



PARKLANDS

INFORMATION

Shetland Pony Show Group



101 entries in 17 classes, 2 Championships, Best mare, Best gelding, Best miniature with a Supreme Championship plus 42 trophies in a ring all for a single breed - SHETLAND PONIES, at a County Show, trust me when I tell you it does not get any better than this unless you happened to have been one of the winners.

Considering the heat wave we had over the weekend it was an amazing performance by our Judge Jill Jones to get through the day and still have the energy to drag husband Roger for a look around the rest of the show stands when she had finished judging the ponies.

Our enthusiastic competitors were in their finery and all ponies were perfectly turned out and whilst all who entered were assured of a rosette, for some it was not necessarily the colour they had hoped for. Whilst the show remains friendly and open to all it has perhaps become a victim of its own success with incredible sponsorship (all classes now having a perpetual trophy and replica) with some major and successful studs willing to travel a good distance to take part, as is their right. The increase in credibility that the show has gained means that the competitiveness has increased as success has additional awards for Stallions and saleable youngstock.

This year for the first time all the various classes and championships were numbered as required by the Shetland Pony Society which caused a bit of confusion to a couple of enthusiastic competitors who tried entering some of the finals.

The youngstock classes were again this year very well supported with the **Miniature Championship** being awarded to **Welstar Rainbows End** owned by Linda Jones from Cardington, Beds and actually shown by Kayley who is Val Sedgebeer's (groups Chairperson) granddaughter. To put the icing on the cake so to speak, Kayley and pony were featured on the front page of the county newspaper. The **reserve** went to **Kerswell Swallow Tail** showing for the first time at the County show owned and handled by Daphne Elphick.

Youngstock **Standard Champion** was **Slades Veronique** and Ian Bailey with **Ceanne Classic** and Anne Page awarded the **Reserve**.

Best Mare in show was Anne Page's **Somahouse Holly** whilst the Society rosette for **Best Gelding** went to the Shetland Isles bred pony of Val Sedgebeer, **Gott Jericho**.

The **Society show championship** for the **Standard** ponies went to **Somahouse Holly** and Anne Page having also won the Std. mares and geldings 4yrs & over on their way. With success in the youngstock **Slades Veronique** took the **Reserve** for Mr. & Mrs. Bailey.

The Stallion **Pinglewood Puzzle**, 1st in broken colour, 2nd in stallions took top spot for the miniatures yet again making Brenda Twining's long trip to the show more than worth while.

Athelney Rose Pip winner of the miniature brood mare class, the only one Georgina Robins entered her in gained a very worthy **Reserve championship**.

Bedfordshire County Supreme Show Champion was a very happy Anne page with **Somahouse Holly** whilst **S.P.S.B.S. Best miniature in show** went to **Pinglewood Puzzle**.

Report by Ian Boyle.