

**BRIGHTWELLS FAYRE OAKS SALE,
Royal Welsh Showground 26, 27 September 2009**

403 Welsh mountain ponies section A, Welsh ponies section B and Welsh part-bred ponies were sold at the 56th Brightwells Fayre Oaks Sale for a Sale total of £297,550. The average price of £738 was almost identical with last year's, down from the all-time high of £960 in 2006 but almost double the £418 average of ten years ago.

64 ponies were sold for export, 39 to Holland, 8 to Germany, 6 to France, 5 to Spain, 2 to Norway and 1 each to Finland, Denmark, Ireland and the USA.

Top of the Sale at £9,200 was the brilliant twelve-year-old section A stallion Lacy Buzbee consigned by Shan Jones of the Islyn Stud, where Buzbee has been since he was bought from his breeder Colin Tibbey as a foal. Buzbee, who is noted for his spectacular ground-covering action has won many supreme championships in the show ring, but now with the Islyn Stud full of his multi-champion daughters, it was thought time to let someone else benefit from his services and continue with show ring successes. Buzbee is sired by Blackhill Picalo, bred by the Powell family of Craswall on the Welsh border and he also sired last year's Horse of the Year Show Cuddy supreme champion Pinewell Bucks Fizz. Buzbee has certainly gone to an expert showing home, the Idyllic Stud of Mark and Liz Kilbey whose 2005 and this year's Royal Welsh champions Idyllic Fonteyn and Springlane Pebbles are amongst the breed's best movers of all times.



Top of the Sale Lacy Buzbee
(Photo by Goytre Photographic)

Edwina Waller's seven-year-old ridden section A gelding Delami D'Artagnon, already qualified for the Horse Of The Year Show and best ridden section A at the Royal International sold for £8,000 to Iona Watkin Jones of Swn-y-Mor, Caernarfon. He is of similar breeding to the Idyllic ponies, his sire Pendock Legend is sire of Idyllic Fonteyn and his grand-sire Taliaris Granite is sire also of Springlane Pebbles.

Two section A grey mares then shared the next-highest position at £6,500, the thirteen-year-old Heathside Honey Bee, daughter of Pendock Legend and the eight-year-old Dryfe Sibrwd-y-Gwynt which Colin Tibbey acquired as a foal and she has been with him ever

since. Honey Bee was purchased by David Hodge of Okehampton who had bought another Pendock Legend daughter Idyllic Tallulah for £3,600 on last year's Sale and is one of the biggest breeders of Shetland ponies in the UK. Sibrwd was bought by Mrs Higgins owner/breeder of Pinewell Bucks Fizz.



Dryfe Sibrwd-y-Gwynt
Sold for £6,500

Two ridden section B's then followed at £4,000, they were the eight-year-old grey gelding Thornberry Footman and the four-year-old chestnut stallion Daukester Panache. Footman, winner of ridden championships at most Welsh County Shows this year was bred by Fiona Leadbitter, consigned by Eurig Eynon of Goodwick, Pembrokeshire and bought by Jenny Wren of Pontllanfraith, Gwent. Panache was consigned by his breeder Christopher Davies who also sold the top gelding of the same breeding here last year. Panache was bought by Mrs Manners of Hawick.

The chestnut section A stallion Fronbach Destination was bought as a foal on this Sale in 2003 from the Fronbach Stud by Mr Weaver of Pontsticill, Merthyr Tydfil for £2,700. Since Mr Weaver is retaining his offspring, he was sold to the Williams brothers, Gower for £3,700.

Henrie Leeuwenhaag of Rossum, Holland has often bought the top animals on this Sale, this time he paid £3,500 for the roan section A yearling filly Colne Fairy Footsteps from her breeder, Mrs Ann Overton-Ablitt of Colchester who also sold the top colt foal Colne Tornado for £3,200 to a new breeder, Mr Howatson of Llansannan, Denbighshire. Mr Howatson also bought the palomino mare Leahurst Jemima and the bay filly foal Wernderris Rebecca. The Rookery/Wernderris Stud also sold the cream yearling colt Rookery Stardust for £3,000 to long-time breeder John Harries of Hope Stud, Llandeilo. Thistledown Stud sold the eye-catching palomino four-year-old mare Thistledown Born Free to the good showman Tim Waddington for £2,900 and John Jones of Plasderw Stud sold the three-year-old chestnut colt Plasderw Ricardo, the 2008 youngstock champion at Lampeter to Mrs Alford of Culompton, Devon for £2,800.

Mrs Betty French of the Forlan Stud, Chippenham sold 6 section A's for £8,200 including the top section A filly foal Forlan Celtic's Dream (£2,600 to Mrs Bridges, Stowmarket, Suffolk) and the flamboyant-moving three-year-old filly Forlan Honey (£3,000 sold to Ilona Pykalainen, Orivesi, Finland). Mrs Pykalainen, chairman of the WPCS of Finland bought the nice hill mare Eppynt Sequel for £4,000 on the 2007 Sale and now, with this Twyford Sprig grand-daughter Forlan Honey, has types to suit all tastes.

Another Twyford Sprig grand-daughter, the palomino filly foal Ceulan Carol was second-highest section A filly foal at £1,550. Carol's breeding can be traced for 115 years in the Ceulan family back to 1894. Carol's full-brother, the yearling Ceulan Calon Lan has already won eight championships and a WPCS medal. Ceulan were also third-highest filly at £1,500 with the bay Ceulan Lilly whose sire Sunwillow Irving has now served his time at Ceulan and has been sold to Aidan O'Leary, Ireland.

Glyncoch Stud also had £1,500 for the grey colt foal Glyncoch Hydref (sold to Henrie Leeuwenhaag) sired by the Royal Welsh winner Friars Rupertino who was also the sire of the dun filly foal Glyncoch Liliwen, sold for £1,350 to Janine Pickett of the Algrey Stud, Dorset. Another dun filly foal Triad Polly Anna sold for £1,400 to Mr Norris of Blackwood, Gwent; her dam the palomino Triad Cinderella was a bargain at £850 bought by Kevin and Christopher Davies of the Eppynt Stud. Friars Stud sold two chestnut foals at £1,000 apiece, the colt Friars Dreambreaker to Mr Dicesare of Nottingham and the filly Friars Lily-Of-The-Valley to Mrs Orr of Glasgow. Clive Johnston sold the thirteen-year-old grey mare Friars Welsh Doll for £3,200 to Mrs van Beek of Singel, Holland. Gary Atkinson of Co Durham, who bought the filly foal Glyncoch Lili Fach for £2,100 last year, paid £1,100 for the palomino colt foal Glyncoch Goldflake and £1,000 for the bay filly foal Forlan Top-Of-The-Pops.



Glyncoch Hydref
Sold for £1,500

Llanarth Stud sold the top section B female, the grey three-year-old filly Llanarth Snowdrop for £2,500 to Mrs Harford of Maghull and bought the thirteen-year-old grey mare Cottrell Gwener, daughter of the 1996 Royal Welsh champion Cwrtycadno Cadfridog for £2,400.

The four top section B foals were all sired by the Hilin Stud stallions Carrwood Orpheus and Hilin Etifedd, the two colts by Orpheus and the two fillies by Etifedd. Top colt foal at £1,850 was Carrwood Aden Aur, son of the 1997 Royal Welsh female champion Lemonshill Alarch he was sold to Mrs McClurg of Belfast. The chestnut colt foal Hilin Cappiello was sold to the Hoeke family's top section B stud in Holland. The two top filly foals both sold for £1,600, Eyarth Stud's Eyarth Evita a double grand-daughter of Carwed Charmer sold to Mr Wheeldon of Sheffield and Hilin Stud's Hilin Marbella, a Carwed Charmer grand-daughter, sold to Mrs Forbes of Aberdeen.



Carrwood Aden Aur
Sold for £1,850

Top-priced part-bred at £2,300 was the chestnut gelding Chasecroft Troy Tempest; champion ridden pony at Cothi Bridge in 2008, he was bought by Ann Staniland of Fairview Farm, Shropshire. Twenty geldings sold for £1,000 or more, including four for export to France, Germany and the USA.



Top of the Part-Breds Chasecroft Troy Tempest

Wynne Davies.

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