

Glamorgan Welsh Pony & Cob Association.

Autumn Newsletter – October 2007.

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October Meeting

The first of our series of meetings is scheduled for Friday 12th October 2007 at 7:30 p.m. As usual these meetings will be held in Pontyclun Community Centre, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun.

I am delighted to be able to announce that, by popular demand, the guest speaker for our October meeting will be John Kirk of the Donys Stud.

As has become tradition our guest speaker will be followed by refreshments and a raffle (contributions for either or both will be gratefully received).

Annual Stud Visit

Despite a late change of destination our annual stud visit in September was fully subscribed and the welcome afforded us by our hosts, John and Jackie Kirk of the Donys Stud, far exceeded everyone's expectations.

We were treated to a display of stock by an accomplished team of handlers accompanied by a commentary in John's inimitable style.

Just before the rain drifted in from the Eppynt we adjourned to the house for a sumptuous afternoon tea that kept everyone refreshed at least for the journey home if not the rest of the day.

Foal and Youngstock Show

Our annual Foal and Youngstock Show will be held on Sunday 4th November 2007 at Pencoed College. Details of

classes and judges can be found in the enclosed schedule.

The N.P.S. Area 29 Foal Show will be held on Saturday 13th October at the same venue. Schedules are available on request from Anne Pritchard-Simmons on 07904 198074.

The Wales & Border Counties Foal Show will also be held in Pencoed College on Saturday 10th November. Schedules are available on request from Caroline Campbell on Bridgend (01656) 862315.

Journal Advertisement

Any members wishing to be included in the Glamorgan Area Association advertisement in next years Journal should complete and return the enclosed form no later than 19th October 2007. At only £10 it must represent the best value and widest circulation advertisement money can buy – it will also ensure inclusion on our web-site glamorganwpca.com

Meeting Dates

The dates for the remainder of our series of winter meetings in Pontyclun are:

Friday 9th November, 2007;

Friday 11th January, 2008;

Friday 8th February, 2008;

Friday 14th March, 2008;

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 16th May, 2008 also in the Community Centre in Pontyclun.

Points Awards Scheme

Any participants in this years' Points Awards Scheme who have not yet submitted their Points Cards should do so without further delay to:

Mrs. Siân Locke,
5, Heol-y-Bryn,
Pontyclun,
Mid Glamorgan.
CF72 9AP

The presentation of awards will be made at the Christmas Dinner and Presentation evening.

Horse of the Year Show

The Horse of the Year Show is under way as I am going to press but a result I can announce is Menai Sparkling Imperial's success in standing at the top of the six open ridden mountain and moorland classes. You may remember the Menai Stud's success with this exhibit earlier in the season at the nearly equally prestigious Glamorgan WP&CA Show where the eight year old stallion was ridden to take the Supreme of Show. Congratulations to all at Menai.

Fayre Oaks Sale

The Fayre Oaks Sale, held on 15th and 16th September at the Showground in Builth Wells, saw an entry of 707 lots forward and generated 505 (71%) sales with an aggregate value of £466,640, representing an average sale price of £924.

Over 10% (62) of the lots sold were consigned overseas showing that there is still a good export trade for quality stock.

The catalogue for the forthcoming Cob Sale looks equally strong with 916 lots entered and no doubt vendors are hoping for equally good trade and improvement on last years average of £1132 over the three days.

Carmarthen WP&CA Sale

Our westerly neighbours in the Carmarthen Area Association will be holding their annual sale on Saturday 13th October at the Cattle Market in Carmarthen. If you have the opportunity to support this regional alternative to the Cob Sale at Builth please do so – healthy competition can only improve vendors' terms and conditions and may merit official recognition by the Society in the future.

Web-site

Our Area Association web-site is often the first place you can see the Newsletter (particularly if the threatened Industrial Action is carried out by the Post Office). In an effort to rejuvenate interest in the site I am currently offering free of charge postings on the "For Sale/Wanted" and "Stallions at Stud" – if you wish to take advantage of this limited period offer please e-mail your advertisements to me at secretary@glamorganwpca.com

Newsletter Contributions

If anyone has any articles, news, results, advice, information or any other item they would like included in any future Newsletter I would be delighted to receive and include any contribution (subject to suitability).

I am certain members would far rather read articles generated by members than be perpetually bombarded with my diatribe!

I really would appreciate your input and would be grateful for your support.

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