

# New Zealand Shetland Pony Breeders' Society (Inc.)

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- Newsletter articles, photos, items of interest, classifieds, queries or corrections can be sent to the Newsletter Editor
- Show results can be sent directly to the Show Results Collector
- Financials can be sent directly to the Treasurer
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## From the President

### Presidents Report December 2021

It has been a challenging and uncertain year for many. Events, shows and functions have been cancelled, postponed or become a “new normal”. We have all had to compromise, adapt and look after each other. Our faithful Shetlands have been oblivious to all these worldly concerns and have been a great leveller and constant when so much is changing.

Be kind and considerate and appreciate people and ponies trying their best.

Enjoy your family over the Christmas season, the four leggers and the two leggers, and have a happy safe holiday.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Bernadette Woffenden  
NZSPBS President



*Merry Christmas from Narrandera Xzar*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

In response to concerns of members and the wider Shetland community, the SI NZSPBS show committee has made the decision to postpone the SI Shetland 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show from 15 January 2022 to 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023. This decision has not been made lightly. The Covid 19 Protection Framework's (traffic lights) considerations for Orange, were problematic to manage and enforce. People had shared that they are uncomfortable entering a show in these uncertain times.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Show needs to be celebration that everyone can enjoy and take part in, and we will be far more informed in 12 months' time.

***Gipsy gold does not clink and glitter,  
It gleams in the sun and neighs in the dark.  
Saying of the Gladdagh Gipsies of Galway.***

## From the Newsletter Editor

Well Christmas is rolling around fast, so I hope you have bought your ponies some Christmas carrots and filled their Santa sacks with hay for Christmas morning! It's definitely been a bit quiet for this time of year in terms of Shetland shows and trying to incorporate the new traffic light system to the show setting is rather challenging. On the positive side, longer daylight hours mean more time to spend with our ponies – especially for those of us who work full time. So, while we don't know exactly what 2022 will bring, here's to a New Year with time to dwell on and be grateful for the wonderful things we have in our lives...especially our Shetties.

This December 2021 issue of our newsletter, while lighter on show results, is packed full of interesting articles showing the Shetlands' journey as a breed through the 1800's to more recent times. A huge thank you to those who contributed!

If anyone has any articles or items of interest and/or photos of your beautiful ponies that you are happy to share, please send them to me at [christinawil@gmail.com](mailto:christinawil@gmail.com) for our next newsletter.

The next newsletter publication is planned for mid-February 2022 so items for the next newsletter need to be sent through to me by the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 or even earlier if possible.

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**From the Registrar**

**New Registrations**

<b>Registration Number</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Pony</b>
1158NZ FR	Colt	Oaklea Mondesa
1162NZ	Filly	Burravoe Patagonia
1163NZ	Filly	Burravoe Prudence
1164NZ	Filly	Cotswold Rubeena
1165NZ	Filly	Duncree Hickory Harlowe
1166NZ	Gelding	Duncree Desperdo
1167NZ	Filly	Double H Blue Cameo
1168NZ	Filly	Double H Citrus Liqueur
1169NZ	Filly	Double H Saffron

FR = Foal Recording for Colts until they are fully registered as a Stallion or a Gelding

**Stallions/Colts Gelded**

Cotswold Sherwood 1108NZ

**Foal Pre Naming**

Downton Mr Bates 2021 – 002 Colt

**Transfers –**

<b>Reg. Number</b>	<b>Pony</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Transferred To</b>
1071NZ	Burravoe Patient Amber	D&J Humphries, Motukarara	Burrows Family, 1821 North Eyre Road, RD 5 Rangiora 7475
1033NZ	Cotswold Glitter Wings	D&J Humphries, Motukarara	Maria Voight, 417 Whakarewa RD 1 Motueke
889NZ	Zeberdee Mint Milano	E Porter, 12 Factory Road RD 2 Palmerston	K Whiting 93 Dalziels Road, RD 1 Rangiora 7471
1160NZ	Cotswold Peonie	R Price 507 Browns Rock Road Oxford	Brad & Anna Raukawa 218 River Road, Elgin RD 1 Ashburton 7777
1102NZ	Beechgrove Snow Bird	A Price 187 Rocky Hundreds Road, RD 2 Timaru	Kay Millar, 60 Velino Road, Ohoka RD 2 Kaiapoi 7692
952NZ	Beechgrove Dolly Bird	A Price 187 Rocky Hundreds Road, RD 2 Timaru	K Wilson, 125 Dawsons Road, Mandeville North, RD 2 Kaiapoi 7692
1097NZ	Little Hoof Fantaisa	A Buckingham C/- 172 Timaru Road, RD 8 Waimate 7978	S Gallagher 12 Fairfield Street, Brightwater 7022
1078NZ	Cotswold Pavia	S Harden 2558 South Eyre Road, Rangiora	A Toase 394 Quarry Road, RD 2 Rangiora 7472
982NZ	Shelyron Cloudberry	B & R Woffenden, Mill Farm Leeston	A Buckingham C/- 172 Timaru Road, RD 8 Waimate 7978
972NZ	Burravoe Rocko – Phella	Burrows Family, 1821 North Eyre Road, RD 5 Rangiora 7475	Cheryl Heeley, 4 Lincoln Street Marchwiell, Timaru 7910
1090NZ	Burravoe Patron	Burrows Family, 1821 North Eyre Road, RD 5 Rangiora 7475	Cheryl Heeley, 4 Lincoln Street Marchwiell, Timaru 7910
985NZ	Beechgrove Fire N Ice	A & R Price 187 Rocky Hundreds Road, RD 2 Timaru	Willowbank Wildlife Reserve, Harewood, CHCH

## **Newsletter Deadlines**

- February 2022 Issue: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022
- April 2022 Issue: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022
- June 2022 Issue: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022
- August 2022 Issue: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022
- October 2022 Issue: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022
- December 2022 Issue: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

***A horse is worth more than riches.  
A Spanish Proverb***

## **Shetland Shortbread:**

### **Ingredients**

- Shetland butter - 8 oz
- Plain flour - 8 oz
- White self-raising flour - 2 oz
- Caster sugar - 3 oz (plus extra to sprinkle)
- Cornflour - 3 oz (cornstarch)



### **Instructions**

1. Preheat oven to 160 C/ 350 F.
2. Melt butter.
3. Mix dry ingredients together in a medium sized bowl.
4. Add the melted butter to the dry ingredients, combine thoroughly. Knead well and press into an 8" x 8" square baking tin to a depth of 1/2 inch.
5. Prick all over the top with a fork and sprinkle with extra caster sugar.
6. Bake at 350F/160C/Gas Mark 4 on bottom shelf of oven until a pale beige colour.
7. Cut into 1" by 2-3" strips while still warm. Leave to cool on a wire rack and store in an airtight container.

The recipe author notes: *The recipe supplied suggested the temperature of 160 C/ 350 F, and I baked these biscuits at 160 C in my oven. However, they required an additional 10 minutes to cook, so I suspect the temperature should be 180 C (which is equivalent to 350 F).*



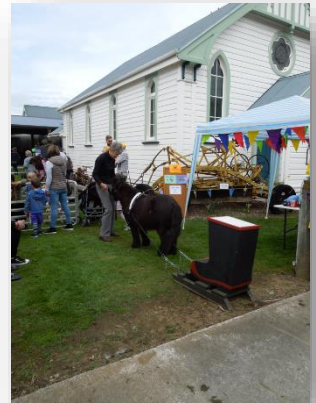
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### LOWER NORTH ISLAND AREA REPORT

*Ann Abernethy*

As this year draws to a close it can only be described as an “on again, off again” year. For me it has been a difficult year health-wise, for the community it has been a year of postponements and then cancellations and for the country—well we all know about that!!

Unfortunately, while I am aware of another Shetland pony in my area, I have not been able to make contact. It would be great to have others to chat with. However, the ponies have been a “constant” amongst the uncertainty and continue to bring me a lot of pleasure. The cancellations have meant that the usual activities in which the ponies would feature have simply not occurred—our Spring Fling Gala Day, Market Day, Christmas Parade and the Gumboot Day and A&P combined Show (Taihape Country Show) plus whatever else we are invited to.



*Rockisle Black Onyx waiting patiently to deliver prizes 2020 Spring Fling (above)*

*2019--Christmas Parade Huntingdon Bliss -- Teddy Bears Xmas Picnic (belowt)*



Driving competitions have continued but I have not been able to compete and will be limiting my driving to pleasure driving in the future. The ponies are in excellent condition and with exceptional grass growth are being break fed. I get a lot of pleasure from reading back copies of an English magazine—Carriage Driving (no longer available) and must confess to seeking out the articles featuring Shetlands which are so popular in England for driving. I do believe that Shetland pony enthusiasts are the same wherever we are—buy one and before you know it you have a herd!! As we know each pony has their own personality and I do like this little quote from an article “*You just have to share their sense of humour and unique way of looking at the world to be able to understand what makes them tick.*”

Merry Christmas to you all and best wishes for 2022.

Ann



*Rockisle Black Onyx getting a hug Taihape Show day2021*

## WAIKATO/UPPER NORTH ISLAND AREA REPORT

*Kathy Drake*

Life continues along under Covid restrictions. Who knows for how much longer! The majority of the Northern Region A&P Shows have either been cancelled for this year and into the new year or are on hold. Many of them were cancelled last year as well. It is good to see some South Island Shows are still being run, but I have just read that the South Island Shetland 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show has been postponed until 2023. I feel for the organisers of these shows having to make the call as to whether to proceed or not.

The Auckland Highland Games, normally held late November, have been cancelled for two years in a row now. Hopefully all our members are negotiating this pandemic with help from their wee four legged therapists, and we will all have more to report come the New Year. Fingers crossed.

Take care everyone – Kathy Drake

## SOUTH CANTERBURY/NORTH OTAGO AREA REPORT

*Beth Prescott- Ballagh*

There is little to pass on regarding shows. It is sad that we haven't had the opportunity to show our animals and to catch up with fellow members as we would like. So far, there has only been one show in our area, the Southern Canterbury A & P Show held on Saturday 6th of November 2021. Numbers were down on last year but it was great to see everyone there.

Results as follows -



**Champion Adult Shetland Pony -**  
April Buckingham with Olwca  
Phillips Choice 924NZ (left)



**Reserve Champion Adult Shetland -** Shona Cucack with  
Burravoe Ambrosia 1070NZ (right)



**Champion Young Stock Shetland Pony and Supreme Champion Shetland Pony -** Harry and Beth Prescott-Ballagh with Toonmalls  
Shadow Dancer 1117NZ (left)

**Reserve Champion Young Stock Shetland Pony -** April Buckingham with Toonmalls  
Summer Delight 1119NZ (right)



Once again, now that we have had one show the thirst is rising for more shows. Covid 19 is suffocating us and hopefully 2022 will be better. Any news or photos would be great to see. Just because we can't go to shows we can still keep in contact with fellow members. Take care of each other and enjoy the festive season and stay safe. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from South Canterbury.

## CANTERBURY AREA REPORT

*Bernadette Woffenden*

Since the first official day of Summer Canterbury has had so much rain! I thought we were in for drought, but no, it is green and lush and dangerous for Shetland ponies. Here in Canterbury it has been a very quiet show season with only a few competing compared with normal. Many shows have been cancelled including Northern A&P, Christchurch Agricultural Show and Little River A&P.

Now unfortunately we have to add the postponement of our 25th South Island Shetland Show to this list. Many members and helpers felt concern about the potential spread of Covid throughout the regions over the Christmas period. This was reflected in lack of entries and reluctance to commit to the event. Not the climate or context to celebrate the 25th Annual South Island NZSPBS Show.

It is important to acknowledge and respect people's fears and concerns. It is completely understandable and the media, both social and commercial, is full of dire predictions and conflicting ideas. The committee did not make this decision lightly but from a duty of care and responsibility for competitor's welfare and that of judges and helpers. It is easy to criticise, but it is support and participation that will enable our show to be successful!

The 25th South Island NZSPBS Show will take place on 28th January 2023. It will be a celebration. We will feel more confident about operating under the Covid-19 Protection Framework (traffic lights) and also know a lot more about what we are dealing with.

Take care and Happy Christmas

Bernadette Woffenden, Lael Shetland Pony Stud, Leeston

*Oaklea Halliwell 1021NZ*



*There is something about the outside of a horse,  
That is good for the inside of a man.  
Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)*

***An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy.***

***He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull Nellie, pull." Buddy didn't move.***

***Then the farmer hollered, "Pull Buster, pull." Buddy didn't respond.***

***Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull Jeannie, pull." Nothing.***

***Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull."***

***And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch.***

***The motorist was most appreciative and very curious.***

***He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times.***

***The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind, and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"***

***The NZ Farmers weekly 2008***



## **Shetlands stealing hearts for decades (and longer)**

*With thanks to Kathy Drake for providing this article*



*"The wee one's Scotty is a 9-year-old Shetland pony, 9 ½ h.h., and had his first season around show sports, gymkhanas and games days, not missing out on any travelling, from Levin to Hunterville. The rider, Vivienne Kaye, now seven years old, has only been riding for the season. Scotty and Viv collected 79 ribbons between them and also, they both went to the hunts. At their first hunt as the horses went over the spars, Scotty and Vivienne found the gates, arriving the other side with all the horses. About an hour after, they had a kill, Vivienne and Scotty arriving ninth, so, both being the smallest, they were blooded to the hunt and received the hare's ear. They rode all afternoon and were both fit and well at the end of the hunt. Vivienne and Scotty now await the new season".*

Excerpt from the Evening Standard circa 1968



***The air of heaven is that which blows between a horses ears.  
An Arabian Proverb***

### **Members' Show Photos**

***Success clearly runs in the family with Toby and Sienna Harden doing well with their showing***



*(left) Toby Harden & Burravoe Zesbrie at the **South Island Premier Championship Show. Champion Led Shetland.***

*Photo by Mark Harden*

*(right) Sienna Harden & Burravoe Zesbrie at the **Courtenay A&P show. Champion Shetland.***

*Photo by Sarah Harden*



## THE LADIES HOPE

*By Lorraine Martini*

### ***The family history:***

In 1860 John Alexander Hope, 6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Hopetoun married Etheldred Anne Birch Reynardson - Countess of Hopetoun. In due course, on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1866 Lady Estella Mary Hope was born and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1868 her sister Lady Dorothea Lousia made her entrance. Both girls were born in London, although their principal home would be Hopetoun House, a large, magnificent mansion dating from the late seventeenth century. It was these two Ladies who would be instrumental in the breeding of the Shetland pony that we know today.



*Hopetoun House, Queensferry Near Edinburgh, Scotland*

Tragically the 6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Hopetoun died aged 42 in Florence while touring Italy in 1873. Etheldred, Countess of Hopetoun, took her children and moved from Hopetoun House to live at Longcross House, near Chertsey in Surrey, with, as you would expect, a London residence near Hyde Park. Etheldred died after catching a chill on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1884. Her daughters, Estella and Dorothea, were only 18 and 16 years old respectively at the time.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> October 1886, their older brother John, 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Hopetoun and 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Linlithgow, married Hersey Alice Eveleigh-de Moleyns, Countess of Hopetoun; Marchioness of Linlithgow. The family took part in a variety of sports - they all enjoyed hunting with hounds and the Earl was also a keen polo player. Tennis was another favorite pastime, with Dorothea competing in championships in Scotland. The 7<sup>th</sup> Earl was appointed Governor of Victoria Australia in 1889 and returned to England in 1895 to take the post of Paymaster-General for three years before being appointed Lord Chamberlain in December 1898. He became Governor General of Australia in 1900 but in July 1902 relinquished the post due to ill health. In October of that year, he was created 1<sup>st</sup> Marquis of Linlithgow in recognition of the good work he had done in Australia.

That's the family history out of the way, now to the Ladies Hope.

### ***South Park Shetland Pony Stud is created:***

After their mother died Ladies Estella and Dorothea Hope continued to live at Longcross House, where they had already begun to venture into agriculture and what would become known later as the world-famous South Park Shetland Pony Stud. One of the earliest Shetland ponies known to have been in their ownership was acquired while living there. The first Shetland was Hoplemuroma 130, a red roan mare 35 ½ inches, she was registered in Volume 1 of the S.P.S-B.S stud book, being foaled in 1883. Hoplemuroma was most important to the Ladies stud founding the 'C' and 'P' families of the South Park ponies.

The Ladies purchased numerous ponies, both mares and stallions, from Lord Londonderry. The filly Treswick Lass was bred by John Laurenson in Shetland, and although not bred by Lord Londonderry was from his breeding. John Laurenson sold the filly to the Ladies Hope who registered her as Café au Lait 886; dun and white in colour and 35 ½ inches in height, this started the dun and cream colour in the South Park Stud, which included the stallion Electric Light 650

In 1892 the Ladies Hope purchased from the Londonderry draft sale, Prince of Thule 36 for 30 guineas. He was a brown stallion 36 inches, 20 years of age and unknown breeding and was one of Lord Londonderry's most successful foundation stallions. He was noted particularly as having a small, neat head. In the following years the Ladies Hope purchased several more ponies from Lord Londonderry including Oman 33 and Vementry II, who founded the 'V' family line, which became well-known for some of the smallest of the South Park Ponies. Being such devotees of the Londonderry ponies the Ladies Hope attended the dispersal of his stud at Seaham Harbour in September of 1899. Among the ponies purchased were Bretta (60 guineas), Sea Serpent (80 guineas) and the elderly stallion Odin 32 (50 guineas). All told they bought 12 ponies to take their herd number up to 43 ponies.

In an interview in 1898, Dorothea was quoted as saying '*We go in for Shelties, not at all for Galloways; and we only breed show ponies, and not – as does Lord Londonderry – pit ponies.*' A further quote from Dorothea stated: '*We only like to have the very best.*' This policy soon paid off, and before long they were exporting Shetland ponies to far corners of the world. Only the best of foals were retained.

Family lines were created from this nucleus of the best ponies, with each line being named according to the initial letter of the dams' name. The lines selected were: 'B', 'C', 'F', 'P', 'R', 'S' and 'V'. These families, other than the 'S' line, were perpetuated for the rest of Estella's life, some surviving until the present day in the same stud under different ownership.

By the 1900's The Ladies Hope had sold ponies to Cape Town South Africa, USA, South America, France, Tasmania, Germany, Canada, Spain and Australia. They had also sold ponies to His Highness the Thakore of Morvi, India, the Empress of Russia, and to Queen Victoria. The sale in 1912 of the stallion Halcyon 600 (black), Sire: Thoreau 392 and Dam: Helga 528, to Mrs Maclellan of Shetland Heights Studs, was among the first registered Shetland Ponies to arrive in Australia and he is recorded as 'Halcyon of Bodiam' in the A.S.P.B.S. Stud Book.

In 1913 The Ladies moved their stud for the final time. This shift took them to a nineteenth century house called South Park, Bodiam Station, Robertsbridge, Sussex. In 1914 war broke out and although they continued to produce 11 to 16 foal each year, there was very little demand for ponies. In 1916 the stallion Electric Light 650 (red & white skewbald 37 inches) was introduced to the breeding herd, but by 1924 Lady Dorothea had given up any claim to the ponies and had left South Park and went to live at Fairfield, Woodley near Reading. At this point the ponies were being bred and exhibited in Lady Estella's name only.

The onset of WWII in 1939, following the great depression from the late 1920s to the 1930s, was devastating for the Shetland Pony breed. Many breeders had closed their studs or stopped breeding, or registering ponies. The only outlet was for big black Shetland ponies for work in the coalmines.

In 1949 Walt Disney paid a visit to South Park to try and buy some of Lady Estella's smallest ponies - he left empty-handed. In later years, Lady Estella is said to have requested that her great-niece, Lady Joan Gore-Langton, should ensure that none of the ponies were allowed to go to America. This was the early days of the Falabella ponies, which may have persuaded her that any tiny Shetlands exported there, would, in all probability, lose their pedigrees.

Lady Dorothea moved to London and by October 1942 had taken rooms in the Norfolk Hotel, London. She stayed there until her death on 20 June 1943, aged 74. Lady Estella subsequently passed away at South Park on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 1958, aged 92.

### ***The Legacy:***

Lady Estella's legacy to the Shetland pony world was extraordinary. Her expertise, determination and pride in her ponies had far-reaching effects on the breed as it is today. During years of careful but very close breeding, an exceptionally high percentage of her foals went on to become influential breeding ponies in Estella's own or other studs. All of our pedigree Shetlands have ponies bred by the Ladies Hope somewhere in their ancestry.

The Stud, much reduced in numbers, continues, having been bequeathed along with South Park by Estella to her great-niece, Lady Joan Gore-Langton. Lady Langton on her death in 1989, passed it onto her daughter, Mary. Mary was unable to take on the responsibility for the ponies so passed the stud to her relative by marriage, Countess De La Warr. The Countess strives to use the same bloodlines as Estella kept for over 70 years, through two World Wars and the depressions of the 20's and 30's.



Buckhurst: Countess Anne De La Warr, niece by marriage to Lady Joan, and is the mother of the present Earl of Hopetoun. The ponies were moved from Robertsbridge to Buckhurst, thereby continuing its unbroken family tradition.

Countess De La Warr became President of the Shetland Pony Stud Book Society in 2014 and served the usual two years term and now sits on the council as Past President.

South Park is the oldest registered herd of Shetland Ponies still in existence today. They sometimes have ponies for sale and welcome visitors by arrangement.

Some of the ponies imported into Australia that can trace their lineage back to Hope ponies or ponies descended from Hope ponies – (with bloodlines subsequently imported into New Zealand) are:

Balgair 1403, Beachdair of Harviestoun 1427, Wells Trueform 1488, Wells Satisfaction 1551, Supreme of Marshwood 1467, Dubblitz (imported 1932 to Mrs Dora MacLean's Fenwick Stud), Harviestoun Beau 1369 Miss Aileen Ritchie, Netherley Stud, Avening Fagus (744 in the Australian Stud Book), Comet, by Ferdinand 1307 (recorded in the ASPSB as 'Comet of Bodiam').

There are many more, but these are the only ones that I recognize because they appear in the pedigrees of my ponies. I'm sure that your ponies have the Hope bloodlines back in their pedigree as well.

Of the many studs in England and Scotland the following studs started with either mare or stallion progeny (or both) of both Estella and Dorothea Hope:

Transey Stud, Penniwells Stud, Harviestoun Stud, Marshwood Stud, Gletness Stud, Avening Stud, Standen Stud, Felbridge Stud, Wells Stud.

Picture is of Odin 32 Vol 1.

Foaled 1880, Black 38 inches

Sire: Jack 16

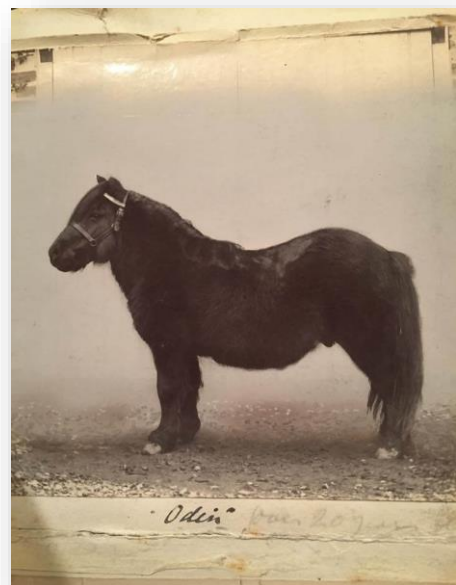
Dam: Nugget 200 by Tom Thumb 44

Bred by the Marquis of Londonderry

Bought by the Ladies' Hope in 1899

Died: 1905

The Shetland Pony breed is hugely indebted to the teenage girl who set her heart on breeding the best of Shetland ponies but who never could have foreseen just how successful she would be.



Information sourced from: "The Ladies Hope and Their Shetland Ponies" by Elisabeth Mead, Google and Wikipedia.



## The Adventures of Bailey



Domino Downs Bailey 612NZ (Imp Aust) must be one of the most laid back stallions. He's quite the wee dude and his buckskin colour makes him quite striking.

Originally imported from Australia by April Buckingham, Bailey is now owned by Kirsty Whiting of Zeberdee Stud. He has travelled far and wide to shows and is so relaxed that he has been known to lay down beside the ring and have a snooze.

He gets himself into a few scrapes but always comes out in one piece.



*"I can remember coming home one day and he wasn't anywhere to be seen", says Kirsty. "I freaked as I thought he had been stolen or escaped. It wasn't until the bale moved, I realised he was in it. It took me 15 minutes to get him out by pulling the bale apart". Bailey had eaten a hole in the middle of bale and it had collapsed on him. At least he had food until he was rescued.*

*"And then the other day we got home, and he had rolled into a fence. I had been out for five hours, so he had been stuck a while", says Kirsty. "I rolled him over and he didn't have a mark on him, but he promptly laid down for a roll and into the fence. He's one adorable muppet".*



## Childrens' Shetland Wordfinder

Can you find the words below (all found in this newsletter) in this wordfinder?

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Pit Pony  
Shortbread  
Bailey  
Burravoe

Ladies Hope  
Cotswold  
Narrandera Xzar  
Ponies  
Shows

Hay  
Stoney Croft  
Duncree  
Oaklea  
Shetlands

Toonmals  
Kelton Rose  
Eddison



*...I heard you have snacks?!*



## Operation Oaklea

After 30 years in Leeston the Oaklea Shetland Pony Stud relocated to Charing Cross and is now on the corner of Courtenay & Telegraph Roads. Many of us have shifted house and farm before, but this was always going to be a "big shift".

Over the last few years, the urban sprawl has seen houses being built on three sides of the Martini Family's Carston street property and it was time to move away. The final straw was the death of Arna (Cotswold Charkana 465NZ) from a suspected heart attack on 4<sup>th</sup> November. *"There were a lot of fireworks from the surrounding houses being let off that night and the ponies were pretty upset",* says Lorraine. *"We managed to cope for the last two years, but it was getting tougher"*

The property was sold to a developer, so it was a staged shift. *"We've been in Leeston for a long time and you just collect things"* says Lorraine. *"Everything from tractors and cats, to Shetland ponies"*.

The 29 Shetlands (including a mare and foal and two stallions) moved on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Five horse floats, a group of helpers, and it was done in a morning. It was an hour round trip each time. As most of the Oaklea Shetlands are around 34 inches tall, we could fit around four in each float.



The move was easy and there was only one bit of drama. One of the floats, carrying three elderly grand dam mares, blew a tyre on Telegraph

***Two down, 27 to go...***

Road. It wasn't far from their destination, but too far to walk them. This meant unloading the three elderly ladies on the busy Telegraph Road and loading them on another float. Narrandera Navarra, Birchlands Tinkerbelle & Cotswold Davina Dainty were amazing as they were stuck in the float on the side of the road for a good three quarters of an hour and were then asked to get on another float!



***...almost there...***

*"We are still settling in",* says Lorraine, *"and it is so quiet after being surrounded by houses and I'm sure the Shetlands are much happier"*. Oaklea is now three minutes away from Duncree, so Shetlands are taking over Charing Cross! Big Thank You to Diana & John Humphries, Ralph Woffenden, Jean Reid & Catherine Crosado for taking part in Operation Oaklea Shift.



***Finally in their new home***

## Amanda Smith – a girl and her two Shetlands New Member Profile

Amanda Smith loves her two Shetlands, Oaklea Eddison 906NZ & Stoney Croft Kelton Rose 653NZ.

Amanda, a born and bred Otago girl, has always loved horses and ponies. *"I was born in Mosgiel and had horses to around the age of 13, until I found boys",* says Amanda with a laugh. *"Horses took a back seat for a bit and it wasn't until I was in my 30's and living in Milton that I returned to horses."*

*"I've had Eddie or Eddie Bum as he is known for six years and he is jokester of the two ponies while Kelton is sensible gentleman",* says Amanda. *"I was given Kelton 5 years ago as he needed a home"*



Both ponies graze in the herd at Oaklea Shetland Pony Stud. *"They know me even though I don't get to see them every day",* says Amanda *"and Lorraine takes such great care of them"*.

Amanda works fulltime at Rubber Development Limited, which makes everything from rubber mats for sheds and bridges to seals and bungs for milk tankers. They are an essential industry, so the last year has been very busy. Her partner Simon is a long-haul truck driver, driving to Picton and back daily. Both live in Doyleston and enjoy the semi-rural life.

Eddie's great claim to fame is eating a piece of baleage wrap. *"We think it blew across the paddock in a NW gale. Simon & I got home one Saturday afternoon and we found Eddie was looking a bit sorry for himself. We called the vet and after a check and some pain relief, the vet said to keep an eye on him for the next few hours",* says Amanda. As the vet drove out of the gate, Eddie pooped out a piece of baleage wrap and once unfolded it was about 30cm by 30cm. *"He's one lucky boy for it to make it through all his plumbing",* says Amanda. Eddie was none worse for the experience.



Kelton is the quiet one and loves to sleep. He gave Amanda a huge fright the other day. *"I was walking across the paddock with Lorraine and I could see Kelton lying down which isn't unusual",* says Amanda. *"I called and called him but he didn't move and I thought oh no!"* It turns out that Kelton was sleeping very soundly and had a *"What do you want?"* look on his face when he finally woke up. *"I think I aged ten years in that moment"* says Amanda.

While Amanda doesn't show her ponies, she likes to meet other Shetland people and helping out at NZSPBS events such as the recent 2021 AGM. *"My Shetlands give me heaps of pleasure, even if it's just grooming and hanging out with them and I love them to bits"*

# Merry Christmas

