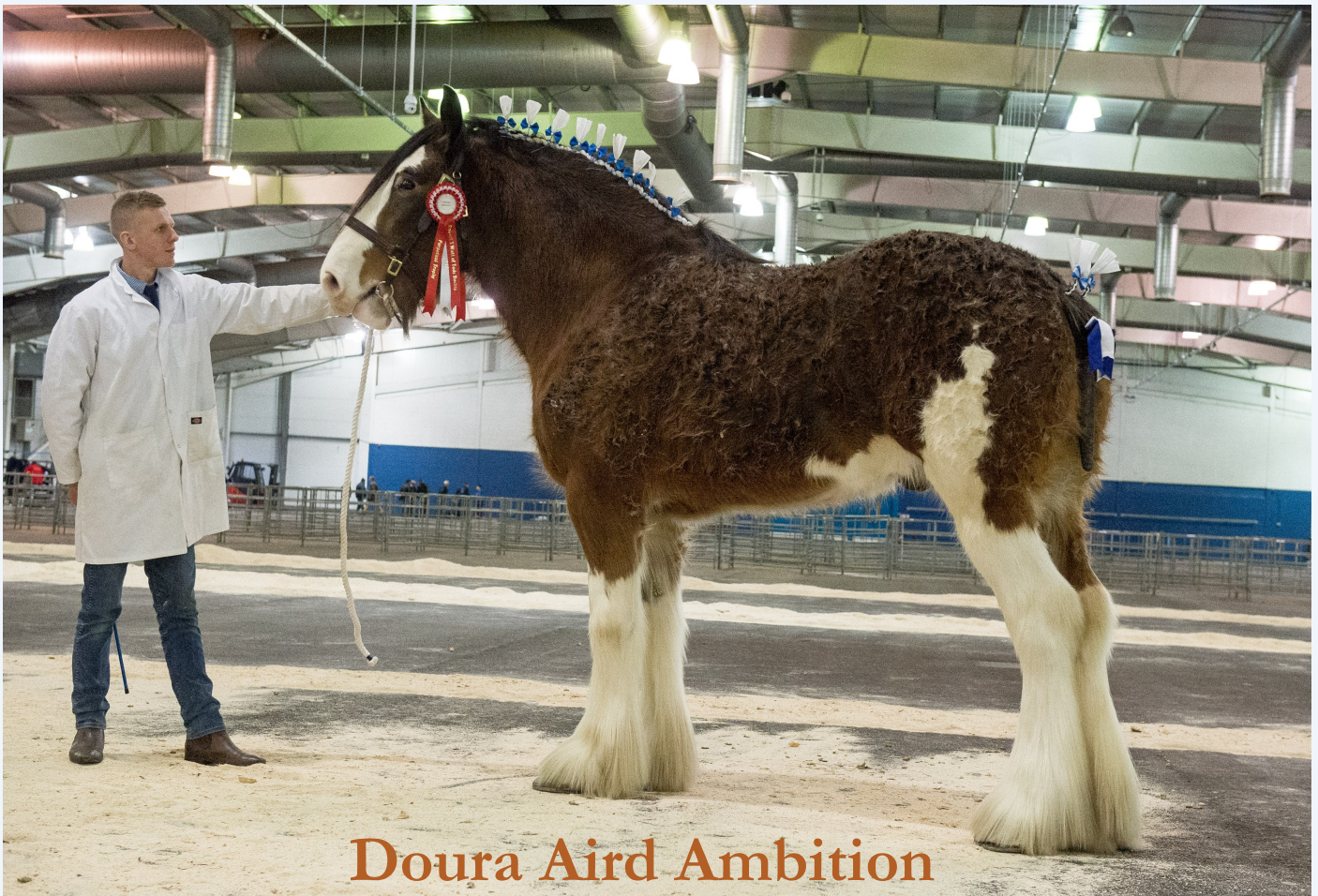


# The Clydesdale Horse Society

## Newsletter



**Spring 2017**



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## **Presidents Report 2016/2017**

My first year as President of the Clydesdale Horse Society can only be described as eventful. Probably the biggest challenge was the decision of our Secretary, Marguerite Osborne, to retire after a 13-year tenure and I would like to thank Marguerite for her work and commitment over those 13 years.



This meant finding a suitable replacement. This was a hugely time consuming, but satisfying process. We had a good number of very high quality applications to look at and I am sure any of the candidates interviewed could have done the job admirably. At the end of this process we took on Ian Roy and on the 1st of September 2016 Ian picked up the reins from Marguerite.

Ian had to hit the ground running and was pretty much thrown in at the deep end with the task of processing the 2016 passports, something he managed more than admirably. As time has gone on Ian has shown he can pick up any task asked of him and can be proactive at looking for solutions to the Society's problems when they arise. I would like to thank Ian and I look forward to working with him over the next 12 months, with the promise that these will be easier than the last 7!!

The Society has been fortunate to have received a legacy from the Estate of a gentleman called Gerald Fallowes. We received £10,000 in 2016 and we are hopeful we will receive the same in 2017. The conditions of this legacy are very specific and must be used for the promotion of the Clydesdale Horse, particularly the horses' traditional uses. It was made very clear that the money was not to be used on administration costs for the society. The 2016 legacy was used to support the traditional foal shows, including the Winter Fair, the BHS working horse day, the Stallion Show, to encourage stallions forward and for the Agricultural Cart Class at the Royal Highland Show, including the presentation of a perpetual trophy in memory of Gerald Fallowes.

I must also congratulate all our members who helped organise and took part in the BHS working horse day, which we in part funded from some of the Fallowes' legacy. This event was not organised by the Clydesdale Horse Society but our many members involved should be thanked and congratulated for their efforts - particularly Benny Duncan who organised many of the horses and machines that were on show.

If we are fortunate enough to receive money again Council will look to use it on worthy projects that support the Clydesdale Horse, specifically their traditional uses.



## **Presidents Report 2016/2017**

Over the last year, I have tried to modernise the Society slightly. I was delighted to get the Website upgraded and I am indebted to Stuart & James from Northcolour Ltd and Alasdair Fletcher for their assistance in getting something much improved up and running. We now have full control of the site and we can easily keep it up to date.

We have also ventured into the world of Social Media and a Clydesdale Horse Society Facebook page has been up and running since December which, in addition to the website, will help keep interested parties informed. It has been a useful tool so far, but it will be monitored and if anyone is abusive or disrespectful to the Society or others on the page, their comments will be removed and they will be blocked immediately.

Our new Secretary, Ian, is looking at the administration of the society and is making little changes as he goes and I hope that some of these changes are becoming visible and you can see them as an improvement. As the old saying goes 'Rome wasn't built in a day' and as time goes on and as Ian finds his feet, things will get more efficient.

There are many people, too numerous to mention, that have helped the Society over the past 12 months - you know who you are – and I thank you! I would like also thank the Council and my colleagues on the Executive - Jim Rothead, Jim Anderson and Ian Craig - for their counsel and advice over the past 12 months. Without everyone's support my job would have been a great deal harder.

The Society remains in good heart, with foal registrations remaining at a good level and I am always encouraged by the enthusiasm of our members and their love for our great breed. We must be careful that we do not get complacent and we must remember that the Society is here to promote and protect the Clydesdale breed.

***Peter Keron—March 2017***

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### **'The Clydesdale: workhorse of the World' by Mary Bromilow**

A new, fully revised and updated version of this book will be published by Birlinn Ltd, Edinburgh, Scotland in Spring 2018.

The author would welcome any Clydesdale News or photographs for inclusion in the new edition - and she can be contacted as follows:

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## **Young Handlers - The Young in Our Society**

One of the features of so many of our Affiliated Shows - and so far we have around 50 Affiliated Shows this year, and for this we are very grateful, - are the classes that they run for Young Handlers. At each Affiliated Show the young person who wins the Young Handler class will receive a specially engraved medal and will also have the opportunity to qualify to enter the final, held each year at the Royal Highland Show, on the Sunday morning of the Show.

Remember that in these classes it is the skills of the Young Person that are being assessed and not the quality of the horse.

Pictured here is Rachel Ramsay who won the Young Handler class at this years' National Stallion Show. Alongside Rachel and her horse is the judge, Alistair Christie.

The Society is very fortunate to be able to fund Youth Activity from the James Bennett Fund, monies bequeathed some years ago.

Why not set up the Young People in your families with a junior membership of The Clydesdale Horse Society - only £2 to join and £10 annual subscription - and start them on the way into this wonderful world of Clydesdales.



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## **Are You new to The Society?**

**Are you nervous about showing your Clydedales?**

**Do you feel unsure about going into the judging ring?**

If you feel you tick any or all of these particular boxes, and more, and if you would genuinely be interested in participating in a day which would help you in areas such as Horse Selection, Caring for Clydesdales, Show Preparation and the Skill of Showing - please email in your details to the Secretary's Office and let us know.

We are presently trying to assess the likely uptake for such a class to determine whether there is merit in organising such a day - so please let us know.

In addition if you would be interested in us running a novice class this year or at some future Winter Fair - just to see how you get on - tell us about that too.

## **Royal Highland Show - 2016**

With the 2017 Royal Highland Show just two months away we are a little late in recording the successes and the triumphs at the 2016 event. Under the adage 'better late than never' (and watch out for a Royal Highland Show 2017 'Special' newsletter in the late summer / early Autumn) here are the main winners from last year.

### **Overall Champion and Female Champion -**

Macfin Diamond Queen (The Hanna Family)

### **Reserve Champion and Male Champion -**

Doura Geronimo (Miss Charlotte Young)

### **Ridden Clydesdales -**

Croaghmore Sam (Victor and Raymond Scott)

### **Harness Grooming and Decoration -**

Benny Duncan

### **Heavy Horse Turnout Champion**

3 Horse Unicorn (John McMillan and Family)

### **Young Stockman Winner -**

Anna Ramsay

### **Young Handler Winner -**

James Hair



***Royal Highland Show***  
**2016 Overall Champion**  
**Macfin Diamond Queen**



***Royal Highland Show***  
**2016 Reserve Champion**  
**Doura Geronimo**

## **Foal Shows and Foal Champions**

In his report The President referred to the funds received by the Society from the estate of the late Gerald Fallowes. This generous legacy allowed us to give sponsorship to each of the 8 recognised annual foal shows - to help them with some funding.

These foal shows are a highlight in the Society's calendar and provide a great exhibition of the best foals in the country.

With foaling well underway in 2017 here is a reminder of the winners in 2016.

### **Lanark Foal Show**

**Champion** - Lutterington Harry (Harry Emerson)

**Reserve** - Collessie Flashgirl (Charlotte Young)

### **Kilmarnock Foal Show**

**Champion** - Lutterington Harry (Harry Emerson)

**Reserve** - Hillhouse Prince (Jim and Linzi Kennedy)

### **North of Fife Centenary Foal Show**

**Champion** - Lutterington Harry (Harry Emerson)

**Reserve** - Collessie Flashgirl (Charlotte Young)

### **Forfar Foal Show**

**Champion** - Lutterington Harry (Harry Emerson)

**Reserve** - Ord Tinkerbelle (Eric and Miranda Johnstone)

### **Lothian Foal Show**

**Champion** - Lutterington Harry (Harry Emerson)

**Reserve** - Ord Tinkerbelle (Eric and Miranda Johnstone)

### **Grampian Foal Show**

**Champion** - Ord Tinkerbelle (Eric and Miranda Johnstone)

**Reserve** - Anguston Mike (Norman Christie)

### **County Londonderry Clydesdale Foal Show**

**Champion** - Carnaff Cynthia (McKay Family)

**Reserve** - Carnaff Knockout (McKay Family)

### **Kilpatrick Foal Show**

**Champion** - Collessie Flashgirl (Charlotte Young)

**Reserve** - Roughlands Rocca (I and A Johnston)

Congratulations to all the foal winners and also to all the horses which featured in each of these shows. For a full list of all show winners turn to the 'Show Results' page on our website.

We are greatly indebted to The Scottish Farmer for affording us the opportunity of having this link to their results page on our website.



## **The Road to HOYS**



It was an absolute delight to win the inaugural Horse of the Year Show (HOYS), British Ridden Heavy Horse Championship on my Clydesdale, Kinclune Danny Boy. It was a privilege to be making history for the Clydesdale Horse and I am grateful to the CHS and the wider Clydesdale community for their support throughout our career. Danny has been a joy to own and I am indebted to him and the wonderful Clydesdale horse traits that have made him such a pleasure to train and ride. His success at HOYS was the culmination of an outstanding showing record having taken titles at The Royal Highland, The Blair Castle Ridden Clydesdale Finals and the City of Aberdeen Clydesdale Horse Show.

Danny is a twelve year old gelding by Dillars Cracker (exported to Sweden) and is out of Peggyslea Bonnie (by Millisle Perfection). He was bred in Limavady, Northern Ireland by Mr James Purcell. We were fortunate to purchase him from the Late Mr Andrew Gass, as a three year old during a visit to the County Londonderry Foal Show. He had super, natural action and we knew he would make a lovely ridden horse. I admit, however, that at that time I did not fully appreciate how talented the Clydesdale Horse could be in the ridden sphere. Danny has since educated me.

The work of the British Ridden Heavy Horse Society (BRHHS) in creating a Society for Ridden Heavy Horses and in securing the Final on the main stage at HOYS will be instrumental in the future growth and development of our heavy breeds as ridden show horses. The natural traits of the Clydesdale horse has already equipped them with the talents to become top class ridden horses. Now they have the platform. The BRHHS was set up with the aim of encouraging greater understanding and improvement of the British Heavy Breeds (The Clydesdale Horse, The Shire Horse, The Suffolk Punch and The British Percheron) as ridden show horses.

The Horse of the Year Show felt it was paramount to support the BRHSS in its endeavour to promote the potential of the horses. They stated that, "The class celebrates the indigenous heavy horse breeds as a ridden show horse. We aim to help raise awareness of these wonderful native breeds due to the damaging decline with some indigenous breeds sitting on the rare breed list and others listed as endangered."



## **The Road to HOYS .... The Story Continues**

In relation to the development of the Clydesdale as a ridden show horse, and my own journey to HOYS, it is only right that I pay homage to the work of others. We may never have had the epiphany to buy a Clydesdale for the ridden had we not watched the ridden Clydesdale class at the Royal Highland Show. Seeing these magnificent horses showcase their talents at Scotland's premier agricultural show encouraged us to join the revolution and transform our own agricultural Scottish icon into a star of the ridden show ring.

The CHS must be indebted to Past President, George Skinner, who together with his wife Ruth Skinner, MBE and their riding establishment at Strathorn, have provided some 20 years of dedication and campaigning for the good of the ridden Clydesdale Horse. In 2002 Australian Samantha Weir arrived to work at Strathorn. She brought a particular affection for and expertise in heavy horses. With a desperate lack of appropriate classes in which to show heavy horses under saddle, Sam and fellow ridden Clydesdale pioneer, Lisa Lamb, made bold moves to encourage the formation of the Clydesdale Ridden class.

Lisa took her Clydesdale gelding, 'Something About Ben', into and to the top of coloured horse classes. Meanwhile Sam entered George Skinner's versatile gelding, Sir Lancelot of Strathorn, into the Ridden Hunter classes. To the horror of some and delight of many others Sam and Sir Lancelot walked away with the Best Turned Out prize. Surrounded by hunters with impeccably trimmed legs, a Clydesdale with full, flowing feather had stolen this honour. Add to this the fact that Sam had broken her leg a month earlier forcing (or perhaps allowing!) her to contest the class side saddle with her leg in full plaster.

This move prompted the Royal Highland to sit up and take notice – Clydesdale Horses were no longer a novelty act – they were a powerful and impressive sight and their movement, trainability and presence meant they could more than hold their own, even in classes designed to showcase other spheres and breeds. Sir Lancelot returned the following year to both the Hunter and side saddle classes.

County shows around the country began to acknowledge the spectacle and crowd-pleasing ability of the ridden heavy horse by running classes. The Highland Show then introduced a Side Saddle Class for any breed and it is great to see this class continue to be well supported.

In 2004 the big break came with a dedicated class for pure bred ridden Clydesdales at the Royal Highland. The horses were now being showcased as elegant, side-saddle horses in the mixed breed class and in their very own breed section. The success of the ridden Clydesdale section is undeniable with the numbers forward increasing year on year and the standard going from strength to strength to the delight of spectators.

Further success followed with Blair Castle International Horse Trials taking stock and introducing a ridden Clydesdale Final. This is seen by many as the pinnacle of the ridden Clydesdale calendar and has provided a stunning stage for the horses at an internationally renowned event.

## **The Road to HOYS ..... And So On To The End**

The top prize for all who have pushed, supported and put their hearts and souls into the progression of ridden heavy show horses came in 2016 with the Final at HOYS - the biggest and most prestigious showing show in the country. There were 10 qualifiers (one in Scotland and nine in England) taken from the biggest and most hotly contested shows in the ridden heavy horse calendar. The successful horses were a Suffolk Punch, six Shire Horses and three Clydesdale Horses. The Clydesdales came away with the top honours, third and sixth – an incredible result for the breed - Kinclune Danny Boy (1<sup>st</sup>), Victor and Raymond Scott's Croaghmore Sam ridden by Victor's daughter Joanne (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Annette Nobles Peggyslea Andy ridden by her daughter, Ailsa (6<sup>th</sup>).

All three combinations have won the Royal Highland. The two Scottish based horses, Kinclune Danny Boy and Peggyslea Andy, have won the Blair Castle Ridden Final. Croaghmore Sam and Joanne have never contested Blair but they have won the Clydesdale Ridden Championship at the prestigious Balmoral Show in Northern Ireland.

It is noteworthy that 2016 was not the first appearance of a Clydesdale at HOYS. The breed has been superbly represented in the past both by driving horses and in 2012 by prolific Clydesdale stallion Collessie Cut Above. 'Cut Above' appeared by invitation in the Sunday Evening Finale Parade to the delight of crowds. The drive of the Heavy Horse is a historical part of the event having been introduced to entertain spectators while at the same time harrowing the arena before the prized jumping events. In 2016 six heavy horse teams were invited to put on the spectacular musical drive. The Clydesdale breed was wonderfully represented by the Bandirran Team, the Millisle Team and the West Forth Team.

It is fair to say that the future of the Clydesdale Horse is in good hands with an exciting future in many disciplines. For my own part, I am indebted to the help and encouragement of Ron Brewster and Helen Carr. Ron and Helen regularly dress Danny for the ring for me at major events and were instrumental in enabling me to qualify after driving him to the very bottom of the country to the New Forest County Show where we secured the qualifier. With this in mind, I am thrilled that since HOYS I have been fortunate enough to have acquired the three year old gelding, Bandirran Sir Daniel, from Ron and Helen. As Kinclune Danny Boy hangs up his competitive shoes and turns to less serious aspects of equestrianism, Bandirran Sir Daniel is embarking on his journey and I am hoping that history will repeat and lightening will strike twice.

***By Virginia Osborne-Antolovi (with thanks to Teresa MacLeod for contributions)***

***Editors Note: We are hugely indebted to Virginia for writing this interesting and informative article outlining her experiences of 'The Road to HOYS'. We are so proud and delighted of her achievements and know that this story will be a huge inspiration to others embarking on a similarly exciting journey.***

### **Premium Stallions**

**Once again The National Stallion Show hosted the mainland Stallion Parade for 2017 and the following Stallions were awarded premiums this year:**

Collessie Proclaimer (R & R Bedford)

Doura Geronimo (Miss C Young)

Dillars Jura (R Hamilton)

Doura Aird Ambition (Miss C Young)

Glenside Barlauchlan Final Command (J D Adamson)

Tillside Topsman (Miss A Cockburn)

Doura Woodhouse Real Deal (D Walker and Ms B Brown)

Doura Master Eddie (Miss C Young)

**A few weeks later at the Northern Ireland Stallion parade the following Stallions were awarded premiums this year:**

Carnaff Fascinator (D & M McKay)

Glebeview Sir Charles (V Scott)

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### **Membership**

This year we have a number of people whose membership subscriptions were not paid by the deadline date of 31st March 2017. Their membership will, consequently, lapse. The future of our Society depends on us sustaining our membership base and if you know of people who have the potential to be members encourage them to contact the Secretary.

### **Ridden Membership**

This year, again exceptionally, we are introducing a 'fast track' process for Ridden Membership applications received between the Society's March 2017 Council meeting and the closing dates for applications for The Royal Highland Show. Such applications will be considered and approved, as appropriate, when received. They will be ratified at the June Council Meeting.



**They are all Winners!**

**Clydesdale Horse Society 2016 Winter Fair - Results**

**Supreme Champion and Senior Champion -**

Forneth Lucky Daisy (Miss Charlotte Young)

**Reserve Supreme Champion, Colt Foal and**

**overall Foal Champion -**

Lutterington Harry (Harry Emerson)

**Filly Foal Champion and Reserve Foal Champion -**

Collessie Flashgirl (Miss Charlotte Young)

**Reserve Senior Champion -**

Roughlands Alana (Iain Johnston)

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**The 2017 National Stallion Show - Results**

**Supreme Champion and Female Champion -**

Ord Tinkerbelle (Eric Johnstone)

**Reserve Supreme Champion and Male Champion -**

Doura Master Eddie (Miss Charlotte Young)

**Reserve Champion and Reserve Female -**

Forneth Lucky Daisy (Miss Charlotte Young)

**Cawdor Cup Winner and Reserve Male Champion -**

Doura Aird Ambition (Miss Charlotte Young)

**Gelding Champion -**

Peggyslea Andy (Mrs Annette Noble)

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**Have a look at the picture gallery on page 13 and pick out these winning horses.**

**Don't forget that on the front cover of this newsletter is our**

**Male Cawdor Cup Winner for 2017 - Doura Aird Ambition**

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**The Royal Northern Spring Show**

On a bright March day on what was a Royal occasion, with the attendance of The Princess Royal, judge Charlotte Young selected the following as Champion and Reserve:-

**Supreme Champion - Tulloes Blossom (Jim Greenhill)**

**Reserve Champion - Freezlund Miss Eliza (Lynne MacDonald)**

Kiera Gowans was **the Young Handler** winner.

**A Gallery of Champions and Great Winners**



Forneth Lucky Daisy



Roughlands Alana



Lutterington Harry



Collessie Flashgirl

Collessie Flashgirl



Ord Tinkerbelle



Doura Master Eddie



Collessie Jennifer



Peggyslea Andy



## **Scottish Equine Breeders Association (SEBA) - Horse and Pony of the Year 2016**

### **A Notable First For Clydesdales**

It was with a great sense of pride that the announcement of the winners of the above award for 2016 brought forward a notable and a unique first and second for Clydesdales.

Capping a great series of Show successes and Championships for both horses the Horse of the Year this year was Ronnie Black's Collessie Jennifer and the Runner Up was Annette Noble's Peggyslea Andy.



**Annette Noble, Ailsa Noble,  
Ronnie Black and Pete Black**

**- all pictured after the SEBA  
Prize Giving and lunch on 6th  
April 2017**

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### **Clydesdales across the World**

Quite often when the telephone rings in the Secretary's office the voice at the other end of the line will say "Hello, I'm calling you from Sweden ...." or from an array of other countries where we have international links.

If you are interested have a look at the 'Links' section on our website and here you will find links to Clydesdales in Sweden, USA, Canada, Denmark, Netherlands, New Zealand and Australia.

Do you have links with Clydesdales overseas? If so please let us know.

It is a delight that this newsletter will be sent to our members in other parts of the world. If you receive it and have news from your Societies world wide - please send it on! It would be great to hear from you.



## **Secretary's Snippets**

### ***Royal Highland Show***

This year our stand at RHS is about 50 yards nearer the stabling areas than was the case last year and we should thankfully miss out on the queues for the burger van this time. Watch out for stand opening times on Facebook and on the Website.

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### ***2017 Foal / Stallion Registrations***

Fees for registrations remain the same as last year at £110 for Stallions, £105 for filly foals and £50 for colt foals. Deadline for foal registrations is 30 September 2017 and for Stallions is 30 November 2017. Fees for stallions and filly foals include the cost of DNA testing. Remember these costs double for applications received after the deadline dates - so get your applications in as soon as you can and I'll get your passports processed quickly too!

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### ***2017 Winter Fair***

The 2017 Winter Fair returns this year to the Lanark Agricultural Centre on Saturday 18th November. More information in the next newsletter.

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### ***2017 Photographs***

We are so grateful to JSA Photography, Amanda Stewart and Jacqueline Pettigrew Photography for agreeing to supply photographs for the Society website, facebook page and other publications including this newsletter, this year. Thank you, all of you.

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### ***Help me do things better for you!***

I am trying to update and upgrade our membership database so that I can more effectively communicate with you, be in touch with you and ensure that our records of your horses is up to date. Would you help me to do this by completing and returning the form enclosed with this newsletter - or hand it to me at any of the shows - or better still email me the information!

I know it is a chore - but if we get it right this time I won't have to ask again!!

Thank you!

## **A Few More Pictures**



### **Proud as Punch!**

**Eric and Miranda Johnston**

Champion owners at the National Stallion Show



### **A fine bunch of beauties!**

**Terry Edge, Allan Craig and  
Scott Greenhill** - Premium Stallion Panel at The National Stallion Show



### **Happy Families!**

**The Hanna family** photo at last years' Royal Highland Show.