

# WPCS EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO KINGSTON MAURWARD COLLEGE, DORCHESTER, DORSET

TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2015



Following on from the visit to Cannington College , near Bridgwater the previous day Nicki Brewer and Kayleigh Tonkin from the WPCS office, went to Dorchester to talk to the students there. This was the first visit made by the WPCS following on from the successful Educational visits made to other colleges around the country in the last few years. SWA members were asked if they would bring along representatives of the four Welsh sections of the Stud book and a small and large Welsh Part Bred to illustrate the talk given to the students at Kingston Maurward College near Dorchester, Dorset.

The Visit starts with a classroom presentation to the students where the different characteristics, breed type there history and attributes of the Four Sections of the Welsh Stud Book emphasising their importance as working animals. This was followed by a practical demonstration in the indoor school, how lucky the students are to have such a wonderful large indoor school, plus an equally marvellous outdoor manege! The six representatives were a very good example of the Welsh Breeds and their Part Breds, showing the progression in height in the four sections without losing type and the two Part Breds demonstrated what a useful crosses they are. Each pony came forward and stood in front of the students while Kayleigh pointed out the characteristics of that Section and what the pony had done, which disciplines it had competed in – in hand, ridden, WHP, dressage, side saddle, hunting, pony club and used for breeding. They then gave an individual display. After each pony had been seen questions were answered and then they went and had a closer look at the ponies making friends with them and asking further questions of the riders.

Each pony gave an excellent impression of the character, usefulness, good temperament and versatility of the Welsh Breeds and their Part Breds. The Visit was a great success and the College has asked us to come back and to another one in 2016.

Our grateful thanks go to the owners and riders of the ponies (& horses) who gave up their time to bring them along:



Section A: Towergate First Impression owned and ridden by Anna Richards

Section B: Stockham Count Quick Silver owned by Nicki Niqui Kirk and ridden by Izzi Kirk



Section C: Peasedown Scarlett owned by Caroline Sutton and ridden by ?

Section D: Y Ddol Robin owned by Helen Jeans and ridden by Dan Cousins



Small Part Bred: Conchita owned by Jessica Talbot and ridden by Emily Andrews

Large Part Bred: Peasedown Hercules owned by Caroline Sutton and ridden by Jessica Talbot



The students at the end of the visit making friends with the ponies and riders and finding out more about Welsh ponies and Cobs – here with Anna Richards on Towergate First Impression and Nicki Brewer.