

FRONARTH BRYNMOR 2007 - 2022

Glynis and I decided that we would breed Section C and D cobs and we were building up quite a number of quality mares. The only Section C colt which we had was Freyja Taliesin (*see p107*) and as he was related to most of our Section C mares, our visit to Wales that year would be to look for a suitable colt as eventual stud sire.

At the 2007 Royal Welsh show we saw the Section C Championship being won by the three-year-old Fronarth Robben¹, who was by Parvadean Reaction out of Minafon Sioned (*J2007 p130*). When we visited the Fronarth Stud after the show, we saw a two-month-old colt under Minafon Sioned. This colt was by Parvadean Recharge and therefore a full brother in blood to Robben, Recharge and Reaction being full brothers. We decided to buy him and requested that he be named 'Brynmor' after the last surviving Jones brother of the Fronarth Stud at Frongoy.



Fronarth Brynmor as a two-month-old colt with his dam Minafon Sioned at Frongoy

¹ Fronarth Robben won the Chetwynd Perpetual Trophy at the Royal Welsh show for the best Section C exhibit, three years running from 2007 to 2009



Brynmor Jones in 2007, after whom Fronarth Brynmor was named, here with Glynis



After more than two months in quarantine, free at last at his new home at Bergfontein



Supreme Champion Section C at Nationals, 2009, with Judge Cemaes Evans and Glynis

He was entered in the SA Nationals for 2009 as a two-year-old and was the Supreme Champion Welsh Pony of Cob Type under the UK Judge Cemaes Evans who commented that ‘he was an outstanding Stallion who moved exceptionally well – congratulations to horse and handler!’² He repeated this achievement in 2010 under UK Judge Jo Lutey.

Towards the end of 2010 he covered Freyja Boneddiges (Danaway The Sting x Pennal Lady May) and on 2 December, 2011, Freyja Arbennig, a filly, was foaled. This same mating produced a colt foal in December 2013, Freyja Arglwydd, a magnificent specimen. Unfortunately, his life was cut short through illness and despite all our and the Vet’s actions, we lost him a few months later – a tragic event in our lives.

In 2015 we decided to stop breeding as my health was deteriorating and as we were isolated from medical care in the event of severe weather, decided to disburse to breeders who could continue our vision. We were not prepared to sell our imported bloodlines and would only place them on loan. Kirsten Loots had seen a picture of Arglwydd on the website and expressed an interest in him, but he had died by then. We told her that the sire and the dam were

² The handler was Glynis

available and we were able to make arrangements in 2015 for the Waterside Stud to acquire on loan, the Section C breeding stock which we had, the intention was that they would use these to produce quality Section C ponies. However, it never turned out that way.



Supreme Champion Section C at Nationals 2010

When we visited Waterside on our way to the Royal Welsh on 2019, none of the mares had been covered and as far as we could determine, Brynmor had been used on one mare only, but not one of ours, producing a part-bred colt.

Suddenly towards the end of 2019, Kirsten informed us that she had acquired an opportunity of establishing a riding school in Sydney, Australia, and that we would have to take the ponies back. She was fully aware that we had sold our farm and that the only reason for letting her have the breeding stock on loan was because she had the facilities on a long-term basis. We had no suitable property. Also, they had bought our 5-berth horse-float.

Fortunately, Paul Lubbinge of the Lavendale Stud at Little Brak River expressed an interest in breeding Section C and D cobs and arrangements were made with him to take over the imported breeding stock and their progeny on loan.

But there was a surprise for us nevertheless when on 6 December, 2019, we were told about an ulceration of Brynmor's right eye. I was concerned because when I visited him on 18 November, 2019, we had discussed the reason for his weeping eye and it was mentioned that he, and others with the same problem, had been treated and that it was under control. This was the same eye that 3 weeks later had ulcerated. In terms of the agreement, they were responsible for the 'care' of the ponies; this naturally included any veterinary procedures, yet this responsibility was suddenly passed back onto us, quite incorrectly. In the interests of Brynmor having the finest veterinary attention, we never argued because we will stand by our ponies, and some R25 000 later, he returned to the them, minus an eye.

We were in for a further fatal surprise. With Brynmor and the mares on the

farm at Lavendale, he was covering all of them regularly and 7 months later, not one of them had taken. It was obvious that Brynmor was now infertile. He also had a large growth on his penis which no-one appeared to have noticed. As Paul had to go overseas for medical treatment, a sad decision was made to put him down. How tragic an episode. He only has one live purebred pony, out of Freyja Boneddiges, which is



very valuable to us, Freyja Arbennig. His first grandson, Lavendale Brynmor, a promising Section C colt by Freyja Taliesin (*see page 107*), was recently foaled and is seen here with his dam, Freyja Arbennig.

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