

FOR A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY

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Welsh Cob enthusiasts from around the world will be heading to Builth Wells later this month when leading breeder Peter Gray holds a reduction sale from his renowned Thorneyside stud.

The sale will be held on the evening of Saturday October 20th by auctioneers Brightwells as part of the annual Premier Welsh Cob three-day Sale.

The Thorneyside sale will present a bevy of outstanding cobs of all age and types representing over 35 years of dedication to the breed and will compliment over 800 entries of Welsh Cobs providing a great opportunity to purchase top quality cobs from throughout the UK.

The show-ring achievements of the Thorneyside Welsh Cobs - in-hand, in-harness and ridden - over several decades have been immeasurable and will guarantee this sale becomes a landmark in breed history.

Peter Gray, Fiona and their son Jack are bringing 52 of their Thorneyside Welsh Cobs to the sale, as a major reduction of their stud at St Leonards Hill near Windsor, where a huge crowd of almost 2000 Welsh Cob enthusiasts recently attended an open day.

Peter Gray's grandfather – and his father before him – was a leading supplier of harness horses to all the major London dairies in the days when horse-drawn vehicles were the mainstay of most large businesses in the south-east.

The family's yard at Uxbridge often had 50 horses stabled there and a further 300 horses would have been hired out for work in the city.

The Thorneyside stud was established in 1973 and has long been a major influence within Welsh Cob breeding both in the UK and throughout the world.

Commented Brightwells auctioneer Terry Court: "This will truly be a sale that will go down in the record books. We have some outstanding cobs to offer and will be selling to a ringside of international enthusiasts who know this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to secure Welsh Cobs of such remarkable quality and breeding."

The Thorneyside reduction sale will commence at approx 6.30pm – about one hour after the conclusion of Saturday’s main cob sale at the Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells.

The sale will be opened by an appearance of the Pearly Kings and Queens, who will also be present at the annual Saturday night party which follows the sale.

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