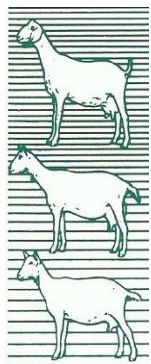


BRITISH GOAT SOCIETY



July 2013
Monthly Journal
Volume 106

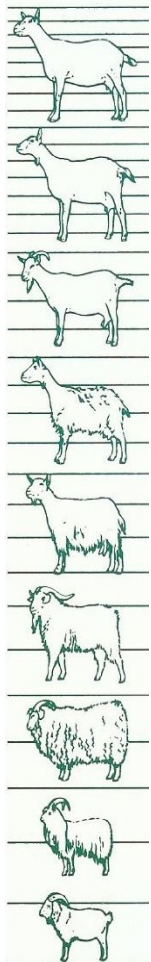
Page no 137 - 164



*British
Goat
Society*

PATRON
H.R.H. Princess
Alexandra

FOUNDED 1879



CAMROSA OINTMENT



THE SOOTHING MULTI-PURPOSE OINTMENT FOR ANIMALS

Resolves sore, raw, itchy, dry skin & cracks, sores,
calluses, scabs & superficial injuries

Promotes natural healing & hair growth

Barrier to midges, mites, mud



+44 (0) 1892 783240
www.camrosa.co.uk

BRITISH GOAT SOCIETY

Registered Charity No: 210646

Gibshiel, Tarsset, Hexham, Northumberland NE48 1RR

Tel/Fax 01434 240 866

Email: secretary@allgoats.com

Website: www.allgoats.com

Copy Date

Copy date is the first day of the month preceding publication

All copy and advertisements to reach the editor in good time

Your classified ads, photographs and news are most welcome

Classified Advertising Rates

Up to thirty words just £10.00. Thereafter 25p per word. For boxed adverts please add an extra £5.00. For boxed and displayed add £10.00 to the above rates.

Prices include vat at the current rate and includes free entry on the BGS website.

Adverts must be sent to the BGS Secretary by the 1st of the month prior to publication.

For information on other adverts please contact the Secretary at the BGS Office.

CAE Testing

To obtain the cheapest rates, you should find out from your vet how much it will be to test blood samples locally or alternatively instruct your vet to send blood samples to:

SAC Veterinary Services, Veterinary Centre, Drummonhill,

Stratherick Road, Inverness IV2 4JZ

Front Cover Picture

Royal Garden Party L to R,: Mr P Cox, Mrs A Aitken, Mrs M Ross & Mr N Parr (*article page 147*)

The BGS Monthly Journal (ISSN 2044-7426) is published by the British Goat Society and is available to most classes of members, otherwise it is available for an annual subscription of £20.00 or £2.00 per single copy. There are usually 11 issues per year.

Editor: Jane Wilson, Gibshiel, Tarsset, Hexham Northumberland NE48 1RR

Tel/Fax: 01434 240 866

Email: secretary@allgoats.com

Contents

	<i>Page</i>		<i>Page</i>
Chair's Notes	141	Norwich game Show	149
Secretary's Notes	142	Cheshire Shows	150
Judges Licence	142	Hetheron Herd Diary	152
2013 AGM Minutes	143	2014 Calendar	161
Royal garden Party	147	Health Notes	161
Hambleton Show	146 & 151	Classified Adverts	162

President

Mr Richard Wood
2 Dunsley Gardens, Dinnington, Newcastle upon Tyne NE13 7LL
Tel: 01661 823 733 Email: rmwood@tiscali.co.uk

Chair

Mrs Agnes Aitken
Hillberry, Dunnottar, Stonehaven, Kincardineshire, Scotland AB39 3XB
Tel: 01569 766 775 Email: agnes.aitken@virgin.net

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Vice Chair & Herd Book Coordinator: Margaret Hardman

17 Greenfield Road, Sheffield, Yorkshire S8 7RQ
Tel: 01142 740 192

Vice Chair & Hon. Solicitor: Mr Nick Parr

118 Frog Grove Lane, Woodstreet, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3HB
Tel: 01483 825 836 Email: Nick_Parr@hotmail.co.uk

Secretary:

Jane Wilson
Gibshiel, Tarset, Hexham, Northumberland NE48 1RR
Tel/Fax: 01434 240 866 Email: secretary@allgoats.com

Overseas Representative: Mrs Christine Ball

Orchard Cottage, Belfcote Lane, Gnosall, Staffs ST20 0EB
Tel: 01785 824 897 Email: christineball@goatgenetics.com

Web Manager: Mr G Godfrey

Counthorpe House, Counthorpe, Little Bytham, Lincs NG33 4QF
Tel: 01780 410140 Email: kingrock@fsmail.net

Publications & Public Relations Officer: Ros Earthy

The Old Post Office, Hayton, Aspatria, Cumbria CA7 2PD
Tel: 01697 323 755 Email: biblinros@yahoo.co.uk

Publicity Coordinator: Shane Jones

4 Bank Square, Builth Wells, Powys LD2 3BB
Tel: 01982 552 062 Email: shane.jones@powys.gov.uk

Show Coordinator: Mr Colin Newton

Page Bank Lodge, Whitworth Lane, Page Bank, Spennymoor, Co. Durham DL16 7RD
Tel: 01388 819 665 Email: pagebank-lodge@tiscali.co.uk

Commercial Liaison Officer: Mr Richard Pemble

14 Wyecliffe Gardens, Merstham, Surrey RH1 3HN
Tel: 01737 646 280 Email: richardpemble@hotmail.com

Milk Recording Secretary: Terry Hanna

35 Mullaghdrin Road, Dromara, Dromore, Co. Down BT25 2AG
Tel: 0289753 2685 Email: terry.hanna@dsl.pipex.com

NON COMMITTEE OFFICER AND COORDINATOR

Year Book Coordinator: Mr Michael Ackroyd

118 Frog Grove Lane, Woodstreet, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3HB
Tel: 01483 825 836 Email: michael_ad@live.com

Government & Scientific Liaison Officer: Mr John Matthews,

The Limes, Chalk Street, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 8DA
Tel: 01245 400618 Email: clarendonhouse@btinternet.com

Goat Health & Welfare: Mr Nick Clayton, MRCVS,

29 Winfield, Newent, Glos. GL18 1QB
E-mail: nickclayton2@mac.com

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Earlier this year, an invitation was received for four BGS nominations to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 6 June. Peter Cox, Maureen Ross, Nick Parr and I attended on a gloriously sunny day – it was a very memorable day out. More about this elsewhere in the journal.

Shows are well under way; most of them seem to be enjoying better weather this year than last. I attended the Royal Highland Show in June where, for the first time this year, classes were available for Pygmy Goats. Although entries were small, the Pygmies were very popular with members of the public – one kid took to standing/sleeping in its hayrack and single-handedly did a wonderful PR job for Pygmy goats.

If you would like to promote your herd through the 2014 BGS calendar, please send your photograph and details to Shane Jones – our calendars are very popular so it's wise to book your advertising space without delay.

Two reminders this month: Firstly - importing goats. If you are considering importing, it is necessary to advise the BGS office **before** the animals arrive in the UK. If you are in any doubt about what is required, please contact the office where full information is held. It is better to give notification way in advance instead of trying to do a catch up once the animals are actually here. Secondly - return of show results. If you are a judge or show secretary, please ensure you comply with the requirement to have your results returned to the BGS office (either in written or electronic format) within two weeks of the show date. Failure to do so has the effect of slowing down the checking process and publication of results. Show results and associated awards form the basis of several data lists required for insertion in the Herd Book and Year Book – it is essential to meet publication deadlines for these books that show/award data is available on time.

Please remember if you have a story/article or anything of interest you'd like to share with the membership through the journal pages, please get in touch with Jane. Articles with accompanying photographs are particularly welcome.

Agnes Aitken
Chair

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dear Members,

It was good to see so many of you at the Breed Shows at the end of June.

The BGS stand and banners attended the Livestock Event with some very good enquiries regarding setting up commercial dairy and meat herds. Thank you to Fay Ogden and Christine Ball for all their work in setting up and manning the stand, to Laura Ketley and Ros Earthy for their time manning the stand over the two days.

The first show supplement is enclosed with this Journal. The pdf file will also be available through the BGS website shortly and show results are always available through Grassroots Online via the "Members Online"

Can I encourage you all to send in photographs of your goats, events and products from your goats. How about your favourite recipe?!

Best Wishes
Jane

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 on 02/12/2000 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 25th October or to attend the Committee meeting in person.

These members are willing to serve for a further three years as BGS judges:

Mr D E Brace
Mr G Dale
Mrs M Franklin
Mrs M Hardman
Mr C Newton
Miss P Newton
Mr N J Parr
Mr R Pemble
Mr G Ringland
Mrs G Wharmby
Mr R Wiffen

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

Hosted by the Gloucestershire Goat Club

The Officers Social Club, Leyhill, Gloucestershire, Saturday 13th April 2013

The Chair, Mrs A Aitken welcomed those present and thanked the Gloucestershire Goat Club for hosting and arranging the AGM.

Welcome: Mr John Powell President of the Gloucestershire Goat Club welcomed those present. Mrs A Aitken thanked Mr Powell and the Gloucestershire Goat Club for hosting the AGM and the Affiliated Societies Conference.

Present: Mrs M F Gregory, Mrs C Darbey, Mrs L Summers, Mr B & Mrs S Head, Mrs S & Mr R Gow, Mr J & Mrs J Powell, Mrs A Aitken, Mrs M Hardman, Mr N Parr, Mr M & Mrs M Thomasson, Mr S Ll Jones, Mrs J A Stevens, Mrs A Thyne, Mrs R Loeb, Mrs J E Bassford, Mrs H Alderson, Mr & Mrs R Hardy, Miss J Beard, Mr B & Mrs A Rhodes, Ms J Smith, Mrs C Woodward, Mr A G Smith, Mrs N Tye, Mr J & Mrs D Rudkin, Mr R Pemble, Mrs M Franklin, Mrs E A C Connor, Mr R Vickery, Ms S Owen, Mrs W Webster, Mr M Boocock, Mrs D Smith, Miss G Smith, Mrs J Barlow, Mrs C Ball, Miss F Ogden, Mrs L Doyle (English Goat Breeders Association), Mr R Wilson. In attendance: Mrs J Wilson

1 Apologies for Absence: Mr R Wood, Mr P Cox, Mrs H & Mr J Matthews, Mr G Ringland, Mr R Parkin, Mr P Mounter, Mr C Newton, Mrs J Allen, Mrs Snook-Beviss, Mr G Godfrey, Mr B Perry, Mr I Johnson, Mr M Cox, Miss G Franklin, Mrs R Eathly, Mr G George, Miss N Ford, Mr A Edwards, Mr C Peck, Mr B Oliver, Mr D Knowles, Mrs M Ross, Miss A Freeman, Ms J Dunford.

2 To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 14th April 2012
(Published in the Monthly Journal for July 2012). There being no amendments, the Minutes were confirmed. Proposed by Mrs A Thyne and seconded by Mrs J Barlow.

3 To receive the Report of the Committee for the year ending 12th April 2013
Mrs Aitken thanked the Committee for their work and support through the past year and reported that the membership continued to grow with an increase to 979. The legacy cheque of £257, 138.59 had been received from the estate of Mr Hill. A teleconference had been held between the Investment Advisor, The Custodian Trustees, the Chair and the Vice Chairs to consider the investment policy for the money. In the short-term the money would be invested for 6 months to give a small income while the new Committee considered all options. De-registration for VAT had been achieved. The Herd Book had been issued in the first quarter of the year and the Year Book was available to take away.

4 To receive the Statement of Accounts for the twelve month period ending 31st October 2012 The accounts had been published and circulated. Mrs Aitken drew attention to advertising income which was down. Postage increase was out of our control but was consideration was being given to cost savings. The depreciation in 2011 had been a one off. Secretarial expenses were higher but this was possibly due to a low figure the previous year. Overall the accounts were very positive with good growth in the Centenary Fund and investments generally. acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Mr R Pemble and seconded by Mr S Ll Jones. All in favour.

5 To elect Vice presidents Mrs Aitken read the existing list of Vice Presidents. Mrs D Smith proposed they be elected en-bloc, seconded by Mr S Ll Jones. All in favour.

6 To elect the External Examiners Mrs A Thyne proposed and Mr R Pemble seconded that Wortham Jaques be elected as the Society's External Examiners for the coming year. All in favour.

7 To declare the results of the election to the Main Committee: Mrs Aitken read the results of the Committee Elections and declared Mr G Godfrey as a new member of the committee.

Nominees elected to committee: Mr N Parr - 64 votes, Mrs M Hardman - 61 votes, Mrs C Ball - 58 votes, Mrs A Aitken - 54 votes, Mr C Newton - 54 votes, Mr G Godfrey - 50 votes, Mr S Jones - 50 votes, Mrs R Earthy - 48 votes, Mr R Pemble - 45 votes, Mr T Hanna - 44 votes. Nominees not elected: Mrs V Hardy - 42 votes, Miss R Norman - 36 votes, Mr G Ringland - 34 votes, Mr G George - 32 votes, Mr D Knowles - 27 votes. Spoiled Papers 23, valid voting papers 85. Mrs Aitken thanked all the nominees.

8 To present the Window Harrison Trophy: Awarded to AR263 Charnocks Bronzena *5 BrCh Owned and Bred by Mrs M Decker & Mrs J Miller.

9 To present the Ashdene Metaphor Award: Awarded to CH R246 Kattern Georgie Q* BrCh BS041437D Owned and Bred by Mr I & Mrs M Grant.

10 To present the Montieth Challenge Cup: Awarded to Sunrian Ceedarna with a yield of 9kg at Leek & District. Owned & Bred by Mrs O Blakeman.

11 To present the Wright Challenge Bowl: Awarded to Ivans Dodger. Owned by Mr A Edwards. Bred by Mrs J Scales.

12 To present the Breeders Challenge Cup: Awarded to Mrs E Woodmass's "Aphrodite Herd" with a total of 68 points.

13 To present the Stud Goat Challenge Cup: None qualified

14 To present the Moonlin Diana Award: Awarded to R285 Homeacres Hosanna *BrChBS041607D Owned and Bred by Mr R & Mrs S Mearns

If you have any questions about feeding your goat, then our Nutrition Team is always happy to help!

SMALL 
HOLDER
RANGE 



All-Round Goat Mix

A nutritious goat mix suitable for all mature goats.
 Available in 20kg bags.



Dairy Goat Mix

A mix of cereals and pulses made especially for the hard working dairy goat.
 Available in 20kg bags.



Dry Goat Mix

An unmolassed high energy mix suitable for goats of all ages, goats in the latter stages of pregnancy and breeding goats.
 Available in 20kg bags.



Herbal Goat Mix

A herbal mix with alfalfa, which has been found to be especially suited to shy feeders and goats under stress.
 Available in 20kg bags.



Pygmy Goat Mix

A wholesome feed with higher fibre levels and dried fruit and vegetables which mimics the Pygmy goat's natural diet as closely as possible.
 Available in 15kg bags.



We feed and care for
 1000's of goats in the UK
 and are proud to support the goat industry
 with our Small Holder Range.

Call 01362 822 902

Email helpline@smallholderfeed.co.uk

Visit www.smallholderfeed.co.uk

The Smallholder Range is designed specifically for you and your animals

HAMBLETON SHOW



Muircock Ella & Muircock Matilda. Owned by Dr. A Seiker. Photo: Miss R Norman

THE TACK ROOM

LIVESTOCK SHOWING AND HANDLING EQUIPMENT

Goat Show Coats, Made to measure in quality cotton drill.

Choice of colours.

Kid Coats, Polar fleece lined cotton drill.

Head collars,

8 colours, guaranteed fit.

Collars,

Quick release or buckle, 8 colours, various sizes.

Turn-out Coats,

Waterproof and warm. Ideal for angoras.



For details of colours, measurements etc. of these and other products please visit our website or request a catalogue. Mail order service available, personal callers welcome by appointment.

THE TACK ROOM

Llugwy Farm

Llanbister Road

Powys LD1 5UT

Tel: 01547 550641 info@llugwy-farm.co.uk www.llugwy-farm.co.uk

ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

One bonus of the BGS having Royal patronage is that every now and then we are issued with a few invitations to attend a Royal Garden Party. This year we received an invitation from Princess Alexandra's office for 4 of us to attend a party on 6th June. I was lucky enough to be chosen as 1 of the 4 attendees together with Maureen Ross, lifelong BGS member and past President; Peter Cox, former Chair and past President; and Agnes Aitken, current Chair.

In the first instance full details of who we were had to be submitted to the Palace, and we were told that identity checks would be carried out. In due course we received the official invitations from the Lord Chancellor. These were postmarked from Buckingham Palace, 2nd class. Nice to see that Her Majesty is economic when it comes to postage, although I did notice that the 2nd class post from the Palace did get to the destination the next day!

As a regular agricultural show goer I can say that the pack we subsequently received was remarkably similar to that which we normally get shortly before a show. As well as the invitation itself, there was an entry ticket, a car park pass, a map of the Royal gardens, and a list of instructions down to the detail of which lavatory was likely to have the shortest queue!

The date turned out to be slightly difficult for me. It was milking competition day at the South of England show where I had entered a number of goats. However Joanne Tasker, on top of her duties

as chief goat section steward, kindly agreed to milk and tend to my goats on the Thursday afternoon. So when I left for the show on Wednesday, as well as packing the car to the brim with the usual show paraphernalia I included my best summer suit, shoes, shirt and tie. I am pleased to report that all got to the destination with no evidence of goat hair or willow leaf!

On Thursday, having milked the goats and bathed them in preparation for judging on Friday I showered, changed and set off for the journey to London, via the Gatwick express. When I got to St. Regents Park station, as I went through the ticket barrier the first sight I registered was a vision of very stylish blue, our own Agnes was transformed into an apparent regular Royal event visitor. We met up with Maureen and Peter and headed off towards the Palace.

When we got close my heart sank at the sight of the long queue to get in, we had quite a walk in the wrong direction just to get to the end of the queue. However we were blessed with the weather as the sun was shining and the queue did move reasonably quickly. And as queues go it wasn't such a bad one to be in! Everyone was beautifully dressed and all excited and full of expectation; we were also catching our first sightings of several familiar celebrity faces including several of the Olympic and Paralympic teams.

We soon reached the Palace gates where our ID documents were checked and in we were. We went in through the gravelled Courtyard that was so familiar hav-

ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

ing seen it on TV so many times, and in through a huge hallway. The hallway had massive staircases going up from each side, and as well as being sumptuously carpeted and furnished there were many painted portraits on the walls and going up the staircases. We made our way out through another hallway that was lined with brightly uniformed footmen and out onto the Palace terrace.

Out from the terrace we were in the gardens and the party was in full swing. The gardens are beautiful. There is a huge lawn area, down one side were tables where you could pick up a cup of lemonade, and the food marquees. The tea on offer included iced coffee and other drinks, very neat little oblong sandwiches and all manner of little cakes and tarts, all made in the palace kitchens.

Further down the garden there was a lake with its own island and huge areas of flower borders, shrubs and trees. The rhododendrons and azaleas were out in their full glory, the collection of plants is amazing. The whole garden is surrounded by big leafy trees, apart from a couple of high rise buildings standing above the trees you would have no idea that you were in central London.

At the bottom of the lawn was the "Royal tea tent". After a little while the atmosphere became quite electric, the Queen and other royals were about to appear. Thick queues of people lined the pathway the Queen was due to take. There were so many people trying to catch a glimpse of her we didn't try to compete but happily continued watching every-

thing and soaking up the atmosphere. After a couple of hours we were luckier, we happened to find ourselves right by the Queens route back in, so we saw her, Prince Philip and several other members of the royal family walking past us just a few feet away.

It was wonderful to see all the other guests so beautifully dressed and thoroughly enjoying the experience. Some were in National dress and some were in Uniform. Everything was so relaxed and happy, and this was certainly helped by the sun beating down on us for once. Once the Royals had gone in we mooched around a bit more and then slowly made our way back the way we came in. I did remark that if I come to the throne I would change the gravel in the courtyard to something a little softer, however Maureen and Agnes pointed out that gravel offers the best security.

Suddenly we were out through the palace gates, the brightly uniformed footmen changed into ordinary London Policemen and we were back amongst the hoi polloi in the street. We all went our separate ways, and I hurried back to Ardingly to see how my goats had performed in the milking. It seems they had behaved reasonably and they held up their yields very well; thank you Jo.

It was a great experience and a real privilege to go. I am very grateful to the BGS for the opportunity.

(cont'd on page 160)

NORWICH GAME SHOW



Above: R203 Rouval Wýannalise, winner of Best In Show at the first show of 2013, where she gained her Q owner and breeder - Pat Turner*

Below: Mineshop Muscatelle, a daughter of Ashdene Mario winner of several best goatling awards at the early 2013 shows owned and bred by Chris Nye. Photos: Mr M Ackroyd



Cheshire Dairy & Cheshire County Shows



Above: \$144/129 Abbotswell President AN034329D Achieved Best Buckling in show & Res Best Adult male in show at Cheshire Dairy and Cheshire County 2013 Photo: Mr B Perry
Below: Micean Harold, BS BCC at both Cheshire Dairy & Cheshire County shows bred by M Boocock, owned by R Norman. Photo: Miss R Norman



HAMBLETON SHOW

*Above: Treval Eli Owned & Bred by Mrs V Wood & Mr T Maddison.
Below: Toggenburgs owned by Mrs J Bell Photo: Miss R Norman*



Hetherton Herd Diary

The herd currently consists of four milkers, three goatlings, an adult male, three female kids and one male kid. All are British Toggenburg apart from one of the milkers, who is Herd Book BT type. Victoria House stands in grounds of about two acres with a paddock of just over an acre, which the milkers and goatlings graze on and browse the hedges along the sides. The paddock has four rail post and rail fencing around three sides with pig wire attached to the bottom three rails. The fence is 1.4metres high and this has been sufficiently high to prevent them from escaping. I have been worried about ear tags catching on the pig wire, but to date this has not been a problem. I do hate ear tags and have had many instances of the area around the tag becoming infected and the tag coming out. Some of the mikers have had three or four tags during their lifetime.

The kids and the adult male have access to a yard between the two goat sheds and this also has post and rail fencing, but with 50mm galvanised mesh on it to prevent the kids from being able to put their heads through the fence.

The daily routine will be much the same as most other herds with milking at about 7am and 7pm followed by feeding and watering. At the moment three kids are bottle fed. They get three bottles/day, about four pints in total, for about three months then reducing until they are weaned at six months. They have access to good hay and fresh water at all times and small amounts of concentrate feed from about a month old. Their dams are

all vaccinated against enterotoxaemia about three weeks before they kid and the kids are vaccinated when they are two months old. This year I have one female kid who has refused to take a bottle and I have been forced to allow her to suckle her dam. She is growing very well! But I am not looking forward to showing her or eventually milking her, as a previous experience of this resulted in a very wild first kidder.

The milkers are fed on 17% protein dairy nuts and seem to find them very palatable and milk and maintain condition well. The goatlings and kids have a coarse goat mix morning and evening and all have good hay and fresh water at all times. This year good hay has been very difficult to obtain and the milkers have also been fed a dried lucerne chaff at midday. The daily routine has not been included in this diary to prevent readers from suffering terminal boredom.

When judging goats in Guernsey about twenty years ago I tried playing indoor bowls and have played ever since, both indoors in the winter and outdoors during the summer. Bowls is a wonderful game, which can be played by people of all ages, but can quickly take over your life as you improve and get involved in leagues, County and Inter County games. I am also a keen gardener, a life-long supporter of Manchester United FC and Brentford FC (the local team in London) and enjoy wood turning.

1st March: In the morning Pat and I visit Anglesey Abbey, a local National Trust

Hetherton Herd Diary

property, which has a wonderful winter garden with a wide variety of snowdrops and hellebores. Very cold, but a brisk walk keeps us warm until we get back to the restaurant and shop for coffee and cake. This afternoon we have to visit Pat's house in the next village, where the tenants have succeeded in breaking a bedroom door! Bowls this evening in the mixed fours league.

2nd March: Mucking out today in preparation for the next kiddings in ten days time. Need to get the tractor going to tidy-up the manure heap which is spreading out quite alarmingly.

3rd March: Lunch today at my daughter's and a chance to play with the grandchildren.

4th March: More bowls then a trip to St Ives to buy a few things at the Monday Market. Go to feed merchants this afternoon to collect half a tonne of goat nuts and a couple of new salt lick holders.

5th March: Pilates for Pat this morning then off to the local garden centre to collect 'Kiwi' plant to grow around the orangery. Also buy various packets of seeds for the vegetable garden as mice have got into the drawer in the potting shed and made a meal of those left over from last year!

6th March: Sow seeds and place in propagator in the greenhouse. I should have bought a larger greenhouse, as when all the tender plants are put in for the winter, it is difficult for me to get in, let alone sow seeds

7th March: Bowls for me in the morning and Badminton for Pat. We are going to the Arts Theatre in Cambridge this afternoon to see a matinee performance of Agatha Christies' "Look back to Murder". As usual the least likely character did it! Must remember to milk record this evening and tomorrow morning

8th March: Send milk samples off by first class post and go to Tesco to buy food to feed the family this weekend. We are both playing bowls this evening, Pat in a Club Pairs competition and me in a mixed fours league. We both lost narrowly, but I'm told it's the taking part that matters.

9th March: Visit Wimpole Hall a National Trust property only about 8miles away. The Hall, stables and walled vegetable garden are beautiful and after lunch and a walk around the gardens we buy a couple of hellebore hybrids which will brighten up our garden. And it was lambing time! However we declined the offer of paying an additional entrance fee to see the baby lambs. I can't think why! Perhaps I should start charging the people that come to see our kids.

10th March: Mother's day! As Pat has four sons the phone starts ringing early. Two sons and grandsons come to tea and enjoy feeding the two BT kids that arrived in mid-February. Then pay vets bill. Send animal details for milk recording club to Gordon George. Hitch up trailer for tomorrow morning. Phoned to arrange to collect some more hay only to find that all small bales have been sold despite assurances that he would keep

BGS MERCHANDISE



Badge price (including P&P)
£3.95 each

Poster (A2 420mm x 594 mm)
£7.50 including postage.

Tea towel price (including p&p)
£5.00 each (10)

History of the BGS £7.00 including postage

Mugs £6 plus £2.50 p&p

Clothing comes with the BGD logo embroidered as standard. Contact the BGS Office for the clothing order form.

Details for larger orders or for Affiliated Societies, please contact the BGs Office.

For all orders, please make payment to The British Goat Society and send payment to: The BGS, Gibshiel, Tarset, Hexham, Northumberland NE48 1RR

Adopt a goat and save a life

We take into care those that have suffered from neglect, abuse and abandonment, providing a loving home for the rest of their days

Buttercups
Sanctuary for Goats

Visit our website at www.buttercups.org.uk

Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent, ME17 4JU Tel: 01622 746410

Registered Charity Number 1099627



OUTSTANDING PRICES ON OFFICIAL GOAT TAGS

ROTOTAGS & I-ROTOTAGS

ROTOTAG[®]
OFFICIAL PAIR:
£0.32
+ VAT
(NON EID)



SURETAG[®] & I-TAG[®] BUTTONS

SURETAG[®]
BUTTON
OFFICIAL PAIR:
£0.50
+ VAT
(NON EID)



PRICE, QUALITY & SERVICE, IT'S WHAT WE DO!

Phone quote code

50552013

when ordering.

freephone: 0800 538 532 website: www.dallton.co.uk

available through selected merchants, please ask for Dallton by name.

Terms & Conditions apply, contact us for further details. Offer for limited period only. E.O.M.L.

Fullwood



Specialists in Goat Milking



Fullwood Limited

Ellesmere Shropshire SY12 9DF T 01691 627391 F 01691 627361
E sales@fullwood.com www.fullwood.com

enough for me. Only has large bales left so I have to arrange for two of these to be delivered. The good news is that they work out at about half the price per tonne and will be delivered. The bad news is that they are a nuisance to use. Bales are delivered this afternoon and lawn by the barn is badly cut-up in getting them into the barn. Another job when the weather improves.

11th March: A very early start for me nowadays, as I have to be at the abattoir 40miles away by 9am. Good journey but snow flurries near Wisbech and much more snow on the ground. Roads near Gorefield were very icy as they had not been gritted. Eddie's birthday party at Pizza Express in the evening. I should have converted some of my Tesco vouchers, which I could have used to pay for our meal. There must be a huge profit margin on Pizzas!

12th March: Early morning as Pat has Pilates at 8.15am in the next village. Surprise in the goat shed as the goatling that showed no sign of kidding last night has just produced two kids, a boy and a girl. Very civilised! Just needs to clear the afterbirth now. Give both kids a small feed of colostrum from a bottle, just to ensure that they get the initial antibodies. Spray navels with antibiotic spray to prevent any infection through the umbilical cord. Nice kids and good to have a daughter to continue the line. Have to meet carpenter this evening at Pat's house in the next village, to agree the replacement of the bedroom door.

13th March: Burn all prunings from fruit

trees. Afterbirth comes away this morning so will not need to get the vet to visit.

14th March: Drive to Wisbech this morning to collect the goat meat from the butchers. It costs £30 to have an animal slaughtered and jointed, which is by far the cheapest way to humanely dispose of a goat, and I collected 90lbs of meat for the freezer. There doesn't appear to be much resistance to eating goat meat and many of our friends are particularly fond of it. When slow cooked it is especially delicious. Friends arrive for dinner just in time to watch 'Hetherton Psychic' produce two kids before the meal. Last year we were due to go to friends for dinner when one of the goats started to kid and, very obligingly, our friends brought the meal to us.

15th March: Deliver 30 pints of frozen milk to a customer in Cambridge and then use the Park and Ride bus service to go into the City Centre to do some shopping and have lunch.

16th March: One of Pat's sons arrives with his wife for the weekend and two grandsons are dropped off by another for a sleep-over. Watched in dismay as England are well beaten by the Welsh rugby team. It wouldn't have been so bad if I hadn't been the only England supporter in the room.

17th March: Three of Pat's sons and my daughter are here for lunch with their families. 14 to get around the table. Very enjoyable and lots of news to exchange.

18th March: Morning Fours for both of us and Men's League in the evening for

me. Lady phones to see if I have a milker and kid for sale. As I haven't made my mind up yet I ask her to phone back in a fortnight.

19th March: Visit the local Garden Centre and buy a new clematis that will tolerate a shady position. In the afternoon I plant the clematis and turn-over some of the raised beds in the vegetable garden.

20th March: Put blue recycling bin out. Send out Cambridgeshire Goatkeepers Society notice for next Committee Meeting.

21st March: Badminton for Pat. When I have completed the morning milking and feeding the BGS Journal arrives and so reading this and the Daily Telegraph takes up most of the morning. Finally get started on mucking out the large male pen that I have been putting off for some time, but can't any longer as I need another large pen for the four BT kids that I am keeping. Feel quite righteous having completed the mucking out and disinfecting of the pen. Green bins must be put out this evening as the collection is generally very early on Friday morning and I don't want to miss it.

22nd March: Refill Green Bins with the last of the branches pruned from the lime trees in the front garden. I pollarded these for the 43rd time just before Christmas but still have some left by the drive with snowdrops and daffodils forcing their way through them. We seem to generate so much green waste each fortnight that it has taken this long to finally clear the prunings. Being away for five weeks

in Jan/February didn't help! Snow forecast for tomorrow and Saturday so glad I finished mucking out the males large pen today. Poor weather is not entirely unwelcome as I feel better about sitting in front of the open fire and reading when it is so miserable outside. David Will phones to let me know that the BT male kid I sold him last Autumn has unfortunately died and Pat gets a call to remind her that she promised to make a cake for the W.I. meeting on Sunday for Help the Heroes. The goats still need the daily care but the other works can be put aside for the day. We are both playing bowls tonight so had better take the Jeep. Light snow as we leave the bowls club getting heavier as I milk and feed the goats at about 9pm.

23rd March: A heavier covering of snow during the night making everything very picturesque this morning. Heidi the golden retriever rolls in the snow imagining that she is back in Switzerland where she spent 3years as a young dog while Pat was living near Geneva. First kidder still not as she should be so give further 6ml of antibiotics. Brentford playing Sheffield United on Sky at mid-day so get jobs done in time to watch the match. I must have stood on the terraces at Griffin Park alongside Greg Dyke as a youngster as we are the same age and both started supporting Brentford as 10year olds. I wonder if he used to go at half-time and get in free! He also supports Manchester United and became Chairman of Brentford before taking on his latest role as Chairmen of the Football League, so I feel a certain affinity

towards him. Match postponed due to weather, so watch England's batsmen struggle against New Zealand's bowlers instead. Why are the wickets always "flat" until we bat? I used to play a lot of cricket when I lived in London, it's a wonderful game. How many other sports would spectators watch all day for five days and be delighted that their team had managed to draw with their opponents!

24th March: Heavy snow during the night and for most of the day . Very pretty, but not ideal for stock keeping duties. Order galvanised wire trellis for the side of the orangery, to train the new kiwi plant up. Good job it is self-fertile or I would have to have bought two. Move kids into larger pen so that they can get more exercise prior to the yard being fit to use. Complete BGS registration forms having pondered on suitable names. It gets quite difficult after 42years, even with a prefix.

25th March: Bowls for both of us this morning, and although trailing for most of the game, suddenly pick up six shots on the tenth end and finally win by six shots. Go to the feed merchants on the way home and buy Alpha A for the milkers to compensate for the mediocre hay and some rolled oats and sugar beet flakes for the kids to nibble. Still snowing and very cold so light a fire and settle down to learn more about the Gunpowder Plot. Pat has badminton this evening, so after doing the goats I watch Billy Connolly travelling through Alaska and British Columbia. I visited British Columbia several years ago and

spent three weeks driving through The Rockies and cruising down the Inside Passage to Vancouver. It is the most wonderful country with breath-taking scenery and somewhere I think I could easily have lived. Every day I passed farms with superb lucerne hay for sale very cheaply, which made me very envious.

26th March: Pilates for Pat at 8.15am. Then need to do some shopping and buy Easter eggs for the 8 grand- children, Pat and I both have four, but only one granddaughter . England are playing Montenegro this evening in a World Cup qualifying match, so I hope the weather is better there than here.

27th March: Install new floodlight in the barn and muck out one of the milkers pens in the morning. It's cold but the sun is shining so I put the three goatlings in the field for a couple of hours. They appear happy and seem to find the odd morsel to eat. I get on with making a new bottom half to the door to their pen which they have chewed their way through this winter. The door had been there for about 25years with minimal damage before I put these three in it last spring. Despite having salt licks and putting Cribbox on the door they have continued to munch their way through it. I have moved them to another pen whilst I repair theirs, but have taken the precaution of lining the door with plywood, which is easier to replace, if they chew it, than the actual door. Out for a curry tonight as it's the birthday of one of Pat's sons.

Hetherton Herd Diary *cont'd*

28th March: Female kid that is suckling keeps escaping from its pen through the feed hole and going to visit the other milkers, much to their disgust. She will have to be taken back for feeds and then returned straight away to the pen with the other kids. Go to Pat's house to repair damage to bathroom caused by heavy handed tenants

29th March: Good Friday. A quiet day tidying up in the garden and creosoting the wooden goat shed.

30th March: Drive down to Chelmsford to visit the Royal Horticultural Society's Hyde Hall garden. As I am a member we get in free, which pays off half this year's subscription. We visited Rosemoor recently, when staying in Devon with my bother, and Harlow Carr, in Harrogate, when I was judging in Yorkshire, so only need to visit Wisley now. On the way home I decided to drop in on Hillary and John Matthews, who live nearby, but unfortunately timed my arrival to coincide with them leaving home to go to Upton Park to watch West Ham play West Bromwich Albion. Still it was good to see them and West Ham won, so they will both be happy tonight!

31st March: It's getting close to the start of the outdoor bowls season and we have both been invited to play in a match between the lady's and men's County Presidents this afternoon. It's generally men versus women, which makes for an interesting game!

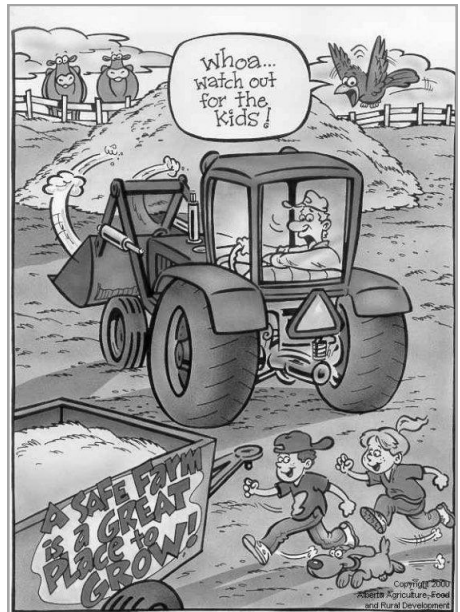
David Brace

ROYAL GARDEN PARTY *CONT'D*

A few days after I got home I reflected and remembered a small incident in the queue while we waited to get in. In front of us was a young lady with severe cerebral palsy. She was standing up out of her wheelchair and holding the arm of a friend for her photograph to be taken. You could see that standing up and holding herself for the photograph was an enormous effort. She was radiantly beautiful. The whole day brought out the best in everyone.

Nick Parr

FARM HEALTH & SAFETY



Leaflets available for purchase and download
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/index.htm>
<https://www.gov.uk/farm-health-and-safety>

2014 BGS CALENDAR

SPONSORSHIP WANTED FROM MEMBERS HERDS.

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who sponsored a page on the 2013 BGS calendar and those of you who bought one. It made a profit of over £500. The plan is to produce a 2014 BGS calendar. Once again we are hoping the calendar will be self funding, meaning all sale's would be funds for the BGS.

To sponsor a page/month on the calendar, please get in touch with Shane, by phone or email: 07794564286, shane.jones@powys.gov.uk. You would need to provide a good quality photo, and your herd details. Some pages/months have been booked from the over spill of last year, so please do get in touch sooner rather than later. The cost would be £30 per page/month.

It is hoped to get the calendars out earlier than last year, so maybe we will be able to sell some around the shows.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards & best wishes for a good showing season.

Shane. (BGS publicity officer)

HEALTH NOTES

A Vaccine for Schmallerberg Virus: The Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) have announced that it has granted MSD Animal Health a provisional marketing authorisation for a vaccine specifically targeting SBV in cattle and sheep. http://www.farminguk.com/News/Schmallerberg-vaccine-ready-for-use-this-summer_25545.html Ask your own vet for full details.

Pastern tags: Pastern tags have been approved by DEFRA for use on sheep and goats. They are available from:

Agriflex Ltd, Leeds, Tel: 0800 3101 101

Website: www.agriflextags.co.uk

Dalton ID Ltd, Henley on Thames. Tel: 0800 838 882

Website: www.daltonid.com

Defra Electronic Movement Reporting

Defra has selected SouthWestern Business Process Services (UK) Limited to deliver an electronic movement reporting system and accompanying database for sheep, goats, and deer in England. SouthWestern won the contract following a re-run of the tender process. The EID database should be operational by April 2014 and will enable stock owners to report their animal movements online. It is expected that reporting via AML1's as now via post will be continued.

Classified Adverts

For Sale

Lochinvar Beech *2 BT027803D
 Milk recorded 2012/13: 1305kgs with average butterfats of 4.87%
 Her daughter Alewater Cornelia BT028456D (DoB 29/03/12)
 by †Guilden Cherokee BT027648D
 Preferably both to go together please

Anke Sieker (Scottish Borders)
 01835 870846
 Email: anke_sieker@hotmail.com

For Sale

British Saanen Male Kid
 † Oakvale Thyme BS043335D
 Born 26th March 2013
 Sire: †Trevall Ziggy BS042877D
 Dam: CH R203 Oakvale Tulip Q*
 BS041918D BrCh
 Contact: John Powell 01454 315 568
 (Gloucestershire)

For Sale

British Alpine Male Kid
 Born 5th March 2013
 Good black and white
 Dam being milk recorded.
 More information on request
 Contact: Mrs D Parker 01263 710 245
 85 Kelling Road, Lower Bodham, Holt
 Norfolk NR25 6RW

Available from the BGS Office Prices on request

DVD's
 Goat Husbandry & Health
 Goat Breeding & Kid Rearing
 Both the above DVD's feature
 Hilary Matthews with veterinary
 procedures demonstrated by
 John G. Matthews BSc, BVMS, MRCVS

BOOKS

All About Goats
 by Lois Hetherington
 3rd Edition
 Veterinary section by John G. Matthews
 The Goatkeeper's Veterinary Book
 By Peter Dunn
 4th Edition

Available from the BGS Office On request

BGS Rules & Regulations
 Service Certificate Books
 Notes on Registrations
 Registration Forms
 Prefix Application Forms
 Transfer Forms
 CAE Monitored Herd Rules
 CAE Monitored Herd Forms
 BGS Milk Recording Manual ©

Please ask for details
 T/F: 01434 240 866
 E: secretary@allgoats.com



Premium Goat Balancer

A NATURAL FOOD SUPPLEMENT

Premium Goat Balancer the latest new mineral product from the Denis Brinicombe Group formulated specifically for goats.



**WHAT OUR
CUSTOMERS SAY...**
*"Huge improvement
in coat condition"*
*"Sustained body condition of
male adults throughout rutting"*
*"Improved growth
rate in goatling"*

Increase milk yield and butterfat?
Improve finishing of Meat Goats?
Enhance skin & coat condition of Pygmy's

Premium Goat Balancer may supply the solution

For further details contact:
Kym Moore on 01363 778 792


denis brinicombe
 group

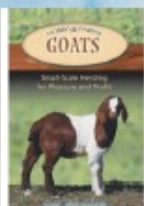


www.homesteadfarmsupplies.co.uk

**Everything you need for your Goats delivered to
your door...**

**Collars, Halters & Leads • Foot Trimming Shears
Coats • Fly and Midge Repellent • Hayracks
Cheese & Yoghurt Making Equipment • Books
Nutrition Supplements and much more...**

...from the Farm Supplies People



Buy direct from the website

www.homesteadfarmsupplies.co.uk

or call us on 01295 713188