



Foresyte Cambrian Golden Gorse here at the 1990 Rand Show

Africa's major show Rand Easter Show. In the 1980's and 1990s the Rand Show grew bigger every year. It ran for two weeks, attracted many thousand equestrian entries and was attended by huge enthusiastic crowds. Golden Gorse had been shown in hand, ridden and driven by a child and his progeny had wonderful temperaments straight legs and could move well. In 1988 in a Partbred Welsh Show Riding class with 18 entries first to fourth were all by Golden Gorse. As his foals arrived, they were exactly what I wanted. So why change to another stallion? The first nine Dimmock foals were all by Golden Gorse.

His son, **Dimmock Dragonfly**, Coromandel Gypsy Girl's colt was exceptional. In 1992 I showed him at five months. Then at 2 years at Rand Show in 1994 he was made Supreme In-Hand. At 3 years he was again the General Breed Supreme In-Hand at Rand Show and went on to Reserve Supreme overall. He also sired 9 Dimmock ponies.

Coromandel Gypsy Girl - foundation broodmare I was on the lookout for a top show pony for us to produce from scratch possibly also to use as a broodmare later. In July 1984, Charlotte Stubbs phoned me about a riding

school pony that she had for sale. At that point we did not need another pony. But just before putting down the phone I impulsively said "the only thing that would really interest me is a top class young pony that no one else has produced". She and David had been sent the last pony left at Coromandel Stud as Mr Press had decided to concentrate on racehorses only. This was Coromandel Gypsy Girl, a lovely young mare with broodmare potential aged 6 years. They were so excited about her that they had decided to use her themselves to breed either a pony or a horse. But they were about to reluctantly sell her on as they realized they could not breed their own horses while managing the Oppenheimer's stables at White Hills. They had already prepared an ad for the Farmers Weekly. They said "Come and see her straight away at White Hills" so I drove there and ended up buying her.



Coromandel Gypsy Girl had been backed and lightly hacked on the farm but nothing much else and certainly had not been exposed to a riding school with exciting activities, many children, laughter and fun including Fancy Dress parades and Mounted Games. We had a talented pupil who didn't have her own pony and Christine Groenendyk, who rode three times a week, hopped on board and never looked back. Gypsy was even tempered and good natured

although not lacking in personality she was never difficult. She and Christine became very attached to each other. Gypsy went very well for her although more like a small horse to ride with big paces and jump. She also possessed an magnificent gallop. So, from 1984 to 1988 she went to children's classes with Christine eventually becoming a Champion Show Hunter

We also started showing her in hand at General Breed classes at the major shows. In 1988 she won the General Breed Mare Championship at Pretoria Show. In 1989 she was Reserve Supreme in Hand at Rand Show only being beaten by a TB Gelding Vital Element. The next year geldings were taken out of the Supreme Breed Horse Championship and given their own Gelding Championship which means that Gypsy Girl would have been Supreme in 1989 as well as Champion Show Hunter Pony under saddle. She had an outstanding gallop and beautiful legs and feet. Gypsy Girl was my pride and joy. She took first time every year, foaled without any stress and remained in show condition throughout. She died far too young aged 13 by a poisoning when Dragonfly was only eight weeks old. It was a devastating loss as she had produced three champion foals and had been covered by Foresyte Cambrian Golden Gorse again. But she left Dragonfly to carry on the genetic legacy.

Willowsway Petruschka ($\frac{3}{4}$ TB $\frac{1}{4}$ Arab) by Sea Moment (full brother to the



famous Sea Cottage) out of Willowsway Gazelle. I felt that the next foal would benefit from having a friend so I had already started looking for another broodmare. I was trying to find the dam of our show pony Heatherlands Golden Girl by Foresyte Cambrian Golden Gorse who we had recently bought from Cath Williams. Time was running out as I wanted the two mares to be covered at the

same time. Luckily we found Petruschka retired in Honeydew and her owners were happy to give her to me as they had no further use for her.

Heatherlands Golden Girl by Foresyte Cambrian Golden Gorse out of Willowsway Petruschka here shown by Mathew Webb in 1996. Winner of the Valiant trophy at WAS Rand Show 7 times in the 9 years between 1989 and

1997. The Valiant Trophy was awarded to the overall Interbreed Supreme Pony on Show.



The following five ponies are full siblings of Heatherlands Golden Girl, all by Foresyte Cambrian Golden Gorse

Dimmock Duet Champion Show Pony with different owners throughout her



life. This precious pony was so sweet and had a heart of gold. An angel on earth. Every child who owned her had special need of her and she gave them everything they needed. she never did a bad thing in her life and also won Championships and represented her province at Inter Provincials. She had wonderful homes and people never let her down. She had a blessed life and died aged 29 at home at Sun Valley Stables.

Dimmock Distinction Purchased by Helen Gilfillan to be used for breeding



as a 3 year old at the Wayfillan Stud in the Cape where he sired some useful stock from very limited opportunities. After gelding he has remained a ridden pony

and was recently at a SANESA show in Pretoria now well into his 20s.



Dimmock Diva This beautiful pony aged 5 won the Supreme Ridden Championship at Rand Show in 1998 four years after her full sister who won in 1994. She belonged to Sandra Lawrence and was ridden by her daughter Emma aged 11, produced by Claire Webb.

Dimmock Dublin Show Hunter and Working Hunter Champion in Showing and an excellent Show Jumper with several successive owner/riders this

lovely pony was still being ridden gently by little children recently having competed into his 20s

Dimmock Debonaire This pony was a beautiful Champion Show Riding Pony but also accomplished jumper throughout his life.



Once Golden Gorse's son **Dimmock Dragonfly** was old enough he was used and his first foal from Petruschka was a 15.2 hh horse.



Dimmock Dragonaire was purchased as a foal by Robyn Bechard of Almiray Stud and produced there. Ridden by Robyn Berry over the years, he became a great Champion in the Showring and at the same time an accomplished Eventer. A Partbred Welsh, he was generally considered to be a Show Riding Horse although he also was Reserve Champion Show hack on more than one occasion. At HOYS he won the Show Riding Horse Championship and then triumphed in the Open Adult Horse of the Year Supreme against the Champion Hack and Hunter. He also competed with great success in the working riding and Working Hunter classes. In the Complete Horse, he came 7th out of 25, all the others being TBs or Warmbloods.



Dimmock Delightful also by Dimmock Dragonfly out of Petruschka, so a full sister to Dragonaire. Her dam, Petruschka died a few hours after her birth and so Delightful was raised by hand. After the first 10 days her sire Dragonfly adopted her and never left her side unless we were there feeding her. Once she was nearly a year, we separated them in case he covered her but they were still together.

In this picture at HOYS ridden by Claire Armitage of the Weyden Stud where she lived for two years while Claire grew old enough to take over her brother's jumping ponies. She is perfectly named and has never been sold. A gentle and charming mare she has been the stepping stone and confidence builder to her varied riders. Now 20 years old she lives in a

beautiful country home with her present family.

Coromandel Gypsy Girl's three foals are full siblings

Dimmock Destiny, born 1990, started her showing career in a blaze of glory



where she went from foal at foot winner to Youngstock Champion at HOYS 1991.

Destiny proceeded to take the Overall mare Championship at WAS Rand Show 2 years later, then aged 3. following in

the hoof prints of her dam Gypsy

Dimmock Dulcimer, born 1989, by Foresyte Cambrian Golden Gorse, this



beautiful show pony was a winner in the ring from when she was a foal at foot. She was never sold and lived to be 29 years old very busy teaching children to ride her whole life. She won SA Show Pony Championship many In-Hand classes and excelled in Working Riding classes and had a super jump as well, although her riders were generally too young to jump as high as she could.

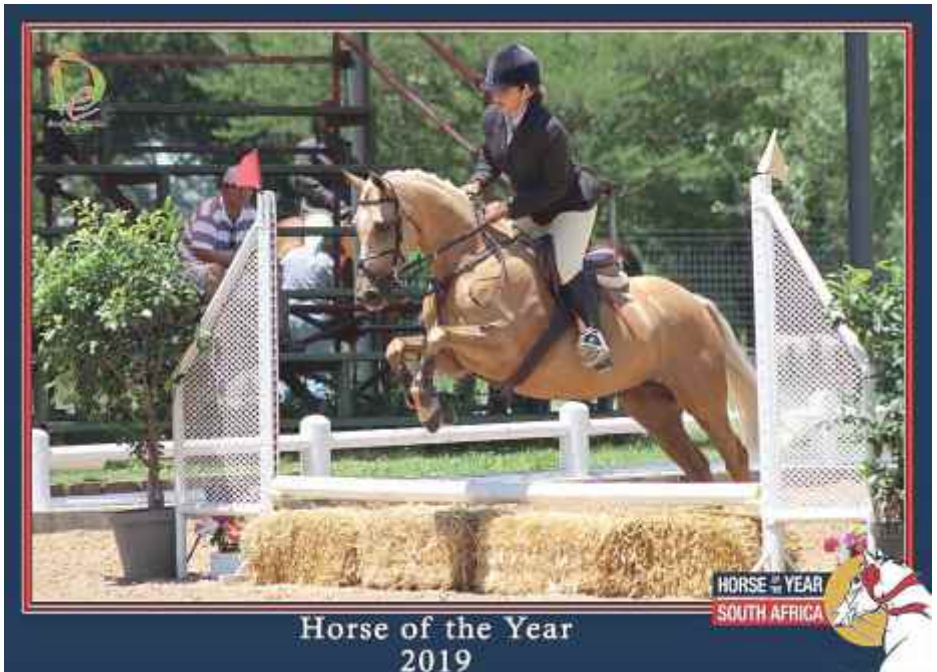


Dimmock Dragonfly flying solo at HOYS 1992 as his dam died when he was 8 weeks old, placed first in the Partbred Welsh Youngstock. While he was not allowed in the General Breed foal class, he competed against the under two-year-olds, coming second to a very nearly 2 TB colt

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Dimmock Dragonfly being shown by the author in 1994



Dimmock Crème Caramel (Dimmock Dragonfly x Margarita TB)



Foresyte Cambrian Golden Gorse and his half-sister, a Foresyte pony, driven by Nicola Walker in Double Harness, in Open Driving Competition in Kyalami



Dimmock Chelsea (Dimmock Dragonfly x Ashgar Penny) in 2008 being shown by her then owner, Di Nicholson