

Clydesdale Horse Society - E- News Sheet - 8th June 2025



Congratulations to Hugh Ramsay MBE

60 years ago, on 20th June 1965 Mr Hugh Ramsay MBE first showed at the Royal Highland Show. I'm sure that everyone in the Clydesdale Horse Society would want us to wish Hugh warm congratulations on this signal achievement.

We know that Hugh has not had the best of years following the loss of his lovely wife Margaret who was in so many ways the backbone behind everything the family did, and beyond this Hugh himself has been keeping the National Health Service in far too much gainful employment!

Hugh - rest assured that we will all raise a glass to you at this year's Highland Show to celebrate this wonderful achievement and we send you our very best of good wishes at this time; with the real hope that you will be back in our midst before too long. Slainte Mhath.

Royal Highland Show

I'm writing this blog on Thursday 12th June as I close the office this evening for a day of leave tomorrow. Then on Saturday I'm taking some merchandise to a local farmer's market following which on Sunday, I head down to Edinburgh to receive our exhibition unit and begin the set up for the Royal Highland Show which begins, of course, next Thursday, 19th June 2025.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there and I hope that you will take a moment or two and pop along to our trade stand, pay a visit, and to allow us all to catch up. As always, we are in the area close to the entrance to the Food Hall.

This year we have a wonderful array of over 40 items of merchandise to sell.

So why not come along and taste by shopping (!!)

Many great products - shoppers, bags and tea towels from Whistlefish

Pin badges and soft toys from Heavy Horse Enthusiast

Hats, beanies and back packs from Embroidery Design at Nairn

A great supply of furry Clydesdale horses and border collies from Australia

CHS ties in 5 colours

Note pads, pens, brollies, water bottles, car stickers, fridge magnets, key rings, mugs and coasters.

A Selection of Brasses

Fabulous Greetings Cards from Whistlefish

We also still have some stock of the Millennium Prints now selling at the reduced price of £15 which you can take with you on the day, or I would be happy to mail out to you after the show for an extra cost of £5.

We will have foal registration papers for 2025 as well as membership application forms.

If you know of anyone who would like to join the Society at this time, ask them to come and see me and we can fill out the registration papers for them there and then. They will need to have their bank details available to complete the standing order mandate which we now require.

On the Thursday morning, we will open at 11:00 AM when we will launch our 2024 studbook. This year we have been able to hold the Stud Book cost at £15 and if you're not to be at the show and would like to order one send me an email, add £2.50 for postage, transfer the funds and these will be sent out to you after the show.

Once again, our Breed is doing magnificent things for the Royal Highland Show with Clydesdales on parade across all 4 days beginning with the judging of males and females at 8:15 AM and 8:00 AM respectively on the Thursday morning.

The Ridden class will be on the Thursday lunchtime start at 13:30 PM, Harness and Decoration on the Saturday at 10.30 am - and don't miss coming along to watch our youngsters in action on the Sunday morning with the young Stockman class beginning at 8.45am and the Clydesdale Young Handler Final from 11:00 AM.

And of course, throughout the week we have the pieste de resistance of the turnout classes at the following times based in the Schedule.

Thursday 12.30pm - Single Horse - Farm Wagon or Commercial Vehicle

Thursday 13.00pm - Single Horse - Farm Cart or Farm Wagon

Friday 13.30pm - Teams of Four Horses

Friday 17.30pm - Unicorns

Saturday 12.30pm - Pairs

Saturday 17.30pm - Gogar Open Single Driven Heavy Horse of the Year

Sunday - 12.30pm - Team of Sixes

Sunday - 14.00 - Championship and Parade

On the Saturday evening the Society will supply some food to be served at a social gathering to be held in the Clydesdale stables between 7:30 PM and 10:00 PM. As in previous years please bring your own booze and please note that from 10:00 PM the security team at the Royal Highland show will be around to manage things!

Photo Competition - Competition for The Highland

Cameras to the ready for a bit of fun!

Purpose - to find a front cover photo for the 2026 Clydesdale Horse Society calendar.

Required: your best Clydesdale photo from the 2025 Royal Highland Show.

Rules - Photo must be in colour and include a Clydesdale Horse as its main theme and should not be in a formal showing position. The more unusual the better!

Photographs which include people must only be submitted with the photographed person's express permission who should be named with your entry so that this permission can be corroborated before any possible printing.

Photographs of young people aged under 16 must come with the permission of the young person's Parent / Guardian and as above the photographed subject and the person giving permission must be named with your entry.

Sponsor - The Secretary!

Judge - the present Mrs Roy (who will not be told the name of any entrant).

Open to all, young and mature!

Entries (jpeg) by email only to include your name, address and contact number to
secretary@clydesdalehorsesociety.com

to arrive no later than 9am Monday 7th July 2025

Prizes - winning photo - £100 and two runner up prizes of £50 each.

Let's not become too serious about this and let's have a bit of fun.

... and almost finally but most importantly

As we can no longer promote horses of yours that you might have for sale on our Facebook page, we have developed a special page on our website to allow you to advertise your horses. This is a free service for members of the Society and for non-members the cost is £25.

The rules are that you write the advert and supply the photographs, and this is posted intact onto the website. We will try to mention the availability of these horses in our monthly blog.

This month we have two new horses to show you and these are described below.

Finally

Unless we have notification of any more horses for sale there will be no News Sheet in July as we prepare for our special bumper edition of the half yearly newsletter which should be issued towards the end of July / beginning of August.

See ya all at the Highland!

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'Digby' - Colt for Sale

Our first beautiful Colt foal is for sale at weaning.

A full suite of photographs is available for viewing on the Society Website - Horses for Sale Section - www.clydesdalehorsesociety.com

Please email or call Amanda or Liz on numbers below for further details.

Born on 27th January 2025

Digby (Ariss Moore Curaidh nan Righ)

Dam: Shannonbridge Tiger Lilly

Sire: Tannachie Rough Diamond

Amanda & Liz, Ariss Moore Clydesdales, 07827921042 / 07970973393

Almond Valley Rowan - 4-year-old mare for Sale

I am writing to you as we are looking to advertise our 4-year-old mare for sale, and I'd like to see if you knew anyone in the society looking for a new female.

She is a great-natured horse (very inquisitive, and with the right training would be a fantastic show animal). She's also a big lass, standing the tallest out of her 3 mares and already a good bit taller than her mother, she just has some filling out to do. Stands for footwork with little to no issues and all in all is a great animal.

Sadly, we just don't have the paddock space to hold 3 adult mares onsite. Happy to receive phone calls or emails to discuss a price with anyone that's interested. I've also attached some images of the mare we'd be looking to sell.

Any help or advice you have with this would be greatly appreciated.

Stuart Brown, farm Manager, Almond Valley Heritage Centre
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For more details of both horses look up the full adverts including pictures on the Clydesdale Horse Society website page at www.clydesdalehorsesociety.com

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