



The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society



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Dear Members,

Where does the time go, soon to be Christmas, I think I missed the summer!

My Father always used to say to me "as you get older time passes more quickly so make the most of it" I always used to think, what is he on about, but now I am older I know exactly what he meant and how true his words are!

We are all saddened to hear of the passing of Wendy Hedley of the Starfire Stud, Wendy was a tremendous supporter of the Shetland pony. Her love of the Shetland could be seen in the ponies she successfully exhibited in the show ring, always immaculately presented and I much admired her homebred skewbald stallions. She was a lovely person and very much respected. My sincere sympathy to her family.

The probationary Judges Scheme remains closed at the present time but is under review by Council. However, Council has decided that it may, totally at its discretion, invite individuals who have made, in the opinion of Council, an outstanding contribution to the SPSBS and the Shetland pony, directly onto the Senior Judges Panel without restriction. This means that such individuals could judge all shows immediately. Council believes that in this way our Panel List will include judges who are of the most experienced kind who are respected for their knowledge of the breed and the show ring. Accordingly Mrs Debbie Barr and Mrs Jane Dennis have been invited to join the Ridden and Senior Panels respectively.

There have been concerns raised over the recent Sale under the auspices of the SPSBS at Aberdeen; these were mostly raised on a private web site. Council would like to point out that both a vet and current Council members were present representing the Society at the Aberdeen Sale. Ponies forward at any sale whether under the auspices of the Society or not which are in poor condition are the direct responsibility of vendors who have not cared for their animals correctly and humanely.

The SPSBS Society arranges and pays for a veterinary surgeon to attend the market the day prior to the sale and check ponies in the pens as they arrive for any veterinary/welfare concerns and also to attend on the day of the sale to again walk around the market and check ponies for any veterinary/welfare concerns. Directly as a result of the veterinary presence two ponies were removed from the sale and veterinary assistance given. Relevant welfare organisations were informed and the SPSBS will maintain an open welfare file until the matter has been investigated by the RSPCA/SSPCA and closed.

I do not think there will be any sale in any livestock market in the country which will not have a sliding scale of standards of presentation of the animals on sale. This is all about people's own perception of presentation and stockmanship and indeed will vary greatly from individual to individual.

The vet also carries out any inspections and identifications required for export, in order to assist our Members with speedy and efficient foreign sales. The £5 plus VAT @ 20% charge per pony entered in sales replaces the 1% levy on all ponies sold. Council decided that this was a much fairer way of sharing the cost of providing staff and veterinary attendance at a sale held under the auspices of the Society. There are too many ponies entered in sales which are not forward on the day, often having been sold prior to it, and interested buyers may have travelled considerable distances to find animals not forward.

The Society finances office staff to achieve transfers on the day so that new owners can go away with their pony knowing all paperwork is correct and transfer of ownership has been completed and

passport updated. I would like to point out that the Society does get 99.9% of transfer revenue regardless of its presence at Sales.

Society staff are instructed to inform the RSPCA/SSPCA of any welfare issues and follow this up after the sales. Compulsory inspections were discussed but Council decided this would not be a workable option and have declined to proceed down this avenue. Many Council Members have seen poorly presented ponies at all the sales over the years and as disappointing as this is, there is no easy remedy for this.

The Council will continue to monitor this situation and provide veterinary attendance at any Society sale, along with Council Members and staff presence, with a reporting procedure to the RSPCA/SSPCA in place as well.

On a welfare note, it appears to me far too many ponies are being bred for economical gain; this can never be good for any breed. The Members who have remained within the Society through good and bad times and breed for the love and admiration of this versatile, charismatic pony and to maintain their personal bloodlines sensibly are the stalwarts of this Society and will remain so.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome 169 new members into the Society, it really is good news to see so many new members joining the SPSBS. This demonstrates the continued enthusiasm for the Shetland pony and the SPS-BS.

On a personal note I have been heart warmed by the support and encouragement of the vast majority of the Membership, some of whom contact me regularly and really appreciate the workload and effort.

The result of whether to include the show results in the magazine has been answered conclusively by the Members and will therefore be included in the Society magazine.

The Society web site is currently being renewed and updated in order to address Members comments and reflect a more informative site in order that the correct and true information is communicated to Members speedily and easily.

I pass you over to your President for 2012, Mrs Joan Lambert, who I have worked closely with over the last two years and who I know will do a tremendous job.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Best Wishes
Sue Howie

BREED SHOW 2012

The next Breed Show will be held at Bakewell Showground, Bakewell, Derbyshire, on Sunday 9th. September 2012.

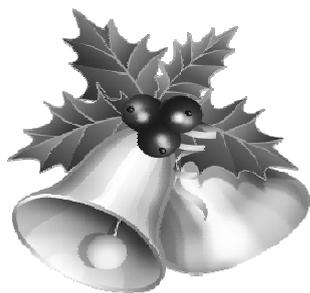
Classes will include In-Hand (including Veteran sections)
Ridden and Driven
together with Young Handlers, Long Reining, Progeny Groups and Fancy Dress.

Please keep an eye on the Society website for further information as it becomes available.

If you have any questions or queries please phone

Leonie Sellars on 01260 252795

or email leosellars@btinternet.com



Vol 111 Omissions

Unfortunately the following ponies were omitted from Reading (A) sale export section in the latest volume of the stud-book:-
Blazefield Amos sold to Ms K.V. Dingenen, Kosterstraat 44, Gire 2275, Belgium.

Shandwick Precious Moment sold to Mr A. Van Der Schraelen, Stenenstraat 48, Lichtaat 2460, Belgium.

The above will be included in the errata section of Volume 112.

2012 INTERNATIONAL SHOW

The 2012 International Show will be held at Ermelo, Holland from 1st to 4th August.
A provisional timetable is as follows:-

Wed 1st - Arrive 7pm to 9pm. Official opening and social gathering

Thurs 2nd - 9am to 5pm competitions
7.30pm to 10pm participants buffet and party

Fri 3rd - 9am to 5pm competitions
7.30pm to 9.30pm The Shetland Over the Years

Sat 4th - 9am to 5pm championships and presentations
Close

For further information see www.nsp75jaar.nl

How about a coach trip to see ponies from all over Europe?

Anybody willing to try and organise one?

If required Michael Barugh is willing to act as co-ordinator for those intending to participate. Email mklbrf@live.co.uk

2012 MAGAZINE

There is still enough time for studs to advertise in next year's magazine. Full page advert = £140 (includes a free magazine).

Half page = £90.



We are always looking for articles of interest for inclusion in the magazine and for the website.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

We'd love to hear what you and your ponies are getting up to during the winter months. Have you been competing in any competitions/shows/activities? You can send in your stories and photos and we'll post them on the "Junior Gallery" on the website.



2012 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Next year's subscriptions will be due from the 1st January. There are a variety of ways you can pay:-

By phone, post or online through Grassroots using PayPal.



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.

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.

2012 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Friday 3rd February
Friday 13th April
Friday 6th July
Friday 2nd 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.**

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

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.

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

The facility to register additional produce is now up and running. Can we please remind members to make full use of the online service certificates also available on the Grassroots system.

Receipts

In an effort to try and keep postage costs as low as possible, Council agreed that anyone wishing a receipt should include a S.A.E. with their paperwork when they submit it into the office, or provide an email address which they would like it emailed to.

**Closing date for adverts
for the next newsletter
is
Friday 27th January 2012.**

STROCHERIE STUD

Lovely fillies for sale. Please phone Dave or Winnie Anderson Tel: 01888 551220 Mobile: 0779 128 4910

FORDLEIGH SOPHIA

Blue & White **5yr old mare.** Up to height. Has been **shown successfully** in-hand, lead rein, 1st and open ridden. Eligible for

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Excellent with young children, to catch, load and with farrier.

Fully vaccinated. Potential to go to the top.
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Shetland Pony Trading Website

The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society gifts and merchandise can now be ordered online! Many of our members and European friends have asked for this facility for some time and we are pleased to be able to present our super catalogue. Please visit www.shetlandponytrading.co.uk

CLAYDONHILL STUD

Due to a change in circumstances we are reducing our stud.

We have a selection of **miniature** Shetland ponies for sale, **mares in foal, coloured, piebald and skewbald** and a **piebald stallion** with a fantastic nature who has produced some superb foals.

All registered with Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society. **Experienced home only please.**

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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

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North West & Borders Group

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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

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GROUPS DIRECTORY

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

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

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IRELAND

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Shetland & Riding Pony Club N.I.

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Ridden Performance Awards Scheme

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