

## Summer Season 2010

2010 was Ceredigion's opportunity to host the ROYAL WELSH SHOW and amongst many of the fundraising events, we supported one of the planned events - a presentation of one of the County's Welsh Cob Studs on Saturday 19th June, @ Trefaesfawr, nr. Beulah, Newcastle Emlyn.

A fine display of this family's legacy to Welsh breeding was presented to all and it was a privilege for the Hunt to be part of this spectacular.

A big thank you to all our Hunt Supporters who gave of their time to help on the day.



## **Ffosyffin Show - 26<sup>th</sup> June**

It was a proud day to see so many of our hunt members placed in classes at this quality family show. Indeed, the young riders' class, saw 4 junior Hunt members get places in the top 6 positions, in one of the largest classes in the Show. There were many successes in other classes, both by adult and children Hunt members.

Well done to all, you represented your Hunt with pride.

## **Tivyside Show – 10<sup>th</sup> July**

The Hunt continues to support this local show in a number of ways. The Hunt is in its third year of providing the food and refreshments for the Stewards - of which there are some 80, hungry and thirsty mouths to feed.

A big thank you to our Hunt supporters who gave of their time and contributed in so many ways to the running of the Show.

The day was again a huge success, with people learning about this modern style of hunting.

## **The Festival of Hunting: Peterborough – 21<sup>st</sup> July**

A couple and half of bitch pups that were bred in kennels were presented to the Mid Wales and Glamorgan Mink Hounds - Cheesey, Chuckles and Chatterbox.

Cheesey and Chatterbox won as a couple in the un-entered bitch couple Otter Hound class and Chatterbox won the best un-entered bitch class.

We were delighted that David Jones, Master of the Mid Wales and Glamorgan had the opportunity to show them as the Grand mother and Father were presented to us three seasons ago, by David Jones.

David Jones also won Champion Otter Dog Hound with Floater. We are lucky enough to have one dog pup in kennels sired by Floater, out of Chorus.

## Cardigan County Show - Wed. 28th July



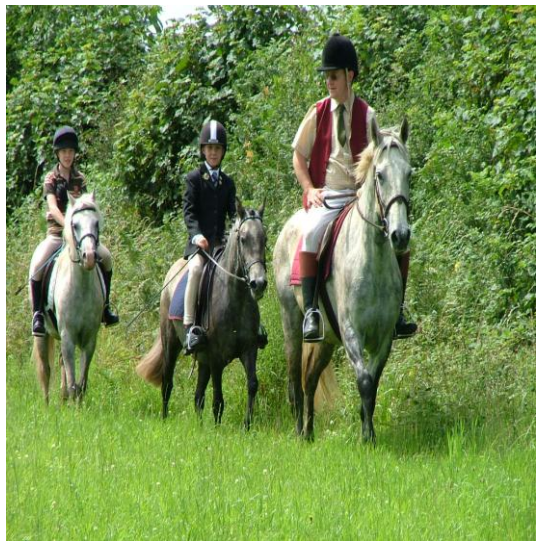
Having introduced Parading Hounds to the Show, last year, this year the Hunt contributed in a different way, by donating a Hunt Cup for the winner of the Open Working Hunter Class.

The Hunt continues to support local shows in whatever way it can and it was a pleasure to see so many Hunt Members succeed at the County Show.

Public, members and supporters alike had an opportunity to meet some of our pups to be entered in 2011/2012, and it was satisfying to see such warm support from local farming families and the public alike.

## Fun Ride





There are few opportunities remaining to enjoy the Teifi Valley and its main tributary the Ceri ! - all in a days ride !

The West Wales Farmers Bloodhounds' Fun Ride provided that very opportunity !

With open fields, bridle paths and river crossings including a few "Irish" looking banks, the day was enjoyed by everyone, of all riding abilities. Finished off with hot dogs and refreshments back at the Mart Car Park in Newcastle Emlyn. The day was replete for many that had travelled as far a field as Aberystwyth and Port Talbot.

Thank you to all who attended and supported the Hunt. Donation to the Prince's Countryside Fund.

### **Scenic Ride - 15th August**



Leaving Newcastle Emlyn, the field moved out towards Adpar passing the famous castle, built in 1240 and where it is claimed the last dragon in Wales was slain, after it alighted at the castle breathing fire and smoke.

Riding over the famous Teifi river, the field passed the site of the first printing press in Wales, established in 1718 by Isaac Carter and climbed up out of the town into fields to view the several fascinating buildings including the old market hall with its clock tower and one of the smallest theatres in Britain, the 19th century church, the magistrate's court and several chapels.

The ride passed through Cwm cou following the north bank of the Teifi towards one of the finest river gorges in Wales, Cenarth gorge. Important to geologists in helping to explain the history of the ice age and where salmon can be seen leaping the spectacular waterfalls in Autumn. Dropping down into Cenarth the field crossed the 1787 bridge, the circular holes designed to strengthen the bridge and reduce its weight, before taking a

welcome break at the Three Horseshoes, next to the National Coracle Centre for Wales

The ride moved off, returning on opposite bank, back to Newcastle Emlyn, using farm lanes and tracks from the days of the drovers and before.

Altogether, just over 10 miles were covered and the day ended with hot dogs, cakes and refreshments back in town.

Donation from the day going to The Prince's Countryside Fund

## **SUMMER HUNTING**

### **Saturday 11th September 2010**

During the last few weeks of summer and with the smell of autumn in the air, the West Wales Farmers Bloodhounds met at Brongest and hunted the Ceri Valley all the way to Pont Ceri. The pack of Black and Tan Bloodhounds and Otter hounds could be heard in Bryngwyn and Adpar, as the previous season's hounds showed the new entrants, to this season's pack, the way to hunt the laid line. The time spent with pups this summer paying off, as the new entries could be seen putting their noses to the ground and speaking, doing so naturally and instinctively from generations of bloodlines.

Summer Hunting is an ideal opportunity to view this pack, introduce horses to hounds and get fit for the season to come. Meeting each Saturday at 4.00 pm until Opening Meet on 3rd October at the Emlyn Arms Hotel, Newcastle Emlyn, everyone is welcome to this unique style of hunting.

### **Saturday 18th September 2010**

With farmers working hard to gather the last of the Summer's harvest, the Bloodhounds were privileged to hunt the stubble fields of Dyffryn Farm, Llangoedmor. A real opportunity to see at first hand this season's pack working in unison as the pack is prepared for the season's hunting by Master Robert Thomas.

The new entrants experienced the openness and expanse of the fields, allowing mounted riders and foot followers alike, to observe and savour the pack of black and tan Otter hounds and Bloodhounds.

The scent, challenging at times, saw hounds rallied on by the Master, to encourage the young hounds and accustom hunters to the sound, in readiness for Opening Meet at the Emlyn Arms Hotel on Sunday 3rd October at 12 noon. Donation to the Mayor's chosen charity.

## **Saturday 25th September 2010**

With Swallows having left for more warmer climes and the feel of autumn pushing into the late summer evenings, the Bloodhounds experienced the fresh air of the Irish Sea as they hunted the cherished coastal path between Cardigan Island and Felin-wynt. Views over Mwnt and beyond did not deter this pack of Welsh Black and Tans, hunting along the grassy cliff from Nant-y-croi to the stubble fields of Llwyn-driscw. Hounds cast, working hard to pick up the scent, at times, as the sun and wind dissolved the laid line. It was pure pleasure, to see the bloodhounds scent on the wind and speak, bringing the pack onto the laid line. The field again experienced the satisfaction of seeing experienced and young hounds hunt, in the open expanse of stubble fields.

Benefits of hunting an organised quarry are, being able to set the speed of the day and length of the lines. The advantage of this was seen in the young riders out, 10 year old, Shauna Phillips keeping her pony up on the pace, while not feeling out of her depth. This was the last of the Summer Hunting, before the Opening Meet.