



The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society



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Dear Members,

To start at the beginning it has to be the Annual General Meeting at Bakewell. I think you will agree with me that the almost full attendance of your widespread Council indicates their dedication and commitment to their efforts on your behalf. The presentation of a small token of our thanks to Leonie Sellars for organising the 2012 Breed Show went well - twice!

The new format of the stud book was well received on the whole but there are some members regretting the omission of the Changes of ownership. As was explained the book had to be condensed to enable us to continue printing at an acceptable cost to our members bearing in mind the greatly decreased take-up. After the efforts that Council has gone to in order to retain the printed stud-book the response in buying up to the time of writing is disappointing.

Another point raised at the AGM was the cost of microchips and Council have agreed to reduce the cost to members for the next year to £8. The success and continuation of the price reduction depends on members using our microchips and your support would be appreciated as an encouragement of our efforts on your behalf.

These two items were discussed and agreed at the recent Council Meeting as was the continuing research into alternative auditors costs and future magazine publication. This has been a very successful publication but due to the present economic climate there has been less revenue received from advertisements and sales. Council discussed the current situation at length and decided that in order to serve the best interests of the Society and the Membership a dramatic change will be needed to meet the challenge of rising costs of production and diminishing sales and which will also take advantage of modern printing methods. There is to be a great step forward with the Society magazine in that every member will receive a free copy twice a year in Spring and Autumn with funding subsidised by outside advertising of equine products. The magazine will include current news and general Society information together with articles of interest to Shetland Pony enthusiasts and our wonderful Stud advertisements. A bi-annual publication will offer advertisers more choice and with the advantage of a much wider circulation (approximately 1800 instead of 500) we hope to see an increase in stud members taking advantage of this opportunity. The new publications will be A4 size, full colour and number of pages will be approximately 80. As well as being able to take a whole or half page A4, stud advertisements may be also be a quarter page portrait size. **A new form accompanies this Newsletter.**

It was agreed by Council that the Show Results which members are very keen on having available will be compiled and produced in a separate booklet available on request from the office for anyone wishing to purchase one and will also include Transfers of Ownership (previously recorded in the annual stud book).

Council are very aware that all changes need to be researched in detail but also are determined that any new steps have to be for the benefit of most members. Many members who own one or two Shetlands do not necessarily want to breed or show and yet would welcome more participation and social contact with other breed enthusiasts. A free magazine would be a means of spreading encouragement with information, specialist articles and current events to a greater community. Members of the existing Council M Barugh for North England, Simon Read and Jill Jones for South England; and retiring member Roselyn Fraser for Shetland and Orkney with Christine Forbes for Scotland will be contributing to give a wider regional spread of interest and news.

In order to make the best use of Society funds it will be necessary to make some changes as well with the present system of producing 4 Newsletter each year. As recent news will be included in the two magazines being published Spring and Autumn, the newsletter will cease to be printed as

previously and the postage thus saved will enable us to send the new magazine to each and every member free of charge. The Society website will also keep members up to date with current news. Council hopes that members will appreciate that in the current difficult financial climate some changes are inevitable.

In the office, Victoria is to be taking some of the responsibilities for Shetland Pony Trading Ltd. (supported by Kate) in stock taking and marketing where required. Victoria has been doing this for some time and proved herself organised and reliable both with the stock, dealing with online orders and also with the customers at the Shetland table at various venues.

I have had a remarkable response to the limited number of letters which I have sent out seeking funding for the 2013 Breed Show and I look forward to an even greater response from the wider Shetland membership that will be reading this letter! Please - your financial support is much needed and appreciated. Any donations to be made out to **Shetland Breed Show 2013** and can be sent to Anne McCutcheon, Lindens, Hetton, Skipton, BD23 6LT or me. Rising costs and reducing incomes are not helping, I know, but we need a super Breed Show to lift everyone's morale!

I feel that I have now taken up enough of your time reading this epistle and would just like to thank our retiring members of Council: Roselyn, Steve and Victor for their support and work and look forward to welcoming our new members at the February Meeting – Janice Priest and Ingrid Dickie from Shetland and Robert Robertson from Scotland.

Joan Lambert, President

2013 MAGAZINE

The new SPSBS magazine will be bi-annual in Spring and Autumn and these will be distributed free to all the membership, increasing the circulation to 1800 copies which will greatly benefit all advertisers. The size of the magazine will be A4 and will be full colour throughout. As recent news will be included in the two magazines being published Spring and Autumn, the newsletter will cease to be printed as previously and the postage thus saved will enable us to send the new magazine to each and every member free of charge. The Society website will also keep members up to date with current news. Council hopes that members will appreciate that in the current difficult financial climate some changes are inevitable.

Advertisements already received by the Office will automatically be included in the Spring edition.

SPSBS WEBSITE LINKS

From 1st January 2013 there will be an annual £10 fee for links to Members' own Stud websites from the SPSBS website. There will be a £25 fee for all Commercial and Non-Member website links.

Payment may be made for Links using the Booking Form for Magazine Advertisements and Website Links accompanying this Newsletter. Alternatively you can contact the Office to pay by card.

HOYS DISQUALIFICATION

As a result of a letter from HOYS informing the Society that the qualification was removed from an entry in our 2012 Breed Show HOYS class, Council had to fully discuss this regrettable incident at the Council Meeting 2nd November. As a result the judge involved had to be written to regarding the failure to adhere to the rules of the class and a copy of the HOYS letter and the SPSBS letter and all correspondence will be recorded by the Society and this matter is now closed.

THE RED ROSE SHETLAND PONY SHOW

The Red Rose Shetland Pony Show will be held again (after 16 years) on Sunday 16th June 2013, at Osbaldeston Riding Centre in Lancashire. There will be classes for Black Standards, Coloured Standards and Miniatures, along with the usual children's classes and a driven class. If anyone would like to donate or sponsor the show, or would like a schedule nearer the time, please contact Sue Pye on 01995 678187. Also there are lots of fundraisers planned and organised which of you can find details on the The Red Rose Shetland Pony Show Facebook page.

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-book. 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.

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.

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.

Registration Forms

Can we please request that you do not use old forms for foal registrations as the original information has been updated. New forms are always available to download from our website or can be sent out from the Office. Also, when registering new mares or geldings please ensure you give an up to date height so that their studbook entries are as accurate as possible.

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.

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

If members have a query regarding Society Accounts for Annual General Meetings please address this to the Office in Perth at least **14 days** prior to the AGM in order that they may receive an individual response from our Society accountants.

STUD-BOOKS FOR SALE

Shetland Pony Stud-Books - Vols. 81, 82 & 83

Shetland Pony Society Magazines nos. 74, 78, 81, 82, 83, 85 & 86

Must be sold. Offers accepted plus postage.

Victoria Barr tel: 01372 272294 (Surrey)

HAYBRAKE HALTERS

Miniature foal halters

made to fit the smallest head

2 sizes available

Newborn to 6 months

Contact: Ann 01651 821116

PONY BREEDERS OF SHETLAND ASSOCIATION

2012 has been a busy year for The Pony Breeders of Shetland Association.

We were delighted to have 72 entries at our very first Youngstock Show on 18th November and are indebted to George and Barbara Tait, who allowed us to use their indoor riding school premises. We hope this will become an annual event.

The Shetland Pony Evaluations were held at Gott Farm with 9 stallions (7 junior and 2 senior) and 5 mares (2 junior and 3 senior) taking part. They were judged by Rowena Provan, Sue Pye and Ian Spence and produced 10 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze awards. There were also 2 ponies forward for the performance test with 1 ridden and 1 long reined which were awarded Bronze and Gold awards. Preparations are already underway for next year's evaluations which will take place on 27th & 28th July 2013.

We have had various television crews in Shetland this year filming the Shetland Pony in its natural environment and look forward to seeing the final result - unfortunately not always possible as some are only televised abroad.

Unlike some other places, we were very lucky to have sunshine on the day of our Viking Show, which made the event very enjoyable. The Supreme Champion was Merkisayre Dion bred by George Tait with the Reserve Supreme Champion awarded to the ridden stallion, Hollydell Hazard, ridden by Arianne Fraser and owned by the Hollydell Stud. A highlight of the day was when Helen Thomson was gifted the President's Award to mark a lifetime of work and dedication towards the Shetland Pony. The SPS-BS President, Joan Lambert, took time out of judging in the Miniature Ring to make this special presentation to a quietly delighted Helen.

Hollydel Hazard qualified for HOYS this year which was a great achievement - he was bred by a PBSA member and produced by another.

Entries were down at our Lerwick Pony Sale and prices not particularly high, but it was felt that there was a more positive atmosphere this year compared with the previous year. For the first time, the Show was held on the morning of the Sale, which seemed to work well. We have a date of 4th October 2013 for the Show and Sale next year and the PBSA are working closely with Aberdeen & Northern Marts to look at ways of developing and safeguarding the Lerwick Pony Sale.

CHILTERN SHETLAND PONY GROUP - AUTUMN SHOW 7th OCTOBER

We wound up our successful shows for the year with our Autumn show at Bury Farm on 7th October. Turnout was higher than we had expected and there was an enjoyable atmosphere. Exhibitors produced some fine ponies. The Affiliated ring was under the expert eye of Karen Nixon, who chose as her very worthy Champions:-

Youngstock: Miniature Champion - *Pinglewood Lizzie* (B. Twining), **Reserve - *Shawdene Claret*** (G. Mather), **Standard Champion - *Buxted Discovery*** (S. Greene/A. Page), **Reserve - *Slade Russian Ruby*** (R. Cook).

SPSBS Show Championship: Miniature Champion - *Pinglewood Tobermory* (B. Twining), **Reserve - *Pinglewood Lizzie***, **Standard Champion - *Buxted Discovery***, **Reserve - *Somahouse Holly*** (S. Green/A. Page)

Chiltern Shetland Pony Group Supreme Champion - *Pinglewood Tobermory*, **Reserve - *Buxted Discovery***

Our open ring, where the children learn what it's all about and have fun, was well supported and ably looked after by Denise Barrett.

As has been the case throughout the year the Show was set up by Shelly Coates and managed by Norman Barrett to whom we are all most grateful - shows don't run themselves. The year ends with our finances in good order, hopefully sufficient to see us through these uncertain times, indeed, overall the shows came out just on the right side.

Despite increased charges we are staying with our popular venue at Bury Farm, Leighton Buzzard. The provisional dates for shows in 2013 are 24th April; 23rd June and 6th October. Confirmation of dates and Judges who have been kind enough to agree to officiate will be given in due course. Meantime, further information is available from Michelle Coates on 01582 700 640.

TRIP TO THE SHETLAND ISLES

I am organising a trip to the Shetland Isles for October 2013, to take in the sale in Lerwick and a social evening the night before and be back in time for the Aberdeen sale. If anyone is interested in going please contact Sue Pye on 01995 678187 for more information.

GROUPS DIRECTORY

SCOTLAND

Central Scotland Group

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

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Four Counties Shetland Pony Group

(covers Worcestershire, Hereford, Shropshire and
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Central Shetland Group (formerly West Midlands Group) - covers Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, W. Midlands, Worcestershire, Leicestershire, N. Wales

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PERFORMANCE

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372238

Ridden Performance Awards Scheme

Mrs S. Bearcroft, Ropers Farm, Longdon Hill,
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PHOTO COMPETITION RESULTS



Young Exhibitors Awards Scheme 2012

Well done to Hannah Britland (pictured right with her yearling filly, Melland Jeudi Kate), who won the Young Exhibitors Scheme this year.

Results-

- 1st Hannah Britland
- 2nd Charlotte Britland
- 3rd= Lisa Wilson and
Jamie Dean
- 4th Henrietta Nielson

We hope that even more of our budding young showing enthusiasts enter the scheme next year.

