

CHILTERN SHETLAND PONY GROUP: TENTH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

For some time, back in the nineties, our current Chair Janet Good (Longview stud) used to gather Shetland pony friends around the kitchen table at her and John's farm in Maulden (Beds) to chat about their four legged friends. By June 1999, it was standing room only and so it was decided to put things onto a rather more formal basis and to set up the Chiltern Shetland Pony Group. So it was that on Sunday 14 June the Group celebrated its tenth anniversary at its Summer Show held at Twin Trees Equestrian Centre at Northill, Beds.

We were blessed with beautiful weather and a good turnout including, as always, plenty of friends who had made long journeys to be with us.

David Sykes was a most knowledgeable and genial Panel Judge in the Affiliated ring while, during the morning, Mr & Mrs Auld, prominent figures in local Pony Club affairs, took charge of things in the Open Ring, where our youngsters learn what it's all about. In the afternoon Jo and Alan Dyas kept young, and not so young, busy with Handy Pony.

The principal results -

Youngstock: Standard Champion - Melliver Jewel (Melliver Stud), Reserve - Tosca Elise (Denise & Norman Barrett); Miniature Champion - Shawdene Aerial (Mrs Mather/ Mr Davies), Reserve - Buxted Penny Blue (D.Elphick).

SPSBS Championship: Standard Champion - Hose Erica (Clementine Wood), Reserve - Prides Beauty (Mrs Mather/Mr Davies); Miniature Champion - Shawdene Aerial (Mrs Mather/Mr Davies), Reserve - Pinglewood Puzzle (Brenda Twining).

SHOW CHAMPION: Hose Erica (Clementine Wood), Reserve - Shawdene Aerial (Mrs Mather/Mr Davies)

Apart from a new Show Champion Trophy presented by Sandy Redman (and won by Hose Erica) this Anniversary Show was marked by a number of Perpetual Trophies kindly donated for the most successful member in several of the classes. Donors and Winners were - the Good family Trophy for Best Standard Mare, winner Wood family; Blue Dawn trophy from Tosca Stud for Best Miniature Mare, winner D. Elphick; Helawi Trophy for best Stallion, winner Brenda Twining; Abbotsbury Shetlands Trophy for Best Broken Coloured, winner Jack Coates; Mr & Mrs Camps Trophy for Best Black Pony, winner Wood family and the Harlequin Plate from Jo & Alan Dyas for Best Coloured, winners Denise & Norman Barrett.

We'll be back at Twin Trees next June, meantime our next show is on Sunday 4 October at Chesfield Equestrian Centre (near Stevenage), details from Mrs Michelle Coates, 198, Farley Hill, Luton, Beds, LU1 5NU, phone 01582 700640