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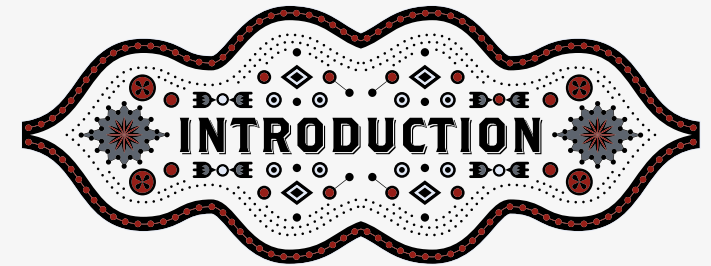
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10AM-4PM
SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER
MEADOWELLS FARM
COLLESSIE, FIFE
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Balmalcolm Clydesdales in action
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Welcome to the fifth BHS Scotland Working Horses Day and the first in the picturesque setting of Meadowells Farm in the parish of Collessie, Fife, by kind permission of R H Black.



Today we will see performed, 'Cereal From Seed to Harvest', using working horses and traditional farming implements, skills and techniques to replicate a traditional farming year in one single day.



Painting of a nickel-plated 'burler' collar decoration by Janice Kirkpatrick.

We are indebted to the Black family for allowing us to use their wonderful south-facing field. We are also grateful to the horsemen and women for showing their horses and equipment, to Graven for designing this brochure, to the Clydesdale Horse Society for the generous support of the late Gerald Fallows, to Mr George Skinner for providing commentary, to Liz and Robin Lang our stewards and to all of you who have contributed to making this spectacular and informative day a success.

Catering is generously provided by 'The Legendary BHS Scotland Tearoom' managed by Kristine Hynd and Jean Wallace and includes soup, stovies and baking contributed by our amazing BHS volunteers. Please be generous with your donations as this is a charity tearoom.

Helene Mauchlen

National Manager for Scotland

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TIMETABLE

All timings are approximate as displays will be happening throughout the day. All our performers are happy to chat to the public, so please take advantage of the expertise and learn all you can.



10am	George Skinner	Introduction
10am–12noon	John McDermot	Plough
	Neil McPhail	Plough
	Davie Duncan	Plough
	Dave Nelson	Cultivator
	Ross Kinnaird	Seeder
	Ronnie Walker	Harrows
	Blythe Sinclair	Seed delivery
10.30am–12.30pm	Benny Duncan	Reaper
11am	James Falconer	Forestry working demonstration
All day	Davy Walker	Rides Dray
12.30–3.30pm	Ross Kinnaird	Fertiliser spinners
		Grass seed barrow
		Harrows
		Roller
	Blythe Sinclair	Fertiliser delivery
1–1.30pm	Benny Duncan	Binder
	Dave Nelson	Cart
	Ronnie Walker	Cart
2pm	James Falconer	Forestry working demonstration



Neil McPhail and Michael Mayberry ploughing with Poacher and Tommy

Equipment & displays

Bill Allan

Reaper

Benny Duncan

Binder
Mill Baler
Riders Dray
Grass Seed Barrow
Hay Turner
Mower

James Falconer

Forestry working demonstration

Ian Grant

Wheels
Box cart

Ross Kinnaird

Seeder
Fertiliser Spinner
Harrows

Dave Nelson

Norwegian Harrow
Harvest Cart

Messrs Allan, Beath & Pattinson

Bamford crusher
Richmond & Chandler crusher
Side delivery rake
Flicker manure drill
Oliver wooden plough
Winnowing machine
Turnip snagged
Bamford potato digger
William Elder turnip drill



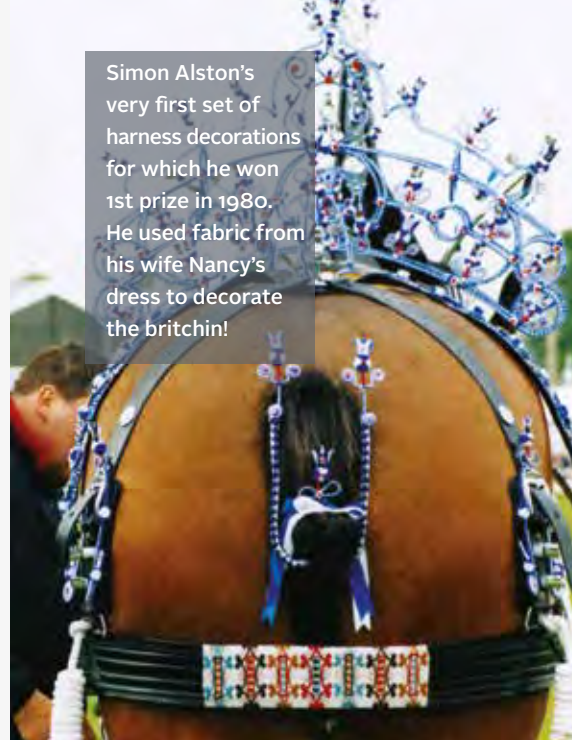
Simon Alston

82-year old Simon Alston from Falkland in Fife practices and teaches the traditional art of Scotch harness decorating. Each full set of Simon's harness decorations takes around 300 hours to make.

Simon's love of Clydesdales started at an early age on the family farm. When tractors arrived he kept horses to compete at ploughing matches, winning numerous competitions and medals. In the 1950s Simon started showing harness and decorations, marrying Nancy, who also had a keen interest in Clydesdales and showing. Simon also competed in heavy horse turnout classes, travelling throughout Scotland to shows, including the Royal Highland Show where they won Harness and Decorations Championships several times.

The highlight of Simon's driving career was qualifying for the British Horse Driving Championship at Newbury in Berkshire, becoming reserve champion. Simon retired from showing in 2003 after over 40 years in the ring. He is always happy to help others and give his advice. In 1980 he started making Scotch harness decorations and he continues to make decorations today, recently completing a set for the Preserving Clydesdale Horse Traditions Project that will be donated to National Museums of Scotland along with downloadable templates and video instructions that ensure future generations will keep this tradition alive.

clydesdalehorse.org



Simon Alston's very first set of harness decorations for which he won 1st prize in 1980. He used fabric from his wife Nancy's dress to decorate the britchin!



Simon Alston helping Janice Kirkpatrick create downloadable harness decoration templates for clydesdalehorse.org and the next generation of Scotch harness decorators.

J & K Balfour Farriers

J & K Balfour Farriers from Tealing, Dundee run a family farriery business. Brothers Kevin and Jim, and sons Calum, Wayne, Lewis and Adam, specialise in heavy horse showing and participate many competitions and demonstrations in the UK and Canada. They are members of the Scottish team that last year won the world title. The family shoes all types of horses from Shetlands to Clydesdales.

Benny & Isobel Duncan

Benny and Isobel Duncan from Balmalcolm Clydesdales in Fife, and their horses Star, Davy, Geordie and Jackson, are often seen at the summer shows, the highlight being the Royal Highland Show where they compete in both in-hand and heavy horse turnout classes. Benny also shows Scotch harness and decorations. Benny and Isobel's Granddaughter, Blythe, and Grandson, Craig, can be seen with their Shetland pony Peanut pulling a cart delivering seed for the seed drill and fertiliser for the spinner. They are helped by their Uncle Craig.

Davy Duncan

Davy Duncan from Ryehill Croft, Johnshaven, Montrose, ploughs and works with two heavy horse crosses. Davy has been a stalwart of the BHS Working Horse Days from the start.





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Ross & Alice Kinnaird

Ross and Alice Kinnaird from Kinross with their horses Danny and Amy show Scotch harness and decorations at shows, vintage displays and galas throughout the summer.

John, Neil, Benny, Dave and Ross meet up during the winter months at ploughing competitions. In February 2015 they joined other ploughmen at Mullahead ploughing match in Northern Ireland to challenge for the Guinness World Record for 'Most Heavy Horses Ploughing Simultaneously'. They were triumphant with 42 pairs of horses (84 horses) ploughing and they still hold this world record.

Liz & Robin Lang

Liz and Robin Lang will be helping with the smooth running of today's event. They are well known in the Clydesdale world and regularly steward shows across the UK.

James Falconer, Forester

James Falconer from Westhill, Aberdeen and his Clydesdale horse 'Ben' demonstrate forestry techniques using a Norwegian harness and pulling a swingletree, Ulvin's Arch and a forwarder. James specialises in removing timber from small sites that are difficult to access with machines. Contact Grampian Horse Loggers on 01224 744621.

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Neil McPhail & Michael Mayberry

Neil McPhail and Michael Mayberry from Skernish Clydesdales, Glenbarr, Campbeltown, Argyll with horses Poacher and Tommy. They compete in many Summer shows and Winter ploughing matches.

John McDermot

John McDermot is from Newton Abbey, Antrim, Northern Ireland with his horses Poppy and Alexsam.

Dave & Rob Nelson

Dave and Rob Nelson from Crossgates, Fife with horses Danny and Prince can be seen at vintage shows and galas throughout the summer.

Ronnie Walker

Ronnie Walker from Riverdale Clydesdales, Burncrooks Farm, Stonehouse with his horses Simba, Lightning and Ted.

Donald & Mary McGillivray

Donald and Mary McGillivray from Comrie have brought their horse Baravalla Morrigan, aka 'Morrie', who is an Eriskay Pony. She will give a short demonstration of the traditional task of carrying creels. Eriskay Ponies, from the Western Isles, were used for various tasks on the crofts. Work included carrying peat for fuel for the fire, seaweed for fertiliser and hay for fodder. In the late 1960s a group planned to save the breed from extinction as tractors grew in popularity.

Eriskay Ponies have a delightful temperament and enjoy a great affinity with their owners. At 12-13.2hh they are small but strong for their size. They make ideal family ponies for all activities including Pony Club.

Davy Walker & Beverly Brown

Davy Walker & Beverly Brown from Galcantry Clydesdales, Cawdor, Nairn with their horses Storm and Davy.





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