



Nigel Julian's Gallaine Samba

Photographer Bruce Hobbs

Merry Christmas and a
healthy New Year

Cloven Hoof

Winter 2019



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Shows for 2020

May	2nd (sat)	CGA Spring Show	01726 823800	Dairy & Pygmy
May	21st to 23rd	Devon County Show	01392 353705	Dairy
June	4th to 6th	Royal Cornwall Show & The Kernow Show	01326 563229	Dairy & Pygmy Dairy
June	12th to 14th	Three Counties Show	01684 584901	Dairy & Pygmy
June	21st	Devon & Somerset Male & Youngstock	01395 233985	Dairy
July	4th	Machen Show	01633 671599	Pygmy
July	10th to 12th	Bridgend Show	07976 430086	Pygmy
July	11th	Liskeard Show	07894 456099	No Goats
July	13th	Stithians Show	01726 823800	Dairy & Pygmy
July	19th/19th	Yeovil Show	01935 432567	Dairy
July	20th to 23rd	Royal Welsh Show	01982 554404	Dairy & Pygmy
July	29th	Yealmpton Show	07712 681306	Dairy
July	25th	Mid Devon Show	01884 820859	Pygmy
Aug	1st	Brecon Show	01874 611811	Dairy & Pygmy
Aug	8th (sat)	CGA Male & Youngstock and Pygmy Autumn Show	01726 890409	Dairy & Pygmy
Aug	13th	Okehampton Show	01837 659965	Dairy & Pygmy
Aug	27th	Melplash Show	01308 423337	Dairy
Aug	27th	Holsworthy Show	01566781811	Pygmy
Sept	5th/6th	Dorset Show	01305 264249	Dairy
Sept	12th	Frome Show	01373 463600	Dairy & Pygmy
Oct	tbc	CGA Annual General Meeting		
		Kea Community Hall, Truro	01726 890409	

All above Dairy shows are held under British Goat Society rules and Pygmy shows are held under the Pygmy Goat Club rules

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Welcome to our winter issue of Cloven Hoof, which contains the results from our Male & Youngstock and Pygmy Autumn Shows.

Copy of our audited accounts for 2017/2018, appears within the magazine and our grateful thanks to Peter and Janet Margetts for preparing them.

Brian Head - Coppershel herd of British Alpine Goats

It is with much sadness that we announce that Brian passed away on the 5th November. Many of you will know Brian who for many years attended our shows in the West Country.

Our thoughts go out to Sue and her family at this time

Cloven Hoof and Subscriptions

We have decided to make changes to the way we distribute the Cloven Hoof to save on printing and postage costs and details will be found on page 5 and on your renewal form enclosed with this magazine.

We have also decided that for the first time in 8 years to increase subscriptions to one figure of £ 10.00 per year for all members

Front Cover Nigel Julian's Gallaine Sprite
Photographer Bruce Hobbs

FROM THE CHAIR

CGA AGM CHAIRMAN REPORT 2019 given at AGM

At this stage in the proceedings I feel I must thank everyone who has worked so hard during the year to ensure that Cornwall Goatkeepers continue as a strong and successful organisation. However, I would be greatly concerned that I miss out someone and upset them. So I am just going to say a big thank you to Ann, Geoff and Neil Munson for permitting us to invade their house for our committee meetings. Also a special thanks must go to Jean Wilshaw for all of her hard work calculating the winners of the AGM awards. Although Jean is now unfortunately unable to support us at shows she makes up for it once the results are in. Thanks also to Sheila for many years organising our Male & Youngstock show, and to Sue Barrow for operating and updating our web site.

A huge combined thanks go to the committee members with all of their experience providing advice and support both at meetings and at shows. We are a very diverse group and therefore we have interesting and sometimes heated debates. I would also like to thank all of you who turn up to shows and support us on the day – between us I think we work like a fantastic, well oiled machine.

I was recently asked to send out draft 'job descriptions' to all committee members. This not only reminds everyone what particular roles involve but also enables someone to take on a role if it becomes available. At our next committee meeting we will be discussing these job descriptions and see if we can possibly spread the load.

Big question though is how do I prepare a job description for Geoff? He is our treasurer, editor, our show secretary for the Male & Youngstock show, he helps to set up at all shows and stores a lot of the club's equipment.

But without the support of all our members, not only at shows, the CGA would cease to exist.

Work is already well underway for the preparation of the 2020 shows – and dates appear at the back of this issue of Cloven Hoof.



Christmas Dinner

The dinner will be held on

Saturday 11th January 2020

7.30 for 8.00pm

at The Victoria Inn, Threemilestone, Truro, TR3 6BY

A great carvery or full menu is available

Please let Julia Clarke know how many will be coming so tables can be pre-booked for our party

*by phone on 01726 823800,
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by 5th January 2019*

CGA Hon. Vice presidents (past presidents)

Mr & Mrs C Leggatt (2002/2005)	Mr & Mrs C Robinson (1995/1998)
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Mr N Julian (2009/2014)	Mrs S Furneaux (2014/2018)

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Kernow Show 7th June 2019

Cornwall Goatkeepers Association would like to thank all our sponsors, without whose support we would not have been able to hold the show.

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supplies to support our sponsors**



Brian Head milk weighing at Stithians Show 2016

This year the committee has been having a good look at our budget and Geoff will give you more details in his Treasurers report (copy of accounts appear later in this issue of Cloven Hoof). Our bank balance is comfortable but with ever increasing costs we need to keep a tight rein on our expenditure.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Cloven Hoof Magazine

At our last committee meeting and at our AGM, as funds are gradually decreasing each year, it was proposed to save money (we spend over £400 per year) by sending out the magazine electronically to our membership from the Spring issue, together with CGA show schedules. Most of you have access to the internet, those of you who do not, we will produce some hard copies and these will be posted to you, as we would not want you to miss out.

On the renewal form for subscriptions sent out with this issue of Cloven Hoof there is a special area for you to complete letting us know what e-mail address you would like us to send the magazine to, and if that is not possible, let us know that you require a hard copy and we will post it to you.

The cost of post per year is at present approx. £ 2.50 and if you receive a hard copy, a donation to cover this would be much appreciated.

**Please note the date of the Male & Youngstock Show
and Autumn Pygmy Show is 8th August 2020 not as
listed on calendar of shows given out at the AGM.**

My apologies for this error of mine Geoff Munson

Cornwall Male & Y/stock and Pygmy Autumn Shows.

We had glorious weather for the 2019 show. However on the Friday before, it rained so hard that the warehouse was emptied and we set-up inside! Come Saturday morning it started with rain, early in the day but soon changed and remained dry and beautiful all day. English weather is so changeable.

The rings were setup on hard standing, just outside of the entrance to the warehouse, at the back of May's shop. I felt that this area was more satisfactory than the stony area that we have used for previous shows by the main car park. Goats and exhibitors appeared to be happier with no stones on this concrete surface. The only disadvantage was that we were not on view to the public, who, in the past, had come over to watch the show and show interest in the goats.

We had 71 Dairy exhibits entered and 25 in the Pygmy section. Unfortunately, due to various misfortunes, 19 exhibits were withdrawn, of which 10 were males. That represented nearly one third withdrawn on the day, a rather high figure. The show was supported by 24 exhibitors and those who came enjoyed their day. Our commiserations went to those who couldn't come and we trust that they were able to overcome their misfortunes of the day.

Despite all, we had a great day. It was a joy to see the children showing their goats with such enthusiasm! We really need more youngsters getting involved as we are all getting older. Our thanks go to both of our judges, Adrian Bull and Sharon Davies, for their time and expertise. We also thank Mays for allowing us to use their site and facilities and Mary's Pasties who supplied pasties to all who wanted them. They were very nice. More thanks need to go to all who came to the show, to all the stewards for their time and work and to all who helped to set up or to clear away, including all work done before the show. Many thanks go to all of you, for without you the show would not happen.

Best in Show, Dairy.....	Roger and Vanna's... Mineshop Devan.
Reserve.....	Bob Vickery's... Delebreyal Mraldy.
Best in Show, Pygmy.....	Nigel Julian's... Gallaine Mamba.
Reserve.....	Nigel Julian's .. Gallaine Sprite.

Well done to you all. I do hope that you enjoyed the show and will continue to support future shows.

This was my last Male & Youngstock and Pygmy Autumn Show so I wish you all the very best for your future. I thank you all for your support over the last 12 years.

Best Wishes, Sheila.

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The Duchy Goat Company

Home of Kernowek Gaver

We are Phil and Helen from Crickapitt Farm in the middle of a Cornish Country Estate in the heart of the County.

A lovely lady we met at the spring flower show was asking what we did on the farm, we had at that point just bought our first lambs. She asked if we had ever thought about goats. We hadn't then but a couple of days later we saw an advert for a small number of young billies for sale and they were very close. We decided to go and have a look and since then we have taken all their male goats. That's how our story started.

Dairy farmers produce a large number of kids every year and often they don't have the time, space or resources to rear on the male goats, this is where at The Duchy Goat Company we step in. We bring them home at a few days old and rear them to between 10 and 12 months old. Every day they are let out and have a browse and a good run around...they do love to play and get up to mischief!

Goat meat is the most consumed meat in the world, you can find it in any cuisine from tacos to curries. In Italy minced goat is used as an alternative to beef mince and used in their pasta dishes. It can be cooked much the same as lamb and roasted or slow cooked or their ribs, loins or tenderloins can be quick cooked, the options are endless.

Add to this the fact it is one of the healthiest meats available, you will wonder why you haven't tried it before. If you think boneless chicken breasts are your best option for lean meat, think again. Goat meat has fewer calories and cholesterol than chicken and turkey with the same protein and iron as beef.

All the male kids are reared and sent to a local abattoir, and we have the skins back to be organically tanned.

Fat Content Comparisons

Goat	3%
Turkey	5%
Chicken	7.4%
Beef.	18.8%

DAIRY CLASSES - Male & Youngstock Show 17th August 2019 - Judge Adrian Bull Wiltshire

No.	Win	Goat's Name	Owner
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Class 1 - Anglo Nubian Female kids (8/0)

Class 2 - British Alpine Female kids (2/1)

1	Iwerne Dominatrix	Mrs.V.Grainger
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Class 3 - British Saanen or Saanen Female kids (1/1)

1	Gallant Artemis	Sam Owen
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Class 4 - British Toggenburg or Toggenburg Female kids (2/2)

1	Gorsefield Cylphide	Mrs.D. Hearn
2	Acton Replica	Ms.M.Ford

Class 5 - Golden, British or English Guernsey Female kids (7/5)

1	Tresayes Laia	Mr.& Mrs. Russell
2	Baggerbush Xana	Mr.J.W.Merrell
3	Tresayes Lexi	Mr.& Mrs. Russell
4	Tresayes Lily	Mr.& Mrs. Russell
5	Baggerbush Xanthe	Mr.J.W.Merrell

Class 6 - Any Other Variety Female kids (2/2)

1	Landsmead Marymill	Mr. B. Hale
2	Landsmead Maziemill	Mr. B. Hale

Best Kid
Reserve Best Kid

Gallant Artemis
Gorsefield Cylphide

Class 8 - Anglo Nubian Goatings (7/3)

1	Roundswell Joye	Mrs.E.Connor
2	Keigwin Bertha	Mrs.N.Jelbert
3	Keigwin Betty	Mrs.N.Jelbert

Class 9 - British Alpine Goatlings (5/2)

1	Moorend Enid	Mrs.V.Grainger
2	Iwerne Jinopal	Mrs.V.Grainger

Class 10 - British Saanan or Saanan Goatlings (2/1)

-	1	Nightshaze Floozy	Mrs.S. Owen
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Class 11 - British Toggenburg or Toggenburg Goatlings (2/2)

-	1	Gorsefield Cylhouette	Mrs.D. Hearn
	2	Nightshaze Lucerne	Mrs.S. Owen

Class 12 - Golden, British or English Guernsey Goatlings (5/5)

1	Keigwin Bramble	Mrs.N.Jelbert
2	Tresayes Karla	Mr.& Mrs. Russell
3	Keigwin Berry	Mrs.N.Jelbert
4	Tresayes IonaKitty	Mr.& Mrs. Russell
5	Baggerbush Willow	Mr.J.W.Merrell

Class 13 - Any Other Variety Goatlings (3/3)

-	3	Landsmead Tigermill	Mr. B. Hale
	1	Gallant Myluv	Ms.M.Ford
	2	Gallant Mildred	Sam Owen

Best Goatling**Best Reserve Goatling****Roundeswell Joye****Gorsefield Cylhouette****BEST Dairy FEMALE****RESERVE Dairy FEMALE****Roundeswell Joye****Gorsefield Cylhouette****CGA 2019 Goat of the Year Awards****Dairy Breeds**

Best Female Kid (joint)	Leatland Hillusion	Mr R Calcraft & V Day
Reserve Female Kid	Boscadjack Piemont	Mrs S Smith
Best Goatling	Baggerbish Xana	Mr W Merrell
Reserve Goatling	Keigwin Bramble	Mrs N Jelbert
Best Milker	Tresayes Karla	Mr & Mrs D Russell
Reserve Milker	Landsmead Tigerose	Mr B Hale
Best Male Kid	Boscadjack Rozel	Mrs S Smith
Reserve Male Kid	Rands Djokovic	Mrs N Jelbert
Best Adult Male	Carrick Aidan	Mrs V Grainger
Reserve Adult Male	Mineshop Devan	Mr R Calcraft & V Day
	Kerborne Dylan	Mrs V Grainger

Dairy Goat of 2019
Reserve Goat of 2019**Landsmead Tigerose**
Keigwin Bramble**Mr B Hale**
Mrs N Jelbert**Pygmy Goats**

Best Female Kid	Gruzelier Wenna	Mrs S Gruzelier
Reserve Female Kid	Worthen Pandora	A & S Foote
Best Goatling	Celandine Ivy	Gabby Lea Wurzbach
Reserve Goatling	Gruzelier Peaches	Mrs S Gruzelier
Best Adult Female	Gallaine Mamba	Mr N Julian
Reserve Best Female	Sunnydene Esma	A & S Foote
Best Male Kid	Gruzelier Goron	Mrs S Gruzelier
Reserve Male Kid	—	—
Best Adult Male	Gallaine Sprite	Mr N Julian
Reserve Adult Male	Gallaine Smart	Mr N Julian

Pygmy Goat of 2019
Reserve Goat of 2019**Gallaine Sprite**
Gallaine Smart**Mr N Julian**
Mr N Julian

Highest Milking points at Stithians 2019 Leatland Heaven R Calcraft & V Day

Young goat handler of 2019 Gabby Lea Wurzbach

Sylvia Richardson trophy for Anglo Nubian with highest points

Boscadjack Rozel Mrs S Smith

The points of the above awards are collated by Jean Wilshaw, and awards are presented at the AGM of the Cornwall Goatkeepers Association

After reviewing herd health, selecting breeders, doing some gestational math, giving appropriate vaccinations, and mending your buck's fencing, it's time to move some goats around. A week or two before you intend to breed, bring your buck closer to his ladies. The does who have not already begun to cycle will smell his musty, delicious buck odor and fall (madly in love) into estrus. This may bring on more raspberries from pen shouldn't share fencing with the doe pen. Some very creative goats havyour buck, but try to assure him it won't be long. It's important to note that the buck e been known to breed through a fence. I've never seen it happen, but I believe it.



Once you've seen the signs of estrus in your does, it is safe to move the buck into the herd. Common signs of estrus include lingering near the side of the pen closest to the buck, tail wagging, flirting, vulva swelling and discharge, and general inappropriate goat-shouting all hours of the day. ("Hey, gorgeous! Hey! Come hither."

wink) Needless to say, you'll know it's time to breed when there is mutual goat pining happening

The actual mating is brief and easy to miss. Does stand rigidly for the buck, then 20 seconds later they separate. Ever the romantics, goats seem to favor dusk as the best time to mate. Rather than sitting out, creeping on your goats, wearing night-vision goggles and taking notes in a field journal, brilliant people have invented ways to mark who has been bred by the buck. Raddle harnesses may be used in meat herds, as this shows when a female had been mated, but in dairy herds, it is more usual to have a supervised mating where the owner stays and observes, for safety.

Every goat farm operates a little differently. During goat breeding season, a couple of weeks of preparation go a long way toward having a smooth kidding season. The most important takeaway, however, is to know *your* herd and what works well for what *your* goals are. As long as your animals are happy and healthy, your kids will be as well.

Thanks to Sue Smith for her help in printing this article

Class 15 - Male Anglo Nubian Kids (2/0)

Class 16 - Male British Alpine Kids (3/2)

1	Rands Djokovic	Mrs.N.Jelbert
2	†Carrick Aidan	Mrs.V.Grainger

Class 17 - Male British Saanen or Saanen Kids (2/2)

1	Mineshop Debonair	Sam Owen
2	§150/260 Nightshaze Bacchus	Mrs.S. Owen

Class 18 - Male British Toggenburg or Toggenburg Kids (2/2)

1	Gorsefield Myshkin	Mrs.D. Hearn
2	Gorsefield Cylvester	Mrs.D. Hearn

Class 20 - Male AOV Kids (1/0)

Best Male Kid

Reserve Best Male Kid

Gorsefiels Myshkin

Mlneshop Debonair

Class 22 – Bucklings (6/5)

1	§146/161Tyegronon Ragtime	Mrs.E.Connor
2	Kerborne Dylan	Mrs.V.Grainger
3	Woolsome Zirconium	Mrs.J.Ross
4	Sandcroft Samphire	Mrs.N.Jelbert
5	Wytsend Scott18	Mrs.J.Ross

Class 23 - Anglo Nubian Adult Males (3/2)

1	§146/161Tyegronon Ragtime	Mrs.E.Connor
2	Sandcroft Samphire	Mrs.N.Jelbert

Class 24 - British Alpine Adult Males (2/2)

1	Kerborne Dylan	Mrs.V.Grainger
2	Woolsome Zirconium	Mrs.J.Ross

Class 25 - British Saanen or Saanen Adult Males (2/2)

1	Leatland Haigan	Calcraft & Day
2	Wytscend Scott18	Mrs.J.Ross

Class 26 - British Toggenburg or Toggenburg Adult Males (1/1)

1	Delebreyal Mraldy	Mr R.J.Vickery
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Class 27 - Golden, British or English Guernsey Adult Males (3/0)

Class 28 - AOV Adult Males (1/1)

1	§§195/202†Mineshop Devan	Calcraft & Day
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Class 30 Sire & Progeny (1/1)

63	1	Kerborne Dylan	Mrs.V.Grainger
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Best Male
Reserve Best Male

Mineshop Devan
Delebreyal Mraldy

BEST IN SHOW
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW

Mineshop Devan
Delebreyal Mraldy



place you'll host those late-summer barbeques. Second, ensure you have secure fencing. He will jump, gouge, tear, or otherwise destroy his enclosure to gain access his ladies.

Finally, for the greenest of goat owners, expect this your first season: Males can get, well, sexually frustrated. To them, they're doing everything in their power to mate. They peed on themselves, they broke out of their bachelor pad 27 times, they pranced and preened and snorted and yet, no success. He's frustrated. Frustrated bucks — get this — blow raspberries at you. Not cute human baby raspberries, but full-on horror-movie-gone-wrong raspberries. Your ordinarily cuddly buck will be stomping around his pen, peeing on himself, and blowing angsty raspberries at you. With timing and gender separation underway, we must consider the health of your herd. If an animal is sick or in bad condition, it will still breed. It is our job to pull them to the side. Obese or thin goats should not breed. Thin goats generally will not have the energy to sustain a healthy pregnancy or will produce weak, small kids. You can check the condition of your doe by running your hand down her spine. Does should have full muscle thickness with some fat between the muscle and skin along the loin, or a Body Condition Score of around 3. All animals should have regular health checks throughout the year, but it is essential leading up the breeding season.

We test routinely in UK for CAE in show herds, meat breeds will sometimes test for CL, and John's disease prior to any breeding. Carriers should not be bred, but rather removed from the herd. This is also a good time to get some vaccinations out of the way, usually with lambivac 30. Many farmers practice something called "flushing," where they provide the breeding herd with extra calories four to six weeks before breeding. Slowly increasing the daily grain amounts, give them high-quality hay, or put them out to rich pasture. Does naturally will be a little thin this time of year due to milking or raising kids, so flushing ensures goats have all their nutritional requirements met. Flushing encourages higher ovulation rates for multiple kids per pregnancy and prepares does for estrus.

Flushing admittedly sounds like we're fattening our does up just so they can bear kids, but for several of my ladies, it's like Christmas came early.

While individual animal health is a very important factor, animal quality is also key in a breeding program. Only select animals to breed that have characteristics you are breeding toward. Whether looking for breed standard, a specific color, body composition, or milking ability, select the best of the herd to reproduce. The remaining animals can be sold, kept as pets, or go to freezer camp. Remember, the genetic direction of your herd is contingent on selecting the best buck to breed because he will contribute half of the genes of your future kids.

Reproduced from US magazine Backyard Goats adapted to suit UK

A Crash Course for Goat Breeding Season

Call it procreation, replication, or proliferation; goats do it too and they do it well.

It's goat breeding season.

This time of year is less exciting than kidding season, but they go hand in hand for obvious reasons. It's a natural act, but that doesn't mean conscientious the herd owner can't intervene to make things go smoothly. Want tips? I've gathered the best.

The first thing to keep in mind is timing, because there are a *lot* of numbers to consider. Goats like to breed in the autumn, from September to March. The shorter days can signify to the animals that it's time to get busy if they want those spring babies. Does go into heat, called estrus, roughly every 21 days. They can breed while in estrus for 12-36 hours. Gestation lasts about five months. If your area is prone to inclement weather January through March, plan on breeding your goats closer to December. Trust me. We had a kid born in the middle of a blizzard in February due to early-season breeding. Never again. We named her "Stark" from Game of Thrones because it felt like winter was coming. Again. In "spring." Thanks, Nevada.

Fear not, however, because ideal timing is easily attainable and occurs by keeping the buck separated from the does until you are ready to breed. A mature buck can cover around 30 does and should be left with the girls for 40-45 days (approximately two heat cycles). In the UK observe your mated goats for signs of return at 21 days, as we in the UK usually don't leave the billy in the dairy system, but it is done with the meat breeds.

It should be noted that bucklings from the previous kidding season need to be separated from the herd fairly early because they have been recorded mating as young as three to four months old. Goatlings should be bred for their first time at 18 months of age.

I want to stress the importance of letting the buck mate when *you* want him to mate. Bucks have a tendency to act completely different when they are in rut. First off, they have a unique musty odor only attainable by peeing on one's own face. Consider this when building a buck pen, and keep him far away from the

Cornwall Goatkeepers – Autumn Pygmy Show

17th August 2019

Judge Mrs Sharon Davies – Devon

Male Kid - 1 entered – 1 forward

1st Gruzelier Goron – G&S Gruzelier

Adult Male – 3 entered – 2 forward

1st Gallaine Sprite – N Julian

2nd Gallaine Smart – N Julian

Best Male – Gallaine Sprite Reserve Best Male – Gallaine Smart

Female Kid – 3 entered – 3 forward

1st Gruzelier Wenna – G&S Gruzelier

2nd Celandine Joy – G Lea Wurzbach

3rd Celandine Jet – G Lea Wurzbach

Goatling – 4 entered – 4 forward

1st Gruzelier Peaches – G&S Gruzelier

2nd Celandine Ivy – G Lea Wurzbach

3rd Celandine Isabelle – G Lea Wurzbach

4th Hendra Tiffany – O Eddy

Adult Female 5 entered – 5 forward

1st Gallaine Mamba – N Julian

2nd Gallaine Poloma – N Julian

3rd Gallaine Faith – G Lea Wurzbach

4th Paradise Brandy – O Eddy

5th Gallaine Freda – G Lea Wurzbach

Veteran Female – 1 entered – 1 forward

1st Gallaine Vera – N Julian

Best Female – Gallaine Mamba Reserve Best Female – Gruzelier Peaches

Dam & Progeny 4 entered – 4 forward

1st Gallaine Faith – G Lea Wurzbach

2nd Gallaine Freda – G Lea Wurzbach

3rd Gallaine Poloma – N Julian

4th Paradise Brandy – O Eddy

Wethers – 6 entered – 6 forward

1st Celandine Hero – G Lea Wurzbach

2nd Bracken Herbert – (Pickles) – Scarlet Frampton

3rd Hendra George – O Eddy

4th Hendra Oscar – O Eddy

5th Gruzelier Loren – G&S Gruzelier

6th Bracken Harry – (Bertie) – C Johnson

Pair of Goats 4 entered – 4 forward

1st Gruzelier Peaches and Wenna – G&S Gruzelier

2nd Celandine Ivy and Isabelle – G Lea Wurzbach

3rd Bracken Harry and Herbert – C Johnson

4th Paradise Brandy and Hendra Oscar – O Eddy

Junior Exhibitors 3 entered – 3 forward

1st Scarlet Frampton – aged 6

1st Gabrielle Lea Wurzbach – aged 12

1st Elsie Frampton – aged 3

Best in Show - Gallaine Mamba

Reserve Best in Show – Gallaine Sprite



CORNWALL GOATKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 2019

	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>		
Subscriptions		314.00
Santander Sale of Rights Issue and Dividends		9.64
<u>Net Receipts</u>		
Spring Show		140.10
Kernow Show		-
Male and Young Stock Show		240.30
Publicity Stall (Stock held)		3.00
		<u>707.04</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
BGS Fees and Magazine	55.00	
Public Liability Insurance	129.24	
Magazine Expenses	405.26	
Pygmy Club Subscription	14.00	
Gifts, Vouchers and Donations	25.00	
Net Loss on AGM	24.16	
Loss on Kernow Show	40.42	
Rosettes, etc.	514.79	
Website Fees and Domain	47.99	
Stationery and Sundries	1.95	1257.81
		<u>(550.77)</u>
<u>Net (Deficit) for the Year</u>		
<u>Opening Balances at 1.10.2018</u>		
Cash in Hand	227.77	
Bank Account	<u>2,549.98</u>	<u>2,777.75</u>
<u>Closing Balance at 30.9.2019</u>		
Cash in Hand	164.03	
Bank Account	<u>2,062.95</u>	<u>2,226.98</u>

Accountant's Report

In accordance with the instructions given to me I have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the attached Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th September, 2019 from the accounting records, information and explanations supplied to me.

Peter Margetts

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1st October 2019