



The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society

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Dear Members,

As the 2011 foaling season gets underway, I wish you all a speedy and successful foaling. We have two new-born foals whose presence has made quite an impact in the village in which we live, having their photos taken several times each day. The number of people, whom I do not know, who stop me to inquire about the foals and ponies is quite amazing!

The April Council meeting went well although unfortunately four members of Council could not attend. Council has therefore decided that in future all Council Members must notify the office by the Monday prior to the meeting if they are unable to attend (unless there are exceptional unforeseen circumstances). This would enable the meeting to be postponed until a later date. Council Members are self funding and it is essential that sufficient numbers for a quorum are in attendance at meetings otherwise it would be a complete waste of time and money for those who do attend, some of whom travel extremely long distances.

The following topics were discussed and debated at length and a course of action agreed.

- 1) The society finances with Mr. Gellatly from the society auditors present
- 2) Pedigree verification for overseas ponies
- 3) Shetland Pony Trading LTD
- 4) International relationships
- 5) Attendance at related meetings
- 6) Staff and office
- 7) The Society magazine and stud book
- 8) The Judges Panel
- 9) Correspondence received

One or two Members have mentioned that they would like to see more articles and items in the newsletter about the ponies and Members experiences with their ponies. The Society would be delighted to receive such stories/articles from the Members and I would ask that Members make a big effort to furnish the office with these in good time for the July Newsletter.

Claire has settled into her position as Office Manager really well and the office is working effectively under her guidance.

The Society magazine which is edited by Joan Lambert, Jane Dennis and Pauline Young is currently at the printers and should be out shortly. A tremendous amount of work by the above three is undertaken to get the magazine into the finished article you all receive and sometimes I think Members and Council Members forget that both Joan and Jane are unpaid volunteers. If there are any of our Members who would like to become part of the editorial team or offer assistance in any way please contact myself or the office. The magazine never fails to impress and is well received by Members at home and also abroad where it promotes the Society and our ponies.

Passport issue - Guy Hurst attended a meeting representing the SPSBS in Birmingham and attended by DEFRA and NED and the majority of Passport Issuing Organisations (PIO's) throughout the UK. As a result of this meeting Guy was asked to represent the SPSBS and the other Mountain & Moorland breeds on a committee to raise our genuine concerns with the Minister and to explore whether it would be possible to take control of NED and PIO's so that we can help DEFRA achieve their aims rather than having an unwanted regime forced on us all.

Best wishes

Sue Bowling

President

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.



The Society would appreciate it if those members paying annually could return their old plastic membership cards to the office, so that we may recycle them. Cards can be handed in to a member of staff at Society sales or posted along with any paperwork you happen to be sending in.

EXPORTS/IMPORTS

Council would like to remind any members importing ponies to be cautious. The pony's lineage must trace back to the mother stud-books. It is up to the person importing the pony to prove the pedigree. Ponies must now be micro-chipped before they leave/enter the country.

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 owner's 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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

If members have a query regarding Society Accounts for Annual General Meetings please address this to the Society accountants:- Miller McIntyre & Gellatly, Chapelshade House, 78-74 Bell Street, Dundee DD1 1RQ for the attention of Mr John S. Gellatly, **14 working days** prior to the AGM in order that they may receive an individual response.

Council Nominations

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

Shetland Pony Breed Show 2011
Kingsbarn Equestrian Centre, Falkirk
24th July 2011

Judges:

Black Ring - Mr R. Griffiths
Miniature Ring - Mrs J. Lambert
Coloured Ring - Miss S. Flaws
Ridden - Mrs D. Wright
Driven - Mrs J. McInnes

Online Stinting certificates are now available. See website for details.

Society Sales

It has been brought to Council's attention that some vendors are entering ponies into Society sales, but selling the animals before the sale takes place. This practice is unacceptable and unfair to potential buyers who, in some instances, travel long distances to bid for ponies only to get to the sale to find out they are not forward. We would ask that vendors please refrain from this practice.

2011 Council Meeting Dates

Friday 1st July
Friday 4th November

Please be reminded if you are sending any correspondence in for the attention of Council, this **must** be received at least **2 weeks prior to the meeting.**

Change to Foal Registration Deadline

The deadline for submitting foal registration forms has changed to 31st October. As there are limited numbers born after this date, it would greatly assist the office staff and accountants with the preparation of the final year end figures. **All foal registrations received up until the deadline will go into the stud book for that year, any registrations received after the 31st October deadline will go into the following year's stud book.**

Posting Passports

Passports will continue to be sent by ordinary post. If you wish your passports to be returned by recorded mail, please ensure you include the postage when sending documents in to the Office. If you are unsure of the postage rates, please contact the Society office for clarification.

Breed Show 2011

A reminder that the closing date for entries is 31st May – **NO LATE ENTRIES!!**
Thank you for all the sponsorship received.

GROUP NEWS

Chiltern Shetland Pony Group

A great day was had by all at the Chiltern Group's first show of the season on 27th March. After a chilly start the sun decided to shine and a good attendance together with high spirits made the show a great success. This was our second show at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre at Slapton near Leighton Buzzard in Bedfordshire and everyone commented on their fantastic facilities.

We were fortunate to have two excellent Judges. In the Affiliated Ring was Panel Judge Mrs Sue Pye who had a hard task with a high standard of ponies but she was extremely fair. In charge of our Open Ring was Louise Fowler who was great with the children - the future. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their time and support. We would also like to thank our Stewards for ensuring things ran so smoothly.

Leading the ribbons were:-

Youngstock

Standard Champion - Buxted Daniel (Ann Page team): Reserve Ceann Charm (Ann Page team)
Miniature Champion - Shawdene Bouloux Bon Bon (G.Mather/M.Yorath): Reserve Shawdene Claret (G.Mather)

SPSBS Championship

Standard - Dewland Silver Star (Ann Page team) Reserve Briar Piccolo (V.Hampton)
Miniature - Pinglewood Picasso (M.Fenemore): Reserve Shawdene Bouloux Bon Bon (G.Mather/M.Yorath)

CSPG Supreme Championship

Champion - Dewland Silver Star: Reserve Pinglewood Picasso

We look forward to our next shows - at Twin Trees EC Northolt Beds on 12 June under Mr John Harrison and back at Bury Farm on 2 October.

Details from Shelly Coates on 01582 700640 or pat.coates@ntlworld.com

SOCIETY TABLE

The Shetland Society Merchandise table will be present at the Breed Show at Falkirk, the Reading Shetland sale and Carlisle sale. Hopefully these will be well supported by members and we look forward to seeing you at these events.

Haybrake Halters

Miniature foal halters made to fit the smallest head
2 sizes available
New born to 6 months
Contact: Ann 01651 821116

PONIES FOR SALE

Struie Rosalind, quality black mare, 40½, 10 years. Winner of strong class only time shown. **Excellent pedigree** (Drum/Wells) tel: 01945 773944



Stallion, Valsheda Viking 30" bright bay. Sire - Kerswell Basil Brush, dam - Valsheda Bella Surprise. **Excellent breeding**, conformation & temperament. **Good bone** & wealth of mane and tail. Viking has sired many champions and would be an asset to any stud. Sadly for sale as we are not breeding anymore. **£500** For more information tel: 01425 403495

PONIES FOR LEASE

Black Standard Stallions

Millhouse Statesman AW1836/S11, born 2009. Sire - Sapphire Venture, dam - Millhouse Vogue. Height 40". Tremendous bone and hair, outstanding temperament, easy to catch and handle. Has been shown once at the Royal Highland Show 2010 where he was 2nd in a very large class. A very strong and powerful pony with outstanding pedigree. Statesman has just passed the SPSBS voluntary veterinary scheme and is fully DNA parentage tested.

Millhouse Senator AW1835/S11, born 2009. Sire - Sapphire Venture, dam - Millhouse Rhythm. Height 39¾". Tremendous bone and hair, outstanding temperament, easy to catch and handle. Has been shown once at the Royal Highland Show 2010 where he was 4th in a very large class. A very strong, powerful pony with outstanding pedigree.

Both of the above stallions are in excellent order and would enhance any serious breeders pedigree. They are both available for lease only for a 3 year period. Good knowledgeable homes only. Please contact Angus Howie mobile: 07831 330962 or tel: 01764 684233 email: Angus@amhowie.com Transport can be arranged.

NEWSLETTERS

In an effort to try and reduce postage costs (and to help the environment), Council would like to encourage more members to opt to receive their newsletters, along with various enclosures, by email. Please email the office - **enquiries@spsbs.co.uk** - stating clearly the email address you wish to have your newsletter sent to.

Closing date for adverts for the next newsletter is Friday 24th June 2011.

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)

Show Schedules—Mrs Lilian Coates Tel: 01582 833867
Chair - Mrs S. Coates Tel: 01582 700640

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

Secretary - Mrs J. Lowthian, Zetland, Gamblesby, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 1JA Tel : 01768 881029
e-mail: jll.hartside@whsmithnet.co.uk

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

Four Counties Shetland Pony Group

(covers Worcestershire, Hereford, Shropshire and Gloucestershire)
Mrs Dee Millichap tel: 01584 881117 or
Mrs Mary Davenport tel: 01885 490677

Yorkshire Group

Secretary - Mrs J. Barugh, North Farm, North Street, Aldbrough, E.Yorks HU11 4QN Tel : 01964 527829

GROUPS DIRECTORY

Southern Shetland Group

Secretary - Donna Brealey, 11 Valley Close, Colden Common, Winchester, Hants SO21 1UN Tel : 01962 713991

South West Group (covers Cornwall, Devon, Somerset)

Secretary - Mrs Sue Braddon, East Coryhill Farm, Coryton, Okehampton EX20 4AA Tel: 01566783321

South & West Wales Group

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

Wessex Group (covers area 60mIs radius of Royal Bath & West Showground) Secretary - Carol Hodder, Eiger House, Primrose Lane, Yeovil, Somerset
Tel: 01935 412888

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

Chairman - Mr M. Arden, Gorsty Croft Farm, Park Nook, Ipstones, Staffs ST10 2NG Tel: 01538 266086

Downs Shetland Pony Group

Administrator - Mrs J.E. Jones, Broadlands Farm, Hankham Street, Hankham, East Sussex BN24 5BH
Tel: 01323 763405

IRELAND

Northern Ireland Group

Secretary - Mrs M. Bell, 31 Ballywillan Road, Gleno, Larne, Co Antrim, N. Ireland BT40 3LQ Tel: 028 9337 8850

Shetland & Riding Pony Club N.I.

Chairman—Mr Alan Sloane
Secretary—Mrs Ruth Wilson, 1 Park Road, Kilwaughter, Larne, Co. Antrim BT40 2PP tel: 0282827 8300
Email: club@kilshane.co.uk

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



Shetland Pony Stud Book Society Annual Breed Show

(affiliated to N.P.S.)

Sunday 24th July 2011

Kingsbarn Equestrian Centre, Westershieldhill, Falkirk

Closing date for entries: 31st May 2011
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Shetland Pony Stud Book Society A.G.M.

Saturday 23rd July 2011 at 5.00pm

Within Kingsbarn Equestrian Centre.

Followed by Buffet and Ceilidh with Band

8pm to Midnight. Entry by ticket only.

Chairman – Mr Robert Robertson

Secretary – Miss Janet Murray – Tel. 07580368312