

The South West Wales Shetland Pony Group Spring News Letter 2018



Supreme Champion from the Autumn Show 2017 - Black Magic of Crafton
with Abi Parry.

Chairman's Address

Dear Members,

It is with great pride that I have taken over from Charles Seward as Chairman of our Group, who ably Captained our ship and I can promise that I will do my utmost to see it continue successfully as it has done for so many years and will work hard to endeavour to try to fill this position to the best of my ability.

We have a new Committee with faces old and new who are now pulling together in the best interests of the Group.

With the start of the 2018 show season I wish all of you every success and enjoyment throughout the next few months; we have several new members this year and please introduce yourselves at Shows and Social Events, we are a very friendly group and all ideas, news etc. are very welcome from all members.

The Spring show at Peniel has promised its usual good entries with Mr John Davies and Mrs Pippa John kindly agreeing to judge. Members can keep themselves informed of relevant information on our Group Website www.shetlandsinwales.co.uk and on our Group Facebook site. If you have anything that you would like brought to the attention of Council in Perth please do not hesitate to contact me as I am your representative.

Very many thanks for all your continued support.

Debbie Pittard

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Group News

At the end of last year we said a sad farewell to Sandra and her husband Charles Seward, who both retired from being Secretary and Chairman . After their many years of support, they are now enjoying their retirement from the South and West Wales Shetland Pony Group.

The Spring Show is on the 8th of April and held at Peniel Indoor Arena. A schedule is included in this newsletter. There are plenty of classes to suit all, from Ridden, Standard classes, along with Miniature and Fancy Dress.

We hope to have your full support and an ideal opportunity to good catch up with Shetland friends. We wish to see as many of you as possible to support the show.

The popular Annual Summer show is to be held on the 29th of July and this schedule will be sent to all members in the post, nearer the time. We hope to have your full support again this year as last year was an absolutely amazing turn out with many trophies, rosettes and sashes to be won.

This year we have a New Standard Section which we hope to have your support for . We also have the prestigious BSPS LeMieux Heritage Ridden Champion Qualifying Class again. This is an open ridden class, and it would be lovely to see one of our members to qualify for such prestige. We are always looking for sponsorship for the show so if you would like to sponsor a class please get in touch with Dawn Hawker, she can help you out with any queries, sponsorship or have any ideas how the show can be improved please drop an email at dawnhawker1@outlook.com . We look forward to seeing you all there let's hope that this year we're blessed with good weather.

Results of the Autumn Show held on 8th October 2017 at Peniel.

Best Turned out Ridden: 1st Hose Vibe – Oliver Winn-Jones. 2nd Briar Prince - Phillipa John.

Best Turned Out In Hand: 1st Hose Vibe - Lorna Winn-Jones; 2nd Windwillow Miracle - Mrs Pauline Mander.

Lead Rein: 1st Black Magic of Crafton - Abi Parry; 2nd Celtic Butterfly – Phillipa John ; 3rd Pringlewood Final Decision - Bella Davies.

First Ridden: 1st Celtic Butterfly - Phillipa John.

Open Ridden- No Entries.

Ridden Champion: Black Magic of Crafton - Abi Parry.

Reserve: Celtic Butterfly - Phillipa John.

Standards:

Stallion/Entire Male: 1st Windwillow Miracle - Mrs Pauline Mander.

Mare or Gelding: 1ST Black Magic of Crafton - Abi Parry. 2nd Hose Vibe - Lorna Winn-Jones.

Colt Foal: 1st Hooray Henry of Crafton - Nick & Annwyl True.

Filly Foal: No entries.

2 & 3 years old: 1st Bellever Ebony - Dave & Wendy Morris. 2nd Sharptor Ulrikia - Miss E James; 3rd Ladbury Vince = Mrs Anne Edwards.

Yearling: 1st Blackertor Esta - Miss E. James; 2nd Sedgehill Ulysses - Nick & Annwyl True.

Standard Champion: Black Magic of Crafton – Abi Parry.

Reserve: Hooray Henry of Crafton – Nick & Annwyl True.

Piebald & Skewbald Standard: 1st Windwillow Miracle - Mrs Pauline Mander; 2nd Celtic Butterfly - Phillipa John.

Best Gelding Standard: 1st Briar Prince - Phillipa John; 2nd Ladbury Vince - Mrs Anne Edwards.

Miniature:

Stallion/Entire Male: 1st Seva Top Cat - Pauline Braddock.

Mare or Gelding: 1st Merilin Honeybear - Joan Dowdeswell; 2nd Threeacre Opal K - Joan Thomas; 3rd Kenvig Kiss Me Kate - Martine Jones.

Colt Foal: 1st Cwmllynfell Hendrix - Jane Sharp; 2nd Kenvig Apollo - Julie Nicholas; 3rd Hawkerbays Beckham - Dawn & Time Hawker.

Filly Foal: 1st Hawkerbays Bijan - Dawn & Tim Hawker; 2nd Shalaine Fantasia - Elaine Smith – Joseph Thompson. 3rd Threeace Honey Two - Joan Thomas.

2 & 3 yrs old: 1st Cwmllynfell Rosemarrow - Suzanne Morris; 2nd Lloegr Glory - Pauline Braddock; 3rd Cwmllynfell Queen Cup - Jane Sharp.

Yearling: 1st Kenvig Forget me Not - Julie Nicholas. 2nd Cwmllynfell Tiger Lily - Suzanne Morris; 3rd Wernpeilig Gillie - Mrs Anne Edwards.

Miniature Champion: Seva Top Cat - Pauline Braddock.

Reserve: Cwmllynfell Rosemarrow – Suzanne Morris.

Piebald & Skewbald Miniature: 1st Seva Top Cat - Pauline Braddock. 2nd Cwmllynfell Rosemarrow - Suzanne Morris; 3rd Cwmllynfell Lily - Suzanne Morris.

Best Gelding Miniature: 1st Merilin Honeybear - Joan Dowdeswell.

1, 2 & 3 yrs to make ride or drive: 1st Lloegr Ginger Snap - Martine Jones.

FOAL CHAMPION: Hooray Henry of Crafton - Nick & Annwyl True. **Reserve:** Hawkerbays Bijon - Dawn & Tim Hawker.

JUNIOR CHAMPION: Hooray Henry of Crafton - Nick & Annwyl True. **Reserve:** Cwmllynfell Rosemallow - Suzanne Morris.

SUPREME CHAMPION: Black Magic of Crafton - Abi Parry. **Reserve:** Seva Top Cat - Pauline Braddock.

Child Handler 10 years or under: 1st Sol Edwards - Seva Grace. 2nd

Mali Morgan Jones - Kenvig Kiss Me Kate; 3rd Jessie Heaton - Lloegr Glory.

Fancy Dress: Joint First : Mali Morgan Jones - Kenvig Kiss Me Kate; Oliver Withers - Hose Vibe; and Alex Fox - Cadno George's Dragon.

Advertisements

Have you got anything you want to advertise, maybe some old tack or rugs that you no longer. Or maybe you're looking for something, we can advertise on here for you. Send me an email of some information and I will put it in the next newsletter. I am also looking for articles if anybody would like to do a little write up, it doesn't have to be pages and pages long, whether it be how you came into Shetland ponies or if you have a bit of knowledge you would like to share with others.

Send them in to naomihawker@btinternet.com and they can be in the next newsletter.

Shetland Pony Article

A 3am start on a cold and frosty November morning is always a challenge, but the journey to Birmingham with two miniature Shetland ponies in tow was something my friend Dawn and I had been looking forward to. I'd been persuaded to enter the National Foal of the Year Show after attending a conference at the venue, although I didn't hold out much hope that it would be worth my while.

I bought my first miniature Shetland three years ago, after my favourite – normal-sized – horse had died and I was looking for something a bit smaller and more manageable. It wasn't long before I was hooked and by now I've got ten ponies in total. The latest addition was Cwmllynfell Hendrix, bought last year as a five-month old colt foal. He was soon nicknamed 'Tank' after showing an amazing stubbornness and ability to stick his ground and not budge an inch!

It was Tank we took to the FOYS and not long after arriving, I realised just how high the standard was at the show. It was a whole new experience and a great event – with music, flowers and a good atmosphere although when we entered the ring and realised there were around 16 other entries in Tank's class, I have to admit I thought 'well we might as well go home now'.

But Tank didn't put a foot wrong. He loved it – performed beautifully for the judge and thrived on the atmosphere. I was so proud of him. Incredibly, he came second and I was so proud of him. In fact, I cried! Although as soon as the rosette was in place, Tank went back to being quite a handful.

The Colt foal that won Tank's class went on to win overall Reserve Champion – the first time a Shetland had achieved this feat. I didn't mind coming second to him!

I'd been told to bring evening wear to the show, for the first place prize winners and have to admit that I hadn't bothered to pack anything. Maybe next time, I'll be taking a dress with me, just in case....

Jane Sharp -Danyforest Shetlands

THE TRANSY STUD - The First Hundred Years

By Dougal W H Dick

The Transy Stud was founded in 1896 by my Grandfather, William Mungall at Transy, Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland. My Grandfather later bought a small farm, Lochend, which lies three miles North of Dunfermline and the ponies were kept there as well as Transy.

In 1963, I bought Dunnygask, a farm approximately 5 miles north of Dunfermline, which I farmed in conjunction with Lochend. The ponies were moved to Dunnygask because we were having problems with ponies being teased by children in Dunfermline. I sold Dunnygask and Lochend in 1968 and bought Devonshire, a larger, less exposed farm. The ponies shifted in November 1968 to Devonshire where they remain to the present day and Transy was sold by the family after the death of my mother in 1989.

It all began when my grandfather, William Mungall, was asked by an old friend of his to go and look at two geldings in Edinburgh during the summer of 1896. The idea behind the visit was to try to purchase two ponies from my grandfather's friend, but the ponies turned out to be Shetlands and unsuitable for him. So, as so often happens today instead of being purchased by the original intended buyer, they were bought by my grandfather. It proved impossible to find their pedigrees as they were geldings, and in these early days, no record of the breeding of geldings was kept by the Shetland Pony Stud Book Society. Unfortunately, I have no record of the names of these first two ponies, but they were undoubtedly responsible for the interest in Shetland Ponies that very quickly overtook my grandfather.

By 1908, the stud consisted of about 40 ponies and was predominantly black as my grandfather did not care for light colours. When asked by a journalist to describe his ideal Shetland pony, my grandfather is quoted as saying "a true Shetlander must first of all have strength and endurance so they must be a frame of strong design, good bone, and much muscle. But there must be a combination of strength, grace and activity with a good dash of courage. The legs should be short and nicely formed the hind ones not straight but not over bent, with thighs coming well down to the hocks which should be kept well together. The feet should be round and open,

and pasterns not too straight. The body round, with full quarters and broad short back with the tail nicely set on. Shoulders loping somewhat, carrying a nicely crested neck-not too long. The head small and shapely, with fine muzzle and nostrils, neat ears and a sharp eye, full of alertness. Action should be sharp, straight and free.”

(Farmlife 2nd May 1908)

The size of the ponies in the stud has varied over the years. In the early part of the century all the ponies tended to be smaller around 35” to 37” and it was only in the 1930’s that a larger size was found to be more desirable. We have however, always had the odd larger or smaller pony.

My grandfather was elected onto the council of the Shetland Pony Stud Book Society in 1904 and he became president in 1906. Having served his one year as president, he remained on council until 1935 when he was elected as vice-president. Unfortunately, he died that year before serving as president for a second term of office.

My father, who had been very much involved with the ponies was voted onto council in 1936. He served 3 years on council, before being appointed Vice-president in 1939. Unlike today, the president and vice-president stayed in their post for as long as the members were happy with the situation, so my father was on council as vice-president until 1948. This obviously included the war years when there was no activity in the society. In 1949 my father was once again a serving council member and continued until 1955 when he was once again appointed vice-president. He became president in 1959 and it was during this time that the council decided to bring in the two year duration of a president. This idea was very much approved of by my father because he felt that it was a bad idea to have anybody as president for more than two years at a time.

My mother served on the Council from 1939 to 1955 and I, myself joined the society in 1953 and was elected to the Council in 1959 and served on Council until 1966, having one year off Council after 3 years. I was voted as Vice president in 1967 and became President in 1969 until 1971 and was then on Council as ex-president for a further 4 years. I was then re-elected to Council in 1979 and apart from the years that I was not eligible to serve on the Council have been on until the present day.

My daughters, Carolyn and Sarah are both life-members of the Society and have been appointed to the Judges panel so there is hope that there will be a continuing interest in the Society in the future.

WORMING ADVICE

You should set up a regular worming programme for all your ponies as worm infestation can be the cause of ill-health. The symptoms include a pot-belly a harsh staring coat and a generally listless appearance. Worms may retard the growth of your foals and may even lead to permanent stunting.

If at all possible your ponies should have clean grazing that is grazing that has not been used by other ponies that year. This reduces the risk of it picking up worm larvae. Try and alternate wormers to avoid worms building up a tolerance to the drug and picking up manure from paddocks is also important.

As with all medication you should consult your vet before initiating your worming programme.

THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF WORMS THAT AFFECT YOUR PONIES:-

Intestinal threadworms: can affect foals and may cause severe diarrhoea. The first wormer you give your foal should be effective against them.

Ascarid worms:- can affect young ponies and may lead to blockages.

Red worms:- can affect ponies of all ages and can cause a variety of symptoms from mild unthriftiness

Right up to fatal colic.

Pin worms:- or seat worms can cause anal irritation.

Lungworms:- can cause severe coughing and are contracted when ponies graze with donkeys.

Tapeworms:- can cause colic symptoms and most regular wormers do not kill tapeworms.

Bots:- are generally thought to cause little problem and are picked up when bot flies lay their small white eggs on the ponies fur during the Summer months. They are then licked by the pony and make their way to the stomach.