



**BAS Weekly Newsletter**  
**Timely Advice & Current News**



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## CEO NOTES

### **Yearbooks**

There is a limited supply of 2020 Yearbooks which I am happy to send out members if they need them. Its 30 to a box and makes life simpler if we do whole boxes. Be warned a full box weighs 18 kg so make sure you are ready for that when the delivery arrives. Please send me an email with any requests so we can get them used before the next batch arrive!!

### **Covid developments**

The rules on what constitutes a legal gathering from a Covid point of view continue to change week by week and also differ in different parts of the country. The latest change has meant that the Yorkshire Alpaca Group have had to cancel their planned show.

The group of 6 ruling will also start to affect BAS members who entertain members of the public. With different rules in place in England, Scotland Wales and Northern Ireland as well as more local lock-downs it is worth double checking what rules apply to you. The government guidance is available [here](#) .

You can email about this or anything else on [ceo@bas-uk.com](mailto:ceo@bas-uk.com)

*Duncan Pullar*

BAS CEO

## Feeding for fibre

### 'Feeding For Fibre' project

- Call for expressions of interest from UK alpaca studs.

GWF Nutrition and Art Of Fibre will be conducting the second phase of the Feeding For Fibre project. The Project aims to evaluate the impacts of increased pre and post natal nutrition upon fleece quality and density. The project is expected to replicate the findings of similar trials conducted within the Australian merino industry. Furthermore, a number of studs in the UK and Europe who have adopted these types of feeding strategies, have observed an increase in fleece weights with higher comfort factors as well as accrued benefits with other fleece and body traits. We now need to confirm these assumptions through an objective and methodologically sound evaluation project.

To carry out the second phase, we require the involvement of a number of studs to evaluate the impact of 2 feeding regimes. We therefore call for expressions of interest from studs that:

- \* are located in the UK
- \* carry out more than 20 matings a year
- \* have the ability to divide their herd into at least 2 management groups
- \* have their own body and fleece weighing scales
- \* have an existing feed regime strategy

Studs involved in the trial will benefit from free fibre testing and a quantity of feed supply from GWF as well as being at the forefront of this valuable research. We ask for expressions before 1st October 2020

For further information on the trial and requirements for participating studs, or to register an expression of interest, please contact Paul Vallely by email to

[info@artoffibre.com](mailto:info@artoffibre.com) or phone 353 85 2581669

## EAG AGM

The Eastern Alpaca Group's Annual General Meeting this year (September 27th 11.15 for 11.30 prompt start) is a virtual online event when there will be a presentation entitled "*what to expect when you're expecting the vet*". In these times of social distancing this is invaluable self help advice.

After the business concludes there will be an opportunity for members to catch up with each other's news. With the new normal of Covid-19 it is more important than ever to have a local network of people you can turn to for help.

For a link to the event please email [Contact@easternalpacagroupuk.org](mailto:Contact@easternalpacagroupuk.org)

The event is free to members and £25 for non members. You can join the EAG group for £20 before the event, save yourself £5 and have all the member benefits thereafter.

To join the EAG online visit <https://easternalpacagroupuk.org/membership/>

We are seeking nominations for committee members and if you would like to be part of the team then email;

Simon Ilett ([simon@ciphercrystal.co.uk](mailto:simon@ciphercrystal.co.uk))



## HoEAG Craft Competition 2020

**CLOSING DATE: 20th September - Kindly sponsored by Softl Softly**

We know we have some very talented and creative members within the alpaca world, so again this year we're giving you the opportunity to show off your skills, talents and wares in an Alpaca Fibre Craft Competition!

### **HOW TO ENTER**

The categories are: Alpaca Yarn, Wearable items, Household Items, Toys & Miscellaneous, PLUS A SCARF – JUDGE'S CHALLENGE. This is a new initiative suggested by our Judge, Shirley Bettinson, last year. We hope you have taken up the challenge to create a scarf using alpaca fibre – simple, no specific sizes required. SPECIAL PRIZE TO BE AWARDED – Trophy kindly donated by Kerry Lord of Toft UK.

ENTRY FORMS are available on the website, <https://heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk/event/craft-competition-2020/> along with category details – just click the 'Download' links!

ENTRIES: HoEAG Members £2.50 per item & \*Non Members £4 per item

CLOSING DATE: 20th September & items to be received no later than 27th September 2020. If you would like to enter a product into any of the above categories simply complete an entry form, make a payment via BACS and send with your item(s) to Yeat Wood Farm, Wotton Underwood, Bucks, HP18 0RL to arrive by Sunday 27th September 2020.

Please include a description of each item, including the materials used.

Mrs. Shirley Bettinson has kindly agreed to judge the competition again and this will take place on Saturday 3rd October. The results will be announced at the HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show on Sunday 4th October, which this year will be held via Zoom;

further details will be available nearer the date.

Any queries please [email fleece@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk](mailto:email_fleece@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk)

Please note : if you will be entering any other Alpaca Craft Competitions around that time, we will liaise for your items to go from there to HoEAG – just mark on the entry form!

## More Recent Welfare Successes

BAS helped in a recent welfare case which required a re-homing of an alpaca and some veterinary intervention on a long term eye problem. Despite only now having one functioning eye the Alpaca is happy in his new home.

Please do get in touch if you notice any welfare issues that are not being addressed.



## Seminar on genetics of coat colour

The Australian Alpaca Association are putting on some educational seminars similar to the ones already developed by a number of BAS members and regional groups. I don't think coat colour has been covered in the UK seminars so I bring this one to your attention. Its is a question I often get asked so I know ther is an appetite out there for this subject.

Researcher Dr Kylie Munyard of Curtin University presents information on a new alpaca genetic test for colour. This understanding could be really important for breeders to use to inform their breeding programs. If any of BAS members are interested, the details can be found at [https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/aaa-education-webinar-alpaca-genetic-testing-for-colour-dr-kylie-munyard-tickets-120473101289?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=esfb&utm-source=fb&utm-term=listing&fbclid=IwAR2\\_pkdfVS\\_SrX-C95iA\\_R0dfKZv1\\_IStU5SK4-ENYCWejg0tRGwQP0IDgg](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/aaa-education-webinar-alpaca-genetic-testing-for-colour-dr-kylie-munyard-tickets-120473101289?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=esfb&utm-source=fb&utm-term=listing&fbclid=IwAR2_pkdfVS_SrX-C95iA_R0dfKZv1_IStU5SK4-ENYCWejg0tRGwQP0IDgg)

Cost is \$50 AUS which is £28.15 for non members of AAA or \$30 AUS (£16.90) for AAA members



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AAA EDUCATION WEBINAR - Alpaca genetic testing for colour Dr Kylie Munyard

by Australian Alpaca Association

Follow

\$30 - \$50

Tickets

Learn from Dr Kylie Munyard of Curtin University about her extensive research on colour coat genetics in alpacas

### About this Event

This session, in collaboration with the WA AAA Region, gives you the opportunity to learn from Dr Kylie Munyard of Curtin University about her extensive research on colour coat genetics in alpacas - and how a new genetic test can help you identify the genetic colour pattern found in the coat of your alpacas. You will have the chance to ask your questions to help direct your breeding program. Learn about colour genetics from the comfort of your home. Webinar in support of the Foundation for Alpaca Genetic Research at Curtin university. 7.30pm EST and 5.30pm WST

### Date And Time

Mon, 28 September 2020  
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM BST  
Add to Calendar

### Location

Online Event

### Refund Policy

Refunds up to 1 day before event  
Eventbrite's fee is nonrefundable.

## Meet the Candidates

At the AGM this year there will be 7 candidates standing for election to the Board. The full CV for each is available in the members area of the BAS Website - search for AGM or meet the candidates or follow this link but remember you will need to log in. Click [here t](#) to get to the page. Voting will be opened on 9th October and you will get an email asking you to vote electronically with full instructions..

<https://www.bas-uk.com/members-area/the-british-alpaca-society/agm-information-and-previous-minutes/agm-2020-meet-the-candidates/>

**Clara Boulton - Natterjack Alpacas, Lancashire**



**Kate Brookes - Mullacott Alpacas, Devon**



**Elaine Clarke - Amberly Alpacas, Northern Ireland**



**Paul Hetherington - Beck Brow Alpacas. Cumbria**



**Ian Mitchell - Hannahston Alpacas, Ayrshire**



**Judith Newman - Angersleigh Alpacas, Somerset**



**Thomas Scott - Darksky Alpacas, Cornwall**



**AGM**

The papers will be sent out/ emailed on the 9th of October. The AGM will still be conducted by Zoom. Please send me an email for the link to the event with "AGM 2020" in the subject line. As previously mentioned the reason for asking you to ask for a link is so we can have a good idea of attendance and make sure we have the

capacity in the system to cope.

Because we are doing the AGM by Zoom it would be helpful for as many members as possible to use the electronic voting system. You will get an email with instructions around 9th October. There will still be the capability to vote during the AGM but it will make life simpler if the electronic voting system is used.

## Show opening and closing dates ...

| Show name                   | Show Dates      | open                  | close     |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Heart of Eng Autumn Fleece  | 4th October     | <b>CLOSED FULL</b>    |           |
| North East & Borders Halter | 31st Oct        | <b>CLOSED FULL</b>    |           |
| Welsh Alpaca Show           | 10th Oct        | CANCELLED             |           |
| Eastern Group Halter        | 18th & 19th Nov | CANCELLED             |           |
| Yorkshire Group Halter Show | 24th Oct        | <b>CANCELLED FULL</b> |           |
| Yorkshire Group Fleece Show | 13th Oct        | <b>OPEN</b>           | 21st Sept |
| Northern Fleece Show        | 6th Dec         | 1st Oct               | 1st Nov   |

### Summary of Show dates

| Event                         | Date                        |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| F Heart of Eng Autumn Fleece  | 4 October                   |
| H Welsh Show                  | <b>10 October Cancelled</b> |
| F Yorkshire Group Fleece Show | 14 October                  |
| H Eastern Region Halter       | <b>18 October Cancelled</b> |
| H Yorkshire Group Show        | <b>24 October Cancelled</b> |
| H NEBAG                       | 31 October <b>FULL</b>      |
| H West Shires Halter          | 7 November                  |
| F Northern Fleece Show        | 29 November                 |

## 2020 Show Diary



### Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

#### 2020 Dates

##### HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show - 4th October

Date: Sunday 4th October

Judges: Shirley Bettinson and Roger Clarke

Judging days: Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd October

Entries Open: Monday 3rd August

Entries Close: Sunday 6th September, or when the entry limit is reached

Entry Fee: **£15+VAT per entry** (to include the £2 levy). *This is a one year only reduction in entry fee, due to the pandemic we are all having to deal with at this present time.*

### **NEBAG Halter show - 31st October**

Date: 31st October 2020

Judge: Tim Hey

Entries Open: 3rd Aug

Entries close : 24th Aug

Fees:£21 + VAT

### **Northern Fleece Show**

Date: 29th November

Judges: Rob and Shirley Bettinson

Organiser: Stuart Ramsey

### **2021 DATES**

#### **BAS National Show**

Date 26th, 27th and 28th March 2021



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