



Goat Veterinary Society Summer Conference 2026

In association with the Milking Goat Association

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th June 2026

**Cave Castle Hotel, Church Hill, South Cave, Brough,
Yorkshire HU15 2EU**

The Goat Veterinary Society is pleased to announce that this year we will be hosting our 2026 summer conference in Yorkshire. This year we are hosting our conference in association with the Milking Goat Association (MGA). The GVS has worked closely with MGA for many years, and we hope this event will bring our members together under one roof with the joint interest of furthering goat health and welfare.

As well as a plethora of dairy goat presentations across the conference, our speaker programme includes talks for veterinary professionals and goatkeepers on day-to-day topics such as worm control, anaesthesia, neurology and nutrition.

With thanks to our sponsors for supporting this event:

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What is the Milking Goat Association (MGA)?

The Milking Goat Association brings together UK goat dairy producers to share knowledge, drive productivity, and improve animal health and welfare. The goat dairy sector has experienced rapid changes during recent years, better genetics, tighter disease control, and a stronger focus on kid rearing and staff training are now the norm. As farms continue to scale up and improve technology, our members feel that it is more important than ever, to come together and form an Association which represents the farming community's shared interests.

Visit the MGA website: <https://www.milkinggoat.org.uk/>

Hotel room booking information

The conference hotel is Cave Castle Hotel, Church Hill, South Cave, Brough, Yorkshire HU15 2EU. GVS and MGA have reserved rooms for conference attendees. The rooms reserved for attendees are 1 night bed and breakfast on Weds 3rd June 2026. Room costs are £90 single occupancy or £100 double occupancy. Room booking includes access to the hotel gym, spa and swimming pool. This booking does not include the Wednesday evening conference meal. Payment is via invoice to GVS.

A limited number of rooms are also available to book via the GVS at the Fox and Coney, 52 Market PI, South Cave, Brough HU15 2AT. Rooms are reserved for 1 night on Weds 3rd June 2026, overnight accommodation only, breakfast can be booked and paid at



check in. Room prices vary from £95 - £135. Payment is via invoice to GVS.

To book and pay for reserved conference rooms, please contact the GVS Secretary on gvs.enquiries@gmail.com with your room requirement. Rooms are very limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE 2026

FARM WALK

- Location: supplied upon registration. Within a one hour drive from the Cave Castle Hotel.
- Timings: 13.00 - 17.00
- Includes farm tour with the farm team and disbudding demonstration with the farm's veterinary team. Programme supplied upon registration.
- Includes light refreshments.

Limited capacity - book early to avoid disappointment!

Free of charge private coach transport will be available for farm walk attendees, with transfer from Cave Castle Hotel to the farm for the start of the walk, and transfer from the farm back to Cave Castle Hotel at the end of the walk. Coach transfer details will be supplied to registered attendees.



Limited car parking for attendees available.

Reception drinks and evening meal - Cave Castle Hotel

Reception drinks and evening meal from 7.00pm, in the Balmoral Suite. Three course dinner and drinks, casual dress code.

THURSDAY 4TH JUNE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS FOR GOAT VETERINARY SOCIETY AND THE MILKING GOAT ASSOCIATION, SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS.

Cave Castle Hotel, Church Hill, South Cave, Brough, Yorkshire HU15 2EU

Location in hotel: Balmoral Suite

Accessibility - wheelchair access on ground floor.

Note: MGA AGM will be located in the King's suite (upstairs to the right of the doors to the Balmoral Suite).

TIMING:	SPEAKER	SUBJECT
9.30 – 10.00 Balmoral Suite	GVS Annual General Meeting	
9.30 - 10.00 Kings Suite	MGA Annual General Meeting	
10.00 – 10.30	MGA Speaker: Graham Fry, Goat Milk Company	State of the UK Goat Milk Market in 2026.



10.30 – 11.00	MGA Speaker: Olivier Danel a French Nuffield Scholar, Synetics.	Doeling Reproduction as a Strategic Lever in Modern Dairy Goat Herds
11.00 – 11.30	Tea / coffee break.	
11.30 – 12.00	Phillipa Page, FlockHealth Ltd and SVS.	Nutrition of the Pregnant Doe.
12.00 – 12.30	Emily Collins-Winsgate NoBACZ Healthcare Ltd (Sponsor).	Novel uses of gel-barrier technology in small ruminants.
12.30 – 1.00	Al Manning, QMMS	Investigating milk quality failures.
1.00 – 2.00	Lunch	
2.00 – 2.30	Dave Bartley, Moredun.	Haemonchosis – there's a lot of it about!
2.30 – 3.00	Florence Hillen, Nottingham Vet School	Anaesthesia in goats and anaesthetic emergencies.
3.00 – 3.30	Karin Mueller, Liverpool Vet School	My approach to a goat neurological problem



<p>3.30 – 3.50</p>	<p>Phoebe Smythe, RVC Final Year Project.</p>	<p>Small scale goat keeper opinions on the role of vets in goat health and husbandry.</p>
<p>3.50 – 4.10</p>	<p>Yasmine Cooper, Wright and Morten Farm Vets.</p>	<p>Back to Basics Worm Control.</p>
<p>4.10</p>	<p>Close of Meeting</p>	