

## Performance Scheme Report 2010

After four years of trying we eventually have an endurance competition (I always get things done – eventually) Thank you to Mrs Margot Thompson for bringing to my attention a Wigginton Antonio PB Mare, which she bred. Pocahontas at 21 years old has completed several pleasure rides this year and along the way has raised money for Cancer Care Fund and won a most appealing horse class at a riding club event, a great example of a Cleveland Bay. Thank you also to Les Wilson for gamely joining in with his completed rides and the lovely Linda for putting the entry in. I hope that now we've got going other riders will enter. I know they are out there, because several have asked for this section over the past four years. Thank you also to Heather Warburton who came to me with the original idea and sent lots of information when I had scant knowledge of endurance riding. I have now attended several events, met lots of new people, read books and magazines and had some lovely days out in fantastic countryside. It's a great sport and I'm really enjoying following it.

This year we have had many other notable achievements. It was my great pleasure to be at Hambleton for the Sport's Horse Show to see Poppy's Moon take the Sport's Horse Championship and Yorkshire Bred Championship for Jane Moore. Also Hawlmark Classic Twilight took the Youngstock and Hunter Breeding Championships for Nigel and Sue Cowgill. Those of you at Equifest saw Knaresborough Moonbeam take the Rare Breeds Championship, and in the Sports Horse section, Summer Breeze Qualified for the Dressage Championships and Jemoon Flying Officer was reserve in a H.O.Y.S. Qualifier. What a year!

It was very sad earlier this year to hear of the death of Mrs Sheila Fenwick. Mrs Fenwick was an enthusiastic supporter of the performance scheme, which she first entered, in the early 90's, after the scheme went national in 1992. When I took over, Mrs Fenwick rang me every year to ask how entries were going and if we had enough part bred entries, her Baydale horses were a regular feature and I was always very grateful for her interest, encouragement and donations. Of course it was just over a year ago that Sheila rang me to tell me about her success in the Hack of the Year at H.O.Y.S. She was extremely proud. The other reason for these calls was always to update me on the progress of Nicky McDonnell who owned several Baydale horses and competed regularly and successfully with them, her immense pride in both Nicky and her horses was obvious. Sheila Fenwick will be a great loss to the Performance Scheme and to Cleveland Bay breeding.

I must also mention the passing of Miss Marygold Nixey this summer. Although Marygold never entered the scheme herself during my time of administration, several Harrington horses have appeared with new owners. She did of course donate the trophy which bears her prefix when the in hand competition was a Southern Breeders affair and which is now given to the 1,2, or 3 year old with the most points.

As always, thank you to everyone who paid for a score card, even the one or two which didn't come back, and to everyone who made a donation, especially The Cleveland Bay Horse Society, Steve Pullan, Colin and Margaret Green and Terry Allington-Warne, all are very gratefully received and all go into running the scheme.