



## **The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society**

Dear Members

I hope that the foaling season has gone well for everyone and that you and your ponies are now enjoying summer at last after the extremes of last winter. Hopefully there will be a better hay crop this year and it will not be in such short supply this winter which made for such huge price increases. Several breeders I have met at shows this season have indicated that they are not intending to breed from as many mares as usual and that only their very best will be put in foal as the general feeling is that too many foals have been bred over the last few years. This can only be a good thing for our breed as the future of the breed depends on quality not quantity and with nearly 4000 foals being registered last year I sincerely hope that those breeders who have been breeding in large numbers will give serious thought to the welfare and future of those ponies.

Guy Hurst attended the meeting regarding the issue of equine Passports in Birmingham on behalf of the SPSBS and Mountain & Moorland breeds and he has been appointed chairman by all the equine breeds of a newly formed committee. DEFRA will not now be removing passport issuing status from the breed societies as a direct result of the societies presenting a united front and forming this very important committee who will liaise and work with DEFRA to produce a passport issuing strategy which will enable breed societies to keep their issuing authority. The aim is to produce a completely uniform passport for all equines. Guy is very well thought of by DEFRA and the other breed societies and has and will be in future regularly attending a lot of meetings in relation to this. He makes an exceptional contribution to the Society and I know members will join me in a big vote of thanks to him for the personal time he gives and the work he undertakes on behalf of the SPSBS.

With best wishes to you all.

*Sue Bowling*

*President*

### **MAGAZINE ADVERTISEMENT RATES 2012**

As members will be aware advertising rates for the magazine have remained unchanged for the last 4 years, since the 2008 issue. Due to ever increasing costs we shall have to make a small increase for the 2012 publication, whole page A4 will increase from £125 to £140 and half page will increase from £80 to £90. **However advertisers who take a whole page will receive a free copy**, so therefore in real terms this is only a very small increase for these advertisers. These rates are still extremely good value as members will remember that prior to 2008 the magazine was A5 (therefore half the size) and the rate was £140 for a full page then. The Society magazine is very well supported and provides a permanent record of breeders, studs and achievements as well as articles of interest to Shetland pony enthusiasts.

## Change to Foal Registration Deadline

The deadline for submitting foal registration forms has changed to 31st October. As there are limited numbers born after this date, it would greatly assist the office staff and accountants with the preparation of the final year end figures. **All foal registrations received up until the deadline will go into the stud book for that year, any registrations received after the 31st October deadline will go into the following year's stud book.**

## Posting Passports

Passports will continue to be sent by ordinary post. If you wish your passports to be returned by recorded mail, please ensure you include the postage when sending documents in to the Office. If you are unsure of the postage rates, please contact the Society office for clarification.

## NEWSLETTERS by EMAIL

Every time the Society sends out a newsletter, the postage costs to the Society amount to in excess of £600. As we send out four newsletters per annum, then it is not difficult to see that postage costs for this alone amount to over £2,400 per annum. Whilst the Council appreciates that some members do not have facilities to receive correspondence by email, if as many members as possible were to agree to receive their newsletters in this way, then the postage costs for the Society would be substantially reduced. Council would therefore be grateful if those members who are able to receive the newsletter by email would contact the office (preferably by email!) and confirm that they are happy to receive the newsletter in this fashion and also confirming the correct email address to which it should be sent. It is very much a sign of the times that this method of communication is being used and some Societies are now only dealing with members by email, without the choice of correspondence by mail. Council does not propose going down this line but co-operation from members who are able to accept emailed newsletters would be much appreciated.

## BREED SHOW 2012

The Breed Show 2012 has been offered to the previous organisers of the successful 2007 Breed Show at Builth Wells but this has been rejected by the Show Secretary, Mrs Audrey Jones, due to lack of support and time.

If there are any offers from members for organising this event in Wales would you please contact the office **urgently** within SEVEN DAYS to enable alternative plans to be made.

## Council Resignation

David Hodge has resigned from Council. He has not attended any Council meetings since his election in January 2011.

**Closing date for adverts  
for the next newsletter  
is  
Friday 28th October 2011.**

### Registrations

Anyone wishing to sell foals at any of the Society's autumn sales must submit their foal registrations no later than 4 weeks before the sale closing date. This will ensure that the office has enough time to process the registration, enter the details on the database (so the Auctioneers can check the entries) and for the passport to be issued to the breeder in plenty time for travelling to the sale.



*The Society would appreciate it if those members paying annually could return their old plastic membership cards to the office, so that we may recycle them. Cards can be handed in to a member of staff at Society sales or posted along with any paperwork you happen to be sending in.*

### EXPORTS/IMPORTS

**Council would like to remind any members importing ponies to be cautious. The pony's lineage must trace back to the mother stud-books. It is up to the person importing the pony to prove the pedigree. Ponies must now be micro-chipped before they leave/enter the country.**

### TRANSFERS

Sellers are reminded that when selling a pony, the passport and a signed transfer form **MUST** be given to the new owner. It is the new owner's responsibility to pay for the change of ownership and to send the paperwork in to record the transfer. Purchasers are also required to pay for the transfer fees of any ponies they purchase at Society sales.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

If members have a query regarding Society Accounts for Annual General Meetings please address this to the Society accountants:- Miller McIntyre & Gellatly, Chapelshade House, 78-74 Bell Street, Dundee DD1 1RQ for the attention of Mr John S. Gellatly, **14 working days** prior to the AGM in order that they may receive an individual response.

### Council Nominations

Anyone wishing to stand for Council is reminded that nomination forms **MUST** be in by 1st May each year. Forms are available from the Society office.

### Society Sales

**It has been brought to Council's attention that some vendors are entering ponies into Society sales, but selling the animals before the sale takes place. This practice is unacceptable and unfair to potential buyers who, in some instances, travel long distances to bid for ponies only to get to the sale to find out they are not forward. We would ask that vendors please refrain from this practice.**

### 2011 Council Meeting Dates

**Friday 4th November**

Please be reminded if you are sending any correspondence in for the attention of Council, this **must** be received at least **2 weeks prior to the meeting.**

### SOCIETY TABLE

The Shetland Society Merchandise table will be present at the Reading Shetland sale, York and Carlisle sales. Hopefully these will be well supported by members and we look forward to seeing you at these events.

**Online Stinting certificates** are now available. See website for details.

## 2011 Magazine Omission

The winner of the 2010 SPS-BS National Awards Scheme Breeder award was **Buxted Stud** with 560 points. Apologies to the Buxted stud for the omission.

## ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

The facility to register additional produce and geldings is now up and running. Can we please remind members to make full use of the online service certificates also available on the Grassroots system. A full set of instructions accompanies this newsletter.

## Receipts

In an effort to try and keep postage costs as low as possible, Council agreed that anyone wishing a receipt should include a S.A.E. with their paperwork when they submit it into the office, or provide an email address which they would like it emailed to.

## Shetland Pony Trading Website

The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society gifts and merchandise can now be ordered online! Many of our members and European friends have asked for this facility for some time and we are pleased to be able to present our super catalogue. Please visit [www.shetlandponytrading.co.uk](http://www.shetlandponytrading.co.uk)

## The International Show 2012

It will be a special Dutch Jubilee Show celebrating their 75th anniversary of their studbook. It will be held at Emelo which is approx 2 hours from Rotterdam. It will be held from 1st to 4th August.  
Further information can be found at [www.nsp75jaar.nl](http://www.nsp75jaar.nl)

## PONIES FOR SALE

**Abbotsbury Zak** (AK1844). A most reluctant sale of this outstanding pony, who has done so well for us over the years. He is **11 years old** and **40" rich chestnut**. He represented the Society at HOYS for 3 years in the Interactive area and gained many friends. He also took part in the Pageant in Sweden. Winner of many coloured stallion breed show classes and National Championships. **Sire of many successful offspring** including the 2009 and 2010 foal of the year. He also headed the line up in many National Progeny classes. He is a super boy in all respects, good to do and a delight to show. **Good with his mares** and never fails. We wish to downsize as we get older and Zak needs to be used for the potential that he has. A loving and caring lifetime home is what we would wish for this super pony, but will be sad to see him leave us. Your enquiries are invited.

**Claylands Gorsty Freya** (AK0226). Delightful **chestnut mare**, **11 years old**, produces lovely offspring. **Recently broken to ride** and seems to enjoy her new role, but we have no-one to ride her so another reluctant sale.

**Claylands Amethyst** (AU2449) **3 year old**. Delightful little pony in all respects, **should make 39"** at maturity.

Maurice Arden or Shirley Nadin, Claylands Shetland Ponies  
Tel: 01538 266086 email: [gorsty@aol.com](mailto:gorsty@aol.com)

**Skewbald stallion**, Edern Ithel, 32½. **Excellent conformation** and temperament. Good bone, wealth of mane & tail. He would be an asset to any stud. Also a **selection of youngstock and mares** for sale. Sadly for sale as reducing stud.

**Tel: 01406 373188**

## Haybrake Halters

Miniature foal halters made to fit the smallest head  
2 sizes available  
Newborn to 6 months  
Contact: Ann 01651 821116

## Northern Shetland Enthusiasts

We have been invited to get involved with the Beamish Museum Show again and this year we hope to be holding our event on the afternoon of 18th September. Schedules available from the Butterby Shetlands website via Northern Enthusiasts page or direct from Beamish. I have been approached by one or two members to see if we could get enough interest to merit a local Voluntary Stallion Inspection Scheme – I would welcome your views and expressions of interest.

There is an annual stallion show in Holland in the New Year and if anyone is interested in attending then please get in touch and details will be provided. The likelihood is that a small contingent from the group with others from the Yorkshire Group will attend.

If you can think of anything you would like to happen in the summer for the group please let me know, there is a weekend in August when there is no local show, so we could perhaps do something then.

**Keith Hutchings, Co-ordinator Tel: 0191 378 0062 (after 6pm) or 07843 485352**

## MAGAZINE 2012

The editorial committee would like to thank those members who have responded to the previous newsletter with offers of articles for the annual magazine. It now makes for some new planning for the layout of the next edition as we are in something of a dilemma! Combining the show results with the magazine has negated the £2000 loss that printing the magazine and results separately incurred. However the results take up some 70 pages, roughly a third of the magazine. The committee is aware that some members enjoy viewing the results in print and some would prefer more articles about ponies but obviously there is a limit to the overall size and weight that is appropriate for printing and postage. The show results can be viewed on-line on the Society website and while this is acceptable to many as part of modern communications, some members have not got access to this. However the office are now able to print a hard copy in house for anyone who requests one and this may be the best way forward and would enable the magazine to include more articles of interest and value.

**To help the committee to arrive at a decision to include or exclude the results we would be grateful if members who feel strongly either way would notify the office accordingly by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011.**

## Clicking Joints—Response to Magazine 2011 Article (page 62)

Our little pony had been brushed and polished and ready to take on all comers and loaded up a treat with her running mate and off we went. It was an awful journey, stop start, twisty up and down narrow roads, it seemed to have it all.

Time for our class and within yards of the lorry, towards the ring, we heard it, click, click....no it can't be, but there was no mistaking it and it got worse as when we entered the ring to do our show, it was awful, I could hear it and hoped the judge wouldn't, but don't be daft, of course the judge would hear it as it was so bad, the whole of the crowd of onlookers could hear it. it's a wonder that Mount Snowdon didn't take fright and erupt there and then!! I wondered if I should take her out of the ring, but no, she needed the ring practice, so I decided to stay on and do my piece, the click was still there at the walk, but nothing at the trot.

With judging completed, we were placed down the line as could be expected, with the racket we had been kicking up, but the kindly judge had a quiet word with us and I think that both of us were keen to read what the article in the Magazine had to say for itself and, having read it, it makes a lot of sense and confirms what my Daughter in law had told me ages ago, when I heard her knee's crack when she knelt down on the floor.....the doctors had told her, ITS WIND!!! (Air).

However, rather than another terrible drive home, we came the main road way back, further yes, but quicker and on unloading the ponies at home. No sign of clicking as we led them down to the paddock. The following weekend was a much further trip, on good roads, no stopping a starting, ponies arrived in good order, showed well and no sign of clicking and a good result to boot and a sigh of relief from the Claylands camp.

So I guess the moral of the story is, don't worry too much about clicking, it is not a fault as such in a pony/horse, see the article in the Magazine, it appears in our case, one of stress, due to the movement of the vehicle on roads that are unkind to travellers, in this case our ponies and no matter how considerate a driver one is, the problem is there and may effect one pony more than another, this was our little girls first trip away from her Mum and that may not have helped matters, so choose your route carefully and allow more than enough time for the trip.

*Maurice Arden*

## **Breed Show 2011**

Well done to Mr & Mrs Tomlinson's Birchmoor Admiral (bred by the Barugh Family), ridden by Alice Tomlinson, who was Supreme Champion at the Breed show. Reserve Supreme was the miniature champion, Kerswell Commando (bred by Mr & Mrs A. Dennis) from Mr & Mrs R. Jones.

Ring Champions were as follows :-

**Black** - Sharptor Trinity (Mr J. Walters), **Reserve** - Dryknowl Verity Plum (Mesd. Needham & Hinch)

**Miniature** - Kerswell Commando, **Reserve** - Parlinton Rosamund (Parlinton Stud)

**Coloured** - Butterby Isis (Butterby Stud), **Reserve** - Sharptor Ursula (Mr J. Walters)

**Ridden** - Birchmoor Admiral, **Reserve** - Rosbestman of Transy (Transy Stud)

**Driven** - Mr R.L.M. Lanni, **Reserve** - Clothie Shetland Pony Stud

*Full results will be available on the Society website show results page.*