



The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society

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Dear Members,

Many of you are in the throes of foaling – some good and some bad from what I hear – but not for me, another year without the pleasure and delight of the sight of beautiful, fluffy foals skipping in the fields. However, with the continuous rain here and such a cold, wet spring I can only be relieved that I have no foals. This is not a highly principled decision of continued reduction of breeding for the third year – just the unfortunate illness and subsequent death of an old, loved stallion.

We had again a full attendance at the Council Meeting on the 13th April for which I thank all Council members as I know it is no mean feat making time and financial sacrifices to attend in Perth.

This was the meeting attended by Mr. John Gellatly, Society auditor, to give the Annual Financial Report on the Society accounts and I am glad to be able to report to you that these are fortunately much better than this time last year. He felt that the Society is running efficiently and is getting good value for money with regards to staffing and has seen reductions in costs including the postage costs were down as were legal/professional fees.

The reduction in postage costs is largely due to members accepting their newsletters by email and the remaining postal ones being despatched in smaller envelopes. Any additional instructions from members to the office to have newsletters sent by email are obviously very welcome bearing in mind the recent large increases in postal charges.

The overall increase in Society funding will have to be reviewed at the end of this year in an effort to avoid major price increases in the future. Rises in line with at least inflation would be normal business practice to maintain our viability in these difficult financial times.

The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society Centenary Fund was an item included in the Annual Financial report and some Council members were unsure of its origins and purpose and it was agreed to invite a representative of the Centenary Fund Trustees to come to the next Council Meeting to give the necessary information. The primary aim is to get the highest interest on the investments and the money thus raised is available for supporting Shetland activities in a variety of disciplines. In the present difficult financial times, of course, there is little cash benefit available for such assistance and the primary aim of the Trustees is to attract investment and thus the interest accrued for future beneficial use. To agree financial support for any request the Trustees must abide by the stipulations as written in the Trust Deeds.

The stud-book was discussed in accordance with the views and interest received from members. It was agreed to publish Vol.112 in a different layout to condense the content but the binding and registration information will remain the same. This will be £27 plus postage and packing where applicable and 300 copies will be ordered. This being our stud-book issued in the Diamond Jubilee Year permission has been obtained to include a special Jubilee photograph and one of the young Princess Elizabeth riding a Shetland pony was selected from the Buckingham Palace archived photographs suggested.

Council Members Forum was a new item on the Agenda where individual council members can confidently bring matters for open discussion round the table for decision or assistance. This brought quite a healthy, open element to the Meeting and included a discussion on co-opting members with particular skills to assist Council. Council was informed that Sir John Scott retired as Lord Lieutenant of Shetland last November and the Society will be officially writing to thank him for his patronage over the years and wish him well in his retirement. It was proposed that HRH The Duchess of Cornwall be approached to enquire if she would be willing to accept this position.

When I started this letter I wondered what I could write...now I feel I must stop before I bore you into not reading any further!

Joan Lambert
President

Can we please remind everyone to use bubble bags/padded envelopes when sending in your ponies passports. There has been an increase in passports which have arrived at the office, damaged, due to being put into thin paper envelopes.



COMPETITION TIME!!

We are running a Photograph competition entitled "Shetlands Are Fun". We'd like you to send your favourite photo of your Shetland pony having fun to the office. Closing date is 31st October, so get clicking to take part!



GROUP NEWS

Chiltern Shetland Pony Group

Our season got off to a good start with our first show on Sunday 5th April. Numbers could have been a bit better, but the quality was there as were the good spirits. Mrs Lewis looked after the Affiliated classes in a very efficient and kindly manner, while the Open Ring was kept busy with enthusiastic youngsters. Results are on the Society Website.

We return to what we hope is our long term home at the excellent Bury Farm Equestrian Centre, just south of Leighton Buzzard, on 1st July when Mrs L. Cave will be in charge of proceedings. Details from Michelle Coates on 01582 700640 or pat.coates@ntlworld.com

Central Scotland Shetland Pony Group

Activity Day

Saturday 26th May at Caledonian Mart, Stirling starting at 10.30am. Classes included Standards, Miniatures, Broken Coloured, Young Handler and stock-judging. Demonstration on Long Reining—bring your own pony for practising.

Main Show

Saturday 18th August at Longrigg Farm, Coalsnaughton, Clackmannanshire
Judges: Standard Black - Miss L. Stevens; Standards Coloureds - Mrs S. Seward; Miniatures - Mrs A. Stevens. Classes for Ridden and Young Handlers

Youngstock Show

Saturday 17th November, Venue to be confirmed.

AGM

The Group AGM will be held on Sunday 4th November at the Grampian Hotel, Perth 2.30pm. Followed by presentation of trophies. High tea will be available - cost £12.25

For more information, please contact the Secretary - Janet Murray tel: 01382 370208 email: lochiel.farm@virgin.net

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.

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.

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.

Closing date for adverts for the next newsletter is Friday 29th June 2012.

HAYBRAKE HALTERS

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

Council Nominations

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

TRANSFERS

Sellers are reminded that when selling a pony, the passport and a signed transfer form should 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.

2012 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Friday 6th July
Friday 2nd November

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

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

Additional produce foals can be registered online using the Grassroots system. Can we please remind members who use this facility, that the actual forms still need to be posted into the Office by the deadline! Can we also remind members to make full use of the **online service certificates** also available on the Grassroots system.

Stud-Books for Sale

Volumes 83 - 111 (29 in total). Very good condition. Do not wish to split.
£150
Tel: 01934 629444 (evenings)
Mobile: 07831 780614 (daytime)

Please remember to return any passports to Shetland House for ponies that are now deceased. They can be returned to you, should you wish to keep them for sentimental reasons.

Shetland Pony Trading Website

More gifts have been added to our stock of merchandise. Why not visit the website today? All gifts can be ordered online! . Please visit www.shetlandponytrading.co.uk

Young Exhibitors Scheme

Interested entrants for this scheme have until 1st June to enter. It is open to young people 21yrs and under. If you know of a young person who exhibits Shetland ponies regularly, why not encourage them to take part? Forms available from the Society office.

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.



SPS-BS Office Holidays 2012

The Society office will be **closed** on the following dates:-

Monday, Tuesday

June 4th, 5th

Monday

September 10th

Monday

October 8th

Tuesday, Wednesday

December 25th, 26th



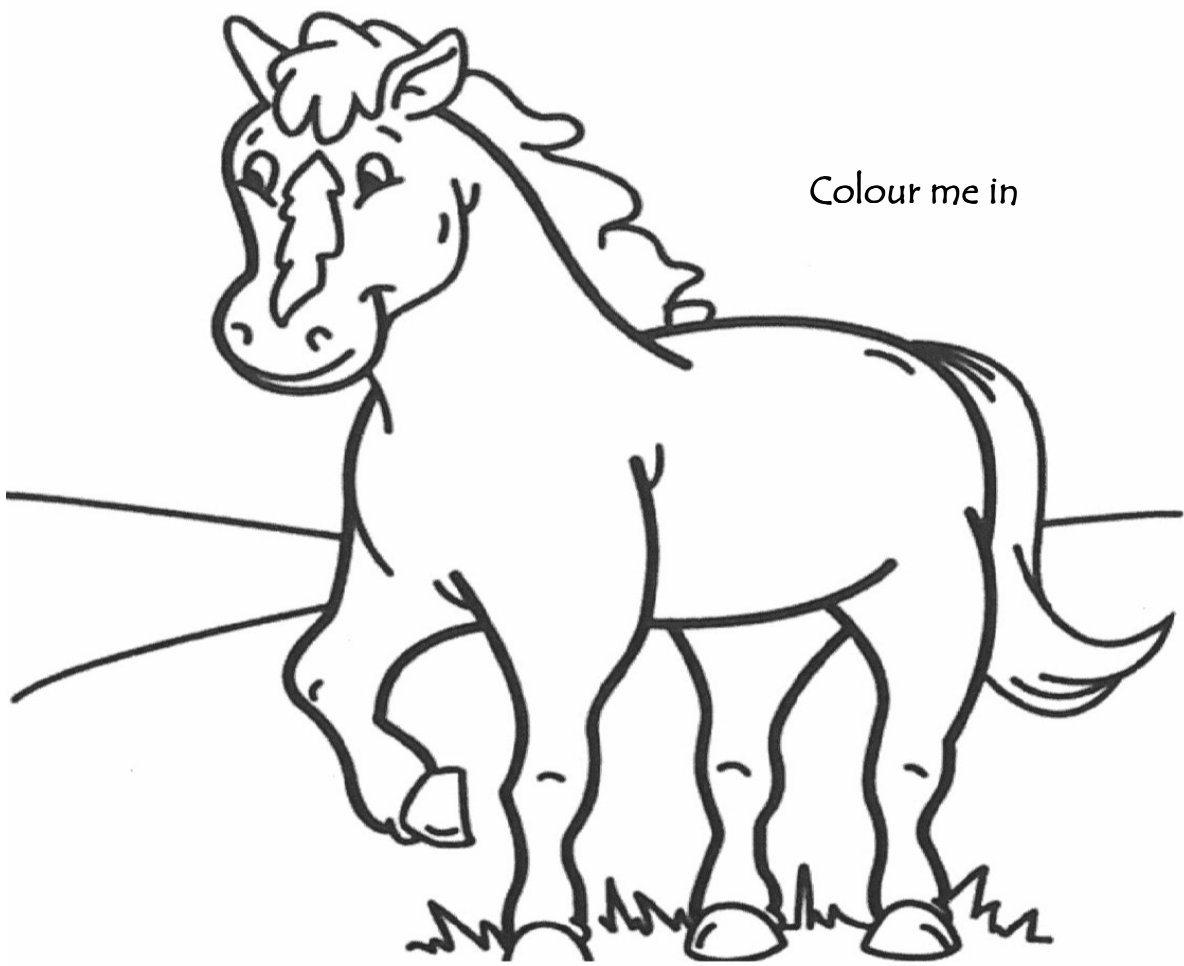
The grid on the right contains 23 well known names, past & present, (both 2-legged and 4-legged) connected to the Equine world.

How many can you find?

Answers available from the Society office.

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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 - Mrs Carole Laignel, Habbigarth, Dunrossness, Shetland ZE2 9JG Tel: 01950 460570
Email: admin@shetlandponybreeders.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

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e-mail: jll.hartside@whsmithnet.co.uk

Northern Shetland Enthusiasts

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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

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

South West Group (covers Cornwall, Devon, Somerset)

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South & West Wales Group

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

Wessex Group (covers area 60mls radius of Royal Bath & West Showground)

Secretary - Carol Hodder, Eiger House, Primrose Lane, Yeovil, Somerset
Tel: 01935 412888

Central Shetland Group (formerly 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

The Downs Shetland Pony Group

Administrator - Mrs J.E. Jones, Broadlands Farm, Hankham Street, Hankham, East Sussex BN24 5BH
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IRELAND

Northern Ireland Group

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Shetland & Riding Pony Club N.I.

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PERFORMANCE

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Ridden Performance Awards Scheme

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