

FORSIGHT STUD

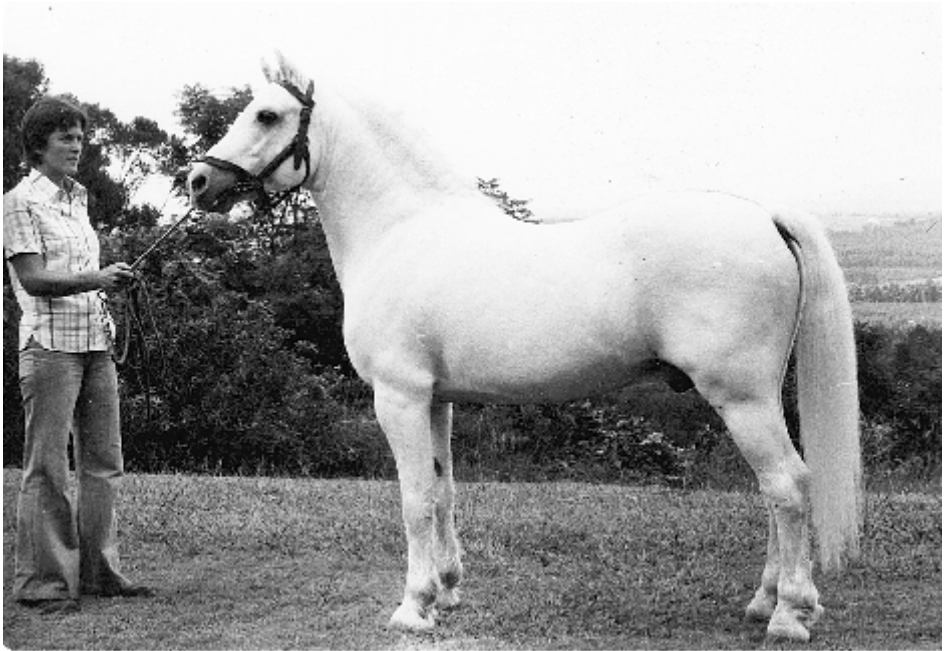
The foundation of the original Foresyte Stud was laid in the 1930's. Ida Illingworth and Noel Wight bought a farm in the White River district and named it Foresight. Ida bred Welsh ponies which became the Foresyte Stud and Noel bred Jersey cattle under the name Foresight. The farm, just to add to the confusion was Foresight.

Between buying the farm and the start of World War II in 1936, Ida and Noel returned to England overland in a Ford V8 saloon of the short chassis type to which they fitted an extra ten gallon petrol tank, a six gallon water tank, an extra spare wheel and two small boxes on the running boards. The back of the front seat was made to let down for sleeping and in addition they carried a lean-to car tent. Their account of the trip makes gripping reading. They returned to South Africa in 1937 but then left again to make their contribution to the war effort by joining the Land Army. They ran soup kitchens, drove ambulances and supervised the Land Girls who worked the farms while the men folk were fighting the war. It was on their return in 1946 that the farming enterprise commenced.

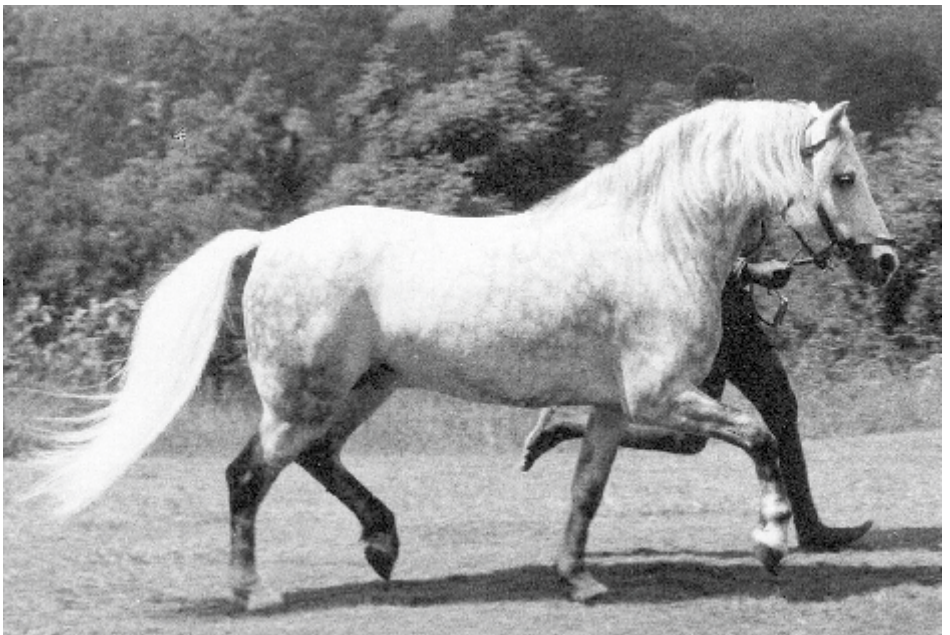
In May 1956, Valiant, a Section B, arrived in South Africa, his name is synonymous with quality pure and part-bred ponies. Valiant was cared for by Willie Shibambu and the two of them had a very successful showing partnership taking numerous championships at Bloemfontein, Rand Easter show, Pretoria, Goodwood, Kimberley and the local Lowveld Show where he was eventually beaten in the show ring by his son Foresyte Valiant Cymru. Valiant's first foals were born in 1957 and the last ones in 1979.

It was in 1972 on arrival in South Africa that I met Ida. Noel had died in May of that year in a car accident between White River and Nelspruit so I never had the pleasure of meeting her. During my year in Johannesburg I used to visit White River once a month to go to Kruger Park and on these occasions I also visited Foresight and helped Ida with the ponies. She had taken Noel's death very badly and was struggling to come to terms with life without Noel.

Ida and I used to sit in the evenings and she would recount stories of the start of Foresight and in particular, their trip through Africa. This illustrates their



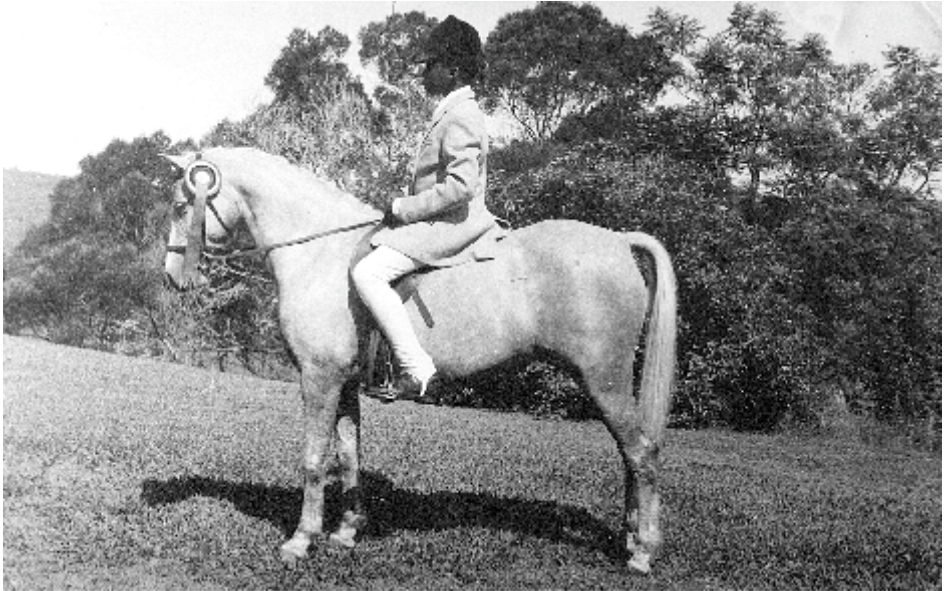
Valiant seen here with the author



Foresyte Valiant Cymro



Foresyte Valiant Pax with Forsight Truce



Lucas Chilwane and Belvoir Gazania on which he won the Purebred Championship at the Horse of the Year. Gazania was dam of both Foresyte Cambrian Golden Gorse as well as Foresyte Bannut Golden Cloud

pioneering spirit which they both displayed in setting up home in Africa which in 1935 must have seemed a long way away.

In 1973 I travelled to New Zealand and Australia for a family wedding and took the opportunity to see something of both countries. Whilst I was there Ida asked me if I would come back and work for her for six months. I accepted her invitation, so in March 1974 I returned, but not for six months! For the next five years from 1974 to 1979 I worked for Ida managing firstly the ponies and then the Jersey herd. At that time we had seventy ponies on the farm.

After moving to Johannesburg I kept in touch with Ida and used to visit the farm regularly. In 1990 not long before Ida died she gifted me Foresyte Bannut Mums and I bought her foal at foot, Foresyte Cambrian Baby Cham. Foresyte Cambrian Golden Cloud and her foal Foresyte Cambrian Storm Cloud were purchased from the Estate. Mums and Baby Cham spent a couple of years at Richard Bennett's Brambleholme Stud in Natal where Mums had three foals Waterside Cocktail by Badgemore Dandy Bee in 1993, Waterside Larkspur Lyric by Brackenwood Bumble Bee in 1994 and an unregistered Waterside Pimms. Mums and Baby Cham then came to the Highveld and with Golden Cloud and Storm Cloud formed the Forsight Stud. They were then joined by Foresyte Valiant Pax who was a daughter of Valiant and Coed Coch Pala and a



Foresyte Valiant Bubbly and Julia Struben. Bubbly was dam of Foresyte Bannut Mums

full sister to Foresyte Valiant Cymro. She was full height for a Section B and resembled her dam Pala, she had good bone and wonderful movement.

These ponies were a perfect foundation for my Forsight Stud based in

Diepsloot where fortunately a friend of mine allowed me access to a large area of grazing with a wooden stable for shelter from the Highveld thunder storms.

Valiant Pax and Baby Cham were put to the Anglo-Arab stallion Franco. Baby Cham produced Foresight Flute who sadly succumbed to Horse Sickness. Pax did not take. Pax was then put to Foresyte Cambrian Golden Gorse, bred by Ida and sold to Nicola Walker, which mating was successful.

Pax had three foals with Golden Gorse, Foresight Concord, Foresight Truce and Foresight Harmony. Concord at the age of 25 is with Kirsten Loots at Sun Valley stables and has to be contained in the stable area as he jumps out of the paddocks. Truce ridden and driven by Heidi Wagner has had a successful career in both adult dressage competing at Prix St. Georges level and in pony driving where he won the South African Driving Champs as Single Novice pony. He is now back in Children's classes.



Foresight Truce being driven by Heidi Wagner and Laura Barclay.

Golden Cloud had a foal by Truce, Foresight Haze who is also at Sun Valley stables. Sadly Pax's last foal was too much for her and she died peacefully leaving Harmony to be hand reared, quite a task! Then tragedy struck again as



Forsight Storm Cloud with Laura Barclay



Foresyte Cambrian Golden Gorse and Foresyte Golden Cloud driven by Nicola and Roger Walker

Harmony who had a foal by Christopher Robin (Connemara) contracted horse sickness and did not survive.



Foresyte Bannut Mums jumping out hunting with Alison King

Mums, Cloud, Storm Cloud and Baby Cham were destined to compete in shows to enhance their reputations as working ponies but Mums and Baby Cham had other ideas and managed to escape and meet up with Boris a Warmblood/TB colt who made sure the two ponies had another eighteen months at pasture. Interestingly though the two foals, who fortunately both measured as ponies, were extremely successful show jumpers and eventers. Mums was the dam of Forsight Tom Collins and Baby Cham was the dam of Forsight Gluwein known as Dixon. Heather Robertson and Dixon won numerous competitions and Tom Collins was successful firstly with Kirsty Rault and then he moved to the Daniels family. Baby Cham was brought on by Georgia Hayward (Martini) before going to Melissa Elliot and from there to the Burn family.



Foresyte Bannut Mums and Forsight Tom Collins

Meanwhile Cloud went to Nicola Walker to be trained to harness and she and Golden Gorse were driven by Nicola and Roger as a pair. It was when Cloud returned to the stud that she was put in foal to Truce producing Forsight Haze in 2000. Storm Cloud was ridden and driven by Laura Barclay in working pony, show pony and driving classes. She also hunted and was to be seen up with the Field Master! Stormy lost a foal to Truce. Stormy was shown with much success in pure bred Welsh classes by Laura.

Once Tom and Dixon were weaned Alison King and Georgia Martini brought them on, going to jumping training shows as well as showing them. Alison also had great fun hunting on Mums.

Mums was by Bannut Larkspur out of Foresyte Valiant Bubbly whose dam was the original Foresyte foundation mare Barmaid. Barmaid, a Thoroughbred was given to Ida by Peter Wilson once she had finished playing polo. All her progeny had names related to alcoholic drinks hence the name of Mums from Mumm champagne.

The photo of Mums and Tom was one of my favourites. She was a wonderful mother who never forgot her son and would protect him still as a 3-year-old.

In the time that I had the ponies I was able to introduce youngsters like Alison and Laura to the merits of Welsh ponies. Their temperament is outstanding as is their courage and enthusiasm but breeding ponies is not for the feint-hearted. Following the losses to horse sickness, the costs involved and the lack of my own stable yard I decided to give up breeding, a sad day indeed.

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Foresight Truce ridden by Heidi Wagner competing in Adult dressage at Medium level Gauteng Horse Society



Published in the WPCS UK Calendar December 1976. The photo of me on Foresyte Tinkerbelle (Valiant and Tiffin Bell - Anglo-Arab), Lucas Chilwane on Foresyte Cambrian Glain (Gwynnedd and Cymru) on far side and John Themba on possibly another Gwynnedd daughter



Rose Kyndersley-Brown and me and from left to right John Themba is riding Foresyte Valiant Vanity, Johnson Mhlanga is on Foresyte Valiant Penardur, and Lucas Chilwane on a pony I do not recognise. Both Lucas and Johnson competed in local shows successfully and Lucas went on to win the Pure bred championship at the Horse of the Year show on Belvoir Gazania imported by Ida.