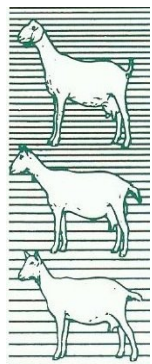


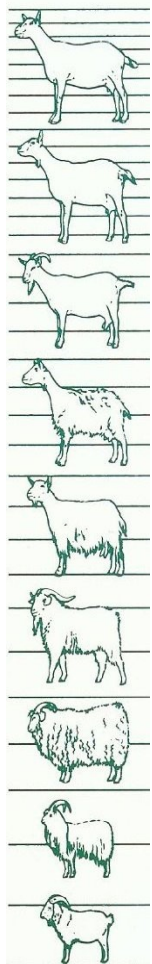
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## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

My home town of Stonehaven was hitting the national news headlines last month, having suffered flooding on more than one occasion. Our house is at the top of a hill so we were OK, although the goat shed had a few inches of water across the entire floor as a result of excessive surface water and choked drains – nothing too serious. Unfortunately my younger son's elderly godmother and her husband live in a ground floor sea front flat in Stonehaven which was flooded – twice. What a mess. My older son's car was at the garage for an MOT and parked on the street in readiness for him to collect when the street became flooded - his car was one of those shown on TV with water up above door handle level. It's a write-off.

I wonder if I could ask members for help – revenue generated from advertising in the monthly journal has taken a tumble. Does anyone have any ideas/suggestions for potential journal advertisers? If you know of any private individual or business who might be a suitable advertiser, please pass details to Jane at the office.

Last year saw the granting of two new judges' licences – at the beginning of a new year, is there anyone interested in applying for a judge's licence in 2013? I appreciate that gaining experience at unrecognized shows is becoming increasingly more difficult with the demise of agricultural shows across the country, however, if you are interested in applying for a licence, please get in touch with Colin Newton - if a few interested parties come forward, he will arrange a 'potential judges' training session.

Finally, a reminder to Affiliated Societies who wish to submit a resolution for consideration at the forthcoming Affiliated Societies Conference and potential candidates who wish to be considered for the forthcoming committee election – the cut off date for both is **31 January**.

Agnes Aitken

## **NEW MEMBERS**

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

Mrs C Rose, Suffolk; Ms P Hales, Sussex; Mrs N Stanley & Mr N Crofts, Somerset; Mr & Mrs G Twell, Northamptonshire; Mrs Moore, South Gloucestershire; Mr C Lea, Powys; Mrs S Thomas, East Sussex; Ms Anderson, Devon

## **COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

**I**n line with BGS Rule 17, nominations are now invited from members, for the BGS Committee elections due in 2013. Elections for Ten Members take place triennially. Every Committee benefits from new blood and new ideas and enthusiasm. I hope that members will consider allowing their names to go forward. Nomination forms are available from the BGS Office now and must be returned to the office, duly completed by 31st January 2013. Each nomination form requires a proposer, a seconder and must be countersigned by the candidate. Each candidate may also submit by 31st January 2013 an election address of not more than 150 words. Do you have the time, energy and commitment to take the BGS forward? Look forward to hearing from you.

Jane Wilson

## **SECRETARY'S NOTES**

Dear Members,

Thank you for all the best wishes and Christmas cards and to all who have contributed to the Monthly Journal over the past year. It is all very much appreciated.

Your subscription became due on 1st January and you can use PayPal through "Members Online" both in the UK and overseas for the next few weeks to renew your membership. You can also update your details, notify the office of your required changes at the same time plus update your herd details, deaths, for sale or loan.

Would Affiliated Society secretaries please be aware of the current BGS prices when your members, but non BGS members are applying for a prefix or to register kids through yourselves. The prices for both a prefix & registrations is increased for non BGS members. These applications must be signed by a nominated Affiliated Society person. Please help your members to avoid any disappointment by checking the correct amount is enclosed when you sign their forms.

For those that are, I trust you all have a successful kidding.

Best Wishes

Jane

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Norfolk Showground

Judge: Mr M Ackroyd

Entries Close 5th March 2013

Contact: Mrs D Parker 01263 710 245

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## **KENT MALE & YOUNGSTOCK SHOW**

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Date: 23rd June 2013

Entries close: 6th June 2013

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## **2013 HERD DIARY'S**

Have you enjoyed reading the different "Herd Diary's over the past year? Could you write one? Each diary has been different and gives an interesting insight to the diversity of our members. Your diary is appreciated hand written or electronic. If you are interested, please contact Shane Jones: email [shane.jones@powys.gov.uk](mailto:shane.jones@powys.gov.uk) or by phone Tel: 01982 552062 Mobile: 07794564286

Thanks

Shane.



## NORTHERN IRELAND GOAT CLUB NEWS

While not a comprehensive roundup of events, NIGC secretary Terry Hanna offers a few snippets of news of interest to the wider BGS membership.

### Presentation to Richard Wood



Richard Wood cuts the cake watched by NIGC members Photo: Terry Hanna

At the 2012 NIGC Harvest Show, judge and BGS President Richard Wood was presented with a commemorative cake to thank him for his support for the club during his ten years as BGS Chairman. NIGC Chair Roy Colvin delivered a brief accolade to which Richard Wood replied expressing thanks to the club for their kindness.

### British Alpines on the ascendency!

With a number of both novice and experienced breeders singing the praises of the BA, freshly imported bloodlines from England and Scotland have increased the local genepool of this minority breed. We look forward to seeing more of this stock and their progeny out in the show ring in the not too distant future. However, in the meantime, Lindsay Greer made his homebred Taitstown Nicole up to breed champion in 2012, a fantastic achievement for Lindsay and a real boost for the breed. Nicole becomes the first BA breed champion in Ireland. See *front cover photograph*

### NIGC takes credit for BBC's The Farm Fixer

When a local film company was commissioned to make a series of programmes on alternative farm enterprises in Northern Ireland, it was no surprise that they approached the club for advice. Fronted by Alan Sugar's 'Apprentice' sidekick Nick Hower, one programme followed novice goat farmer Charlie Cole as he attempted to set up a commercial goat meat production unit in Ballycastle. So NIGC Chairman Roy Colvin, the programme's goat expert, took part in a days filming during which he gave realistic and practical advice to Nick and Charlie

## THE FARM FIXER



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## THE FARM FIXER

on various health and welfare issues. The series has already been broadcast and it is understood the goat meat venture is thriving. Roll the credits!

**Terry Hanna**  
Secretary, NIGC

*Photos on previous page*

*Left: Nick Hewer & Charlie Cole*

*Right: Charlie and kid on the farm*

*(Photos: Waddell Media, with thanks)*

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by 31st January

## HERD DIARY

**M**y name is Lindsay Greer. I live near Bainbridge, County Down, Northern Ireland. I own the Taitstown herd of British Alpines which I have been breeding for thirty years. In my herd at the moment I have three milkers, Taitstown Nicole, Taitstown Akeelah and Taitstown Claire, one female kid, Taitstown Tina, who is a daughter of Nicole. I have two males at stud, Bartrams Rooney and Ardross Wayne.

I had the great pleasure this year of making Taitstown Nicole Breed Champion. She is the first female British Alpine Breed Champion anywhere in Ireland.

As a goatling I showed Nicole at seven shows. She got seven firsts and five best goatling and 1 reserve. As a first kidder this year I showed her at five shows. She got five firsts, five breed challenge certificates, her Q\* and one IP. I am really proud that she is now a Breed Champion.

1<sup>st</sup> November: I had a visit today from a new goatkeeper who has just imported some British Alpines from Enid Crook's and Sandy Stevenson's herds. He wanted to see my British Alpines and I think he was impressed.

2<sup>nd</sup> November: Had a few friends over tonight for a meal and a few glasses of Jamesons – you can't beat it.

3<sup>rd</sup> November: Attended Northern Ireland Goat Club AGM where I received a trophy for winning a milking competition with Taitstown Nicole – after the meeting we all enjoyed a very good lunch.

5<sup>th</sup> November: Checking on goats this

## HERD DIARY

morning as I am still waiting for Nicole and Claire to come into season. It is getting late for the early shows. Akeelah was mated on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

7<sup>th</sup> November: Still no sign of the two goats coming into season.

9<sup>th</sup> November: Went to feed store today to get my weeks supply of feed, it does not get any cheaper. The milkers get a 20% protein ration, the youngstock and males 15%.

12<sup>th</sup> November: Still no sign of goat in season.

13<sup>th</sup> November: At last Claire in season. Mated her with Ardross Wayne.

15<sup>th</sup> November: Brilliant, Nicole in season. Mated her with Bartrams Rooney. Today is the last day otherwise she would have missed the Royal Ulster Show (Balmoral).

16<sup>th</sup> November: Forgot the electric was off today from 8.30 am until 4.30 pm – a long day!

19<sup>th</sup> November: Had to go and get more hay today. I am lucky that I have a supply of good quality hay which the goats need as I zero graze all year round, although I still get fairly good milk yields with butterfats between 5% and 6%.

20<sup>th</sup> November

Another trip to feed store to get more feed plus sugar beet.

21<sup>st</sup> November: Taitstown Hope back

with me today for mating but not in season yet, so she is staying here for a while. I sold Hope earlier in the year to another British Alpine breeder. I had the great privilege of winning the Foxbriggs Trophy with Hope two years ago. The Trophy is presented by the British Alpine Breed Society for the milker with the highest points at any BGS show (BA milker that is).

24<sup>th</sup> November: Had phone call today from BA breeder from way down in Athlone wanting to bring up a goatling to use on my male.

27<sup>th</sup> November: Visit to Health Centre to get check up on my no smoking – which is very very tough. Get a telling off from the nurse as well.

30<sup>th</sup> November: Its been a very quiet month goat wise apart from matings.

I hope this diary has not bored you too much. Good luck with all your kidding next year.

**Lindsay Greer**

## THE TAITSTOWN HERD DIARY



*Taitstown Nicole, Taitstown Akeelah, Taitstown Claire & female kid Taitstown Tina.*

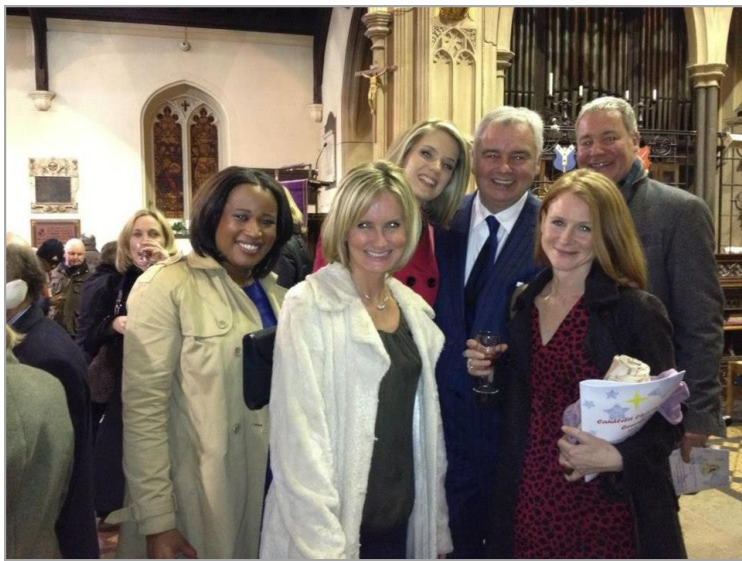
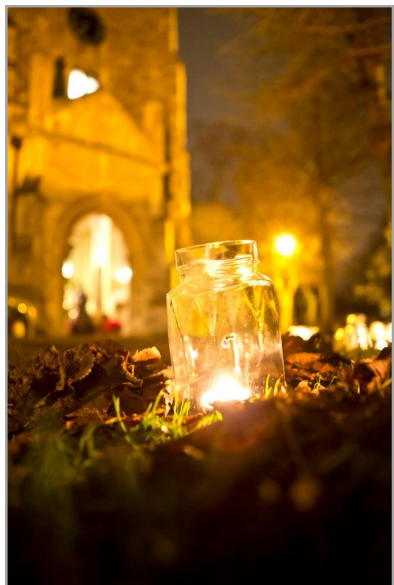
## ANGLO NUBIAN BREED SHOW



*Anglo Nubian Breed Show Best and Reserve Best milker  
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# KIDS FOR KIDS CANDLELITE SERVICE



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**United Kingdom & New Zealand**

*Above: CH R203 Oakvale Tulip Q\* BrCh BS041918D Photo: Lecky Thyne  
Below: Ferncliffe Rudds Curtsy AGC New Zealand (see letters)*



**Bluecollar Sunspot**

*American Irish British Guernsey. Photo Harley Todd USA.*





## Mabel Chynoweth

Dear Secretary,

It is with deep regret that I inform you of the death of my wife Mabel Chynoweth. Mabel and myself shared ownership of the Ferncliffe herd of British Alpines formerly owned by her late mother, Mrs C J Hopping, a member of the BGS for many years.

The Ferncliffe stud has a new owner who is continuing with the stud.

Kind Regards  
Ron Chynoweth

*Mrs M Chynoweth wrote a letter, published in the  
Monthly Journal of April 2011 page 66*

## BGS MUGS

Following the success of the production of some other BGS publicity items, the next item is a BGS mug. Made from fine bone china with a gold rim, it has the BGS logo, with a British Alpine goat as the main design. The plan is, if the mugs sell well, numbers are limited, other mugs will be produced with different breeds of goats taking the place of the main design. Building a collection of different breeds, but this depends on demand.

Thanks

Shane (BGS Publicity officer)

Mugs are available from the BGS Office priced at £6 each plus £2.50 p&p.

## Elaine James

Elaine James 1930 - 2012.

Sadly Elaine passed away on November 18th. after a short time in hospital. Life Member of both the B.G.S.& A.N.B.S Best known for AN's but for a few years also had Swiss type FB - HB goats, with the latter using Mostyn males in her upgrading.

Her foundation AN was Wayward Gloxinia, bought from Margaret Edginton, who had inherited this herd from Miss Lupton in 1975. Elaine's bloodlines mostly came from this renowned herd, with the occasional Berkham male added.

A very active member of the A.N.B.S. committee for many years..I'm sure a lot of showing goatkeeper will remember her for the excellent job she undertook on behalf of our Society (doing so for many years), as Chief Steward for the Breed Shows, when they were in their heydays at Stoneleigh. This task Elaine did with utmost proficiency she also ran shows for Worcester Goat Society where she was a founder member.

The Olchontop prefix was registered in 1979. I had great pleasure in knowing Elaine for the past 30+ years. Her prefix came from the Olchon Valley where her husband once lived, which is on the Welsh borders, Hereford side of the Black Mountains.

A good friend, gone but not forgotten..

Maggi Franklin

## SCRAPIE RESISTANCE IN GOATS

Dear All,

We had a very interesting paper by Angel Ortiz Pelaez at our autumn meeting, at which he outlined a project which he and his colleagues at AHVLA have begun, along with colleagues from the Roslin Institute.

For some years now, genes have been known in sheep which confer resistance to Scrapie, and this knowledge has been used to breed scrapie resistant flocks which are seen as a valuable step on the way hopefully to the eradication of the disease. Until recently, no similar genes had been found in goats, but recently two such genes have been identified, and the object of the project is to survey goats in Britain to get a feel for the occurrence of these genes in them, and thus to see if this might be a useful basis for generating a reservoir of Scrapie resistant goats.

To do that Angel is looking for about 100 herd owners who would be willing to have some of their goats blood sampled to see if any of them carry either or both of these genes. There would be no charge

for the sampling, and a certificate will be provided for each goat that is found to be carrying one of the resistant genes.

To take part you will need a minimum of 10 goats on the holding. All male goats would be sampled, and does would be sampled in addition to make up to a maximum of 30 samples per herd. The object initially is to survey 2000 goats in all.

If you are interested in taking part, please e mail Angel at:  
[Angel.OrtizPelaez@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Angel.OrtizPelaez@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk)

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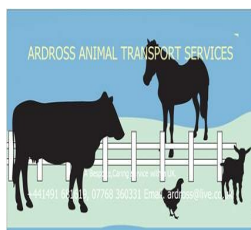
Research into Scrapie is being done with a high degree of international cooperation, with results being compared and coordinated, and this is one of several surveys which are being carried out in various countries. The results will be extremely interesting, and could potentially be of great value.

**Nick Clayton.**

Secretary  
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Nottinghamshire County	a/c/w		11th May	Mrs H Matthews	5th March	Show Secretary	08702241035
Newark	a/w		12th May	Mrs S Prior	25th April	Show Secretary	01636705796
Balmoral			15-17th May	TBC	tbc	Cglin McDonald	02890665225
Devon County	a/c		16-18th May	Mr D Brace	15th March	Mrs O Allen	01392353705
Royal Welsh Spring	a/w		18-19th May	Mr G Godfrey	5th April	Mrs Rhian Davies	01982554408
Scottish GKFED Spring (m&f)	a/w		18th May	Mrs S Prior	tbc	Mr G Smith	01382370259
Tregaron Goat Show	a/w		26th May	Mr B Perry	11th May	Mrs N Ackroyd	01974251612
Northumberland County	a/w		27th May	Mr D Brace	1st May	Mrs Gaynor Shotton	01434604216
Surrey County	a/w		27th May	Mrs S Prior	19th April	Ms A Hill	01483890810
East Anglian Summer	a/w		29th May	Mr G Ringland	tbc	Mrs. E. Abbott	01206230560
Royal Bath & West	a/w		29th May	Mr G Webster	12th April	Mr. Alan Lyons	01749822209
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Belford Male&Ystk	a/w dip		2nd June	Miss P Newton	24th May		01661823734
Northumberland M&Y stk	a/w dip		2nd June	Mr B Perry	24th May	Mr. R. M. Wood	01661823733
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Royal Cornwall	a/w		6-8 June	Mrs M Hardman	1st April	Mr. A Reynolds	01326563229
South of England	a/w		6-8th June	Mr G Webster	1st April	Ms. E. Crookford	01444892700
Grampian Goat (m&f)	a/w		8th June	Miss D Oliver	18th May	Mrs. A. Aitkin	01569766775
Three Counties Show	a/w		14-16th June	TBC	9th April	Mrs. F Parker	01684584900
Cheshire County (m&f)	a/w		18th June	TBC	10th May	Mr. N. Evans	01565650200
Cheshire Dairy (m&f)	a/w		19th June	Mr D Brace	9th May	Mrs. D. Rudkin	01614303805
Derbyshire County	m/w		23rd June	TBC	10th June	Mrs. J. Smith	01246854898
Kent Male&Y stk	a/w dip		23rd June	Mr T Garry	6th June	Mrs. P. Sofley	01622859439
British Saanen Breed	c/w		29th June	TBC	16th June	Mrs. M. Hardman	01142740192
South Western (m&f)	a/w		7th July	Mr G Godfrey	1st June	Miss B. Lawton	01934824437
Great Yorkshire			9-11th July	TBC	tbc	Mrs Astoddart-West	01423546231
Castflewelan	n/a		13th July	Mr M Ackroyd	19th June	Violet I. Bell	02840630536

## Recognised Shows For 2013

Show Name	Cup Class'n	Date	Judge 2012	Entries Close	Secretary Name	Phone
Great Eccleston	a/w	13-14th July	TBC	29th June	Mrs. S. Robinson	01995679204
Tendring Hundred	a/c/w	13th July	Mrs M Hardman	21st June	Ms R Foster	01206231821
IGPA Midlands (Kells)	c/a	20-21st July	TBC	13th July	Mrs B Donaldson	0863520560
Royal Welsh Border Union	a/w a/c/w	22-25th July 27th July	Mrs S Prior Mr B Perry	tbc 24th June	Mr. B W. Jones Mr. R Wilson	01982554403 01573224188
Leek & District Bakewell 183rd	a/w a/w	27th July 7th Aug	Mr R Wood TBC	30th June 28th June	Mrs. O. Blakeman Mrs L Bain	01782550028 01629812736
Dorset County	a/w	7-8th Aug	Mr T Baker	7th Aug	Mrs MacKenzie-Green	01305264249
Anglesey County	a/w	13th Aug	Mr R Parkin	9th July	Mr Alad W Hughes	01407720072
North Wales Goat Society	a/b/w	14th Aug	Mr T Baker	9th July	Mrs S Stevenson	01248450580
Scottish GKFed Autumn (m&f)	a/w	17th Aug	TBC	tbc	Mr G Smith	01382370259
Egton	a/w	21st Aug	Mr R Wood	7th Aug	Miss P Newton	01642764161
Melplash Epworth	a/c a/w	22nd Aug 26th Aug	TBC Mr D Brace	24th July 9th Aug	Mrs Lucy Hart Mrs S E Mangles	01308423337 01777707453
Glendale	a/w	26th Aug	Mr T Hanna	9th Aug	Richard Wood	01661823733
Cleveland County	a/w	27th Aug	TBC	10th July	Miss P Newton	01642764161
Moreton-in-Marsh	a/w	7th Sept	Mr B Perry	1st Aug	Mrs L Parkes	01608651908
Westmorland County	a/w	12th Sept	Mr G Smith	19th Aug	Mrs C Knipe	01539567804
Royal Berkshire	a	21st Sept	TBC	1st Aug	Miss R Elvin	01635247111
Newbury	a/w	22nd Sept	TBC	1st Aug	Miss R Elvin	01635247111
Stokesley	a/w	21st Sept	TBC	29th Aug	Mrs J B Hugill	01642 712541
Autumn Exhibition	a/w	13th Oct	Mr T Baker	30th Sept	Mr C Nye	01353699413
East Of England		No Show				

## **SPREADING THE WORD.**

**Y**ou may be aware of some of the on-line chat-rooms devoted to goats. On one of these, Goaty Friends (the clue is in the name) there has recently has been some discussion of shows and spreading the word generally.

Apart from worries about a decrease in shows there was also an anxiety about the shortage of one day shows which allowed people to exhibit in a less formal way than at the large agricultural shows. I know that these do still exist but often they are only publicised in a very limited area. If you know of any such shows it would be helpful if you could let me know and we can start of list which would be useful to people wanting access to such shows.

Shows tend to be much more sympathetic to providing space for goats if there is some information provided for the public at the same time. A manned stand is ideal but often impractical but there are other possibilities; the BGS has attractive pull-up banners which can be borrowed and are located in various regions and are easy to transport. There are also information leaflets which were produced some years ago but are being revised. More recently I have produced a four page leaflet of basic goat-keeping information. It is quite detailed although really aimed at children (and is supposedly written by kids –the four legged type) but it is up-to-date other than SBV. It is not a BGS publication but I can send a link to allow it to be down-loaded. Any or all of these things can be put together to make a display.

So for 2013 can we:

Help to publicise one day shows and try to get goats into more of them. This may involve sharing information. Please let me know of any you know.

Try to get information about goats into more venues.

**Ros Earthy**  
(Public relations officer)

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## The Gift of the "Old One"

The young couple had made their usual hurried, pre-Christmas visit to the little farm where dwelt their elderly parents with their small herd of goats. The farm had been named Lone Pine Farm because of the huge pine which topped the hill behind the farm, and through the years had become a talisman to the old man and his wife, and a landmark in the countryside.

The old folks no longer showed their goats, for the years had taken their toll, but they sold a little milk, and a few kids each year, and the goats were their reason for joy in the morning and contentment at day's end.

Crossly, as they prepared to leave, the young couple confronted the old folks. "Why do you not at least dispose of "The Old One". She is no longer of use to you. It's been years since you've had either kids or milk from her. You should cut corners and save where you can. Why do you keep her, anyway?" The old man looked down at his worn boot, scuffed at the barn floor, and his arm stole defensively about the Old One's neck as he drew her to him and rubbed her gently behind the ears. He replied softly, "We keep her because of love. Only because of love."

Baffled and irritated, the young folks wished the old man and his wife a Merry Christmas and headed back toward the city as darkness stole through the valley. So it was, that because of the leave-taking, no one noticed the insulation smoldering on the frayed wires in the old barn. None saw the first spark at all. None but the "Old One".

In a matter of minutes, the whole barn

was ablaze and the hungry flames were licking at the loft full of hay. With a cry of horror and despair, the old man shouted to his wife to call for help as he raced to the barn to save his beloved goats. But the flames were roaring now, and the blazing heat drove him back. He sank sobbing to the ground, helpless before the fire's fury.

By the time the fire department arrived, only smoking, glowing ruins were left, and the old man and his wife. They thanked those who had come to their aid, and the old man turned to his wife, resting her white head upon his shoulders as he clumsily dried her tears with a frayed red bandana.

Brokenly he whispered, "We have lost much, but God has spared our home on this eve of Christmas. Let us, therefore, climb the hill to the old pine where we have sought comfort in times of despair. We will look down upon our home and give thanks to God that it has been spared."

And so, he took her by the hand and helped her up the snowy hill as he brushed aside his own tears with the back of his hand. As they stepped over the little knoll at the crest of the hill, they looked up and gasped in amazement at the incredible beauty before them. Seemingly, every glorious, brilliant star in the heavens was caught up in the glittering, snow-frosted branches of their beloved pine, and it was aglow with heavenly candles. And poised on it's top most bough, a crystal crescent moon glistened like spun glass. Never had a mere mortal created a Christmas tree such as this.



## The gift of "The Old One"

Suddenly, the old man gave a cry of wonder, and incredible joy as he pulled his wife forward. There, beneath the tree, was their Christmas gift.

Bedded down about the "Old One", close to the trunk of the tree, was the entire herd, safe. At the first hint of smoke, she had pushed the door ajar with her muzzle and had led the goats through it. Slowly and with great dignity, never looking back, she had led them up the hill, stepping daintily through the snow. The kids were frightened and dashed about. The skittish yearlings looked back at the crackling, hungry flames, and tucked their tails under them as they licked their lips and hopped like rabbits. The milkers pressed uneasily against the "Old One" as she moved calmly up the hill and to safety beneath the pine. And now, she lay among them and gazed at the faces of those she loved. Her body was brittle with years, but the golden eyes were filled with devotion as she offered her gift - because of love. Only because of love.

**Courtesy of Eunice Day**  
(Washington ME)

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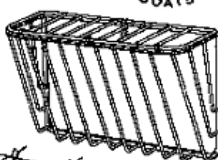



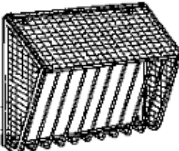
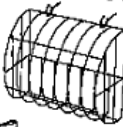

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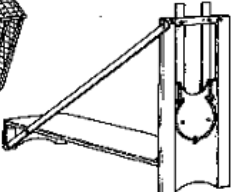



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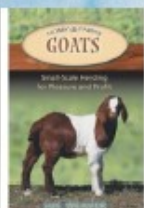


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