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NESHIPES NEWS



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The summer is upon us again, the midgies are out, and the calendar is filling up surprisingly quickly! We have had a mixed start to our 2007 events - unfortunately we had to postpone the working hunter clinic due to a number of factors. It is our intention to run a similar event at a later date, but we would like your input as to what the day should involve.

Following this and after a great deal of discussion we have drawn up a questionnaire for you all to fill in and included it with this edition. As a committee we are committed to organising what the membership feels to be important and worthwhile. We are also aware that we have a great squad of new members this year - we want to make you feel at home! So this is your chance to put your views to the committee. What would you like to get out of your membership and what do you think we are doing well?!

Our lottery grant application is still being processed but we believe we may hear some news around 5th June. Fingers crossed and we will give you news as soon as we have it!

We are always very keen to have members contributing to the newsletter, so for a bit of a change we are asking members to volunteer for "stud focus". No matter what size of stud you have we would like to include a small feature on you, your ponies and what you do. If you would like to start the ball rolling please get in touch!

This will be the last newsletter for those not renewing their membership. If you would still like to receive our newsletters and be part of a growing club please complete the enclosed membership form and return it asap!

Quiz Night - 19th April

Members, friends and family joined together at The Newmachar Hotel for a night of fine stovies and a bit of mind boggling! Michael and Sheila Chapleo and Martyn Adams were our quiz masters and presented an extremely slick and sometimes mind-boggling selection of questions. Questions ranged from naming parts of the hoof to naming Big Brother contestants and TV detectives!

As ever there was a great deal of hilarity, banter and arguing (some was even light-hearted!!) amongst teams and I think I can say that everyone had a great evening - didn't you??!

"Clueless" snatched victory thanks to a good sports round (I will never forget Ally McCoist's middle name again!!). A rather large contingent of Dyce lassies picked up the booby prizes proving that size doesn't matter!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the night and brought along some great raffle prizes. This evening really does have the scope to be much bigger so lets hope everyone turns out in force in 2008 to tackle questions from the Shepherd and Stewart clans!

Events for 2007

Annual BBQ - 16 June

Aberdeen Highland Pony Show - 26 August

Fun Day - 16 September

Awards Dinner - 23 November



TBC

Ride out and BBQ

Day away

Performance/clinic day



ANNUAL BBQ - SATURDAY 16 JUNE 2007

**EAST FIFTY STUD,
FYVIE, ABS3 BRS
6.30PM ONWARDS**

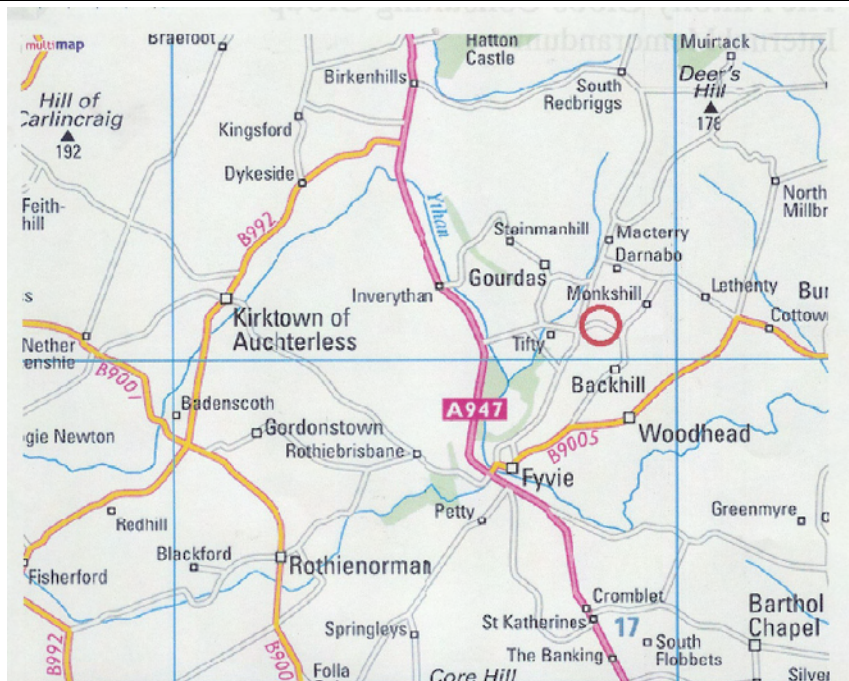
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**INCLUDING COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF WINE.
FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE MORE THAN WELCOME.**

This year Martyn and Katrina Adams have kindly invited NESHPEs to their stud!

We hope all members will take this opportunity to meet old friends and new and enjoy a night of socialising and fun without ponies!

PLEASE CONTACT SUSIE BY TUESDAY 12 JUNE TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACE TO ALLOW US TO CATER ACCORDINGLY.



For more
directions
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contact Hugh!

Aberdeen Highland Pony Show, 26 August 2007, Duthie Park, Aberdeen

We are delighted to be returning to the Duthie Park for the 2007 show. Our premier show continues to go from strength to strength and is now one of the most looked forward to dates on the Highland Pony calendar.

Whether you are a seasoned show-er or just fancy having a go, you will be made more than welcome at the show.

Entry forms, posters and sponsorship packs are available on our website or from Karen.

Sponsorship and advertising are really important and allow the show to continue to grow, so please approach as many people as you can to support this special show.

Now ... one last favour! The show absolutely eats up **helpers and stewards** so if you could spare even an hour of your time we would be very very thankful -

you will be fed and get a wee bottle to say thanks!

Don't worry if you have never stewarded before - we will explain everything!

Your 2007 committee

Joining Hugh, Heather, Karen, Lesley, Angela and myself this year is Amy Sylvester-Evans.

Amy is a relatively new member of the club but is looking forward to being part of the team!!

Here is a small introduction to us all for those of you who dont know us...

Hugh Duncan is in his second year as **Chairman**. Hugh started in Highlands in the 1960s and has been very enthusiastic about them ever since. Hugh has the Craignetherty Stud and has taken a keen interest in breed lines and has focused on producing ponies of a high breed standard. In his "spare" time Hugh is a Special Constable so you can be assured that all our events are expertly policed!!!

Heather Duncan is in her second year as **Vice-chair**. Heather has had Highlands for 19 years and wouldn't have anything else! She currently owns 4 Highlands and competes regularly in dressage and endurance

Karen Stewart is one of the club's original founding members, and was the club's first secretary. Now acting as **show secretary** Karen has been involved with the club in one way or another for the last 25 years. Involved with horses from an early age, Karen came into Highlands in the 80s via her husband Robin, when he gifted her a Highland foal Karen of Arbeadie, who went on to become one of the founding mares of their Arbeadie, Coulnacraig and West Lodge studs, now based at Durriss. In her "spare" time Karen works for Benfield Corporate Risk, looking after the insurance needs of the Exploration and Production side of the oil industry.

Angela Cresdee is currently embarking on her second year on the committee. She currently works as a business development executive for an international freight forwarding company in her "spare" time! She enjoys competing in many disciplines with her Highland - Falcon of Forglen - who she has had for the past 8 years. Although he is now 11, Angela says he still acts like he is 3 but she wouldn't change him for the world!

Lesley Carnegie first became interested in Highlands while riding Peter on west coast holidays as a teenager. It took more than 20 years for her to find her first Highland - Purple Heather of Craignetherty - who has since been joined by her son Hunter MacLeod of Raedykes and more recently Faibhle of Kirkcarrion. Lesley is looking forward to an interesting summer backing and bringing on Fay and hopefully introducing Donnie to the joys of showing! Lesley has worked at The Robert Gordon University for 18 years, and is currently based in the Centre for Student Access.

Amy Sylvester-Evans is the newest addition to our committee. She has her own business - Grampian Saddlery Workshop, just outside Inverurie. She got into Highlands following a school trip to Balmoral after which she refused to leave! She bought her first Highland - McKenzie of Gargunnoch - from a local riding centre and converted many friends to the breed - including her sister who now has her own in London! She now has Newton Crown and a 16.3hh Warmblood. Newts and Amy have competed in dressage, show jumping, working hunter, showing and western before suffering a stifle injury. Amy is confident that he will be back in work in 2008!

and then there is me.....

Well as you know I am **Susie Shepherd** and I am the NESHPEs **secretary**. My first pony was a rather opinionated Highland who introduced me to being dumped in the forest and stranded on the beach!

Unfortunately he suffered from arthritis and eventually had to take life at a bit slower pace! At this point I switched natives for my next pony and 10 years on I still have Harry! Harry is a welsh cob, with who I compete regularly. My interest in Highlands continued when I moved Harry to Stablesbrae and started to help Karen and Robin Stewart with their rabble! In my "spare" time I am a PR account executive at Mackenzie PR in Aberdeen - telling the world how great my clients are!!! However it's certainly nothing like "Absolutely Fabulous" I can tell you!

We promise to have a lovely mug shot for the next newsletter so you can track us all down at competitions and come and introduce yourselves!

Donnie's Naughty Corner!!

Weel, I dinna believe this, but the human's sent me here AGAIN – imagine! I thoct I'd been affa good recently, but I dinna think she agrees!

I ken noo fit 'castrated' means – I tell ye, I widna want that to happen again! This wifie appeared and called me an affa fine boy, then stabbed me in the neck wi something sair and spiky. I felt rite sleepy after that, and they guddled aboot ma underneath and pulled oot two wee white things the dogs were affa interested in.

I dinna feel like playing jumpies so much noo – it was a bittie sair, so I'll no bother with that game ony mair. I still like wheelies and bities though, and Fay showed me a new game which is rite good fun.

Fay says watter shouldna come in big tubs, it should run through yer field in a 'rivver' (fitivver that means, she's a bit saft in the heid sometimes that yin). Tae mak the tubs mair like a rivver, ye plonk yer feet in them and have a good splosh aboot till it gings a' fine and muddy. Thing is, it disna taste affa fine after that, so I've added my ain new bit tae the game.

Fit ye dee is splosh and splosh till there's nae much watter left, then ye can tip the hale tub ower and chase it roond the field. Best of all, if ye can shoogle it about till it's upside down, ye can give it a rite good batter wi baith front feet. If ye dee it hard enough, it makes a fine cracking sound and fa's apart.

I dinna think the humans like the game as much as I do – the wifie maks screching sounds, and the mannie ca's me a 'wee booger' – fitivver that is. But then they go and get mair tubs and fill them up with fine clean watter, so I can start the game all over again! I think they really want me tae keep playing it, so I will if it keeps them happy.

The wifie's been muttering again recently (she dis that a lot) about 'weaning' me – fitivver that is. She said 'As soon as that field's fenced properly, you'll be going in with Chook and Leeyo, and that'll sort you out me laddo'. I think she's jist havering nonsense, but I'll let you ken fit she's on aboot next time I spik tae you all.

Bye for noo!



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