

THE BAY WINDOW

Cleveland Bay Horse Society Newsletter—Summer 2010
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At last our Spring/Summer edition of the CBHS newsletter is ready. It has been revised so many times I doubted that it would ever go to print! By now we hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather whilst watching all of the 2010 foals arrive and grow.

During April we went live with the new website and although it is still early days we are enjoying an increasing number of hits.

If you have not already done so please do log on to the Members area and update your details. We hope to capture email addresses for all members which will enable us to transmit information by email thus saving time and postage costs.



Anyone who needs help to log on for the first time can telephone Sandra at the office on 01423 546168 between 1pm and 4pm Mon—Fri.

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We also have a new range of CBHS clothing available for sale, purchases can be made directly from the website or by calling the office.



Thanks to our models Vicky, Sally and Katy plus Max the dog!

Midsummer Report

Sandra Bryson has now settled into the job as though she had been in the post for several years. Having to deal with Danny and myself on a weekly basis she probably feels that way too. However she has been a large part of the success of the Harrogate office.

We have now been in the new office for 8 months and the move has been a tremendous success. All computer systems and office management systems have been transferred without any major problems with the added bonus of doing the accounts real time on the computer. We had planned to move the stored archives from York in the summer, however this is now already completed leaving only the rubbish to be removed. Thanks to Steve Pullan and his band of merry helpers.

We have now got the website up and running and it has been a huge success thanks largely to Norma Wilson. However I would encourage everyone both old and young to use the forum as a means of communicating amongst ourselves and attracting new members. This is a fantastic opportunity to have your views and news known. This can range from light-hearted topics to addressing more serious issues within the CBHS.

Many of us now have foals on the ground and are preparing for the show season. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all those members who have not yet entered a show to do so, so that we can show the breed off to as wide an audience as possible. This may give Sue Bulmer a problem when it comes to awards at the end of the year but what a problem to have!!!

Recently we have seen the passing of Sheila Fenwick and Margaret Raikes-May both of who have left a lasting impression on the Society. We wish their families all the best for the coming year.

As I write this James Stephenson is in hospital having a hip replacement and no doubt this will keep him in the driving position at the York Livestock Centre for a few more years to come. We wish him a speedy recovery.

I would like to remind all members that anyone wishing to become a member of Council should apply by July 31st. This is to ensure that postal voting can take place in the event that we have more applicants than vacancies. As you may know the positions are for 3 years and there are 6 vacancies. Danny and I as senior citizens do not see ourselves as the future of the Society so would like to see younger new blood join the Council. If you are available "don't hide your light under a bushel" **APPLY NOW**. Please contact Sandra Bryson if you require an application form.

Once again let me encourage you to use the Forum on the website to ensure your news and views are heard. Good health to everyone.

David Anderson Chairman

NEW LOGO

We were asked to look at modernising the Society logo and make it easier for the general public to recognise and understand. Steve Donnelly took on this task and created the following:



This logo now appears on our new range of merchandise and will be phased in as practicable on all paperwork.

Royal Visit to Yorkshire

On 20th of May 2010, HRH The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh visited the newly opened Open Air Theatre in Scarborough. They then moved on to the Hare's Leap Farm Shop in Burniston, then to Town Farm for coffee with Duchy tenants and local councillors. Following refreshments the royal party moved to the Blacksmith's shop to see Cleveland Bay—Buckskin Bay (Buck for short) being shod. They then progressed to the Blacksmith's Arms for lunch with local councillors and farm tenants, and finally to Ripley's Farm to view some of the stock kept there.

With the royal party observing Buck was shod by Damian Readman. Buck is owned and hunted with the Staintondale by Dawn Readman (Damian's mother). He is by Masterful Jack out of Gilly Dimmock's mare Caprice. In true Cleveland fashion Buck behaved impeccably.



Royal Party observing Buck

Success Stories



17year old Samantha Thurman-Baker and her half bred Cleveland Bay Spring Pascal won the Petplan Prix St George Area Festival Championship held in April. This pair are enjoying a very successful season.

The late Sheila Fenwick's part bred Baydale Venus took the HOYS 2009 Hack of the Year title.

Jane Moore's Poppy's Moon took championship honours in the Sport Horse Section at the Yorkshire Sport Horse Show then went on to head the hunter mare class.

Nigel and Sue Cowgill's part bred Hawlmark Classic Twilight took the youngstock championship and the overall hunter title at the same show.

Derby County Show on 27th June was a successful event for many Cleveland Bays. The part bred filly Jaguar Moon was placed second in the Yearling Hunter class and Knaresborough Moon Dust, handled by Jodie Hooks, won the Three year old Hunter Breeding class and then went on to be awarded the Hunter Breeding Championship taking the Sudbury Cup to Yorkshire.

Two daughters of Knaresborough Moonbeam also attracted some favourable attention for the breed. There were two Cleveland Bay classes which were open to both pure and part bred horses, judged by Mrs Ann Burrington. Natter Jack Toad travelled from Dorset to take the Ridden title and Championship with Knaresborough Moon Dust winning the In Hand section and Reserve Championship.

Please keep the news coming in!

A Bay Tale

An account of a journey into the world of CBs!

I learned to ride in the 1950's in the little village of Llanwrtyd Wells, in Wales. It was a great Pony Trekking Centre and on the first day of the season each year, the trek was led out by the Olympic Showjumper – Foxhunter. To lay a hand on such a celebrity was a great thrill for a little girl.

Although I rode in many parts of the world during the next 50 years, I did not own my own horse until 1995, by which time I had been married for 25 years. In 1994, I saw an advertisement for carriage driving lessons and decided to give it a try. My tutor, Haydn Webb was manager at Foxhill Stables, Reading. The biggest film yard in the country they owned more than 40 driving horses and ponies and 400 vehicles, including the Gold Coach made for the film 'The Slipper and the Rose', the sleigh built for Tales of Narnia (BBC) and the Shetland pony hearse used in Allo Allo.

I learned to drive on the road in a Norfolk Cart with a horse called Shadrack (both he and the cart appeared in the opening episode of 'A Dance to the Music of Time' (Ch4).

I loved the horse so much that I bought him for ride and drive. I still have him – he is now 31 years old – and this morning we took Beamish Rosemary out on the leading rein for some traffic, cow and bird proofing.

In September, 1996 I attended Newbury Show (that year Foxhill put on a pageant with horses and vehicles from every period from Elizabethan to present day). At that show a horse stopped me in my tracks – a Cleveland BayxTB – I was now sure my horse was a CB part-bred and so started my interest in the breed.

In 1997 we moved to Scotland and my husband took up riding for the first time. When we decided it was time for him to have his own horse it had to be a Cleveland Bay. Carriage Driving magazine published an article on the CB and I was already in love with the stallion Borderfame Prince Charming.

We spotted a CB for sale in the local free ads – the horse was very old and not registered. The vendor said he was by Mulgrave Royal out of Blackhall Lady Zara. I was put in touch with the late Derek Martindale and the horse checked out – there were a number of CB's in Scotland who had never been registered. Sadly the horse did not pass his vetting but his temperament was FANTASTIC.

So we looked at the CBHS website and found two mares for sale – one by BPC and one by Mulgrave Royal. As a bonus they were both small – which is what we wanted – not more than 16hh max. So we went shopping for a Cleveland Bay and bought TWO as you do!!!

France

We loved France and had holidayed here for 30 years, so we decided to look for a small farm for our retirement. Friends in Scotland had also recently bought a farm in France in the Loire. We decided to look around this area. Amazingly the week before

we left for our short holiday – this farm was advertised in Horse and Hound. It must have been fate because they rarely have properties in this part of France. We viewed on the Saturday, again on the Tuesday and bought it.

We could not walk away from 32 acres of good grazing and 15 loose boxes.

During my time in Reading a farmer friend of mine acquired a stunning middle weight hunter, when I asked what it was he replied 'You won't believe it but the dam was a Percheron and the sire an Arab. They have tall Arabians in France.'

Shagya Arabs

So whilst I was investigating the Cleveland Bay – I was also searching for a tall Arabian. I discovered the tallest was the Shagya, standing at 15.2h-16.00hh. My husband had to make a business trip to Hungary and I went with him – when business was dealt with we spent a weekend at Babolna. This is the foundation stud for the breed and is a state run National Stud. It was a wonderful weekend, we were able to ride the horses and take a carriage drive – they are great harness horses!!!

I felt that the ShagyaCB would be even nicer than the Percheron/Arab cross I so admired. Prior to leaving for France we had tried (with AI) to put Acorn (Mulgrave Royal) in foal to one of the best stallions at Babolna – Paris. This was not successful.

After our move we purchased two Shagya mares from Babolna (one by Paris) and sent Acorn and one mare to stud in France. Again Acorn failed to conceive and was due a return covering in 2009.

Our plans for 2009 were that Acorn would return to the Shagya stallion in France and we would cover Stoneridge Merindah Jundah with Afondale Highlander. At the last minute I changed my mind. Highlander is a big chap and Merindah only 15.2hh very light and a 12 year old maiden. It was a good decision.

Our Filly Foal

We sent one Shagya mare and Merindah to stud last March and although the stud owner said it was 'too early', they were both successfully covered and in foal a week after their arrival. The summer of 2009 was long and hot so we were pleased to get them home again quickly. Merindah's covering date was 29th March and our Arab mare Gazal was three days later.

Gazal had a trouble free foaling in March and produced a lovely filly foal. Merindah kept us waiting and waiting. She finally foaled on 3rd April, early on Easter Saturday.

She was very distressed and exhausted so we called the local vet. He came and checked her and the placenta and gave her anti-biotics. We concentrated on getting the baby to feed – a little difficult as Merindah had not bagged up and baby was having trouble latching on.

I then noticed that Merindah was distressed again, her muzzle and throat were swollen and she was having difficulty breathing. Classic anaphylactic shock. Vet came out again and gave her hydrocortisone and put her on saline and glucose – litres of it. She was much improved by the morning.

Over the next 24 hours we noticed she seemed in pain when the foal suckled – I put this down to uterine contractions – anyone who has ever breast fed a baby will know!!

However, 'knowing' your mare is important and we were still concerned about her. On Monday we called in a specialist stud vet– expensive – as she came from a long way a way. Merindah had a massive haemotoma in the uterus and so I had to inject her with a cocktail of drugs for the next five days.

As I write she is now much improved, enjoying lovely grazing and so proud of her little cutie.

And now for the filly – she is very pretty – more so than the Arab – she has CB conformation this is very apparent when looking at both fillies. Short cannon bones, what will be a nice shoulder and broad chest and much longer from stifle to hock than the Shagya filly.

All our horses have a literary name and she will be called Aurora Leigh (Elizabeth Narret Browning) our pure bred filly is called Little Dorrit. I am convinced she will be a real head turner – a pity that although she is British Bred – she won't be able to compete at Futurity in the UK as she was born in France!!!

Zoe Woods



Aurora pictured at 3 weeks.

Thank you Zoe for sharing your experience.

Our next Bay Tale will feature an article by Lorraine Chapman, if you would like to share an experience please let me know by email or telephone.

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Dates for your Diary:

Festival of the Horse, Stoneleigh, 9th-11th July.
Cleveland Bay classes Friday 9th.

Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate, 13th-15th July.
Cleveland Bay classes Tuesday 13th.

AGM, Harrogate: Saturday 30th October 2010.

Applications to be elected to Council—these must be received at the office by no later than 31st July 2010 to allow time to organise a postal vote if necessary. There are currently six vacancies. Application forms are available from the office—please call Sandra on 01423 546168 or email info@clevelandbays.co.uk

Please remember this is **your** Society and it needs your help and support.

Passports—Since the law changed in July 2009 it is now an offence to own a horse which does not have a passport. All new passport applications must be completed by a Vet and the animal must be microchipped. Foals born in 2010 must be microchipped and have a passport before they are six months of age. Please get your applications in as soon as possible—do not leave it until the last day as this results in a backlog in the office. Anyone who needs help in completing the forms or is not sure of the procedure can call Sandra on 01423 546168 and she will help and support you through the process. All forms are available to download from the website, payment can be made on line using a card or Paypal.

In the last Bay Window I included a lighthearted competition to name the Bay Tail. I thank the four members who sent in entries, unfortunately they were all incorrect. The tail belongs to Leslie Kelton's Holmside Nevada who was pictured at Sussex County Show.

Your question for this edition is:

Name this Cleveland Bay



*Entries by phone or email by 31st August 2010 please.
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Don't forget to let me have your news and views!*