

# NESHPE S NEWS



February 2010

Firstly thank you to everyone who ventured out on yet another wintery night to attend the AGM. We are happy to welcome Jill Munro, Lesley Ritchie and Jenny Shepherd to the NESHPE S team. The three recruits will be introduced to you in the next newsletter but I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to the team and letting them know about all your ideas for the Club.

You will find with this newsletter a membership form, schedule for the spring performance show on Sunday 18 April and the 2010 score sheets for the annual awards. If you have any questions please get in touch.

Below you will see a list of what the committee are aiming to organise this year. Please let us know if you are interested in attending the 'have a go day' in September, as interest will determine whether this can go ahead, and the fast approaching quiz night.

The quiz night is suitable for all friends and family with all subjects catered for - remember to bring your raffle!!

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## **Dates for your diary!!!**

**Quiz Night - Friday 26 March**, The Kintore Arms, Inverurie. 7.30pm start

Teams of 4 - £5 per person, including half time snacks. Remember your raffle!!  
**RSVP Susie by 19 March.**

**Spring Performance Show - Sunday 18 April**, Fountain Equestrian Centre, Dyce.  
Schedule enclosed.

**Stock Judging training** - Contact Susie asap if you are interested in being part of 'Team NESHPE S' for the event at the Royal Highland Show on Friday 25 June.

**Aberdeen Highland Pony Show - Sunday 29 August**, Duthie Park, Aberdeen.

**'Have a go day' - Sunday 12 September**, Tahuna Equestrian

Have a go over cross country jumps in small fun groups, then enjoy a picnic lunch before taking to the beach for an invigorating ride! Cost around £15 per pony depending on numbers. **Please get in touch to register your interest.**

**Annual awards dinner - Friday 19 November** - The Barn and Bushal, Inverurie.

We are also working on holding a picnic ride, information/instructional day and social evening - details to follow.

***Donnies Corner ..... "Aye aye a'body, Donnie here again!"***

Michty, I've been busy recently, loads has been happening in the past few wiks, where do I start?

Jist afore Christmas I saw the wifie bring Old Chook and Old Leeyo intae the wee pen outside the hoose. Leeyo hid hid an affa sore leg, and Mum said she'd seen him fall down and tak ages tae get up again the night afore. Onywey, I dinna ken whit happened, but Leeyo nivver came back oot o' the pen, and the wifie wis making funny noises and the mannie wis patting her, and then they came and got me and pit me back in the big field wi scary Chook!

He was affa quiet, and after a few minties of me going 'babababababa' at him, I realised he wisna going to chase and bite me, phew! Any time I went up to him, he jist walked away from me, so I reckoned he realised that I wis the big boss pony noo, and he wid dee whit I telt him – magic! I tried tae spik to him, but he wis wittering on that he'd jist lost his pal o' 10 years and didna really want to speak or onything and that I should jist bog off and leave him alone.

Get this - he wis getting fed twice a day, and he gets all sorts of fine things tae eat, nae like me! Mine wis the usual boring chaff and water, so I decided tae try Chooks, and since I was the new boss he jist walked aff and let me eat his tea!! I got mine as well, brilliant!! The wifie looked at me and said 'just you wait Monster, just you wait...'

You'll nivver believe this, but after a couple o' days he started tae bite me – and me the boss!! I gave him a rite good boot in the chest, but he chased after me wi' his big scary teeth and he grabbed me by the neck and said 'Do you feel lucky today, punk? Well do you?' I hivna the faintest idea whit he wis on about, but I got the message and said 'Okay, I'll let you be boss for a while, bababababa' and that wis me back to the chaff and water.

Onywey, as well as Chook, there wis a pile o' wee white sheeps in the field – 'last year's scraggy lambs' according to the mannie. Nae satisfied wi' all the grass they had (hidden under the snow, right enough, but they have sharp wee feeties and can easy get through), they were eating oor hay, can ye imagine!! They widna tak a telling, so I hid to twirl roond and roond and kick oot wi my legs tae get them aff my food. Needless to say the wifie wis shouting at them going 'get out of that, it's nae just for you, greedy beggar, leave the poor wee starvings alone'. Well, I assume it was the lambs she was shouting at...She stomps up to me going 'Right Donnie, I can't have you massacring the pet lambs, back in with your Mum and Auntie' and that wis it!!

I still have a news wi Chook ivry day over the fence, and I tell ye, that blumming hoppy lamb is back in that field with 5 of it's smelly wee greedy relatives and Chook disna mind them at all, he even lets them eat his hay and share his shed and ivrything and calls them his wee pals! Sick in the head that Chook, sick in the head.

See ye soon! Donnie



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