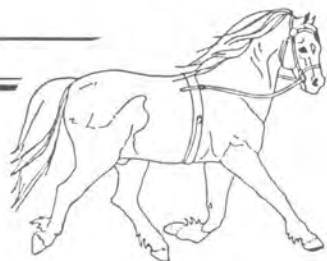


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1989 WPCSA Annual General Meeting

The 1989 AGM of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America was held over the weekend of October 20-21 in Sacramento, California. Hosted by the Welsh Pony Association of California, the itinerary was FULL and kept us very busy and interested in all there is to see and do in the vicinity of Sacramento.

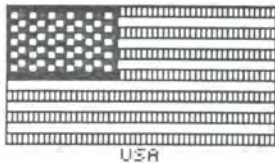
Many topics were discussed both at the Advisory Committee meeting and the Annual General Meeting. The Penn-MaryDel representative raised the topic of the proposed change in registration rules for Section A's and B's with lively discussion ensuing. Penn-MaryDel will be sponsoring a show the 3rd weekend in June featuring Dr. Wynne Davies as judge. (That brought a lot of oohs and aahs of excitement!) President Gail Morris and Director Carlene Sharples gave reports from the International Welsh Conference at which they were delegates for the American Society. President Morris relayed the following statistics about registrations in the U.S.: 1987, 58 C and D cobs were registered; in 1988 that number increased to 64. Thus far in '89, there have been 1,015 transfers (all sections) with 1,007 transfers in 1988. Half Welsh registrations totaled 111 in 1988. Mary Alice Williams has worked to demystify the High Point program. A show packet is now available containing the appropriate forms and information complete with checklist to ensure accuracy and clarity in submitting show results. (THANK YOU, Mary Alice!) Other topics discussed included importation rule changes that will occur by 1992, a motion to increase the stallion service filing fee (this was wholeheartedly supported by the membership), plans relating to a list of judges and information packets for judges, regional advertising and an announcement that the '88-'89 Yearbook will be out by the end of this year. The U.K. has adopted the American Society's rules for an Artificial Insemination program. Relected for a 3-year term were Directors Carlene Sharples and Polly Swinerton. Newly elected to the Board were Rhoda Verkuyl and Jean Shemilt. The Welsh Pony Association of California did a terrific job planning for the conference. A visit to the Veterinarian School at the University of California at Davis proved fascinating. A lecture on the collection and insemination process at Woodland Stallion Station was followed by a Parade of California's Welsh ponies and cobs. A clinic for driving cones was interesting and provided "hands on" reins for those wanting to try their skill. The food the entire weekend was superb, as was the wide selection of California wines. Personally, it was great fun matching ponies and cobs with their owners and having the opportunity to learn first hand what is happening on the national level. Getting to speak with people from all over the country left me feeling that there is tremendous enthusiasm and caring for the Welsh as a breed. If we continue to make correct breeding decisions, there is a bright future for the Welsh. The AGM for 1990 will be in Houston, Texas and include a clinic by Len Bigley, Llanarth Stud.



A Section D
stallion
being
presented at
the
1989 Royal
Welsh Show

Photo by
Randi Tokar

NEWS FROM THE U.S.



Advertisers of the Summer of '89 issue of NACC are all smiles!!! Three Cobs—all of them stallions—were transferred as a result of classified and full-page advertisements. ***PARC DILWYN** (Parc Bonneddwr x Parc Annabell) was sold by Ray Morrison, Lynton Farm, of Ontario, Canada to John and Karen Seminary, Victoria Acres, of Altamont, New York. John and Karen will enjoy driving Section D Welsh Cob "Dilly" who has been a champion pleasure and combined driving animal. Weanling Section D **BALSUMA HIGHFLYER** (*Llanarth Trustful x *Lidgett Henrietta) sold by Suzie Schockett, Edgartown, Massachusetts will travel literally from coast to coast and is being purchased by Carol and Richard Holcombe, North Fork Ranch, of Florence, Oregon. Amanda Williams, a transplant of Great Britain who now lives in Waldron, Arkansas is the new owner of Section D weanling **WINTERLAKE ALEXANDER** (Brynarian Black Magic x *Okeden Jolly). **ALEXANDER**, a black bay, was sold by Bill and Cindy Dishman.

Well, cob owners, breeders and general all around enthusiasts, we blew it! Every year the *Welsh Roundabout* magazine dedicates the July-August issue to Welsh Cobs. This year there were only five photographs of cobs in the entire issue, thanks to advertisers Kathy Reese, Patricia Gammon, Dr. June Alexander, Ann Fisher and author Dr. Wynne Davies. Editor Valerie Lapicola wrote, "Unfortunately, no one with cobs sent us any news or stories concerning their cobs or cobs in general." Ms. Lapicola went on welcome short articles on any farm that has been breeding and registering cobs for five or more years. "We want to know your plan for developing your section in quality, type, etc. (what are your goals?), stock your herd has used in its development; briefly, key sire(s) and dam(s); any particular problems or discoveries along the way that might prove useful/of interest to novice breeders; any problems you discern regarding practices you see going on within your section; and one photo of a C or D that **you** have bred, any age, any sex. We do not want an advertisement or list of show wins!"

OK, cob-folk, it's time to rally. Put pencil to paper or fingers to keyboard and respond to Editor Valerie's invitation. If writing is not your "thing" you can still contribute to the *Roundabout* by submitting a **WINNER'S PHOTO**. For \$20 a picture of your cob and short paragraph detailing your win will be published. You may also submit a newsy kind of report from your area under the heading **WHAT'S NEW**.

The *Welsh Roundabout* is available by writing to 5051 Townline Rd., East Troy, WI 53120. Subscription rates are \$15/year U.S.; \$20/year Canada (U.S. funds) and \$25/year Foreign Surface (U.S. funds)

Another cob--this time a stallion--made the cover of a national publication. Section D ***LOCKERIDGE WATERLOO**, owned by Royal Cob Farm is one of five dressage winners on the cover of the *USDF Bulletin*, Summer 1989. Ridden by owner Ann Fisher, **WATERLOO** looks collected, animated and impressive at the canter.

NEWS FROM CANADA



NEWS RELEASE

ROYAL WINTER FAIR UPDATE DRIVING AND COB CLASSES IN HAND

November 17, 1989

Judge: Mrs. J. Lutey, Trevarth Stud, England

The Welsh Division has added four line classes for Welsh Cobs at the 1989 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. These classes will commence at 12 noon.

At present we have had good response from many Cob breeders; we are looking for donations to be included in the prize money which will total around \$350 Canadian.

Thanks go to the following people who have donated prize money and interest in showing:

Mr. William Jones of Remsen, New York, Ms. Marsha Himler of Stillwater, New York, Mrs. Sandra Sterritt of Port Perry, Ontario and Mrs. Jennifer Parsons of Tottenham, Ontario.

To make the Welsh Cob section of the RAWF a great success we need all the support and interest in showing we can get. It's only two classes but a start if we have your support in turnout. We surely will be able to add additional classes in 1990. The first class is colt, filly or gelding, 2 years old and under. The second class is stallion, mare or gelding, 3 years and over. This will represent two classes for Section C's and two classes for Section D's.

We are looking to the future of the Welsh Cob in North America and would like to see the RAWF being one of the premium shows for Section C's and D's. We also may have the cooperation of the Royal to include two driving classes for ponies and cobs, which would be as follows: The Gordon B. Wilson Welsh Pleasure Driving Ponies & Cobs, Lady to Drive and another class, Gentleman to Drive. Both classes would be open to stallions, mares and geldings to be shown to a two or four-wheeled vehicle suitable for pleasure. Type of harness is optional and may be black or brown but should be appropriate to the vehicle. Drivers must carry a whip; gloves, driving apron and hats are

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encouraged. Passengers are permitted. To be shown both ways of the ring at a flat-footed walk, ordinary trot, and strong trot and to stand quietly and back readily. To be judged 60% on manners, performance and style; 40% on breed type and conformation. Entry fee will be \$10 Cdn. Prize money: Plate and \$50, \$35, \$30, \$10, Ribbon. Hopefully this will come about as this would be the ideal way to show our Welsh Cobs.

Entry forms for the Royal are available by contacting the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, The Colisem, Exhibition Place, Toronto, Ontario, M6K 3C3 Canada Tel.: 416/393-6400. Contact Mr. Wally Knapp and Ms. Mary A. Keates or Royal Winter Fair Representative, Keith Parsons, 416/936-3125, home; 416/620-8921, office.

From Peter Wilding Davies, this stork report: **Llanarth Dilys** had a colt foal named **Cwmfadog Dylan** on July 1st by **Llanarth Maldwyn ap Braint**, a strapping big foal and everyone, vet included, is amazed at his size and the amount of bone he has. The mare is a very heavy milker so he's getting off to a great start.

For many of you, it's time to renew. Please check your mailing label. If it indicates **Expires Fall89**, then this will be your last issue of the North American Cob Connection. This Autumn we have exceeded 100 subscribers for the first time ever. Thank you for your support and a HUGE thanks to 1989 advertisers, who have eliminated the need to raise publication rates for 1990. The cost is still a mere \$8. Please return your renewal as soon as possible to NACC, 35807 Willama Vista, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455. U.S. Funds, please. (We also welcome 2-year renewals.)

During 1988 a total of 864 new members were enrolled and although a number had resigned, the figures were as follows: Life Members: 2052, Annual Members: 4498, Total: 6550. This figures showed an increase of 200 on the previous year. The 1990 Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 10th March at the Celtic Manor Hotel, which is adjacent to Exist 24 of the M4 near Newport, Gwent. The International Show will take place in Denmark in August 1990. Full details will be announced at a later date.

NEWS FROM THE U.K.



Dr. June Alexander, Okeden Stud, reports a very busy summer and the news that follows. The Alexanders were hosts to Carlene Sharples and a California friend who visited following the Royal Welsh. All of the '89 Okeden foals were purchased within hours of being born except for **LLANARTH MAIR'S** filly, **OKEDEN FIREFLY**, a chestnut with flaxen mane and tail, who is being retained by Okeden Stud. There was extremely hot weather at the Royal Welsh this year; 190 animals struck down with 'Heatstroke'. Three died and one baby was born.

ARTH MAID OF HONOUR, foundation mare for the Okeden Stud, was shown once at the National Pony Society show—she was 2nd of 30 mares with or without foals at foot in her 22nd year of life. Her mother, 32 year-old **MEIARTH MODERN MAID** is still very well and has all her teeth!

LLANARTH TRUE BRITON has had to be put down as he had developed osteomyelitis in his front leg. Dr. Alexander's mare **RHYSTYD MATTIE** is hopefully in foal to him. **ARTH MAID OF HONOUR** has been covered by **PAITH MAGICAL MEREDITH** while **OKEDEN HEATHER** is in foal to **TREBALLION TELYNOR**. **LLANARTH MAIR** has been put to **LLANARTH RHUN** who has won the ridden class at the Royal Welsh in '87 and '88 and is now on a successful driving career.

The following statistics come from from the Welsh Pony and Cob Society Newsletter, August 1989:

There were 2,594 applications for registration forms pending making a total of 4,947. As in previous years the figures had been split into respective Sections: Section C: 78 colts, 77 fillies, 30 geldings / Section D: 268 colts, 309 fillies, 143 geldings / W.P.B.R.: 75 colts, 182 fillies, 89 geldings. The number of ponies and cobs exported shows a decrease of 7 on the previous year:

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
Australia	11	—	2	1
Belgium	—	4	9	4
Canada	3	3	7	8
Denmark	11	16	23	9
Dubai	—	—	6	1
Finland	—	5	6	—
France	4	7	5	10
Holland	34	33	36	40
Israel	9	14	4	10
Italy	—	—	—	3
New Zealand	—	—	—	1
South Africa	—	—	1	2
Sweden	14	6	1	2
Switzerland	—	4	—	3
U.S.A	10	15	23	15
West Germany	32	27	21	18
	127	134	141	127

LETTERS IN THE MAILBAG

Dear North American Cob Connection,

Winkelman Farm's 2nd Annual Working Pony Select Consignment Auction was held the first Saturday in August at Winkelman Farm. The auction was held on schedule and was successful in spite of a violent storm the morning of the auction. Bidders were present from 5 states in addition to Iowa. Spirited bidding provided new homes for 12 ponies of various sizes from 8 consignors.

Auction toppers were **Winks Bethany** and **Winks Galilee**, registered Welsh Cob mares (15/16 sisters) consigned by Dr. Geoffrey Johnson of Aurora, SD. They were purchased by Kenneth Bonnigson of Clyd, Ohio as a driving team for \$2600 for the pair.

A unique feature of this auction is that all ponies had to be ridden or driven in a large outdoor sale ring while being sold.

Dear Cob Connection,

I've been meaning to write ever since you first asked me about my experiences in exporting my Welsh Cob Sec. D **LEYESWICK BREININ** in Spring of 1988. Well, finally in answer to that—I used Jet Pets and their counterpart in the U.K. I had no difficulties; everything went without a hitch. I left Brenin in England with friends in September '87. He arrived at LAX at Thanksgiving '87 (very appropriate timing I thought) spent 3 days there and was vanned out to Davis University. He completed his quarantine there and returned to me January 8, 1988. The only problem was the paperwork and registration. I had left his papers in England but somehow no one dealt with this aspect and no one seemed to be at fault (or will not admit it). Anyway after the extra payment to all concerned and one year later, it is all in order and he has now been registered here in America.

Brenin has the most wonderful temperament and always accepts everything that has been asked of him. Do you realise that this stallion was turned out as a late yearling to run with the mares on the marshes in S.E. England? That is where I found him 5 years later with his little band of cob mares and foals, having not really been handled since a youngster. I purchased him in October '86 and by Christmas was taking him to his first hunt--the children's meet. He just loved it.

Since arriving here, he has taken part in a John Lyons Symposium in a display of different breeds, in a Pat Pirelli clinic in Agua Dulce, in a De Anza pageant in Malibu State Creek Park, in the Encino Parade on Ventura Blvd., in several shows—Open pony, Welsh classes, English Pleasure, Hunter under saddle, Hunter Hack, Working Hunters, Hunter/Jumpers, Pairs and Western trail. Every time he surpasses himself with his manners and always exceeds my expectations. This year we started competing in the Novice Trail Competitions of 20 miles. First time out we were 1st in Novice and the 2nd time out over the Sylmar/Placerita Mountains, we were awarded 6th place in Novice Lightweight division out of approximately 30 entries.

We look forward to the NACC. Thanks and keep up the good work! Betty Winkelman



WINKS BETHANY (L) and WINKS GALILEE (R)
Driven by trainer Wendy Teresi

Last year he was the Western National Section D Cob. This year at Los Osos in May he was High Point Stallion and now National Cob Champion in Sacramento.

I bred him with four mares last year—all tested in foal (one reabsorbed, unfortunately). He was bred to my 16 h.h. 5 year old Thoroughbred mare **NAOMI FAY** and she has a beautiful bay filly foal we're calling **JAYCOBS FIRST EDITION**, nicknamed **SPRITE**. She is just gorgeous, very athletic and probably going to make 15 h.h.-15.2 h.h. Brenin was also bred to Stephanie Abronson's 14 h.h. **CIRCLE OF STARS**, an Anglo/Arab pony who produced a bay filly and 13.2 h.h. **GLANNANT SECRET**, a Welsh Sec. B and bred a third bay filly. This year he has been re-bred to **NAOMI FAY** and **CIRCLE OF STARS** but we also experimented with two Morgan mares. We're not sure exactly what this will produce but I'm certain the result should be excellent driving material, especially as both mares were the old-fashioned types—one 14.3 h.h. and the other 15.1 h.h. We've also bred Brenin with a 15 h.h. Palomino (Quarter horse/Foxtrotter) mare used in the Rose Parade with the Longbeach Mounted Police. As it is still June, we shall continue breeding through July—I'm expecting at least two more mares.



***LEYESWICK BREININ** with rider Sarajane Valcheck
(letter continued next page)

LETTERS - continued

We are also competing this week in the Red, White and Blue Show here in L.A. We competed in the Long Stirrup Division and at the end of the week got Reserve Champion for Hunters/Jumpers and another Reserve Champion for Equitation, which really amazed me but shows what hard work will do. After this we were headed for 2 days at Los Osos to the Mid-State Fair. We had 3 wonderful days and Brenin actually won the Novice Trail Class and got 2nd and 3rd's in other trail classes and 2nd at Mid-State. Mid-State temperatures rose to 105 but Brenin still kept going.

Since the article in Equus magazine about bone, I've had more enquiries about Brenin. However, as a full-time teacher, I cannot accept all these. Maybe when I have a place of my own! A great deal of interest is certainly being shown here. Promoting Welsh Cobs solo is hard, though. However, Brenin certainly does an excellent job for himself. I should state he spent 6 months after weaning being trained in London by the London Cob Boys (that's a story in itself).

Best wishes, Janina Owens

Dear NACC, I received my complimentary copy of the NACC (Summer '89) and read it cover to cover! I had no idea that there was a Cob enthustaist organization. My friend, Mary Jo Burmesch, and I started looking for a matched pair of 100% D Cobs late last year for the primary purpose of training and driving them as a pair. We really had to search and finally purchased two yearlings from Mary Alice Williams in Texas. I am enclosing an article for the next issue describing our search. I am also enclosing a full-page ad and pictures announcing the arrival of



MADOC QUEEN ELIZABETH (L) and MADOC OWEN

our Cobs to Wisconsin. As you can tell, we are very proud of them. I am enclosing an extra \$4 to cover the cost of the two prior issues of the NACC (Jan. & Apr. '89) if they are available. I noted that my Cob purchase was recorded in the list of transfers, however, my friend's wasn't. She purchased the yearling **Madoc Owen** D-356, a gelding, from Mary Alice Williams in April '89. Perhaps this was recorded in an earlier issue? In the event that you didn't see a copy of the transfer, her name is Mary Jo Burmesch, 924 Sauk Dr., Port Washington, WI 53074. Thank you for the complimentary copy of NACC. Sincerely, Pat Didier,

SHOW RESULTS

Welsh of Wisconsin Pony and Cob Show June 17, 1989 - Judge: Ernie Anderson

Reg. Welsh Cob (any age, any sex) (6): 1. Brynarian Briton, M. Chambers; 2. Loriens Rebound, A. Trueblood; 3. Madoc Queen Elizabeth, P. Didier; 4. Brynarian Gwenno, M. Chambers; 5. Madoc Owen, M. Burmesch

June 18, 1989 - Judge: Joan Harms

Reg. Welsh Cob (any age, any sex) (1): 1. Loriens Rebound, A. Trueblood

Great Lakes Welsh Event

Aug. 18-20, 1989

Judges: Ronnie Myers & Patricia Holmes

Novice Cob at Halter (any age, any sex) (4) Holmes: 1. Llanarth Meleri, H. Kahn; 2. Madoc Queen Elizabeth, P. Didier; 3. Madoc Owen, M. Burmesch; 4. Liberty Belle, D. Elder
Same class, Judge Myers: 1. Llanarth Meleri, H. Kahn; 2. Madoc Owen, M. Burmesch; 3. Liberty Belle, D. Elder; 4. Madoc Queen Elizabeth, P. Didier

Cob Gelding, any age (1): 1. Madoc Owen, M. Burmesch

Cob Mare, any age (4) Holmes: 1. Llanarth Meleri, H. Kahn; 2. Warcolog Comet Moth, M. Williams; 3. Madoc Queen Elizabeth, P. Didier; 4. Liberty Belle, D. Elder

Same class, Judge Myers: 1. Llanarth Meleri, H. Kahn; 2. Warcolog Comet Moth, M. Williams; 3. Liberty Belle, D. Elder; 4. Madoc Queen Elizabeth, P. Didier

Champion Mare, Holmes & Myers: Llanarth Meleri, H. Kahn

Res. Champion Mare, Holmes & Myers: Warcolog Comet Moth, M. Williams

Champion Stallion (1): Brynarian Briton, M. Chambers

Grand Champion Welsh Cob, Holmes & Myers: Llanarth Meleri, H. Kahn

Res. Champion Welsh Cob, Holmes: Warcolog Comet Moth, M. Williams

Same class, Judge Myers: Brynarian Briton, M. Chambers

B.C. Welsh Pony & Cob Association June 24-25 / Judge: Adele Rockwell

Welsh Cob Sec. D Results:

Females: 1. Llanarth Malen, P. Wilding-Davies; 2. Brynarian Aeronwy, Kirstin Dorman

Males: 1. Brynarian Bleddyn, Leona Frayling; 2. Brynarian Brenin ap Maldwyn, Carol McDonald

Champion: Llanarth Malen

Reserve Champion: Brynarian Bleddyn

No Section C's

We are preparing to publish the 1990 North American Cob Directory. If you know of any information that is incorrect or incomplete in the '89 Directory, please notify Ann Lamb, 12534 277th Place N.E., Duvall, WA 98019. Many thanks.

THE COBS HAVE COME TO WISCONSIN!

MADOC QUEEN ELIZABETH

*Kentchurch Chime x *Trevallion Lady Diana

MADOC OWEN

*Kentchurch Chime x *Llanarth Mary Alice



Left: Patricia Didier with MADOC QUEEN ELIZABETH; Right: Mary Jo Burmesch with MADOC OWEN

We wish to thank . . .

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. . . for their time, knowledge and hospitality in our search for our pair of Welsh Cobs.

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What does the future hold for the Welsh Cob

Valerie Russell looks at the Welsh section C and D Cobs

THERE can be few, if any, breeds which arouse such passion as Welsh Cobs. To their breeders, owners and exhibitors, especially those in the principality, they are the pinnacle of equine perfection — and they are supported with a fervour matched only by that of Welsh rugby fans at Cardiff Arms Park.

Amidst all this enthusiasm, however, there are a few thoughtful, forward-looking, wise breeders who look beyond the euphoria of Cob Day at the Royal Welsh, beyond the spectacular, ebullient performances of cobs in showings all around Britain, and beyond the self-congratulation that inevitably accompanies a successful breed. These few, while yielding to no-one in their loyalty to the cobs, believe that the breed is at a cross-roads and that a more self-critical, outward-looking approach is needed if the cob is to maintain its place in what is an increasingly competitive equine world.

It is especially interesting that these people are, in many instances, expressing concern about the very things that critics outside the breed have been complaining for years. It would be insulting to suggest that those within the breed have not been aware of these things. The difference now is that with the increased use of Welsh Cobs in the production of hunters and other performance animals, and the impending opening up of the Common Market in 1992, they see, even more clearly, the very real need to *do* something, rather than just be aware of it.

Take for example, what is probably the most glaring fault in many cobs, that of 'throwing their feet about'. This is due, in the majority of cases, to the use, from an early age, of excessively heavy shoes — up to three pounds on each foot or even more — to force the spectacular action. There are still a great many cob breeders who apparently do not regard this as a fault, as witness the reply given to a judge when she gave throwing the feet as the reason for placing an animal at the bottom of a mixed class. "But, madam," said the genuinely scandalised owner "he is a Welsh Cob".

This indifference to straight movement is allied, in the opinion of some cob breeders and among breeders of the other Welsh sections, to a lack of sufficient



The stallion, Synod Ranger, showing that a Welsh section C cob is capable of straight movement

attention to overall good conformation. There are far too many breeders, exhibitors and, it has to be said, judges who go for spectacular action at the expense, it seems, of good basic conformation.

There is a school of thought which believes that this trend has increased markedly since the days when cobs were used as working animals. Then, a stallion which did not produce good, strong, working stock, fell by the wayside. In recent years, too many cobs have been bred to look at, rather than to use. An off-shoot of this trend (which is not confined to cobs) is that of producing or over-producing, showing stock is grossly overweight. It is good to see that the NPS is taking a firm hand in discouraging this very damaging feature.

Cobs for Performance

The modern emphasis in virtually all breeds has moved towards performance

animals. Thus a whole new market has opened up for Welsh Cobs, involving prospective buyers who have never considered the breed before. The worth of the cob/Thoroughbred cross is now assuming its rightful place; other people are looking to the cob as a hardy, more economical, all-round family animal to replace larger, more expensive horses and a market is once again being built up with continental Europe, where performance and performance testing is the norm. All these can only expand — *provided breeders produce what the customer wants*. These new buyers are not prepared to accept the 'But he's a Welsh Cob' excuse for poor action and conformation — and the breeder who cannot provide this all-round, good stamp of animal is going to lose out in the increasingly competitive market. Let it never be forgotten that good and durable performance animals are, by large, those of good conformation.

However, it must also be admitted that this new type of buyer, whilst knowledgeable about horses in general, is not necessarily knowledgeable about Welsh Cobs. This leads to, among other things, the vexed question of height. The controversy surrounding the NPS ruling that animals over 14.2hh are not eligible for the Ridden and the Working Hunter Pony Championships has had an unfortunate spin-off, in that it has led to a number of people thinking that 14.2hh is the upper height limit for Section D cobs, and this could put off some prospective buyers. Let it be stated, categorically, once more, that there is no upper height limit for Section D cobs. There is an extensive range of height and type — from the 13.3hh clean-legged animal at one extreme, to the 16hh-plus animal with an appreciable amount of feather at the other.

Up to Weight

I do not want to discuss the NPS ruling again, as in many ways, it is a special case, but the question of height is, nonetheless, important. There is no doubt that prospective buyers who have ridden hunters all their adult lives, and who, for whatever reason, are turning to cobs, are inclined to demand something well over

Llanarth Flying Comet, one of the most famous and successful Welsh section D stallions of recent years, showing the vigorous action of the Welsh Cob

15hh — 15.3hh at least. Similarly, those buyers who want a cob stallion to put on a Thoroughbred mare look to something of 15.2hh or over, so that the progeny will make 16hh-plus.

The former fail to appreciate that a 15-15.1hh cob is up to weight and gives a big man an excellent ride, whilst still catering for the smaller members of the family. The latter do not realise that, in general, with the larger size, they are probably losing just those qualities of hardiness, quantity and quality of bone, and the tremendous propulsive power from massive quarters that has attracted them to the breed in the first place.

In this, I believe, lies possibly the greatest danger to the future of the breed. Whilst accepting that there is no upper height limit and that cobs up to 16hh and over are nothing new, there is evidence to suggest that the best and most successful cobs are, and have been for generations, found principally in the 14-15.1hh range. Once that height is exceeded, I believe that the essential qualities of the Welsh Cob are all too often lost.

Pony Characters

Although Section D cobs are not regarded as ponies, they are, nevertheless, a mountain and moorland breed, which implies certain characteristics. Indeed, the breed standard requires that they be 'strong, hardy and active, with pony character' and that the head be 'full of quality and pony character'. But I find it extraordinarily difficult to see too many pony characters in many of the very big cobs; indeed, some that I have seen at Lampeter would not, apart from their action and their legginess, have looked out of place in a heavyweight hunter class; they are distinctly 'horsey'. But whilst some breeders agree with this assessment and believe that great discipline is going to be needed if breed type is not to be lost others do not and believe that the only 'correct' height is that which appeals to the individual breeder or buyer of the animal in question. I believe that only the very best breeders will succeed in maintaining type with size.

In a breed which can, with justification, regard itself as highly successful in so many ways, warning lights are now beginning to flash. It should just be that the breeders will, in future, have to look, outwards from the hitherto cosy confines of their mainly Welsh stronghold to a more critical world outside. This, in effect means breeding for the market as regards straight action and good conformation — but it must never mean breeding for the market at the expense of type.

Tremendous Strides

So much for the Section Ds, but what of the much-neglected pony of cob type, Section C? Here, although tremendous strides have been taken in the last couple of decades, these absolutely super ponies have not yet received the recognition they so richly deserve. Even their staunchest admirers have been heard to say, ruefully, that "C is for Cinderella breed".

This is due, largely, to the historical facts that at the end of World War II there were just two stallions and three



mares of cob type in the stud book and that the Welsh pony of cob type did not have a specific identity as the separate Section C in the stud book until 1949.

There was only a single class for Section Cs at the Royal Welsh until 1961 and in 1969 there were just 23 entries overall in four classes. Last year, there were over 150, but Section Cs have been thin on the ground and are still catching up. The contributions of the late Lady Chetwynd with her great stallion, Lyn Cwmcoed, and mare, Lili Cwmcoed, and Mr and Mrs Cerdin Jones with their marvellous Synod ponies to the breed are immense.

There are still only about half a dozen studs concentrating on producing Section Cs and consequently there is a shortage of good riding geldings and mares. It follows that young people who want to graduate from a Section A are more or less forced to go to a Section B or even directly to a small Section D.

A Driving Force

However, although the Section C have not yet made a great impression on the ridden scene, the same certainly cannot be said of driving. Here they are at the very top, and have been for a number of years. It all started in the 1970s with Mrs Deirdre Colville's gelding, Synod Cerdin, who

became a legend, winning the private driving classes at the three 'Royals' (the Royal Welsh, The Royal Show England, and the Royal Highland) all within one year. He went on to win in FEI driving, including the Scottish Trials, Holker Hall and Lowther. He was also successful in hand and under saddle and won the Daisy Broderick Award presented for the animal or person doing most for the Welsh breeds. The Colville driving tradition continued and Mrs Colville's husband, Wynn, won the National Pairs Championship just two months before he died in 1986. Successes in driving have continued, with, among others, Phillipa Gemmel's wins with her pair of Section Cs.

Section Cs are by no means immune from their larger relatives' 'foot throwing' faults, although, and the photograph of Synod Ranger shows, the good ones can move as straight as any other breed. There is also some concern that the breed which is, remember, described as a 'pony of cob type' is tending to divide into the pony type and the cob type, whereas they should be both. However, as the numbers increase and the demand for good, solid, all-round performance ponies increases, the Section Cs surely must have a great future under saddle and in harness.

*LEYESWICK BRENIN

Bay Welsh Cob, Section D - 14.2 hands
Imported from the United Kingdom, Fall 1987

Sire: NEBO BRENIN,
whose sire FLYER was by
IRON DUKE (Top rated
Section D sires in the
United Kingdom)



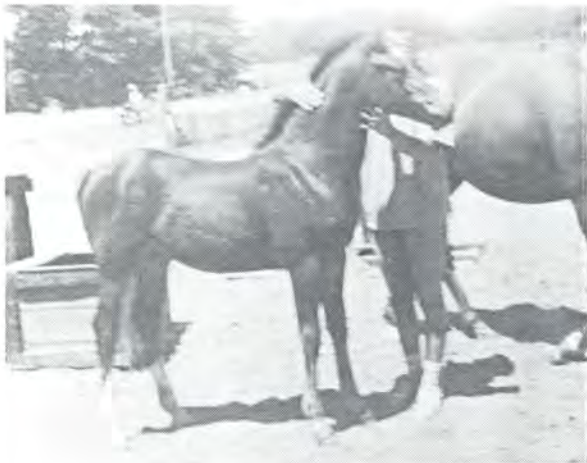
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Fitting A Driving Bridle



A well-fitted bridle. Noseband hangs on carrier strap which slips into box keeper on cheek. Additional flash-type drop noseband is used.

A properly fitted driving bridle looks attractive, but more importantly, affects the control and comfort of the horse, therefore is a safety factor in all driving. A bridle of correct size for the horse will be buckled in approximately the middle hole of the billets (straps) with extra holes available for adjustments. If the billets do not have holes in the proper range, it may be possible to add the necessary holes with a leather punch or, it may be that the bridle is not suitable for the horse and should be replaced.

In general, a driving bridle should fit a little tighter than a riding bridle to avoid the chance of rubbing off or allowing the horse to see to the rear. Of course, no part should be uncomfortably tight or cause chafing.

Starting at the top, the crownpiece sits just behind the ears over the poll. Attached to it are the cheekpieces, blinder stays, face drop (if any) and check rein drops (if any).

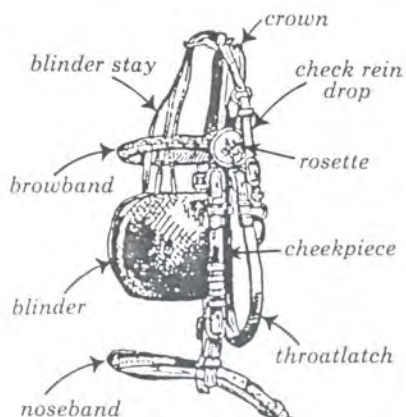
The top of the cheekpieces buckle to the crown; this strap adjustment affects the fit of the cheeks and the position of the blinder. The cheekpieces should not be too loose, flap or bulge away from the head which looks

sloppy and could allow the horse to see to the rear. This bulging may not be evident until the driver applies rein pressure.

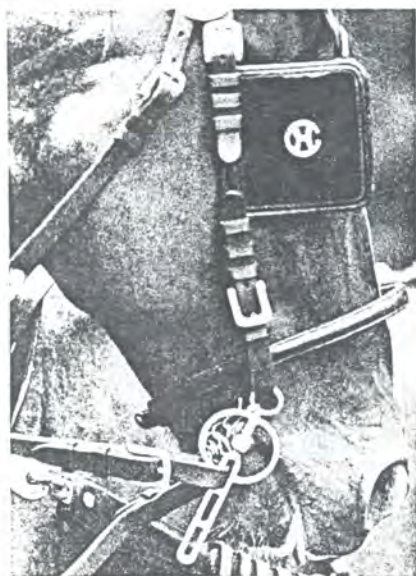
The lower end of the cheek attaches to the bit. The height of the bit in the horse's mouth is adjusted with the lower billet of the cheekpiece. Generally the bit should be high enough in the mouth to create two or three small wrinkles in the corner of the lips, but this varies with the type of bit and individual horse.

The blinders, which are sewn to the cheekpieces, should be positioned with the eye at the mid- to upper mid-area of the blinder. As a rule of thumb, the top edge of the blinder lies at the hollow over the eye, between the bony projections of the orbit and temple.

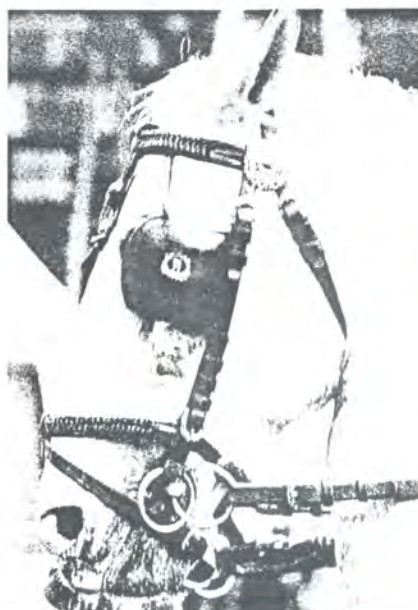
The blinder stays, which buckle to the crown, are adjusted to hold the blinders sufficiently open for comfort and vision. The blinder stays should have enough body (some are reinforced with flexible wire interior) to hold their position. A good bridle has well-cupped blinders for eye clearance, but even flat blinders can be held away from the eye by the blinder stays.



A well-fitted bridle. Note that noseband attachment to cheek allows noseband to slide through cheekpieces for maximum adjustment. Loop-type keepsers secure strap points.



ABOVE: Example of loose throatlatch and noseband. RIGHT: Example of tight throatlatch and low noseband which may restrict horse's breathing and comfort.



The browband helps keep the crown and cheeks in position. A browband of correct length lies neatly against the head and holds the crown just behind the ears. If too long, the browband gapes forward. If too short, the browband pulls the crown forward pinching the ears.

The throatlatch prevents the bridle from being pulled forward off the head should the horse catch it on anything. There is a greater chance of a driving horse pulling the bridle off than a riding horse because it can rub against the shafts, pole or a teammate. The throatlatch should allow approximately a finger width underneath. But be sure that the throatlatch is not tight enough to choke the horse when he flexes at the poll (as in motion) which enlarges the throat area.

The noseband may be supported by a carrier strap or by loops on the cheeks. The latter type is widely used and is less bulky, but allows less adjustment of the height of the noseband. In general the noseband is positioned about two finger widths below the bony cheek ridges.

The noseband serves to hold the horse's mouth closed on the bit which aids greatly in control and often enables the use of a milder bit. A horse which pulls, gapes its mouth or otherwise resists the bit, should be tried with a tighter noseband and, possibly, a milder bit, before resorting to a harsher bit. The horse may be objecting to poor reinsmanship on the part of the driver in which case proper rein contact is the solution. The condition of the horse's teeth should be checked, because sharp molars in need of floating can cause this problem and will lacerate the inner cheeks when the cheek is held close by the noseband.

The noseband is tightened by a buckle under the jaw. In some cases, particularly with the type that attaches to the cheeks, the noseband has been made so that it cannot be tightened enough to shut the horse's mouth. Correct this by replacing or modifying the noseband for a better fit rather than driving with a too loose adjustment because "that's as far as it goes."

The noseband which is secured to the cheekpieces also helps hold them close to the head preventing rear vision.

Various types of drop nosebands can be added to the driving bridle. The drop-type noseband can be effective for the horse which persists in opening its mouth, but can easily be overdone. A too tight and/or too low noseband is very uncomfortable for the horse and restricts air flow when the horse is breathing hard. These are best used when shown to improve the performance of a particular horse, not simply because they are in vogue with some drivers.

The keepers, those loops of leather through which the strap points are secured, prevent distracting flapping and add to the neat appearance. Decorative, rather than functional, bridle parts are the face drop and rosettes which dress up the bridle but are entirely optional.

Common problems with bridle fit are: blinders which rub the eye area; loose cheeks which bulge enabling the horse to see to the rear; a too loose throatlatch which allows the bridle to be pulled off; and a too loose noseband which allows bit evasion. By taking care to fit the bridle properly, the driver promotes safety and pleasant driving for man and horse.

Photos by Catherine Tyler.

D-273 SMOKE TREE HUEY LEWIS

By Amanda Williams

We purchased **Smoke Tree Huey Lewis** from Kathy Reese's Smoke Tree Stud in Dover, Arkansas in May 1987 when he was a yearling. He is by C-93 **Magic Ball of Penrhyn** out of D-2 (63034) ***Llanarth Morwen** who is by **Llanarth True Briton** (16751). He is a very handsome palomino roan with a white star and snip. He has a beautiful eye and his disposition is exceptional—he accepts most things at once without a fuss.

When we got him home, Huey settled in right away. We have 40 acres of pasture and he must have thought he was in horse heaven! He ate and ate and ate and grew and grew and grew. We thought he might get to be about 14.1 hh. at maturity, as he is by a Section C stallion. Huey, however, doesn't know this and he is already 14.2 hh. at 3 years old! He is a well-built chunky-type cob—what I think a cob should look like. He is a very comfortable ride, although he can be a little lazy, especially in our hot summers. When it's 98 degrees and almost 100% humidity, who can blame him! He has made a lot of friends here—he has been in our local fair parade and got quite a few admiring looks. People ask what he is. Most people around here don't know what a Welsh pony or cob should really look like.



Smoke Tree Huey Lewis

At home, he is a pleasure to have around—no trouble at all to trim his feet, clip his whiskers for show or whatever "crazy human things" we come up with. We used to have a kitten who would climb up on his corral and step over onto his neck and then settle down and sleep on his back! We took pictures but, of course, they didn't come out!

When I started riding Huey out on the dirt roads around our area, we had a lot of interesting sights to see. One of our neighbours keeps 13 beagles and hounds in his front yard and when we ride past we are greeted by a wave of frantically-barking beagles; fortunately Huey doesn't seem to mind this at all. We have also seen tractors, four-wheelers, cows and crazy mules in pastures alongside the road—that causes the most excitement I think!

In May, Huey went to his first ridden show, the Tulsa Area Pony Show. He had one first place and three 2nd places and also was Reserve High Point of the show. He also gained a lot of fans I think; one lady said he was just like a big teddy bear! This month we went to another show organized by the Oklahoma-Kansas Welsh Pony Society in Collinsville, Oklahoma where he was 1st in halter cob, 1st in cross-bar hunter (trot over the course), 1st in Trail, 1st in Lead Obstacle (like trail but led, not ridden), 3rd in English Equitation and 4th in Hunter Under Saddle. We had a really good day. Huey is such a pleasant animal to take out. Everyone likes him and he loves getting attention and admiration. I'll have to be careful it doesn't go to his head!

Next month we are entered at the Tulsa State Fair in Halter Ridden and may be Driving (if we are ready for it.) This will be his first "big" show under saddle so "fingers crossed!"

Huey is my first experience with Welsh cobs. I have ridden and shown Section A's and B's before in England where I'm from originally. He is certainly a good advertisement for his breed and I hope to take him out to many more shows, parades, etc. to show the world how great a Welsh cob is!

Balsuma Farm



Welsh Ponies and Cobs

We were undefeated in 1989 with 4 out of our 5 cobs. The 5th (a cob foal who only showed twice was 1st at one show and although 4th at his 2nd show he was still the highest placed cob foal in the class (2 & under C/D Cobs). We also won several Champions, Grand Champions and Supreme Championships. We proudly qualified 3 of our Cobs for the Supreme Championship Old Mill In Hand Competition to be held at The Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, Canada



*GLYNWYN ACROBAT

Synod Shergaer X Glynwyn Arbenning
(Not for sale)

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- 1st 2 and Under C Cob, Penn-MaryDel Welsh Pony & Cob Show
- 1st 2 & Under C Cob, New England Welsh Pony & Cob Show
- CHAMPION C COB, New England Welsh Pony & Cob Show
- 1st 2 & Under C/D Cob, Canadian Pony Breeders Show
- CHAMPION Overall Youngstock, Canadian Pony Breeders Show
- RESERVE CHAMPION, Best of Breed C/D Cob, Canadian Pony Breeders Show
- CHAMPION Old Mill In Hand Overall Youngstock, Canadian Pony Breeders Show
(Qualifier for the Supreme Champion Old Mill In Hand Competition)

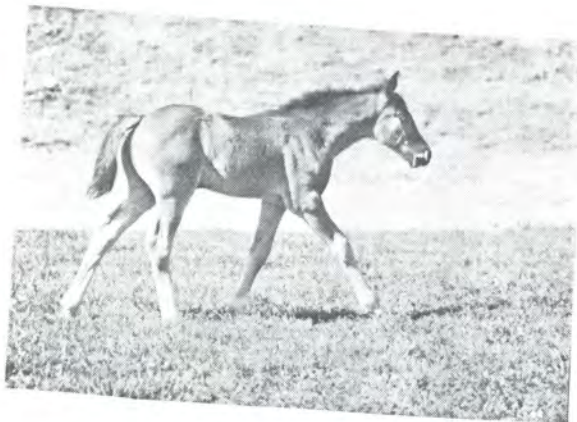
We just welcomed our newest import from Stephen & Gwen Heppenstalls' Glynwyn Stud—*GLYNWYN DELICIA (Persie Ramrod X Glynwyn Diamante) a weanling C filly undefeated in her homeland in Cob foal classes. We shipped her on KLM via Canada and shortly after her arrival in North America she placed 1st in the Cob foal class and was Res. Champion over all Foals at the Canadian National All Welsh Championships.

Congratulations to the Holcombe Family, North Fork Ranch, Florence, Oregon on the purchase of our prizewinning Section D Cob colt BALSUMA HIGHFLYER. He should give them a superb future in Cobs!

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Excerpt from the February-March issue of *Carriage Driving Magazine*
**SUCCESSFUL START FOR FIRST
WELSH NATIONAL FOAL SHOW**

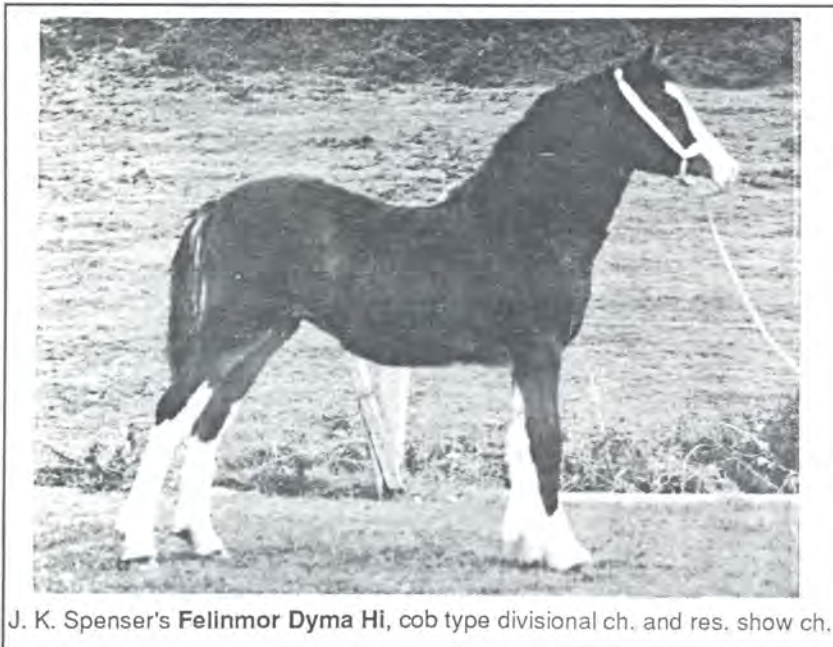
By Raymond Osborne Jones

The first Welsh National Foal Show, organised by the Brecon and Borders Welsh Pony and Cob Association, and held recently at the Royal Welsh Showground, got off to a flying start. This venue is fast become the Equestrian National Stadium of Wales.

All five divisions of the Welsh Stud Book were catered for, as well as Welsh riding ponies, which ensured something for every palate and probably explains its success.

More than 200 entries had been lured to the showground from a wide area of England and Wales. A combination of its central position and the prestige value of a possible win at the Nation Show of Wales was no doubt responsible. The success of this first show now ensures its survival due to a three year sponsorship deal with Spiller Horse Feeds. . . .

. . . Next came the much stronger Welsh Pony of Cob Type (Section C) classes, judged by Mr. Steve Everitt of the Meirioneth Stud. Being a striving enthusiast himself, it was no surprise to see him opt for the Nebo Brenin filly, Felinmor Dyma Hi, owned and bred by Mr. J. K. Spenser of Aberystwyth, winning her class on her showing debut.



J. K. Spenser's **Felinmor Dyma Hi**, cob type divisional ch. and res. show ch.

Lying second was another Nebo bred filly, Miss Elizabeth Jones' Tyngwndwn Brenhines, a daughter of their own Lloyds in-hand qualifier, Nebo Bouncer. Third was Mr. J. Davies' Parvadean Dahlia.

Mr. P. A. Cherry's Churchill Royal Frolic won the colt class, ahead of Mrs. Middleton's Cwm Dwyfran Bore Haf. Third stood Mr. and Mrs. McDonald of Gwent's Troed y Mynydd Tegwyn. But it was the flashy filly of Mr. J. K. Spenser that took the Sectional Championship from the colt.

Then came the Welsh Cob classes. Being the largest of the Mountain and Moorland breeds, they always cause a stir of excitement in the ring. The judge was Mr. Nelson Smith, of the well known Trevallion Stud.

The honour of standing head of a 20 strong filly class fell to Haigh Moor Rhian. This beautiful bay daughter of the well known Glanfyrynwy Flying King is a full sister to Haigh Moor Carys. She had fetched 1050 guineas at last October's

Builth Sale. In second place stood Mr. B. Hughes and Sons Cefncoch Princess, a daughter of Tynged Calon Lan, since exported to Germany where he is doing very well. Princess is a deep typey sort, reminiscent of so many of her illustrious bloodline. Third stood Mr. T. Lloyd's Llandsanffraed Heather from Abergavenny.

In the cob colt class, Mr. David Smith's big black son of Derwen Rosina's Last, Broughton Rhys, took preference to this year's Royal Welsh winner, Menai Sparkling Comet, owned by Peter Jones of the Menai Stud in Llandyssul. Third stood Mr. Ridman, of Kidderminster, with his Deheubarth Brenin.

It was indeed fitting that Miss Hilary Legard should have been invited to adjudicate the Welsh part bred section, as she has been a leading promoter of part bred for many years, and it is always very nice to know that someone's efforts haven't gone altogether unnoticed. . . . In the mixed over 13.2 hands at maturity class, it was no wonder that it was the Welsh Cob crosses that appealed to the judge, as Crockford and Smith's Rhosyn y Mynydd won from Mrs. Farman's Miss Tiger Lily. Third lay Miss Gillian Jones' Duhonw Garth.

. . . This type of show is rather a novelty to us in Wales, but long may it continue, as it gives exhibitors, breeders and spectators alike a taste of what lies in store for the forthcoming season.

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MAIROLD CROES FFAIR, filly foaled 5/7/89 out of Half Welsh mare, Circle of Stars by *Leyeswick Brenin, Section D. Bay, blaze, 1 hind sock. Contact Stephanie Abronson, 543 Cold Canyon Rd., Calabasas, CA 91302 818-704-6344.

MAIROLD FFAVOR, filly foaled 5/26/89 out of Sec. B Welsh mare, Glan Nant Secret by *Leyeswick Brenin, Section D. Bay, blaze, 4 socks. Contact Stephanie Abronson, 543 Cold Canyon Rd., Calabasas, CA 91302 818-704-6344.

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CORRECTIONS

Please make the following changes to your 1989 Directory of Welsh Cobs in North America:

Add the mare **CWMFELEN RHIANNON** (Trevallion Royal Consort x Penlon Iris). Rhiannon is owned by Hilary Tolhurst.

LYNTON LANCELOT [D5564] 1984 bay (*Parc Dilwyn x *Talley Rosina) has been gelded.

Apologies to Carol Holcombe, North Fork Ranch. We've mangled her lovely colt's name in two different printings. The correct name of her colt is **NORTH FORK'S NOBLE SQUIRE** (*Llanarth Trustful x Hastening Mirage). The Directory has this 1988 youngster listed as **NORTHFORK ROYAL FLYER**, while the Spring '89 photo, p. 6, incorrectly names him as **NORTH FORK'S ROYAL SQUIRE**.

When submitting updates and corrections, please write legibly, include the animal's name, sire and dam and owner. If you send notification of a foal just being registered for the first time, or an imported cob, which is not already included in the Directory, include a description of color and age.

COBS FOR SALE - continued

COBLYNAU CERRIDWEN (*Derwen Reality x Dyfnog Valiant Vixen) 2 year old chestnut mare. Star, white on left hind pastern, fetlock.

COBLYNAU CARMARTHEN, full brother to Coblynau Cerridwen. Chestnut with small star. Born April 25, 1989. Both cobs are excellent movers and have been shown on line. Very good natured and smart, either one of these cobs would make a good driving and/or riding animal. For more information contact Keith Parsons, R.R. #4, Tottenham, Ontario L0G 1W0, 416-936-3125

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 19-21: Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America, Annual General Meeting, Sacramento, California

October 29, 1989: Second Welsh National Foal Show, sponsored by Spillers Horse Feeds Ltd. to be held at The Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells commencing at 10:30 a.m. Classes: Welsh A, B, C, D, Part Bred, and Riding Ponies. For schedules apply to Miss Sarah Edwards, Foesidoes, Cascob, Presteigne, Powys. Telephone: 05476 215.

November 17: Welsh Show at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, The Coliseum, Exhibition Place, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M6K 3C3, Telephone: 416-393-6400, Facsimile: 416-393-6488

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We haven't moved far, but it's in another world. As soon as you turn off Avondale Road onto Novelty Hill Road, heading east, you realize you have left suburbia and are back into small-farm country. Over Union Hill, down the other side and across the Snoqualmie River, dairy farms all around, you head up the hill on the other side. You are there, quickly and easily. Come see us. Pony and Cob friends are always welcome and we have plenty of room. Mares visiting Braint and Top Hat are also welcome and we have more room for them here, too.

We are really tickled with the foals Braint has been getting. Barbara Wynn's youngsters, Wynsom Magnificent Obsession ("Magnum", chestnut yearling) and Wynsom Magnificent Impression ("Maggie", black weanling filly) out of Wynsom Finally a Filly have been picking up prizes at shows and fairs in Oregon. Meanwhile, back at the farm, Catrina, our Captain Cat daughter, has produced a nifty C filly and a really outstanding colt for us, both of them black-bay like herself.

We're getting settled in, but there are a lot of jobs ahead of us, like tearing out the old fences and putting in new, remodeling the barn, and renovating the neglected pastures, so there will not be any additions to the Welsh population in the near future. We plan to breed Brynarian Morwena (*Llanarth Maldwyn ap Braint x *Llanarth Lady Valerie) in the spring for our first home-bred D. And, just hoping, there may be a little time for Cob riding and driving in between the chores.

Avondale Farm

Welsh Ponies and Cobs



BRYNARIAN BRAINT AP MALDWYN
by *Llanarth Maldwyn ap Braint
out of *Llanarth Dilys by Llanarth True Briton
Four-year old chestnut Welsh Cob (D) Stallion



TRANSFERS

[R-179] ASHTON CLEMENTINE, 1988 Half-Welsh mare (Ashton Cadfarch ap Math x Gabelle, TB) Sold February 28, 1989 by Jack & Pat Gammon to Christine Pancino, RR 4, Oro Station, Ontario NOM 1P0

C-348 BAY RIDGE WINDMAR MICAH, gelding. Sold May 6, 1988 by Rosemarie Longstreet to Kim Leslie, P.O. Box 176, Fiskdale, Massachusetts 01518

[D6121] BRYNARIAN AERONWY, 1987 bay mare (Llanarth Maldwyn ap Braint x Llanarth Lady Valerie. Sold 1988 by Thomas I. Davies to Kristin Dornan, 4041 Bills Road, RR 3, Duncan, British Columbia V9L 2X1

[D6120] BRYNARIAN BLEDDYN, 1987 bay stallion (Llanarth Maldwyn ap Braint x Llanarth Dilys) Sold 1988 by Thomas I. Davies to Leona Frayling, 4041 Bills Road, RR 3, Duncan, British Columbia V9L 2X1

[R-2] BRYNARIAN RHONA, 1980 Half-Welsh mare (Llanarth Maldwyn ap Braint x Juan Awin, TB) Sold October 9, 1988 by Barbara Grundy to Vanessa Johnson, Box 587, Logan Lake, British Columbia V0K 1W0

[R-511] CWMFELEN EASTER RHAPSODY, 1984 mare (Hafael Brenin x Monotype, TB, CH) Sold December 15, 1988 by Mrs. Jean Watson to Lori Crain, 551 St. Andrew Street, Fergus, Ontario LON 1S0

D-15 HEATHWOOD ROYALE, 1978 grey roan mare (*Derwen Rebound x Plum Creeks Playgirl, B) Sold February 7, 1987 by Stewart J. Rodal to Bonnie & Christine Marturano, 21 Main Street, Branchport, New York 14418

[C6320] KELLY ACRES DESERT DUST, 1988 stallion (Brynarian Eiddwen Comet x Kelly Acres Dusty, A) Sold April 10, 1989 by J. Boyd Wilson to Carl & Dena Marino, Box 126, Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 3Y3

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D-300 MADOC PRINCESS ANNE, 1987 palomino mare (*Kentchurch Chime x *Trevallion Lady Diana) Sold June 28, 1989 by Mary Alice Williams to David & Jacquie Moore, 13221 Springhetti Road, Snohomish, WA 98290

[R-174] SABRINA ASHTON, 1987 mare (Ashton Cadfarch ap Math x Mandy) Sold February 4, 1989 by Mrs. Tracey Campbell to Sally Noonan, Box 7, Ashton, Ontario KOA 1B0

[D5915] WHITE-GATE DANCER, 1986 chestnut stallion (*Crossroads Replica x Cen-y-Cerrig y Penrhyn) Sold December 3, 1988 by Neil Ferguson & Barbara Brown to Dr. A. Douglas Stewart, Box 1289, RR 4, Sussex, New Brunswick EOE 1P0

C-215 WINDCREST BAYBERRY, 1984 bay roan mare (*Dafydd y Brenin Cymraeg x GlanNant Saga, B) Sold August 5, 1989 by Carlene Sharples to Jill Stryffeler-Crosser, 36359 Kelch Road, Lisbon, Ohio 44432

D-152 WINDCREST MOONSHADOW, 1984 black mare (*Okeden Sensation x Ardmore Huntress, B) Sold July 5, 1989 by Carlene Sharples to Douglas & Billie & Earl Stark, RFD 4 Box 75, West Brattleboro, Vermont 05301

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