

Shows for 2018

May	5th (sat)	CGA Spring Show	01726 823800	Dairy & Pygmy
May	17th to 19th	Devon County Show	01392 353705	Dairy
June	7th to 9th	Royal Cornwall Show & The Kernow Show	01326 563229	Dairy & Pygmy Dairy
June	15th to 17th	Three Counties Show	01684 584901	Dairy & Pygmy
June	24th	Devon & Somerset Male & Youngstock	01395 233985	Dairy
July	7th	Machen Show	01633 671599	Pygmy
July	13th to 15th	Bridgend Show	07976 430086	Pygmy
July	14th	Liskeard Show	07894 456099	No Goats
July	14th/15th	Yeovil Show	01935 432567	Dairy
July	16th	Stithians Show	01726 823800	Dairy & Pygmy
July	23rd to 26th	Royal Welsh Show	01982 554404	Dairy & Pygmy
July	25th	Yealmpton Show	07712 681306	Dairy
July	26th	Launceston Show	01566 775483	No goats
July	28th	Mid Devon Show	01884 820859	Pygmy
Aug	4th	Brecon Show	01874 611811	Dairy & Pygmy
Aug	9th	Okehampton Show	01363 866161	Dairy & (Pygmy?)
Aug	18th (sat)	CGA Male & Youngstock and Pygmy Autumn Show	01726 890409	Dairy & Pygmy
Aug	23rd	Melplash Show	01308 423337	Dairy
Aug	23rd	Holsworthy Show	01566 781811	Pygmy
Sept	1st/2nd	Dorset Show	01305 264249	Dairy
Sept	8th	Frome Show	01373 463600	Dairy
Oct	13th	CGA Annual General Meeting		
		Kea Community Hall, Truro	01726 890409	

All above pygmy shows are held under the Pygmy Goat Club rules

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Nicki Jelbert's Golden Guernsey goat Copperton Flora
standing on Chun Quoit in West Cornwall

Cornwall Goatkeepers Association

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- If you are going to a trailer show you will need to take hurdles to form a pen for your goats – possibly out of the back of your trailer.
- Ensure you arrive at the show within the times set – this will give you the opportunity to sort out your paperwork and settle both yourself and your goats prior to entering the ring.
- When you arrive at the show – take your movement papers to the show secretary and collect your numbers, bucket labels and running order for the show. Inform the section secretary how many goats you have brought with you and any you have withdrawn. You should then be told where your pens are.

Ensure you have groomed and fed your goats in advance of your first class. There will probably be a “calling steward” who will let you know which class is next to go into the ring.

Remember showing goats is supposed to be an enjoyable event so relax and enjoy yourself. You will have the opportunity to talk to other goat keepers and learn more about goats and their welfare.

Whilst in the ring:-

- Make sure the lead on the goat isn't too long, you need to be able to keep control of the goat at ALL times
- Always try to keep one eye on the Judge and one eye on your goat, you never know when they will give you directions or ask you to do something
- Try to always stay on the side of the goat that is not by the Judge, for example when you are lined up do not stand between the goat and the Judge, if the Judge cannot see the goat they cannot be expected to judge properly
- Be prepared to swap goats with someone else, especially in the Junior handler classes, it was almost a routine procedure last year
- Do not be put off by experienced handlers, they all started at the bottom and worked their way up
- Don't be scared of people watching, 9 times out of 10 they are looking at the goats not the handlers, horrible as it may seem
- The most important tip ever ... RELAX, smile and have fun and you will do great – if you are uncertain about anything please ask other exhibitors or stewards they will be more than happy to help you.

Top Tips/Hints for Showing your Goats

- Go along to a show beforehand to see how it's done, it does help!
- Complete your entry form and forward it to the show secretary before the closing date. If it is a penned show don't forget to book how many pens you require – if showing male & females indicate number of pens required for male and how many for female. Show secretaries will allocate clobber pens (for your spare hay etc) if there is space.
- Complete two AML1 forms (Animal movement form) one for going to the show and one to come home – you can normally obtain one prior to the show from the show secretary. Unfortunately few shows have the facilities on site to deal with on line movement forms.
- Groom your goats in advance of the show, a bath with animal shampoo will remove all of the winter dirt from your goats coat – make sure you rinse all of the soap out afterwards. Trim hooves and, if possible take them for a walk on a lead to get them used to it.

Things to take to the show –

- white coat(s) these will need to be worn in the ring
- clip or pin to hold the goats number to your coat
- drink and food for yourself unless the show advertise they will be provided
- hay rack and hay
- food bowls and food for your goats
- water bucket and holder
- collar and lead for the goats
- Grooming brushes/kit for your goats – including oil or Vaseline for their horns
- If you are entering a milking competition ensure you have a suitable bucket (plus jug if you use one to milk into) as the milk will need to be taken to the weighing station after milking
- If it is penned show ensure that straw will be provided – if not take some with you
- if you think your goats will be able to escape you need to take some form of meshing to keep them in the pens.

Editor's Notes

It is with great regret that we have to tell our members of the sad loss of two Cornwall Goatkeeper Association supporters

Nancy Robathan

Nancy who was a member of the CGA and our president in 1992/93, passed away on 7th January aged 89. Our condolences go out to her family at this sad time

Gerry Willis

Gerry a member of the CGA passed away 2nd February. He was well known for the Penhale Herd of British Alpines and was also a keen supporter of Rugby Union in the West Country. Our condolences go out to Helen and his family at this sad time

Subscription Renewal

Subscriptions which remain the same as last year were due on the 1st January 2018, and if we have not received your renewal, within this copy of the Cloven Hoof, you will find a another copy of the renewal form. We hope you will renew as your membership is very important to us.

If you have any articles or news which can be printed in the Cloven Hoof, send them to Geoff Munson at

gandamunson@outlook.com

Spring Show

5th May at Mays Country Store

The show will be judged by Mrs D Charman from Devon, who at our 2017 Male & Youngstock Show shadowed our judge Terry Hanna as part of her training to become a full BGS judge.

We need your entries, Dairy and Pygmy, for this the first show of the year.

Included within this magazine is an entry form for this show

**Marys pasties will be in attendance at the show
So hot food will be available for the first time**

Cornwall Goatkeepers Association website

Additional information and pictures available on our website at

www.cornwallgoatkeepersassociation.co.uk

If you have any photographs of your animals you would like to appear on the web site please

Send them to Sue Barrow at

sjcalvack@gmail.com

CGA secretary

June Markham has decided to stand down as our Hon. Secretary at our AGM in October, after many years of sterling service.. We are looking for a replacement, and the role is open to all members, and if you are interested, details of the duties of CGA secretary are available from Julia Clarke or Geoff Munson.

The major part of the role is compiling and maintaining minutes of all meetings (up to 5 per year) and some correspondence.

The Pygmy Goat Club

'The new pygmy goat society that has been recently set up has no connection whatsoever with the Pygmy Goat Club, which remains, as it has been since its foundation in 1982, the official society for the breed in Great Britain. The club manages the only recognized registration system for pedigree pygmy goats.'

Pygmy Goat Shows

We wish to remind all Pygmy Goat exhibitors that the following Cornish shows are run under the rules of the Pygmy Goat Club:-

Cornwall Goatkeepers Spring Show,
Royal Cornwall Show,
Stithians show,
Cornwall Goatkeepers Autumn Pygmy show.

Therefore all exhibitors must be members of the Pygmy Goat Club and goats shown in Breed classes must also be registered with the Pygmy Goat Club i.e. females over 6 months and males over 12 months.

“ Entries from non Pygmy Goat club exhibitors will be returned.”

To be made a scapegoat

Someone who takes the blame. It derives from the Bible (Book of Leviticus) when on the Day of Atonement a goat was selected to bear the sins of the people, taken into the wilderness and freed to take the sins away.

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From the Chair

I wish you all a belated Happy New Year.

By now Christmas will be a distant memory and you are all probably getting stuck in with kiddings – I wish you all good luck for lots of lovely healthy kids and nannies. I well remember the many nights in the goat barn waiting to assist if necessary and nervously anticipating meeting the new member of the herd. Gosh I miss the kids but don't miss the kiddings!

Organisation for the new show season is well underway with judges, venues, accommodation, rosettes all booked – just the weather to be sorted but that might be out of our control.

The committee met on the 3rd February and discussed their "job descriptions" and "roles and responsibilities" both to the CGA and also at shows. It was very interesting to hear who does what and if they do it well or not. We really do need to take some of the strain off of Geoff Munson – he works so hard for the CGA and it was a surprise to some people just how much he does do. Hence the need for re-structuring and re-allocating some of the tasks. So if you have some free time especially during the setting up period prior to shows it would be most appreciated. Over the winter William and I have worked on a Show Etiquette document to remind existing exhibitors and to help new exhibitors on what to take to shows and what to do when you are there. Hopefully this will help everyone?

William has arranged for a local pasty baker to come along to our Spring and Male & Youngstock/Autumn Pygmy shows to sell us fresh hot pasties – so leave your cold sandwiches at home and enjoy a fresh pasty this year.

Schedules for the Spring show are included with this copy of the Cloven Hoof so, as soon as your kids are born, send your entries in to ensure we have a good show.

Once again Happy Kiddings.

Regards Julia Clarke

Breed Shows

This year we are fortunate to have in Cornwall two South West breed shows included within shows that the CGA assist in running for the show organisers.

Royal Cornwall Show - 7th to 9th June

This show will include the South West Regional Breed Show for **Anglo Nubian Goats**, so your AN goats will be especially welcome at this show.

Details will be included on the schedule/entry form available from Royal Cornwall Show website or sent to previous exhibitors.

Any queries and more info contact Sue Smith on
01326 563229

Stithians Show - Monday 16th July

This one day show will include the 2018 **Golden Guernsey Regional Show**, so all of you Golden Guernsey owners who can not make a 3 day show, this one day show, is the one for you, to show your goats as it should be the biggest show of Golden Guernsey Goats in the South West this year

Details will be included on the schedule/entry form available from Stithians Show website or sent to previous exhibitors.

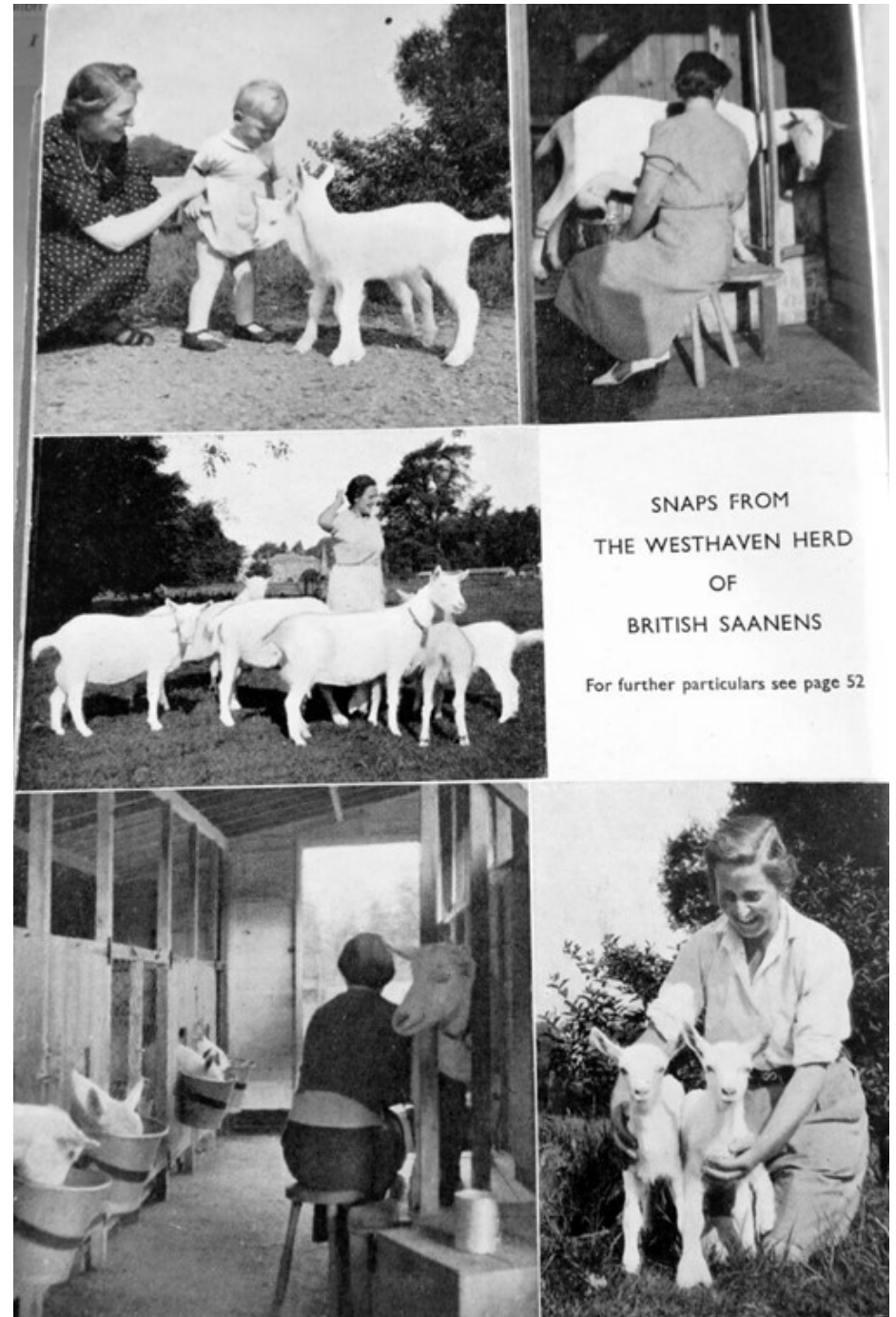
Any queries and more info contact Julia Clarke on
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New Members

Cornwall Goatkeepers Association would like to extend a warm welcome to new members who are

Mr and Mrs Trevor Goode, Geenbottom, Truro.

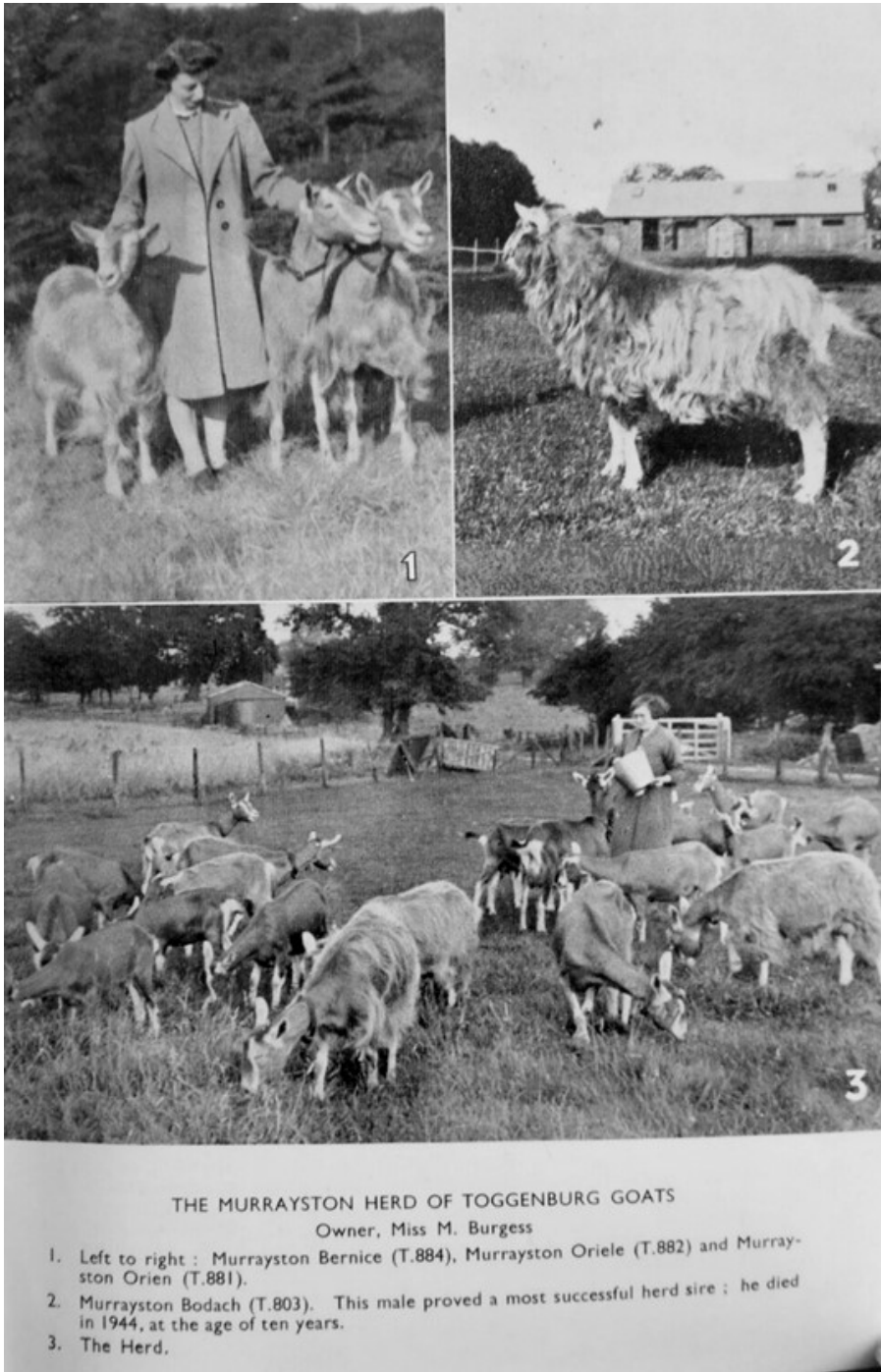
Ms Julie Taylor-Browne, Porkellis, Helston.



Goat Fun Facts

- Goats were one of the first animals to be tamed by humans and were being herded 9,000 years ago.
- Goat meat is the most consumed meat per capita worldwide
- Goats can be taught their name and to come when called
- The life span of a goat is about that of a dog
- Goats have a gestation period (pregnancy) of five months and the average birth rate for goats is 2.2 kids per year.
- Baby goats (kids) are standing and taking their first steps within minutes of being born.
- Each kid has a unique call, and along with its scent, that is how its mother recognizes it from birth – not by sight.
- Counter to the dominant stereotype about goats being willing to eat anything, they are actually very picky eaters. They have very sensitive lips, which they use to “mouth” things in search of clean and tasty food. They will often refuse to eat hay that has been walked on or lying around loose for a day.
- Goats are herd animals and will become depressed if kept without any goat companions. So, it is unhealthy for a goat if a family just owns one as a pet.
- Goats, being mountain animals, are very good at climbing; they’ve been known to climb to the tops of trees, or even dams!
- Goats’ pupils (like many hooved animals) are rectangular. This gives them vision for 320 to 340 degrees (compared to humans with 160-210) around them without having to move and they are thought to have excellent night vision.
- Goats are foragers, NOT grazers. It is actually unnatural to graze a goat on grass and increases the likelihood of them picking up harmful parasites. In their natural habitat, they roam mountaintops and reach up as high as possible to pick out choice bits of forage around them.
- Goats have four “stomachs.” Their food moves first into the rumen (from which it is periodically regurgitated for more “cud chewing”), then to the reticulum, later to the omasum, and finally to the abomasum (which is most like a more sensitive human stomach).
- Goats are burpers! This is due to the role of their rumen. The rumen, which in a mature goat holds four to five gallons of plant material, breaks down cellulose and acts as a fermentation vat. Of course, fermentation produces gas, and this gas escapes in the form of loud, healthy burps. Our goats can frequently be heard burping in the barn.

Above was taken from American Lively Run Goat website



Mrs Elaine Green

By Sue Barrow & Sue Smith

We recently received a phone call from a previous member of the Cornwall Goatkeepers Association and long term goatkeeper, Mrs Elaine Green who wrote to us offering some of her old copies of the British Goat Society's Year Book and past magazines including a copy of the CGAs Cloven Hoof from 1978. Sue Smith and I went to visit Mrs Green who still lives near Tintagel.

Mrs Green is now in her 90s and first kept goats when they lived in Stoke Poges and brought them to Cornwall after buying a home in Tintagel and building a holiday chalet business. Her herd name was Framewood, as Sue Smith found after delving into back copies of the BGS Herd book.

We spent a delightful afternoon hearing about the pleasure she and her holiday visitors got from her dairy goats who roamed freely around the property. From her showing days Elaine remembered the indomitable Jean Gorden Macloed and kept milking her many dairy goats until arthritis got the better of her.



Not only did Elaine keep goats, but she was also a keen radio ham, using her call-sign "GOATS" to speak to other enthusiasts all over the world.

She spent the war working in the accounts department of the Canadian embassy who had office space requisitioned at the back of Harrods in Knightsbridge.

Her family kept goats even then and we have copies of the wartime BGS Year Books, with articles on Wartime Legislation for Goats with most goat products excluded from rationing for

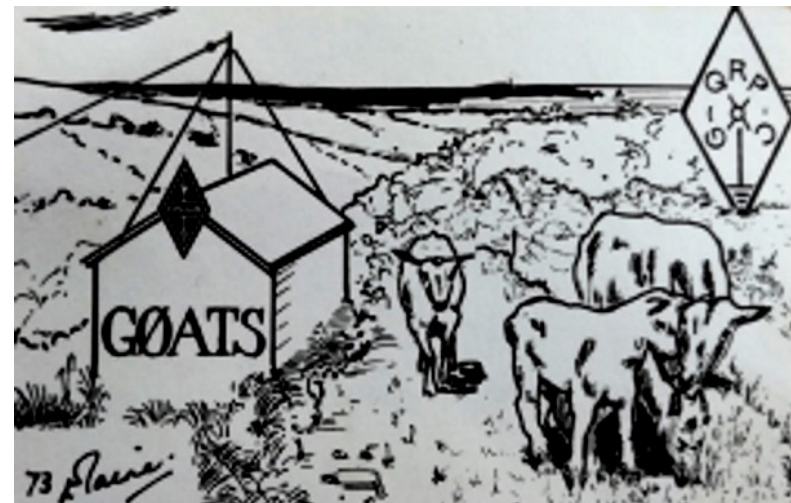
home use, rationing of fodder, but also the continued registration of goats

with the exhortation from the Minister of Agriculture to increase production and "Improve!", there is even an article from 1945 on Performance Testing.

The books include detailed articles on feeding forage and root crops, making delicious butter and advice on mastitis and enter-toxaemia in goats. So much of concern to goatkeepers really hasn't changed over the years, even complaining about regulations. They were fully aware of the usefulness of goats' milk for eczema sufferers (from a dermatologist) and the digestibility compared to cow's milk "Not only the protein, but also the fat of goats' milk is more digestible; this is due to the smaller particle size". Shows kept going throughout this period and there are delightful photographs of the Mostyn Saanens and Malpas Anglo Nubian herds, a few of the photo pages are included on following pages*.

Sue and I had a delightful afternoon with Elaine and we wish her and her family well.

Sue Smith is holding the books donated to the Association if anyone would like them.



Mrs Elaine Green's drawing of her goats and ham-radio shack. Tintagel

*additional pages can be viewed on the CGA website