



# The North of Scotland Welsh Pony and Cob Association

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Update from the Chair

2017 saw some changes to the classes on offer at shows. We introduced a variety of unaffiliated classes which were fairly well supported but, due to continued lack of entries, the breed sections were amalgamated and partbred classes reduced to one youngstock and one adult class only. As the cost of Bronze Medals has risen to £45 each, we are currently reviewing the viability of classes. Sadly, without sponsorship the partbreds are likely to be dropped.

The purebred classes will remain in the usual format for this year's medal show but again we need sponsorship and more entries to be able to continue to offer six classes for each section.

For the first time we accepted entries on the day to our medal show, but this proved problematic. As we have been advised by the WPCS that as from 2019 this will no longer be the case, we have decided not to accept entries on the day from this year's medal show.

The website has been regularly updated throughout the year with show results and news. Don't forget it's free for members to advertise on the website so if you have items or stock for sale please email the details to [info@nswpca.co.uk](mailto:info@nswpca.co.uk)

## **2018 Membership**

Single £10 | Joint £12 | Family/Group £15

Benefits of Membership include: reduced entry fees to all our shows and events; free to advertise on our website; entry to the Performance Scheme; newsletter; eligible to vote at the AGM; eligible to stand on the Committee. Membership gives you a 'voice' and we always welcome offers of help, ideas or suggestions. Are there classes you would like to see introduced? Do you think we should hold more social events, like a Dinner & Dance or arrange Stud visits or a trip to the Royal Welsh? Join to get involved and help shape *your* association. Forms are available from our website or send s.a.e to NSWPCA Secretary, Granite Croft, New Byth, Turriff. AB53 5XQ. Please make cheques payable to NSWPCA & send your completed forms and remittance (with a sae for the return of your membership card) to the Secretary.

## **Upcoming Events**

AGM, Performance Awards prize giving & supper– March 30th 2018 7.30pm at The Kastille, Turriff, AB53 4BJ.

Spring Show @ Fountain EC - 22nd April

Summer Bronze Medal Show @ Fountain EC 15th July  
(Blair, TSR & Caledonian Quals.National Welsh Quals. Aff to SPSBS)

Winter Show @ Fountain EC 18th November

Schedules and further details will be available on the website. If a hard copy is required, please send a sae to: NSWPCA Secretary, Granite Croft, New Byth, Turriff. AB53 5XQ

## Committee

### New committee members required

Susan Reeve (secretary) and Sophie Bryce (trophy secretary) have both served their 2 year term and are not seeking re-election. For personal reasons Gavin Ingram (Chairperson) has withdrawn from the committee and Sherlene Murray will be standing down after the AGM. Stacy Angus (treasurer), Dennis Andrews & Kayleigh Evans have also served 2 years. The Association will be seeking new committee members to take on these roles. If you would like to stand on the committee in any capacity, please email [info@nswpca.co.uk](mailto:info@nswpca.co.uk). Without a committee the association cannot continue, so come on folk's step up to keep it going!

## Sponsorship

With ever increasing costs, sponsorship has never been so important to the association. We particularly need sponsors for the Medal show. Our sponsorship packages are very affordable and are a great way to support *your* association and to promote your stud, yard or business. All sponsors receive free advertising and are invited to present their awards - hospitality will be available. If you would like to sponsor a medal, class or championship, please download the form from our website or contact the secretary.

## Advertising

Business advertising in our schedule's, catalogues and on our website is available from just £20 per ad. An affordable way to advertise your services. We accept adverts from all trades - you might be a handyman, plumber or gardener, sell logs, or fix cars!. Your advert does not need to be horse related. Advertising on our website is free to members but these should be horse related. If you would like to take advertising space please download the form from our website or contact the secretary.

## Members News

### Kim Gill's HOYS journey

Black beauty!



It was the 12th December 2012, The Grampian foal show was meant to be on, however due to the weather conditions (frrrreeezzing) it had been cancelled. I was meant to be taking my new foal to the show, so instead I still went to Thainstone Mart as the sale of horses was still going ahead... thankfully I don't think many people knew that. I had a quick look through the online catalogue of pre entered horses the night before and noticed a couple of welsh cobs going through, one a older mare, Retanach Hae Lea, and the other welsh really caught my eye, Yswain Doric, a newly gelded black cob. So we went to have a look. I spotted the black gelding and loved him instantly, he had a long forelock and mane, and under all that forelock was a beautiful white star and the kindest eyes ever. Didn't know much about him, he was 7, newly gelded, used as a stallion before, had been ridden but not for a while. Used to all animals and quiet to handle. That's all it said in the catalogue. At the time, was a doing a lot of breaking and backing so I was up for a challenge, and always on the

lookout for a project. I thought this gelding would be the perfect winter project, get him going and I would sell him in the spring. He was by Sydenham Solomon and out of Yswain Carys (Nebo More Magic), his breeding was exactly what I liked, and so I thought he was worth a bid. And I was lucky enough to get him. Except when it came to buying him, I realised I didn't have my debit card... small panic until I realised my poor Mum had given me her card to buy her something for her tea, so I used her card to buy a horse she knew nothing about. She took the news quite well considering.

Doric was bought as a winter project, but within 2 days of him being home we had all fallen in love with him (including my mum) and I knew he was going to be a special horse. I felt so confident around him and trusted him so much already, even though I didn't know anything about his background. The 2nd day he was home I tacked him up and took him up to the school and got on and although green he was lovely and I felt he had a lot of potential. He never once went to be naughty or silly, he was just gentle and honest. I later found out that he was usually just ridden with just a bridle and no saddle and had never been schooled.

So 2013 saw him being introduced into the show ring, and enjoying learning new things. He was incredibly trainable and was just a joy to do. He took a good few months to get the idea of jumping, but once he did he loved it. And jumped everything and anything. He did well that season gaining a couple of championships and finished off the season by gaining supreme ridden at the North of Scotland WPCA winter show.

In 2014 I was pregnant. Doric was the one I rode throughout my pregnancy but I did let my Friend Lauren Watson compete him a couple of times and he qualified for NPS Scotland Blair finals, he also had a blast doing cross country and working hunter. 8 weeks after I had my little girl we travelled to Blair, I had been riding Doric to keep him ticking over, but as Lauren had ridden him to qualify I felt it was only fair that Lauren ride him at Blair. He was on top form, won his class then took reserve novice ridden champion. We were delighted with him.

2015 Was a quieter year, although we had decided half way through that we would send him to Fiona Cork to see how he got on in the bigger HOYS classes. He was placed top 6 each time out, but he was only away for 10 weeks but we were obviously delighted with him regardless.

In 2016 I just enjoyed him, we went to a couple of local shows, he qualified for Blair again so we headed down for the open ridden this time. He went on to win the class, such a clever boy. He also finished the season off again at the North of Scotland WPCA gaining Reserve supreme in hand champion and Supreme ridden champion.

2017 - We had been thinking about sending him away to try some HOYS classes again, but when he is away I miss him a lot, he is the one that makes me smile no matter what. Trusty Mr Doric. I had been in touch with my friend Claire Evans who had produced his half sister and half brothers before and she had expressed interest in him before. Worked in well, Claire had a young cob that needed started under saddle and so he would come to me and Doric down to Claire in Yorkshire. Missed him a lot, but we were so excited to see how he would get on in the bigger HOYS classes. He started off well by gaining 1st, ridden C/D champion and Supreme ridden champion at East Midlands WPCA. Other results included 2nd at Cheshire show (out of 40 cobs), 4th at Great Yorkshire but of course the best result was at The Showing Register show at Onley where he gained his HOYS ticket. I got a message through saying "winner winner chicken dinner" and I for some reason thought that he wasn't at a qualifier so I didn't get too excited, then Claire called to say "He's done it, he's going to HOYS"

Such a surreal moment, one I have dreamt of for as long as I have shown but yet I was strangely calm and not overly excited until a few days later when it kicked in.

I think I bored everyone to death about HOYS. But just couldn't believe he had actually done it.

Leading up to HOYS, I was so excited. I couldn't wait to see him again, ride him, and actually be at HOYS. I had never been to HOYS before, not as a spectator and certainly not as an exhibitor.

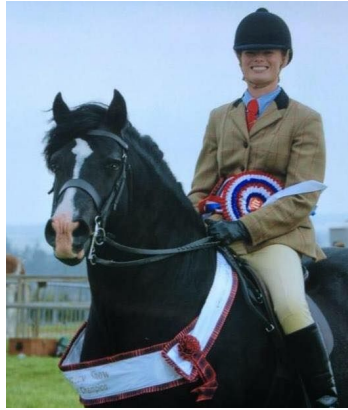
Doric took HOYS in his stride, he loved showing off. I was determined to enjoy myself and not let any nerves creep in and amazingly I didn't get nervous and I did enjoy every moment. It did feel really surreal and like any other show really. I was so proud of him. He did a nice show and we received 40/50 for his show (winner was 44/50) but sadly the confirmation judge didn't like him as much (I know, she needs to go to spec savers right?) and he got 30/50. But in my eyes he's perfect and always will be.

He is home and being a pampered pony. We will be concentrating on fun things like jumping and hacking, and I keep getting asked if I will do it again, and really I just keep thinking... he has no more to prove to me, he's done it and now we can go and enjoy ourselves and have no pressure fun.

I still can't believe how lucky I was to get him, and I am thankful for that everyday I see his handsome and happy face.

Kim

## Stallions at Stud



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