

Glamorgan Welsh Pony & Cob Association.

Spring Newsletter – March 2008.

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March Meeting

Our evening meeting for March will be held on Friday 14th March at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun. Unfortunately, our scheduled guest speaker is indisposed, as a last minute stand in I'm intending to give members an update on the latest Animal Transport Regulations and what our Area Association is planning to support its' members.

February Meeting

Although I was unable to attend our February meeting, I understand members were enthralled by our guest speakers and their specialist subject of alternative therapies. Many thanks to the team who stepped into the breach and hosted the evening in my, and our Chairman's absence.

WP&CS AGM 2008

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society held its 2008 AGM at the Hilton Metropole Hotel, Birmingham NEC, Birmingham on Saturday 1st March 2008. Members in attendance were a little bit down on previous years but enjoyed a constructive meeting. Congratulations go to Edwin Prosser on his re-election to Council and to Dr. Wynne Davies on his election as the

Area Representative for the South Wales region.

If, at any time, any member of the Society wishes to understand more about the workings of Council, there is now the facility, by prior arrangement, for members to sit in scheduled Council meetings as observers.

Any member of the Society wishing to exercise this right may do so; if you wish to know any more on a less formal basis I am sure that the Council members we are lucky enough to have as members of the Glamorgan Association will be pleased to share details of the meeting observer application process.

Spring Show

Please find enclosed a copy of the Schedule for our Spring Show being held in less than a month on Sunday 6th April at Pencoed College.

My apologies in advance if our Chairman and I am looking a little bleary eyed on the day – I am hosting the Freight Transport Association Annual Dinner and Dance in Cardiff the evening before (if anyone is interested in putting together a Glamorgan Area Association table let me know and I can get it organised).

Classes have been slightly streamlined to reflect the trend in entries over the last few years.

We have managed to secure judges of the highest calibre and are hoping entries

will be commensurate with the quality of judges.

WPCS Judges Seminar 2008

The Society is holding a Judges Seminar on Sunday 16th March at Hartpury College.

The 2008 Conference will be the first in the current series of conferences to include ponies and cobs.

The Society have clear objectives for the conference and a clear strategy on how they are intending to achieve these objectives.

Interestingly for members the Conference is open to current Panel Judges as well as any member of the Society who is interested. I will circulate any feedback I get on the session.

Welfare of Animals during Transport

Anyone who can not get to Friday's meeting to hear my version of the latest rules can get further information at <http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/ahw/animalwelfare/animalsintransport/?lang=em> or from the Animal Welfare and By Products Team on 02920 823059 or 01267 245006. Anyone wishing to sit assessment for competence let me know so I can gauge the level of interest for course(s).

Derwen Reduction Sale 2008

Mr. & Mrs. Ifor Lloyd have instructed Brightwells to sell by auction a reduction sale of Derwen Welsh Cobs on Saturday 6th September 2008 at the stud. If, nearer the time, members are interested in organising a formal trip I will get it organised.

Cross Foxes Stud Open Day 2008

The day after the Derwen reduction sale, Mr. & Mrs. Bethell of the Cross Foxes Stud (Llandysul), are holding an Open Day on Sunday 7th September 2008 to commemorate the thirty year anniversary of the closure of the Coed Coch Stud.

Anyone seeking further information should contact Mrs. Bethell on 01559 370402

Rare Breed Open Day

Dowlais Pony Improvement Society are holding a Rare Breed Open Day on Sunday 11th May 2008 to promote the Hill Ponies of Wales.

It will include showing classes for Sections A, B, C and D (entries close 30th April) as well as other attractions.

Young Judges

I have had three nominations from members wishing to participate in the Young Judges training and competition. If there are any other members interested let me know and I can make sure you are included in the circulation list when we put the programme together.

Glamorgan W.P.C.A. Web-site

Do members visit our web-site? The web-site has had over 8000 hits since its' construction – by my calculations that is around seven hits everyday. If any member wishes to advertise they can do so free of charge at the moment – surely there cannot be a more cost effective advertising medium – just forward me the details to secretary@glamorganwpca.com

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