



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

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Dear Members,

It has been some time since the last newsletter due to the unusual length of time between our June and November Council meetings. As I have indicated in previous newsletters we aim to provide a useful publication which includes factual up to date information for members as soon as possible after Council meetings. Next year our meetings are as regularly spaced throughout the year as we can achieve. I know members will appreciate that as Council members bear the costs of their own expenses in attending Council meetings, these necessarily have to fit in with their business and family commitments where possible.

Included in this newsletter is a lengthy update on the procedures currently in operation in the Society office. As with any organisation this runs with a commitment to meet the ongoing challenges that occur in any administrative body. As you will read this has been a challenging year with the change over and updating of the Society database. Council was unaware that our previous database and computer system was in such a state of terminal decline and have had to address some very serious issues in this department. Our office staff had to learn a completely new system and have coped admirably with all the additional workload thrown at them. A full explanation is given in this newsletter.

The International meeting with our Daughter Stud-Book Societies was held the day following the Council meeting in Perth. Ten delegates from overseas attended and discussion took place on the location of future meetings. The difficulties and time involved for our European colleagues to attend a meeting in Perth was discussed and a request was made to hold future meetings near Stansted Airport which is an easily accessible destination for all. The feeling put forward was that time and finances required to attend this meeting should be used purely to discuss the business of stud-books and that this was not a social occasion. It was felt that with this location many more would be able to attend with minimal time and finance constraints.

The European delegation suggested that the words 'Mother Stud-Book Society' be replaced with 'Stud-Book of Origin'. They also felt that it was not useful to continue using the terminology ISPC and would much prefer in order to forge productive relationships in the future with the Stud-Book of Origin (SPSBS) that this should be abandoned. Some misunderstanding had arisen about the status of the ISPC – this was simply a forum instigated in 1991 between different countries and chaired by the Stud-Book of Origin when the harmonisation of stud-books first began. Some of the original members of the ISPC thought that only one representative from each country could attend these meetings regardless of how many stud-books there may be in any one country but this is totally incorrect and illegal and against the basic principles of the European legislation. The Stud-Book of Origin has a legal duty to recognise all officially recognised stud-books of Shetland ponies even if this means there are multiple recognised stud-books within one country. In future an annual meeting should take place between the Stud-Book of Origin and stud-books recognised under 92/353 by the European Commission, which means any officially recognised stud-book for Shetland ponies recognised as such by each country's respective Ministry and notified to the European Commission. Please note there can be many officially recognised stud-books in any one country.

The Stud-Book of Origin does not grant official recognition. Neither does the ISPC which has no legal status or power whatsoever.

One of the main topics of conversation was the fundamental objectives of the SPSBS. It was explained very clearly that we are a pedigree stud-book not a performance stud-book and that it is a closed stud-book. The SPSBS was set up to record and protect the purity and pedigree of Shetland ponies. This means all ponies entered in the Stud-Book of Origin automatically have pedigrees which date back to the very first stud-book (apart from a limited number inspected after the war). We are aware that our membership regards this as being of paramount importance. The purity of our pedigrees is the sole objective for which the SPSBS was formed which must not be compromised in any way. Under EU96/78 ponies are acceptable for entry into the stud-book where their sire and dam are already entered. In our stud-book it follows that these parents themselves automatically have respective sires and dams entered in the stud-book right back to the beginning (again excepting the few after the war).

It was made clear at the meeting that many of our delegates who represent international stud-books thought the only criteria for entry was based on a limited generation pedigree. Confusion has arisen over the terminology of one, two or three generations being required for entry into a pedigree Shetland pony stud-book and that in the past some ponies whose parentage was not recorded have been introduced into stud-books abroad. Members should be aware that if they import a pony they should be able to trace its pedigree back through the generations to the Stud-Book of Origin, just as they would expect with all ponies purchased in this country.

The day after the International meeting delegates attended an exhibition of ponies at Perth Livestock Market ably organised by the local Group where a diverse range of ponies was on display emphasising the great variety within the breed. Many thanks to all those members who took part and put so much effort to making this such a great success.

Our dispute with the Dutch Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society is still on-going and we await a meeting between SEERAD, DEFRA and the respective Ministries in London, hopefully to settle this matter once and for all.

With this newsletter you will also receive draft minutes of the AGM held at the Breed Show in August. I am particularly pleased that those present voted overwhelmingly to adopt the resolution incorporating the rules of registration into the constitution of the Society with amendments only possible by a General Meeting attended by 40% of the membership. Following the AGM the constitution has been amended and will shortly be available on the web-site.

I would like to express my thanks to Ruth and David Gibson and the committee of this year's Breed Show for organising such a memorable event.

With my very best wishes for a happy Christmas.

*Guy Hurst, President*

## **MEMBERS PASSWORDS**

Members will be pleased to know that with all 2009 membership renewals a log in and password will be sent with all 2009 membership cards in order for members to access the Society data base and look up pedigrees, breeding records, individual pony details etc. All life members will receive a new plastic membership card and login password details.

The office staff have had refresher training in order to help with any difficulties members may experience whilst accessing the data base for the first time. The SPSBS do not plan to go live with registrations at this time but simply give members access to the information stored on the Society data base. At a later date it is intended to offer an online registration and transfer service etc.

## STUD BOOK

The Council apologises for the delayed printing of the studbook. The studbook could have been printed in May but would have contained many inaccuracies and therefore would have been a waste of the charitable resources of the Society. The delay has occurred for the following reasons:-

The Society's new data base has a system which will not allow any data to be entered onto the system unless it is correct. For example when a pony is entered the data base checks all the information held on the system about that pony and unless this is all correct it will not allow any data to be entered, until the data is updated and corrected. The Society's old data base did not have this checking system and as such any data could be added even if all previous data held about that animal was totally incorrect. Council had not realised the state of the old data base and how it had been loaded on top of the previous initial data base, or that the information held was corrupted and had many inaccuracies. The old data base was also losing information randomly and the last month's records of the society before the change over were totally lost by the failing system. So when the old data was lifted onto the new grassroots system and even though a tremendous amount of cleaning and correcting of the data was done, the extent of the problem only became apparent once the system was up and running. The Office staff has had to clean and update the data base as problems with the information held have arisen, this has taken considerable time. A decision was reached to manually proof read the entire studbook, private transfers alone were 93 pages and if for example a pony had been transferred several times in just a year to different owners as does happen, then if a problem was identified this had to be put right on the data base right back to the beginning. As members will appreciate the studbook is several hundred pages long and contains a huge amount of information. Of course there will always be a margin of human error as with any publication manually proof read, but not to have proof read would have been unacceptable. This will not happen in 2009 and a printing date of MARCH 2009 could be achieved if members so desire as no future proof reading will have to be done and information can be exchanged in future with the printers electronically with confidence. All the information for the studbook is with the printers and the Society has been given a delivery date of the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2008. The office staff will as ever do their best to get these out to members who have reserved them as soon as possible.

## OFFICE ACCOUNTING POLICY

A new accounting procedure is now operating in the office which we hope members will find helpful. All applications received from now on will be checked at the time of receipt JUST for correct amount of fees for the relevant application, and if fees are correct they will be banked immediately and a receipt will go to the Member. Members will therefore know straight away that their application has been received by the office. **Please note the correctness of the actual applications will not be checked at this stage only the fees.** The application will then go forward for processing in strict date received order. If incorrect fees are enclosed with the application a letter will go out to the Member advising them of the fee inaccuracy and asking them to return the correct fee to the office **within 14 working days.** Failure to do so will result in all the application being returned to the Member.

When the application comes forward for full processing then and only then will all the paperwork be checked and any problems with the applications will then be notified by letter to the Member asking for the correct information to be submitted **within 14 working days.** Failure to do so will result in all the application including the money being returned at this stage and the Member will then need to start the whole application procedure again. It should be stressed that the majority of the members do get their paperwork correct, but there are still members who send in incorrect fees and applications on a regular basis and it unfair for members who send in correct applications to have more time waiting because the office staff are continually trying to sort out the problems of a minority.

## **PREMIER SERVICE**

The office is asked on a regular basis if the Society can provide a special/premium service when members have a particular requirement for applications to be processed quickly (very like the express human passport service or guaranteed next day postal delivery service for which a higher rate of cost is paid).

Council has therefore decided to offer a premium service for one off transactions due to members various special requirements. For example during peak registration/application times the office will always be working with a backlog of thirty working days, all applications are dealt with in strict date received order and this policy has to be observed or chaos ensues. There are times when members may have achieved a sale and the purchaser requires a speedy transfer of ownership or it could be an export or voluntary vetting that is required quickly. At present if a backlog exists this cannot happen. These are not one off incidents, many members telephone the office requesting a matter to be dealt with quickly but obviously if this happens the members who have sent in paperwork and who are waiting in date received order would be continually pushed back further and clearly this would be an unfair system.

The service which will be offered with effect from this newsletter is: -

Premium service for a payment of £15.00p per transaction. The office will guarantee to dispatch the required documentation within two working days of the receipt of the correctly completed paperwork with it's correct fees - plus the £15.00p premier service fee per transaction. This must be paid by credit/debit card only and will be just for members. Per transaction means each foal transfer, vetting etc, so if for example you applied for this service for six foals you would pay six times £15.00p plus the normal rates of registration.

This service will be monitored and if used widely the income generated will be used to further office administration.

## **NEWSFLASH PLEASE READ.**

**SEERAD HAVE INFORMED THE SPSBS THAT THEY STILL REQUIRE THE SILHOUETTE TO BE COMPLETED ON ALL PASSPORT APPLICATIONS EVEN WITH THE IMPLANTATION OF A MICROCHIP.**

This is a REQUIREMENT in force until 1st July 2009 and may be continued beyond that if SEERAD decide not to take up the derogation which allows for PIO (Passport Issuing Office) not to insist legally for the completion of the silhouette even if a microchip has been implanted by a veterinary surgeon.

It maybe that after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 a veterinary surgeon will be the only person who can complete the silhouette, but as yet the SPSBS has not been informed of this and therefore this is just a provisional warning. The SPSBS will endeavour to communicate with SEERAD in order to keep to the current rules which allow breeders to complete the silhouette but if SEERAD decides that silhouettes must still be completed after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 and that this must be done by a veterinary Surgeon at the time the microchip is inserted, then the SPSBS will have to comply with this LEGAL requirement.

Please be aware this is not a SPSBS rule, this is a legal obligation brought in by the European Commission and is LAW. The SPSBS cannot do anything about this, we have to comply.

A sample copy of the new registration form is enclosed for your information.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ONLY USE THE NEW FORM FOR ALL PASSPORT/FOAL REGISTRATIONS FROM 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2009. YOUR APPLICATION CANNOT BE PROCESSED OTHERWISE AND WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU. THIS FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY FOR DOWNLOADING FROM THE SPSBS WEB SITE OR AVAILABLE BY POST FROM THE OFFICE.**

## **OFFICE TELEPHONE**

Comments have been made that the office answerphone is sometimes on during the hours of 11am and 3pm, this happens when all the phone lines are in use at the same time so please leave a message if your call is urgent. It would be much appreciated if, when possible, matters are put in writing or emailed to the office and your request will be dealt with efficiently and as soon as possible. Members are asked on behalf of the office staff not to telephone unless the matter is urgent, the telephone takes up a good deal of office time and at peak periods this stops the office processing applications.

The office currently employs two part time members of staff and two full time members of staff, along with a temporary contract employee for peak times. When Claire is travelling to sales, is at the sales and travelling back from sales, there is only one member of staff in the office on a full time basis and it is not therefore practical or possible when the office workload is at its peak to answer the telephone during this period.

Would members please note that during the Breed Society sales calendar the office will not be answering the telephone but there is of course the facility to leave a message if your requirement is urgent and this will be dealt with as soon as possible.

When Claire is at Society sales she is extremely busy processing transfers and writing up passports so that purchasers do not have to send passports into the office after the sales. This saves much cost and time for everyone. However it is not possible for Claire to deal with or process any other applications or transactions and we respectfully ask that members refrain from asking Claire to handle any other business at this time. In future the only transactions dealt with at Society sales will be those relating directly to the ponies on sale on that day.

### **Please also note:**

A one off issue has arisen which must be rectified now. As stated previously due to extensive problems with the old data base correct data has had to be input onto the new system and the office has to be in a position to close down for the year end and start 2009 applications. The new system will not allow any data to be put on the system for 2009 until 2008 data has been entered correctly. Council has agreed to the office telephones not being answered for 14 working days to enable the office to concentrate on finishing correcting the data base so they can close the data base at close of business on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008. **Therefore the office will not answer the telephones for the first three days of each week until the fourteen days is used up and data is all correctly added to the database. The telephones will be answered on the last two days of every week.**

The telephones will offer a message leaving facility for urgent matters which will be dealt with and Council asks all Members to support the office through this time and help by not telephoning the office unless absolutely urgent. Email or letter would be more helpful.

## **GENERAL**

The office staff would also like Members to be made aware of the two peak registration/passport application times during the year. These are the 1<sup>st</sup> July until 1<sup>st</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> December until 1<sup>st</sup> February. During these times the majority of the 3,500 foal registrations and passport applications come into the office. Even though there are now four computer terminals and four scanners and bar code readers and a very good computer system, there is limit to the amount of applications that can be processed and cross-checked in one day. This is similar to our own passport application system which clearly states that during the summer months when the majority of people take their holidays, their passport applications will be considerably delayed. This is unavoidable and at these times a thirty working day backlog will occur. For instance members will be interested to know that during a 4 week period 1750 foal registration/passport applications came into the office. Also at present the office check all sales entries and the show affiliation packs are sent out during these peak periods.

The office is working efficiently and continues to serve the interest of the majority of the membership very well. The office has had a busy year getting very intensive training on a completely new system, they have coped with a new data base, accounts system, computer system, overcome the data issues which have arisen and still managed a smile! Next year will bring its own challenges when the Society intends to go live with online registrations etc.. Auction marts will be able to electronically check all entries received themselves and show secretaries will also have the facility to check all entries electronically and enter all show results online. It is going to be an exciting progressive year for the Society office as we strive to achieve to offer a good efficient service to our members. As with all things sometimes there will be problems but the staff will seek to address them courteously and efficiently.

*Claire, Kate, Angela, Pauline and Victoria wish you all a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Shetland House.*

### **Bedfordshire Country Show 2009**

Next years two day event to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July, will be upgraded to be the BEFORDSHIRE COUNTY SHOW.

The Parklands Shetland Pony Show Group are to be part of the new and bigger event in 2009. The Shetland pony show which takes place on the Sunday is somewhat unique in that a single breed has and still will be able to enjoy a show ring, now at County level, for a whole day. The show as from 2009 will only be for S.P.S.B.S. registered ponies and a slight reorganisation of classes may have to take place. However many of you who have now been to our summer show will be aware of the class sponsorship and trophies donated by supporters and Shetland Studs. These classes with their awards will remain as will all the popular classes.

The focus on offering more than one class for each and every pony to compete in will remain as will the standard of presentation in the beautiful grounds of Shuttleworth College Country Park.

Make a date for the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

Other shows on the Parklands S.P.S.G. calendar will indoor at the Shuttleworth Equestrian Centre on 12<sup>th</sup> April & 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

### **Equine Clothing Company**

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### **BESWICK FIGURINES**

Due to cancelled export order, I have a quantity of original **Beswick Shetland Pony models** for sale:

4185 – Shetland mane (grey) “Hollydell Dixie”

1033 – Shetland woolly mane (brown)

1034 – Shetland foal (brown)

1648 – Shetland stallion (bay) “Eschonchan Ronay”

All are guaranteed in good condition

For details of price and postage (at cost)

Please telephone 07802 393952 or email

[johnshrtrt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:johnshrtrt@yahoo.co.uk)

## GROUP NEWS

### Shetland & Riding Pony Club N.I. - Summer 2008

The Shetland and Riding Pony Club NI celebrated the end of a very successful 2008 showing season with A FOUR DAY SUMMER CAMP FOR THE CHILDREN, A DRIVING DISPLAY AT THE RARE BREEDS SURVIVAL TRUST ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE, SHETLAND PONY DISPLAY AT THE NI INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW @ THE ODYSSEY ARENA, BELFAST.

The four day summer camp activities kicked off on a sunny Friday morning with a visit to the Share Centre where both young and old alike participated in the thrills and spills of Banana boating and canoeing. With the sun still shining and a quick bite of lunch the Equestrian enthusiasts loaded up some 15 horses and ponies to invade Rosnowlagh Beach in County Donegal for a combination of ridden and driven pursuits. Back at base camp around 8 o'clock the Bar-B-Q was fired-up concluding a very enjoyable first day.

On Saturday morning all set off for a six mile ride and drive through the picturesque Florence Court estate. In the late afternoon the scene changed to the highly charged and exciting indoor activity laser warfare at the Laser Quest Centre in Enniskillen. With some of the children achieving very high scores and out performing the adults it was great fun and everyone agreed it was time to retire to McDonalds for refreshments.

This was the clubs first camp and everyone had a fantastic time. The children are already looking forward to next year with excitement and anticipation. Initial plans are already under way building on this years experience to make it even bigger and better in 2009 for all the members.

The Rare Breeds Survival Trust afforded us the opportunity to fundraise for the Club by providing Pony Rides for the children attending their event. Alongside this the Driving members of the Club entertained the crowd with a cone-driving display and the young riders participated in pony mounted games. Our participation at this event was very well received and raised much needed finances.

An invitation from the Ulster Scots Agency to provide a display at the NI International Horse Show for their education day on Friday 24th and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October again raised significant funds and opportunities for our Club. On display were 2 miniatures and 1 full height Shetland Pony Grand National pony. At the afternoon matinee performances the children swarmed our stand and enjoyed interaction with these delightful little ponies.

Our programme of winter activities has already commenced and includes:

An Ulster-Scots night on the 10<sup>th</sup> October  
The AGM was on the 1<sup>st</sup> November  
The Annual Dinner on the 21<sup>st</sup> November  
Cone Driving 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
A trip to Austria on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December  
NECARNE – 13<sup>th</sup> December  
The Clubs Christmas Party will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December  
CONE DRIVING – 10<sup>TH</sup> January 2009  
NECARNE – 24<sup>TH</sup> January 2009  
MOSSVALE CONE DRIVING/PONY GAMES – 31<sup>ST</sup> January 2009  
MOSSVALE CONE DRIVING/PONY GAMES – 14<sup>TH</sup> February 2009  
NECARNE – 21<sup>ST</sup> February 2009

**FOR ANY INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CLUB CONTACT: MRS RUTH WILSON – 028 2827 8300  
OR 07855 674768 e-mail: club@kilshane.co.uk**

### Northern Shetland Enthusiasts – Group Report Autumn 2008

The Shetland Experience is produced and edited by John Campbell it follows the activities of the group over the last two years and features many of the visits and activities that have taken place. There are extracts from dressage a demonstration; long-reining; farrier, stud visit, speakers and alike. Lasting an hour it is well worth watching or buying for a friend or yourself.

We did have a stud visit to John Watson at the Jersey Farm Hotel where he has some wonderful ponies and llamas and many a tale to tell. John was a good host and a good salesman with one member deciding to purchase a pony whilst they were there.

There was also a race night which was run in conjunction with the Lanchester Show committee with the

proceeds being split between the show and the SPSBS Breed Show.

The summer has seen four member studs travel to Germany for the International Show and very creditable performances were delivered with a Supreme Ridden Championship obtained by Sara White on Butterby Isis, against stiff competition. Gold Medals were gained by the Birchmoor, Stonecellars and Parlinton Studs.

This year's visit was relatively uneventful compared with the Swedish Saga and wheels leaving the wagon; so a naked man joining the company one evening was almost a non-event!

In matters of health and well-being we also are pleased to report that the future is looking much brighter for one couple in our midst, Joan and Bob Headon who have combined, with Joan donating a kidney to Bob, to address a long standing health issue. All who know them will wish them a speedy recovery. Similarly, Paul Peat is also making a good recovery following an operation on his foot which has meant an extended convalescence.

After a freeze on fees 2009 sees a re-instatement of the £5 joining fee; proposed activities include; stud visits, equine therapy, farrier, veterinary speaker, dentistry and more contacts with the ponies – a busy year.

Members are also eagerly anticipating a trip to Shetland for the Breed Show and Festival in August. Oh yes; and a drier and brighter summer for everyone.

Shetland Pony Festival organisers are delighted to announce the launch of the festival package, which offers a fully comprehensive festival itinerary with return travel provided from Aberdeen to Shetland and hotel accommodation for the duration of the festival in Lerwick.

The festival itinerary includes scheduled stud visits throughout Shetland, the opportunity to attend a Shetland Pony Seminar and much more, plus the chance to be part of the first ever Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society Breed Show and Grand National qualifying race to be held on Shetland turf.

For those who are making their own travel and accommodation arrangements, a festival pass is available for everyone who would like to take part in the itinerary whilst they are in Shetland. Full details and booking forms to download for both the package and the pass are available on [www.shetlandponybreeders.com](http://www.shetlandponybreeders.com).

For those who are looking to show their ponies at the Shetland Pony Stud Book Society Breed Show, we are currently seeking sponsorship to be able to offer a separate package for Pony owners who are coming to take part in these events. Everyone who registered their interest in the festival will receive email updates on this package once this is finalised.

If you have not already registered your interest in the festival or informed us that you wish to travel with ponies to Shetland, please contact Fiona Dally on [fiona.dally@shetland.org](mailto:fiona.dally@shetland.org) giving your name, contact details and specify how many ponies you are looking to take with you (if applicable).

The Shetland Pony Festival package and pass spaces are limited and we urge people to sign up before the end of November to avoid disappointment during our busy tourist season. Our package is an excellent deal and we look forward to welcoming many Shetland pony enthusiasts to the home of the Shetland Pony between 15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> August 2009.

For general information and regular festival updates, please visit [www.shetlandponybreeders.com](http://www.shetlandponybreeders.com).

## GROUPS DIRECTORY

### SCOTLAND

#### **Central Scotland Group**

Secretary - Miss J. Murray, Lochiel Farm, Monikie, Broughty Ferry, Dundee DD5 3QH Tel : 01382 370208

#### **North of Scotland Group**

Secretary - Mrs H. Wilson, Mingulay, Main Street, Alford, Aberdeenshire. AB33 8AD Tel: 01975 562121

#### **Pony Breeders of Shetland (covers Shetland)**

Secretary - Miss S. Flaws, 5 Dale Park, Dunrossness, Shetland Tel: 01950 461811  
email: sonja.flaws@talk21.com

### ENGLAND & WALES

#### **Chiltern Group (covers Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire & adjacent areas)**

Secretary—Mr Horace Davy, Highcroft Paddocks, Hempstead Road, Bovingdon, Herts HP3 0HE  
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#### **East Anglian Group**

Secretary - Mrs D. Randell, Nixons Farm, Skeyton, Norwich, Norfolk NR10 5AP Tel : 01692 538241

#### **GEMS (Group Established for Miniature Shetlands)**

Secretary - Mrs M. Davies, Maenllwyd Cottage, Rudry, Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan CF83 3EB Tel: 02920 865727

#### **North West & Borders Group**

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#### **Northern Shetland Enthusiasts**

K. Hutchings, High Croxdale Farm, Croxdale, Durham DH6 5JR Tel : 0191 3780062/0191 3789104

#### **Parkland Shetland Pony Show Group**

Mr I. Boyle, 1 Ashbrook Cottages, Stevenage Road, Ashbrook, Hitchin, Herts SG4 7JY Tel: 01462 454045

#### **South East Group**

Co-Ordinator - Gerry Hart, Cranford, Berwick, Polegate, E. Sussex BN26 6TF Tel : 01323 870657  
Secretary - Mrs Caroline Sear, The Ridings, Ashes Lane, Hadlow, Kent TN11 0AW Tel: 01732 850010

#### **South & West Wales Group**

Secretary - Mrs S. Seward, Grogwynion, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen SA32 8PX Tel: 01267 275485

#### **South West Group (covers Cornwall, Devon, Somerset)**

Secretary - Sarah Wilson, 77 Cox Tor Road, Tavistock. PL19 9JG Tel: 01822 610236

#### **Southern Shetland Group**

Secretary - Miss C. Webb, East End, Bristol Road, Hewish, Somerset BS24 6SF Tel : 01934 876252

#### **Wessex Group (covers area 60mils radius of Royal Bath & West Showground)**

Secretary - Jayne Lonsdale, Chapelfield House, Chapel Road, Pawlett, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 4SH Tel : 01278 685489

## GROUPS DIRECTORY

#### **West Midlands Group (covers Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, W. Midlands, Worcestershire, Leicestershire, N. Wales)**

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### IRELAND

#### **Northern Ireland Group**

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#### **Shetland & Riding Pony Club N.I.**

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### PERFORMANCE

#### **Driven Performance Awards Scheme**

Mrs W. Keeley, 51 High Street, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Staffs WV7 3JF Tel : 01902 372238

#### **Ridden Performance Awards Scheme**

Mrs S. Bearcroft, Ropers Farm, Longdon Hill, Evesham, Worcs WR11 6RP Tel : 01386 446097

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## Animal Health Trust

Please note due to Christmas/staff holidays the laboratory will be closed between the 24/12/08—01/01/09 inclusive.

Results for samples reaching the laboratory after the 12th December will not be available until the New Year.

### **2009 Magazine**

**MAGAZINE ADVERTS  
MUST BE IN THE OFFICE  
BY 31st DECEMBER 2008.  
THIS DATE WILL BE  
STRICTLY ADHERED TO.**

*Please note the closing date for the next Newsletter is Friday 30th January.*

*Rates are 15p per word with a minimum charge of £2.40.*

*Non-members rate = 30p per word.*

## PONIES FOR SALE

**Due to ill health, the following six ponies must be sold:-**

**RANM JOANNA**, Very well handled filly  
SIRE: Longmeadow Jeremy, DAM: Halstock Thistle  
DOB – 18.05.2005  
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