

# *Glamorgan Welsh Pony & Cob Association.*

## *Autumn Newsletter – November 2007.*

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### **November Meeting**

Our final evening meeting for 2007 will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun.

Our November meeting will include a presentation from the Horse of the Year Show judge, Dr. Wynne Davies MBE on the Welsh Pony & Cob Society Website as well as DVD footage of this years Royal Welsh Show which proved so successful for so many Glamorgan Area Association members.

### **October Meeting**

Attendee's at the inaugural meeting of this Winter's series in October were treated to a highly entertaining evening courtesy of our guest speaker, John Kirk. It is very difficult for me to try and summarise the content and delivery in a few words suffice to say we heard about John's upbringing and formative years within the sound of Bow Bells, his realisation of a dream in relocating to Wales and concluded with a lively debate on the merits of a splash of colour and the relevance of Section (X). It is probably more incisive to say – if you weren't there you missed a treat!

### **New Members**

I am delighted to have been able to welcome a number of new/lapsed members to our Area Association in the last month or so. I know all existing members will extend a warm welcome to:

David Bailey (Llantrisant); Samantha Ockelford (Denwyn); and Mrs. A. E. Green (Wick).

### **Autumn Foal Shows**

As I am sure you are all aware our Area Association Foal Show kicks off the Autumn Foal and Youngstock Shows in this area this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 1000 at Pencoed College.

The following Saturday is the Wales & Border Counties Agricultural Society Show at the same venue.

A fortnight later sees the Gwent Area Association Show at the same location. Autumn Showing opportunities culminate on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November with the Royal Welsh Winter Fair in Builth Wells.

### **Christmas Dinner & Presentation Evening**

As has become traditional over the last few years our Christmas Dinner & Presentation Evening will be held at the Grove Golf Club, South Cornelly, Near Porthcawl at 1930 on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

Please find enclosed menu choices and booking form; as always places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

### **2008 Calendars**

We have a limited number of 2008 Welsh Pony & Cob Society calendars still available which will be on sale at the Foal Show for £4.00 each.

These calendars are in such demand that they are appearing on internet auction sites and appear to be changing hands at a significant premium.

It should be stressed that these calendars are official WP&CS merchandise and as such are not for re-sale; we are supplying authentic, original copies and do not condone any unauthorised reproduction or re-sale.

### **Royal Welsh Cob Sales**

The recent Royal Welsh Cob Sales in Builth Wells were slightly marred by the high number of lots not forward.

109 (12%) of the catalogued entry of 916 lots were not forward; maybe consideration needs to be given to reducing the amount of time between the closure of entries and Sale to reduce this proportion.

In any event, after a slightly sluggish start on Friday, trade over the three days was buoyant with 663 (82% of the lots forward) selling for an average £1193. Despite the strength of the £ the European export market was strong with large consignments bound for a number of continental destinations.

An extensive report supported by a large number of photographs is available at [www.wpcs.uk.com/society/cobsalesreport.html](http://www.wpcs.uk.com/society/cobsalesreport.html)

I believe a review of the format, structure and even location of the Sale is being considered by member(s) of Council who are looking to build on the success and iron out some of the difficulties members may experience in its current format.

### **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.

Glamorgan Area Association members will be reassured to know that the chosen location is only “10 minutes by free shuttle from Birmingham International Airport”.

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.

I will canvas opinion nearer the time and try and establish if there is sufficient interest to organise a formal trip or co-ordinate car-sharing amongst Glamorgan members interested in attending.

### **Judging Panel**

The Society recently held a Judging Assessment Day where members of the Society wishing to be appointed to the Judging Panel underwent a rigorous practical selection process throughout the day.

Such is the focus the Society is putting on the appointment of the right calibre of candidate to the Panel, only a small proportion were successful.

One of the candidates who met the criteria was a member of our Area Association, T.G. Hughes Esq., (Ionos), who was appointed to the “C” and “D” Section of the Judging Panel.

The list of judges on the WP&CS website hasn’t been updated yet; when I looked at it today there were all kinds of symbols by judges names to indicate willingness to travel certain distances, whether or not they were also on the ridden panel and even if the judge was bilingual. I couldn’t see a symbol that denoted a judge would not be available for judging after 1600 on a Wednesday though!

In all seriousness, congratulations to Tom on achieving, at his first attempt, the considerable honour of appointment to the Judging Panel of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society.

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