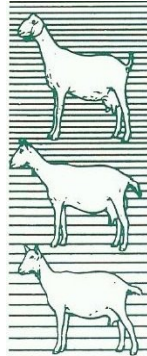


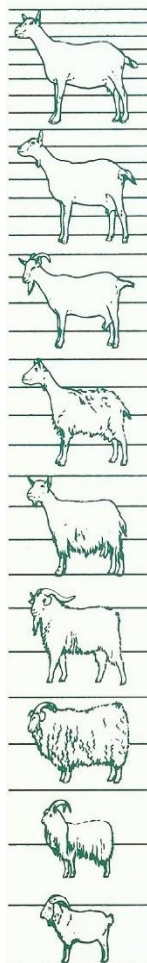
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Best Pair BT's at the Breed Show, Anjo Chad & Aphrodite Salomi. Photo: Peter Cox

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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

In my July Notes, I advised of a meeting being held on 8 August between BGS reps and SAC personnel to discuss the various CAE schemes and the possibility of amalgamating them. I am grateful to Nick Clayton for feedback from the meeting in the form of an article (later in this journal). Nick has asked if it would be possible for BGS members who are CAE testing to advise how many goats they have and also to comment on the proposed costings. I will collate responses, so if members who are willing to supply this information can please contact me ASAP either by e-mail or letter (no phone calls please) I will forward a composite response to Nick.

Autumn is upon us already – perhaps it seems to have come round quicker this year as a result of a wet, miserable ‘summer’. I look forward to meeting members at the Autumn Conference which is kindly being hosted and organized by the Northern England Goat Club.

Solicitors handling the estate of the late Mr Hill have advised the legacy we are to receive will be available soon as probate is almost complete. The net value is between £250,000 and £260,000.

Members will notice from the show results booklet that there have been instances of milk samples having gone astray in the laboratory, resulting in no butterfat or protein analysis figures being available. This is extremely disappointing for all concerned. It must be hoped this is a ‘one off’ issue and that all will be well in the future, not only for our show milk samples but also for milk recording samples.

Agnes Aitken

SHOW UPDATES

Suffolk Show 7th June

Milker BS 2nd Randall's Monach Betony (not Monach Cinnamon)

Royal Cornwall & Kernow Show milk samples were mislaid by the collection centre not NMR as previously reported.

Derbyshire	24th June	Yield	Fat%am	Fat%pm	Pro%am	Pro%pm	Time	Pts
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DIPLOMA AWARDS

Cardigan County	1st August	Klimova Anuska (Mrs C Davies)
Malton	22nd July	Northwolds Lily (Mrs A Hubbard)
Thornton-Le-Dale	8th August	Northwoods Lily (Mrs A Hubbard)

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr Walsh, West Midlands; Mrs Follmer, West Sussex; Mr Hale & Mr McCurdy, USA;
Mrs Di-Carpo, Norfolk; Mr & Mrs Fairbairn, Suffolk; Mrs Slaney, Nottinghamshire;
Mr Murray & Ms Haynes, North Yorkshire; Mr Murray, Lincolnshire;
Mr Little, Co. Tyrone; Mrs Hughes, Gloucestershire; Mrs Nicholson, North Yorkshire;
Golden Guernsey Goat Trust, Lincolnshire;

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dear Members,

The Breeds shows which took place on 30th June, celebrated the Queen's Jubilee and Brian Perry generously supported these with special prizes. Thank you Brian from us all. Photos on the centre pages are taken by Peter Cox and more can be found on the 2012 Breed Shows page on the website. An full article by Margaret Hardman will appear in the 2013 Year Book.

The Breed Societies AGM's will take place on Sunday 28th October in Warwickshire. Full details appear on page 200. The following weekend the Northern England Goat Club are hosting an autumn conference as part of their 70th anniversary. Full details of this appear on page 201. I look forward to seeing you at one of these events.

Please note that when you use PayPal for Grassroots registrations and transfers, you always need to print off the invoice in order to clear it from the system.

Best Wishes

Jane

****BGS HERD DIARY WRITERS NEEDED****

I hope you have been enjoying reading the BGS members diary, which has been running since January this year. Herds have taken part from many corners of the UK, but we are still few months short to fill this year and into next. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to put pen to paper. BGS herd diary writers are needed for the months of, Oct, Nov, Dec 2012, Jan, Feb, March 2013. Please get in touch with Shane Jones, by email shane.jones@powys.gov.uk or call home, 01982 552062 mob 07794564286

Thanks to all members who have contributed to the BGS diary already, and hope all members are enjoying the diaries.

Shane

Letters

Disbudding goat kids - procedure now clarified.

There has been some confusion over just who can and who cannot disbud a goat kid based on two slightly contrasting pieces of UK legislation.

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (our governing body) has also given out conflicting information on this same subject, such that my veterinary practice colleagues may themselves have interpreted their obligations in slightly different ways.

I have been pushing for a clear guide as to what is best practice for this procedure, that will leave both owners and their vets with the necessary guidance to ensure that they remain within the law.

The recent VIVA expose in the Daily Mail did highlight disbudding as an issue of concern - and this gave the impetus for the RCVS to agree to my requests. They have made a statement which can be accessed via the link below - making it clear that both the necessary anaesthesia (either local or general but at discretion of vet) AND the disbudding must be undertaken by a vet, and cannot now be delegated to an owner / livestock keeper / or stockperson. This has also been agreed with Defra and Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency.

The link is: <http://www.rcvs.org.uk/news-and-events/news/position-on-the-disbudding-of-goats-clarified/>

Regards to all
David Harwood

Dear Editor,

I read with interest Maggi Franklin's piece in the Year Book, about waste free hay feeders and deep beds.

I already have a hay box, made from an old bunk bed, which holds the hay and has sides the goats reach though to eat. They tend to stand with heads inside, chewing away, rather than pulling large mouthfuls out and dropping much of it as they did when fed from racks. It has made a huge difference to the amount wasted which is a good thing this year when hay making has been so difficult.

I have some bare floor around the hay-box but the rest of the communal area is deep litter. I thought I would try making 4 smaller beds for the goats to reduce this. I created this bed, 4' x 6', and put some hemcore in. I thought it might take 2 goats or the 3 kids but almost before I had smoothed the bedding, they crowded in to try it. 6 goats and a hen settled down for a snooze with no fighting at all.

Brilliant, thank you Maggi.

Rebecca Torrance



JOINT BREED SOCIETIES AGM'S

SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2012

TOGGENBURG BREEDERS SOCIETY & BRITISH ALPINE BREED SOCIETY
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From Coventry A45/A46 to Warwick Parkway then as above

From the north M5

exit J4a onto M42 to J3a onto M40 exit left at next junction onto A3400 To Hockley Heath. Turn right in village onto Old Warwick Road (New large building construction on corner) Continue on through Lapworth (30mph) and at top of hill as you enter 40mph zone turn left into Rowington Green

From north M1

Exit J23a onto A42 –M42 exit J4 onto A3400 Hockley Heath Turn left onto Old Warwick Road as above

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When you get to the last cross road for Rowington Village Hall turn the opposite way down Finwood Road, continue over a canal bridge, a motorway, down a narrow hill and another canal bridge to the end of the road. Turn LEFT go past the Fleur de Lys pub and you will see the Hall in front of you at the road junction.

Both halls will be available for setting up from 9.30am

BGS Autumn Conference

SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2012

Hosted by the Northern England Goat Club celebrating 70 years 1942 – 2012
at

The Hired Lad, Penrith, Cumbria on 3rd of November 2012

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| 10.00 a.m. | Arrival tea/coffee, with musical accompaniment by ‘the Giddy Goats of Wasdale’ aka Margie and Adrian Simper |
| 10.45 am. | Representative from West Point Vets, Penrith will speak on topical caprine issues (hopefully Johnes disease and Schmallenburg virus) |
| 11.45 a.m. | BGS Question Time |
| 12.30 p.m | Lunch |
| 13.30 p.m. | Talk by Thornby Moor Dairy about cheesemaking with cheese samples on offer |
| 14.30 p.m. | Auction of donated items, including a week in a holiday cottage in Wasdale between November and Easter; a commissioned painting of your goat; cheese making equipment etc. (Further donations welcomed on the day. No livestock) |
| 15.15 p.m. | Cutting of Anniversary Cake |
| 15.30 p.m | Tea/Coffee – depart |



Tickets will cost £16.50 each and will include a complimentary tote bag.

Tickets without the carvery: £6.50 (to include the tote bag) but any food other than the carvery must be consumed outside The Hired Lad.

Tickets from Christine Birkbeck: Wyber, Bolton, Appleby, Cumbria, CA16 6 AW

Tel;017683 61583 birklyn@msn.com

A second class stamp for the return of tickets would be appreciated. Closing date 26th October.

The Hired Lad is situated just off the M6 at junction 40. It is a short walk from Penrith station (from which lifts can be arranged if necessary.)

At J40 take the A66 west towards Keswick. Travel approx 1 mile to a small roundabout. Take the last exit to travel east back towards Penrith on the A66. The auction mart is signposted on your left.

CAE TESTING SCHEME

(SAC proposal) by Nick Clayton

I have taken account of the likely scenario of the testing regimes involved. All figures quoted are in pounds, slightly rounded in some cases.

Firstly there is membership of the premium Sheep and goat CAE Health Scheme. That is £62 annually for up to 10 goats, £90 for 11 to 50, and £140 for any larger herd. This is payable for goats aged 18 months or over.

Under the SAC scheme there is then a standard charge of £2.50 per blood sample submitted for CAE testing. Under the BGS scheme, SAC charges are £6.70 for up to 3 animals £6.00 for 4 to 9 animals and £5.30 a head for 10 or more. Where people are testing privately, it is difficult

to know what charges will be applied. Certainly the AHVLA charge is a great deal higher, so I have left them out of the calculation. I believe the BGS Monitoring scheme membership charge is £10 which I have factored in.

The veterinary surgeon fees for call out and blood testing are purely notional, and for comparison purposes. I have assumed a £40 call out fee for blood testing, plus £3 per head. Thus in the first year of membership, you would pay for membership and a test. A second test is due 6 to 12 months after the first, and you would then have a further annual test 12 months later. We are assuming that for reasons of convenience, most testing will take place early in the year to anticipate the show season, and also

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CAE TESTING SCHEME

to anticipate the kidding season. After that, unless the herd is known to be at particular risk, testing will be carried out every 3 years, though you still need to pay an annual membership fee.

To get accreditation a herd has to go through, and pass, 2 qualifying tests. After getting accreditation they test 1 year later, then 2 years later and, if they have no non-accredited stock on the holding they can then test every three years. If a flock starts with non-accredited stock all of these stock (over 12 months) will have to be tested in the second qualifying test – not just a proportion of them.

The first Qualifying test must include all goats over 12 months old. However if the herd is established or over three years and females are 90% homebred, and Males purchased within the last three years came from CAE accredited herds, then you will need to test all animals over 12 months where there are 55 or fewer, ranging to 150 where there are 1000 or more.

This is also the number which will need to be tested at the second qualifying test, and all subsequent tests.

Thus, let us take a herd which is new to the scheme and qualifies for reduced numbers to be tested. The cost of first year membership and testing will be :

SAC Scheme	BGS Scheme
3 goats - £118.50	£79
6 goats - £135	£104
10 goats £157	£133
20 goats £300	£216

SAC Scheme	BGS Scheme
60 goats - £483	£548
200 goats £758	£1710
1000 goats £1005	£8350

Where a FULL herd test was decreed desirable, the cost under the SAC scheme for the first test would be: 200 goats £1280, 1000 goats - £5680

This would apply ONLY to the first test.

Assuming that the 2nd qualifying test under the SAC scheme is 12 months after the first, that and the first post qualifying year will cost the same. Where you might have to test reduced numbers of goats on the first test, for herds of up to 60 goats the equation is unchanged, but for those needing a full herd test, there is an obvious difference at that number of goats is still plainly in favour of the SAC Scheme.

If we then look forward to the second post qualifying test, the cost for the PSHGS scheme is annual membership plus 50% of the annual testing costs.

Those annualized costs are, for a herd of 3 goats £90 PA, 6 goats £99, 10 goats £110, 20 goats £165, 60 goats £311, 200 goats £449 and 1000 goats £603.

Once you have reached the 3 year testing regime the costs reduce further, and on an annual basis would be 3 goats £82, 6 goats £86, 20 goats £140, 60 goats £254, 200 goats £346 and 1000 goats £428.

Thus, small herds would pay more under the SAC scheme for the first three years of membership, but almost everyone will save once you are on 3 year testing.

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CAE TESTING SCHEME *CONT'D*

For instance a herd of 10 goats would be charged £971, £121 pa, for the period up to and including the first 3 year test, and the same herd under the BGS testing would have paid £1064.

The current BGS scheme was set up under the guidance of John Matthews, to meet an increasingly worrying spread of disease. That it met the need of the time is evident from the now extremely low level of CAE present, and John is rightly proud of what has been achieved. The object of the exercise now is to balance risk against cost, in effect hopefully to encourage more goatkeepers to go CAE free. I have only outlined the rules for this purpose of cost. There is provision for full herd tests if warranted, by for instance buying in from a herd which subsequently has a failure.

I am happy to take enquiries on the foregoing – my telephone number is 01531 820074.

Nick Clayton

BRITISH GOAT SOCIETY YEAR BOOK 2013

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Michael Ackroyd

MUD GLORIOUS MUD!

Great Yorkshire Show, Exhibitors park in July. Photos: Brian Perry.

DIAMOND JUBILEE WINNERS



Best Pair (Male and Female) – Ashdene Marypoppns and Ashdene Mario – British Saanens

*(This is probably the first time that the pairs competition has been won by a mother and son combination. Ashdene Marypoppns Q*1 ex Ashdene Nofrekt and Ch RM185 Toddbrook Willow Q*BrCh owned and bred by Nick Parr. Marypoppns is a 1st kidder RT. Marypoppns awaits BGS confirmation that she has qualified for her full championship and breed championship. Ashdene Mario is owned by Chris Nye and bred by Nick Parr. Mario's dam is Marypoppns and his sire is Toddbrook Titian. Mario is only a buckling yet he is unbeaten at shows this year so far, being awarded four CCs and five BCCs. He will, of course, have to wait for qualifying daughters)*



Sandell Daisydoo and Emmadell Demi - The Best pair of same HB Section female kids

Further photographs and full details of the Diamond Jubilee Winners will appear in the 2013 Year Book. The photographs on these pages were taken by Peter Cox and Peter has downloaded a wonderful selection of photographs from the 2012 Breed Shows onto the BGS website which are well worth viewing. Thank you Peter

DIAMOND JUBILEE WINNERS



*Best Pair of same HB section goatlings – Theban Camellia and Aphrodite Sambuka – British Toggenburg
(Theban Camellia ex Teilos Andreas and RM156 Theban Cornelia Q*8 BrCh owned and bred by Michael Ackroyd. Aphrodite Sambuka ex † Theban Caelan and Aphrodite Sarah owned and bred by Elaine Woodmass)*

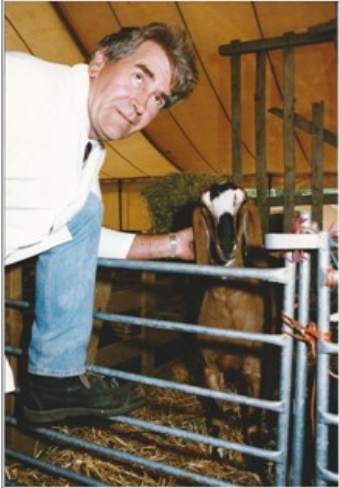


*Best Pair of same HB Section opposite sex kids – Earls Enock and Sandell Daisydoo – Anglo Nubian
(† Earls Enock ex §188/119 † Braymusen Horatio and Earls Catriona Q*1 owned and bred by Rosemary Earl and Sandell Daisydoo ex §124/159 Ivans Trujoseph and Sandell Chantel * owned and bred by David and Joan Baldock)*

DAVID KEMP

The Devon Goat Society is sad to report the untimely death of our Chairman, David Kemp, he succumbed to lung cancer just a few weeks after first feeling unwell, he was aged just 68 years.

He was born in Watford and met the love of his life, Riitta when he was 18 they married two years later.



Having worked in agriculture, animal feed production and latterly at the Okehampton food factory he was known for his capacity for hard work, ability to improve and innovate.

At their home in Winkleigh, he and Riitta established the successful Toga Herd of AN's and Saanens. The goats seemed to respond to David's calm and quiet handling and their knowledge was shared with many goat keepers, making newcomers feel especially welcome at Shows. I remember him relating the tale of taking their lovely AN male – Toga Wogan to a show some miles away where he was travelled in the back of the vehicle. On stopping at a motorway service station for coffee they overheard some people sitting nearby complaining that the premises drains must be blocked

due to a strange smell!! We still laugh about that.

Right: Toga Wogan

The trauma and worry of the foot and mouth outbreak in 2001 caused them to give up goat keeping but both remained staunch supporters of the DGS, with David sitting on the committee and taking the role of chairman until his death. His experience was so important to the rest of us.



Additionally, David had been a goat steward at the Devon County Show since 1984 (originally with the late Len McGuinness) to the current time and also ran the very successful Goat Section at the Okehampton Agricultural Show,

He will be very sadly missed by the society and by everyone who enjoyed his company and knowledge and our thoughts are with Riitta and family at this time.

**Linda Davey
Devon Goat Society**

HORSEHAY HERD DIARY

Little did I know that when I was telling Shane how many shows we were doing this year that he would turn around and ask us to do the herd diary for July. Well I promised myself when I agreed that I would keep a mental note of everything that I did that month and well, it started well and then got worse as the month went on so some of this is pieced together from what I can remember! Let me first introduce myself. I am Jade Beard and I help my Nan and Grandad, Ann and Brian Rhodes with their Horsehay Herd of British Alpines and some AOVs. We are from Telford, Shropshire and currently have around 60 goats (yes that is 60 not 16!) and as if life isn't busy enough with all the goats I am currently pregnant with identical twins, due beginning of October so life is currently a mixture of goat shows, hospital appointments and baby shopping!

29th June -1st July: Newark Showground British Alpine Breed Show and Newark and Notts Male and Female Show

Okay so I know we have started this a little bit early but never mind. We are notorious for always being late, everywhere we go! Normally if we have to be at a show for 6 o'clock we will end up getting there at around 5 to! With 4 milkers to milk when we get there as well!

Well this year we have decided to try and get to shows earlier and getting to Newark at around 3 o'clock is really good for us! We have brought Jinsimon, our adult male, 3 milkers, 3 BA goat-

lings, 3 AOV goatlings, 4 BA female kids and a male kid. Getting to shows early is a novelty for us. We even had time to wash all the goats again when we got to the show ground. I don't know what it is with our goats but no matter how clean they are before they go in the trailer they always end up filthy by the time we get to the shows, especially the white goatlings! After we washed all the goats and settled them down for the night it was good to enjoy fish and chips in Vicki and Robert's (Hardy) gazebo.

Saturday is the British Alpine National Breed Show and even though there were only 5 exhibitors it was nice to see some other BA's. You get used to seeing the same goats at the shows so seeing some different was nice. Grandad took the first kidder class with Cedogrose. This is only her second show as a milker and she is doing really well so fingers crossed for her. She took best milker and best in show. With reserve going to our second kidder, Jindiamond. Jindiamond is already a breed champion so it's good that Cedogrose is beating her! Unfortunately there was only one adult male so Jinsimon won his class and got best male. But never the less taking them in for Best Pair was an honour comparing our goats to some of the others in there. Makes us all so proud of them to think that all of our goats have been bred by us. Grandad prides himself that we have achieved so much from breeding up not buying. Saturday night is topped off by the food put on by Vicki and Robert. A good laugh was had by all sharing drinks and stories till later than we care to imagine!

Sunday was seen by a few people with sore heads I can imagine, that is one thing I do not miss being pregnant! Again was such a busy day feels like you are in and out of every class, again Cedogrose won the BA milker class with Jindiamond second. Jinamolite won the BA goatling class, Amy as she is known at home seems to have grown into a donkey this year, we are left wondering when she is going to stop growing! We were all tired packing the trailer up and taking the pens down. I travelled back with Helen (Alderson) and got back just before Nan and Grandad. I had just put the kettle on and was making a pot of tea when the discovery pulled up and we unloaded all the goats. Will leave the trailer until tomorrow is far too much effort the same day as the show! All goats settled back in the stables and humans settled into beds!

4th July: Scan Day

Nathan gets up early and sorts the goats as I am getting more and more tired each day, off to the hospital for yet another ultrasound. Because I am carrying twins they insist on scanning every fortnight to check on both the babies, as useful as this is at times we have to arrange them around the shows, both doing fine and make the next appointment for the week between the Great Yorkshire and the Royal Welsh. Out for a pub lunch with friends just because we keep reminding ourselves we will never be able to afford it when the babies get here!

6th – 7th July: Preparing for the Great Yorkshire Packing for the Great Yorkshire is always good fun, last year was

the first time we went and if anyone saw how much stuff Nan had packed for us they understand why packing takes us two days! The trailer is always the easiest part, we take cabbage, bananas, carrots and any other bargains Grandad can get from the local market. The goats get fed better than us and that is a fact! We just leave Nan to pack the car as we never ever get it right and she will tell you that herself.

8th – 11th July: Great Yorkshire Show
The weather lately has been horrific but checking the website as we leave the show is definitely on despite the rain coming and coming. Settled Grandad into his cubicle at the show with more food than enough to feed all exhibitors, its so much he has trouble getting into bed without the food piles falling over. If he locked himself in and didn't come out all week I don't think he would put a dent in the food. Nan doesn't come to this show with us as the lady who milks for us is unable to milk in the week so Nan stays at home. She has Big John (Ralphs) for company so shouldn't be lonely! Washed all the goats on Monday in the goat wash, is amazing watching how different people wash their goats in different ways, some of the goats have better shampoo and conditioners than I have. Meant to stay until Friday morning but as the rain gets worse the storms just keep coming the show gets closed to the public after one day. It's surprising how much better shows are without public, there is no one standing in front of the gates that your trying to put the goats back in. And with the

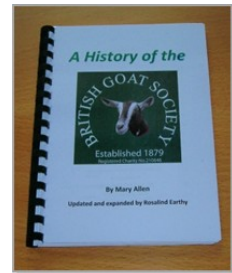
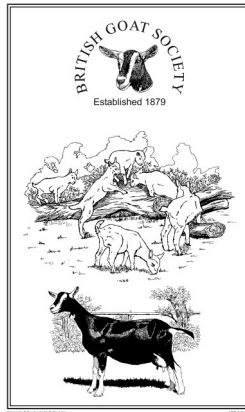
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moods our milkers get in they just tow you back from the ring and you have to just pray the public have moved. We kept showing despite the state of the showground. The IP was done in record time and the ground was so wet that poor Jindiamond, who I was showing, ending up sinking in the mud, it seemed so pointless us washing them! Cedo-grose still remains unbeaten in the BA milker classes. A long drive back home stopping in Market Drayton for the compulsory fish and chips. Everyone at home was shocked at us being back so early, seems the weather in Shropshire was different to the weather in Yorkshire.

18th July: Yet another Scan

Wednesday Scan days are getting quite boring, as much as I love going to the scans it gets a bit boring waiting an hour to go in for a ten minute appointment! Home again to start working out how much we are going to need for next weeks Royal Welsh Show.

20th July: Packing for the Royal Welsh

Nathan is getting good at ignoring me when I moan at him and tell him what order to pack the trailer in, as much as I know he knows how to pack our trailer I still end up telling him what to put in and what order etc. It's harder that it looks going from doing everything to not being able to do anything. Oh well at least it's all ready for tomorrow now, another show without Nan. We've never been to the Royal Welsh before so it's going to be a new experience for us all!

21st – 26th July: The Royal Welsh Show

Setting of for Builth Wells we were sure not to be late as we went a day early from when we had to be there. We were met by cups of tea and great hospitality by all the stewards and other exhibitors. We parked the trailer on the flat of the hill. It only looks a short walk from the bottom but after going up and down a couple of times you realise that even though it looks a short distance, you could quite happily collapse after walking it! We start using the hospitality vehicles pretty soon!

The Sunday is spent washing goats and getting them half presentable, although knowing ours they will be filthy again as soon as the coats are off. Sure enough as soon as Jinzinc's coat comes off she kicks the clean straw out of the pen and rolls in all the wet straw she can find. Delilac has taken it as a personal mission to destroy the name cards above the pens and after thinking about it for some time she works out exactly how to do it, she hooks her front leg over the string and kicks and kicks until it pulls them off. This was a great game until she snapped the string and all the names fall into the pens! Great night sleep until around 4am when Nathan and I wake up on the floor, the air bed has a puncture!

Monday is spent yet again washing Jinzinc and the kids as between them they have ended up messy again, some kind person has tipped yoghurt down Cedelphie (one of the kids) and she has succeeded in rubbing it all over all the other kids as well. After washing them all again and trying in desperate ways to keep Jinzinc clean we give up by the

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night. Me and Nathan join in with the quiz and our team win. The only problem is we forgot to set the air bed up in the light. Set it up in the dark and have to make do with sticking plasters as the puncture kit has disappeared out of the glovebox. Grandad tells us off as we had to wake him up to get the bedding out of the discovery. Grandad sleeps in the front of the car.

The rest of the show flies by and the weather is far better than the Great Yorkshire in fact it is too hot for the BA's. They really don't appreciate the heat, especially ours who don't go out at all at home. Cedogrose is still unbeaten in the BA milker class. Is strange having a show where we have left Jindiamond at home. She is normally one of the favourites at the shows, she is so full of character it is unreal! I show Jinperla my kid for the first time and she wins the class. She doesn't think it's as much as a big deal as I do as she just ignores the fact she has won and is more content with trying to fetch the food off the publicity stand, I know it shows what goats eat but she was determined to prove she liked every single bit of it. I put on my white coat and start getting the goatlings ready and Amy sneezes and leaves a lovely stain down the front of my coat. Which is great seems as Nan is coming round the show for the day and she already thinks that we get filthy at shows. Do my best to wipe the snot from down my coat and go in with the goatlings, Grandad takes second with Amy to Meg Ogborne's BA.

Coming back from Builth Wells Grandad keeps moaning that the car doesn't feel like it is driving properly. We stop at Leominster for Chips. The chip shop in Leominster is the best chip shop ever. You can sit in and have Scampi, chips, curry sauce, bread and butter and a mug of tea for £4.95 and it is such good food! We come out and realise why the car is driving weird. The suspension has gone. Great when we are meant to be going to Leek Show tomorrow.

27th July: Leek Show, supposedly!

Well its disaster from the off, the man who is supposed to fix the car doesn't come until dinner time and can't fix it after trying. Chloe, my sister, wanted to come for her first show this year. So we will all blame her for why we couldn't get there! Grandad was supposed to be ring steward but obviously without a car he can't get there! We phone them up and explain what's happening and give up with trying to go.

28th July: Car boot instead of a show then! Car boot sales are great for baby stuff, you end up with loads for your money and most of it is nearly new. Nathan, mum and I had dinner out and brought another load of baby clothes. These babies are going to have more clothes than the whole family put together.

Well that is the end of our month and we hope you enjoyed keeping up to date with the Horsehay Herd. We aren't normally this busy!

Jade Beard

JOTTINGS FROM THE TEILOS HERD

As I'm sure most of you know I keep a small herd of British Toggenburg goats in Llanfair Ym Muallt (Builth Wells), which is nestled in to the hills of Mid Wales, next to the River Wye. Builth is an old small drover's market town, with sheep farms dotted on the hill sides all about. Builth derives from the Welsh word Bu Allt, meaning the wild ox of the wooded slope. The Welsh name Llanfair-ym-Muallt means the church of St. Mary in Buallt. Builth Wells is known for the bridge of which it's six arches span the River Wye, a-joining the old counties of Breconshire and Radnorshire. The bridge is included in the back ground of the Teilo's Herd show sign, as it's a well known local land mark to where the herd resides.

Currently the Teilos herd is made up of a small amount of goats, from milkers, goatlings through to kids. The main reason I keep the herd so small is so I can concentrate all my efforts on the goats that have the qualities that I'm looking for and for showing. The other reason is that with a full time job, time is of the most importance in the mornings well running around like a-headless chicken, feeding, milking, feeding kids, haying the racks up, changing water buckets and checking the animals are in good health. It would be a dream just to be at home tottering around doing goats all day or have a goat boy or girl, like in days gone by. Unlikely to happen unless a lottery win comes my way!!

The main herd is kept just over a mile from my home, but in the Spring at kidding time the kids come to live at home

in the back yard in the stable, until they are about six - eight weeks old. This is really to help me more than any thing, as I would be on the road all the time feeding kids. I usually take the kids from their dam's as they are born or soon after and I always make sure if I can that their first feed is from a bottle.

Spring kidding time is the busiest time of the year for me, after really taking it easy over the winter months, (unless the winter is like the winter of 2011, with the snow and cold, when every day was like running the London marathon). In my mind too though Spring is the most exciting time of the year for any goat keeper, watching the udders come down on the goatling's and the long waited birth of the kids, which may of been planned for years. It can also be a stressful and disappointing time too, but the challenges and hopes to breed some thing better each year keep us going, year after year.

I keep the goats really for showing, but when I first started, it was for milk for the house, but I was bitten by the showing bug, thanks to Lecky Thyne, of the Rhenelfa herd of BS's. I would say my breeding plan is in place a few years in advance, from the time the dam is mated I can honestly say I know what direction I'm going to take the breeding line & matings are planned in my head for any off spring. Some times as with life though plan's, some times go off track, e.g. a male could die or the female may have trouble getting in kid.

The past two year's I have tried to get the goats in kid by using laparoscopic A.I,

ENGLISH GOAT SOCIETY PHOTO ALBUMS 1916 – 1927


It is with the kind permission of Andrew Morrey that the BGS has been able to scan the above albums. These are a fascinating photographic record of all breeds of goats, including photographic competitions which took place each year, during the above period. Mr Pickard, the English Goat Society Secretary, invited members to submit photos of their goats which were then distributed by post to members. As there was only one set of photos each year, members were asked to keep the album for one day before posting it on. Photographs were submitted by the likes of Miss Pelly, Mrs Soames, Miss Pope and Mrs Abbey. In most cases the goats are named. There is also a 'miscellaneous' file. This contains an assortment of later photos of goats – some named (quite a few of Mrs Paine's Tamar ones) and some not.

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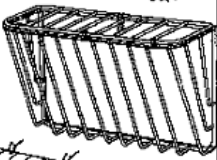
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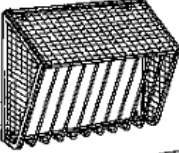
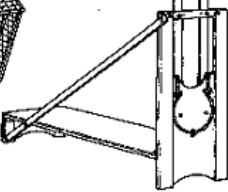


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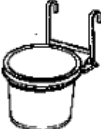

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using Theban Cavalier. Last year I mated four by A.I, two held, one milker and a goatling, but sadly the milker slipped hers 8 weeks in. The goatling kidded with triplets, two males & one female, of which I'm very pleased with, the female Teilos Ariananna went on to win many Best Kid at shows throughout 2011. Then this year I did four again, and only one held a goatling so time will tell!!! Better than none holding, but still disappointing. Good job for the male, it put a smile on his face!! I wouldn't say I won't try it again, but it can work out expensive when you're not getting the outcome one hoped for. The trick is to sponge them early just in-case they don't hold, so then they could be mated natu-

rally so they would kid with thirty days for any spring shows. Around this part of the country they aren't really any early shows, the first one being the middle of May the Small Holders and Garden Festival show. We have very few local shows in June, most of the shows are held in the back end from August through to September, but the highlight of the Welsh showing season is the Royal Welsh Show held in July.

Shane LI Jones

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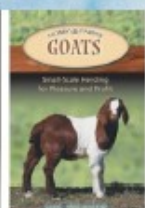


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