

The Clydesdale Horse Society



Newsletter - Summer 2025



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Welcome to Our Spring 2025 Newsletter

Crieff, 14th July 2025

Welcome to our Summer newsletter. I hope you all enjoy the read and that you have been enjoying the showing season so far.

There is still a long way to go of course and we look forward with anticipation to the culmination of the summer shows and then the foal shows where the fruits of the 2025 breeding season will be to the fore.

Don't forget that if you have foals to register, paperwork needs to be with me by 30th September. Forms are available from the office and a reminder that DNA test results are taking 4 to 5 weeks to come back at the moment.

This newsletter contains an advert for our **Winter Fair** which this year is taking place on 15th November, the same day as the present Mrs Roy celebrates a significant birthday. As I will be AWOL for that I might need a bed for the night if she divorces me! The **Annual Raffle** will be drawn then and Raffle Books will be issued soon. I do hope that many of you will participate in what is our main annual fundraising event.

And watch this space for a rather special coming attraction which will take place at the Winter Fair this year. No details yet but it will be special, I promise!

The **2026 Calendar** will be available at the beginning of September and the front cover this year will feature the winning photograph submitted by **Kelsey Logan** in the photographic competition that I sponsored for the Highland Show.

Thank you for sending in photographs and congratulations to Kelsey on being first and third in that competition! Well done too to **Ali Christie** whose photograph of his son, **Cooper**, doing hard labour, scrubbing and cleaning the feathers of his grandfather's Clydesdale at the Highland, came a creditable second! Get them young they say! Good man **Cooper!**

With that I'll leave it to you to sit back and read what we have concocted in this edition of the newsletter. Enjoy the photographs which come for the most part to us courtesy of **Amanda Stewart** who gives of her skills to us freely and so willingly. Thank you ever so much Amanda for your continuing support. Your photographs are superb!

Enjoy the rest of the showing season.

Slainte Mhath!

Ian

2025 Royal Highland Show Feature - Well Done The Ladies!

In a breed where generally opinions dominate many of the conversations amongst us sometimes it's only when the bare facts are laid before us, that the full story can be told. The facts which encapsulate the majority of the Clydesdale Sections at the 2025 Royal Highland Show are very straightforward.

The Champions this year were dominated by the ladies - not quite exclusively - but substantially so! Just take a look at the roll call:

Overall Champion, Cawdor Cup and Female Champion: Lagavar Lily – Charlotte Young

Gelding Champion and Male Reserve Champion: Greenknowes First Ambition – Ailsa and Annette Noble

Young Handler Champion: Blythe Duncan

Young Handler Reserve Champion: Kaitlyn Marshall

Young Stockman Champion: Blythe Duncan

Young Stockman Reserve Champion: Kaitlyn Marshall

Ridden Champion: Kaitlyn Marshall – Burgess Outen Miracle

Ridden Champion Reserve: Isla Miller – Ha Durran Harry

Turnout Champion (Ladies Cart): Elaine Ramsay

Harness and Grooming Champion: Colina McCulloch (assisted by Laura)

And we say a warm and hearty congratulations to each of you for your success and for exhibiting brilliance in promoting our Breed this year at the biggest show around.

So, what of Homo Sapiens man? Well for those of us who form part of the male gender our flags were kept well and truly flying through the successes of:

Reserve Overall Champion: Roughlands Graceful Lady - Paul & Matthew Bedford

Male Champion: Muirton Successor - Thomas Clark & Son

Reserve Harness and Grooming Champion - Adam Young

Reserve Turnout Champion - David Mouland

Very well done to all these folks and their dedicated teams.

Photographs will appear in a gallery later in the newsletter.

2025 Royal Highland Show Feature

And warm congratulations to the following who won red tickets in their classes:

3-Year-Old and Over Stallion: Littleward Harvie – Rob Bedford

4-Year-Old or Over Gelding: Tulloes Monte Carlo – Steven Ritchie

Yearling or 2-Year-Old Gelding: Stoneydale Carry On Shindig – Kelsey Logan

Mare of any age with Foal at Foot: Collessie Kirsty – Ronnie Black

Foal: Ronnie Black

4-Year-Old or Over Yeld Mare: Collessie Alanna – Ronnie Black

3-Year-Old Yeld Mare or Filly: Cloghan Iona – Paul and Matthew Bedford

Harness and Decoration - Best Decorated - Wool: Benny Duncan

Turnouts

Single Horse in Single Axle Farm Cart or Farm Wagon (Gerald Fallowes Trophy)

Fiona McMillan for Capt Jim Anderson

Single Horse in Twin Axle Farm Wagon or Commercial Vehicle

John W McIntyre

Pairs in Twin, Teams of Four and Teams of Six in Twin Axle Farm Wagon or Commercial Vehicle

David Mouland

Unicorn Formation in Twin Axle Farm Wagon or Commercial Vehicle

John Goodwin

2025 Royal Highland Show - Caption Competition



From this photo sent in by the **present Mrs Joanne Greenhill**, email the Secretary with your (polite and swear word free!) caption to fit it.

Capt Jim Anderson, the only Executive Committee member (where was he?) not in the picture will judge the best caption to match and a bottle of **Malt Whisky** will go to the winner. Winner to be announced in the September E - News Sheet.

2025 Royal Highland Show - Champions Gallery

Overall Champion, Cawdor Cup and Female Champion: Lagavar Lily – Charlotte Young
(See Front Cover)

Reserve Overall Champion: Roughlands Graceful Lady – Paul & Matthew Bedford



Male Champion - Muirton Successor: Thomas Clark & Son



Best Gelding and Male Reserve Champion:
Greenknowes First Ambition – Ailsa and
Annette Noble



Royal Highland Show - Champions Gallery

Ridden Champion: Kaitlyn Marshall – Burgess Outen Miracle (Below Right)

Harness and Grooming Champion - Colina McCulloch (assisted by Laura) (Left)

Turnout Champion - Elaine Ramsay (Bottom)



Royal Highland Show - Turnout Red Tickets



Single Horse in Single Axle Farm
Cart or Farm Wagon (Gerald
Fallowes Trophy) – Fiona McMillan
for Capt Jim Anderson

Single Horse in Twin Axle Farm
Wagon or Commercial Vehicle –
John W McIntyre

Unicorn Formation in Twin Axle
Farm Wagon or Commercial
Vehicle – John Goodwin



Fabulous Sixes at the 2025 Royal Highland Show



David Moulard Sixes



David Walker Sixes



Gogar Services Sixes

2025 Royal Highland Show Feature

When the entries for this year's Royal Highland originally came out it was gratifying to see the large numbers entered – in excess of 100 Clydesdales. And the show organisers confirmed as the week progressed that this year must count as one of the best for Clydesdales forward and many a long year.

We say it every year, and make no apology for repeating, what an amazing spectacle every one of you create at Scotland's Premier Agricultural show. Whether you won a ticket or not, thank you for taking time and spending good money presenting your fabulous horses at the show this year.

You are all winners.

Royal Highland - Thanks to the Trade Stand Team ... and Others.

The Society's exhibition unit was transported to the Showground on the Sunday prior to the show beginning. And even despite a well-publicised little local difficulty encountered during set up days, so putting plan A out of action and causing plan B to be initiated, we were ready for opening on the Thursday morning. We enjoyed three glorious days of interaction with the public but because of the ninja thundery rain on the Sunday, we remain closed. We also had a wonderful team over the week but for whom we could not have functioned, and we thank them all.

Transport of Unit and On-site Repair - Sandy Aitken and Scott Greenhill

Stand Helpers - Craig Twaddle, Julia Hyslop and Mr Hyslop, Kirsty Hyslop (also for the much needed sun brolly), Christine Halliday, Fiona Hardie, Heather Fraser, Janet Allan, Anne Nichol, Shonah Campbell (and her great friend Maggie). Also volunteers Arthur Greenan, Alison Bell, Joanne Greenhill and Sheena Gray who volunteered for Sunday but who were not needed due to the inclement weather.

Daily Stand dismantler's - The Ralston family, Calum MacPhail, Ulla and Ejner Anderson, Scott Greenhill and Jennifer Allen.

Stewards for Young Handler Classes - Willie and Janice Dunbar, Louise Greenhill and Kayleigh Keron.

Thank you too, to everyone who purchased from our stand so helping support us in our work as a Rare Breed Society.

Spot on David - 2,4,6 - at The 2025 Highland



Every year all the way from Fordingbridge in Hampshire, travelling nearly 450 miles, Clydesdale Horse Society member **David Mouland**, brings a great spectacle to the turnout showing ring with his magnificent North American Red Belgian Horses. Originally a traditional Belgian Breed, these horses went into North America where today there are more of these horses than all the other Breeds combined.

David's horses, all imported, come out of sales in North America. It is the Amish people who generally breed them and because they can't sell direct or advertise to sell them, these horses generally only sell through auction. A number of the horses which David showed this year only arrived in this country in early May.

David said "The Amish people know how to break horses – they know what they're doing; we only put on the final touches when we get back"?

Always a magnificent spectacle and very different in appearance from the more traditional Clydesdales and Shires, these final touches made all the difference and David and his team took the Championships at this year's Highland in **the pairs, the teams of four and the teams of six**, the latter of which graced the ring on the Sunday morning before the overall **Turnout Championship** was judged where he was **Reserve Overall Champion**.

Well done David – haste ye back!



Blythe Duncan - At The Highland



Over the last few years, it has been a real joy to see **Blythe Duncan** enter our Breed and grow in experience and stature into not only a super horse lady but also one of the nicest people in the Society. Of course, **Blythe's** roots are firmly set in the Breed following in the footsteps of her grandfather Benny whose commitment across the years has been second to none.

On the Sunday morning of this year's Highland at around 11:00am the cheer which came from the **Young Stockman** ring was quite palpable when **Judge, Heather Fraser** called out **Blythe as Champion** and well deserved Champion at that. But this remarkable young lady wasn't finished, and she proceeded back into the ring for the next class, **the Clydesdale Horse Society Young Handler Final Championship**, and took that title as well.

Has any young person won both the Young Stockman and the Young Handler Championship on the same day, in the same year? I'll leave it to others older and uglier than me to authenticate this statistic but what is without doubt is that **Blythe's** achievements across the classes at this year's Royal Highland show are second to none and she is deserving of every piece of praise and every accolade that can be given to her.



And when you think that's she also showed in hand in the senior classes with **Benji**, and assisted with **Farm Cart and Harness and Grooming** classes, Blythe's achievements are all the more remarkable.

Blythe - Congratulations! We eagerly look forward to the next chapter of your life with our Breed.

Well done and huge Congratulations too to Kaitlyn Marshall for being Reserve Champion in both these classes and also for being Ridden Champion at the Highland (age 6). You too are a very special talent and we wish you every success at HOYs later in the year. Gie it laldy Kaitlyn - we'll all be rooting for you!

Heavy Horse Festival – Devon County Show

Back in May, for the 3rd year in succession, and as part of the Devon County Show a very successful Heavy Horse Festival was held, sponsored by Lyn Thompson and her wonderful team at Whistlefish. With the opening ribbon being cut by Martin Clunes,



much to the rapturous applause of his adoring fans, across these four days, the public was entertained to wonderful displays promoting British Percherons, Clydesdales, Shires and Suffolk Punches in all guises. John Goodwin got his ticket to HOYs in the two wheeled cart class and, led by that man David Mouland and his team of Red Belgians (again!), there were tremendous displays of heavy horses turnouts for the public to see.

And if this wasn't enough our indefatigable friend, Lyn also ran a Whistlefish merchandise stall where the profits were donated to the Clydesdale Horse Society. We don't often get the opportunity to publicly thank Lyn (first lady in pink to the right of Martin) for her

wonderful support. She will be terribly embarrassed when she reads this because she gives her support out of love for the breed.

Lyn from us all and with great reciprocal affection for all you do for us – thank you.

Shows and Merchandise

I'm often asked where folks can acquire some of our lovely merchandise including that is created for us by Whistlefish and this year in the second half of the year we hope to be at the following shows / events:

17th August - The Kelpies

30th August – Aberdeen Clydesdale Show

October – Teen Ranch Show

25th October – Lanark Foal Show

1st November – North of Fife Foal Show

8th November – Perth Foal Show

15th November – Winter Fair



SCONE PALACE INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS

A year ago, amongst much gnashing of teeth and overuse of Kleenex tissues so many folks we're lamenting at what was to be the final **Blair International Horse Trials** at their iconic location in the grounds of the beautiful Blair Castle.

It therefore put a smile on many folk's faces to learn that like a Phoenix rising from the ashes a new event would soon emerge.

The inaugural **Scone Palace International Horse Trials** event will take place from 21st – 24th August 2025, in the stunning grounds of Scone Palace and Perth Racecourse. Launched in partnership with British Eventing, this new horse trials event aims to deliver four thrilling days of competition, top riders, exhilarating sporting action and all of the fun required to ensure a memorable day out.

Following on from the standards set for over 47 years at Blair Atholl, the organisers' ambitions are firmly set on becoming Scotland's leading equestrian event.

Renowned as crowning place of Scottish Kings, Scone Palace is one of Scotland's most iconic tourist attractions, and home to major events such as The Scottish Game Fair, Rewind, Potfest Scotland, and Scone Palace Garden Fair – so is well equipped when it comes to the logistics of hosting large scale events.

In 2023, Scone Palace Estates entered a reverse takeover of Perth Racecourse, moving from landlord to owner / operator. The result is a purpose-built equestrian infrastructure and a deep understanding of horse and rider welfare within the equestrian events space.

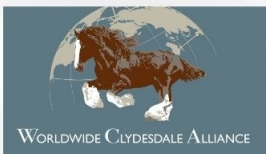
Have a look at the website at <https://sconehorsetrials.com> – from where much of this information has been extracted and you will see the **Clydesdale Horse Society** listed as one of the sponsors.

Early on we engaged fully with the new organisers and the **Clydesdale Horse Society** will be sponsoring the **Scone Palace Ridden Clydesdale Championship**, with qualifiers coming from many **CHS affiliated shows** across the country. This will take place on **Thursday 21st August in the Murray Ring** and begins what we hope will be many years of our involvement with **Scone Palace International Horse Trials**.



2025 World Clydesdale Show International Guest Tour

Hosted by: Worldwide Clydesdale Alliance & Warm Springs Ranch



An Unforgettable Experience

Are you coming from out of the United States to the 2025 World Clydesdale Show in Springfield, IL? The World Clydesdale Alliance and Anheuser-Busch Budweiser Clydesdales have teamed up to cordially invite you to take two exclusive tours as a "kick off" to the 2025 World Clydesdale Show!



Don't miss out!

The Worldwide Clydesdale Alliance and Budweiser Clydesdales are proud to offer these tours to our fellow Clydesdale friends and Clydesdale breeders from afar! A limited number of reservations will be offered for these tours, so please contact us right away to reserve your spot! Come along for great fun and memory making prior to the exciting 2025 World Clydesdale Show!



Cost & Reservations

Price (US Funds)

\$75 per person per day

OR

\$130 per person for the 2-day Tour!

For More Information and to Make

Reservations, please contact:

Cathy Behn - Worldwide Clydesdale Alliance

Contact info below

DAY ONE

Monday, September 29, 2025

Tour to Warm Springs Ranch
the official breeding/training site for the
Budweiser Clydesdales
Booneville, MO

Schedule of Events

Charter Bus leaving
Springfield, IL at 7:00am
Light Breakfast will be served
along the way

Arrive at Warm Springs Ranch at 10:30am

The tour includes a personal guided tour to
three areas at Warm Springs Ranch:

- In the Pasture viewing of horses
- Breeding Program Insight
- Budweiser Hitch/Training Program

Lunch will be served at 1:00pm,
compliments of the fine folks at Budweiser!
After Lunch, return to Springfield

DAY TWO

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Tour to Anheuser Busch Brewery
St. Louis, MO

Schedule of Events

Charter Bus leaving
Springfield, IL at 8:00am
Light Breakfast will be served
along the way
Arrive at the historic Brewery at 10:00am

The day will include:

- Tour of the Anheuser Busch Brewery Visit
Budweiser Clydesdale Stables
- Shopping at the Amazing Gift Shop

Lunch to follow,
compliments of the Worldwide Clydesdale
Alliance.

After lunch, return to Springfield



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170 Years Not Out - Icons of Our Breed

Congratulations to Hugh Ramsay MBE

60 years ago, on 20th June 1965, Mr Hugh Ramsay MBE - Millisle Clydesdales - 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 and beyond this, recently, Hugh himself has been keeping the National Health Service in far too much gainful employment!

Hugh – we are delighted 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. And our many congratulations on becoming a great grandfather only a few weeks before the show so continuing the line of Ramsay's / Noble's in the Breed.

Robert Hamilton - Modern Cawdor Cup Brilliance

When Diller's Caledonia was pulled forward as Reserve Champion, Male Champion and 2025 Male Cawdor Cup winner at this year's National Stallion Show the noise around the ring could easily have been heard in Lesmahagow at the stud which winning owner, Robert (Bob) Hamilton runs very successfully.

When he got home that night with another Cawdor Cup gracing the Dillars House mantelpiece, over a small libation, Bob must have smiled and reflected on his 5th Cawdor Cup win following the great successes of:

Dillars Leader in 2002

Dillars Scottie Boy in 2003

Dillars Striker in 2005

Dillars Excel in 2015.

This was Bob's 50th year of showing at the National Stallion Show and perhaps the most fittingly only a fortnight later Bob's peers unanimously agreed that he should succeed Malcolm McFadyen, as the latest and newest Honorary President of the Clydesdale Horse Society.

And as we all know there's still 'life in the old dog' yet and not many of us would bet against more Cawdor Cup wins going Bob's way in years to come.

170 Years Not Out - Icons of Our Breed

Alistair Ferguson (contributed by Bruce Ferguson)

59 years ago Alistair Ferguson first visited the Show Ring at the Royal Highland Show. Back in 1966 Alistair showed Fergie's Jennifer and was third in the class to the overall champion and reserve champion. Jennifer then won the Kinross show and was exported to England later in the year. It seems that when she crossed the border her breed changed (!!) and she became champion mare at the Shire show in spring 1967 under the Pseudonym Layton Sunbeam.

As a footnote to this story, she was in foal at that Shire show and the foal came north and was registered as Muirton Strathearn. He was then exported to Budweiser as one of the first, if not the first Clydesdale, to be air freighted to America.

But Alastair's story doesn't end there. As an Elder in Bankfoot Church he had cause to be invited into the home of one of the parishioners and he noticed a photo of Muirton Strathearn hanging on the wall. The man being visited was a joiner who had built the box that Strathearn was transported in. As Bruce says it is a small world!

And here they are - all three of them - 170 Glorious Years and still Counting!



The National Stallion Show 2025 - Results

The National Stallion Show took place once again on the first Saturday in March at The Morris Equestrian Centre. Here is a roundup of the results. Congratulations to all.

Overall Champion & Female Champion:

Roughlands Graceful Lady - Paul & Matthew Bedford

Reserve Overall, Male Champion & Cawdor Cup Winner:

Dillars Caledonia - Robert Hamilton

Champion Gelding:

Tulloes Monte Carlo: Steven Ritchie

Reserve Gelding: Aird Addition - Charlotte Young

Reserve Female & Reserve Yearling Filly: Fordelhill Elena - Scott Greenhill

Reserve Male & Reserve Cawdor Cup: Muirton Successor – Thomas Clark & Son

Ridden Champion: Slievenamon Annabelle - Katie Willey

Young Handlers: Cameron MacPhee

Red Tickets

Gelding 4 years & Over: Tulloes Monte Carlo - Steven Ritchie

Gelding 3 years old: Aird Addition - Charlotte Young

Mare 4 Years & Over: Tulloes Alanna - Jim Greenhill

Mare 3 Years Old: Cloghan Iona - Paul & Matthew Bedford

Filly 2 years old: Collessie Aurora - Ronnie Black

Senior Filly 1 year old: Roughlands Graceful Lady - Paul & Matthew Bedford

Junior Filly 1 Year old: Fordelhill Elena - Scott Greenhill

Stallion 5 years and older: Dillars Caledonia - Robert Hamilton

Stallion 4 years old: Collessie Maximus - Tracey Burton

Stallion 3 years old: Dillars Lenny - Robert Hamilton

2 year old Colt: Tulloes Sensation - Jim Greenhill

Senior Colt 1 year old: Collessie Warrior - Ronnie Black

Junior Colt 1 year old: Muirton Successor: Thomas Clark & Son

The National Stallion Show 2025 - Gallery

Overall Champion & Female Champion:

Roughlands Graceful Lady - Paul & Matthew Bedford (pictured on page 5 at RHS)

Reserve Overall, Male Champion & Cawdor Cup Winner:

Dillars Caledonia - Robert Hamilton



Champion Gelding:

Tulloes Monte Carlo: Steven Ritchie



Reserve Male & Reserve Cawdor Cup: Muirton Successor – Thomas Clark & Sons
(pictured on page 5 at RHS)

The National Stallion Show 2025 - Gallery

Reserve Gelding: Aird Addition - Charlotte Young (top left)

Reserve Female & Reserve Yearling Filly: Fordelhill Elena - Scott Greenhill (top right)

Ridden Champion: Slievenamon Annabelle - Katie Willey (bottom)



County Londonderry Horse Breeding Society

Congratulations to the above for raising £1,000 for Parkinson's Research at last year's foal show. A great effort by all concerned - organisers and donors together!



Society News

E News Sheet / Email Addresses

In an effort to create greater dialogue with our members who now number 744, earlier this year following on from the success of blogs which happened regularly during Covid and which have continued spasmodically since then, the Secretary has begun a monthly E-News-sheet to respond to the needs of members and to share information, particularly information on the availability of horses for sale, which can no longer be shared on Facebook under rules set by Meta, Facebook's owners.

Of necessity this is an E-News Sheet and is available only on this medium. It simply isn't possible to publish, print and post this out to Members who do not have any form of email interface. This will be a "demand-only" news sheet – if there is news to share it will be published - if not nothing will be sent. But it is an opportunity for Members to share notices to other Members in a more formalised setting.

At present 21% of our membership are not in a position to supply us with an email address. If you are one of this number and if you have an email address why not pass it on to me and we will get you included in these new sheets and in anything else which between 6 monthly newsletters we can send out to members as a whole.

The July edition of the E News Sheet included a really interesting historical article about Carters in Paisley as well as an update from Worldwide Clydesdale Alliance about some special awards for the Breed.

2025 Winter Fair

Lanark Agricultural Centre

15th November 2025 from 10.45am

Judges

Winter Fair - Alistair Christie

Champion of Champions - Matthew Bedford

Schedules and Entry Form will be available from Mid August.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available