New Zealand Shetland Pony Breeders' Society (Inc.)

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- Show results can be sent directly to the Registrar
- Financials can be sent directly to the Treasurer
- Website and Facebook items can be sent directly to the appointed Co Ordinator

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Happy New Year to all. Trust everyone had a relaxing Christmas with family and friends.

We had a very exciting Christmas with the arrival of our first Grandchild. Holly Beth Burrows daughter of our son John and daughter in law Stacy arrived safely on 19th December 2019 – a wonderful Christmas gift for the family!

Trust 2020 is a happy and successful year for Members and their families.

Look forward to catching up with Members and Shetland friends at the local shows, the South Island Breed & Harness Show on the 25th January 2020 and in May at our AGM/Stud tour weekend.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries or concerns.

Kind Regards

Fiona



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Congratulations to John and Stacy Burrows on the birth of their baby daughter Holly Beth, born 19th December 2019 at 11.30pm, weighing 7lb 8oz.

Congratulations also to Tom and Fiona Burrows on their first grandchild.

VALE – NARRANDERA HIGHLIGHT

Submitted by Kirsty Whiting.



It's with a very heavy heart I write this.... earlier this month we said our final farewell to an amazing stallion Narrandera Highlight at the ripe old age of 30.

I had the pleasure of him gracing my life for around 9 years after I purchased him from Muriel down in Waimate. Her parting words to me were "he's well past being a show pony". Well with a rather intense feed and exercise plan, we proved that age is no barrier. Zulu (as he was affectionately known) went on to win NZ Shetland pony of the year plus many other titles after arriving with us. He travelled from one end of the country to the other during that season. He was by far the best mannered Stallion I've had the honour of owning, I even convinced Paula Hodges to be my ringside stallion holder..... she still mentions that day now. There's not many ponies Paula will hold on the side line!

He really encouraged my love for Shetlands and their amazing nature. In the final months of his life Zulu became my son Huddson's first pony. Not many can say a stallion was their child's first pony but I'm blessed to say I can. He followed Huddson everywhere and put up with the fingers up the nose and in the ears. This was no easy decision to make, I second guessed it for some time and it broke my heart so many times over but he had just started to show those signs of slowing up and his body just wasn't the same...... Zulu was laid to rest the same day as my golden retriever Gemma. Buried together on our family farm so always close to me.

Kirsty Whiting.







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(emailed photographs to be high resolution & saved as a jpeg attachment) (posted photographs to be high quality & include self-addressed envelope for return)

FROM THE REGISTRAR.....

Transfers - 11th September 2019 to 17th December 2019

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Reg.	Pony	Vendor	Transferred To
Number	_		
1086NZ	Birchlands Royal Duchess	M Cromie, Waimate.	H & B Prescott-Ballagh, Waimate.
814NZ	Ridge View Giselle	J Leopold, Fernside.	J Harvey, Kaiapoi.
700NZ	Narrandera Zeeda	J Leopold, Fernside.	J Harvey, Kaiapoi.
1030NZ	Ridge View Trixie Belle	J Leopold, Fernside.	S & T Harden, Eyrewell.
1008NZ	Burravoe Phineas Phynn	T Harden, Eyrewell.	G Stephens, Loburn.
485NZ	Cotswold Charkana	L Shaw, Otago	L Martini, Leeston
1075NZ	Beechgrove Vanity Fair	A & R Price, Timaru.	K King- Turner, Tasman.
1049NZ	Lael Sonshine	R & B Woffenden, Leeston.	Amanda Horn, Nelson.
965NZ	Lael Verdi	R & B Woffenden, Leeston.	Amanda Horn, Nelson.
647NZ	Narrandera Yardley	J Burleigh, Rakaia	Rosemary Laffey, Leeston
1094NZ	Tullamore Blurred Lines	D & R Holst, Tuakau	Irene Phipps, Tuakau
1096NZ	Tullamore Eiclips Na Greine	D & R Holst, Tuakau	Kelly Jackson, Te Awamutu
1019NZ	Oaklea Bellinger	L Martini, Leeston.	Rachel Lugg, Christchurch.
1041NZ	Oaklea Invictus	L Martini, Leeston	Rachel Lugg, Christchurch.
1033NZ	Cotswold Glitter Wings	F Russell Ryal, Invercargill.	D & J Humphries, Motukarara.
772NZ	Toonmals Sweet N Cream	C Hviid, Alexandra.	S Sheridan, Renwick.
865NZ	Cotswold Hoodwink	J Doolan Tindall, Christchurch.	J Ottley, Timaru.

New Registrations - 11th September 2019 to 17th December 2019

Registration Number	Sex	Pony
1093NZ	Filly	Tullamore Afterglow
1094NZ	Gelding	Tullamore Blurred Lines
1095NZ	Gelding	Tullamore Loki
1096NZ	Gelding	Tullamore Eiclips Na Greine
1097NZ	Filly	Little Hoof Fantaisa

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

Foal Pre Approval

Double H Black Forest 2019-001 Double H Thistle Rosette 2019-002 Double H Sparkling Soda 2019-003 Oaklea Lisette 2019 – 004 Double H Lavender 2019 - 005

FROM THE COMMITTEE.....

How to Use the Society Bank Accounts

If you are paying for annual subscriptions, transfers, registrations, shop items and anything to do with the day to day running of the Society then please use our MAIN account: **03-0826-0071307-00**

If you are entering the South Island Shetland Versatility or South Island Breed Show you should deposit your entry fees into the SHOW Account (this number is always included on the entry form). Entry fees for these two shows only go into this account: **03-0826-0071307-02**

If, for example, a person is paying their annual subscription at the same time as their breed show entries, <u>two separate deposits</u> should be made, one into the main account AND one into the show account.

NZSPBS Website Buy & Sell Page

The NZSPBS Website has a Sale Page. If you would like a NZSPBS Registered Pony or Shetland-related item posted on the page please forward the text, your contact details and a photo to: vickiphavord@gmail.com

If you would like to place a classified in the newsletter please contact Sarah on siharden4@hotmail.com

Shetland Society Clothing and Promotional Items For Sale

We have stud books, pens, badges and clothing (caps, polo shirts, vests and jackets) for sale.

The Society is about to place another clothing order run so please get in touch soon if wishing to acquire an item.

For more details, item pictures, prices and ordering information contact:

Lorraine Martini Phone: (03) 324 3292 or Email: lorraine.martini@xtra.co.nz

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR......

A belated Merry Christmas and New Year's to you all! I hope you have had time to spend with family, or perhaps sneak quite moments to yourself to unwind before the holiday period ends. Busy times afoot here with the build of my parent's cottage on the property along with the new shed, mares and foals to care for and of course show season in full swing. Christmas and New Year's was thankfully a rather quiet affair for us spent at home with our ponies and beloved Shetland Sheepdogs.

The most exciting part of my summer has been the renewed interest of our



daughter Sienna in the ponies and watching her and Teddy (Oaklea Filagree) enjoying quality time together. To me, it is what owning ponies is all about, and I count my blessings to be able to





The next newsletter items will be due in early March 2020.

Till next time.

Sarah Harden - Newsletter Editor.



AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - MARIANNE SMITH, SOUTH CANTERBURY / NORTH OTAGO AREA



Welcome at last to summer! Lovely to have the warmer weather after a wet spring.

Showing will now be into full swing and foals will be arriving.

Last year Miranda had a foal but unfortunately it only survived for 4 days. She paid another visit to Cotswold and was mated to "Notch". She had a great pregnancy and John & Diana Humphries were extremely kind and offered to have Miranda to foal her, which took the worry right away from me having to foal here at Tara.

Maggie and Miranda arrived up to Humphries on October 5th and a week later I received a text from Diana to say Miranda had safely foaled a healthy colt foal. What a thrill! Diana sent through the photo and I was just

enchanted with this tiny bundle of fluff.

Naming was the next decision, so many names running through my head but as a die-hard Downton Abbey fan I knew that Carson was the name for this little man.

The other bit of news from "Tara" one of my lovely Silver pencilled Pekin bantams started hatching chickens today, the poor dear sat for 25 days in a dark corner of the hen house, stuck to the nest like glue. If that had been me, I would have been bored to tears no T.V. or gossipy Magazines!!!

Now the recipe for this newsletter is going to feature for Mr Carson's home coming party!!



Shetland Foal Shower Sponge

4 eggs,170 gr castor sugar,1/2 cup (60) plain flour,35 gr cornflour,1 tsp baking powder

Prep: 10 min – bake:20 minutes (extra time 30minutes)

- 1 Preheat oven to 180 degrees C.
- 2 Separate eggs then whisk egg whites till stiff combine in the sugar when dissolved, add egg yolks which have been whisked and then add to white mixture.
- Carefully fold in slowly the sifted plain flour, cornflour and baking powder.
- Grease or use baking paper two 20 cm cake tins.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes until springs at the touch of a finger and comes away from the sides. Turn out onto cooling rake.
- Fill with cream and sliced strawberries or what takes your fancy.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Marianne

AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - BERNADETTE WOFFENDEN, CANTERBURY / UPPER SOUTH ISLAND

I can't believe how fast the year is going! So far chatting to other breeders there are some lovely foals on the ground and more foals than last year in Canterbury.

Here at Lael Stud it is the boys brigade, with 4 colt foals so far and one more mare to foal. We don't normally breed that many but even the tricky ones got in foal.

The spring shows have been reasonably well supported but entries are down on last year especially in the gelding section.

The New Zealand Agricultural Show, previously known as Canterbury A & P Show, had fairly good entries in the adult sections and smaller entries in the gelding and young stock classes. All ponies looked great but only the stallions were completely committed to letting their winter coats go, the others were all slightly woolley.

On the 7th December we held the Ridden/Versatility Show at Lesley Lewis's Llewellyn Stud. It was a fun day with 9 older riders and 3 lead-rein riders. All the riders were thoroughly enjoying the ponies and it is wonderful to see the capability of these Shetland ponies in their flat work and over jumps. The fancy dress was great and I am sure there will be some photos shared of the show in this Newsletter.

The focus is now on our NZSPBS South Island Shetland Pony Breed and Harness Show held at Ellesmere Showgrounds, Leeston, 25th January 2020. Please get your entries in for this and don't hesitate to contact me if you need to camp there overnight.

Happy Christmas.



The three Amigos. Lael Liberty, Lael D'Artangan and Lael Sundae.

Bernadette Woffenden.

Lael Shetland Pony Stud, Leeston.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - KATHY DRAKE, WAIKATO UPPER NORTH ISLAND

Summer has arrived, and if the temperatures we have been experiencing so far are anything to go by, it looks like being a hot one again.

The ponies have just about finished shedding their winter coats and its lovely to see gleaming black and dappled palomino coats coming through. Now it is all about keeping waistlines down and exercise up and that all-important fibre input going, so that everyone stays fit and healthy. Fortunately, my wee metabolic prone Shetland is still sound and has not shown her usual early spring signs of sugar laden grass problems. I have to be aware of any puffiness around eyes or runny eyes and nose, slowing down of movement or general uninterest in surroundings, as these are usually my first signs of something starting to kick off in her system. She still has some strange lumps and bumps on her sides but all in all I have managed to keep her much healthier this year. My equine vet seems to think it could all have been triggered off when she lost a foal. It is a really big learning curve, learning to live with a metabolic syndrome/laminitic prone pony. Luckily all 5 of the rest of my herd are healthy wee beings. Even the 35yo Welshie who has Cushings, has no sign of laminitis (which often is a side effect of Cushings) and the 36-year-old Fjord is one tough old girl with a full set of workable teeth and lovely hooves.

With a lot of things happening in our lives lately, I had decided to put in the 'too hard basket' our annual trip to the Auckland Highland Games. It was just one more thing to have to organise that we really didn't need at this point. However, Ann Storms and I decided on the Friday to wash up our ponies and touch base next morning to see how things looked. Saturday morning looked good indeed, so we loaded 3 Shetlands into our float and Ann and Matt loaded their 2, and we headed off to Ellerslie Racecourse once again. Back to our initial 5 ponies, instead of the 9 we had at last year's Games.

I already knew that we would be a bit pushed for space this year as the parade ring we tie up next to had been booked out for a wedding that evening, so we were next to the cows and access from the main exhibition area was limited, so we didn't have as much foot traffic this year. We were going to give the main parade a miss, but we ended up leaving Matt and Rod to look after Northclose McDhui and Gleneagles Creme de la Creme, and I took Gleneagles Ebony and Narrandera Sateen and Ann took Burravoe Randolph, attired in their tartan rugs, and took what I thought looked like a shortcut to the main arena—but much to Ann's horror, we ended up walking across the lovely artificial grass in front of the reception hall! Ponies didn't flinch as we headed for the sound of bagpipes. We lined up behind the pipe bands, in full song, the clans with their big colourful banners and the ragtag group of Vikings and the ponies stood patiently waiting for the Maori welcome (not sure what that had to do with the Scots!) and the Scottish welcoming poem and all the subsequent speeches and then as we were about to break ranks and head back to the boys, we were swamped with people all wanting a cuddle. The ponies loved the attention and really do interact with people so well. The boys, two and four legged, were happy to see us back.

We took the opportunity for another photoshoot with the lovely Highland Cows. Rod and I used to breed Highlands and were part of the local group, so know Ginny well. She does a fantastic job of showcasing her cows—all of whom are now dehorned, which makes life easier when you have town people wanting cuddles!

McDhui, at the ripe old age of 29, is such a wonderful old gentleman and people are blown away by his age. My wee Sateen, at 19, is a wonderful judge of people—there are some children and even some adults who get told very sternly by ears back and grumpy expression, that they need to show a little respect. Others who approach quietly and respectfully are allowed to have a wee pat and cuddle. I try to use the ponies to educate. So many people will just march on up (usually to the back end first) and expect the ponies to endure! The Shetlands are wonderful, but I try and educate that most horses/ponies aren't so forgiving. Sateen was wearing her wee hoof boots again. With her history, I like to give her a bit of support when she goes out—especially for float journeys. Her boots were a great source of amusement for some people and generated lots of interesting conversations and many photos were taken.

An added bonus this year, was that Ebony was decked out in my family Williamson tartan. I have only just recently discovered that my great grandmother (on my father's side) was born in the Shetland Islands. Wow, now I know where my love of Shetland ponies comes from—not just from having been lucky enough to be involved with helping look after a troupe of Shetland beach ponies from age 4—but it is actually in my DNA that I love Shetland Ponies and Highland Cows!!!



Gleneagles Ebony and Gleneagles Creme de la Creme meeting a Scottish Highland Cow.



Ebony in her Williamson Tartan



Burravoe Randolph with admiring fans.



Sateen in her Stewart Tartan



Sateen and Ebony in the main parade of Clans.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - ANN ABERNETHY LOWER NORTH ISLAND AREA

Goodness how these last three months have flown by and Christmas is upon us already. We have experienced some very varied weather from energy sapping heat to thunder storms and downpours but really, we are very lucky in this part of the country. It certainly has been a "topsy turvey year" and our thoughts must go to all who have been affected by natural disasters.

Grass growth has been amazing and keeping ponies at a reasonable weight quite a challenge! Forty ewes from the main farm have made little difference – they just disappear from sight in the growth!

I do hope that the foaling season has been successful for all and I look forward to some of the pics in our newsletter. I had considered selling more ponies but have made the decision to keep the number I currently have as they cover just about the whole spectrum of activities from the "bomb proof—take anywhere" ponies, show ponies, breeding and carriage driving. I call them "Team Barnsley" with the little one, Rockisle Black Onyx, being the mascot!!

Huntington Bliss and I have just been part of Taihape's Christmas Parade and as always Bliss did our breed proud. We do this with a friend who drives a mini and this year our theme was "The Teddy Bears' (Christmas) Picnic. We received the Highly Commended award but you really just do it for fun and ponies are always so popular with old and young alike. Our next outing will be the

Taihape A & P Show – unfortunately not as show ponies but simply petting ponies. I am sure they (the ponies) will be happy with that!!

Best wishes to all for the festive season, the new year ahead and all pony related activities.

Ann





IMPORTANT NOTICES!!

SOUTH ISLAND SHETLAND BREED & HARNESS SHOW - 23nd ANNUAL SHOW

Date – Saturday 25th January 2020
Location – Ellesmere A&P Showgrounds
Schedule – Available at a later date on the website, www.shetlandpony.org.nz
Classes – Best Presented, Paced, Mannered, Breed and Harness Classes
Secretary – Lucy & Fiona Burrows
Phone: (03) 312 5982
Email: eudunda.ram@xtra.co.nz

Trophy Winners 2019 – Please remember to engrave and clean your trophies and return to Vicki Havord before the show.

Please contact her on 021 102 5405 or vickiphavord@gmail.com
to organise their return.

2020 AGM Hosted by the Canterbury Area

Location – Ellesmere, Canterbury. AGM and Stud Tours

Date – 16th & 17th May 2020, AGM Meeting on 16th May 2020

AGM Venue – Leeston Bowling & Tennis Club, 47 High Street, Leeston

Accommodation:

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SHETLAND AGM AMATEUR PHOTO COMPETITION – 2020 AGM Sponsored by the Burravoe Shetland Pony Stud

Keep your camera handy and snap some great photos for entry into the very popular Shetland AGM Amateur Photo Competition in 2020. There are six categories in which to enter:

Group of Shetlands (two or more)
Foals or Mares and Foals
Individual Shetland
Shetlands at Shows
Children and Shetlands
Shetlands and Other Animals

A request will be made closer to the 2020 AGM to send your photos in. Please forward any queries to Lucy or Fiona Burrows, (03) 312 5982, email eudunda.ram@xtra.co.nz

SHOW RESULTS REMINDER

Please ensure a designated person on the morning of a show records all placings and sends through to Show Result Coordinator Catherine Crosado. A lot of time and effort goes into organising End of Year Awards so please help make the process as smooth as possible.

**A simple trick is to write in catalogue as classes are completed and snap a photo of the page and send it through. **

Please also remember to take photos when out and about competing and send them through to the Newsletter Editor so you can be included in photo results in the Newsletter.

Thank you 😂

SHETLAND'S OUT AND ABOUT

Photos submitted by Deanna and Richard Holst.

Pony rides at the Opuatia twilight market. Kohl (Tullamore Purple Rain) having his first outing as a pony ride pony. He normally charms everyone but we decided to use him to give Pumpkin a break.





NEW ARRIVALS

Photos submitted by Bernadette Woffenden, Sarah Harden, Diana Humphries, Marianne Smith, Richard Price and Lucy Burrows.



<u>Lael Sundae:</u> (Pending). Black Colt. Born: 22/09/19. Sire: Lael St Nicholas Dam: Murrayfield Custard Pie



<u>Cotswold Kinross:</u> (Pending). Piebald Colt. Born: 26/9/19. Sire: Cotswold Royal Ensign. Dam: Stoney Croft Monet



<u>Double H Sparkling Soda:</u> (Pending). Bay Skewbald Colt.

Born: 06/10/2019.

Sire: Domino Downs Gaiano

Dam: Burravoe Phlicka



<u>Double H Black Forest:</u> (Pending). Black Colt. Born: 23/09/2019. Sire: Llewellyn Moritz Dam: Shelyron Brambleberry.



<u>Double H Thistle Rosette:</u> (Pending). Black Filly.
Born: 30/09/2019.
Sire: Llewellyn Moritz
Dam: Duncree Rosemarie



<u>Lael Liberty:</u> (Pending). Chestnut Colt Born: 23/10/2019 Sire: Domino Downs Gaiano Dam: Narrandera Unity



Lael Moon Light Magic: (Pending). Dun Colt.

Born: 8/11/2019

Sire: Cotswold Dougal McAllister

Dam: Rosewill Moonshine



<u>Downton Mr Carson:</u> (Prefix and Name Pending). Black Colt Born: 13/10/2019. Sire: Yeo Lodge Tennessee Top Notch Dam: Cotswold Dark Miranda



Burravoe Harriet: (Pending). Black Filly Born: 26/10/2019 Sire: Burravoe Phlemington Dam: Murrayfield Henrietta



Lael D'Artangan: (pending). Smokey Black Colt.

Born: 6/11/2019

Sire: Lael St Nicholas

Dam: Cotswold Trelise



Double H Lavender: (Pending). Black Filly
Born: 11/11/2019.
Sire: Llewellyn Moritz
Dam: Saltaire Lilly



Burravoe Jupiter: (Pending). Brown Colt Born: 7/10/2019 Sire: Burravoe Phlemington Dam: Owlca Dark Japonica



Burravoe Parker: (Pending). Bay Colt Born: 16/11/2019 Sire: Gleneagles Possum Dam: Rockisle Alandia



Troughear Park Vauxhaul Reign: (Pending) Black Filly
Born: November 2019
Sire: Cotswold Aristocrat
Dam: Fair View Maryah



Cotswold Colt Foal
Born:6/12/2019
Sire: Cotswold Dougall McAllister
Dam: Cotswold Anastasia





Burravoe Rosalind: (Pending). Black Filly
Born: 19/10/2019
Sire: Beechgrove Foxton
Dam: Carradale Rose



Troughear Park Peppered Havarti:(Pending). Black/Grey
Colt. Born: 19/11/2019
Sire: Yeo Lodge Tennessee Top Notch
Dam: Cotswold Passion Flower



Cotswold Filly Foal
Born 18/12/2019
Sire: Cotswold Andross
Dam: Fenwick Mariah (imp Aust)

Pictured to Left:
Cotswold Filly Foal
Born: 25/10/2019
Sire: Cotswold Andross
Dam: Cotswold Posey

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT TOTARA ESTATE.

Submitted by Shona Cusack



I was asked again this year by our neighbour, who is a volunteer at Totara Estate, if I would bring a pony to occupy a stall in the stables for their 'A Victorian Christmas Special' afternoon. Cotswold Asterix did this duty last year by himself, so this year I took him and Burravoe Ambrosia.

They were both very good while carol singing etc was going on. Just a bit of gate rattling when dragging hay from the net. Always in a quiet moment! They got lots of OOOOOhhs when people entered the stable building as the stall they were in was lined up with the door and they were the first thing people saw. There were other animals there too. An ewe and lamb, dog and chooks. The cobbles on the floor are wonderful but more suited to big Clydie soup plate feet than wee Shetland twinkle toes!

Asterix was happy to stand and have a quiet eat but Ambrosia was having a good look at the goings on. Asterix got a bit fed up with the fidgety kid.

They were very good ambassadors for the breed, but they were pleased to go home.



SHETLAND STEEPLECHASE REPORT 2019

Submitted by Lesley Lewis. Photo credit to Chestnut Media.

Well, that's another Shetland Steeplechase done and dusted. Number 21 it was, and I had the feeling that this race was going to result in a bit of carnage. I wasn't wrong – unfortunately........

The day turned out to be a comedy of errors. I instigated the first one by emailing my 2018 commentary to the commentator instead of the 2019 version. I didn't realise this until we were leading the ponies around the ring prior to the race. Fortunately, I had a hard copy of the 2019 commentary in my pocket so I sent a parent sprinting across the arena to the commentary box, which sorted that confusion out.

Here is a precise of the pre-race commentary (the correct one):

Starting on the Front Line:

- 1. BLUE Llewellyn Moody Blue (aged 13): Blue, is black, is a solid hunter-type Shetland pony and is usually in the money. He gets very wound up before the race but if he can keep his nerves under control, he could be in the money. He has been in 7 Steeplechases and has won twice. At Horse of the Year this year in Hastings, he was the favourite but had a gear breakage and finished last after dumping his rider, continuing for 2 laps then running out of the arena, taking a couple of other runners with him. Blue is ridden by 12-year-old Kate McDonald who is competing in her 1st Steeplechase. Blue is sponsored by PGG Wrightson Rangiora
- 2. FOXY Cotswold Foxfire (aged 17): Foxy, the tall skewbald pony, has never won the steeplechase but always finishes in the first four. He trained like a winner this year so fingers crossed. Foxy is the oldest pony in the field, at 17 years of age and this is his 14th Steeplechase season. His rider is 11-year-old Sophia Daldry. Sophie rode in last year's steeplechase plus the Horse of the Year Steeplechase in March. Foxy's sponsor is Apparel and Merchandising Solutions who have been very loyal to Foxy and have been sponsoring him for 11 years.
- 3. **BASIL** Beechgrove Basil Brush (aged 15): Basil the 15-year-old super star. He has had a book written about him, had his photo in newspapers on numerous occasions, and he has appeared on the What Now TV programme twice. He is the cute, rotund skewbald with that 'oh so appealing' face. He is basically the laziest pony ever, but can sometimes surprise and shoot to the lead. Basil is ridden by 8-year-old Neah Robinson who having her first Steeplechase ride, and is one of the few children who can get Basil motivated. **Basil is sponsored by the Grigg family from the Sefton Riding Centre.**

Starting on the Second Line:

- 4. MELINA Llewellyn Melina (aged 6): This is Melina's third steeplechase. She is the youngest pony in the field and is Blue and Merlin's full sister. She is an awesome jumper who really stands off her fences. She is a bit on the rotund side so may run out of puff half way round. Melina was champion ridden Shetland Pony at the show here on Wednesday, and is ridden by 12-year-old Charley Regos who has partnered Melina for 4 years and just adores her. This is Charley's 4th steeplechase at Canterbury and she was part of the team that went to HOY this year. Melina is sponsored by Beck and Caul, the Event Management Company of the Show
- 5. **MERLIN** Llewellyn Merlin (aged 12): Merlin is the pretty black Shetland pony and this is his 8th steeplechase. He has been training keenly this year for a change, so could be right up there at the finish. Each year he seems to improve and move up in the placings so watch out for him. Merlin is ridden by new rider Jasmine Ginnever who is 10 years old. **Merlin's sponsor is R. J. Civil**
- 6. **ELLA** Llewellyn Spellbound (aged 10): Ella is a sweet little mare and is about as laid back as Basil, Merlin and Merlina. She is not normally particularly competitive but this year has been training right up with the leaders. She is chilled out most of the time and barely raises a sweat during training. Ella is ridden by first time rider Georgia Grant who is 8 years old. Ella was Reserve Champion Ridden Shetland Pony at this year's show. **Ella is sponsored by Protranz**
- 7. **BURBURY** Cotswold Burbury Twill one of the pre-race favourites, but a last minute scratching
- 8. **SOPHIE** Shilmaine Sophia Sophie is a sweet little brown & white skewbald mare who has saved the day and stepped in as Burbury's substitute. Sophie is a harness pony who has done the Cavalcade and Otago Rail Trail. She is fairly new to riding so will probably just trundle along at the back of the field and may choose to by-pass some of the jumps. Her rider is Eva Wylaars who is 10 years old and has sportingly accepted the ride on Sophie, who is the polar opposite of her previous speedy mount Burbury. Eva's 2 sisters have ridden in previous steeplechases. **Sophie's sponsor is Agrisea New Zealand.**
- 9. **BEE** Cotswold Brocade Bee is new to this Steeplechase business and was thrown in at the deep end when she travelled all the way to the Horse of the Year Show with the team in March this year. She is getting better each week and should be fairly close at the finish. She has really bonded with her 12-year-old rider Penny Carter-Scofield who is riding in her 2nd

steeplechase at Canterbury and was also in the Horse of the Year Steeplechase team this year. **Bee is sponsored by Zealandia Horticulture**

And, so the race began.... and this picture tells it all



Ella (rider less and in full flight), Blue, Bee, Merlin, Basil (at the back) and Foxy

It took some time to get underway as it was a mission to get all the ponies facing in the same direction and towards the starting posts, as they were fired up and the riders were nervous. Finally, they were all facing generally in the right direction and I sent them off. All was going smoothly, if not a little fast, until the beginning of lap 2 when Ella's rider lost a stirrup, parted company with her pony and hit the ground heavily (happily she was okay).

With no weight on board, Ella found a new gear and cruised to the lead with Blue and Foxy and continued jumping most of the fences, occasionally zig zagging across the course, sometimes getting in the way of the leaders. At the end of lap 2 she tried to run out the gate and there was a massive pile up as she ran across the paths of the leaders. Foxy's rider fell off, vaulted on, then fell off the other side, and the whole field came to a grinding halt. Of course, the crowd thought this was such a hoot......



Bee, Merlin, Blue, Ella (still with them), Basil (green) and Foxy

Once sorted, off they started again, Ella included, unfortunately, and on lap 3 the commentator for some reason thought this was the last lap and declared the riderless horse the winner. The children were very confused and all slowed up. An official came over to me and asked me who won. I pointed out that I didn't record any results as the race hadn't finished there was still one lap to go. Fortunately, one of our experienced riders called to the others to keep going, so off they started again much to the delight of the crowd and confusion of the commentator. Oh, this may have been a spectators' delight, but it was a nightmare Demolition Derby for me.







The slow ones and crowd favourites - Sophie (Eva's smile says it all), Melina (showing beautiful jumping technique) and Basil just cruising

Foxy wasn't going to let anyone past him, and after 14 years of racing, he finally came home the triumphant winner and restored his sponsor's faith in him. He was closely followed by Blue, then Merlin, Bee, Melina, Basil and Sophie (Burbury's replacement). Ella was relegated to last.

So, after 8 weeks of training, the race was all over in just a matter of minutes. The training is a huge commitment for parents and riders alike, to come to practices 5 times a week, and well done to them all. Five of the riders were new to the team this year and they were very nervous but did themselves proud. Towards the end of Steeplechase training there were some very tired children. Training continued for a further three weeks for the Shetland Ridden Show.



These photos are courtesy of Chestnut Media, and if you would like to see more photos, and footage of the race via the Go Pro which Merlin's rider wore, just go to the Chestnut Media's website or Facebook page.

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So, will there be another Steeplechase next year you might ask? Well, who knows? Maybe I will keep going, I don't know. This will partially depend on whether or not we have enough ponies, and keen riders, to make up a team, so watch this space.

In the meantime, Sophie has returned to her owners (Karen & Terry Wilson) and will go back to the life she knows best, as a harness pony, and Bee and Burbury will return to Diana & John Humphries, where Bee will be put in foal, and Burbury will be turned out on the hill.

And my lot - Ella, Blue, Merlin and Melina will remain at my place and be ridden by mainly beginner riders, and Foxy and Basil will go back on loan to the Sefton Riding Centre where they also teach littlies the art of equitation.

So, on behalf of the team, that's me signing out for another year....

Lesley



PHOTOS FROM SHOWS.

Photos submitted by Andrea & Richard Price, Denise Ohlson, Sarah Harden, April Buckingham, Anna Bill-Melville and Catherine Crosado.



Cleoranee Lorenzo (imp Aus) with Richard Price at Southern Canterbury A&P Equestrian Show. Champion Youngstock and Supreme Shetland.



Oaklea Jubilent at Southern Canterbury A&P Equestrian Show. Reserve Champion Youngstock.



Birchlands Custard Creme with Pippa Melville at Southern A&P Equestrian Show.



Birchlands Chocolate Smudge with Kate Melville at Southern A&P Equestrian Show. Reserve Champion Adult.



Birchlands Little Rebel with Kate Melville at Southern A&P Equestrian Show.



Ridge View Trixie Belle with Toby Harden at Southern A&P Equestrian Show. Champion Adult.



Beechgrove Chocolate Delight with Andrea Price at Southern Canterbury A&P Equestrian Show.



Beechgrove Thunderbird with Ralph Woffenden at Ellesmere A&P Show.



Yeo Lodge Tennessee Top Notch (imp Aus) at Ellesmere A&P Show. Champion Adult.



Cleoranee Lorenzo (imp Aus) with Richard Price at Ellesmere A&P Show. Champion Youngstock and Supreme Shetland.



Ridge View Trixie Belle with Toby Harden at Ellesmere A&P Show. Reserve Champion Adult.



Stoney Croft Noble Legacy at Ellesmere A&P Show.



Lael Sweet William with Bernadette Woffenden at Ellesmere A&P show.



Cleoranee Lorenzo (imp Aus) with Richard Price at Northern A&P Show. Champion Youngstock and Supreme Shetland.



Ridge View Trixie Belle with Toby Harden at Northern A&P Show. Champion Adult.



Cotswold Annie's Tinkerbelle with Denise Ohlson at Northern A&P Show.



Stoney Croft Noble Legacy with Mark Harden at Northern A&P Show. Reserve Champion Youngstock.



Cotswold Hot Tobasco with Karen Airns at Northern A&P Show. Reserve Champion Adult.



Cotswold Gardenia with Renee Leopold at Northern A& P Show.



Ridge View Prince Charming with Jane Leopold at Northern A&P Show.



Burravoe Piping Hot with Lucy Burrows at Amberley A&P Show. Reserve Champion Youngstock.



Ridge View Trixie Belle with Toby Harden at Amberley A&P Show. Champion Adult.



Stoney Croft Noble Legacy with Mark Harden at Amberley A&P Show. Champion Youngstock and Supreme Shetland.



Burravoe Ambrosia with Shona Cusack at Ashburton A&P Show.



Cleoranee Lorenzo (imp Aus) with Richard Price at Ashburton A&P Show. Champion Youngstock and Supreme Shetland.



Oaklea Jubilant with April Buckingham at Ashburton A&P Show. Reserve Champion Youngstock.



DuncreeScarlett Sprite with Catherine Crosado at Ashburton A&P Show.



Stoney Croft Noble Legacy with Mark Harden at New Zealand A&P Show. Champion Youngstock and Supreme Shetland.



Ridge View Trixie Belle with Toby Harden at New Zealand A&P Show. Reserve Champion Adult.



Christina Lewis with Duncree Salem at New Zealand A&P Show.



Ridge View Trixie Belle with Toby Harden at Southern A&P Show. Champion Adult and Supreme Shetland.



Stoney Croft Noble Legacy with Mark Harden at Southern A&P Show. Reserve Champion Youngstock.



Birchlands Custard Creme with Pippa Melville at Southern A&P Show. Reserve Champion Adult.



Birchlands Chocolate Smudge with Kare Melville at Southern A&P Show.



Birchlands Little Rebel with Kate Melville at Southern A&P Show.



Duncree Salem with Christina Lewis at Courtenay A&P Show.



Photo on left:

Duncree Fire Fly with Catherine Crosado at Courtenay A&P Show. Champion Shetland.

NEW ZEALAND AGRICULTURAL SHOW 2019 - RIDDEN SHETLAND PONY SECTION PHOTOS

Submitted by Lesley Lewis. Photo credit to Chestnut Media.



Above: So, Sophie (Shilmaine Sophia), what do you think of showing so far?..... Below: Champion – Llewellyn Melina



Oops – this ain't supposed to happen during your individual workout! – a tad embarrassing - Cotswold Foxfire Below: Cotswold Brocade



Above: Beechgrove Basil Brush Below: Reserve Champion – Llewellvn Spellbound











Left: Llewellyn Merlin Bottom Left: The cutest ever Lead Rein combination – Cotswold Alesha Below: part of the chilled out team – Llewellyn Moody Blue, Cotswold Foxfire, Llewellyn Melina and Llewellyn Spellbound



SHETLAND PONIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD HOOL'S SHETLAND PONY STUD, ENGLAND.

Our Story - 1958 to Present

(Written 2016, Updated 2019)

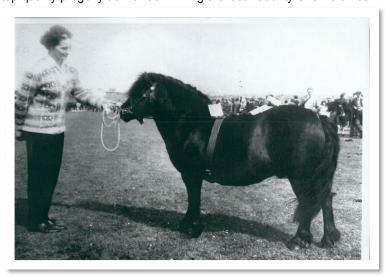
Hools Shetland Pony Stud is run by Kelly Peace assisted by her Mum Jane and with the trusted guidance of her ninety-four year old Grandmother Ivy. The stud consists of 24 Standard Black Shetland Ponies used for breeding, showing, riding and driving. The Stud began in 1958 on Hools Farm in South Ronaldsay, Orkney, by my grandmother Ivy Edith Mathers Cromarty along with her eldest son Arthur and daughter Jane. They bought a Black Shetland Pony Filly, Shona of Lynn (5455M) from Scotty Watson of the Lynn Stud in Kirkwall, Orkney.

In 1960 Shona of Lynn (005455M) Sire Majestic of Lynn (001566S), Dam Sunray Girl (005214M), had the 1st registered Hools Shetland Pony foal, a filly - Hope of Hools sired by Spear of Marshwood (001675S) pictured below. He sired the 1st 3 Hools Ponies, Hope in 1960, Harra Broo & Helga of Hools in 1961.



Spear of Marshwood (001675S) - Sire to the first registered Hools Ponies

In 1962 Scotty Watson put Ivy in touch with Mrs Cox from the famous Marshwood Stud where she purchased 2 ponies, Janet and Jacinth of Marshwood. Ivy also received the Premium Stallion Spaniard of Marshwood as a gift from Mrs Cox due to his bad behaviour when in Shetland. He was prone to jumping into people's gardens and eating their cabbages! This was a stroke of luck for Ivy as he produced some top-quality progeny as well as winning the local County Show 3 times.



Spainard of Marshwood



Janet of Marshwood (5568M)

Janet of Marshwood (5568M), was born in 1958, sired by Sprinter of Marshwood (1423S) and out of Jane of Marshwood (5277M). Janet was the main foundation mare for the stud, her lines are still found in the stud to this day. Janet produced 12 foals for Hools, including Janey of Hools (7146M). She was born June, 2 1968, Sired by Fireless of Marshwood (1849S), she was a versatile Shetland, she could turn her hoof to anything including lead rein, first ridden, broodmare and was Overall Champion at local shows numerous times. She even appeared in a 1984 copy of The National Geographic Magazine, being ridden by Kristen (Ivy's granddaughter) in the lead rein class at the county show, wearing welly boots and holding on for dear life! She was mostly shown by Arthur Cromarty, son of Ivy. Arthur and his wife Laura took over Hools Farm in 1974, where his commitments altered to breed and show Limousine cattle (more viable than ponies – he says!), however the stud continued with Ivy's daughter Jane Elizabeth Peace (nee Cromarty).



Janey of Hools

My mum, Jane got her first pony Betty at the age of three. She remembers Hools ponies had always been used to help around the farm, including helping out one very stormy winter taking coal, candles and essential groceries to residents in the nearby fishing village of Herston at low tide as all the roads were blocked with snow, mum remembers it well...time off school!

As soon as she finished the grammar school she was the first Orkney girl to go to Edinburgh to train as an animal nurse at nineteen years old. Before starting her course she spent 5 months working with the celebrated pony breeder Mrs Cox at her

Marshwood Stud at Castle Douglas. Jobs included exercising the famous Marshwood driving ponies as well as prepping and training the ponies for shows. It was really hard work but a great experience.



Fireless of Marshwood - This picture was taken at Mrs Cox's Marshwood Shetland Pony Stud where Jane spent her Veterinarynurse University holidays.

Jane was also fortunate enough to be invited along with Ivy to the Holland Centenary Show by the Dutch Stud Society in the 1966, so off they set taking a flight from Edinburgh to Amsterdam! The programme was outstanding hosting a great variety of showing classes, driving, pony gymkhana and a pageant. Something that they had never experienced before and will never forget! The stud took a back seat with her at the helm, as her time was spent taking me to pony club and helping my dad with his thoroughbred horses.

Greek mythology had its flying horse, Pegasus, but so did we.... In 1966 Orkney Wedding of Hools (5994) a skewbald filly foal, Sire Florin (1851S) and out of Illona of Hools (005994M), was the first Shetland pony to fly on Faroes Airways from Kirkwall to Copenhagen where she was sold to Mr & Mrs Jantzen of Rytegaard, Denmark.



Orkney Wedding of Hools boarding a plane at Kirkwall airport.

Then in the spring of 1967 they purchased a black colt Spaniardson of Hools (1954S). Born in 1964 Spaniardson was sired by Spaniard of Marshwood (1484S) and out of Janet of Marshwood (5568M). Ivy was invited to Denmark in March 1968 where she showed Spaniardson at the Danish Stallion Show where he was judged best 4yr old Stallion.



Spaniardson of Hools

I guess I was destined to follow in my granny and mothers footsteps as from the age of two I got my first Shetland pony gelding Scapa Too. Purchased from the late Archie Jamieson of the Scapa Stud, Orkney, which has now sadly dispersed. I continued to ride, show and drive until I was eighteen when I moved away from Orkney. I returned in 2007 and naturally fell back into the stud. I wanted to put my own stamp on the breeding, after seeking advice from my grandmother we both set off to the Aberdeen Sale in October where she introduced me to her late friend Harry C Sleigh. He invited us along to St Johns Wells for tea with his wife Ann and afterwards we were shown around his famous Wells ponies. Amazed at the quality of Harry's ponies my first question was 'do you have any for sale?' He picked out a 5-year-old filly, Wells Perrier Sired by Wells Royal Command and out of Wells Patience – this was to be my own foundation mare.



Wells Perrier

As well as purchasing Perrier I thought it would be good to reintroduce old bloodlines back into the stud. After lots of researching, emailing and phone calls to various people, we traced down two fillies that stemmed back to Judith of Hools daughter of Janet of Marshwood – my Grannies most successful mare. These ponies were bred by George & Barbara Tait of the Merkisayre Stud in

Shetland. Everyone knows George loves his ponies, hence it took a lot of begging to acquire Merkisayre Poppy and Merkisayre Be-Bo.

In 2009 with a mix of old and new ponies Granny, Mum and myself travelled north to Shetland to attend the S.P.S.B.S Breed Show, the first to be held in the Isles. We had success with Merkisayre Poppy who won a strong black 3-year-old filly class. After the class George Tait sneaked into our pen and tried to take Poppy back to his pen, claiming he had sold the wrong pony!



Merkisayre Poppy

2010 saw the arrival of my first foals, two fillies and three colts all sired by Wells Highlight II, five times Royal Highland Show Champion. The most successful has been Hools Rising High (Wells Fyona x Wells Highlight II). After passing his stallion assessment he was leased to June Brown's Shoormal Stud in Shetland as a 3-year-old winning two Championships at the three shows he attended. Rising High is now Stud stallion at Hools. He travelled to The National Stallion Show at Ingliston when he was a 4 year old getting 2nd in a big class. He won Orkney Horse of the Year 2015, an amazing achievement going against so many different breeds and riders.

He competed at the Blair International Horse Trials, in the NPS Scotland Finals, Novice M&M Small Breeds Ridden getting a 2nd place with rider Rebecca Fraser from Shetland. A brilliant achievement for his 1st season as a ridden stallion. In 2017 he was 1st placed Stallion then going on to be Male Champion and Overall Reserve Champion at the Royal Highland Show.

In 2019 at the Shetland Pony Breed Show Hools Rising High was Reserve Overall Ridden & also winning a HOYS qualifier to attend the prestigious Horse of the Year Show in Birmingham.



Hools Rising High at the Royal Highland Show

In 2013 the hard work of researching old bloodlines really paid off. The Hools 'J' line was reborn with the filly Hools Janet. Sired by Wells Masterclass and out of Merkisayre Poppy. Janet has done well in the show ring so far winning 5 Junior Championships, 2 Reserve Junior Champion, 5 Reserve Overall Championships and 5 Overall Championships.

In 2016 she was the 1st placed 3yr old filly and Reserve Junior/Female Champion at the Royal Highland Show.



Hools Janet as a 3yr old at the Royal Highland Show

In 2019 as well as competing In-hand at the Royal Highland Show, she also competed in the M&M Lead Rein class with my 6yr old daughter Layla riding her. In July of 2019 Hools Janet achieved her biggest success to date winning the Overall Black Champion at the Shetland Pony Breed Show.



Hools Janet with 6yr old rider Layla in the M&M Lead Rein at the Royal Highland Show 2019

She is the type of Shetland pony we are aiming to breed with good bone, substance & movement, perfect for showing, breeding and performance work. In 2018 She produced her first foal - a Filly Hools J'Adore.

I have also broken serval ponies for riding, Heather of Hools, Hools Ann, Strocherie Ennya and Hools Major High. Ennya has been the most triumphant winning serval lead rein championships and even competing at the illustrious NPS Scottish Finals at Blair Castle. Her son Major High is following in her footsteps, currently being ridden by my daughter Layla. He has also been ridden by a

10-year-old and competed in the Riding Club Dressage League. This winter he is in training to be a driving pony showing how versatile he is.



Myself, Layla and Hools Major High

4th Generation - The Future

My daughter Layla was born in 2012, and is already involved, every morning after getting up she looks out the window and counts the ponies! At 18 months she started riding Ennya and has now moved onto to Major High. She's competed at shows in Orkney and Shetland as well as being the youngest person to take part in the historic tradition of the Riding of the Marches in Kirkwall, an event where roughly 100 riders ride around the boundary of Kirkwall every August. Her biggest success, (apart from making the front cover of the S.P.S.B.S magazine winter 2014), was winning the Lead Rein Class at the local riding club Winter Woollie Show 2015 at 3yrs old. Hopefully she will remain interested and ride/drive many more Hools bred ponies with one day taking over the stud....

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SOUTH ISLAND RIDDEN SHOW PHOTOS

Photos submitted by Rebecca Kreisel, Sarah & Mark Harden, Kirsty Robinson and Lesley Lewis.



Lilly Kreisel riding Broompark Izzy led by Rebecca Kreisel.



Llewellyn Mystique ridden by Thomas.



Sienna Harden riding Oaklea Filagree led by Sarah Harden



All ready for the sack race to begin.



Sienna Harden and Oaklea Filagree led by Sarah Harden



Lead rein competitors.



Broompark Izzy and Kreisel Family.



Sienna Harden and Oaklea Filagree Lead Rein Fancy Dress



Line up of Ridden Competitors



Llewellyn Melina and Llewellyn Merlin with Judge Jacqueline Doolan-Tindall.



Line up of Ridden competitors receiving their ribbons.



Off they go!



Cuddle time – Cotswold Brocade, Cotswold Foxfire, Llewellyn Melina and Llewellyn Merlin.



Pairs Jumping - Llewellyn Melina, Llewellyn Moody Blue.



Cotswold Foxfire and Shilmaine Sophia



Cotswold Burbury Fancy Dress



Llewellyn Merlin all ready for summer fun!



Llewellyn Melina, Beechgrove Basil Brush and Llewellyn Merlin.



Ridden Fancy dress



Beechgrove Basil Brush

Shetland Pony Enthusiasts of Victoria 40th Anniversary Shetland Pony show 7th-8th December 2019

Submitted by Diana Humphries.

It was a short notice decision for me to fly to Australia to attend the 40th anniversary Shetland pony show at Bendigo, Victoria in Australia. I certainly had no regrets as what a fantastic weekend it was. The show was a credit to all those people that put in so much effort to make this special show so successful. The hospitality I received by all was just wonderful, I had total VIP treatment.

As a spectator I was overwhelmed with the quality and condition of the beautifully turned out ponies. Richard Miller from Wales,

judged the led 8.2-10.2hh. Lisa Johnson, NSW, led 8.2hh & under. Narella Munday, Vic, judged the led coloured ponies; this section had very good entries and was a great sight to see so many broken coloured ponies in the classes. I'm sure the judges had to put much thought into the placings in all classes. It is very interesting to sit and view what the judges put forward, because at the same time I was mentally judging the ponies myself, I am sure we all do this at shows in a silent way. I was pleased to see my thoughts on many placing were on track with the judges. The supreme pony of the show was Millbrae Highness; sire Fenwick Trident, dam Bolling Broke Highlight. Bred and shown by D. Irvine. A beautiful traditional Shetland mare with plenty of depth, lovely bone and great movement, her quality stood out in the ring.



Best opposite sex was Lentara Tremonti, sire Lentara Media, dam Robjay Tapestry, owned by C. Miers/K. Purchase. Over the years I have imported a good number of Shetlands form Victoria so I have a keen interest in the studs and bloodlines being shown in the led classes.





On the Sunday was the harness classes and ridden ponies. These were a total spectacle with the harness ponies being put through their paces and most were driven in beautiful viceroys. In the ridden classes, it was wonderful to see so many Shetlands under saddle. 18 entered in the Leading rein mare class, the quality of turnout was impeccable and a total joy to see so many children riding Shetland ponies. Supreme ridden Shetland was Dunavon James, ridden by Lilli Foord



On the Saturday evening was the 40th Anniversary dinner and the bumper raffle, such a huge amount of donated prizes, and I was lucky enough to win one! I enjoyed the evening celebrations with over a 100 other friendly people that are so passionate about this wonderful breed of pony.

I did enjoy catching up with many friends I had not seen for years; also it was lovely meeting the many new faces. I can honestly say the weekend was full of memorable highlights, but one in particular was certainly special which was meeting up with Steve Williams after so many years. Steve had the

Kilmarnock stud in Canterbury in the early 1990's, his name has often come up in conversations over the years and I had often wondered where he was. So, my weekend was also a fantastic catch up time with Steve and his family. Steve was invited to judge the fancy dress, certainly people had put in some time and thought in their great creations. The mobile home was the winner but I think Steve had some difficulty judging this class with the quality of entries.

Diana Humphries.













One of the coloured classes.

CLASSIFIEDS

Cotswold Angus 668NZ

Bay Gelding

Born: 28th October 2007

Sire: Fenwick Aniseed (imp Aus) Dam: Emerald Park Unique Miss







Gus is available for sale to an approved home.

Successful show pony and has been used as a lead rein pony in the past. Not suitable for harness.

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Something I'm sure many of us can relate to after the Festive Season...... 😂





****REMINDER****

Dear members, please note you can find copies of the Schedule of Fees, End of Year Show Rules and Entry Forms for Harness, Ridden, Lead-Rein and Young Handler Forms directly on the website. Please remember no late entries will be accepted for any end of year forms. They are due in by 1st May 2020.

https://www.shetlandpony.org.nz/forms

A list of the current shows that normally include Shetland classes can also be found on the website or by visiting Showday online https://showday.online/

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