

Thorneyside Stud's promotional day for Welsh cobs – Sunday September 2nd

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On Sunday 2nd September all horse enthusiasts are welcome to attend a promotional day for Welsh cobs at Peter and Fiona Gray's Thorneyside Stud, St Leonard's Farm, St Leonard's Hill, Berkshire, SL4 4AP - next to Legoland, Windsor. The day will commence at 1pm with gates opening at 11am.

Peter Gray is the third generation of the Gray family to be involved in working harness and show horses including Welsh cobs. Both Jack and John Gray, Peter's grandfather and father respectively, were heavily involved with working horses in London and the South East. The Thorneyside prefix, well known to most horse enthusiasts, is once again this season prominent in show rings across the country. "This success is due to the marvellous assistance of hard working producers," comments Peter. George Mitchell and Clare Granger of the Dycott Stud in Essex

have shown Thorneyside Brynawelon, a five year old chestnut section D Welsh cob stallion, a grandson and spitting image of Brenin Brynawelon, purchased by Peter Gray in 1975.

Thorneyside Brynawelon won the champion Welsh in wagon harness classes at the British Driving Society 2012 show at Smith's Lawn, Windsor on 24th June. He was also champion harness cob at Northleach, Gloucestershire on 7th July.



Eight year old Jack Gray, one of the fourth generation of the Gray family to be showing Welsh Cobs in harness, driving Thorneyside Brynawelon with George Mitchell after winning the champion Welsh cob in harness at Northleach Show Gloucestershire on Sat 7th July 2012

In addition Justin Walters of Tyrrllawn Stud, Tredegar, Gwent showing Thorneyside The Saracen, by Thorneyside Flyer and out of Thorneyside Magic Lady, was supreme champion in the Brecon and Borders show at Pencoed, and champion cob at the West Midlands and St Mellons show. He was also champion Welsh cob at the Royal Windsor Show earlier this year.



Thorneyside the Saracen shown by Justin Walters, champion Welsh cob at The Royal Windsor Show 2012

months of showing is amazing," said Debbie Baker.

These three Welsh cobs are excelling in harness, in-hand and ridden which proves the versatility of the Thorneyside Welsh cobs.

The promotional day itself will be a wonderful preview day for the genuine Thorneyside stud reduction sale on Saturday 20th October 2012 through Brightwells Auctioneers at Builth Wells during the Autumn Cob sale. For further information and updates on this sale see www.brightwells.com/Equine.

As recent as Saturday 7th July, Debbie Baker of the Bakersfield Stud, Pontyates, Llanelli, a well-known producer of ridden Welsh cobs, qualified for HOYS with Thorneyside Survivor by Thorneyside Flyer and out of Thorneyside Golden Girl (by Brenin Brynawelon). "To get a HOYS ticket after only six

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Promotional Day and Reduction Sale

2012 A LEAP YEAR OF GRAND EVENTS

- Wales win their 3rd GRAND SLAM in 8 years • Her Majesty The Queen celebrates her Diamond Jubilee
- London hosts the Olympic Games • Peter Gray and Family, Thorneyside Stud celebrates The Welsh Cob

Peter Gray and family wish to invite all Welsh Cob enthusiasts from all over the world to their Promotional Day on Sunday September 2nd 2012 at the Thorneyside Stud, St Leonard's Farm, St Leonard's Hill, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 4AP. This event will also be a preview day for the genuine major Reduction Sale by Public Auction of traditional type Thorneyside Stud Welsh Cobs during the Brightwells Autumn Cob Sales at The Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells on Saturday 20th October 2012



- Promotional Day display commences at 1pm • Gates Open at 11am • Food and light refreshments will be available all day
- Preview of all lots going to the sale on the 20th Oct 2012
- Display of Thorneyside Welsh Cobs in all disciplines Harness, Under Saddle, Dressage and In hand
- Groups and Associations are welcome – please inform Mr Peter Gray in advance Tel: 01753 864422 Mob: 07770 688955
- For Accommodation Hotels are as follows:
 - Holiday Inn, Church Street, Chalvey, Slough, Berkshire SL1 2NH 01753 551551 – 5 minutes away
 - Copthorne Hotel, Cippenham Lane, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 2YE 01753 516222 – 5 minutes away
- There will be something for everyone at this important Promotional Day and Reduction Sale – breeding stock, young stock, and potential ridden and driven Welsh Cobs • Let's CELEBRATE the Welsh Cob in 2012

For more information and sale catalogue updates go to
www.brightwells.com/Equine/HorsesAndPonies/WelshPonyAndCobs/ThorneysideStud

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