

Shows for 2017

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| June | 8th to 10th | Royal Cornwall Show & The Kernow Show | 01326 563229 | Dairy & Pygmy Dairy |
| June | 16th to 18th | Three Counties Show | 01684 584901 | Dairy & Pygmy |
| June | 25th | Devon & Somerset Male & Youngstock | 01395 233985 | Dairy |
| July | 1st | Machen Show | 01766 771078 | Pygmy |
| July | 7th | Bridgend Show | 01656 661338 | Pygmy |
| July | 8th | Liskeard Show | 07894 456099 | No Goats |
| July | 15th/16th | Yeovil Show | 01935 432567 | Dairy |
| July | 15th | Camborne Show | No goats this year | |
| July | 17th | Stithians Show | 01726 823800 | Dairy & Pygmy |
| July | 24th to 27th | Royal Welsh Show | 01982 553683 | Dairy & Pygmy |
| July | 22nd | Mid Devon Show | 01884 242486 | Pygmy |
| July | 26th | Yealmpton Show | 07712 681306 | Dairy |
| July | 27th | Launceston Show | 01566 775483 | No goats |
| Aug | 5th | Brecon Show | 01874 611811 | Dairy & Pygmy |
| Aug | 10th | Okehampton Show | 01363 866161 | Dairy & Pygmy |
| Aug | 19th | CGA Male & Youngstock and Pygmy Autumn Show | 01726 890409 | Dairy & Pygmy |
| Aug | 24th | Melplash Show | 01308 423337 | Dairy |
| Aug | 24th | Holsworthy Show | 01288 355335 | Pygmy |
| Sept | 2nd/3rd | Dorset Show | 01305 264249 | Dairy |
| Sept | 9th | Frome Show | 01373 463600 | Dairy & Pygmy |
| Oct | 14th | CGA Annual General Meeting | | |
| | | Kea Community Hall, Truro | 01726 890409 | |

Cloven Hoof

Summer 2017



Nigel Julian with Gallaine Sprite and

William Merrell with Baggerbush Tansy

Best in show winners at the Spring Show

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Helen, Nicki, and Sue with their goats at the Spring Show

There was a goat keeper from Bude
Whose goat was exceedingly rude
She stuck out her tongue
When the judging was done
And danced up and down in the nude



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WENT TO THE VET, WHO DECIDED THAT 'YES , SHE IS NOT RIGHT' ALTHOUGH WE COULD NOT PUT OUR FINGER ON ANYTHING, SO SHE HAS A DIFFERENT JAB!!! TWO HOURS LATER SHE WAS COMPLAINING LOUDLY, AND SO I OFFERED 400ML OF ELECTROLYTE SOLUTION (DIORALYTE) , WHICH SHE DRANK IN ONE GO. BETTER!! SHE IS FINE NOW.

28TH MARCH.....ROZEL'S THREE BOYS HAVE GONE TO A LOCAL PARK FOR THE SUMMER , THEY ARE EXPERIENCED WITH GOATS, AND A FRIEND OF MINE WHO WORKS THERE IS ONE OF THE GOAT KEEPERS. WHILST THERE THEY USUALLY FIND HOMES FOR THE KIDS TOO!!

IT IS THE END OF MARCH AND ONLY PRETTY IS LEFT TO KID , SHE IS DUE ON 4TH APRIL, AND AS YET IS SHOWING NO SIGNS. SHE HAS AT LEAST 2, POSSIBLY 3 KIDS, SO I WOULD EXPECT HER TO KID BEFORE HER DUE DATE. HER SON, SPOT FROM LAST YEAR IS HER CONSTANT COMPANION , SO I WILL NOT EXCLUDE HIM WHEN THE TIME COMES!

ALL OTHER KIDS ARE DOING WELL, ROZEL'S BOYS HAVE SETTLED AT PARADISE PARK , AND THEIR CARER, OLLY, SAYS THEY ARE A GREAT HIT WITH THE CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY AT BOTTLE TIME!!

OBERON AND OTHELLO ARE GROWING WELL , ALL TUMMY PROBLEMS ARE SORTED , SO THEY ARE GOING OUT WITH THE MILKERS DURING THE DAY. LYSANDER HAS FOUND A NEW HOME AND WILL BE OFF TO SCOTLAND IN LATE JUNE!! HE COULD NOT HAVE GOT FURTHER IF HE HAD TRIED.

4TH APRIL. NOTHING. NOT TOO WORRIED IF SHE IS LATE AS WITH MULTIPLE KIDS THEY WILL NOT GET TOO BIG TO BE BORN, AND MAY WELL BE A BETTER SIZE WHEN THEY ARE BORN.....

IT IS NOW COMING UP TO EASTER AND I AM GETTING CONCERNED , 10 DAYS IS A BIT LATE SO AS WE HAVE A BANK HOLIDAY COMING UP AND IT IS NOW THE 12TH I THINK I WILL BOOK THE VET FOR TOMORROW WHEN I GET HOME TO SPEED THINGS UP, AS YOU CAN BE SURE IF THERE IS A PROBLEM IT WILL BE ON A WEEKEND/BANK HOLIDAY!!

13TH APRIL , WHEN I GOT HOME PRETTY WAS NOT TO BE SEEN, AND SPOT WAS OUT WITH THE HERD.....I FOUND HER IN A FIELD SHELTER WITH 2 LIVE KIDS! ONE WHO LOOKS JUST LIKE FIFTYSHADES DID, SO WHO WILL PROBABLY BE CREAM SPOTTY, AND A GIRL IN MULTIPLE SHADES OF BLACK, GREY WHITE AND CREAM!! WELL, THAT SAVED A VET BILL!! PRETTY IS EVERY BIT AS HEAVY A MILKER AS I THOUGHT SHE WOULD BE, BUT SHE CANNOT, FOR ANATOMICAL REASONS, BE HAND MILKED, SO WILL REAR THE KIDS HERSELF.

THE END OF THE BOSCADJACK HERD'S KIDDING DIARY, 2017 Sue Smith

CLOVEN HOOF NOTES

Dairy Male & Youngstock and Autumn Pygmy Show schedules and entry form are included in this issue

Cornwall Goatkeepers Association have taken over running the Goat sections at Stithians this year, with Julia Clarke as show secretary. We have two national judges for both the Dairy and Pygmy goats. We look forward to seeing you at the show, and will be setting up the marquees on the Saturday prior to the show and if you have some spare time in the afternoon it would be very much appreciated, please contact Julia if you can help.

Camborne Show

Due to the show falling on Saturday prior to exhibitors arriving on Sunday for Stithians Show, we are unable to run the show this year,

Male & Youngstock Show (Judge Mr T Hanna - Co Down)

Autumn Pygmy Show (Judge Miss E Thomas - Somerset)

will be held at Mays Country Store on **Saturday 19th August**

If you have any articles or news which can be printed in the Cloven Hoof, until we have a new permanent editor **(could that be you?)** send them to Geoff Munson at gandamunson@outlook.com

FROM THE CHAIR

We had a very successful Spring show on Saturday 6th May at Mays Country Store, Hewaswater by very kind permission of Mr & Mrs R May. Brian Coombe had to cancel as our judge a few weeks prior to the show so we were extremely fortunate that Brian Hale stepped up to the plate and judged the show for us. Many thanks to Brian – for his first time judging Pygmy goats he did a fantastic job – not easy swapping from Dary to Pygmy in quick succession.

A total of 60 goats were entered – we had a few goats withdrawn but that is unfortunately inevitable. The only thing that let us down was the weather – cold and wet all day. Fortunately Jenny May had very kindly arranged for their warehouse to be cleared so that we could use the undercover facilities for showing. Once again it was really great to see the goats out “strutting their stuff”, or in the case of some of the Pygmy kids screaming their heads off for their mums and imitating acrobats on the end of a bungee rope! I could be tempted into buying some dairy goats especially some of Sue’s Anglo Nubian’s – I know I would get some very stiff opposition from Mike though!

I would like to thank Geoff, Neil and William for their help in organising the venue before the show and clearing up afterwards. Without these three working so hard there would be no show at all. Many thanks also go to Odette for preparing the rosettes and Ann and June for acting as our table stewards.

We now look forward to the Royal Cornwall, Kernow and Stithians shows. I was very guilty of just turning up at the show expecting everything to be ready for me to unload my goats and have a cup of coffee. Boy was I naive?

I have been attending the Stithians show meetings every two months since last years show. The organisation which goes on

HAD ENTERITIS, FOLLOWED BY OBERON TWO DAYS LATER. I OBTAINED TRIBRISSEN FROM THE VET, PUT BOTH OF THEM ONTO A REHYDRATION SOLUTION FOR 24 HOURS, AND THEY HAD A WEEK OF DAILY INJECTIONS!! THANKFULLY BOTH MADE A QUICK RECOVERY, AND HAVE NOW STARTED TO GO OUT ONTO THE FIELD IN THE AFTERNOONS.

IN A WEEK OR SO I HOPE TO GET THE LITTLE KIDS OUT FOR A WHILE ON THE GRASS. ALL OF THE MILKERS ARE HAPPY TO HAVE THE MILKING MACHINE ON THEM, EVEN ROZEL, WHO CAN BE A BIT TWITCHY ABOUT HER UDDER, AND THIS SURPRISED ME! POST KIDDING WORM COUNTS HAVE COME BACK NEGATIVE WITH A LOW COCCI COUNT WHICH IS GOOD, HOWEVER BOTH ROZEL AND MABEL ARE A BIT ‘LOOSE’, SO WILL WAIT A BIT, AND REDUCE CONCENTRATES A BIT AND INCREASE READY GRASS.....

MARCH 20TH. FOR THE LAST 4 DAYS MOCCA HAS BEEN GOING OUT IN THE FIELD WITH THE OTHER GOATS, AND I HAVE BEEN GIVING HER KID A BOTTLE AT LUNCH TIME. I FIND THAT DOING IT THIS WAY MAKES IT EASIER TO SEPARATE KID AND MUM. KID IS USED TO A BOTTLE AND MUM GETS USED TO COMING IN TO BE MILKED AFTER FEEDING THE KID. THIS EVENING, WHEN MOCCA CAME IN SHE WENT BACK IN WITH ROZEL, HER OLD STABLE MATE, AND HAS SETTLED WELL. KIDS ARE ALWAYS FED BEFORE THE MILKERS COME IN FROM THE FIELD, THIS MEANS THAT THEY ARE QUIET AND MUMS DON’T STRESS. I ALWAYS MILK IN THE SAME ORDER....SLOTING NEW ONES IN. ROZEL IS FIRST, THEN MOCCA, MABEL AND FINALLY GREMLIN. EACH GET A BISCUIT BEFORE SHE GOES BACK TO HER ROOM AND THEN AFTER GREMLIN LEAVES TO GO TO HER ROOM, ALL GET A SECOND BICCIE!! WOE BETIDE GOAT SITTERS WHO DO NOT DO THIS! YELLING, REFUSING TO LEAVE THE PARLOUR ETC!!

BABIES ARE GIVEN A BOTTLE BEFORE MORNING MILKING, AND AFTER MILKING MUMS GO OUT TO THE FIELD. KIDS ARE NOW LET LOOSE IN THE GOATS DAY YARD, WHERE THEY CAN RUN, JUMP AND PLAY ON THEIR NEW CLIMBING APPARATUS! OBERON AND OTHELLO HAVE RECOVERED FROM THEIR ENTERITIS AND THIS WEEKEND I TOOK THEM OUT INTO THE FIELD....A BIG SCARY PLACE, SO THEY STAYED BY THE FENCE, HOWEVER IT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA TO BITE AN ELECTRIC FENCE, SO NOW THEY FOLLOW ME EVERYWHERE I GO IN THE FIELD! THEY ARE GETTING MORE CONFIDENT AND THE GOATLINGS HAVE STOPPED ASSERTING THEIR SENIORITY OVER THEM! THE GOATLINGS HAVE BEEN BULLIED BY THE BIG GOATS SO HAVE PASSED IT ON TO SMALLER ONES!! BAMBI’S KIDS GO ALL OVER THE FIELD NOW, SOMETIMES BY MUM, BUT ARE GETTING MORE ADVENTUROUS!

. 26TH MARCH.....ROZEL’S DAUGHTER, FAUVIC, IS A BIT OFF TODAY, AND AS SHE WAS DISBUDDED THREE DAYS AGO, I ERRED ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION AND GAVE HER AN ANTIBIOTIC INJECTION AND PAIN RELIEF. SHE DID NOT WANT ALL OF HER MILK WHICH IS NOT USUAL FOR A THREE WEEK OLD KID.....BY MONDAY LUNCHTIME SHE WAS NO BETTER AND HAD ‘MISSED’ TWO PINTS OF MILK IN 24 HOURS. SHE

THURSDAY 9TH.....MOCCA HAS HOLLOWED AND IS RESTLESS, ALTHOUGH SHE STILL WANTED TO GO OUT IN THE FIELD. KIDDING BOX IS ALL REFRESHED. MEANWHILE, ROZEL IS GETTING FED UP WITH HER KIDS AND IS STARTING TO KICK THEM OFF, CLOSER EXAMINATION SHOWS THAT WHERE THE KIDS ARE FIGHTING SHE HAS 'TOOTH MARKS' ON HER TEATS , SO I RUBBED IN SOME EXTRA SPECIAL UDDER CREAM. THINGS SEEMED TO HAVE IMPROVED, I THINK I WILL START TO TOP UP THE KIDS. MABEL IS GETTING FED UP WITH HERS TOO!! THEY ARE SO BIG!

FRIDAY 10TH 2 PM....MOCCA HAS A MUCUS SHOW, AND AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, THE 'OWNERS' OF ROSE ARE OVER AND HOPE TO SEE A BIRTH. I ASSURED THEM THAT SHE COULD BE HOURS YET, AND MAY NOT KID UNTIL THE MORNING AT 7 PM, JUST BEFORE POPPING TO THE CHIPPIE FOR SUPPER (FRIDAY TREAT) I CHECKED ON MOCCA. A FOOT. JUST THE ONE. HASTILY I PREPARED MYSELF WITH THE KIDDING BOX, CUP OF COFFEE, AND GLOVED UP. A BIT OF PUSHING, AND A LOT OF SHOUTING , AND A BIT OF NOSE APPEARED, BUT NO SECOND FOOT. HAVING A GENTLE FEEL, I FOUND THE SECOND FOOT, THANKFULLY IT WAS NOT BACK, JUST NOT FORWARD ENOUGH. AS MOCCA PUSHED, I PULLED GENTLY AND THEN I HAD TWO LEGS, BUT ONLY A NOSE!! PALE AND MOTTLED, SO IT HAS TO BE A BOY!!! PASSING MY FINGERS OVER THE HEAD I MANAGED TO EASE IT IN TO PLACE, AND WITH A LOT OF SHOUTING, THE HEAD WAS OUT, COMPLETE WITH A WIGGLY TONGUE! CLEARING THE MOUTH OF MUCUS, I PULLED GENTLY AND A CREAM BABY WAS BORN. I DID NOT BOTHER TO CHECK AS I KNEW IT WAS A BOY, I CLEANED IT UP AND REASSURED MOCCA WHO WAS A BIT PUZZLED AS TO WHAT TO DO!! ONLY WHEN I CAME TO IODINE THE NAVEL DID I FIND IT WAS A SHE, AND NOT A HE!! I MILKED OFF SOME COLUSTRUM AND GAVE IT TO THE BABY, SHE TOOK ABOUT 50ML, WHICH IS ENOUGH TO 'JUMP START' HER. I FINISHED MY NOW COLD , COFFEE, AND CLEANED UP MY MESS. AFTER 10 MINUTES OR SO, I MILKED MOCCA AGAIN AND THE BABY TOOK 100ML. MY JOB WAS DONE, FOR THE MOMENT!!

NEXT MORNING MUM AND BABY WERE FINE, SO MY NEXT JOB WAS TO EMPTY MY HAY/STRAW STORE ROOM TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE KIDS FROM ROZEL AND MABEL, THIS DONE THEY WERE TAKEN FROM THEIR MUM'S, WHO WOULD HAVE SIGHED A SIGH OF RELIEF IF THEY COULD! ALL OF THEM HAD BEEN HAVING BOTTLES SINCE DAY ONE, AS WELL AS BEING ON MUM, AND THIS MAKES THE TRANSITION EASIER WHEN TAKEN AWAY INITIALLY THEY GET HALF A BOTTLE FOUR TIMES A DAY, BUT ARE SOON READY FOR A FULL ONE THREE TIMES A DAY. MEANWHILE OTHELLO AND OBERON HAVE GIVEN ME CAUSE FOR CONCERN, OBERON HAD HAD A MILD DOSE OF PNEUMONIA FIVE DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL HERE BUT MADE A FULL RECOVERY, BUT THEN ON MONDAY 26TH FEB WE HAD A VISIT FROM A PERSON FROM AN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE VISIT, I DID NOT TELL HER NOT TO LET KIDS SUCK FINGERS, BUT OF COURSE BY THEN IT WAS TOO LATE!! ON WEDNESDAY OTHELLO

behind the scenes is incredible. Still, schedules all sent out, some entries in already, entries to be typed up and sent off to the printers ready for the catalogue, just waiting for the rosettes then we are off again.

My work with Stithians is mirrored in the work Sue has already done with the Royal Cornwall show. Until I agreed to get more involved with the organisational side of the larger shows I would not have credited how much time and work they involve.

A lot of hard work goes into getting these shows ready so hopefully the CGA committee will all pull together setting up pens, getting straw into the pens, stewarding at the milking competitions and finally enjoying a good old goaty chat in the evenings.

I am going to enjoy a break before we start on these shows – well maybe!!!!

Take care, see you all soon

Julia Clark.



Gabriella with her goats at Spring Show May 6th 2017

PRESIDENT'S BIT

Anecdotes to goats:-

Did you see this comment on twitter?“the accepted ‘laws of physics’ which most scientists agree, describes or governs the behaviour of the cosmos, do not.....apply to goats”. It was written underneath a photograph of two feral goats climbing a near-vertical wall (high & long enough to be a dam structure?). They were obviously eating the weeds growing between the bricks of the wall, as goats do, but the wall must have been the height of, I would say a 5/6 story building! Yes, very high and you will smile as I did, especially if you also love goats, quite likely as you are reading this magazine. I did wonder if their legs on one side were any longer !!

Then there is the story of the husband, of a farmer wife, who said ‘definitely NO’ to the possibility of keeping goats on their farm. I can’t repeat what the wife called him! I don’t know what happened, nor why, but the wife went against her husband’s wishes and acquired some goats, which he refused to even look at. Two years later she takes a photograph of her husband clearly, happily, cuddling her baby goats! As you will know, goats do have their winning ways.

To prove that point, I saw a Spanish video of a lovely, all white, kid aged 2-3 weeks old..... It was in the owners’ home and looked like it lived there all day! The house appeared perfectly clean, painted white, white sofa, curtains etc. The owner had made ‘jackets’ for this kid, with small sleeves in them, for the legs to go through. The video showed her putting one of the ‘jackets’ on the little kid, who was quite happy to accept. Then when freed the kid ran and galloped, jumped with all four feet in the air, turned summersaults etc., as baby goats do, down the hallway, into the lounge and even onto the white sofa! As far as I could see, there were no dirty feet marks anywhere, especially not on the sofa! It was a lovely sight But of course the kid will grow up ooooooh, the mind boggles!!! I must admit that many years ago, I visited a member of the CGA, who lived on one of our islands, and yes, she also allowed her three adult goats into her house for an hour or more daily. No, they did not jump onto her furniture, nor skip around her home, but her house was not as clean as the one on the video!

POPLARTIME LYSANDER HAS GOOD MILK FIGURES BEHIND HIM.....HAVE GOT TO THINK OF A NAME , MAYBE PRIMROSE??

MARCH 2ND .. NOT MUCH HAPPENING WITH ROZEL OR MABEL, SO I DECIDED TO GET ON AND CLEAR OUT MY GOATY STORE ROOM, WHERE I KEEP SHOW STUFF, SUCH AS BOXES OF COATS AND COLLARS AND LEADS, BY THE END OF THE SHOW SEASON IT IS IN A SHAMBLES! AFTERWARDS I WENT IN TO GET READY TO GO TO THE FEED STORE, WHEN SUDDENLY THERE WAS THE MOST AWFUL SCREAMING FROM OUTSIDE, GRABBING THE PHONE AND WELLIES, I RAN OUT, ROZEL, FROM DOING NOTHING WITH NO SIGNS OF LABOUR, AN HOUR EARLIER, WAS PUSHING!! SHE HAD DIFFICULTIES LAST YEAR AND NOW I CAN SEE WHY, HER VULVA IS NOT STRETCHY, IF SHE WERE A HUMAN SHE WOULD HAVE HAD AN EPISIOTOMY! WE MANAGED. A BIG BOY, FOLLOWED BY 2 MORE BOYS (ONE BREECH) AND FINALLY A GIRL (ALSO BREECH). I MILKED HER AND GAVE 50ML TO EACH KID TO ‘JUMPSTART’ THEM, AND HELPED HER TO DRY THEM. ALL OVER AND DONE IN 2 HOURS!! MABEL STILL BEING A BLOB.

MARCH 3RD.. ROZEL AND KIDS FINE, SHE MANAGED NOT TO SQUASH ANY OF THEM OVERNIGHT, AND THIS MORNING THEY ARE UP AND WOBBLING ABOUT, I WILL GO IN LATER TO GET HER UP AND CHECK THAT THEY ARE FEEDING WELL. MABEL IS STILL A BLOB, BUT MOANING A BIT BAMBI HAS GONE OUT TODAY AND LEFT HER KIDS IN, SHE PERIODICALLY CALLS TO THEM, BUT A 2Ac FIELD WITH A RIVER IS NOT A SAFE PLACE SO THEY WILL HAVE TO WAIT. THEY WERE TO GO FOR DISBUDDING TODAY, BUT THE VET IS BUSY, AND AS I WOULD RATHER HE DID NOT RUSH, WE ARE GOING TOMORROW.

MARCH 3rd , CTD.....WELL MABEL DECIDED TO KID AFTER ALL!! AFTER SITTING THERE ALL LAST NIGHT, AND THIS MORNING, I WAS SUDDENLY CALLED OUT BY HER SHOUTING AT 8 AM! A NOSE AND TOES, AND WITH A BIT OF A TUG AND A LOT OF PUSHING AND SHOUTING OUT POPPED A JET BLACK BABY GIRL!!! 20 MINUTES LATER, AND WITH MABEL SEEMINGLY BORED WITH THE WHOLE THING, SHE STARTED TO PUSH , BUT BABY WAS STUCK....A BIT OF FIDDLING AND PULLING , AND ANOTHER HUGE JET BLACK BABY GIRL WAS BORN. GIVEN THAT SHE WAS SCANNED WITH 3 I WAS A BIT CONCERNED, A QUICK CHECK AND I THOUGHT I COULD FEEL ANOTHER, STRANGE WHAT THE MIND CAN ‘SEE’! I DECIDED A MORE THOROUGH CHECK WAS NEEDED SO I CALLED IN THE VET. SOPHIE CHECKED UP TO THE ENDS OF BOTH HORNS AND FOUND NOTHING, SO THERE WE ARE SHE HAD 3, BUT WE GOT 2.. .BUT BOTH ARE GIRLS, SO I AM HAPPY! JUST MOCCA TO GO , BUT SHE IS SHOWING NO SIGNS AT ALL.....ROZEL HAS BEEN MOVED INTO HERS AND MOCCAS ‘HOUSE’ WITH HER BABIES, AND MOCCA WILL MOVE INTO THE ‘MATERNITY SUITE’ THIS EVENING. IT IS WARM, AIRY AND BRIGHT. HOPEFULLY SHE WILL KID IN A DAY OR SO

WED 8TH MARCH....MOCCA HAS A LOVELY ROUND FILLED –UP UDDER!! SHE MUST BE GETTING CLOSE, ABOUT A COUPLE OF DAYS MAYBE. SHE HAS NOT GONE HOLLOW IN HER SIDES , MEANING THAT HER KID IS GETTING READY TO BE BORN.....

DATE OF 3RD MARCH. THIS IS USUALLY MY STRAW STORE, SO AT LEAST IT HAD PLENTY DOWN , ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN RUNNING IT DOWN SO AS TO AVOID HAVING TO MOVE IT QUICKLY! ROZEL WAS INSTALLED AND IS A HAPPY GOAT! BAMBI AND HER KIDS ARE DOING WELL, COSTA IS STILL RELEGATED TO LIVING WITH THE FIELD GOATS, BUT LAST NIGHT SLEPT ON A PATCH OF BARE SOIL NEAR HIS MUM!! HE IS USED TO SLEEPING OUT AND WILL OFTEN (IF HE CAN GETAWAY WITH IT) SLEEP ON TOP OF THE GOAT SHED, SURPRISING PASSERS BY!! HE HAS A REALLY THICK DOUBLE COAT WITH LOTS OF CASHMERE SO NEVER GETS WET!

FEB26TH . BAMBI'S BOY HAD BEEN BANDED, HE DID NOT NOTICE, SO THAT IS DONE NOW. MUST BOOK THEM IN FOR DISBUD, AS ALL KIDS ARE DONE REGARDLESS OF THEIR FINAL DESTINATION! WE HAVE A LOT OF HOLIDAYMAKERS VISIT AND THEY BRING CHILDREN, SO FROM A SAFETY POINT OF VIEW IT MAKES SENSE, EVEN THOUGH COSTLY. WHAT PRICE A CHILD'S SIGHT??

I HAVE CABLE-TIED A SET OF ROPE LIGHTS AROUND MABEL'S AND ROZEL'S ROOMS SO THAT I CAN LEAVE LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT, RATHER THAN THE COSTLY BULBS I USUALLY USE. THESE ROPE LIGHTS WERE BOUGHT FROM A CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE, AND ARE REALLY USEFUL! I HAVE THEM AROUND THE FRONT YARD SO THAT IT IS WELL LIT AT NIGHT, UP THE BACK GARDEN PATH, AND NOW AROUND THE RAFTERS IN THE GOAT SHED!!

ROZEL IS STILL MOANING, AND MABEL IS STILL WANDERING AROUND, SO THERE ARE NO KIDS IMMINENT

MARCH 1ST...NOTHING HAS HAPPENED WITH EITHER MABEL OR ROZEL, ONE IS A DAY OVER AND ONE A DAY TO GO! I EXPECT THEY WILL COLLABORATE AND KID TOGETHER! NEITHER WANTS TO GO OUT SO ARE SPENDING THEIR DAYS WANDERING BETWEEN THEIR BEDROOMS, AND LYING LIKE GREAT BLOBS!! BOTH ROOMS HAVE BEEN CLEANED AND STRAW PUT DOWN ON MABEL'S FLOOR, AND NETTING PUT UP IN FRONT OF HER BED TO STOP LITTLE ONES GOING UNDER. WATER BUCKETS ARE TAKEN OUT AT 9PM AND PUT BACK IN AT MORNING MILKING TIME. MEANWHILE GREMLIN AND MOCCA (DUE 5TH WITH A SINGLE) GO OUT EACH MORNING .

BAMBI'S KIDS ARE COMING ON WELL , TODAY SHE TOOK THEM OUT OF THE SHED FOR THE FIRST TIME AND, NEEDLESS TO SAY, COSTA JUMPED IN, TO INSPECT HIS NEW SIBLINGS!! BAMBI DOES NOT MIND AT ALL, AND NO DOUBT HAVING COSTA IN WITH HER WILL OCCUPY THE BABIES! THE BOY HAS BEEN BANDED, AND TOMORROW BOTH ARE OFF TO BE DISBUDDED. WE ALWAYS DO THE BOYS , FOR EVEN IF THEY GO FOR MEAT WE DONT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT UDDERS LATER! SOME BOYS GO TO A LOCAL FARM PARK FOR THE SUMMER, AND SOME STAY HERE, MOST USUALLY FIND A PET HOME SO DISBUDDING, WHILST EXPENSIVE IS A MUST. THE FEMALE KID IS TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE BGS AS SHE SHOULD MAKE A GOOD MILKER IN THE FUTURE HER MOTHER CAN PRODUCE 5 KG A DAY, AND HER FATHER,

So, do you have any unusual stories of goats, yours or somebody else's? It would be great to hear about them, here, giving us input not just from committee members. If you do, send them/it to our acting editor Geoff, his email details are inside the front page of this magazine.

Well done to all who took their goats to the Devon Show, despite the weather. I think the results are in this issue. Personally I have never been there, except for Devons' Male Show.

I look forward to seeing all who go the Royal Cornwall's Show, from 8th. June. From the judges books, which I helped to complete, we have a good entry and the tent will be full... Sheila.

[Devon County Show 2017](#)

After a very dry few weeks the run up to the show the Wednesday we all arrived was raining cats and dogs and the ground was difficult.

A good turnout of exhibitors from across Devon, Somerset and Cornwall took part and the Judge was Chris Nye from Cambridge.

Best Milker and Best in show went to the lovely BS first kidder of Sharon Owens Nightshaze Tottie with reserve the AOV Cossin Why belonging to Wendy Webster

Best Goatling went to Sam Owen from Newton Abbot with his AOV Gallant Maple with Reserve Bob Vickerys Treleth Danika

Best Kid went to Cory Power and his Saanen kid Lewemcor Delphin with Reserve Val Graingers Iwerne Dominica

Some good milk yields were recorded in the milking competition with Debbie Hearn pure Toggenburg first kidder Gorsefield Mystic giving the highest at 6.8kgs

Val Grainger

Subscription Renewal

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership this year

Spring Show 6th May 2017 at Mays Country

Judge : Brian Hale

Dairy Section

Golden Guernsey Male Kid (1/1)

1st Baggerbush Valentino William Merrell

Anglo Nubian Male Kid

1st Poplartime Oberon Sue Smith

2nd Poplartime Othello Sue Smith

Best Male Kid Baggerbush Valentino

Reserve Male Kid Poplartime Oberon

Golden Guernsey Female Kid (3/4)

1st Coppergon Guinevere Helen Jervis

2nd Coppergon Gilly Helen Jervis

3rd Coppergon Geranium Helen Jervis

Anglo Nubian Female Kid (1/5)

1st Kergohan Moose K&P Hawke

Best Female Kid Kergohan Moose

Reserve Female Kid Coppergon Guinevere

Golden Guernsey Goatling (3/3)

1st Coppergon Fennel Helen Jervis

2nd Coppergon Flora Mrs Nikki Jelbert

3rd Tresayes Iona L&D Russell

Anglo Nubian Goatling (1/2)

1st Boscadjack Fiftyshades Sue Smith

Best Goatling Boscadjack Fiftyshades

Reserve Goatling Coppergon Fennel

Golden Guernsey Milker (4/6)

1st Baggerbush Tansy William Merrell

2nd Rosethorn April Mrs Nicki Jelbert

3rd Tresayes Honeysuckle K&P Hawke

4th Tresayes Hazel L&D Russell

SHE IS NOT DUE TILL APRIL , BUT IS AS BIG AS THE FIRST KIDDER, WHO HAS TEN DAYS TO GO.....

IT IS FEB 20TH AND BAMBI, THE BOER, DID NOT WANT TO GO OUT TODAY, SO I CLEANED OUT HER SHED AROUND HER, WITH HER LYING THERE LIKE THE QUEEN!!

I HAVE ALSO PUT PLASTIC MESH ACROSS THE FRONT OF HER BED, SO THAT BABIES, WHEN THEY ARRIVE, DO NOT GET LOST UNDER IT!

HER 2 YEAR OLD WETHERED SON COSTA WILL MOST LIKELY BE IN WITH HER, AS THEY SEEM INSEPARABLE (OR THEY ARE IF COSTA CANNOT JUMP OUT OF THE FIELD AND ESCAPE UP TO SLEEP WITH GREMLIN WHO BY NATURE IS A GRUMPY OLD THING, BUT WHO WILL , ODDLY, ACCEPT COSTA AND KIDS!!

FEB 23RD AND BAMBI DID NOT WANT BREAKFAST AND HAD GONE HOLLOW BEHIND HER RIBS, COSTA WAS REMOVED TO THE OTHER FIELD HOUSE, AS I DID NOT THINK HE WOULD BE OF MUCH HELP. HE WAS IN FACT, QUITE HAPPY TO GO, WHICH IS NOT LIKE HIM... HE IS A MUMMY'S BOY! BAMBI, HAD BY NOW, GOT THE STICKY STRING HANGING WITH A BIT OF BLOOD, SO I FETCHED A CUP OF COFFEE FOR ME, A BOWL OF POST BABY SUGARBEET/OATS/MALT DRINK AND THE KIDDING BOX. MY KIDDING BOX CONTAINS 7 CLEAN TEA TOWELS (FOR CLEANING BABIES) GLOVES, IODINE AND A SMALL POT TO DECANT IT INTO AND A CLEAN, BOILED BOTTLE FOR COLOSTRUM.

I SAT DOWN TO WAIT, AND WITHIN HALF AN HOUR (AS SHE MUNCED ON HER MUSH, WHICH SHE HAD LOCATED!!) THE FIRST KID WAS BORN, A WHITE GIRL WITH 'YELLOW' BOER MARKINGS, HALF AN HOUR AFTER I SAW UPSIDE DOWN FEET SO A BREECH WAS ON THE WAY. AS SHE SEEMED TO BE HAVING A PROBLEM, I BURST THE BAG, AND GOT HOLD OF THE 2 FEET, ON HER NEXT PUSH I PULLED DOWN AND A HUGE BROWN BOY WAS DELIVERED! I KNEW SHE WAS EXPECTING TRIPLETS, BUT NOTHING APPEARED, I WAITED THEN A BAG OF DARK FLUID PROTRUDED. DEAD KID. I BURST THE BAG, (THE CONTENTS OF WHICH WENT DOWN MY SLEEVE!!!) AND PULLED OUT A VERY DEAD KID, I DROPPED IT OUTSIDE AND AS SHE LOOKED FOR IT POPPED THE LITTLE GIRL UNDER HER NOSE!! BOTH KIDS WERE GIVEN BAMBI'S COLOSTRUM FROM A BOTLE WITHIN HALF AN HOUR OF BIRTH, AND WERE VERY SOON UP AND FEEDING.

FEB 24TH AND AS I HAD LEFT THE SHED LIGHTS ON OVERNIGHT I SNUCK OUT FOR A PEEK VERY EARLY ON IN MY JAMMIES!!! GIRL KID HAD MANAGED TO GET UNDER THE NET AND WAS CURLED UP UNDER THE BED, AND WAS FISHED OUT, SHE HAD A FULL TUMMY AND WAS WARM. THE NET HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN DOWN. THIS AFTERNOON, THE SHED WILL BE CLEANED OUT AND FRESH STRAW PUT DOWN...IT WILL SMELL A LOT NICER TOO.... NOW I AWAIT MABEL, WHO IS DUE ON THE 28TH. FEB 25TH. ROZEL HAS BEEN MOANING A LOT AND DID NOT WANT TO GO OUT WITH THE OTHERS , SO I DECIDED TO GET HER 'DELIVERY SUITE' READY JUST IN CASE, FOR AS SHE IS EXPECTING AT LEAST FOUR , SHE COULD DELIVER EARLIER THAN HER DUE

HERD DIARY FOR THE BOSCADJACK HERD 2017.

THE BOSCADJACK HERD IS DUE TO KID AROUND THE 23RD OF FEB , SO I THOUGHT TO PUT PEN TO PAPER , STARTING WITH A LITTLE HISTORY.

IN AUGUST OF 2016 WE LOST, A LOVELY GOAT, BOSCADJACK NOUGAT, TO ENTERO-TOXAEMIA. SOMETHING WE NEVER HAD IT HAPPEN BEFORE, AND SO HAVE NOW DECIDED TO LAMBIVAC, WITH OUR FIRST QUARTERLY BOOSTER TIMED FOR JANUARY THIS YEAR. THUS MAKING SURE OF HIGH MATERNAL ANTIBODIES, WE ARE NOW 'PROTECTED'. FECAL EGG COUNTS ON THE MILKERS CAME BACK AS VERY LOW WITH NO COCCI OR NEMATODARIUS, MEANING WORMING AND VECOXAN ARE NOT NEEDED. I AM WAITING FOR THE FEC ON THE FIELD GOATS TO SEE IF THEY NEED DOING. ODDLY ENOUGH, THE BOYS ARE ALWAYS NEGATIVE, AND YET ARE ON THE SAME FIELD ALL YEAR !!

WE HAVE 2 BOYS HERE, BOTH POPLARTIMES, KASABIAN AND LYSANDER, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE DAUGHTERS IN NEED OF NEW MALES IN 2017, SO WITH THIS IN MIND , 2 KIDS WERE ORDERED LAST SPRING, AND WERE READY TO COLLECT AT THE END OF JANUARY, FROM YORKSHIRE, THEY ARE POPLARTIMES, OTHELLO AND OBERON . TIMING OF COLLECTION WAS CRITICAL, AS I HAD TO MAKE SURE I WAS HOME IN PLENTY OF TIME BEFORE KIDDING AND THAT MY LOVELY GOAT SITTER WAS AVAILABLE!! I HAVE A LOVELY LOCAL LADY GOAT MILKER , BUT CIRCUMSTANCES MEANT I HAD TO GET LOVELY LADY NUMBER 2 , AS SHE IS ABLE TO LIVE IN.

IT IS NOW THE 18TH FEB, AND WE ARE GETTING CLOSE, SO THIS WEEKEND THE ANTE-NATAL/LABOUR ROOMS ARE GETTING PREPARED! ALL OF THE MILKERS LIVE IN A BIG SHED WITH INDIVIDUAL ROOMS AND RAISED BEDS, WHICH FOR MOST OF THE YEAR ARE IDEAL, BUT WITH BABIES IMMINENT THEY MUST HAVE THE UNDERNEATH BLOCKED OFF, PREVENTING NEW BORN FROM GETTING LOST!! (OR SOAKED IF MUM PEES ON THE BED) GREMLIN IS THE ONLY MILKER NOT IN KID THIS YEAR SHE HAD BEEN IN SEASON ALL WEEK AND ON THE SATURDAY, WHEN I HAD TO GO TO WORK, MANAGED TO GET AWAY FROM MAX, AND RUN OFF TO THE BOYS (WHO ARE KEPT IN BY A SINGLE STRAND OF ELECTRIC AND SOME RENT-A-FENCE) THE FENCE HAD BEEN REMOVED TO ALLOW ACCESS, AND WHEN GREMLIN ARRIVED THE BOYS CHARGED THROUGH THE ELECTRIC FENCE, AND HOTLY PURSUED GREMLIN UP AND DOWN THE BRIDLE PATH, AS SHE HAD CHANGED HER MIND.... THEY CAUGHT HER. TEN DAYS LATER SHE HAD A TRIP TO THE VET FOR 'THE INJECTION'! SHE IS NOW IN FULL SCREAMING SEASON AGAIN , BUT THE RENT-A-FENCE IS NOW BACK IN PLACE AND WILL STAY THERE!!!!

THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME ALL OF THE PREGNANT GOATS HAVE BEEN SCANNED, AND WE HAVE QUITE A FEW KIDS ON BOARD, ROZEL WITH AT LEAST 4, MARBLEDMOON WITH 3, MOCCAMOON WITH A SINGLE, (FIRST KIDDER, SO PERFECT NUMBER) BAMBI (BOER) WITH 3 AND SMARTIE WITH 2 SEEN , BUT AS SHE WOULD NOT UN-CLAMP HER HOCKS WE WERE NOT ABLE TO GET A GOOD SCAN!

Anglo Nubian Milker (3/3)

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| 1st | Boscadjack Moccamoon | Sue Smith |
| 2nd | Boscadjack Marbledmoon | Sue Smith |
| 3rd | Boscadjack Rozel | Sue Smith |

Toggenburg Milker (1/1)

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| 1st | Poundroll Amy | Theresa Irwin |
| Best Milker | Baggerbush Tansy | |
| Reserve Milker | Boscadjack Moccamoon | |

Dam & Daughter (1/6)

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| 1st | Boscadjack Marbledmoon | Sue Smith |
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BEST IN SHOW

Baggerbush Tansy

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW

Boscadjack Fiftyshades

Pygmy Section

Pygmy Male Kid (5/5)

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| 1st | Gallaine Samba | Nigel Julian |
| 2nd | Celandine Hero | G Lea Wurzbach |
| 3rd | Trevilla Basil | Coleman Family |
| 4th | Gallaine Smart | Nigel Julian |
| 5th | Celandine Hugo | G Lea Wurzbach |

Pygmy Male Adult (3/3)

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| 1st | Gallaine Sprite | Nigel Julian |
| 2nd | Marshview Lennox | Sharon Davies |
| 3rd | Gemstone Larimar | Sharon Davies |

Best Pygmy Male Gallaine Sprite

Reserve Pygmy Male Gallaine Samba

Pygmy Female Kid (4/4)

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| 1st | Gallaine Mamba | Nigel Julian |
| 2nd | Millview Kittie | Sharon Davies |
| 3rd | Millview Kia | Sharon Davies |
| 4th | Trevilla Bramble | Coleman Family |

Pygmy Goatling (2/3)

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| 1st | Highfield Snicker | Sharon Davies |
| 2nd | Trevilla Apricot | Coleman Family |

Pygmy Adult Female (8/8)

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| 1st | Millview Gretal | Sharon Davies |
| 2nd | Gallaine Poloma | Nigel Julian |
| 3rd | Millview Isla | Sharon Davies |
| 4th | Relaxed Garlic | Coleman Family |

Pygmy Veteran Female (3/3)

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| 1st | Gallaine Willow | Dawn Jackson |
| 2nd | Larkfield Lily | Sharon Davies |
| 3rd | Gallaine Esme | Nigel Julian |

Best Pygmy Female Gallaine Willow

Reserve Pygmy Female Millview Gretal

Pygmy Dam & Daughter (4/4)

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|-----|-----------------|----------------|
| 1st | Millview Gretal | Sharon Davies |
| 2nd | Millview Isla | Sharon Davies |
| 3rd | Relaxed Garlic | Coleman Family |
| 4th | Chance & Grace | G Lea Wurzbach |

Pygmy Dam & Male Progeny (4/4)

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| 1st | Mary & Hero | G Lea Wurzbach |
| 2nd | Poloma & Smart | Nigel Julian |
| 3rd | Okement Kensa | Coleman Family |
| 4th | Freda & Hugo | G Lea Wurzbach |

Pygmy Sire & Progeny (1/1)

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| 1st | Gemstone Larimar | Sharon Davies |
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Wether/Pet Female (5/5)

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| 1st | Okement Lowen | Coleman Family |
| 2nd | Gabby | G Lea Wurzbach |
| 3rd | Billy | Dawn Jackson |
| 4th equal | Maisy | Dawn Jackson |
| 4th equal | Alfie | Dawn Jackson |

BEST IN SHOW

Gallaine Sprite

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW

Gallaine Willow

Junior Handler

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| 1st | Gabriella Lea Wurzbach |
| 2nd | Ruby Coleman |
| 3rd | Sam Coleman |
| 4th | Rosie Glastonbury |



Junior Handlers, Sam, Ruby, Gabriella and Rosie at the Spring Show