

IMPRESSIONS AT ROYAL WELSH SHOWS 1947 – 2019

The first Royal Welsh Show which I attended was in 1947 at Carmarthen and I marked my Catalogue in my schoolboy handwriting, some of the comments I now find very amusing! Since this was the first Show to be held after World War II, there was tremendous enthusiasm and Welsh pony and cob exhibitors and the public (79,000) turned up in strength. The influential cob stallion Brenin Gwalia won his class from R T Evans' Mathrafal; I was surprised to see Mathrafal was so big (15hh) since my grandfather owned his sire Mab-Y-Brenin at the 1930 RW Show and I was told that he was only 12hh 3in. Mathrafal was later ch in 1952 and sired the champions Llwynog-y-Garth (RW ch 3 times), Cefnparc Boy (1), Parc Lady (5), Pentre Rainbow (1), Tyhen Mattie (2), and Tyngwndwn Cream Boy (1), The bigger Meiarth Welsh Maid won the mare class and championship (GPofW cup, presented by HRH The Princess Elizabeth) a feat which she repeated four times until 1954. Queenie was section C champion, the first of her 7 ch to 1961. The section C numbers reduced to 2 in 1953 (Queenie and the 8-times ch stallion Teify Brightlight II) and remained so until 1961 when males and females were allocated separate classes. Section B was still in its infancy, the 3-y-o Criban Victor was the only male exhibit (first of his 7 ch) and was judged within section C.

The appointed judge for all sections was Mr J Morgan Evans, M.B.E. (brother of Mr Tom Jones Evans, Craven) but since he had judged the section A's at RASE Show three weeks previously (placing Tregoyd Starlight ch), they were judged by Mr D O Morgan (Parc) with Mr Evans returning to judge the championships. Mr Morgan placed the stallion Dinarth What Ho 1st, Whitehall Monarch 2nd with Tregoyd Starlight 3rd and the mare Vardra Sunflower 1st with Vardra Charm 2nd. Mr Evans awarded the ch to **Dinarth What Ho** but placed Vardra Charm reserve. We had Dinarth What Ho on livery for Miss Nora Mathieson (Gatesheath) but rather than pay for livery, Show entry fees, transport etc she transferred him to E S Davies and Son.

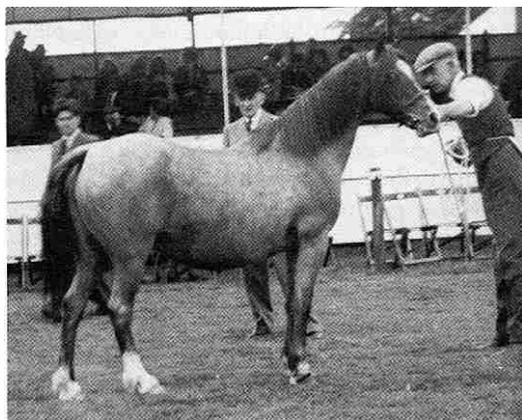


What Ho also won the harness class for the first of his six consecutive wins and after his death in 1953, his son Fronarth What Ho won in harness 11 times plus 4 times against cobs, winning for the final time in 1978 at the age of 26 years.

There was no RW Show in 1948 owing to petrol rationing and the 1949 Show held at Swansea was extended to four days, which coupled with glorious weather, resulted in record attendance (102,101) and a profit of £11,531. The

appointed judge for all four sections (177 entries) was Captain Tommy Howson, a man small in stature but huge in ability who had retired from the post of Secretary of the RWAS, WPCS, Welsh Sheep Society and Welsh Pig Society, a post which he had managed single-handedly since 1927. Captain Howson left me a painting of a Hackney in his will when he died in 1952. Champion cob was again Meiarth Welsh Maid, the GPofW trophy this time presented by Field Marshall Viscount Montgomery. Llwynog-y-Garth beat Brenin Gwalia in the stallion class, the youngstock winner being Pentre Eiddwen Comet who later won the male ch six times. Section B had made great strides with 13 in the youngstock class and Criban Heather Belle champion.

With 18 entries in the section A mare class, it represented the largest Welsh pony or cob class ever to date at the RW Show. It was won by the 16-y-o **Coed Coch Serliw**



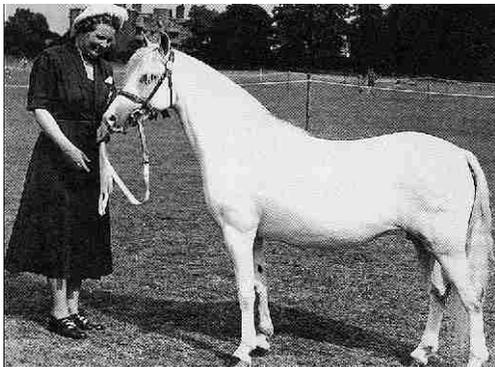
which my father bought (top price of the Sale) on the 1937 Coed Coch Sale and she died with us in 1962 aged 29. Serliw left a big impact on the breed, mainly through Coed Coch Seirian (the foal which was retained at Coed Coch) and her son, born the following year Ceulan Revolt by Coed Coch Glyndwr. Seirian (2nd to Serliw at Swansea) was dam of Seryddwr (exp to SA in 1948), sire of 9-times RW ch Coed Coch Madog, also g-dam of 1969 RW ch C C Swyn, dam of 1974 RW ch C C Bari which sold to Australia

for £21,000 on the 1978 C C Sale. Seirian also had an influence on section B through her daughter 1952 and 1955* RW ch C C Silian and her son 1955 RW ch Valiant which was exported to Miss Ida Illingworth, SA. Since Captain Howson had bred Craven Tit Bit the stallions were judged by Mr J J Borthwick (Chairman of Council) who placed them Tregoyd Starlight, Craven Tit Bit, Dinarth What Ho, Eryri Gwyndaf (at Ceulan in 1946, 1947) and Ceulan Revelry (g-son of Serliw). Starlight was ch with Serliw res. What Ho won the harness class with Ceulan Revelry 2nd.

Early in 1950 we visited Coed Coch and saw the 8-y-o mare **C C Siaradus** (bred at Rhydyfelin Stud, C C Glyndwr x C C Sirius, sister to Serliw) and her quality and personality were breathtaking. Of all the thousands of Welsh ponies which I have seen over 75 years of membership of WPCS, Siaradus would rate amongst my “top ten”. Siaradus won her class at the 1950 Show at Abergele and was res ch to Tregoyd Starlight. This was the first time that the ch had to pass a Veterinary Inspection and there was great turmoil later in the day when it was rumoured that Starlight had failed

and Siaradus was elevated to ch with the male ch going to the 3-y-o colt C C Meilyr (Tregoyd Starlight x C C Mefusen). Meilyr was exp to Mr George Ferneley, USA in June 1953 his dam Mefusen (also dam of Madog) having been exp to Governor Ross, Canada in Nov 1948.

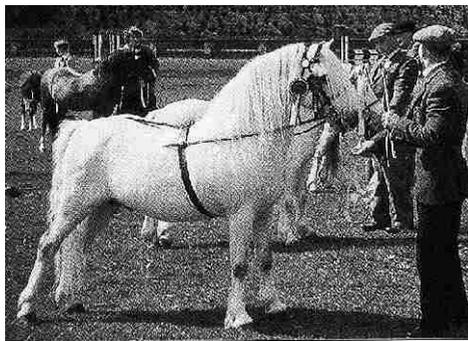
By 1951 WP & C entries had increased sufficiently to warrant three judges, Mrs Nell Pennell (Bwlch A), Mrs Cyril Darby (B) and Mr D O Morgan (Parc C & D). The site was Llanelwedd, Builth Wells which was later to become the permanent site in 1963. The 2-y-o filly



Coed Coch Siaradus

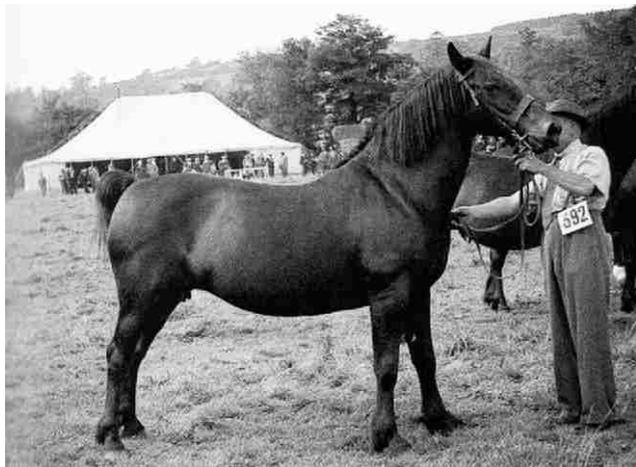
Revel Nance was section B ch which I found puzzling since I saw her sold three months previously (6th April) at Gowerton Market following the death of her breeder Mr Matthew Williams of Vardra Stud as section A and all her subsequent progeny at the Revel were registered section A. Vardra Greylight was the 13th birthday present (1939) from Wales to HRH The Princess Elizabeth and following the untimely death of Mr Tom Williams (son) at the age of 56 in 1974, the Vardra ponies have lived at Ceulan for 45 years. There was great anticipation for the section A stallion class

because a 4-y-o newcomer **Coed Coch Madog** was due to appear having already won at the Bath and West, Chester, Three Counties, RASE and NPS. We had seen Madog at Caernarfon Show the previous year (26th August) where he was placed last in class 20 to Dinarth What Ho and his owner, Mr Owen Ellis (Hendre) offered him to us for £25. Admittedly he was not in show condition and was straight off the field but we regard this as our greatest missed opportunity ever. He



was bought back by Miss Brodrick, initially to go to Rhodesia, but improved so much at Coed Coch that C C Pibydd Moel was sent to Rhodesia instead. Captain Howson wrote in the RWAS Journal “What Ho looked as well as ever in his life and gave his usual very brilliant display and we made him a clear winner with Madog a good second”. The judge however thought otherwise and placed Eryri Gwyndaf last and What Ho next to last! Siaradus was champion and Madog reserve. Following the death of Mr Tom Jones Evans, the “Tom and Sprightly Memorial trophy” was offered for the best Welsh cob, pony or Hackney to be judged by popular applause and was won by Pentre Eiddwen Comet.

Owing to the Foot and Mouth outbreak no cloven hoof animals could compete at the 1952 Show and the annual subscription which had remained at £1 since 1904 was increased to £1.50. Mathrafal beat his son Llwynog-y-Garth and Pentre Eiddwen Comet to win the GPofW cup from the winning mare Sheila. Captain Howson's predictions for section A stallions came into fruition with What Ho beating Madog and What Ho's daughter Hogen Cymru winning a large yearling filly class and being res female champion to Siaradus who was overall ch. What Ho competed for the Tom and Sprightly cup in harness and I was told that the clapometer read 100 throughout his display, the usual winning score being 15 – 20.



The 1953 Show was held on the picturesque Pontcanna fields in the centre of Cardiff and WP&C entries increased to 289 with a further 114 in local classes. Derwen Stud won the GPofW cup with the mare **Derwen Rosina** the first time of 13 for Derwen to win (Fronarth next with 8 and Parc with 7). A much-needed outcross appeared in section C, this was the 4-y-o stallion **Teify**

Brightlight who went on to win the ch 8 times. C C Siaradus was section A ch for the 4th time and Madog turned the tables on the 21-y-o What Ho in a 10-strong stallion class where the 18-y-o Coed Coch Glyndwr was 6th. This was the only time I ever saw Glyndwr, he was showing his age, had lost one eye but yet had an aura of greatness about him. I consider him to be the second of the “great four” quartile sires of the 20th century with Dyoll Starlight first, Clan Pip 3rd and Revel Jeeves 4th (sire of Pendock Legend and Penual Mark).



Glyndwr (f.1935) was bought along with 36 others (from a total of 39) for £45 by a Mr Walton from Leeds on the 1937 C C Sale (Serliw was top of the Sale at £63 also to Mr Walton). It transpired that Mr Walton had no land and no previous experience with ponies and Miss Brodrick agreed to keep them at C C until a second Sale could be arranged a fortnight later. At the second Sale Miss Brodrick bought back Glyndwr for £30, my father was underbidder on Glyndwr and then bought Serliw in-foal to Glyndwr to produce Ceulan Revolt in 1938, Revolt being the first foal ever to be sired by Glyndwr. While Miss Brodrick was abroad on war duties in 1943, Lady Wentworth bought Glyndwr for £400 selling him in 1953 to Miss de Beaumont (Shalbourne) where he died in 1959. What Ho won his 6th harness class and a ridden class was introduced won by the 4-y-o Criban Activity. What Ho died very suddenly in his stable four days after competing at the last Show of the season (Brecon County) and his skeleton was preserved at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

I remember the 1954 Show at Machynlleth as the muddiest ever. The RWAS Chairman was Sir Bryner Jones, the “father” of agricultural research and education in Wales and he donned his wellington boots to thank the exhibitors. He passed away a few months later and “The Sir Bryner Jones Memorial” was set up as the highest honour of the RWAS, an award which I was very honoured to receive in 2002. I had previously reported on the Welsh breeds for “Horse and Hound” for three years but owing to the weather conditions, the “other breeds” reporter failed to get there and I was sent an SOS to do the entire Horse section which I continued doing (along with another about 20 Welsh Shows annually) for 58 years (with great assistance from my late wife Ruth) retiring on my 80th birthday in 2012. Meiarth Stud had a field day with their cobs Meiarth Welsh Maid winning the GPofW cup and her 5-y-o son Meiarth



King Flyer reserve. The 2-y-o Verity (exp to Mrs Chambers, USA in 1955) was sect B ch with her dam C C Silian winning the mare class and her sire **Criban Victor** winning the stallion class from Valiant, full-brother to Verity. Both female and male sect A ch went to 2-y-olds Ankerwycke Clan Snowdon (exp to Mr Robert Goodrich, USA in 1955) also ch with Siaradus res and **Coed Coch Planed** with Fronarth What Ho res. A strong

yearling filly class was won by Gredington Hogennig which was exp to Vincent Clarke in SA in 1955. Madog won the stallion class and we were 2nd with Clan Marshall which we exp to USA in 1955. Criban Activity won the ridden class,

Bolgoed Atomic the section A harness class and Llanarth Braint the cob harness class.

The weather at the 1955 Show at Haverfordwest was glorious, the attendance increased by 53% to 74,982 and four-fifths of the loss incurred in 1954 was recovered. My father judged sec A and his favourites triumphed, Coed Coch Siaradus and Coed Coch Madog. Because Siaradus won the Second Sprightly cup outright in 1953, members of WPCS and RWAS collected funds to buy the very large Captain Howson Memorial trophy, Siaradus being the first recipient. C C Silian was ch B, her daughter Vanity was res and her 2-y-o son Valiant was male ch before being exp to Miss Ida Illingworth in South Africa in March 1956.



Coed Coch Planed



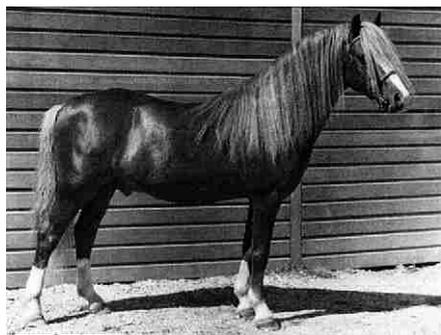
WP & C entries were slightly down (to 267 with 138 in the Local classes) at the 1956 Show at Rhyl. Despite good weather the Show made a loss of £6,880, the biggest loss in its 50-year history. Ch cob was **Pentre Eiddwen Comet** who was bred by the judge, a situation which would not be allowed these days. This Show saw the appearance of **Parc Lady**, her dam Parc Welsh Maid having been covered by Mathrafal at the 1947 Show. Parc Lady is another which I include in my “top ten” of favourites. Ch sec A was the 9-y-o mare Brierwood Honey, as different as chalk from cheese to the previous winner C C Siaradus. Honey had masses of bone and feather, “mouse” ears, upright shoulder and short strides; her breeding was interesting inasmuch for her four g-g-dams Mathrafal Mistress was every one with four different g-g-sires. Honey was exp to the USA at the end of the year. C C Madog won the

stallion class and we bought his palomino winning yearling son Pendock Puccini whose dam was the lovely Craven Toscanini which my father had placed over ch at the 1946 Shropshire Show. Introduced for the first time were ridden classes for section B and D, C C Powys (C C Glyndwr x Tanybwllch Prancio) winning the B and the docked Wyre Star ridden by Miss Mary Pennell (Mrs Mary Redvers) the sec D where there were 9 entries (compare with 135 in 2019).

Despite half the showground being flooded on the last day, the 1957 Show at Aberystwyth turned a deficit of £6,880 in 1956 into a profit of £3,854. Being that Aberystwyth was my local town, I was heavily involved with collecting funds and organising daily historical Displays. We were very fortunate that we were able to borrow horse-drawn vehicles from the nearby Nanteos Estate and had driven them through the town for rehearsals in the preceding weeks. Winner of the GPofW cup was the 10-y-o mare Princess sired by Brenin Gwalia out of the Cathedine foundation mare Victory Maid. Gredington Daliad, the bay daughter of Criban Victor was ch sec B from the 4-y-o roan stallion C C Blaen Lleuad who beat his sire Victor into 2nd place. Blaen Lleuad was sold on the 1959 C C Sale (lot 122) to Mr Elliott Bonnie of Ohio and proved a very successful sire in the U S A. My two entries were two yearling fillies Dyrin Jennifer (Ceulan Revolt x Criban Vanity) which I had bought for £25 while judging at Merthyr Tydfil the previous year and Ceulan Calypso who was 3rd in a class of 15 with the judge Mr Theron Wilding-Davies reporting in the RWAS Journal “she looked like growing into a lovely pony”. I had sold them both the first day to Miss Mary Brough (Eryl) on condition that they stayed on the showground until transport was available on the third day. You can imagine my horror on driving to the Show to hear on the car radio that half the showground was under water and my great relief to find them only knee deep in the water. The first person I met on arrival was Mr George Preece (Bowdler) who had borrowed a canoe to transport feed to his ponies. The Revel Stud had a field day, the yearling filly Revel Joain won her class and res female ch, the 3-y-o filly Revel Jewel (RW ch 1962) won her class and the glorious palomino mare Revel Spring Song was ch. I had spent three weeks of my University holidays every year 1951 – 1956 with Emrys and Dinah Griffiths at the Revel, most days riding up over the Brecon Black Mountains and had admired Spring Song many times but she was never for sale. At the Revel, Spring Song produced amongst many others R Society (f.1961, exp to Bobby Torr in SA) and R Springbok (f.1963, the first pony to reach £1,000 on a Fayre Oaks Sale). When she got older for the bleak Revel mountain winters, in 1964 she was sent to warmer climate at Twyford with alternate foals returning to the Revel. One such was Twyford Sprig (f.1965) and I jumped at the chance to buy him in 1974 and he died with us aged 29 in 1994. Most of the current mares at Ceulan trace back to him one way or another including C Mariah who was foaled after he died. C C Madog won the 10-strong stallion class from Royal Reveller and C C Planed. Royal Reveller (bred at Ceulan, Ceulan Revelry x C C Serliw but only bought if the purchaser could put his own prefix on him) was one of the very few to beat Madog which he did twice in 1957.

1957 was the start of a phenomenal run of RW championship for Revel, 8 overall championships (10 in all) with 8 different animals, a feat which will never be equalled, Spring Song 1957*, R Rosette 1959*, Bowdler Brewer 1961*, Revel Choice 1961, Revel Jewel 1962*, Revel Caress 1963*, Clan Pip 1963, 1964*, Clan Peggy 1966*, 1967* followed by “Revel” ch for other owners R Cassino 1976, 1977*, R Japhet 1982, 1984*, 1986*, R Saled 1980 and R Paul Jones 1996. Shan Cwilt was RW ch in 1958 but she was not generally regarded as being up to RW standard.

With section B struggling with the availability of only Criban Victor and C C Berwynfa, 1958/1959 provided a breath of fresh air with the birth of five stallions upgraded from FS, FS1 and FS2 mares. These were (i) **Solway Master Bronze** RW ch 1961*, 1962*, 1963*:



C C Glyndwr x Criban Bidy Bronze FS2 who sired 541 foals before being sold to Lechlade in 1974; (ii) Brockwell Cobweb RW ch 1966: Harford Starlight x Fayre Ladybird FS2 (iii) Downland Dauphin: Criban Pebble x D Dragonfly FS2, sire of Bowdell Quiver RW ch 1970 and Downland Chevalier who was sire of Rotherwood Honeysuckle 1970*, 1978*, Lydstep Ladies Slipper 1977*, Baledon Squire 1978, Glansevin Melick 1980, Downland Goldleaf 1981*, 1985*, Rotherwood Lilac Time 1981 and Paddock

Camargue 1991 (iv) and (v) the brothers Chirk Caradoc and Chirk Crogan: C C Blaen Lleud x Chirk Heather FS2 whose influence was mainly at Weston Stud e.g. sire of Weston Glimpse 1980*, 1982. My father Mr E S Davies judged section Bs in 1961 and gave Master Bronze the first of his three RW ch.

1963 saw the appearance of the 4-y-o sect A stallion Clan Pip who had been sold to the Revel in 1960 on the death of his breeder Mr Arthur McNaught (father of Mrs Alison Mountain, Twyford) in a group of four mares (including Clan Peggy) as long as Mr Griffiths also bought all seven stallions one of whom was Clan Pip which was valued for probate at £35. My father was at the Revel when they arrived and said he had seen a young section A colt (Clan Pip) the best he had seen in 45 years. Many breeders including Ceulan had great success using Clan Pip but Mrs Mountain never used him since he had King Cyrus (Arab), Sahara (Barb) and Cairo (Arab) in his 4th generation pedigree but looking at him one would say he was 100% Welsh withal. Clan Pip was RW ch again in 1964* and his full-sister (one year younger) Clan Peggy ch in 1966* and 1967*. Clan Pip was top of the WPCS sire-ratings eight times between 1971 and 1981, his two RW ch sons being Revel Cassino 1976 and 1977* and Glenfield Chocolate Soldier 1981 and champion at HOYS in 1977. Second-generation Clan Pip RW ch are Bengad Love-in-the-Mist, Bengad Day Lily, Revel Japhet, Baledon Jubilation, Baledon Verity, Gredington Calon Lan and Brierwood Rocket II. Clan Pip

was sold to Flydon Stud in 1977 and died there in 1981, his last foal, the very successful Flydon Henri ap Pip being born one week before his sire died. There are over 400 Clan Pip progeny registered in the WSB.

The year 1966 saw the much-required outcross in section C after the Dowager Viscountess Chetwynd sent her section C mare Piercefield Lady Lilian in 1959 to the section A C C Madog the result being the glorious palomino Lyn Cwmcoed who was ch 8 times 1966 to 1974. Also 1966 saw the start of the “Derwen” section D ch run: Derwen Rosina 1966*, 1967, 1968*, Rosinda 1981*, Princess 1982, 1983*, 1984*, Derwen Replica 1985, Derwen Viscountess 1985* and Derwen Groten Goch 1986*, 1992*. Soon afterwards the “Parc” run with Parc Rachel 1969, 1971*, 1972*, 1975*, 1976 and 1978 and the “Fronarth” run Fronarth Welsh Model 1991, 1994, 1996*, Fronarth Victor 1999, Fronarth Boneddiges 1999*, Fronarth Model Lady 2002, 2005, 2007*, Fronarth Super Model 2013 and 2014* and Fronarth Prince of Wales 2017*. Gwynfaes Culhwch who was ch in 2002* was the sire of Perthog Gwenan Mai 2015* and 2019* and Gwynfaes Cyleddon Wledig 2019.

Similar successes within section C were dominated by “Synod”: Synod William 1971*, 1977*, 1980*, 1981*, Synod Roger 1978, 1979*, 1982*, 1984* and 1987*, Synod Reagan 1983*, Synod Roy Rogers 1992, 1994*, 1995, Synod Rum Punch 1999*, Synod Ringle's Last 2012 and Synod Lady Lillian 2013*. Nebo Bouncer flourished in 1985*, 1986* and 1987* and Fronarth Robben in 2007*, 2008* and 2009*.

Progeny competitions were introduced in 1963 for a stallion or mare with two progeny; these were separated in 1969 originally with the animals being present but after 2002 calculated on a points basis. The first winners in 1963 were the progeny of Revel Caress (foal Revel Caruso and 3-y-o Revel Carefree) followed for six years by the progeny of C C Madog and C C Salsbri. Our 1st prize foal Ceulan Sapphire (exp to Australia 1974) was one of three winning progeny of Clan Pip in 1970. Thereafter we made it our favourite competition winning it eleven times to 1998, five times with progeny of Ceulan Sprite and once with her daughter Ceulan Sidan, four times with Twyford Sprig and once with Bengad Rustling Grass. Friars Stud is the next contender with three wins 1974, 1979 and 1981.

When I judged in 1971 my champion was the bay mare Brierwood Rosebud of completely different bloodlines to the 1956 ch Brierwood Honey. Rosebud was the g-dam of Brierwood Rocket II ch in 1985 and 1988 who was a double Clan Pip descendant. When my son David judged in 1997 his ch was the black barren mare Fronbach Crystal, a g-daughter of Rocket II, the male ch was Synod The Colonel a g-son of Rocket II that sold for £7,000 on the 2003 Fayre Oaks Sale, and res overall was the brood mare Yaverland Delight another g-daughter of B Rocket II.

My choice for the greatest influence during the last quartile of the 20th c is Revel Jeeves (f.1972), his one son Pendock Legend (f.1984), other son Penuel Mark (f.1977) and Mark's son Springbourne Caraway (f.1986). Mark topped the WPCS sire ratings 1986 – 1990, Caraway top 1991 – 1996 and 2002 and Legend in 1997,

2003 and 2004. Cwmhendy Buster (double Penual Mark) was top 9 times 2005 – 2018. Penual Mark was the sire of Tiffwyl Melodi ch 1992*, 1995* and Criccieth Arwr 1995; his g-daughter Four Oaks Reanne was ch 2002* and g-son Friars Bonheddwr ch 2002. Mark's son Springbourne Caraway is sire of Blanche Mimic ch 1993 and Springbourne Elly RW ch 2003*. Pendock Legend is sire of Idyllic Pavlova ch 1990 and Fonteyn ch 2005* and 2008. His daughter Brynodyn Scarlet was ch at the 2002 WPCS Centenary Show, her daughter Brynodyn Savannah was HOYS ch in 2011 and her son Brynodyn Sirius ch 2012. Finally for this family, the 2019 RW male ch Pendock Paige Boy is sired by Pendock Mirage, brother to Legend. To end section A on a personal note, the 2015 overall ch and HOYS qualifier was Ceulan Calon Lan, the pedigree of his dam Ceulan Cariad going back to my father's first pony Seren Ceulan (f.1910) in six generations, the stallions in her pedigree being owned by my grandfather's uncle back to the time when records began. To celebrate this achievement I ran Calon Lan up and down in front of the grandstand at 83 years old.

To bring section B up-to-date Reeves Fairy Lustre (f.1961, Kirby Cane Shuttlecock x Ceulan Silver Lustre) was ch in 1973 and it is amazing how the "Lustre" name has percolated from Ceulan Silver Lustre (bred by my father in 1938) over 80 years to the present day including the RW ch Millcroft Copper Lustre 1987, Paddock Northern Lustre 2007*, Thistledown Sheer Lustre 2014 and Valour Dancing Fairy Lustre 2015*. After the 1960's the era of multiple winnings started in 1975 with the Weston Stud winning championships with yearling fillies Weston Mary Ann ch 1975*, Weston Rosebud ch 1976 and Weston Picture ch 1979. It continued with the stallions Cusop Banknote (f.1973) ch 1974, 1975, 1976*, 1979* and Mollegaards Spartacus (f.1986) 1992*, 1993* and 1994* and the mare Cwmwyre Samantha (f.1978) ch 1987* and her daughters Thornberry Demelza 1989* and Thornberry Royal Gem 1993, Eyarth Windflower (f.1997) ch 2002*, 2003* and 2006 and her son Heniarth Wood Wind 2014*. Finally three consecutive ch for Waxwing Stud's daughters of Eyarth Beau Geste their dun g-son of 1991* RW ch Boston Bodetia. Firstly the palomino 2017* ch Waxwing Penny Gold (f.2008), her dam is Millcroft Pleasure by Millcroft Royal Lustre (g-g-son of Ceulan Silver Lustre f.1938) and g-son of 1987* RW ch Cwmwyre Samantha; Samantha would have met Royal Lustre's brother Millcroft Copper Lustre when they were standing ch and res at the 1987 RW Show. 2018 ch was the palomino 2-y-o filly Waxwing Glamour, again by Eyarth Beau Geste and this time out of Cwrtycadno Glain which was on loan from Miss Megan Lewis of Cwrtycadno Stud while she was riding along the Great Wall of China. There is again Cwmwyre Samantha breeding in Glain since his daughter of 1993 ch Thornberry Royal Gem and Glain's sire Cwrtycadno Cymro is a son of the 1994 ch Talhaearn Eirlys y Pasg. Finally the 2019 ch the grey 6-y-o mare Waxwing Persuasion, daughter of Cwrtycadno Perlen, who like Glain is a daughter of Thornberry Royal Gem. A very successful family!

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