

Glamorgan Welsh Pony & Cob Association.

Summer Newsletter – June 2008.

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AGM Re-arranged Date

Following last month's postponement of our Annual General Meeting it has been re-arranged for Tuesday 24th June 2008 at our usual meeting venue; Pontyclun Community Centre, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun at 7.30 p.m.

I hope the postponement wasn't too inconvenient; I thought the circumstance leading to it was unlikely to recur for another 80 years but it was pointed out to me by a fellow committee member that it was only two years after Cardiff City's previous appearance as losing F. A. Cup finalists in 1925 that they went on to win in 1927!

I will try to ensure future AGM dates don't clash with sporting fixtures however unlikely local representation may initially appear!

Summer Supper

Over thirty members and their guests enjoyed our annual Summer Supper on Wednesday evening at the Ship Inn in Efail Isaf.

The new venue researched and ably organised by Mrs. Jean Prichard proved a success with everyone with even our most thrifty members enjoying the exceptional value for money and convivial company.

If members wish this type of evening to become a more regular event then the AGM would be an appropriate forum in which to raise the matter.

Transporter Competency Training

Any members wishing to undertake Transporter Competency Training and/or sit one of the associated Competency Tests can take advantage of our Chairman's links with the British Driving Society and the preferential rates they have negotiated.

If you believe you may fall within the scope of the regulations and would like to register your interest in attending one of the courses being run please contact Robert Manchip on 01443 225127 or robertmanchip@aol.com; exact cost and date(s) will depend on the number interested.

Spring Show 2008

The show report in last month's Newsletter contained at least one glaring omission; I failed to include details of the Supreme Ridden winner – Bryncadoc Penny Royal (Iona Trotman). A far fuller and more detailed report along with some tremendous pictures can be seen at

www.wpcs.uk.com/society/glamorgan08.html

Well done to all the champions, class winners and thanks to all competitors for supporting this year's Show; the general consensus of opinion was that this year's medal format would be one we would wish to replicate in future years – this

may also be something you wish to comment on at the forthcoming AGM. Finally, thanks to all who stewarded, provided catering, commentated, litter picked and contributed to the smooth running of the day – without you there wouldn't be a Show so, thanks again.

Points Awards 2008

Please note that for 2008 Barry Show will be replaced by Bedwellty for the purposes of the Points Awards Scheme. Also, look out for the change of address for the Points Registrar who is no longer in Welsh St. Donats.

There will no doubt be the usual hot competition for these prestigious awards; the fact that a number of top studs are diversifying (Stormydown are now breeding "C"'s and showing "A"'s to name just one) will certainly intensify competition for these awards which will be made at our Annual Christmas Dinner and Presentation Evening.

Forms can be downloaded from www.glamorganwpca/pointscard2008.pdf

Gwent Area Show 2008

I have been asked to point out, by the above Show's secretary, that there has been the following change of judges: Welsh Part Bred classes will be judged by Mr. S. Watts (Trixies Stud) Ridden Welsh & Welsh Part Bred classes will be judged by Ms. K. Girdler (Ffrethi Stud).

Ceredigion WPCA Summer Medal Show 2008

Whilst I am fully aware that very few, if any, of our members follow judges, I have also been asked to make clear there

has been a change of judge at this Show as well:

Section "D" and Harness classes will be judged by Mrs. J. Lutey (Trevarth Stud) and not by Mr. L. Bigley (Llanarth Stud).

Brightwell's Spring Sale 2008

A change to an indoor location on the Royal Welsh Showground to allow the main ring to be re-seeded inevitably ensured clement weather for this years Spring Sale.

The percentage sold was not great; from an extremely high number of entries 263 sold albeit for a record £205,190.

Despite the relative strength of the € against Sterling foreign buyers were cautious with a relatively modest 31 going for export.

Stud Visit

A number of options are being explored for a Stud visit in late August/September; as soon as details are finalised I will circulate in order to establish numbers and secure the most appropriate transport option for members.

Derwen Reduction Sale

Members are reminded that there will be a reduction sale at the Derwen Stud on Saturday 6th September 2008; if there is sufficient interest I will be happy to organise a formal trip or co-ordinate car-sharing if numbers are limited and don't justify a formal trip.

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