



The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society

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Dear Members

This is my last newsletter as President of the Society as after two and a half years in office my term comes to an end on 31 December. I have enjoyed my Presidency and would like to thank my fellow Council members for their help through a period of significant change for the Society. I am especially thankful to those many members of the Society who took the effort to phone me or write to me expressing their support for the necessary changes which have been implemented. And I wish to pay tribute to the office staff without whose dedication the Society would not be in the strong position it is now. The changes in the office in terms of both procedure and approach have been far reaching and, although daunting at times, the team in the office has grasped them with enthusiasm and members now quite rightly receive a service second to none of which the Society can be proud. The popularity of the Breed continues and there is every sign that it will continue to do so. I am delighted to be handing over the reins of the Society to Sue Bowling as President and Joan Lambert as Vice-President and trust that members will give them their full-hearted support.

With my very best wishes for the future

*Guy Hurst
President*

“Horse Tax”

As many of you will be aware the Government is considering introducing a so called “Horse Tax” ostensibly to pay for the costs of managing and preventing equine diseases. This will affect every horse or pony owner in the country. The original suggestion was that the tax would be £10.50 per head, but there is concern that this figure could well be as much as £100 per head. There is growing concern that these proposals would create a new layer of Government and will place an unfair burden on both the equine sector and taxpayers generally, with very little offered in return.

This does of course raise welfare issues – some owners when faced with this expense may not be able to look after their ponies as well as before.

If you feel strongly about this issue as many thousands of horse and pony owners do, now is the time to write to your MP (many of whom appear not to be aware of the proposals) at House of Commons, London. SW1A 0AA. Better still, arrange to meet them to express your views.

Council Nominations

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

PRICE INCREASES

At the recent Council meeting, Council reviewed the financial position of the Society. It is with much regret that Council has no option but to increase prices with effect from 1st January 2010. A new price list is enclosed with this newsletter.

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.

SOCIETY DATABASE

Several members have requested that records of ponies which they no longer own, for which no transfers have been received, should be amended on the database to reflect this. Anyone wishing this to be done should advise the office in writing of the full name and address details of the person to whom they sold/gave the pony. This person will then be recorded as being the keeper of the pony.

When the registered owner's signature is unobtainable, the person in possession of the pony should send the passport to the office and advise the office in writing that the pony is now in their keeping. For a fee of £15.00, the database and the passport will be updated to record that person as the keeper of the pony.

In both cases the keeper is the person whom the office has been advised is in possession of the pony, where no signed transfer form has been received.

PLEASE NOTE The keeper is not eligible to register any offspring of the pony or to apply for Voluntary Veterinary Examination or gelding registration.

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The above Index is now available. It covers volumes 93 - 107 (1992 - 2006). The price is £15 if collected from the office and £17.50 (incl. P & P)

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 owners 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.

UP TO DATE REGISTRATION FORMS

Please note as from 1st January, old registration forms **WILL NOT** be accepted. Anyone submitting foal registrations on old forms will have them returned. You can find one of each of the correct forms accompanying this newsletter. Forms are available from the Society website or from the office.

Electronic Newsletters

Those wishing to receive newsletters electronically, should contact the office via the email - enquiries@spsbs.co.uk - stating clearly the email address they wish to have it sent to.

Office Closure

The staff at Shetland House will be having their Christmas lunch on Friday 11th December, so the office will be closed from 12pm that day.



Trainee Judges

The probationary judges scheme is currently under review. No further nominations will be considered until this review is complete.

2010 International Show

Anne De La Warr would like to thank all those who have so generously supported the "2010 International Show" at Hickstead on 7/8th August 2010 with sponsorship. Should anyone who has not done so wish to sponsor a class, we would be delighted if they would send £25, or whatever they feel appropriate, to Countess De La Warr, South Park Shetland Pony Stud, Withyham, Sussex TN7 4BL, with a note stating how they would like their name or stud name to appear as a sponsor.

The Committee is very grateful for your sponsorship in these straitened times and hope that as many of you as possible will come to the Show.

GROUP NEWS

The Central Scotland Shetland Pony Group Young Stock Show held at Caledonian Mart Stirling on Saturday 14th November 2009 Judge Mrs Heather Wilson from Alford with 88 ponies entered.

Black Champion :- Hawdale Dixie 3yr Filly from Donna Stuart Monikie

Reserve Champion and best Foal was from Transy Stud with Stelswan of Transy

Miniature Champion and Best Miniature Foal was Dryfesdale Cinderella a filly foal broken coloured from Denise Beattie Cumbuslang Glasgow

Reserve Champion :- 2 yr Filly Plumtree Huckle Berry from Gillian McIntosh Galston

Colour Champion :- from J & G Wilson Muckhart with Chestnut yearling Myreton Suki Reserve Champion :- 2 year chestnut filly from Janet Murray Lochiel Monikie with Mawcarse Elisha

Best Colour Foal :- Mawcarse Esk from Janet Murray, Monikie

If you are interesting in joining the Group. Please contact Janet Murray (Secretary) Lochiel Farm, Monikie, Broughty Ferry. DD5 3QH Telephone 01382 370208 or email lochiel.farm@virgin.net

The Shetland and Riding Pony Club NI Summer Camp 2009

The Festival Week and Breed Show in the Shetland Islands was the venue for this years annual club camp. We would like firstly to pay tribute to the Shetland Breeders Enthusiasts for their hospitality and entertainment on our first experience of the Shetland Islands. We all had a fantastic time and loved the unique serenity of this exquisite countryside.

After 2 boat journeys and a 250 mile drive the Bridgend Activity Centre in Burragh was not only a beautiful sight to the eye but a homely welcoming base for our week of fun and exploration.

Day 1 The activities kicked off exploring the local beach and Harbour setting with the children catching crabs and watching the local Fishing boats.

Day 2 The Lerwick Outdoor Centre took us to Esha Ness on an expedition exploring the cliff ledges with exhilarating scenery of caves and gorges along the coastline.

Day 3 It was off to Noss to check out the Northern Ireland link and visit the historical Stud of Lord Londonderry, on this trip we met John H. Scott, Lord Lieutenant of Shetland.

Other activities included Stud visits, canoeing, Leisure Centre and Shetland Museum visits and of course the ladies went shopping in Lerwick.

On Saturday six of our members took part in a most successful Breed Show. The sun was shining and in a warm and Family Atmosphere our club had a most satisfying days showing in the Ridden and Driven Sections with many excellent results.

Our Congratulations go to Cherith Wilson and Ulverscroft Select Reserve Supreme Breed Show Champion

Our trip concluded with the fantastic Pageant displaying the role and history of the Pony in Shetland Society over the years. A lot of work had obviously gone into this presentation which was most informative and enjoyable. Both young and not so young equally enjoyed our first trip to the Shetland Islands and hope to return.

Thanks again to the Shetland people and the Show Organisers for their warm reception and hospitality.

Well done to four of our Carriage Driving members on passing their Road Driving Assessment run by the British Driving Society in October.

Finally Congratulations to Deborah Lyttle on her marriage to Ian Armstrong on 10th September 2009.

Our winter activities will be centred on the training and development of our ridden and driven skills and the introduction of new members to our busy schedule.

For further details please contact our Club Secretary : Mrs Ruth Wilson Phone : 028 2827 8300 or e-mail : club@kilshane.co.uk

The Midland Group has been inactive for a few years and it would be great to make it more active. Several people have been in touch regarding this and it is intended to have a get together/Sunday Lunch in the New Year to try and drive this forward, we do also require someone to help with the running / organisation and if you are able to do this please contact either Maurice Arden 01538 266086 or Sue Bearcroft 01386 446097. We also would like former members and anyone interested to contact us to form a contact list.

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we report that Mrs Ann Hackley-Lane of the Allensmore Stud in Herefordshire passed away on 24th August 2009 after a very short illness.

Ann started breeding her miniature Shetlands in 1991 with Allensmore Half Sovereign being her first foal to carry her name, this was followed by a further 41 foals with her last being a beautiful filly.

A lovely lady who is already greatly missed by all who knew her.

Parklands S.P.S.G. Autumn Show - 13th September 2009

There were noticeably less entries for the final Parklands show this year in spite of the fact that more pre entries were received in the days leading up to the show. It was still an impressive turnout even so with 85 entries forward, keeping our judge, Miss Zoe Bell from Co. Antrim, rather busy throughout the day, and a very thorough and appreciated judge she was too.

Ring two, being judged by Mrs Jane Boxall, was again the poor relation in entry numbers in spite of all the efforts to promote support by some of our most enthusiastic group members.

The biggest class of the day with 13 entries was the coloured + black youngstock under 3yrs. This was won by Susan Wren's Buxted Elsa. Sue and her grey roan filly had already won the miniature 2/3 yrs class and went on to become the miniature champion, they then won the supreme championship, this being their 1st visit to Parklands. Graham Chenery's homebred black mare, Rosevillas Milly took the driving type, standard mares & geldings 4yrs & over plus the standard championship.

Reserve miniature champion was another Buxted pony, this time Eva Peron. Having also won the miniature mare & geldings class, it was turning into quite a day for the ponies bred by this stud. In other classes, Julie Exall's Buxted Jezabel finished 2nd in the 2/3 yr miniatures whilst Buxted Evette took two 3rd places for Joe Kelly.

Reserve standard champion was Jenna Land's Champlers Elgar. Roger Cook brought the coloured stallion, Mill of Towie Glen, for a day out and picked up a pair of 2nd places. Another supported of our group, Rita Russell, took 2nd place with Thrandeston Vera May in the driving type class. Our chairperson, Val Sedgebeer, gained a 2nd with her homebred 2 yr old black colt Valnanas E.J. And a 1st with Gott Jerico, finishing her season on a highly satisfying note.

Ring 2 was a resounding success for Charles Parker-King with Linacre Bilberry, who won 3 of the 4 ridden classes and went on to be ridden champion. Reserve was Charlotte Austin-Owen on Finnister Arius. The junior in-hand championship went to Molly Wilks and Booth Gem with reserve going to Toohoots Laxton Superb chown by Courtney Ryan. The trophies for the junior supreme champion and reserve went to Molly Wilks and Charles Parker-King respectively.

Although the weather was not kind, everybody had fun.

FOR SALE

Standard chestnut ponies. Stallion and two fillies for sale due to ill health. **Hutton/Knock bloodlines.** To good homes only. Price to be discussed. Tel: 07814 877164

Brandeston Hamish, piebald gelding 37", good lead-rein, 11 years, **driven single/pair.** Also Bennington for single Shetland. Contact Margot Thompson, Drypot Lodge, Old Dalby LE14 3LY Tel: 01664 822856

Palomino stallion born 1996, **Halstock Highland Mist.** Lovely nature, easy to handle, good with mares, foals and even yearling colts. I have had him 9 years. Seven out of 7 foals every year - £750 ono. Also, 2 year old palomino gelding, plus this years colt foals - all coloured.
Jackmoor Stud, Exeter Tel: 01392 851740 (Owner retiring)

Beswick Figurines in good condition
H185 "**Hollydell Dixie**" grey mare £44.00
1033 "**Woolly**" Shetland mare - brown £28.00
1034 **Shetland Foal** - brown £20.00
1648 "**Eschonchan Ronay**" stallion £26.00
All prices include signed-for delivery.
Phone 0780 2393952 or email johnshrrt@yahoo.co.uk for further details.

WANTED: "Early" stud books, must be in good condition. Please ring for volumes required. Tel: Lin Henson 01694 771605 (Shropshire)

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Central Scotland Group

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PERFORMANCE

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for the next newsletter is
Friday 5th February 2010.**