

SILOAH/LAVENDALE STUD

The history of the stud could be divided into three parts.

Siloah Stud:

In 1989 we bought our first two Welsh Ponies for the children; Torbry Little Light, a Section A mare by Revel Society out of Badgemore Fairylight, and Erika de Jager Wendy, a Section B mare by Torbry Greg out of Badgemore Pinafore.

Little Light was the family favourite. She stayed as the family pony. We bred a colt foal out of her and Bukkenburg Bob, Siloah Little Star in 1991. She was bred later to Torbry Rusty and died after birth of this foal, Siloah Little Lightning.

When the Brackenwood stud stopped breeding we bought a few older mares from Judy Stuart, Springborne Hayley, Aberdare Fantan and Spasido Preamble. Brackenwood Aurdolan, a filly, also came to us.



Torbry Little Light with my eldest son Koop and Brackenwood Aurdolan

Hayley died soon after she arrived.

We moved to the Netherlands in 1998. Preamble and Fantan went to the Dunkid stud. My brother took over the Siloah Stud which had been for my Arab and Welsh ponies and it became a very important endurance stud, and is still going.

Lavendale Stud:

We came back to South Africa and settled on a farm in the Southern Cape near Mossel Bay. We started a small Section A stud. We had to choose a new name and as our home's name was Lavendale, we took that as the new stud name. The first mare lines were from the Gwyddls Stud. Jack and Wehlia sold us one of our favorite mares, the white mare Gwyddls Diva's Delight.



Gwyddls Diva's Delight by Caernafon Tabutanna Dunkid out of Destiny Diva

The first stallion was Freyja Silver Star, son of Badgemore Pegasus and hence a grandson of Twyford Splendour. We bought a young colt Gwyddls Silver Sovereign. A stallion that produced wonderful offspring.

The next line used was Destiny Diva, dam of Diva's Delight .

Another very important line was that of Highland Golden Lustre, one of the last daughters of Twyford Splendour.

The next line was the imported mare Nerwyn Lois

We also bought the imported stallion Nerwyn Gwyl y Banc.

The mare Windermere Southern Cross was loaned to our stud

We bred a few foals. The two that stood out were the palomino colt Lavendale Golden Splendour (Nerwyn Gwyl y Banc x Highland Golden Lustre) and the filly Lavendale Lili (Gwyddls Silver Sovereign x Nerwyn Lois).



Lavendale Golden Splendour



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Lavendale Lili



Nerwyn Gwyl-Y-Banc by Roseisle Pandy Tudyr out of Nerwyn Linda



Nerwyn Lois by Nerwyn Cadno out of Nerwyn Lowri

Due to personal circumstances, we sold the Section A stud. All the ponies went to wonderful owners. The only two Section A ponies that were left were the on-loan mare Windermere Southern Cross (Pinky) and her daughter Lavendale Southern Sensation. (ex Lavendale Golden Splendour)



Windermere Southern Cross with the Chestnut, Freyja Boneddiges, and Pennal Fashion

Welsh Cobs:

The third phase started after the Section A ponies were sold. Three Cob mares of the Freyja Stud stayed on our farm. With a new lease on life, we entered a new era in our lives of Cob breeding. We wanted to preserve some of the precious Section C and Section D bloodlines that had been imported into South Africa

The imported Cob mares Hywi Perl, Pennal Fashion and Fronarth Seren Goch were on loan to us on the farm, but no stallion was near us.

Gustav and Glynis Karlsson's Section C ponies were in Midrand and needed to be moved. The imported stallion Fronarth Brynmor and the two mares, Freyja Bonnediges (Danaway The Sting x Pennal Lady May) and her daughter Freyja Arbennig (by Fronarth Brynmor) came to stay with us.

Unfortunately, Hywi Perl died tragically through an accident and Fronarth Brynmor had to be put down (*see page 131*).

We were fortunate to buy Perl's daughter Windermere Ariel (by Freyja Brenin) from the Windermere Stud and Windermere Wind in the Willows is on loan.



Windermere Wind in the Willows by Freyja Brenin out of Bukkenburg Rosina

The wonderful Chestnut mare with flaxen mane and tail, Roseapple Redwing (Rosie) was offered to us as a broodmare by Sue Cox.

The search for a Cob or Section C stallion started.



Trofarth Llysgennad by Derwen Desert Express out of Trofarth Lowri, as a young stallion

The imported Cob stallion Trofarth Llysgennad is on loan to Siobhan Ralston and she and the owners were agreeable for ‘Cenad’, as he is known, to be used by our stud. He has produced four foals for us:-



Lavendale Morwynn Goch



Lavendale Welsh Arrow

and



Lavendale Dafydd and Lavendale C-Breeze with dam Windermere Southern Cross

A Section C filly out of Windermere Southern Cross, Lavendale C-Breeze

A Section D colt out of Windermere Ariel. Lavendale Dafydd

A Section D Filly out of the imported mare Fronarth Seren Goch, Lavendale Morwynn Goch

A Section C colt out of Freyja Bonnediges, Lavendale Welsh Arrow.

We are looking forward to see how these foals mature.

We were searching for the Section C stallion, Freyja Taliesen who had been so successful at the Cavallito Stud in Gauteng. He appeared to have disappeared. Through the late Rene Le Roux he was eventually located after he had been rescued by a lady. He was in a terrible state when she got him and he recovered reasonably well, The Freyja stud bought him back and he is on loan to us. He will never be shown again but he is a very good breeding stallion (*See page 107*)

Taliesen's first foal, a colt, Lavendale Brynmor, was born out of Freyja Arbennig (Fronarth Brynmor x Freyja Boneddiges), a promising Section C colt (*see page 135*).

We are expecting two more Section C foals by Taliesen out of the two Section D mares, Roseapple Redwing, she is due end of May and Pennal Fashion, middle of August.

We are grateful for the opportunity to continue some of the wonderful lines that were imported into South Africa.

