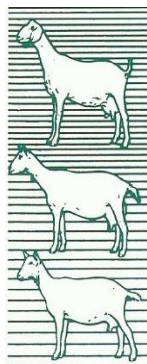


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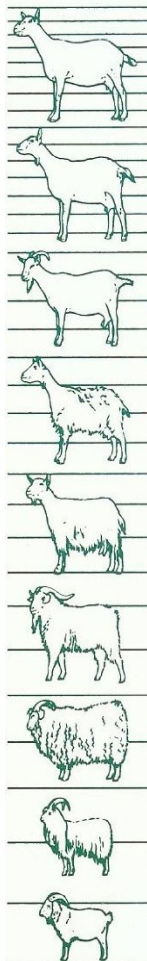
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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

It has been a relatively quiet month with no meetings or pressing business to attend to. My home front has proved very busy with kids growing well and milkers beginning to increase in yield.

It is the time of year to remind members that when registering kids, please, please ensure you register all kids from a mating at the same time. Errors sometimes occur with identification numbers and actual dates of birth, so please review your form for accuracy before posting off to the office. Needless to say, the same goes for completing your applications on line.

I have already received my first show schedules – an amended administration process is to be adopted in the office which should reduce the time between the show date and publication of the results. It is hoped the reduction in show recognition fees will help ease the financial burden on small shows/groups – it would be very welcome to see an increase in show entries, especially the milker classes. If anyone experiences difficulties or problems with milk sample analysis this year, could you please let me know the laboratory used and what exactly happened, and please don't delay in getting in touch as the sooner problems are identified, the sooner solutions hopefully will be found or new procedures put in place.

The last committee meeting had 24 items on the agenda, it must be hoped the next committee meeting, scheduled for 3 May, has a less weighty agenda.

Agnes Aitken

BGS PRESIDENT

AT THE AGM ON 12TH APRIL MR GRAHAM GODFREY WAS ELECTED THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE BGS.

The cover photograph was taken at the Royal Welsh show in 2004. The Queen entered the judging ring when all the milkers were out, just before being placed in the IP.

Graham believes that the goats in the photo were the Winterton's Gaisberg Toggenburgs.

He has judged at the Royal Welsh in 1984, then 1994, again in 2004 and is judging there again this year.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Miss Sieker, Roxburgh-shire;
Mr Wheldal, Devon;
Mrs Thomas, Powys;
Mrs Wood, Oxfordshire;
Mr Montagne, Sussex;
Mrs Pechey, Gloucestershire;
Mrs K & Miss K Hildyard, Devon;
Ms Warnock, Lincolnshire;
Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, Warwick-shire;
Miss L Ketley, Warwickshire;
Mr Cordas & Mr Krolczyk, USA
Mrs Hillyer, Cheshire;

Mrs Hall, Devon;
Mrs Bates, Staffordshire;
Mrs Miller-Keel, Lincolnshire;
Mr Buck, Herfordshire;
Miss Scott, Wiltshire;
Mr Jackson & Miss Bromley, Shropshire;
Miss R Whitton, Co. Durham;
Mr K & Mrs S Park, Aberdeenshire;
Mr Bates & Dr Cooper, Warwickshire;
Mr Bond, North Yorkshire;
Mrs Bhamra-Griffiths & Mr Griffiths, Dorset;
Ms Greenleaf, USA

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dear Members,

I do hope that for members in the south-west weather conditions have improved.

During phone calls it is evident that lots of you have goats kidding. Please make sure if you are showing kids that registration applications are received at the office in good time and allow at least 2 weeks. Kids can now be registered under one month of age. If you have internet access, using Grassroots online to register your kids and PayPal for payment is the fastest way as these can be processed the next day. Online registrations and transfers where PayPal is not used, will only be processed after a cheque has cleared so please allow a minimum of 2 weeks. BACS payments can be used instead of PayPal but please let me know you are paying this way.

For members that show, you will find details of 100 shows in this Journal. There are some new shows and many of these are back to back. Have a good season.

Your articles, letters, photos and news are always welcome for publication in the Journal. This is YOUR newsletter. Please send to the office at the address on page 55 or email to secretary@allgoats.com

You should have received your Herd Book last month and the Year Book is included with this posting. A huge thank you to Michael Ackroyd for his 20th edition of the Year Book.

Best Wishes
Jane

LETTERS

Dear British Goat Society Judges

I am writing to you through the Journal on behalf of the Devon Goat Society.

During our AGM, a somewhat lengthy discussion took place, about some Judges not giving exhibitors time to prepare their animals for the show ring, especially between the IP and the young stock classes. We are concentrating on out milkers and if you are entered in several classes you do not have time to prepare your young stock in between those classes. The IP ends and the ring steward is shouting for the first goatling class before the milkers are settled back in their pens with a fresh drink. After all the time and effort we take to keep our animals in show condition, it seems unfair to make us take them into the show ring without having a final groom and be able to make sure they are clean. Sometimes we hardly have time to rip their coats off.

At some shows the Judge requires the next class in the ring and ready before the last class has left the ring. Not easy if you have a goat in both of those classes. We do realise that some judges travel many miles to our shows as do some exhibitors and they have a long journey home afterwards, as do some of our exhibitors, after milking in the evening.

We would like to ask the BGS Judges to try and give themselves enough time to judge the shows they have been invited to judge.

We thank the judges for supporting our shows. Without them there would be no shows but can you "give a little" for the hard working exhibitor, please.

Good luck to all the shows for 2014 and hope you get lots of entries.

Secretary
Devon Goat Society.

PURE TOGGENBURG BREED SHOW

I am pleased to announce that there will be classes for Pure Toggenburgs, at this years Breed Show, on the 28th of June at Newark Showground.

All BGS Toggenburg breeders and keepers are very welcome, anyone requesting entry forms please telephone 01609 882924 (after 6pm), or text your name and address to 07778529922.

Your support is most welcome.

Joan Bell

Animal Reporting and Movement Service



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<http://www.arams.co.uk>

On the 1st April 2014 a new electronic movement reporting system was launched by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

The new Animal Reporting & Movement Service (ARAMS) is provided by South-Western from their Milton Keynes office. The ARAMS system takes over the processing of sheep/goat/deer movements from each Local Authority in England.

Information documents and ARAM1 movement forms are available from farmers markets, abattoirs, shows, collection centres and assembly centres. It seems they are not readily available from your Trading Standards Department anymore. The paper ARAM1 is quadruplicate. The AML1 can still be used but it is not clear how long for.

All movements paper or electronic are handled by SouthWestern. Paper movements are not handled by your local Trading Standards any more and must now be sent direct to SouthWestern at:

Animal Reporting and Movement Service,
SouthWestern, PO Box 6299, Milton Keynes, MK10 1ZQ

Identification of Goats

You will have received or be receiving the new Guidance Notes for Identifying Sheep and Goats in the post.

The covering letter states that "an injectable" (ie a microchip) can be used as part of the double identification of non-food chain goats". I've managed to clarify the situation which is:

- 1) At present there are no chips approved for use
- 2) **Any** goat could theoretically have a microchip implanted. It would then have a black ear tag as the 2nd identifier and would be banned from entering the food chain.

Regards

John

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Farm Animals Genetic Resources Committee

Role of the Committee

The Farm Animal Genetic Resources Committee (FAnGR) gives advice to the government on the conservation and sustainable use of farm animal genetic resources. These resources include: livestock; conserved embryos; eggs and semen

There are over 160 breeds of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry and horses that are native to the UK, of which about 100 are at risk.

Responsibilities for:

- overseeing implementation of the UK's 2006 National Action Plan on FAnGR
- helping to set research and development priorities
- advising on and evaluating conservation programmes in the UK
- compiling and publishing the UK breeds at risk lists

FAnGR Committee terms of reference.

Membership

The FAnGR Committee is made up of geneticists, industry leaders and representatives from the UK's principal livestock breeding companies and conservation organisations.

Current members are:

- Professor Geoff Simm (chair), Academic Director and Vice Principal (Research) at the Scottish Agricultural College
- Peter Baber, commercial sheep farmer and consultant; Chairman of EIG Sheep Health and Welfare Council
- Professor Stephen Hall, Emeritus Professor of Animal Science at the University of Lincoln
- Elizabeth Henson, Director of Grassroots Systems Ltd
- Julian Hosking, senior specialist in rural land management and native grazing livestock breeds at Natural England
- Andrew Sheppy, Director of The Cobthorn Trust
- Dr Richard Small, council member of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust
- Chris Warkup, Chief Executive of the Genesis Faraday Partnership
- Professor John Woolliams, quantitative geneticist at the Roslin Institute, University of Edinburgh

Goat Breeds currently on the Native Breeds at Risk Register (NBAR)

Bagot , Cheviot (Feral), Golden Guernsey , Saanen , Toggenburg

Reference:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/farm-animal-genetic-resources-committee-fangr>

Breed Analysis 2004-2013

Grassroots Systems have produced the following breeds analysis from our data for the last ten years. The data will be used by the Farm Animals Genetic Resources to report breeds numbers to DEFRA.

www.gov.uk/government/groups/farm-animal-genetic-resources-committee-fangr

KEY to the report

Year	Year of Birth
Br	No of Breeders that year
Br x 3y	No of Breeders over last 3 years
F Regs	Female Registrations that year
M Regs	Male Registrations that year
No S	Number of different sires
No D	Number of different dams

Year	Br	Br x 3y	F Regs	M Regs	No Sires	No Dams
Anglo Nubian						
2004	67	137	219	65	76	175
2005	76	146	210	67	70	166
2006	79	114	234	74	77	191
2007	71	113	229	81	75	176
2008	67	110	217	83	78	176
2009	78	112	218	84	89	187
2010	84	117	257	94	99	202
2011	90	133	267	97	93	218
2012	88	139	269	110	101	233
2013	86	140	243	95	99	203
British Alpine						
2004	47	92	100	36	53	92
2005	46	103	76	26	48	74
2006	49	78	101	28	46	87
2007	38	74	104	30	36	91
2008	44	73	97	23	47	96
2009	40	69	103	26	39	91
2010	38	73	80	24	41	79
2011	39	64	81	24	40	75
2012	41	66	106	25	49	92
2013	38	63	74	25	41	70

WATER the key for survival, for people, and for animals



No one talks about Clean Water in Darfur - just the desperate need for water, any water.

Hand dug wells are the only source of water in most parts of Darfur. In the summer months they dry up entirely. When water trickles in it is scooped out full of grit and dirt. Drought is cyclical. Some years there is virtually no rainfall. All surface water dries up, as the water table drops. The harvest fails, and, without help, the smallest children, already malnourished, are the first to succumb. Deep beneath Darfur there is the largest aquifer in Africa, but water has to be sourced through a geophysical electromagnetic survey, and then drilled. Villagers cannot afford such a luxury. Many villages have no source of water. Even young children walk many miles to reach a handpump.



Kids for Kids has been installing handpumps for the last 12 years, and training farmers to harvest water to prolong the planting time. We fence handpumps so that animals do not contaminate the water. A hedge planted around the handpump is a source of food for goats whose milk provides valuable protein. A narrow concrete channel carries water to a trough for animals. Runoff is used for tomatoes, okra, watermelons and cucumbers; people grow vegetables for the first time because of our handpumps. We need help too to repair pumps. It is a tragedy to see a handpump idle when water is the key to life, yet is out of reach.

Our priorities - to build and repair handpumps but where it is not possible to provide a handpump, we need your help to provide watercarts and strong donkeys to fetch water from miles away. Many families do not have enough jerry cans. Children struggle to carry heavy jerry cans across the deserts of Darfur for many hours. What hope have children of having enough to drink each day? Water sources used for human consumption must be kept clean. We teach hygiene and sanitation, and help build latrines. Children suffer from debilitating diarrhoea and vomiting caused by dirty water.



**Can you help raise funds for Water in Darfur? Could you organise a
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*Paul Mounter winner of the Breeders Challenge Cup receiving the award from Mrs M Ross at the 2014 AGM
Photo: Mr B Perry*



Rosemary Earl with her trophies at the AN Breed Show 2013 Photo: Mr P Cox



Emmadell Demi at the AN Breed Show 2013 Photo: Mr P Cox



Contented Nubians. Photo: Mr B Perry

Kids for Kids and the power of the goat.....



Since 2001, Kids for Kids has been helping children who live in abject poverty, coping with unimaginable conditions within the rural villages of Darfur, Sudan. All of the children are malnourished and with the continued problem of soaring inflation in Sudan, children are facing starvation.



It was the sight of a 9 year old boy walking 7 hours across the desert to reach water that inspired Patricia Parker MBE, to create Kids for Kids – the only organisation providing sustainable projects which are enabling these isolated communities to stay in their homes and build a sustainable future for their families. Darfur is a land isolated geographically, politically and economically and which is continuing to struggle with violence which this year alone has forced over 450,000 to flee their homes.

Kids for Kids' flagship project is a 'goat loan'. We lend six goats to the poorest families. This little flock provides fresh nutritional goat's milk, vital for children who are malnourished, and enables the mother to build a small income from selling excess milk and the male kids. After two years, six kids are passed to another family, then another, and so on. In villages where a number of successful goat rotations have taken place, malnutrition is eradicated across the whole community.

Other grassroots projects, include healthcare for both humans and animals, donkeys for transport, mosquito nets to prevent disease, blankets, donkey ploughs, crucially the repairing and digging of handpumps in the villages, and much more. These projects lift whole communities out of extreme hardship. We are showing that change is possible with simple help. All of our projects are identified and run by the villagers themselves.



Just six months ago, one goat cost £28 in Darfur, now we are paying £60 per animal and with inflation set to continue rising, we need your help urgently. We also need

All of our projects are fully sustainable which means that a gift to Kids for Kids lasts a lifetime. By empowering our beneficiaries to run the projects themselves, and of course they identify the need too, we know that

How you can help:

- Choose your gift for to help children in Darfur at www.kidsforids.org.uk. We need help providing the things that villagers really need such as a donkey for transport £65, mosquito nets to prevent disease £16, farm tools £35, training a villager in first aid techniques to prevent problems becoming tragedies, £2000 to train a village midwife so that mothers and babies are safe from the very beginning, training the village so that our projects will last forever, £4,500 to install a new water handpump so that children will not have to walk for water or £500 to repair an existing handpump. You might even like to sponsor a whole village, £35,000.
- Volunteer to help the Kids for Kids team raise the profile of the charity here in the UK.
- Take part in a challenge event to raise money for Kids for Kids; choose from a moonlit cycle, triathlon, walk, abseil and much more.
- Remember Kids for Kids in your Will. All of our projects are sustainable and go on helping for years to come. We can provide your loved ones with a living memorial of your legacy by investing your gift in one of our life changing projects. For example, the sight of pure clean water, flowing from deep underground, from a handpump named after you, is truly a living memorial that will transform children's lives.
- Set up a monthly donation to enable Kids for Kids to plan for the future – your commitment would enable us to plan projects with confidence. This is essential if we can provide maximum support for the most deprived children in the world.

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Breed Analysis 2004-2013 *Cont'd from page 64*

Year	Br	Br x 3y	F Regs	M Regs	No Sires	No Dams
British Guernsey						
2004	9	16	15	1	9	10
2005	8	19	11	4	8	9
2006	14	18	18	3	15	17
2007	8	21	19	4	10	16
2008	11	20	23	3	13	16
2009	14	25	35	13	21	30
2010	16	30	34	18	16	35
2011	21	34	37	11	18	34
2012	23	40	46	22	27	47
2013	27	44	42	16	31	41
British Saanen						
2004	68	155	199	42	69	168
2005	83	173	247	47	77	204
2006	71	128	173	45	65	150
2007	64	124	179	53	67	160
2008	62	108	231	52	68	196
2009	65	101	156	61	70	140
2010	58	100	187	47	60	156
2011	56	99	196	53	58	155
2012	51	91	161	48	63	139
2013	57	91	119	44	53	106
British Toggenburg						
2004	83	160	199	52	70	165
2005	74	171	244	50	66	201
2006	71	124	198	63	73	180
2007	70	116	186	47	73	158
2008	55	106	150	37	63	128
2009	56	101	130	50	63	117
2010	61	102	140	45	70	131
2011	58	104	190	49	71	154
2012	66	101	147	44	69	128
2013	67	103	162	39	67	144

Breed Analysis 2004-2013

Year	Br	Br 3y	F Regs	M Regs	No Sires	No Dams
Golden Guernsey						
2004	63	131	163	45	75	143
2005	81	151	228	57	87	196
2006	65	119	158	42	86	150
2007	62	115	173	56	82	168
2008	63	110	141	42	75	134
2009	58	110	145	41	64	130
2010	66	119	212	57	79	191
2011	73	120	201	61	82	175
2012	79	129	196	55	84	178
2013	100	149	240	80	108	234
Saanen						
2004	15	35	36	13	16	34
2005	20	42	36	19	19	34
2006	16	28	35	12	17	28
2007	16	29	25	13	14	28
2008	14	24	34	12	16	30
2009	17	25	45	19	19	38
2010	15	23	33	13	19	34
2011	14	24	44	22	16	40
2012	12	23	36	7	14	26
2013	12	19	61	18	18	52
Toggenburg						
2004	20	37	57	8	22	45
2005	20	42	40	11	17	33
2006	16	31	37	8	13	30
2007	19	32	49	15	17	46
2008	13	28	31	7	16	25
2009	20	30	42	10	20	38
2010	19	31	37	9	17	33
2011	16	31	30	9	17	28
2012	13	32	30	5	9	26
2013	17	29	41	14	14	38



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Norwich & District							
Spring Dairy	22		26th April	Mr B Perry	12th April	Ms S Metford-Sewell	07725596397
Norwich Game Show	15	a/w	27th April	Mrs V Hardy	12th April	Ms S Metford-Sewell	07725596397
Ayr County	8	a/c	10th May	Mr P Mounter	9th April	Mrs L Murdoch	08452011460
Ayrshire GC Spring			11th May	TBC	9th April	Mrs L Murdoch	08452011460
Nottinghamshire County Day 1		a/c/w	10th May	Mr B Perry	3rd April	Show Secretary	08702241035
Nottinghamshire County Day 2		a/c/w	11th May	Mrs M Hardman	3rd April	Show Secretary	08702241035
Balmoral	3		14-16th May	Mr G Smith	19th March	Cglin McDonald	02890665225
Royal Welsh Spring Day							
1	6	a/w	17th-18th May	Mr T Garry	11th April	Mr A Jones	01982554408
Royal Welsh Spring Day 2		a/w	17th-18th May	Mr P Mounter	11th April	Mr A Jones	01982554408
Devon County	7	a/c	22-24th May	Mrs M Hardman	21st March	Mrs O Allen	01392353705
Northern Ireland GC Spring (m&f)		a	23rd-24th May	Mr B Perry	17th May	Mr T Hanna	07732334299
ScottGoatkeepers Fed							
(m&f)	7	a/w	24th May	Mrs A Thyne	TBC	Mr G Smith	01382370259
Highland Goat Club Spring (m&f)		a/a/w	25th May	Mr A Morrey	TBC	Gordon Smith	01382370259
Tregaron	31	a/w	25th May	Mr D Brace	10th May	Mrs N Ackroyd	01974251612
Northumberland County	30	a/w	26th May	Mr R Parkin	1st May	Mrs G Shotton	01434604216
Surrey County		a/w	26th May	Mrs H Matthews	18th April	Ms A Hill	01483890810
Royal Bath & West	7	a/w	28th-31st May	Mr R Wiffen	14th April	Mr. Alan Lyons	01749822209
Suffolk	25	a/w	28th-29th May	TBC	4th April	Ms. E Payne	01473707115
East Anglian Summer	26	a/w	29th May	Mr P Cox	1st May	Miss E Randall	07714399063
Scottish Smallholders Spring			31st May	Mr G Webster	9th May	Ms R Champion	07986451129
Rutland	33	a/w	1st June	Mrs H Matthews	16th May	Mrs S Mangles	01777707453
Royal Cornwall	4	a/w	5-7th June	Mr B Perry	18th April	Mr. A Reynolds	01326563229
Kernow Dairy	7	a/w	5-7th June	Mr G Webster	1st April	Mr A Reynolds	01326563229
South of England Day 1	7	a/w	5-7th June	Mr D Brace	1st April	Ms. E. Crookford	01444892700
South of England Day 2		a/w	5-7th June	Mr T Baker	1st April	Ms. E. Crookford	01444892700
Malvern Dairy Goat		a/w	13th-15th June	Mr P Cox	8th April	Mrs. F Parker	01684584900
Three Counties Show		a/w	13th-15th June	Mr S Thomas	8th April	Mrs. F Parker	01684584900

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Grampian Goat (m&f)	7	a/w	14th June	Mr D Brace	24th May	Mrs. A. Aitkin	01569766775
Hambleton Dairy Goat	14	a/w	14th June	Mrs V Hardy	29th May	Mrs M Holmes	01609882911
Honley	12	a/w	14th June	Mr R Wood	1st June	Mr. C. Hagain	07826086859
Cheshire County (m&f)	28	a/w	17th June	Mr N Parr	9th May	Mr. N. Evans	01565650200
Cheshire Dairy Goat Society (m&f)	6	a/w	18th June	Mr T Baker	9th May	Mrs. D. Rudkin	01614303805
Airedale/Bingley	4	a/w	19th July	TBC	1st July	Mr C Hagain	07802 303 232
Royal Highland	45	a/w	19-22nd June	Mrs H Matthews	21st April	Mrs. K Stephens	01313356212
Todmorden Agricultural		a/b/w	21st June	Mr B Perry	21st May	Mrs S Morris	01706816044
Derbyshire County	31	m/w	22nd June	Mr R Pemble	6th June	Mrs. J. Smith	01246854898
Devon & Somerset Male & Yogstk		a/w	22nd June	Mr T Garry	20th May	Mr. Roger Calcraft	01395233985
Kent Male & Youngstock	30	a/w	22nd June	TBC	12th June	Mrs. P. Softley	01303264867
Royal Norfolk	4	a/w	25th June	Mr R Wood	4th April	Mrs M Wright	01603731965
Royal Norfolk Jubilee			26th June	Mr R Wiffen	4th April	Mrs M Wright	01603731965
Anglo Nubian Breed	23	c/w	28th June	Mr T Baker	25th May	Mrs M Hyde	01724798805
British Alpine Breed	15	a/w	28th June	Mr S Thomas	10th June	Mr R Pemble	07721072423
British Saanen Breed	17	c/w	28th June	Mrs S Prior	11th June	Mrs. M. Hardman	01142740192
British Togg Breed	29	c/w	28th June	Mr S Thomas	10th June	Mr R Pemble	01737646280
Pure Toggenburg Breed	18	a/w	28th June	Mrs S Prior	tbc	Mrs J Bell	07778529922
Saanen Breed (m&f)	19	a/b/w	28th June	Mrs S Prior	11th June	Mrs. S. Wilman	01362684109
Nottis Goat Club (m&f)	6	a/b/w	29th June	Mr D Brace	1st June	Mrs. V. Hardy	01623555155
John O'Goat		a/w	28th June	Mrs A Thyne	28th May	Mrs L Lewis-Saunders	01847851448
Far North Goat Show		a/w	29th June	Mr G Dale	28th May	Mrs L Lewis-Saunders	01847851448
Malton		Diploma	29th June			Mr A Stott	01653693382
South Western (m&f)	42	a/w	6th July	Mr N Parr	5th June	Miss B. Lawton	01934824437
Great Yorkshire	37, 38, 39		8th-10th July	Mr M Ackroyd		Mrs Astoddart-West	01423546231
Kent County	6	a/b	11-13th July	Mr S Jones	9th May	Mr G Charlton	01622633057
Kent Dairy	19	a/c/w	11th-13th July	TBC	1st June	Mrs. R. Fox	01322614882
Great Eccleston	33	a/w	12th July	Mr R Wood	28th June	Mrs. S. Robinson	01995679204
Lancashire Goat Show		a/w	13th July	Mr M Hardman	28th June	Mrs. S. Robinson	01995679204

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Trending Hundred		a/c/w	12th July	Mr G Godfrey	20th June	Ms R Foster	01206231821
Ayrshire	43	a/w	12th-13th July	TBC	23rd June	Ms. Anne Dick	01292541981
IGPA Midlands (Kells)	43	c/a	12-13th July	Mrs S Prior	TBC	Mrs B Donaldson	0863520560
Stithians Agricultural	43	a/w	14th July	Mrs A Thyne	2nd June	Ms L Dodd	07939826585
Castlewellan Day 1	5	n/a	18th July	Mr M Ackroyd	20th June	Mrs J Fitzpatrick	02840638087
Castlewellan Day 2		n/a	19th July	Mrs H Matthews	20th June	Mrs J Fitzpatrick	02840638087
Royal Welsh		a/w	21-24th July	Mr G Godfrey	30th April	Mr. B. Williams	01982554403
Border Union	32	a/c/w	26th July	TBC	23rd June	Mr. R Wilson	01573224188
Cleveland County		a/w	26th July	Mr D Brace	12th July	Mrs V Thompson	01642312231
Leek & District	23	a/w	26th July	Mr B Perry	30th June	Mrs. O. Blakeman	01782550028
Yealmspton	7	a/c	30th July	Mrs M Franklin	17th June	Mrs A Robbins	01752880509
Dumfries	6	a/w	1st-2nd Aug	Mr G webster	7th July	Mrs E Bicket	01461201199
Northern Ireland Autumn	31	a	1st-2nd Aug	Mrs A Thyne	19th July	Mr D Galbraith	02870836228
Cambridgeshire Male & Youngstk		a/w	2nd Aug	Mr G Godfrey		Mr C Nye	07876543552
Emley Agricultural		a/w	2nd Aug	TBC	21st July	Chris Haggin	01422206244
Turriff		Diploma	3rd Aug			Ms H Paterson	01466781866
Bakewell	7	a/w	6th Aug	Mr N Parr	12th July	Mrs L Bain	01629812736
Halifax Agricultural	43	a/w	9th Aug	Mr G Smith	1st Aug	Chris Haggin	01422206644
Sedgefield		m/w	9th Aug	Mr T Hanna	27th July	Mrs L Maughan	01388488150
Anglesey County	14	a/w	12th Aug	Mr T Hanna	8th July	Mr Aled W Hughes	01407720072
North Wales Smallholder Society		a/w	13th Aug	Mr M Cox	8th July	Ms S Stevenson	01248450580
Okehampton	41	a/w	14th Aug	TBC	11th July	Mc C Woodward	01363866161
Ashbourne	12	a/c	16th Aug	Mr R Wiffin	26th July	Mrs E Pederick	01335348889
Scottish GK Fed Aut	6	a/w	16th Aug	Mr G Godfrey	tbc	Mr G Smith	01382370259
Cornwall M & Ysk	2		17th Aug	Mr P Mounter	2nd Aug	Mr G Munson	01736710232
Norwich & District M&Ysk		a/w	17th Aug	Mrs S Prior	27th July	Ms S Metford-Sewell	07725596397
Egton	22	a/w	20th Aug	Mrs V Hardy	tbc	Ms Daphne Jackson	01947604329
Melplash		a/c	21st Aug	TBC	23rd July	Mrs Lucy Hart	01308423337
Edenbridge and Oxted	8	a/w	24-25th Aug	Mr T Hanna	14th July	Mrs J E Shearman	01737646280
Epworth	9	a/w	25th Aug	Mrs S Prior	8th Aug	Mrs S E Mangles	01777707453

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Glendale		a/w	25th Aug	Miss D Oliver		Mrs J Wilson	01434267939
Northern Ireland Harvest (m&f)	25	a	29th-30th Aug	Mrs V Hardy	16th Aug	Mr R Colvin	02886736248
Alresford	1	a/w	6th Sept	Mr T Garry	6th Aug	Miss Lucy Barker	01420562137
Dorset County	32	a/w	6th-7th Sept	Mr R Pemble	TBC	Mrs S MacKenzie-Green	01305264249
Moreton-in-Marsh	28	a/w	6th Sept	Mrs S Prior	19th July	Mrs Lynne Parkes	01608651908
Westmorland County	21	a/w	11th Sept	TBC	18th Aug	Mrs C Knipe	01539567804
Frome	6	a/w	13th Sept	Mr S Thomas	18th Aug	Mrs S C Head	01249716350
Usk Show		a/w	13th Sept	Mr M Cox	15th Aug	Mrs Faye Mear	01291690889
Norwich & Dist Sept Day 1	7	a/w	13th Sept	Mrs M Hardman	30th Aug	Ms S Metford-Sewell	07725596397
Norwich & Dist Sept Day 2		a/w	14th Sept	Mr C Newton	30th Aug	Ms S Metford-Sewell	07725596397
Stokesley	6	a/w	20th Sept	Mr C Nye	29th Aug	Mrs J B Hugill	01845587158
Royal Berkshire	45	a	20th Sept	TBC		Ms M Hopkins	01635247111
Newbury	31	a/w	21st Sept	TBC	1st Aug	Ms M Hopkins	01635247111
Alwalton	6	a/w	11th Oct	Mr G webster	29th Sept	Mr C Nye	01333699413
Autumn Exhibition	8	a/w	12th Oct	Mr R Pemble	29th Sept	C Nye	01333699413

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

There has been lots of media coverage in recent weeks about goat illigence. The Daily Telegraph, Daily Mail and Radio 4 among the coverage. The cutting below is from the Daily Telegraph on 27th March

Another link: from the BGS Forum where there was some interesting discussion. We all knew this of course:-
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2589457/Silly-billies-Actually-goats-smarter-think-Animals-quicker-uptake-chimps-tasks.html>

NATURE NOTES

Goats aren't such silly billies after all

Goats are much smarter than they might appear, a study has shown.

The animals quickly learn how to solve complex tasks and have "excellent" long-term memories, say scientists.

Researchers trained a group of goats to retrieve food from a box by pulling on a lever and then lifting it.

The goats figured out the multi-step solution within an average of 12 attempts. Ten months later, it took them less than two minutes to remember how to do it. They also proved they preferred to learn rather than copy each other.

Dr Alan McElligott, from Queen Mary University of London, said: "Our results challenge the common misconception that goats aren't intelligent animals - they have the ability to learn complex tasks and remember them for a long time."

"This could explain why they are so successful in colonising new environments."

Goats are unusually adaptable to harsh environments and good at finding food sources in the wild, both traits that might be linked to their intelligence, the researchers believe.

The findings are reported in the latest edition of the journal *Frontiers in Zoology*.

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