



British Llama Society

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FOR THE URGENT ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS

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Dear Member,

BRITISH LLAMA SOCIETY AT THE ROYAL COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE SHOW, NEWBURY SHOWGROUND Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 September 2007.

Uncertainty within our membership following the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and the imposition by DEFRA of a total ban on all movements of FMD susceptible animals has led to the cancellation of the planned BLS event which was to be held at the Royal County of Berkshire Show Ground at Newbury. The organisers of the show have subsequently also decided to cancel all livestock show classes.

However, BLS have agreed with the Show Organisers to continue to support them as much as possible. To this end it is proposed that BLS would provide the following;

1. BLS to provide an information and advisory service with information boards and pictures – using BCL education and display facilities.
2. **BLS are hoping to be able to provide llamas for display if the DEFRA movement restrictions are lifted in time (currently the earliest day for removal of movement restrictions is 10 September). There will be no llama show classes though. Several members have already been identified who are willing and able to provide llamas if the situation permits. This is being organised by David Pryse. Please call David directly if you are able and willing to provide llamas for the display.**
3. BLS to provide a small spinning demonstration and fibre display with a “touch facility” so that people can see and feel llama and alpaca fibre. This is being organised by Gwynneth Hogger.
4. BLS to provide a display of llama products. This is being organised by Mary Pryse.
5. Photos of llamas to be displayed as part of a photo competition to be judged by Rosemary Balsdon, Chairman of the Show Committee – see attached entry form. There will be prizes. This is being organised by Jane Brown.
6. BLS to provide short displays, throughout the day, on handling llamas, with commentary – grooming, haltering, fitting a pack, etc
7. Llama Trekking Organisations display – to include a map of UK with llama trekking centres identified and leaflets available. If you wish to be included send your fliers / leaflets to Jane Brown ASAP.
8. Small displays by some related feed merchants, weighing machine manufacturer, microchip producer, etc.

The Newbury Show will provide a marquee, crowd control barriers for penning, water tap, electricity, small PA system with single wired microphone and straw for llama bedding. The public will still be able to meet the llamas and photographs can be taken and questions asked.

Unfortunately the planned BBQ and social event will not take place due to lack of support from BLS Members. Despite the cancellation of this BBQ, I believe that several members are planning to “over-night” at the Show Ground and will be organising their own food and refreshments. I am sure they will be glad of additional company if you are attending the show.

If you are able to assist in any way please contact one of the following as soon as possible:

David Pryse – Tel: 01295 768676

Animals for display or if you are able and willing to man the stand or assist in any other way.

Jane Brown – Tel: 01608 661893

Photo competition & Llama Trekking organisations display.

Gwynneth Hogger – Tel: 01473 785529

Spinning demonstration and fibre display

Mary Pryse – Tel: 01295 768676

Llama products for display

This will be a major opportunity for BLS to display itself to the public at one of the UK’s major shows. Please support your Society. If nothing else, at least enter the photo competition.

Yours sincerely,

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