

# *Glamorgan Welsh Pony & Cob Association.*

## *Winter Newsletter – February 2008.*

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### **February Meeting**

Our evening meeting for February will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun.

We are delighted to have been able to secure Penny Hart and Mary Carter of Vibrational Medicines from Llanelli and Ireland respectively.

### **January Meeting**

Our January meeting took the form of a Quiz Night; I had intended the emphasis to be on a fun evening but, despite my best intentions, it all got very competitive! Honours went West, with a team from Carmarthen Area Association, led by their resident Quiz Master (sometimes known as Cwmgwilli's answer to Bamber Gascoigne) otherwise known as Geraint Davies. An extremely competitive and enjoyable evening ended on a very cordial note with an invitation from our triumphant neighbours in the Carmarthen Area Association to enter a team(s) for a rematch at their legendary Quiz Night in Llandeilo on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February. I describe the Carmarthen Quiz night as "legendary" because I can never remember any of my visits to the White Hart Inn but have it on good authority that we have a great time without troubling the Quiz's scorer too much!

We can decide over the next week or two who may conform to our rigorous

selection criteria to represent our Area – seriously, anyone who fancies a Tuesday evening out in Llandeilo, get involved and enjoy it – I can recommend it. We can liaise on travel arrangements/car sharing prior to the evening.

### **2008 Journal**

I had anticipated receiving the 2008 Journal prior to circulating a February Newsletter but now realise it is going to be a very close run thing. Latest information from the WP&CS website is that Journals were being despatched yesterday (Thursday 31/01/08); neither of ours arrived today – I'm never sure if that is more likely to be due to the vagaries of the Royal Mail or despatch in alphabetic order – with surnames starting with "S" and "Y" our Journals are inevitably near the bottom of the pile! I probably need to check with Richard Barrett before I feel too aggrieved.

Accompanying your Journal will be voting papers for the forthcoming elections and re-elections to Council; everyone should exercise their democratic right and cast a vote and use it to shape the future direction of our Society.

I always feel that, as an Area Association, we are well represented and equally well respected on Council, but note that two of our influential members are at the end of their current tenures; namely, Dr. E. W. Davies and Mr. E. G. Prosser. The former who, for

constitutional reasons, cannot seek re-election to Council at this juncture and the latter who is seeking re-election this year. I would encourage you all to cast your vote in favour of maintaining the influence of the Glamorgan Area Association on Council and support Edwin Prosser's re-election.

### **WP&CS AGM 2008**

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society will be holding its 2008 AGM at the Hilton Metropole Hotel, Birmingham NEC, Birmingham on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

It is the intention of Council to hold an EGM in the morning to ask members to consider the proposed changes to the Society's governing document.

We are now only a month away and I need to be organising a formal trip very quickly – either independently or possibly in conjunction with a neighbouring Area Association if numbers and logistics dictate. If you are interested let me or any Committee member know (without commitment) by e-mail to

[secretary@glamorganwpca.com](mailto:secretary@glamorganwpca.com) or phone.

### **Young Judges**

The Society holds an annual Young Judges competition for members in three age groups: 10 – 12 years, 13 – 18 years and 19 – 25 years.

This year it is being held as The Shropshire & West Midland Showground in Shrewsbury on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

We had a number of expressions of interest at our January meeting but at the moment I am the only person in the 19 – 25 age group. As soon as the weather improves we will organise some coaching sessions and call on some of

the very experienced Judges we have in our Area Association to share their expertise.

If anyone else is interested, or would at this stage just like to come to a coaching session without obligation, just let me know so we have an idea of numbers.

### **Dates for 2008**

Our meetings for 2008 will continue on March 14<sup>th</sup> when we hope to a highly entertaining speaker from the international harness racing circuit.

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Show, for which we have applied for medal status, will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>; we are hoping to be able to secure sponsorship (anyone willing to secure sponsorship on our behalf can liaise with any Committee member).

Lampeter Stallion Show 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Glanusk Stallion Show 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Summer 2008 will see the publication of Dr. Wynne's latest book on the theme of Royal Welsh Champion's.

### **Membership Renewal**

Everyone received a Membership Renewal form with their January Newsletter; the vast majority have completed and returned. If you are one of the small number of members yet to do so please send without further delay to ensure continuity of Newsletters and Schedules for our forthcoming 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Show as well as reduced entry fees for the Show and eligibility for the Member's Championship. I have not included a form with this Newsletter but they are available to download from a web-link on our web-site

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