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CEO NOTES

Happy New Year to all BAS Members

2022 seems to be starting with some Covid uncertainty but based on the news today it does look hopeful for a full show season starting with the National Show in March at Telford.

Please do remember to let me know about events and things of interest for inclusion in the Newsletter. BAS belongs to all its members so the newsletter should reflect the things that you are interested in.

BAS Board Blog

This week Ken Frievoch considers field shelters and where to put them <https://www.bas-uk.com/alpacapedia/the-bas-board-blog/>

Microchips and Scanners

Avid offer BAS members a discount on microchips and scanners, so if you are getting ready to chip cria do mention to Avid that you are a BAS member to secure the discount.

You can email about this or anything else using ceo@bas-uk.com

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EAG Winter Warmer Webinar - Introduction to using natural dyes

Join the EAG this January for a Zoom Webinar Winter Warmer on the 'Introduction to using natural dyes.'

Annie from Burnt Fen Alpacas will be providing us with an informative talk on Wednesday 26th January at 7pm, and will be able to answer any questions you may have on natural dyeing techniques.

Just £5 for EAG Members and £10 for Non Members.

Please see information below on how to join us!

1. Click on the REGISTRATION LINK <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvc-2prjkoGd24tqKAzQ9YNcrw62AGxuMh> BEFORE 8pm 24th January to trigger an invoice.
2. Payment must be received BEFORE 8pm 25th January to trigger PRESENTATION LINK to be sent to your email.
3. Only use the PRESENTATION LINK on the 26th January from 6.30pm to access waiting room prior to event start time at 7pm.

Alpacas on Channel 5

Wildwood Alpacas played host to Chanel 5 kids's TV programme "Meet the Experts" and the resulting programme can be found here. Skip to 7 minutes 10 seconds if you want to see the alpacas,

<https://www.channel5.com/show/meet-the-experts/season-1/yoga>



January Husbandry Tasks

- Feed hay ad lib, feed nursing dams extra protein.
- Body score, check for jaw abscesses and look for evidence of mites.
- Check toe nails and trim if necessary, inspect teeth and arrange to file fighting teeth if needed – possibly at shearing time.
- 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
- Use the winter months to clean equipment thoroughly, such as nail clippers, halters, buckets etc.
- Plan your field/paddock rotation for the coming year.
- Plan matings for the season to come – avoid winter births if you can – gestation is 11.5 months plus or minus 30 days!
- Decide what shows you plan to attend and select your show team.
- Castrate males over eighteen months of age in winter to avoid the possibility of fly strike.
- Give your entire herd a supplement of vitamins ADE (paste or injection). Follow this link for more info on feeding and supplementation [welfare 4 - YouTube](#)



Emerald Sponsors: Artwork Alpacas and Redens Alpacas

The Heart of England Alpaca Group **Spring Alpaca Fiesta** will be held on **Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th April 2022**

at **Bury Farm Equestrian Centre, Mill Lane, Slapton, Bucks LU7 9BT**

and our Judge will be **Mrs. Barbara Hetherington.**

Arrivals will be on Friday morning and judging will commence that afternoon.

The Committee are planning a bigger and better Show for our return in 2022. The Ring will be larger than previous years with a full lighting rig to ensure your alpacas are presented to the Judge at their best. We will Live Stream the Show plus hold the **Craft & Photography Competitions** with enhanced displays. Our entertainment on the Saturday night is still being finalised - details will be available soon.

ENTRIES for numbers only (minimum of 3 per herd), will open on Monday, 10th January, via Manage Your Herd, and will close on **Sunday 30th January** or when the maximum number of entries are received.

For those Herds that have retained their entries from 2020, during the period above, you will be able to add additional entries, subject to the number of places available. (Emails will be sent shortly)

Entries will reopen on **Monday, 7th February**, closing at midnight on **Sunday, 27th February**, during which time you will be able to select your alpacas but the total number of entries you reserved, must remain the same.

There will be no refunds and we will not accept withdrawals, except due to illness under the usual conditions.

We will be including Modern Grey as Classes at the Fiesta again this year. Best Appaloosa will be awarded at the Show but the latter must be entered under the Multi/Fancy Class in 'Manage Your Herd'.

All Extras need to be booked direct with HoEAG via the Order Form available on our website www.heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk. Electric Points at £30 each - maximum of 4 fans per supply and compulsory **Pen Clean Up Service** at £40, which will be refunded if you decide to do it yourself.

In addition, you may book a **Sales & Stud Pen**, to house a maximum of 4 alpacas per Pen, available at £30 each. Bring along a selection of alpacas that you have for sale or boys to promote your Stud Services. Your Herd Name will be listed in the Catalogue, on our Website and Facebook page.

Sponsorship opportunities are available, please email fiesta@heartofenglandalpacagroup.co.uk

The HoEAG thank you for your support and wish you good luck at the Fiesta.

Training opportunity - Alpaca Evaluation (Introduction to Conformation and Fleece)

Two courses have been filled and there are some names on the waiting list for a third course. If you are interested, then let me know so we can get a third course confirmed.

We have adapted the BAS Introduction to Alpaca Evaluation Course to be delivered in 4 x 90 minutes virtual sessions in 4 consecutive weeks

The course tutor will be **Mary Jo Smith**.

The number of attendees will be limited to 12 to allow for discussion.

Fleece samples will be posted to delegates so that they can see and feel the fleece for some examples (but the majority of fleece work will be done with pictures).

The course will cover:

- Basic conformation including teeth, stature, genitalia, legs, gait and body condition scoring;
- Fleece – Understand primary and secondary fibre development and to recognise the different qualities and traits of fibre including, fineness, density, crimp, uniformity, length, colour, and an introduction to histograms. You will have the opportunity to look at characteristics and discuss the merits of different qualities and styles.

Course handouts will be provided including a glossary of terms.

There will be a maximum of 12 people for the course. Cost: BAS Members £ 40 + VAT Non Members £65 + VAT. This course will only run if there is a minimum of 8 people.

Completing this course on-line will carry the same level of credit as doing it face-to-face when applying for the course that follows this one (Alpaca Evaluation - Intermediate)

Book with Duncan by email using ceo@bas-uk.com. Places will be filled on a first come first served basis. If demand exceeds one course other dates will be arranged.



National Show Fibre Zone

The National Show Committee are looking for volunteers to help run the fibre Zone with a view to taking it over in the future. After a good "innings" Harry has decided it is time to hand the baton on but would love to help the next person get their feet under the table.

If you want to know what is involved get in contact with Duncan for an informal chat using ceo@bas-uk.com or 07496 578781.



BAS Education 2021-2022 Webinars

Please find below the confirmed webinars for the Autumn/ Winter series for 21/22. Other titles will follow as they are confirmed.

In a change from last year the links are made available here to members, so you don't need to register your interest and a link will not be emailed to you personally.

11.00 am - Thursday 13 January 2022

Dr Kylie Munyard - Colour genetics in alpacas

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88511309786>

2021 Event Diary



If you need information about any of the events listed below then please email Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com

Thursday	13-Jan	Webinar - Dr Kylie Munyard, Colour genetics
Saturday	15-Jan	Affiliate Course - Surrey
Sunday	16-Jan	Affiliate Course - Surrey
Saturday	22-Jan	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	22-Jan	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Sunday	23-Jan	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	23-Jan	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Saturday	22-Jan	Affiliate Course - Hertfordshire
Monday	31-Jan	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Tuesday	01-Feb	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Saturday	05-Feb	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	06-Feb	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	19-Feb	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Sunday	20-Feb	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Thursday	14-Apr	Affiliate Course- Staffordshire
Tuesday	01-Mar	Affiliate Course - Suffolk
Wednesday	02-Mar	Affiliate Course - Suffolk

If you would like your BAS, Educational or Regional group **event** included in this section (not shows) please send details to Duncan.

2021 Show Diary



Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

Breeders considering entering more than one fleece show may need the organisers of one show to forward the fleece(s) to the next show the fleeces are entered for. Please could entries to multiple fleece shows advise the organisers of the plan to ensure they know those entries need to be despatched asap to the next show. Please ensure that all the necessary entry forms are included in the box separately from the forms for the first shows.

National Show

Date: 25th, 26th and 27th March 2022

Judges: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith and Mr Tim Hey

Venue: Telford International Centre

Named entries from 1st Feb for 1 week

Organiser: Duncan Pullar 07496 578781, ceo@bas-uk.com

NWAG Halter Show

Date: Saturday 2nd April 2022

Judge: Mary-Jo Smith

Venue: Borderway Mart, Carlisle.

HoEAG Spring Alpaca Fiesta 2022

Show Dates: Friday 8th, Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

To be held at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre

Scottish Alpaca Championship

Dates; 23rd and 24th April 2022

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Venue: Lanark Auction Market
Entries open: 18th February 2022
Entries Close: 24th March 2022t
Entry fee: £22 inc VAT
Organiser Stuart Ramsay

South of England Spring Live Alpaca Halter Show.

Dates: Saturday 23rd April & Sunday 24th April 2022
Judge: Jay Holland
Venue: South of England Showground, Ardingly RH17 6TH
Organisers: Tony & Hilary Monkcom hilary@pinnaclealpacas.com

CCA Cornwall Fleece Show 2022

9th July 2022
Venue and Judge tbc.

EAG Fleece Show

August 2022 further details tbc

SWAG Halter & Fleece Show

Dates: 17th & 18th September 2022
Venue: The Somerset County Show 1 @ Taunton Racecourse

EAG Halter Show

October 2022 further details tbc



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