



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



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## CEO NOTES

### **Covid developments**

The proposed NEBAG Halter show has now been cancelled because of the latest change in Covid restrictions. It looks like 2020 will be a season without any halter shows. Thankfully the fleece shows have continued to give members some showing activity.

### **EBVs**

It's not too late to submit your data for the EBV project. Fleece analysis and weight alongside pedigree is all that is needed. I supply a spreadsheet that you fill in. There is special rate offered by Art of Fibre for samples to be included in the project. Send me an email or give me a ring if you want any more information. Thanks to everyone who has submitted data so far.

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

*Duncan Pullar*

BAS CEO



## HoEAG Fleece

**The HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show 2020**, comprising Junior, Intermediate, Adult and Senior Classes for both Huacaya and Suri fleeces, will be judged on **Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd October**.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will not be able to have the usual Open Day but instead will hold a Zoom Session on

**Sunday, 4th October 2020 at 4:30pm**

to announce the results of the Photography & Craft Competitions and the Autumn Fleece Show.

The Judges for the Show, **Mrs. Shirley Bettinson and Mr. Roger Clarke** will be present to discuss the fleeces.

**Follow the link below to join and we look forward to seeing you.**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85834869161>



## Trekking

The BAS has produced a trekking code of practice that highlights what responsible members who offer trekking should be doing to ensure the welfare of their alpacas and the safety of their clients.

The BAS are pleased to present a Trekking Code of Practice along with the British Llama Society, which members with trekking interests are invited to endorse and implement. BAS will keep a registry of those that sign up to the code of practice which will help with information for trekking businesses and allow you to show customers you are keen to apply best practice – you get a certificate!!!

Go to the [website](http://digital-dev.co.uk/alpaca/alpacapedia/alpaca-trekking/) to see details and apply <http://digital-dev.co.uk/alpaca/alpacapedia/alpaca-trekking/>

## 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 by Vet Ami Sawran entitled “**Top reasons for vet calls over the winter months**”! In these times of social distancing this is invaluable self help advice.

Ami qualified from Liverpool University in 2011, after which she completed an internship in production animal health at the Royal Veterinary College, where she also studied for her PhD. She is currently clinical director of Westpoint Farm Vets in Chelmsford. Ami is very enthusiastic about camelid medicine, and is working towards her advanced certificate in camelid practice. She also heads the Westpoint Small Ruminant and Camelid Group, and the Camelid Special Interest Group for VetPartners, where she also sits on the Production Animal Clinical Board. There will be time for questions and answers to Ami after the presentation

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.

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYpf-GvqjlvEtClhB\\_XxIZx2UF6KANT6Tyd](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYpf-GvqjlvEtClhB_XxIZx2UF6KANT6Tyd)

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@ciphcrystal.co.uk](mailto:simon@ciphcrystal.co.uk))

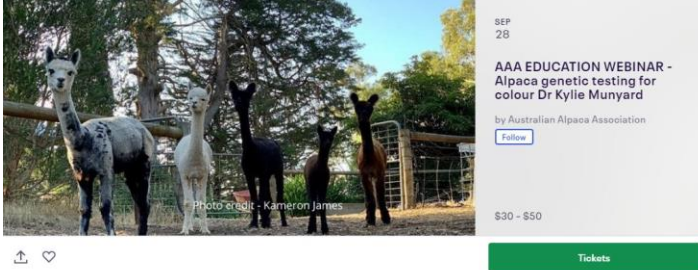
## Seminar on genetics of coat colour

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



The image shows an Eventbrite event card. On the left is a photograph of several alpacas of different colors (white, black, brown) standing in a field. On the right, the event details are listed: 'AAA EDUCATION WEBINAR - Alpaca genetic testing for colour Dr Kylie Munyard' by the Australian Alpaca Association. The price is listed as '\$30 - \$50'. There is a 'Follow' button and a green 'Tickets' button at the bottom right of the card.

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](#) 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/>

### **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> |         |
| Yorkshire Group Fleece Show | 13th Oct    | <b>CLOSED</b>      |         |
| 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                       | <b>31 October Cancelled</b> |
| H West Shires Halter          | 7 November                  |
| F Northern Fleece Show        | 29 November                 |

## 2020 Show Diary



### 2020 Dates -make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

#### **HoEAG Autumn Fleece Show**

Date: Sunday 4th October

Judges: Shirley Bettinson and Roger Clarke

#### **YAG Fleece Show**

Date: 13 October

Judge : Liz Barlow

Organizer: Deborah Sporton

#### **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