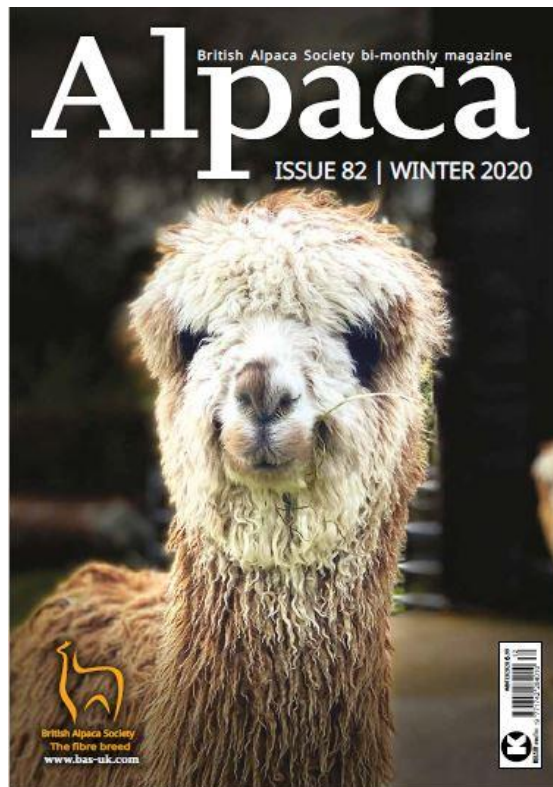




BAS Weekly Newsletter
Timely Advice & Current News



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CEO NOTES

Next Magazine .

The next magazine will go to press this week and hit the shelves and doormats next week. I think we have another good issues with some useful and interesting articles. Thanks to all members who contribute. If you have a potential story do let me, or the Editor Liz Mason, know because we want to reflect things that interest you.

You may not have been to the shops for a while but if you do go to Smiths' you should find the Alpaca magazine on the rack. The publishers seem to be happy with how sales are going so the readership of the magazine will hopefully grow some more.

The BAS Board

Many of you will have noticed there have been 2 resignations from the BAS Board

this week. Thanks to Neil and Nick for their positive contributions over recent years.

This now means that the 7 candidates put forward for election to the Board are in competition for 6 places. So there will be one candidate who won't get a place on the Board. If you would like to see who the candidates are then go to the BAS website members' area to find a short CV for each. Voting will open on 9th October and you will get an email (or posted voting bundle if you aren't registered for an email vote - mind you if you are getting it by post you won't be reading this!!)

I know some members find it frustrating but having taken legal advice the Board is unable to comment further on the resignations at this time.

BAS Chat

Many of you are members of the Facebook Forum "BAS Chat" which has been enjoying a good run of positive and useful exchanges. This week things took a little down turn and I just wanted to remind everyone that BAS chat is a their to encourage positive debate and that personal sleights and insults will not be tolerated. The moderators are going to take a firm position with any one who breaks the rules of the forum. Please note cross posting from BAS Chat to other sites/ forums is not allowed unless it is directly related a welfare issue.

You can email about this or anything else on 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>

Employing a shearer

It has been a difficult year for shearing this year with more demand than supply. Difficulties with overseas shearers getting here has extended the season., but it does seem like everything that needed As with other seasons I have had reports of excellent work and a few problems.

One problem that I think is worth sharing concerns the insurance carried by the shearer's you employ. Despite the best endeavours of shearers occasionally things go wrong and sometimes quite seriously with significant vet bills or even alpaca deaths. In the incident related to me recently an alpaca died following shearing due to an internal hemorrhage (confirmed by a Vet) but the shearer did not have any professional indemnity insurance so the only option for the owner was to go to court..

The take home from this is....**ask your shearer if they have professional indemnity insurance to cover any accidents.** If they don't have that insurance in place you should considered your options. You could carry on and accept the risk, you could ask what process that shearer has in place in case of a serious accident or you could find an insured shearer.

[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.

October Husbandry

October

- Cease matings to avoid winter births.
- Ensure you have enough hay to last through the winter months -0 you might need to buy in.
- Check stocks and commence vitamin supplements where required especially dark coated/pregnant/young/old.
- Ensure adequate winter accommodation is available and secured against winds if 'mobile'
- Body score, check jaws, teeth and toenails, look for evidence of mites.
- Weigh new born cria, record the birth, weight and other details.
- Cria need to be vaccinated against clostridial disease, to include booster 3-4 weeks after initial vaccination.
- Wean and insert microchips in cria who are now 6 months old and get them logged onto the registry via 'Manage your Herd' in the on line herd book or by asking the registry office to send you a paper application form
. registry@bas-uk.com

Show opening and closing dates ...

Show name	Show Dates	open	close
Northern Fleece Show	5th Dec	1st Oct	1st Nov

Summary of Show dates

Event	Date
H Eastern Region Halter	18 October Cancelled
H Yorkshire Group Show	24 October Cancelled
H NEBAG	31 October Cancelled
H West Shires Halter	7 November
F Northern Fleece Show	5 December

2020 Show Diary



Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

2020 Dates

YAG Fleece Show

Date: 13 October

Judge : Liz Barlow

Organizer: Deborah Sporton

Northern Fleece Show

Date: 5th December

Judges: Rob and Shirley Bettinson

Organiser: Bob Crosbie

Fee: £24

Show judging :Walkerburn Village Hall

Fleeces to be delivered to: Westyett Alpacas, Pauline Robson, Westyett Farm, Lanark ML11 8NT

Fleeces should arrive by 30th November at the latest, but should not be sent to arrive before 20th Nov to minimise returns in case of COVID restrictions changing. Please provide postal address for those wishing for fleeces to be returned by courier (invoices will be sent by email).

Restrictions currently prevent the winning fleeces being available for display locally after judging.

2021 DATES

BAS National Show

Date 26th, 27th and 28th March 2021

South of England Spring Alpaca Show

The South of England Spring Alpaca Show 2021 will be held a week earlier than usual.

Please make a note in your diaries for **Saturday 24th and Sunday 25 April 2021.**

The Judge will be Mrs Jo Bridges.

More information about the show will come in the New Year



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