

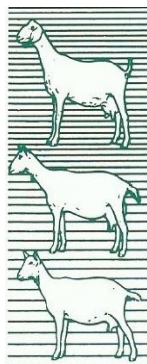
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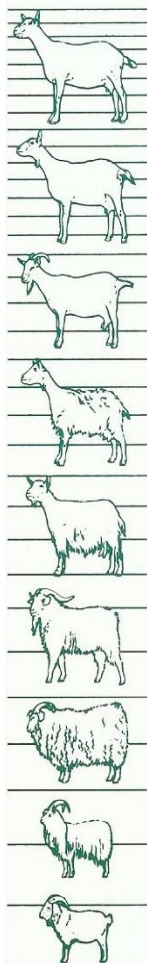
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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Our secretary Jane starts her holidays at close of play on 20 July, returning on Monday 13 August although she's off to 'work' at the Olympic Games. In Jane's absence, could I appeal to members to keep posted mail to a minimum. The office telephone answering machine will give details of who may be contacted regarding any urgent issues and e-mails will be monitored, with only those requiring immediate attention being answered. There will be no slippage to the normal mailing out time of the August journal.

John Matthews, honorary BGS vet has been asked to meet with the SAC in Edinburgh on 8 August to discuss the various CAE schemes and the possibility of amalgamating them. Gordon Webster will accompany John to the meeting as my representative. Hopefully some feedback will be available from this meeting in due course.

Now for 2 reminders: a) please note that when registering kids members are required to register siblings produced by a female goat **at the same time**, and b) if showing kids (which must be 2 months old on show day) and entering these as RAF (registration applied for) it is necessary for them to be registered and their registration number notified to show officials **before entering the ring**, failure to do so will mean they are not eligible to be shown.

I understand from Shane Jones, producer of our BGS calendar, that he has a few months still available if anyone wishes to sponsor a month – please get in touch with Shane without delay if you are interested in promoting your herd in this cost effective way.

Members who regularly use the BGS web site will have encountered difficulty accessing certain parts of it over the last few weeks, however, I am pleased to be able to advise that with assistance from Peter Cox, the problems have been ironed out and 'normal service' has been resumed.

Following the postal vote, Brian Perry was elected to serve as a Custodian Trustee along with Richard Wood and David Brace, the two existing Trustees. The role of Custodian Trustee, whilst perhaps not demanding in terms of time, is an extremely important one as all capital for investment is invested in the names of our Custodian Trustees.

Agnes Aitken

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr Kinson, Staffordshire; Ms Slater, Hampshire; Mr & Mrs Bullock, Cornwall;

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dear Members,

Please ensure that registration applications either online or in paper format are completed properly. For paper applications, 25% of applications have an individual ear number or date of birth missing and some have both! This delays processing your application.

Online registrations still require a service certificate if you are not the owner of the sire, an agent or the sire is on loan to you. As a stud goat owner, do remember that Grassroots has available an online Service Certificate programme. This can provide a service certificate print out for the owner of the doe goat at the time of service and is downloaded from Grassroots in the same way as online registrations. The service certificate download places a note on the database for both the stud goat and the doe which is used when a resulting kid comes up for registration.

The early show results are now available through Grassroots and this is updated on a regular basis. Enclosed is the first show supplement for the 2012 show season. Some shows are being cancelled due to weather conditions and this is disappointing for the exhibitors among our membership.

If you have tickets for Olympic events, have a brilliant time and do enjoy the media coverage if you are not attending. As a volunteer, I will have a once in a lifetime experience.

Contact details for the Committee appear in each Journal. The office answer phone will give details of who to contact if it is essential and emails will be checked while I am away from 20th July. I will be back in the office on 13th August. There is a Committee meeting on 14th after which the office operations should be back to normal.

Best Wishes
Jane

LETTERS

Dear Royal Norfolk Exhibitors,

Through the pages of our Monthly Journal I wish to sincerely apologise to all British Goat Society exhibitors at the Royal Norfolk Show 2012, in that I was unable to attend and judge the Dairy Goat section this year. Circumstances were unavoidable. I had (4) very sick goats (1 died) days before the show and I could not risk or leave the responsibility of looking after them to anyone. I was worried that the whole herd could be affected. My daughter, who I trust implicitly, was away on business so could not help on this occasion, a decision had to be made, leaving me no other option but to regrettably cancel my appointment to judge. I really am very sorry and trust those exhibitors will accept my most sincere apologies.

Maggi Franklin.

Thank you to Roy Parking for helping out at late notice.

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE

Following the Postal Vote of members, the BGS Scrutineer confirms Mr B Perry was duly elected as Custodian Trustee to the BGS.

Mr Perry joins Mr D. Brace and Mr R Wood as the third Custodian Trustee required under Rule 12.

Rosemount,
Haswell,
Co. Durham.

15th June 2012

Dear Editor,

May I, through the Monthly Journal, say a big thank you to all of my friends in the Durham Dairy Goat Society for organising and attending a surprise 80th birthday party for me on Friday 25th May 2012.

I felt totally overwhelmed by the event. I was given a beautiful porcelain model of a flock of sheep with a sheepdog, dozens of lovely birthday cards and a delicious birthday cake. We all enjoyed a splendid meal and, of course, plenty of talk and reminiscing about goats over the years.

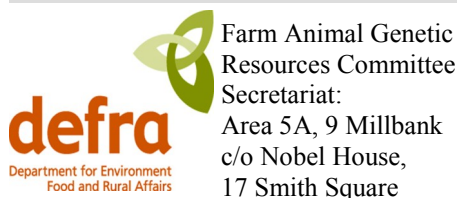
It was a marvellous evening and I felt very humbled by the kindness shown to me.

I have kept goats almost all of my life and during this time I have met so many goat keepers that have turned into life long friends. I feel very lucky and, indeed, privileged to have so many good friends.

Thank you one and all.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Stanger



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3 July 2012

Ms Jane Wilson

Secretary

British Goat Society

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Dear Ms Wilson,

The Farm Animal Genetic Resources Committee provides advice to Government on all issues relating to farm animal genetic resources. As part of this task, it has been updating population data for UK native breeds. A full inventory for all breeds present in the UK was last published by Defra in 2002 in the UK Country Report on Farm Animal Genetic Resources.

One of the principal drivers behind the Committee's work is its wish to see that protection is offered in an outbreak of exotic disease, as far as possible within the constraints of controlling the disease, to our most vulnerable breeds. These breeds are currently listed in the UK Breeds at Risk list (UK BAR).

Secondly, there is a need to ensure that all UK native breeds that are eligible for support under agri-environment schemes are included within the lists of eligible Native Breeds at Risk in the UK (UK NBAR). There are separate lists of such eligible breeds for agri-environment schemes in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Under these schemes (Higher Level Stewardship in England, Glastir in Wales, the Scotland Rural Development Programme and the Northern Ireland Countryside Management Scheme) a grazing supplement may be paid for suitable grazing with native breeds at risk.

The Committee has recommended that the threshold for the UK BAR be increased from 1,000 registered breeding females for all species to 3,000 registered breeding females for cattle, sheep, goats and equines, 1,500 for pigs and 1,000 for poultry, substantially increasing the scope for protection and reducing the risks from outbreaks of disease. In addition, the Committee has recommended that, in line with international

guidelines, these figures should be further increased by 20% for any breed where fewer than 80% of the registered purebred females are bred with registered purebred males of the same breed.

The 'native breeds at risk' thresholds for agri-environment schemes are set out in EU rural development programme legislation. These are [less than] 7,500 registered breeding females for cattle, 10,000 for sheep and goats, 5,000 for equines, 15,000 for pigs and 25,000 for poultry.

The Committee has used the working definitions of 'Breed' and 'Native Breed' which are available on our website at: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/fangr/files/20120101finalDEFINITIONSUKNATIONALINVENTORYANDFAQ.pdf>. On examining the position of the Toggenburg and Saanen, the Committee has concluded that the Toggenburg and Saanen both qualify under the Committee's definitions for being a 'Breed' and a 'Native Breed' and also meet the criteria for inclusion in the UK BAR and UK NBAR lists.

Please contact me if you have any further queries about this.

Yours sincerely



Louisa Bagshaw
Team Leader, Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

A further email from Ms Bagshaw.

You may also wish to be aware that the new UK BAR list is now available at: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animal-diseases/controls/culling-exemptions/>

The Farm Animal Genetic Resources expert committee has also produced a recommended list of breeds to be included in a new UK NBAR list. We hope to publish the list shortly and it should appear at: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/fangr/breeds-at-risk-register/>.

Please note, however that the UK NBAR list is subject to European Commission approval before it can take effect, so the Committee's recommended UK NBAR list will remain a provisional list pending that approval.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY STEVE!

On Friday 25th May 2012 a large gathering of goat keepers from the Northeast of England gathered at the Board Inn, Esh in County Durham to help Steve Stanger celebrate his 80th Birthday. The event had been organised by members of the Durham Dairy Goat Society and the most difficult part was trying to arrange everything without Steve knowing!

It was a splendid evening which was enjoyed by all, including a somewhat overwhelmed Steve! The meal was first class and the atmosphere perfect.

Steve has been breeding his "Ramside" herd of British Alpines most of his life and is a regular Exhibitor at most North-east Shows. His sunny smile and cheery personality always make him a welcome addition to any goat keeping gathering. It is quite fitting that during last year and this he has been enjoying great success with the Ramside herd.

Steve was surrounded by dozens of birthday cards, balloons and streamers and was presented with a beautiful ornament of a sheepdog – another of Steve's favourites. A wonderful birthday cake had been made which included a Best in Show rosette in red, white and blue icing. In addition, there was sufficient money from the collection left over to buy Steve some goat feed.

All in all it was a most enjoyable evening and one that I know Steve will never forget.

Richard Wood

Photos: previous page Richard Wood.

RENEWAL OF JUDGES LICENCES

The names of Members, who are willing to continue to serve as BGS Judges for a further three years, are listed below. The renewal of licences will be considered at the BGS Committee meeting in November.

Any representation appertaining to the renewal of these licenses must be submitted to the BGS Office within 21 days of publication of this Journal. It was agreed at a committee meeting 2/12/2000 that copies of any letters will be sent to the judge. Committee members would receive full copies if they attend the Committee meeting, but these letters would then be collected after voting had taken place.

Copies of any such representations will be submitted to the Judge concerned within a further 14 days of receipt at the BGS Office.

The Judges have a right to reply in writing, which must be received at the BGS office by Friday 26th October or to attend the Committee in person.

These members are willing to serve for a further three years as BGS judges:
Mr T Garry, Mr G Godfrey, Mrs V Hardy, Mr A Morrey, Mr C Peck, Mr S Thomas, Mr G Webster, Mr R Wood, Mrs E Woodmass

AN BREED SOCIETY 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Anglo Nubian Breed Society

Affiliated to the British Goat Society

Founded 1972

40th Anniversary Celebration 30th September 2012 Everyone welcome

PROGRAMME:

10.30am: Arrival Tea/Coffee

11.00am. Mr Martin Cox the History and Origin of the Anglo Nubian

11.30am. Mr George Turner, a slide show on Past Anglo Nubians

12.45. Break for Lunch

2.00pm. Panel of British Goat Society Judges, Richard Wood, Chris Nye and Brian Perry (Chair).

Giving their views on judging Anglo Nubians, questions and answers to follow.

3.00pm. Tea/Coffee/Presentation Cake

Prices: £12-00 Tea/Coffees and two course Carvery Buffet
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Tea and coffee £4-00

Please confirm Booking with Martin Cox by 21st September 2012, Cheques made payable to the ANBS. Further details and direction contact Martin.

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SHOW UPDATES

Royal Welsh
Emley

23rd-26th July
4th August

Change of Judge to: Mrs Wharmby
Judge: Mrs Hardman

BARRUTHS HERD DIARY

I live with husband David, Dodger our Jack Russell and my small herd of British Toggenburgs, the Barruths Herd. I have two daughters Julie and Joann, both married. Joanne has two children Amy 23years and Mathew 20 Years. We are retired so the goats do get a lot of attention also our goat shed is just outside the house so very easy to pop in and out to feed them. The herd consists of Barruths Campari a 7 year old that has only just kidded on 24th April, 2 goatlings Wedgewood Sharani and Wrotham Taquilla and now 2 kids, Barruths Cheekyfimto and Barruths CheeryB.

1st May: Got up 5 am and went straight out to feed kids as they are only 6 days old. After bottle feeding I milked Campari. Still not striping out. Fed the goatling and let milker have a walk round while I mucked her out. This is done daily for her and twice a week for the goatlings and kids as it all has to be bagged up and taken up our field to be



put on the bonfire. Put milker away and feed her, give her water and fill up hay racks. Sweep up and let goatlings out if fine they can run in and out most of the

day. Finished by 6.30am back in for cup of tea and toast. David just getting up he goes out with dog I sit down and put telly on.

9.00 am goats get apples and cabbage cut up. Back in and tidy up put washing on. We both go out in van 10.30 am to get a few branches and walk the dog again, stop at post office on the way to get pension. Back home feed kids give goat's sugarbeet and some branches.

Time for lunch and a sit down. 4.00pm kids fed again and goatlings put away so I can let Campari out for an hour. Goats fed, watered and hayed again at 5.00pm and milking done. I clean up shed and run after goatling have spent all day wrecking it. Shut shed and come back in to get dinner going do a bit on my computer while cooking I help daughter Joanne who is Chief Steward at the South of England Show by doing all paper work taking entries, doing catalogue and pen plan. Have to send begging e-mail to Rachel Fox as she sent me her entry by e-mail and I cannot find it now hope she saved it she was so proud to have sent them 10 days early. Dinner eaten and sit down in front of telly. 9.00pm go out feed kids last bottle, give Campari and goatling Ready Grass turn out light and bid goodnight to all. Back in and take my tablets all, 9 of them and go off up to bed. David stays up to see more telly. This is my daily routine I try to keep goats to their times and I find I have contented goats that don't make a noise to annoy my neighbours.

2nd May: Do goats come back in and get in shower as have to go to vet for kids to

AUSTRALIAN SAANENS

R350 OSORY SNOWGOOSE WAS BORN MAY 1ST, 1973.

**OWNED BY CHRIS AND GARY JAMESON
SIRE: GREENFIELD AMBASSADOR DAM: MYTABA SLYPHEDES**

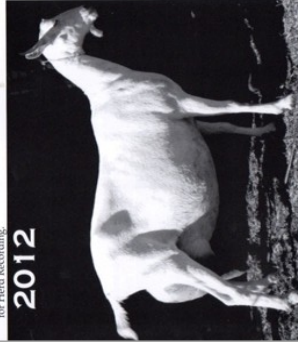
On her first lactation, Osory Snowgoose became an R72, which was a World Record All Breeds for first lactation, and a national record all breeds, all ages. Soon after, tuckadilly Rosette, on her second lactation, created a new national record as an R73.
In 1976, Osory Snowgoose, on her second lactation, produced in excess of 7700 lb of milk (an average of over two gallons of milk per day) to become the World and National Record Holder All Breeds, all ages, as an R77.

AND NOW WE HAVE**OSORY SHIRLEY BLIGHT****4231KGS****OWNED BY DARRELL BISHOP**

Some years ago, Shirley Blight, mother of Trevor, sent a doe, Dandalee Park Tess, to Darrell Bishop of the Osory Stud in Midgong NSW. This huge doe was nicknamed "The Horse". After three kiddings, that only produced bucks, twin does were born, Shirley Blight and Shirley Temple. She followed her mother's growth pattern and grew like a mushroom. To slow her down she was turned out at five months into a paddock on grass only, the same paddock where Osory Snowgoose (above) had grazed as a kid thirty years earlier. After a few weeks, Shirley Blight developed a maiden udder which needed milking every day so she was brought home.

On her first lactation, she attained the figures of £250 in 365 days. To date she has only produced bucks. Her feed is nothing fancy, prime lucerne hay and soaked wheat once a day and a salt lick if needed. She eats like a horse and consumes huge amounts of water.

In 2011, £20 Osory Shirley Blight eclipsed Osory Snowgoose's record to become the new Australian Record Holder for Best Recording.

2012

In 2012, Osory Shirley Blight milked 4231 kg milk in 365 days to become the World Record holder for milk production in any lactation.

R423 OSORY SHIRLEY BLIGHT**SIRE: OSORY CONDO****DAM: DANDALEE PARK TESSA****ALL PROUDLY OWNED AND BRED TO MILK IN AUSTRALIA**

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FOR MILK PRODUCTION
ARE STILL BEING MADE
BY**

AUSTRALIAN SAANENS**POTTAGE ANNABELLE****3090 KGS****(OWNED BY RON DROEGEMULLER)****RM68 POTTAGE ANNABELLE Q*4****1965-1966 Record, 27.2 lbs of milk in 24 hours****1966- World Record figures of 6 860 lbs of milk in 365 days.****The previous record of 6 661 lbs. was held by Malpas Melba (U.K.)****Bred by Mrs M. Pottage, NSW, Annabelle arrived at the Paracombe Stud (S.A.) at 10 months.**

Sire: \$53/0 STATE KONRAD 17½, son of STATE KONRAD, highest priced buck at the Condobolin dispersal sale and exported to New Zealand.
Dam: RM 47 ERSKAY POLLYANNA

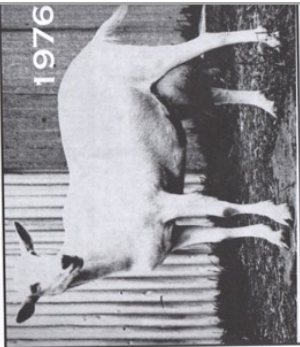
Extract from article written by Annabelle's Owner, Ron Droegemuller (S.A.) in AGW DEC. 1965

"Born on 26th August, 1962, Pottage Annabelle Q*4 is a fully pedigreed Saanen Doe, Herd Book No. 11629. Annabelle is certainly no "genetic freak" as far as milk production is concerned. She was bred for her purpose and while performances are at present the best of her line, all the progeny from her dam have excelled in milk production, with plenty of show ribbons as well.

Annabelle first kidded at the age of 11 months, producing a buck, Paracombe Paladin, weighing 15 lbs. and a doe Paracombe Pippin, weighing 12 lbs. 13 lbs.

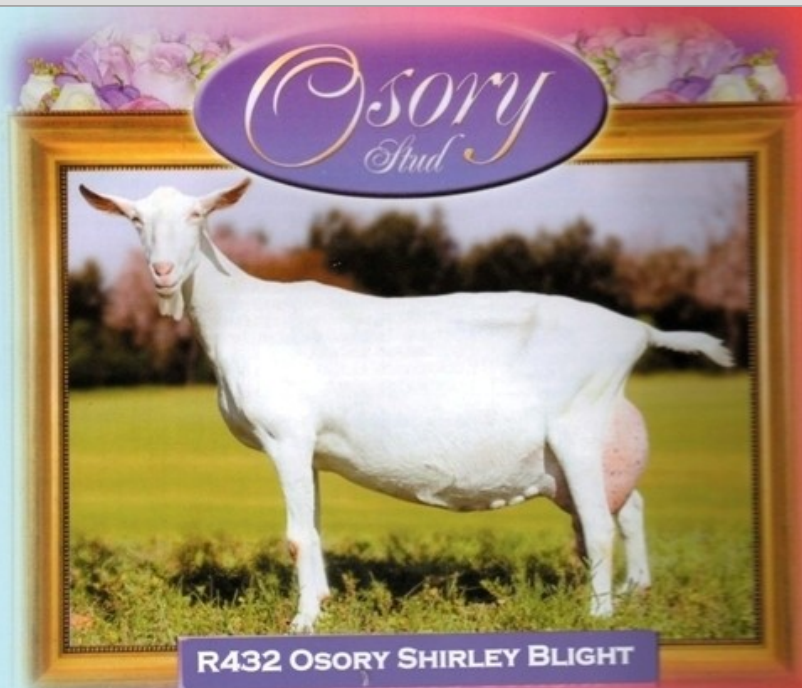
In production to a steady 2 gallons daily. She was first officially tested at the 1964 S.A.

Branch 24 hour test. She did not appreciate the move from home and scoured the whole time. However, she still produced 17.1 lbs of milk at 42% butterfat for 24.9 Q* points. This was 15 months after kidding.



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3500 KGS**

**IN 1976- WORLD
RECORD FOR MILK
PRODUCTION (365
DAYS).**

AUSTRALIAN SAANENS**R432 OSORY SHIRLEY BLIGHT**

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3RD LACTATION: 365 DAYS

PRODUCTION: 4321 KG MILK,

283 KG BUTTERFAT

TOTAL PRODUCTION IN 3 LACTATIONS TO
DATE: 11 692 KG

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OWNER, DARRELL BISHOP
AND ALL CONCERNED
IN HELPING SHIRLEY BLIGHT
ACHIEVE THIS FANTASTIC FEAT!



Surrey County—behind the scenes.



*Above left: Mrs Jean Parr who has stewarded at Surrey County Show for over 30 years, and still going strong!
Above right: The next generation. New stewards at Surrey County Show: Left: Fin Strong, niece of Nick Parr and Right: Annie Pemble, daughter of Richard Pemble. Photos Michael Ackroyd*

Edible Garden Show



*Above left: The Goat Marquee. Worcestershire Goat Club, Goat Genetics and the BGS display boards.
Above Right: Willowbank Toggenburgs. Photos: Linda Doyle.*

be disbudded at 10.30am. Go out, give apples and carrots and a small bottle to kids as don't want them too hungry as I may be back late. Sort out dog cage to put kids in back of car then back in to change as don't want to go like a tramp. Leave for vets about 9.50 am as its about 17 miles to Uckfield. Arrive 10.30 and go straight in young lady vet this time but does a good job and kid soon awake thank goodness put them back in car and go back in to get medication Terramycin, Oramec, 2 udder tubes and dog wormer think that's it for now all this in a bag I take a deep breath and ask how much my bill is to date the answer was £180 ouch !! but that was my C.A.E. test as well so hand over my card and pay.

Back home put kids in pen to rest for a bit. Only been in 2 minutes and daughter Julie arrives, good to see her she lives in Ashford about 30 miles away think she wanted to get out as they are having a new bathroom fitted think she only came for a wee. The postman brought two more entries for the S.O.E. show and Campari's Lactation Record Certificate R217 and the highest recorded B.T in 2011 good old girl.

4th May: Do goats then go shopping I like to get it over before they get busy, 1 ½ hours later and £80 lighter am back home with the weeks groceries which are put away before I get a cup of tea and toast.

7th May: David's Birthday he took the dog up the pub to help him celebrate!! gave me a chance to do my entries for Kent and the Kent Dairy show must be on time this year but will hang on to

them for two days to see if my C.A.E. certificate comes so I can send them off together kids reg no, will have to wait can't send them off until the 23rd as kids to0 young.

9th May: Do goatlings feet and give them worm dose nearly dead when finished have to wait until I'm having a good day as these stupid hands are not much good now and goatlings are no help. C.A.E. certificate came in post so two show entries sent off on time for a change.

10th May: Got up and pulled the curtains only to see the river coming up fast. Did the goats and shot off shopping when I got back it was right up to the top and the noise it makes is quite frightening start to worry about the sheep that graze by the river but its stopped raining so live in hope that we don't flood our cottage is on a slope but the drive goes under can be as much as 5 feet would be better off with a boat not a car. Within the hour it's on the way down thank goodness we live again.

12th May: Sunshine at last now to do all those jobs we have not been able to do cut lawn and goat paddock, get fire ready to burn all the old branches can't light it until Monday or next door will kick up!!

13th May: Another fine day more outside jobs done. Greenstuff dry so cut nice tub full for goats and very grateful they are too.

14th May: Still nice weather so light bonfire burns very well all used branches gone.

15th May: Got the Catalogue for the

South of England finished and sent a copy to Ian Churchill to proof read for mistakes, of which I know he will find some as I'm dyslectic but I do my best with the little brain I have.

16th May: Kids now 3 weeks old and growing well having four full bottles a day and now eating hay and small twigs. Campari eating well and milk coming up daily doing 6.80 kg already.

18th May: Julie's birthday she's off to their place in Spain for a week always goes for her birthday pity they could not sell it but no hope at the present time use to be able to pop over for £25 but that's a thing of the past.

19th May: Just about finished all secretary's jobs for the show now to start on the goats they are hanging on to their coats this year but it's always cold and damp down here by the river

20th May: Spent the morning trying to make the kids pen a safe place to do the wall of death in they are mad.

22nd May: Cheeky got her head through the hay rack good job we were in the garden and got to her before she broke her neck more thinking to be done, she has such a small head. Ok so had to put boards in the hay rack and stuff behind with straw sure will be glad when they get a bit bigger.

24th May: Very hot weather Campari drinking gallons of water she has not been quite right eating fine but after her milk came up so quick has stood still and being very mumsey not like her. I'm now thinking she had a slight bleed as she had

still got a dirty tail until 4 days ago.

25th May: All big goats had a bath get rid of all the winter dirt.

26th May: Campari must be feeling better milk on the up.

27th May: Milk still up again has come up a 1 Kg in a week and still rising more like the goat we all know now.

28th May: Still very hot started packing all our bedding for the show and it all fits in the new bags I found on e.bay they are half the size of the usual builders bags and a bale of hay fits in them with a tie lid you never know my clobber pen may not look like a bomb site but I will not be giving a promise on this.

29th May: Last check on all paper work for show hope I've got it all done. Campari's milk coming up nicely don't know how far this will go may have lost some I think if they have problems it puts them back and never the same.

30th May: Campari 7.60 Kg of milk today one month 2 days after kidding happy with that for an old girl but she will not be going in the ring as not got her coat too quick after kidding for her.

31st May: Kids growing well, eating lots of bulk just the way I like it. Still mad as hatters. Started putting them on a lead as having a job to pick them up to get them back in their pen after a silly half hour running about.

I hope this is not too boring but it's what I do 24/7—my goats.

Barbara Ruth

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012

Hosted by the Northumberland Dairy Goat Society

Durham County Hall, Durham City, Saturday 14th April 2012

Mr Wood, Chairman, welcomed those present to the meeting and thanked the Northumberland Dairy Goat Society and Jennifer Harbour and members of the Durham Dairy Goat Society for hosting and arranging the AGM.

Present:

Mr C Newton, Mrs M Franklin, Miss A Freeman, Ms R Norman, Mrs E Woodmass, Mrs A Hiles, Mr D Elders, Mrs V Wood, Mr N Jackson, Mrs J Harbour, Mrs M Hardman, Mrs M Thomasson, Mr M Thomasson, Mrs M Allen, Mr R Wood, Mrs J Wilson, Mr R Wilson, Mr N Clayton, Mr M Cox, Mrs A Cox, Mr G Webster, Mrs A Dick, Mrs L Shaw, Ms K Stubbs, Mr I Johnson, Mrs J Smith, Mr P Cox, Mrs C Woodward, Mrs P Kell, Mr G George, Mr P Mounter, Mr T Maddison, Mr L Goodyer, Mrs S Goodyer, Mr B Perry, Mrs A Aitken.

1) Apologies for Absence:

Ms F Ogden, Ms J Macleod, Mrs M Cain, Mr S Thomas, Mrs C Ball, Mrs R Earthy, Mr R Pemble, Mr A Morrey, Mrs W Webster, Mr G Godfrey, Mr S Jones, Mrs B & Miss C Hurcomb, Mr M Ackroyd, Mr N Parr, Mr C Peck, Mrs V Hardy, Mrs M Edgington, Miss J Dunford, Mrs L Norman & Ms S Jaeban.

2) To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 9th April 2011

These had been printed in the June 2011 Monthly Journal. There being no amendments, the Minutes were confirmed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

3) To receive the Report of the Committee for the year ending 13th April 2012

The Chairman thanked the Committee for their work and support through the past year. The membership continues to grow.

Two successful Autumn Conferences were hosted by the Derbyshire Dairy Goat Club and the Gloucestershire Goat Society.

PayPal had been introduced as a way of making payments to the BGS. This would be particularly helpful for overseas members.

The Grassroots System was working well although several teething problems had needed to be ironed out. The system would offer additional benefits as time went by.

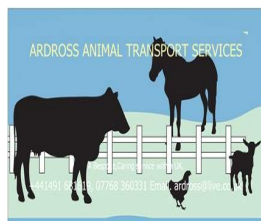
The Chairman offered a vote of thanks to Mr & Mrs Featherstone who had produced CD's free of charge which contained a full collection of BGS Herd Books and BGS Year Books. These had been made available for sale to members.

Eighteen judges had attended a successful Judges Conference.

The BGS Calendar had produced a profit of £500. Thanks were extended to Mr S Jones for all his work. Plans were already in place to produce another calendar for 2013.

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A Rule change on Judges licences had been agreed by the membership which would make it possible for licensed judges to retain their license if they moved abroad and will come into force as from 1st January 2013.

Rule 17 was also altered regarding the make up of the BGS Committee. In future the Committee will be elected on a first past the post basis.

Regulation changes had been introduced by the Committee to allow for 12 letters in a goats registered prefix and name.

The BGS is to be the beneficiary of a legacy in the region of £250,000. Careful consideration needs to be put into how best to utilise this amount.

A new set of promotional banners have been produced and are on show at the AGM. Thanks are recorded to Ros Earthy for her work on this project and to Peter Cox for use of his photographs.

The BGS will be attending the Dairy Event which is to be renamed the Livestock Event later this year.

Mr M Ackroyd has been ill which has delayed the production of the Year Book.

The Herd Book is at the draft stage and will be sent to the printers as soon as possible.

On a sad note we have lost some members since the last AGM: Mrs Flint, Mr Thornley, Mrs Stephenson of the Coalpit Herd, Mrs Dorothy Wright, Mrs Heather Brace (a former BGS Show Secretary), Mrs P Goldsmith, Mrs Astle-Bates, Mr Jack Stevenson (Mrs M Hardman's father) and Mrs Barbara Wood.

The Chairman said that it was sad that we have to choose a new President. Mrs M Ross has travelled from Aberdeen to all parts of the UK to attend meetings, shows & events and that the BGS had been very lucky to have such a pro-active President..

Sadness too that Mr P Cox is retiring as Web Manager. The BGS website is a tribute to his work and commitment. Thanks were also extended to Christine Ball and the Secretary for their input through the Forum and Secretary's Notes on the web site. Mr Cox was Chairman for ten years and then President. Thanks were also extended to Mrs Janet Cox for her support of her husband over so many years.

Finally the Chairman said that he had enjoyed his ten years as Chairman despite the challenges of disease outbreaks and a reduced membership and income. However, goat keepers are made of stern stuff and Mr Wood felt the future looked bright.

During the ten years a new secretary had been appointed, the office had been relocated from Devon to Northumberland and five consultation meetings had been held around the UK including Northern Ireland.

He wished to record his thanks to all the Committee over ten years and to the Vice Chairs Mrs Aitken, Mrs Hardman and Mr Parr. He also thanked Mr P Cox for his guidance over this time. Mr Wood felt that the time was now right to hand over the reigns

of Chairmanship to someone new and thanked the membership for affording him the great honour of serving as Chairman for ten years.

Mr P Cox proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Wood.

There were no questions.

4) To receive the Statement of Accounts for the twelve month period ending 31st October 2011

The investments had not produced the values of last year due to the depressed markets. A one off depreciation to the value of the office computer system to bring it into line with the actual value for insurance purposes.

The legacy in the region of £250,000 from Mr Hill will come through in the next few weeks. We need to keep an eye on our finances.

Mrs Kell thanked the secretary for the savings made. Mr George made note of the imminent increase in postal charges and suggested more use of email and BACS payments should be used. Bank charges are to be looked at by the Committee.

Mr George proposed and Mr Newton seconded that the Trustees report be accepted. All in favour.

5) To elect a President

Mr P Cox had nominated Mr R Wood as President. He supported his election proposal by adding that Mr Wood carried the torch for goatkeeping for over 40 years, bred 6 full champions, 22 breed champions and worked tirelessly as Chairman promoting the BGS.

Proposed by Mr Cox and seconded by Mr C Newton. All in favour.

6) To elect Vice presidents

Mr Wood read out the current list of Vice Presidents. Mr Webster proposed and Mrs Hiles seconded that these be elected on bloc. Mrs M Ross and Mr B Perry were proposed by Mr R Wood and seconded by Mr Newton. Mr G Webster was proposed by Mr B Perry and seconded by Mrs L Shaw. All in favour.

7) To elect the External Examiners

Mr G George proposed and Mr P Cox seconded that Wortham Jaques be elected as the Society's External Examiners for the coming year. All in favour.

8) To present the Window Harrison Trophy: was awarded to RM243 Moonlin Wil-lora HB075138D owned and bred by Mrs L Beaney

9) To present the Ashdene Metaphor Award: was awarded to CH R256 Toddbrook Valaquenta Q* HB072138D with a yield of 2129kg in 365 days. Owned & Bred by Mrs H Matthews

10) To present the Montieth Challenge Cup: was awarded to Oakvale Aster BS042455D Q*1 with a yield of 9.45kg at South Western Show. Owned & Bred by Mr J A Powell

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11) To present the Wright Challenge Bowl: was awarded to SM Willobrook Artie BrCh BS040801D Owned & Bred by Mrs S R Summers

12) To present Breeders Challenge Cup: awarded to Mrs V Wood & Mr T Maddison's Treval Herd with a total of 51 points

13) To present the Stud Goat Challenge Cup

None qualified

The meeting ended with a presentation of a bronze goat statue and a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr Wood as retiring Chairman.

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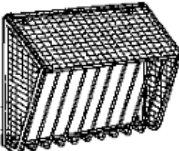
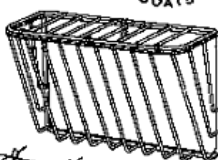
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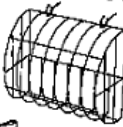





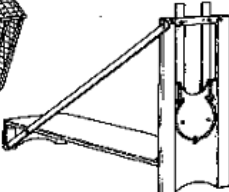



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CEREBROCORTICAL NECROSIS (CCN)

Dear members,

After an incident with one of my milkers a couple of weeks ago, I thought I would write and warn fellow goatkeepers'.

I have the Drifford herd of British Toggenburgs consisting of 2 milkers and 3 goatlings at present. My goats go out to graze during the day and are housed at night with plenty of hay to eat. This particular afternoon, I got the girls in and Minx an 8year old milker running through and through just didn't look quite right in her eyes. No other symptoms apart from not appearing particularly hungry but I wasn't surprised given the way that the grass had grown so long and lush since all the rainfall.

The following morning, she was showing signs of grass staggers. She was staggering around, showing signs of drunkenness and her eyes were a bit starry. Luckily we had Mag in the drugs cupboard which is here for the sheep and cattle and I injected her under her skin with 80ml. She never went down and couldn't get up but by teatime she still wasn't showing any signs of recovery so I gave her another 80ml of Mag under her skin. By this time, she had stopped eating, drinking and no milk, not surprisingly.

On entering the goat house the following morning, she was still showing the same symptoms but she was also completely blind. Time to phone the vet. I explained

CEREBROCORTICAL NECROSIS (CCN)

the symptoms and he said it sounds very much like Cerebrocortical Necrosis (CCN). Very similar symptoms to Grass Staggers and quite rare.

What is it? CCN is thiamine (B1) deficiency. Any changes in rumen environment that suppresses normal flora activity can lead to decreased thiamine production. Thiamine must be present in order for glucose to be metabolized. If thiamine is either not present or exists in altered form (thiaminase) then brain cells die and severe neurological symptoms appear.

So in Minx's case, the vet explained that where there had been much rainfall and the grass had grown long and lush in a short period and it contained a very high content of sugars, this affected the flora in the rumen causing the baddie bacteria to multiply rapidly on the glucose, killing the goodie bacteria and using lots of B1 in the process thus causing the brain to start dying hence the symptoms!

Treatment - the vet was with us within the hour to inject Vitamin B1 intravenously and he said that she would respond very quickly. He gave her an anti inflammatory injection to try and stop any more neurological damage and took some bloods to check her Magnesium levels, which were fine. He left me with a bottle of B1 and I was to inject her 3 more times at intervals throughout the rest of the day and evening into her muscle. He was fairly positive in his diagnosis BUT said if she didn't respond by the morning then we were looking at possible Meningitis and she would need anti-

biotics. He also said that if any of the others started to show similar symptoms, then to inject them with 10mls intramuscular.

The following day, she was still a bit wobbly and had sight back but not fully. She was desperate to go out in the paddock with the others for a stretch and I let her for a couple of hours and over the course of the following few days, she was completely back to normal and touch wood, no recurrences and the others have been fine, even with the grass still growing lush although I have turned the horse out there now and she's taking the top off it.

A couple of weeks previous, we lost 2 milking cows here with 'staggers'. It now does make us wonder if it was CCN although it wasn't suggested at the time by the vet who advised treatment.

Nicky Ford

PREPARING FOR AI

Yes it's that time of year again. If you are interested in using AI you need to be making arrangements to ensure your chosen straws are in the appropriate tank in the right location for the autumn breeding season. It's very difficult & can be very expensive to move straws around at the last minute.

If you haven't done a BGS Approved AI Course yourself you will either need to locate a licensed inseminator in your area (very few have the time to drop everything and dash off to AI for others at the right time) or make use of laparoscopic AI if you are within driving distance of a facility. A few veterinary practices provide a lap AI service including Innovis who regularly use laparoscopic AI goats at their Malvern & Edinburgh Centres. Laparoscopic AI is a surgical procedure which places the semen directly into the uterine horns.

In my opinion the best person to AI a goat is the owner as timing is critical. And the goat will be more relaxed (important to minimise stress) with its owner and in a familiar place. But lap AI has a better rate of success and is well worth considering if you can access it. Any of the straws here can be transferred to Malvern or Edinburgh. Or to other inseminators tanks if possible. Please get in touch if you need help or info:

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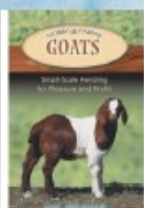


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