



The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society

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Dear Members

I have been able to attend several shows this season and have enjoyed catching up with old friends. I have also been very impressed with the number and quality of entries at shows which bodes well for the future of the Breed.

I am pleased to announce that at the Council meeting in July, Joan Lambert was elected as the next Vice-President of the Society and will take up office on 1 January 2010. As many of you will know, Joan has been a successful breeder of Shetland Ponies for over 30 years with her Brandon stud and is a senior panel judge. I am delighted that when my term of office ends in December I shall be handing over the Society to the very capable hands of Sue Bowling and Joan.

The new database programme has had a huge effect on the efficiency of the office now that the correct information has been installed and this enables the staff to deal with new correspondence much faster than previously. I am pleased to be able to inform members that documents and transactions are well up to date. I would like to thank members who have taken the time to tell the office or me how pleased they are with the service being given and also to those members who took the trouble to point out problems which could then be dealt with. It is only when members let us know of difficulties that we can take steps to sort them out. Victoria, who has been with the office on a temporary basis for six months, has now been taken on as a permanent member of staff to ensure that this service can be maintained.

Council has agreed that the Society would benefit from having a member of Council to act as a press representative for the various equine publications who often ask for information regarding our ponies and our Society. We need to keep the profile of the Shetland pony in the public eye to encourage interest and enthusiasm in our breed. This will also help to keep the web-site up to date. We hope to make an appointment soon.

Our breed may survive the recession better than many others but it is to be expected that next year we may see some reduction in the number of foals being registered and realistically we may see some downturn in the Society's income. Council is aware that it is their duty (both legally and morally) to keep the Society in good financial health and will be putting together a projected budget for the next three years to be discussed at the next Council meeting in November. Whilst as a charity we should not be accumulating money which could otherwise be used to benefit members, nevertheless it is only prudent to maintain strict controls on the balance of the Society's accounts. We have so far managed to keep costs in check and fees from rising but there may inevitably have to be some changes. I can assure members that we will try to keep these to an absolute minimum. The last two years have seen some large, unexpected expenses which have been unfortunate one off situations which have had to be financed from the Society's assets although Council has also made good savings in some of our running expenses. The much needed and overdue refurbishment of the Society offices and the essential new database system have also been a one off expense and will stand the Society in good stead for a long time to come.

I am pleased to say that under the chairmanship of Joan Lambert, Shetland Pony Trading Limited is taking on a new lease of life and it is hoped that this will maintain and improve a good source of income for the Society.

Inevitably the current economic climate will have some effect on breeders and those who enjoy showing. We also have the extra burden of costs of the new micro-chipping legislation for foals although many members have expressed their approval for this form of permanent identification. A few members have reported that their vets have been unwilling to implant microchips into very young foals, but The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons has advised that foals can be micro-chipped from birth.

Another cause for concern in the equine world is the proposed DEFRA Horse Tax. This was discussed at the last Council meeting and since then I have raised our objections with the Government Chief Vet.

Regretfully another downside to the current climate may be problems with welfare for some ponies. Reports do come in to Council of some situations where ponies are not being kept at all well and I do urge our members to ensure that any pony they sell is going into a good, caring home. Sometimes welfare issues arise through just ignorance rather than deliberate bad management and I do urge our many Groups throughout the country to organise events which educate and assist new members/owners to understand the basic requirements of care and management of the Shetland pony.

There seems to be an increase in the number of pony thefts, which we all deplore. Vigilance and exchange of information are paramount. I would however urge members not to take matters into their own hands.

The International meeting of the Studbook organisations was held on 30 May 2009 in the Hilton Hotel at Stansted airport. This was very well attended and I hope will lead to further and closer co-operation between the Society as the Stud-Book of Origin and the International Stud-Books.

I know many of us are looking forward to the Breed Show on Saturday 22nd August 2009 in the Shetland Islands at the Clickimin Leisure Complex in Lerwick and I hope as many members as possible will be able to attend the AGM the previous evening at Clickimin. Details of the AGM are enclosed and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Guy Hurst
President

Society Magazine 2010

An order form for the 2010 magazine is enclosed.
Please note the new deadline is 30th November 2009.

A.G.M. 2010

The A.G.M. will be held at Clickimin Leisure Complex,
Lerwick on Friday 21st August 2009 at 6.30pm.

Society Merchandise

Merchandise will be available for sale at the Breed Show in Lerwick and at the Society sales at Carlisle, York and Reading. Anyone wishing to place an order for collection at any of these venues should contact Joan Lambert on joan@brandon53.fsnet.co.uk

International Breed Show 2010

The International Breed Show will be held next year at the internationally famous All England Show Jumping Course, Hickstead, West Sussex RH17 5NU on Saturday 31 July and Sunday 1 August. Anne De La Warr and Jill Jones have agreed to organise the show and plans are well advanced. Further details will be available in due course.

CHILTERN SHETLAND PONY GROUP

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 it's tenth anniversary at it's 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 its 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

Society Christmas Cards

Christmas cards for 2009 are now available to order at £4.80 per pack of 10. Order forms are enclosed with this newsletter.



Forthcoming Society Sales 2009

Builth	Friday 25th September
York	Saturday 26th September
Carlisle	Saturday 3rd October
Lerwick	Friday 9th October
Aberdeen	Monday 12th October
Reading	Wednesday 21st October
Bridgwater	Thursday 29th October

APOLOGY

The Champion of the Royal Show 2008 has been wrongly recorded in the Appendix of Stud-Book volume 109 on page 640. The Champion was **Abbotsbury Yasmin** owned and exhibited by Mrs E.J. Payne. This is recorded and illustrated correctly elsewhere in the Stud-Book.



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.

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 giving your name, contact details and specify how many ponies you are looking to take with you (if applicable).

Our package is an excellent deal and we look forward to welcoming many Shetland pony enthusiasts to the home of the Shetland Pony between 15th-23rd August 2009.

For general information and regular festival updates, please visit www.shetlandponybreeders.com.

PONIES FOR SALE

ADAMAS STUD

For Sale

Filly, chestnut,

flaxen mane and tail.

Yearling filly, chestnut.

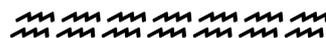
Colt, white and palomino.

Ring Julie for more information.

07970663157

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ponies on canvas?
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watercolour of your four
legged friends from your
photographs.*



*Please contact JAN on
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website on

www.shetland-pony.com

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Shetlands'*

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ENGLAND & WALES

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

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East Anglian Group

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