

Press Release – 16 December 2010

Mountain and Moorland Ponies go to Burghley

The board of Ponies (UK) are thrilled to announce that additional classes are to be introduced for Mountain & Moorland Ponies in the

‘Burghley Event Pony Qualifiers and Final - 2011’

The number of qualifiers for this unique and exciting competition are limited, the first being held at the Ponies (UK) Winter Championships. Others already organised are to be found at the Ponies (UK) West Midlands and the Ponies (UK) South Shows. The Ponies (UK) website www.poniesuk.org will be updated with additional qualifying events throughout the season.

The final of the competition is to be held during the 2011 Burghley Three Day Event in Lincolnshire. The finalists perform their dressage test on old turf, with the magnificent Burghley House as a back drop. They then move onto the jumping course which begins with show jumps and then to cross country type fences. The last phase is the conformation, still within the ring surrounded by a capacity audience.

The winner of the 2010 Burghley Event Pony was Elinor Strapp riding Dancing Hero who won the opportunity to spend 2 days in training with Laura Collett, young rider European individual and team gold medal winner. Laura began her career with horses in the show pony world winning numerous championships along the way.

Is 2011 the year that you and your pony excel in the Burghley Event Pony Finals?



Elinor Strapp & Dancing Hero – Winner of the 2010 Burghley Event Pony Championship

Further details will follow as available; this is definitely exciting times for Ponies (UK) members!