



New Passport Regulations & Foal Registrations

On 1st January 2016 new Minimum operating standards for UK approved passport issuing organisations (PIOs) came into force. This is to enable UK PIOs to comply with EU Regulation 2015/262 as regards the methods for the identification of equidae (Equine Passport regulation).

This has led to standardisation of the type of passport issued by all of the PIOs in Scotland. New Shetland Pony Stud Book Society passports will be blue in colour with a transparent cover. All of the identification, ownership, health and veterinary information contained will be bound securely so that it cannot be opened. There will be a section at the back of the passport to allow for additional information to be added e.g. extended pedigrees etc. Passports issued by the SPSBS combine the pony's registration document as well as the required pages for passport legislation.

Due to new regulations, old style registration forms are no longer in use. The new 4 page registration form must be used and these will only be available on request from the society office and photocopies are not acceptable. However in an attempt to help breeders in Shetland through the transition to the new forms and passports the PBSA will hold a stock of the new registration forms and current council members are willing to assist anyone in completing their forms. There are links on the society website to examples of correctly completed forms.

On-line registrations are no longer available. This facility has been withdrawn as it is incompatible with new regulations. Silhouette drawings must be completed when registering foals. Please ensure that you complete the silhouette using red ink for white markings and black ink for whorls etc before submitting your registrations forms. Please note that the silhouette can be completed by the breeder so long as the location of the transponder (microchip) is marked and the silhouette as a whole is checked by a vet. To comply with passport regulations a minimum of 3 whorls must be recorded for identification purposes. For all horses without markings and with less than 3 whorls the outline of each chestnut must be drawn in the appropriate square on the registration form.

All foals should be registered by 31st December in the year of birth or by the time they are six months old, whichever is later. Registrations after this time and before reaching twelve months of age are classed as late registrations. Late registrations will be accepted but will incur an additional fee and passports issued will be marked **"DUPLICATE"**.

Registrations will be accepted for ponies 12 months of age and over however they are required to be fully DNA parentage tested before being accepted for registration. It may be that one or both parents are already DNA tested - if in doubt please call the Society office.

The society maintains a list of colours which are acceptable for pony registrations in the Shetland Pony Stud Book. If any person wishes to use a description of a colour which is not on the list they should first to apply to council who will discuss the matter. Any registration form submitted with a colour not on the list will be returned.

Anyone with a pony who's passport was issued before 10 June 2004 and has not had it updated to add in the required Section IX must return the passport to the society to be updated as it is no longer valid.

If you have any questions please get in touch via admin@shetlandponybreeders.com.

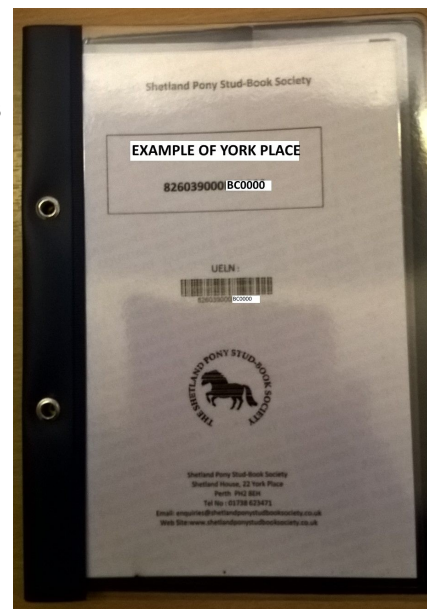
Minimum operating standards for UK approved passport issuing organisations

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0049/00492285.pdf>

EU Regulation 2015/262

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2015:059:FULL&from=EN>

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The New Look Shetland Pony Stud Book Society Passport.

2015 Pony Sale & Show



2015 Show Champion Hollydell Hash Tag

The 56th Annual Lerwick Shetland Pony show and Sale were held on Friday 2nd October 2015 at the Shetland Rural Centre. The Pony Breeders of Shetland Association (PBSA) in conjunction with Shetland Livestock Marketing Group (SLMG) and Aberdeen and Northern Marts (ANM) once again hosted the sale of registered pedigree ponies. There were 68 ponies entered for the sale, a reduction in numbers on last year but all very good quality ponies. The ponies began arriving at the Mart on the Thursday afternoon prior to the sale and exhibitors and potential buyers were invited to socialise together and enjoyed a fantastic spread of soup, sandwiches and home bakes laid on by the PBSA.

The Friday morning commenced at 9am with the show of ponies to be sold and there were good entries in all classes. The Judge for this year's show was Miss Irene Spence who travelled from Aberdeenshire to officiate. She remarked on the good quality stock which came in front of her and praised the efforts of the Pony Breeders of Shetland. The best Colt Foal at the Show was the standard bay Loanin Addy from Mrs J Roberts, Unst, and Best Filly Foal, Champion Foal and Overall Champion at the Show was the standard piebald Hollydell Hash Tag from S & J Rendall of Hollydell Stud in Nesting. Reserve Overall Show Champion was the 35.5" Dark Bay 13 year old mare Trondra Prea from the Trondra Stud in Gott.

After the success of the i-bidder Online Auction system last year those involved were hopeful of another good response from buyers unable to attend the sale. Photographs and details of the lots for sale were available to be viewed online for several weeks prior to the sale to generate interest and give buyers a chance to make enquiries and choose their purchase. On the day a live audio and video feed of the show and sale was streamed online enabling the whole world to watch. 50% of the ponies sold were sold through i-bidder.

After a slow start the sale picked up with average prices up on last year. Averages were Stallions 183gns, Geldings 100gns, Entire Males 25gns, Colt Foals 87gns, Filly Foals 152gns, Mares 339gns and Fillies 635gns. The leading prices were; Filly foals: Gardie Iris 400gns Bergli Stud, Walls. Hildasay Winnie 230gns D Huxter, Devon. Colt foals: Loanin Jools 190gns C Hodgson, Wigtown. Robin's Brae Twilight 190gns E Waters, Norway. Fillies: Merkisayre Penny Stamp 920gns D Woodley, Hants. Narinian Carmen 350gns A J Williamson, Whalsay. Mares: Vallendale Grace 660gns D H Thomas, Pencader. Vallendale Donna 640gns J Paterson, Stirling. Entire Males: Vallendale Garry 110gns D Hodge, Devon.



2015 Reserve Show Champion Trondra Prea
Handled by Irvine Burgess with Judge, Ms I Spence

2015 Pony Sale & Show Contd.

Lerwick Shetland pony Sale Show Results 2015

Miniature Filly Foal

Gardie Iris – Bill Spence - 400 to Bjorn Larsen, Walls
Laurenlea Blossom – Mary Inkster – 50 to Chris Hodgson, Cumbria
Gardie Ivy – Thelma Spence – 100 to Andrew Butterfield

Miniature Colt Foal

Gue Quest – Carole Laignel – 110 to Emma Alatalo, Sweden
Northharrier Unicorn – Penny Gear – 100 to Bjorn Larsen, Walls
Benstonholm Urik – Annette Hunter – Not Sold

Standard Filly Foal

Hollydell HashTag – S & J Rendall – Not Sold
Clibberswick Sula – J L Anderson – 200 to June Brown, Reawick
Hildasay Winnie – Mary Isbister – 230 to Dodie Huxter, Devon

Standard Colt Foals

Loanin Addy – Jem Roberts – 15 to Christine Burnard, High Wycombe
Gardie Icarus – Bill Spence – Not Sold
Vatna Joseph – Alistair Robertson – Not Sold

1, 2 & 3 Fillies

Merkisayre Penny Stamp – George Tait – 920 – Delia Woodley, Hants
Merkisayre Dawn – George Tait – Not Sold
Hollydell Fenic – Steve Rendall – Not Sold

1, 2 & 3 Colts

Mervin of North Booth – Zander Priest – Not Sold
Gue Piccolo – Carole Laignel – Not Sold
Messi of North Booth – Zander Priest – Not Sold

Stallion/ gelding 4+

Merrylees Nuggett – Mari Williamson – 100 to Zane Smith, Texas
Burnside Jasper – Kerry Eunson – 100 to Joe Howard
Emblem of Brindister – Alan Clark – 340 to Emma Alatalo, Sweden

Mares 4+

Trondra Prea – Marlene Robertson – Not Sold
Ockran Ailsa – Robert Ramsay – 230 to Sam Furr, Hertfordshire
Laaward Frakka – Amanda Slater – Not Sold

Best Filly Foal at Sale: Hollydell Hash Tag

Best Colt Foal at Sale: Loanin Addy

Champion Foal: Hollydell Hash Tag

Best Foal from Unst: Loanin Addy

Show Champion: Hollydell Hash Tag

Reserve Champion: Trondra Prea

Stranduff Rosebowl for best filly foal from all Shetland Shows: Hollydell Hash Tag

Irvine Cup for best colt foal from all the Shetland Shows: Robin's Brae Thor

2015 Viking Shetland Pony Show



Robin's Brae Quartz

The 24th annual Viking Shetland Pony Show was held on Sunday 16th of August at Seafield, Lerwick and competitors and spectators enjoyed a day of beautiful sunshine and clear skies. Three judges, Mrs J Jones, Mrs G Cowell and Mrs A Sargeant all travelled up from England to judge the 166 entries across the three rings; miniature, standard and Performance ponies. The judges commented on the quality and presentation of ponies as well as the high standard of ponies and our younger exhibitors in the Performance Ring. Supreme Champion of the Show was Robins Brae Stud with their three year old miniature filly

'Robins Brae Quartz' who also took the title of Junior Champion, Miniature Ring Champion, best Island Bred and best coloured pony. Reserve Supreme went to S & J Rendall of Hollydell Stud with their Standard Stallion 'Strauss of Auckhorn' who also took the title of Senior Champion in the Standard ring and best black. Performance Ring Champion went to the Budge family with 'Clothie Night Lightning' and 'Hollydell Hazard' ridden by Rebecca Fraser took reserve. Ridden Pony Champion was won also by 'Hollydell Hazard' ridden by Rebecca Fraser and reserve was 'Yitter of Grutness' ridden by Bethany Dickie. The organisers of the Show wish to thank their Show Sponsor Harbro Ltd, Performance ring sponsor A Jarmson (Shetland) Ltd, Standard Ring sponsor S J Rendall and miniature Ring sponsor Anderson & Co for their generosity and support. A special mention must be given to all our Stewards and runners who kept the show running smoothly all day and to the many class sponsors and individuals who contributed to the success of the show. Principal results;



Strauss of Auckhorn

Standard Ring

Junior Champion Bergli Holy (Bergli Stud)
Reserve Junior Champion Hollydell Harken (Hollydell Stud)
Senior Champion Strauss of Auckhorn (Hollydell Stud)
Reserve Senior Champion Black Rose av Bergli (Bergli Stud)
Overall Ring Champion Bergli Holy (Bergli Stud)
Reserve Overall Ring Champion Strauss of Auckhorn (Hollydell Stud)

Miniature Ring

Junior Champion - Robins Brae Quartz (Robins Brae Stud)
Reserve Junior Champion - Kerswell Starbuck (Breckenlea Stud)
Senior Champion - Robins Brae Jewel (Robins Brae Stud)
Reserve Senior Champion - Anderlea Clearstar (Ruffloch Stud)
Ring Champion - Robins Brae Quartz (Robins Brae Stud)
Reserve Ring Champion - Robins Brae Jewel (Robins Brae Stud)

Performance Ring

Best Young Handler - Katie Budge & HRE Aladdin
Best Driven Pony - HRE Aladdin & Kira Fraser
Performance Ring Champion Clothie Night Lightning (Budge Family)
Performance Ring Reserve Champion Hollydell Hazard (Fraser Family)
Ridden Champion Hollydell Hazard & Rebecca Fraser
Reserve Ridden Champion Yitter of Grutness & Bethany Dickie

Overall Awards

Supreme Champion Robins Brae Quartz (Robins Brae Stud)
Reserve Supreme Champion Strauss of Auckhorn (Hollydell Stud)
Champion Foal Robins Brae Topaz (Robins Brae Stud)
Best Island Bred Pony Robins Brae Quartz (Robins Brae Stud)
Best Coloured Pony Robins Brae Quartz (Robins Brae Stud)
Best Black Pony Strauss of Auckhorn (Hollydell Stud)



Performance Ring Champions



Bergli Holy



HRE Aladdin

Obituary - Thelma Spence, Gardie Stud, Unst

It was with great regret that the PBSA learned of the recent passing of Mrs Thelma Spence of Gardie Shetland Pony Stud, Unst. Thelma passed away on 14th February 2016 after a short illness, a large crowd attended the funeral which showed how popular and well liked she was. Thelma bought her first mare in 1969 and bred a few foals up until 1977 when the Gardie Stud was teen ower. The ponies have steadily increased ower da years. Gardie Trigger, a favourite, was a black colt foal born in 1980, he was kept and became a stallion. Thelma liked her black ponies. The stud in its present day is still based on the original Gardie line. Thule of Stoorigarth, a skewbald colt was bought at the Unst Sale in 1989, he passed as a stallion and sired a lot of foals. His bloodlines have also been retained. Thelma enjoyed the shows and sales and would always give her opinion on what should be kept for breeding. She will be hugely missed by the entire Shetland Pony Community. Our sincere condolences go to her family at this sad time.

SPSBS Update



Steve Rendall of Hollydell Stud in Nesting began his 2 year term as president of the SPS-BS on 1st January this year. We wish him well in this role.

Mrs Mari Williamson, Benston Stud and Mr Ninian Johnson, Westergarth Stud, are the new Shetland representatives on the SPS-BS council along with Roselyn Fraser. Please feel free to get in touch with one of them if you have anything you need to discuss regarding the Society.

The SPS-BS Trainee Judges Scheme has been reviewed following issues which arose from the substantial number of applications received in 2014. The new scheme is now open for applications and we would like to encourage anyone who is interested to put themselves forward as there is always a need for good quality judges to join the panel. More information is available on the society website or by contacting the society office.

The 2016 Breed Show is being held in Wales, at the Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells on Sunday 28th August with the society AGM being held on the Showfield at 6pm on Sturday 27th August. The 2017 Breed Show is being held in Scotland at Highfield at Howe Equestrian Centre, Giffordtown, Fife and the 2018 Show being held in England at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire. Dates are to be confirmed.

The next meeting of the International Shetland Pony Committee is scheduled for 21st April in Vienna and Steve Rendall and the Countess De La Warr will be in attendance.

The largest issue to have affected the SPS-BS recently is the change to the Equine identification Legislation which has resulted in a total review of all passport issuing authorities in the UK. In order to comply with the new regulations major changes have been made to the passports being issued from Shetland House. We realise that not all members are happy with this but unfortunately this is out with the control of council and we hope that everyone will be as understanding as possible through this time of transition. (See article on the front page for more information).



Shetland Pony Evaluation Scheme 2015



Bayview Tiffany

2015 saw the PBSA Shetland Pony Evaluation Scheme return to Unst for the first time since 2009. The fantastic venue of the Haroldswick Hall and Heritage centre provided a fitting backdrop for the day. The three SPS-BS Judges presiding were Miss Zoe Bell, Northern Ireland, Mr Jimmy Wilson, Scotland and Mrs Sandra Seward, Wales. In Unst four stallions and one mare gained awards on the day; 3 bronze, one silver and one gold award.

The next day's venue was Seafield Equestrian Park in Lerwick with 11 ponies, 6 stallions and 5 mares, achieving awards with one of those doing a ridden performance test. Three bronze awards, seven silver awards and one gold award were given. The organising committee were

delighted by the continued level of support for the scheme from breeders both within Shetland and out with. It is satisfying to see so many valuing the process of evaluation in the safeguarding of the quality and standard of the breed. We were also delighted to have a party of Shetland Pony Breeders across from Finland to observe the evaluations and award their specially donated rosettes to the ponies who gained the highest marks over the weekend.



2015 also saw the end of an era as our long serving area organiser Leona Smith stood down from her role following the evaluations. Huge thanks must go to Leona for the hours of dedication she has put in to making the evaluations such a success. She will be a huge miss to the committee and we wish her well.

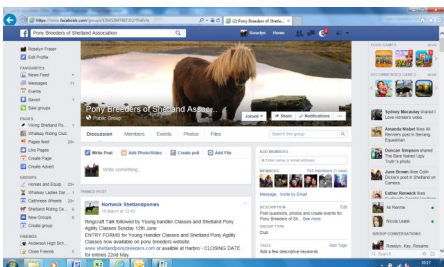
The 2016 Shetland Pony Evaluations will take place on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st of July. The venue/s are still to be confirmed. If anyone would

like more information about the PBSA Shetland Pony Evaluation Scheme or entering a pony for evaluation then please get in touch with our new Area Organiser, Amanda Slater, who will be happy to help. Email. spesareaorganiser@hotmail.co.uk or Telephone 01595 810388. We would like to wish Amanda all the best in her new role.



Strauss of Auckhorn

PBSA Facebook Page



Everyone please remember that the PBSA has a Facebook page. There are currently 743 members from all over the world. The page gives an opportunity to post questions, photos and create events for the PBSA. Bringing news of Shetland's native ponies direct from their homeland. It is an ideal way to meet like minded folk and make Shetland connections. Find the page using the following link if you are logged into Facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/groups/126452947487302/>

Please note that this is an advert free page. Paid up members of The

Pony Breeders of Shetland Association can advertise their ponies for sale/lease on the association's website www.shetlandponybreeders.com Please spread the word so all members are aware. We also have the Lerwick Shetland Pony Sales page with 593 members, which proved invaluable in the run up to the 2013, 2014 and 2015 pony sales and we hope to maximise on this again for the 2016 sale. Alan Donald from A&NM is one of the page's administrators and is happy to answer any questions regarding ibidder, transport, shipping etc.

American Adventures by Mari Williamson, Benston Stud



One Last Walk - Julie & Rhianna

It seems no time since we waved goodbye to two colt foals at Northlink Ferries. Incredibly it's been nearly 2 1/2 years! Where has the time gone? Benston Steuch & Benstonholm Sundance, those two little furry babies, made their epic journey to Orrs Island, Maine USA, via Aberdeen, Wales, Amsterdam & New York. I'm delighted to report that Steuch now called Scallywag & Sundance now called Rumpus, are both fit, well & being spoilt rotten. Speak about landing on your hooves!!! What an amazing life they are having with kids, bigger horses, dogs, cats, turkeys & even had their first experiences of being ridden, not forgetting a unique gig, built for them so they could be driven. All of which they have taken in their stride - the versatility of the Shetland Pony never fails to amaze me. They're even getting custom built stables! So proud!

Their owner, as always, keeps me fully up to date on their progress & I was delighted when she enquired about a little filly we had with the intention of breeding. Benston Rhianna is a 4 year old 29 1/2" piebald filly out of Benston Eva & sired by Hermits Pedlar. She's quite a character & starred with Socks in the Three advert as part of the Pony App where you could dress Socks up in different attire & he'd dance to different genre of music. Rhianna was the

'love' selection - the apple of his eye! Rhianna ran with Hjaltland Ragnar last year but unfortunately lost the foal at Christmas time. Following a few blood tests & a vet check up to ensure there was nothing underlying health wise, we agreed to sell her. She was not related to the 2 boys in any way.

The arrangements were quickly made for her travel to Orrs Island. We went through the same process as we did for the 2 boys. With little effort (few phone calls and emails to set the ball rolling), everything was arranged, all that was required now was good weather for them to go on the overnight boat south. Oh, but what about a travel companion for Rhianna?

The sale of 2 ponies to Wales as foundation mares for a therapy pony venture had fallen through a few days previously due to illness so that's when I offered Benston Porsche, a 6 year old skewbald yeld mare, as Rhianna's travel buddy, and so the travel arrangement were changed to two. The departure date came. It was too cold to give them full baths so they got their legs washed to remove the Shetland gutter (mud) from their winter coats & got a good brush on their bodies. Both were looking well. They fairly tucked into their extra feed. Of course, our daughter Julie came with carrots and apples as treats which was gratefully scoffed.

A deep bed of straw in the stockbox kept them clean for their trip to the Lerwick livestock depot of Northlink Ferries. We led them down the ramp and into the livestock container where a fresh bed of sawdust, full rack of hay & water trough awaited them. The bittersweet moment came when we took off their halters, gave them a quick cuddle & turned to close the container door. 'Mam I want to take Rhianna home' came very close after. After I gulped back the tears & gathered my thoughts, we handed the halters & passports over to the Northlink staff. There were so many questions from Julie on the way home but eventually she acknowledged that Rhianna & Porsche would have a lovely home & best of all, we could keep in touch with them & see their progress at any time on the internet.

A very reasonable trip on the MV Hrossey via Orkney to Aberdeen was had and both walked off the livestock container unfazed. They were collected in Aberdeen by Annette Dean's company Aberdeenshire Horsebox Hire who would give them 24 hours rest before their road trip to Wales. Yet another night of deep bedding for a restful sleep prepared them well for their journey from Aberdeen to Wales with only a few relatively minor delays for traffic. By mid evening, they had arrived at the Nebo Stud in Wales who act as a UK export depot. The following day a vet visited them for blood tests, swabs, dung samples & full health check. All went well.

The next stage of their journey will be by road & ferry from Wales to Amsterdam. At Schipol Airport they will have 24 hours rest before flying direct to New York on 29th March. Think I'm going to offer to be a groom next time, if there is a next time. Quarantine in the US will be 10-14 days in New York but if the boys experience is anything to go by, they'll have plenty of admirers within the staff at the facility so they won't be lonely. A few hours road journey from New York heading north to Orrs Island will see them in their new plush accommodation & living lavishly. I bet the boys will be glad to see them. I wonder if Scallywag & Rhianna will remember one another as they met briefly home here? I'd like to wish their new owner, Stobie & her family, all the very best with Porsche and Rhianna, and of course, continued fun & laughter with Scallywag & Rumpus. I sincerely hope the foals arrival next year is everything they desire.

For anyone interested in keeping in touch with the antics of the 2 boys as well as Rhianna & Porsche, they've got their own page on Facebook so search for 'Shetland Yard' and 'like' their page. I certainly did and I love their daily updates. Might even make a trip to see them again. I would love that!



Rhianna & Porsche - All Ready to Go

Shetland Foal Milk Service



Thordale Shetland Stud started The Shetland Foal Milk Service a few years back when we heard of a Shetland pony breeder having to sit outside the Co-Op in the wee small hours waiting to buy goats' milk for an orphan foal. The National Foaling Bank supplies an Emergency Kit – (a few days' supply of mare's milk replacer, teats, sterilizing tablets and feeding instructions) to Shetland and Orkney and is available to anyone anytime for £10.00. The kit contains all you need to get a foal back onto its feet if, for whatever reason, your mare has no milk.

We can also supply silver space blankets, feed bottles, extra teats and FoalStim (a specially designed nutritional supplement of colostrum with a pre-biotic that can buy you time if your foal is slow to respond). This scheme is run purely for the benefit of all equine breeders on the Northern Isles – it is not financially profiting. It is not aimed to replace the skills of a qualified vet.

The success stories make it all worthwhile. We try to help anyone who asks, day or night.

Yes, it is more expensive than a bullet, but then every foal that is deliberately bred deserves the best chance, in our opinion. For more information or help, phone Thordale Stud on 01595 809 432 and ask for Frances.



We keep an Emergency Kit with a supply of mare's milk replacer, tested & recommended by
The National Foaling Bank
at Thordale Shetland Stud in Walls
& we will do what we can to supply the kit as & when necessary.

When the worst happens – you can find us!
(cut this out to keep in case of foaling emergencies)

CONTACT: Frances Taylor 01595 809 432

Or email frances@fstaylor.co.uk for more information

Kits: rubber teat, sterilising tablets, mare's replacer milk powder with full emergency feeding instructions. Extra feed bottles, teats, foal replacement colostrum and prebiotic paste available too.

PBSA Race Night Fundraiser

On Saturday 5th March the Pony Breeders of Shetland Association held a Horse Race night at the Bixter Hall to raise funds for the upcoming 2019 Shetland Pony Breed Show. The Breed Show is a UK wide Shetland Pony Show which is held annually in various venues all over the UK, and was last held in Shetland in 2009. This attracted competitors from as far afield as Devon, and spectators from all over the World.

A huge thank you to those who came along and supported the event, a fantastic £706.25 was raised. Thanks to helpers Gill, Paul, Marion, Erik and James David, also thanks goes to all who sponsored the races and purchased horses.

Race Winners were as follows, with the 'owners' receiving the sponsored prizes

Race 1 Breckenlea Stud St Ledger Stakes - Cuss Pat - Gary Smith

Race 2 Hollydell Stud Ladies Cup - Brandy & Port - Robbie Laurenson

Race 3 Filska Stud Champion Hurdle - Hell Yes - Laura Sinclair

Race 4 Hools Stud Kentucky Derby - Sassy Kassy - Connie Dickie

Race 5 - Gue Stud Classic Filly Handicap - Jumping Jack Flash - Myrna Flaws

Race 6 - Robin's Brae Stud Steeplechase - Jipocho - Sean Williamson

Race 7 - Schiehallion & Simonside Studs Gold Cup - Hop Along Cassidy - Rasmie

Race 8 - Kingswood Stud Gold Cup - Dusky - Leslie Smith

Race 9 - Shoormal Stud Coronation Cup - Gallant Gazelle - Laura Sinclair

Race 10 - Redsand Stud Last Chance Saloon - Lewis Hamilton - Eunice Isbister

Shetland Pony Research



Over the last year I have had a fantastic time travelling all over Shetland meeting people and ponies. I spent time in Unst, Foula and Fetlar and attended events throughout the year. I even got to show some ponies during summer. This winter I was lucky to get Sugar and Yukon on loan and worked on halter training Yukon. This experience has taught me a lot about how to work with and communicate with ponies. Despite her young age going into the winter, Yukon took all the storms in her stride, giving me a firsthand demonstration of the breed's hardiness!

Towards the end of last year I presented some of my research findings for the first time in paper questioning the concept of "cute" in relationships with Shetland ponies. This was presented at the American Anthropology Association conference in Denver. This summer I have another two papers for conferences in London and Durham. The theme of the first paper is relationships between people, animals, place and weather, the second is about ways of learning to understand and communicate with ponies. I am currently conducting interviews and spending some time on archival work but during the last months of fieldwork, before I start to write up my findings, I hope to speak to as many people as possible! So if you would like to introduce me to your ponies or would like to chat

about any of the above themes you can contact me by email on

r02cm14@abdn.ac.uk call

0773492772 or through

facebook page Shetland Pony Research.



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Bad Habits - People tend to worm the way they've always done and assume that if our horses look OK, then there is no worm

problem. But, can you really see what is going on, on the inside?

Worming is not simple - It is important to understand the lifecycle of each worm and how worms infect and live within your horse and it's environment, and the effect that they have on your horse's level of natural immunity. These factors need to be assessed as a basis for an effective worming program. Over 75 % of horse owners are either over or under worming. Unless you or your vet are specialists in parasitology, you will have no way of knowing.

Understanding faecal egg counts - Faecal egg count interpretation is also complicated. A clear result does not always mean that your worming program is working or that your horse does not need worming. DIY interpretation of faecal egg count results can often be risky and misleading .

The Consequences - Many horse owners are giving chemical worming products with little understanding of their effectiveness or impact on the horse, or the worms it might have. As a result, worms are now developing a resistance to today's chemical treatments and there are no more currently being developed.

The Solution - To combat this increased resistance, Intelligent Worming assess each individual horse's needs and circumstances. This is why our programs include a full equine history and risk assessment. They also incorporate faecal egg counts to monitor activity and use chemical wormers only where required. All the treatments and test kits are even delivered automatically when they are due. Intelligent Worming has been developed for over 10 years from the research carried out by veterinary parasitologists at the University of Liverpool and the Royal School of Veterinary Studies.

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PBSA Young Exhibitors Scheme 2015



In 2015 the PBSA saw the importance of acknowledging that the young handlers of today are the future of In Hand showing. To encourage and support the young talent we have in Shetland the PBSA introduced a young handlers' awards scheme. The scheme was split into 2 sections and we were very lucky to have generous sponsors who supported the sections; 9 years & under kindly sponsored by The Countess De La Warr, South Park Shetland Pony Stud and 10 – 16 years kindly sponsored by Margaret Smith, Westercushnie Shetland Pony

Stud. Results were collated from all the in hand and young handler classes at shows in Shetland during 2015 where a registered Shetland Pony was being shown. Well done to all involved in the showing of Shetland Ponies. Rosettes will be sent out to all young handlers. The top three handlers in each category were as follows:

9 Years & Under - 1st Bethany Dickie, 2nd Katie Budge, 3rd Keiva Robertson.

10 - 16 Years - 1st Leanne Spence, 2nd Connie Dickie, 3rd Iona Leslie.



Dates for Your Diary

April	1st	-	PBSA Bag Packing, 4—8pm, Co-op, Lerwick.
	4th	-	PBSA Committee Meeting
	9th	-	PBSA Fundraiser, Fish & Chip Night and Quiz, Ollaberry Hall
	15th	-	Ebay Challenge
	17th	-	Serrang Equestrian In Hand Show, Stromfirth
	27th & 28th	-	SPS-BS Meeting, Perth
May	29th	-	Serrang Equestrian Ridden Show
June	4th	-	Solheim Equestrian In Hand & working Hunter Show, including Blair Championship Qualifiers
	6th	-	PBSA Meeting
	10th - 20th	-	PBSA Midsummer Facebook Auction
	12th	-	Ringcraft Talk/Demo, Young Handlers & Agility
	26th	-	Whalsay Riding Club Show
July	7th & 8th	-	SPS-BS Meeting, Perth
	10th	-	Serrang Equestrian Working Hunter Show, Stromfirth
	17th	-	Lead Rein & Novice Shetland Horse & Pony Event
	30th & 31st	-	Shetland Pony Evaluations, Venue to be confirmed
Aug	6th	-	Voe & District Agricultural Show
	10th	-	Cunningsburgh & District Agricultural Show
	13th	-	Walls & District Agricultural Show
	21st	-	Viking Shetland Pony Show
	21st	-	Closing Date for Pony Sale Entries
	27th	-	SPS-BS AGM, Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells
	28th	-	SPS-BS Breed Show, Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells
	29th	-	PBSA Meeting
Sept	10th	-	Raffle ticket Selling, Coop, Lerwick
Oct	6th	-	Lerwick Sale Show, 6pm, Shetland Marts
	7th	-	Lerwick Pony Sale, 9am, Shetland Marts
	9th	-	Aberdeen Sale Show, Thainstone, Aberdeen
	10th	-	Aberdeen Pony Sale, 9am, Thainstone, Aberdeen
	27th & 28th	-	SPS-BS Meeting, Perth
Nov	13th	-	PBSA Youngstock Show, Shetland Marts
	26th	-	PBSA AGM

PBSA Committee

The current PBSA Committee are: Chairperson - Roselyn Fraser, Vice Chairperson - Ninian Johnson, Joint Secretaries - Carole Laignel & Rosemary Cross, Treasurer - Olga Smith, Committee Members - Janice Priest, Ingrid Dickie, Stephen Rendall, June Brown, Irvine Burgess, Eva Smith, Sheena Anderson, Amanda Slater, Helen Thomson. If there is anything you would like to ask, suggest or discuss with regard to the Pony Breeders of Shetland Association please feel free to get in touch with one of the committee members or alternatively you can email admin@shetlandponybreeders.com.

2015 PBSA Youngstock Show



Overall Champion Grutness Phyvix

Despite the best attempts of Storm Abigail the Pony Breeders of Shetland Association (PBSA) held their 4th annual Young Stock show in glorious calm weather at the Shetland Rural Centre, Lerwick on Sunday 15th November. This new venue proved to be popular with exhibitors and provided all the necessary facilities to run this successful event, the PBSA would like to wholeheartedly thank the Shetland Livestock Marketing Group for the use of their facilities.

With entries on a par with 2014, the well supported classes were judged by Mr Brian Hunter, Unst. A large entry in the filly foal class meant it was split into Standard Filly Foals and Miniature Filly Foals. There was strong competition in most classes with good quality ponies across the board.

Mr Hunter found his Overall Champion in the striking 1st placed 3 Year Old Filly Grutness Phyvix, a standard black filly bred and exhibited by Mrs Myrna Flaws of Grutness Stud. Reserve Champion went to Stephen and Jane Rendall of Hollydell Stud with their substantial 2 year old standard bay colt Hollydell Harken. Best Miniature Pony was Bergli Tima, a skewbald yearling filly bred and exhibited by Tore Skarpnord of Bergli Stud, Waas. Best Foal was awarded to Ockran Shaynee a standard black filly foal bred and exhibited by Mr Robert Ramsay of Ockran Stud. Best Gelding went to the chestnut yearling Filska Charleston, bred by Sheena Anderson, Ollaberry and Exhibited by Rebecca Manson, Aith. The organisers were delighted to see a good competitive spirit within the young handler entries again this year as the future of the pony will be in their hands before long. The two hotly contested classes were won by Bethany Dickie handling Hollydell Dominic and Rebecca Fraser handling Hollydell Opposition respectively with Rebecca going on to take Best Young Handler honours.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who made the show possible and such a success, in particular Mr Brian Hunter for judging, Ms Melanie Henderson for stewarding, Leighton Anderson & Melody Goodlad for being runners, Arianne Fraser, Kirsty Budge, Helen Thomson and Susan Goodlad for keeping the proceedings running smoothly, to the SLMG for the use of their facilities, to Gloria for opening the cafe on her day off to keep everyone fuelled and last but by no means least all of the exhibitors who made the effort in some challenging weather to prepare their ponies and turn up for the show. Heartfelt thanks to you all and see you all again next year. Results were:

Colt Foal

Gerratoun Loki – Alan Clark
Hollydell Hades – S & J Rendall
Brygarth Hugo – Michael Laurensen
Filska Cossack – Sheena Anderson

Standard Filly Foal

Ockran Shaynee – Robert Ramsay
Hollydell Opposition – S & J Rendall
Bergli Vanity – Bergli Stud
Clibberswick Sula – June Brown

Miniature Filly Foal

Breckenlea Little Gift – Amanda Slater
Gerratoun Lo-Lo – Alan Clark
Bergli Watzie – Bergli Stud
Westergarth Celie – Alan Clark

Best Filly Foal – Ockran Shaynee

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Colt or Gelding 1 Year Old

Hjaltland Thordal – Rosemary Cross
Bergli Dreamkeeper – Bergli Stud
Filska Charleston – Rebecca Manson

Filly 1 Year Old

Bergli Tima – Tore Skarpnord
Koistie April Storm – Tracey-Anne Anderson
Bergli Pandora – Bergli Stud
Gerratoun Ki-Ki – Alan Clark

Best Yearling Bergli Tima

Colt or Gelding 2 Years Old

Hollydell Harken – S & J Rendall
Kerswell Starbuck – Amanda Slater

Filly 2 Years Old

Breckenlea Galena – Amanda Slater
Alichbrae Darcy – Rosemary Cross
Ruffloch Minni Mouse – Rosemary Cross
Laaward Quhamm – Sonja Flaws

Best 2 Year Old – Hollydell Harken

2015 PBSA Youngstock Show Contd.

Colt or Gelding 3 Years Old

No Entries

Filly 3 Years Old

Grutness Phyxix – Myrna Flaws
Hollydell Hesitation – S & J Rendall
Grutness Phynux – Myrna Flaws
Bergli Tibra – Bergli Stud

Best 3 Year Old – Grutness Phyxix

Overall Champion – Grutness Phyxix
Reserve Champion – Hollydell Harken

Young Handler 9yrs or under

1. Bethany Dickie - Hollydell Dominic
2. Heidi Dickie - Olive of Knowe
3. Nina Fraser - Clibberswick Sula

Young Handler 10 - 16yrs

1. Rebecca Fraser - Hollydell Opposition
2. Connie Dickie - Hollydell Dominic
3. Leanne Spence - Hollydell Hesitation

Best Young Handler - Rebecca Fraser

Trophy Winners

Best Miniature – Bergli Tima
Best Standard – Grutness Phyxix
Best Gelding – Filska Charleston
Best Foal – Ockran Shaynee
Best 2yr old – Hollydell Harken
Best 3yr old Filly – Grutness Phyxix
Best Exhibitor Bred – Grutness Phyxix



Bergli Tima



Ockran Sheena



Rebecca Fraser

An Island Parish



One not to be missed! BBC Two TV show 'An Island Parish' kicks off on 21st March at 8:30pm, where the series follows the residents of Unst and gets an insight as to what it's like living on the UK's most northerly isle. The programme also follows Clibberswick Sula through the first 6 months of her life up until pony sale time in October 2015.

PBSA Midsummer Facebook Auction 2016



Following the success of our PBSA Mid-Summer Facebook Auction in 2014 and 2015, we have decided to hold another one this year and it will run from 10th June until 8pm on the 20th June. Both previous auctions have created a great buzz on our Facebook page and some amusing "banter" between rival bidders, with several people getting into a real bidding war over some of the more popular items on offer. The original handcrafted lots were especially sought after so hopefully some of our very talented members will get their thinking caps on over the next few months and produce something for this auction.

We already have a few items and the promise of a couple more but any donations between now and June would be very much appreciated. If you would be willing to make or donate an item for the auction please contact June at shoormal@btinternet.com Tel: 01595 860302 or via the PBSA Facebook page.

PBSA Clothing & Merchandise

The PBSA has a very attractive range of clothing available to purchase as well as a range of other merchandise. All good quality items and any small profit made goes towards supporting the work of the PBSA. If anyone is interested in ordering anything then an order form can be downloaded from the PBSA Website <http://www.shetlandponybreeders.com/about/merchandise> or you can contact Olga Smith to discuss your requirements. Email o.smith1@hotmail.co.uk. Tel. 01595 890326. You too could look as good as Helen Thomson!



Crew Neck Sweatshirt
Cotton
£20.00



Hooded Sweatshirt
Cotton
£25.00



Zip Front Fleece
£30.00



Polo T Shirt
£18.00

ADULT'S SIZES

Small (35/37")

Medium (38/40")

Large (41/43")

Extra Large (44/46")

XX Large (47/49")

COLOURS AVAILABLE

Navy	Bottle Green
Royal Blue	Burgundy
Black	Red
Purple	

CHILDREN'S SIZES

AGE 3-4 yrs (22/24")	AGE 9-11 yrs (32")
AGE 5-6 yrs (26/28")	AGE 12-13 yrs (34")
AGE 7-8 yrs (30")	AGE 14-15 yrs (36")

PBSA Clothing & Merchandise



Microfibre Fleece
Neck Warmer
£7.00



Beanie Hat
£8.50



Fleece Headband
£8.50



Baseball Cap
£7.50



Thick Canvas Bag
4" Gusset
£12.00



Thin Cotton Bag
No Gusset
£7.00



Pens
£1.00



Embroidered Badge
£6.00

The PBSA & Membership

2016 membership fees are now due for the PBSA.

The Pony Breeders of Shetland Association exists for the benefit of the Shetland Pony in Shetland and those persons concerned with their wellbeing. The aims are:

- To encourage the improvement of Shetland Ponies on these Islands and to promote them within the Islands and Worldwide.
- To look after the interests of the pony breeders on the Islands.
- To provide a means of communication between this Association and the Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society.



The small PBSA Committee works very hard on behalf of all Shetland Ponies and people including, but not restricted to, doing the following;

- Running the Viking Shetland Pony Show to showcase your ponies
- Developing and Running The Shetland Pony Evaluation Scheme to preserve the breed standard and recognise your ponies as the best quality to be had
- Running the PBSA Youngstock Show to showcase your youngstock
- Running, developing and promoting the annual Shetland Pony Sale and Show at the Marts in partnership with SLMG & ANM to protect and retain the last remaining sale in Shetland providing a market place for your ponies
- Supporting Shetland Members to sit on the SPSBS Council to represent your best interests
- Constantly Fundraising to allow all of the above to happen

In addition to the above, members also get reduced entry fees at PBSA events and promotion of their stud through the PBSA website. We are always keen to hear from anyone about what more the PBSA can do for you so please let us know what you think. So why not join us in supporting the PBSA.

Membership Fees

£20.00 - Adult (16 yrs +)	£7.50 - Junior (15 years & Under)	£15.00 - Adult Associate
£35.00 - Joint	£25.00 - Joint Associate	
£40.00 - Family	£30.00 - Family Associate	

A family membership may consist of junior members with a maximum of 2 adults and a Joint membership is for two adults living at the same address. Membership forms are available upon request. Once completed it should be returned with the fee to Carole Laignel, Secretary, PBSA, Habbigarth, Dunrossness, Shetland, ZE2 9JG.

The Filska Kist by Sheena Anderson



It was on holiday in Orkney at the county show where me and Julie were looking at the cattle lines when we first had the idea to get a Kist. The cattle men all had one with their farm/herd name and they were standing around admiring their beasts and congratulating the prize winners and offering a peerie dram to their friends that had come to admire their stock. I was admiring the cattle whilst Julie was more interested in the farmers Boxes! So when we came back to Shetland we headed off to a Harry Hays sale and bought an old kist for £18. She was in

a poor state of repair and after a trip to Dip and Strip, a new set of hinges, a lock and a lick of paint and the important stud name we were good to go! What's in the Kist is different at every show but I always have the normal things tack, grooming kit a bag for bruck, clothes etc In da Kist-Neuk dir is pens, paper, string, paracetamol, plasters, scissors a hole punch and sun cream! There are also refreshments. Juice for bairns an adult juice for winners and losers and tae keep you warm or quench a thirst! Depending on catering at the show there is even a flask for Tea sometimes!!! Its good tae see twartree mair kists oot an about at da shows an I am always blyde for folk tae look along da kist for a yarn an a peerie fun!

Fundraising - The PBSA Needs You!

With the exciting prospect of the SPSBS Breed Show being held in Shetland in 2019 we have a big fundraising task ahead of us. In addition the PBSA continually raises funds to support the shows and events that showcase your ponies throughout the year.

These are some of the events organised so far...it would be great to see you.

- Ollaberry hall is hosting a fish and chip night with a PBSA Quiz fundraiser on 9 April. Bring some friends and make an evening of it.
- The PBSA will be bag packing at Co-op on 1 April 4 to 8 pm to raise much needed funds. If you can spare an hour or so to help out it would be much appreciated.
- The PBSA Online auction will be held from 10 to 20 June. Items for sale are welcome and keep your eye on the sale for unique bargains.
- The PBSA will be selling raffle tickets at the Co-op on Saturday 10 September. Please consider coming along to help even for an hour or so. It will be great to see you.

If you can offer any help with the above or have fundraising ideas you would like to share with us we'd love to hear from you.

Email r_cross.254@btinternet.com or call Rosemary on 07500844390.

Ebay Challenge!



Fundraising for the PBSA is always ongoing but it helps when we can have some fun at the same time. It's been two years since we had our first eBay Challenge and we have decided to fill a gap in our fundraising calendar by having another. The concept is simple, buy items from a charity shop in Shetland and the PBSA will resell it on eBay.

To date Sheena Anderson, Irvine Burgess, Amanda Slater and June Brown have signed up but any PBSA member is welcome to join us.

The rules are simple;

1. You can buy items up to the value of £10 from any charity shop in Shetland, no limit on the number of items.
2. Items can be sold as they are or you can use your imaginations to recycle/upcycle them into something more marketable. We hope to get items listed on eBay by mid April so there's still plenty of thinking time.

If you would like to join in then let June Brown know and post a photo of your items on the PBSA Facebook page once you've bought them....lets see who can generate the most money!

Help Us Out!




The Shelburne Post Needs You!

Due to the reconfiguration of the Shelburne Post/ Stuid Book Society council, following the changes to the constitution, ShelburneOrkney will be requiring two SPSSB Council members for a 3 year period commencing 1 January 2016 as both a Shelburne and Ingrid Island. We have therefore created the terms of this year's election.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the SPSSB council can get in touch with either Caren Lagler or any of the current Shelburne or Ingrid Island chairpersons to receive more information or have any questions. Current directors are Rosemary Fraser, Ingrid Dine, Janice Priest or Steve Rendall who is currently Vice President. It is important to note that if you are not currently a member of the Shelburne Post/ Stuid Book Society you need to be at least 21 years old and have been a member of the Shelburne Post/ Stuid Book Society for a minimum of five years. Nomination forms are available either through the website or by request. Completed nomination forms must be received at the Society Office by Friday 1st May 2015.

SPSSB Treasurer Spring



Board Members, Shelburne Post

It is the privilege to have been a Council member of the Shelburne Post/ Stuid Book Society for a minimum of five years. Nomination forms are available either through the website or by request. Completed nomination forms must be received at the Society Office by Friday 1st May 2015.

Order Registration

In order to help identify parties the SPSPB Council has made the decision that all households drawings must now be completed when registering boats. Please ensure that you complete the information on submitting your registration forms and the forms received which do not have the households completed will be returned. The deadline for submitting boat registration forms is 23rd October. All registrations received after this date will appear in the stub book for the year three months after the end of the next year stub book. When registering your boat, please remember that there has been a price increase effective from January 2011 and the new registration form MUST be used, as the Society will not accept the older form. Forms and an order form are available to download from the website.

Under the impression that microchips must be ordered from the Society and forwarded to the SPSPB Council, please be assured that this is not the case. A chip can be obtained from your own vet at a cost of £10. Your names must be notified to the maximum of 30 days before the start of the season. All boats must have a name, prefix, spaces or alphanumeric. Anyone selling a boat at a Society Sale must remember to submit their boat registration form at least two weeks prior to the sale closing date.

Sample stub book

Year	From Sale & Member Applications	To
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We are always looking for photos and articles for the PBSA newsletter and website so we would like to encourage everyone to send in their photos/news/stories/articles/items of interest etc.

No matter how long or short your story is we want to hear it and the more photos we get the better. Help us to showcase the uniqueness, versatility and fantasticness that is the registered pedigree Shetland Pony.

If you have something you would like to share with us then please get in touch. Email: admin@shetlandponybreeders.com We look forward to hearing from you.

Pony Breeders of Shetland Association

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Shetland, ZE2 9JG.
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The aim of the Pony Breeders of Shetland Association is to improve communications amongst island breeders in Shetland, encourage projects which can improve the quality of Shetland's ponies, to promote them within the Islands and world-wide and to look after the interests of Island breeders.

We are on the web!

www.shetlandponybreeders.com

Just For Fun!

Shetland Pony Stud Book Society Performance Schemes



The aim of the SPSBS Performance Schemes is to promote the use of the registered pedigree Shetland Pony as a performance pony. There are a series of Annual Schemes for various classes focussing on ponies and handlers in ridden, driven and in-hand disciplines. The organisers would like to encourage anyone who is interested to get involved. If you would like any further information please contact: Performance Scheme - Mrs S Bearcroft, Ropers Farm, Longdon Hill, Evesham, Worcs, WR11 7RP, Tel. 01386 446097. Driven Scheme - Mrs Willowe Keeley, 51 High Street, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, WV7 3JF, Tel. 01902 372238. Young Exhibitors Scheme - SPSBS, Shetland House, 22 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EH, Tel. 01738 623471.

Ringcraft Talk/Demo, Agility & Young Handlers



PBSA Presents - Ringcraft Talk/Demo - including Young Handler Classes and Shetland Pony Agility (in-hand handy pony). Sunday 12th June at Lerwick Marts - from 11.30am
ENTRY FORMS for Young Handler Classes and Shetland Pony Agility Classes now available on pony breeders website www.shetlandponybreeders.com or available at Harbro - CLOSING DATE for entries 22nd May. Remember Agility Classes are open to everyone no matter what your age – prizes for all!



Pony Breeders of Shetland Association &
Shetland Livestock Marketing Group
In Association with Aberdeen & Northern Marts

Show and Sale of Registered Shetland Ponies

Shetland Rural Centre, Staneyhill, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0NA.

SHOW: Thursday 6th October 2016 at 6.00pm

SALE: Friday 7th October at 9.30am

(Entries close on Sunday 21st August 2016)

On-line bidding available using the i-bidder.com system.
Contact Alan Donald on 01467 623753 for more information



Best Foal and 2015 Show Champion
Hollydell Hash Tag

Catalogues available to download at www.shetlandponybreeders.com
or £5 by post from Monday 12th September
Telephone: 01806 556479 Email: roselyn.fraser@btinternet.com



Congratulations to our Bake Off "Star Bakers", Beth Robertson (adults), Connie Dickie (11 - 16 yrs) and Bethany Dickie (up to 10 yrs). They are pictured with judges "Tamar and Beenie" Shetland's Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry!!