



## ***The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society***

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NEWSLETTER

**Dear Members,**

Winter is a struggle for most people and even more so for Shetland pony owners....the water is frozen in troughs and pipes and has to be carried through fields either slippery with mud or icy and frozen with snow! Not for me the quad bike and tractor luxuries to make these tasks easier or at least tolerable – wheelbarrow and on foot does nothing for one's bonhomie. The only healthy, glowing beings are the Shetland ponies themselves, shiny of eye and coat.

In the dropping temperatures it was the first Council Meeting of the year and of my Presidency and attendance was commendable – one absentee working (and judging) in New Zealand and the only other one had to return home very reluctantly for an emergency. One attending member even brought a hot water bottle expecting cold conditions – I assume in the hotel and not the Council Room!

All correspondence received before the required 14 days of the Council meeting was discussed. The reason for this time stipulation is that a copy of each letter goes out to every Council Member a fortnight before the Meeting thus giving them the opportunity of looking into the background, reasons etc. and enabling them to give a positive contribution to the discussion at the Council Meeting. So please would members bear in mind that letters need to be received by the office in good time. Along with thanks to the office staff, appreciation of the new website, costs of sales at Auction Marts there was a letter concerned about the welfare of Shetland Ponies in particular in Orkney but elsewhere generally. Whilst we appreciate the problem we cannot impose quotas but we do already advise our members to breed their ponies with thought and consideration for their future. From time to time matters of welfare do arise and it is important that if anyone is worried regarding the wellbeing or witness treatment of ponies that they feel is of concern then they should contact the RSPCA as this is the organisation that has any authority in these matters. If a member wishes to write to the Society about welfare issues please address correspondence to Council. While I have enormous sympathy for such matters, it is not appropriate for me to deal with it personally.

The 2012 Breed Show was discussed and the final schedule was agreed on. It was voted unanimously that the HOYS qualifier will remain with the Breed Show from now on (as it does with all other breeds) and the Olympia Qualifier remains with the Performance Show. The show committee would be most grateful to anyone who would like to sponsor a class at the show and sponsorship forms will be included in the next Newsletter. Donations will be much appreciated and can be sent or given to the Show Secretary Mrs Leonie Sellars or the Treasurer Michael Barugh. Special rosettes donated by a sponsor marking the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be presented to each exhibitor.

A major discussion of the meeting was that for many years the take-up of studbooks has been falling and although we have reduced the number printed there still has been a tremendous shortfall to meet the costs. Council has made sure that the printers are competitive within the field of expertise for this type of production but we are now in a difficult position where we cannot reduce any further at an acceptable price.

There are members who greatly treasure their annual studbook and the computer could never replace it but your Council has to deal with the economics of not losing money. We only sell around 150 volumes a year. We are looking for the best solution to the problem and included with this Newsletter is a slip for members to complete to give everyone a chance to be consulted regarding various options and this will be discussed again at the April meeting when the forms have been received by the office.

The International Show is being held in Holland this year and any individuals wishing to show there should contact the Dutch Society personally for information (see below). The International Meeting was discussed and all daughter stud-books will be invited to attend a meeting in Perth in November.

*Joan Lambert  
President*

## **INTERNATIONAL SHETLAND PONY SHOW 2012**



### **SPS-BS Office Holidays 2012**

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

Monday **April 9th**  
Monday **May 7th**  
Monday, Tuesday **June 4th, 5th**  
Monday **September 10th**  
Monday **October 8th**  
Tuesday, Wednesday **December 25th, 26th**

### **STUD-BOOK**

As mentioned in the President's report above, accompanying this newsletter is a questionnaire regarding the stud-book printing. We would be grateful if you could return this form, completed, to the office by the 30th March, in good time for the next Council meeting on Friday 13th April.



The International Shetland Pony Show will take place on 1st - 4th August at Ermelo, Holland. There will be shows for colts, stallions, gelding, fillies and mares, ridden classes, riding events and many spectacular shows.

More details can be found at [www.nsp75jaar.nl](http://www.nsp75jaar.nl)

### **Society Sales**

The 2012 Magazine will be on sale at Reading and York and, although they are not under the auspices of the Society, are the first available venues where the latest publication for members can be collected at £12, thus saving the postage charges.



The SPSBS would like to point out that the **Gue Stud**, proudly owned by Carole Laignel, can trace Gue ponies back to the very first stud-book, which were bred by Carole's Great Grandfather.

# 2012 MEMBERS' PRICE LIST

## Subscriptions

Individual Annual	£35.00
Joint Annual	£55.00
Junior	£15.00
Family	£75.00
Life	£750.00
Annual Crofter	£25.00
Life Crofter	£350.00
Associate	£25.00
Late Penalty fee	£5.00

## Joining Fee

(except Junior & Associate) **£20.00**

## Registrations

*Double fees for late registration*

*Double fees for any registration of progeny sired by a colt who has not passed VVE*

Colt/Gelding Foal (includes passport)	£25.00
Filly Foal (includes passport)	£40.00
Ponies born after 1997 outside the UK (includes passport)	£80.00
Male or Female Pony over 12 months (includes passport)	£50.00
Mare (when registering first foal)	£15.00
Gelding (previously registered as colt)	£10.00
Registration of ponies with non-UK passports	£60.00

**(lineage must trace back to the mother stud-book)**

## Passports

Passport application for ponies born prior to 1998	£30.00
Amendments to existing passport	£10.00
Duplicate passport	£25.00

## Change of ownership

Transfer	£20.00
Transfer outside the UK	£25.00
Export / Import	£50.00
Keeper registration (where no signed transfer can be obtained)	£16.00

## Miscellaneous

Prefix	£100.00
Show Affiliation	£30.00
Show Affiliation (Best Shetland Only)	£10.00
Additional Rosettes	£2.50
DNA Kit	£60.00
Voluntary Vet Examination	£100.00
Examination only	£50.00
Microchip	£10.00
Priority service (payment by card only)	£16.00

## Word Search

Can you find the different breeds of horses and ponies in the grid on the right?



- CLEVELAND BAY
- CONNEMARA
- DALES
- DARTMOOR
- ERISKAY
- EXMOOR
- FELL
- HACKNEY
- HIGHLAND
- NEW FOREST
- SHETLAND
- THOROUGHbred
- WELSH

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## 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.

## 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.

## CHILTERN SHETLAND PONY GROUP

Following its recent AGM, the **Chiltern Group** is now able to give details of its showing programme for 2012. All three shows will be held at the Bury Farm Equestrian Village, Slapton, just south of Leighton Buzzard in Bedfordshire.

**Sunday 15th April** : Affiliated Ring - Panel Judge - Mrs E. Lewis. Open Ring (mainly for youngsters to gain experience in ridden classes and in-hand and to have fun) - Judge - Emma Payne

**Sunday 1st July**: Affiliated Ring - Panel Judge - Mrs L. Cave. Open Ring - Judge - Denise Barrett

**Sunday 7th October**: Affiliated Ring - Panel Judge - Miss K. Nixon. Open Ring - Judge - Jane Carrington

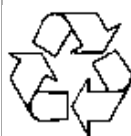
Schedules will be available in due course from Mrs Michelle Coates (01582 700640) or email: pat.coates@ntlworld.com

## 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.



*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.*

## 2012 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Friday 13th April  
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.

## 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](http://www.shetlandponytrading.co.uk)

## PONIES FOR SALE

### GRUTNESS & LAAWARD SHETLAND PONIES

Poor health of owner forces substantial reduction in numbers of **standard mares, fillies** and **stallions** of various ages and colours. Our ponies have featured prominently in the show-ring since 1980s, winning numerous championships, reserve championships and top class places indicating considerable depth of quality.

Caring homes sought for our much loved ponies.

**Myrna & Sonja Flaws** Tel: 01950 460222 (Shetland) Email: [sonja.flaws@talk21.com](mailto:sonja.flaws@talk21.com)

## 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.

**Mowview Shetlands** have a selection of **miniature ponies** for sale. All under 32". Some mares in foal, **piebald** and **skewbald**. Also 32" **licensed piebald stallion**, Mowview The Duke (AU2737/S10), 4yrs old with **plenty of bone**. Stranduff, Romany and Fairy Viking are all in his breeding. **£550 o.n.o.**

Tel: 01782 660471 or 07770 444603

**Claredale Isla** 22/04/09, **standard bay filly**. Shown successfully in-hand. Very easy pony to deal with.

**Claredale Ben** 18/05/2010, **black standard gelding**. Has done well in the show-ring. Will make a super **ride/drive pony**

**Mrs Robertson, Co. Durham**

Tel: 01327 730044

## HAYBRAKE HALTERS

**Miniature foal halters** made to fit the smallest head  
**2 sizes available**

Newborn to 6 months

Contact: Ann 01651 821116

**Closing date for adverts  
for the next newsletter  
is  
Friday 6th April 2012.**

## 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 - Fiona Lawrence, 27 Scarletts Well Park, Bodmin, Cornwall PL31 2RF tel: 01208 77709

#### **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  
Tel: 01323 763405

### IRELAND

#### **Northern Ireland Group**

Secretary - Mrs M. Bell, 31 Ballywillan Road, Glendo, 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