



British Boer Goat Society

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Dear Members,

With Christmas just around the corner, the festive season is truly at its peak, as we count down the final days to Christmas Day.

We are pleased to share the latest BBGS news and updates, along with a glimpse of what the coming months have in store.

We hope you enjoy reading and wish you all a very Happy Christmas.





Slow Roasted Goat with Cumin

Serves six

2.25kg Leg Joint
70g Butter at room temperature
3 Garlic cloves
2 Teaspoons ground Cumin
3 Teaspoons ground Coriander
1 Teaspoon Paprika
Preheat oven to 220°C.

Method

- o Make small deep slits in the top and sides of the joint.
- o Mix butter, garlic, cumin, coriander and paprika into a smooth paste, rub the mixture over the joint ensuring it is all covered.
- o Place in a deep roasting tin and bake for 10 mins. Baste with the juices and return to the oven, lowering the temperature to 160°C.
- o Bake for 3 ¼ hours, basting every 30 minutes to ensure the meat stays tender.

Enjoy!

Grassroots

When you have indulged in one too many mince pies and need a quiet half-hour to yourself, why not take a moment to log into Grassroots, it is the perfect opportunity to retreat to a quiet corner and update your records.

A small task to keep things in order before the New Year.



Payments

A gentle reminder when making a payment to BBGS by either BACS or PayPal could you please add your membership number and a reference to your payment i.e. Transfer, Membership or Reg.

Until payments are received transactions cannot be undertaken.



Show dates 2026.

Staffordshire County Show, 27th & 28th May 2026

[» Staffordshire County Show](#)

Judge – Mr Phillip Hall

Royal Three Counties Show, 12th-14th June 2026

[Home - Royal Three Counties](#)

Judge – Mr Johan Strauss

Royal Lancashire Agricultural Show, 3rd-5th July 2026

[Home - The Royal Lancashire Agricultural Show](#)

Judge – Mr Engel Krupers

DON'T FORGET

BBGS MEMBERS EXCLUSIVE OFFER!

Thinking about attending one of the **BBGS-supported shows**?
If you are a **BBGS member**, we have got something special just for you...

🎉 **WE WILL REFUND YOUR TICKET PRICE!** 🎉

Here is what you get:

- **Single Members:** Full refund of **1 Adult ticket**
- **Joint Members:** Refund of **1.5 Adult tickets**

That is right — come along, enjoy the Boer Goat showing, listen to the experts, mingle with Boer goat enthusiasts, soak in the atmosphere, and experience everything these fantastic shows have to offer... **on us!**

This is a brilliant chance to support the breed, enjoy great events, and make the most of your BBGS membership.

Do not miss out!

Religious Holiday Dates

In the UK some of these holidays, particularly Ramadan and Eid will affect the demand for goat meat and therefore the price, especially of goats sold at market, or traded directly with abattoirs.

Epiphany	6 th January 2026
Passover	1 st -9th April 2026
Western Roman Easter	5 th April 2026
Eastern Orthodox Easter	12 th April 2026
Ramadan	17 th Feb -18 th March 2026
Eid ul-Fitr	19 th March 2026
Eid ul- Adha	26 th May -30 th May 2026
Muharram	26 th June 2026
Rosh Hashanah	11th-13th September 2026
Navadurgara or Navatra Dashara or Dassai	17 th October 2026
Diwali	8 th November 2026
Hanukkah	4th -12 th December 2026
Mawlid al-Nabi	25th August 2026
Christmas	25th December 2026



Christian Holidays- Epiphany, Easter, and Christmas- tend to prefer younger goats.

Mediterranean dwelling Christians often eat goat for their Christmas meal.

Jewish Holiday- Passover, Rosh Hashanah, animals must be slaughtered under kosher law and standards.

Islamic Holidays- Ramadan is a month of fasting. Muslims will fast from sunrise to sunset. Each day the fast is broken by a communal meal after sunset, goats required are no older than 12 months and males, females and castrates are fine.

Eid ul-Fitr- is the breaking of the Ramadan fast, marks the end of Ramadan- requires goats as for Ramadan.

Eid ul-Adha – known as the festival of sacrifice, animals sacrificed for this celebration must be halal. Type of goat required must be blemish free meaning horns must be present and ideally it should not be castrated. During this holiday,

the meat is often shared with family and neighbours so generally a larger animal is preferred- e.g. yearlings.

Muharram and mawlid al- Nabi- does not specify the type of goat required.

Hindu Holiday- Navadurgara or Navatra Dashara or Dassai- curried goat is often served, type of goat required is tender male goats, females not acceptable.

Diwali- the “festival of lights”- no specific type of goat required.



Kidding Season Is Nearly Here

As we head into the next six weeks, many of our members will be preparing for the start of kidding season. It is an exciting time filled with planning, anticipation, and those final checks to make sure everything is ready for the does and their soon-to-arrive kids.

Now is the perfect moment to:

- Refresh kidding kits and restock essentials.
- Prepare warm, clean pens and safe birthing areas.
- Keep a close eye on body condition and late pregnancy nutrition.
- Watch for those subtle early signs that kidding is getting closer.

Kidding may not have begun yet, but it will not be long before sheds are busy, and new arrivals are keeping everyone on their toes. We wish all our breeders a smooth, successful season ahead.

If you would like to share your photos once the kids start arriving, we would love to feature them in our newsletters.

We would like to thank all our members for their continued support and their dedication to improving the Boer goat in the UK.

Your hard work, passion, and commitment are what drive the breed forward year after year.



The BBGS would also like to wish all our members a **wonderful Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.

May the festive season bring you rest, joy, and a great start to the year ahead.

Best regards
***Trustees of the British Boer Goat
Society***