough Council also use Shetland cattle and Exmoor ponies on other areas in their parks.

www.bournemouth.gov.uk/LeisureCultureLibraries/Parks/Bournemouths-Countryside/LocalNatureReserves/leGrazingandManagement/CattleGrazingandManagement.aspx

BGS FORUM

RAW MILK

The Foods Standards Agency (FSA) has produced a paper for consideration by their board, and as a basis for a future consultation on the marketing of raw milk from goats, sheep and buffaloes.

It can be accessed on:

<http://www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/board/fsa120305.pdf>

This is not in itself a consultation paper, that will follow. It seems to suggest bringing things into line with the production of raw milk from cows, with very similar safeguards. It will not apply in Scotland where the sale of unpasteurised milk from any species is banned. However, it WILL apply to Wales. The common thread seems to be that while the FSA considers that there are extra risks in drinking unpasteurised milk, they also believe that the public should be able to drink raw milk if they choose to do so, but that choice should perhaps be more “Informed” than hitherto to use the current jargon. At the same time, the point is made that the proposed tightening of the rules are expected not just to protect the public, but in fact to give the public greater confidence that if they wish to consume unpasteurised milk from goats, then it is as safe as reasonably possible. That could be a very useful “Plus”. The consultation will not affect the production of butter, cheese, or Yoghurt from unpasteurised milk as the paper specifically states that the processes of producing them in themselves greatly reduce any possible risk. Those of you with a direct interest

will find this document a very useful briefing. If on reading it any of you have particular concerns do please let me know so that when the time comes we can take them into account. If you may be affected, have a look at what is a very readable paper, and be aware.

TUBERCULOSIS

Not immediately a concern for goat-keepers, but this may have some bearing on how TB in goats is treated in the long run, is the news that 60 cattle have been put down as TB reactors at a farm near Bathgate in West Lothian. Reports do not say how many cattle there is altogether on this farm, but the disturbing thing is that it is a closed dairy herd, on a 4 year testing cycle, and in which no animal had been added from any outside source since 1988. It goes without saying that investigations into the source of the problem are on-going, and depending on what is found could have considerable implications for TB control policy overall in the future.

CLOUDBURSTS

Not a prayer for an end to the drought, but a request for help. Andrew Button, is a student at Cambridge University vet school, and is considering doing his student project on Cloudburst in goats. What he would like to do is to look at incidence in goats and look at other possible factors. I will forward to you an E mail from him to Jane Wilson, BGS Secretary, which has passed to me. Please contact Andrew direct if you can help. This is a subject which continues to be of interest to all of us.

KID WON'T FEED

Dear all, a quick question: has anyone encountered an otherwise perfectly healthy kid who has never shown any interest in taking milk from a bottle? She just refuses to take the bottle, despite much time spent trying to persuade, and won't drink from a bucket. We've been tube feeding her, or squeezing a bottle into her, for more than a couple of weeks now. Other than being on milk hunger strike, she nibbles hay, and is a very active, normal looking and behaving three week old kid. Any thoughts gratefully received; in the absence of which, it looks like tubing until weaning! Many thanks. Will Atkinson.

Hi, yes we had one, almost starved to death...literally, lost lots of weight, but finally after four weeks, she had a 'eureka' moment...'so that's what I am meant to do!' She is now bigger than her sister who had no problem!

No sucking reflex when you put the teat in her mouth? Sometimes they can be slow to catch on but after two weeks sounds like she's determined not to bottle feed. The sucking reflex is strongest just after birth and I know many will give kids their very first drink from a bottle. That gets them used to the taste of the teat and ensures they get the essential colostrum. I used to sit (on a wooden tea chest) with the kid between my knees. So it couldn't move backwards. Then hold one hand under the jaw and the bottle with the other. If that didn't work I'd put my hand over the top of the nose with a finger either side until the kid latched on. Best of luck!

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Years ago, I had a set of triplet does... the littlest one refused to suck... and the only way we could get milk into her was by syringing it into her cc by cc.... which we did for a couple weeks. She had, however, begun eating hay from almost her first day and started taking free-choice calf starter before any of the others.....

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Another easy way to stimulate the sucking reflex is to use a warm damp cloth on the kid's naughty bits. That is what the mother does as he sucks the first few times and hum to it like the female does, as you do this. It is amazing how well this works!

This has been really interesting I have exactly the same problem with a set of triplets Anglo Nubians just over a week old, the girl and one boy suck brilliantly and one little boy takes "just enough" not to die I am sure, nowhere near the quantity of his brother and sister, I have been holding him as Christine says but it is like a fight to get milk into him, he again seems to eat hay already and picks through the course mix. He must be getting something as he is still here with us

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and he is so bright and loving! I will try the warm cloth though it might just be the encouragement he needs!

I wouldn't tube feed a kid/lamb for a long period of time, as it will possibly cause damage to her throat. Also the tube will get too small soon? I would continue to dribble milk into her, and encourage her to eat calf mix as soon as possible. Also squeezing the teat gently and if she has her mouth open squeeze that shut gently may all just help. Are you feeding milk replacer or goats milk? Does she actually spit it out (in which case she doesn't like the taste of it) or has just not got any sucking reflex? I have just had a lamb that refused to bottle (spare triplet) for about a week, as she had been on her mum for a week, but then a couple of days ago she just clicked! Hope you can find a way to get her to take milk.

Christine Ball

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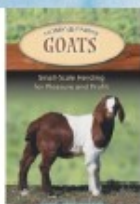
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