

G53/112 Haywards Loyal William 2011

(Long Copse Elton / Anderwood Evesdrop)

Bred by Peter & Mandy Pidgley, owned by Gemma Hobbs



These pictures really sum up what a wonderfully versatile breed the New Forest pony is...quite often the smaller ponies, especially colts and geldings, are dismissed because of their size when in reality they are often pocket sized perfection, ideal for children wanting to do everything from lead rein to cross country.

William was a fully licensed stallion and sired two foals, one of which has been retained at the stud. He was gelded at 3½ years after we decided having 3 stallions was just too many! He stands around 12.1hh and it was Gemma herself that broke him in and schooled him on despite

only being 7½, he has the true New Forest easy temperament and the bond he shares with Gemma is quite extraordinary...because of this he was given to Gemma for her 8th Birthday. He can be a typical cheeky pony but we wouldn't change him for the world and they have both learnt so much together. He is an incredibly bold jumper and luckily so is Gemma, so it looks like we will have few more seasons of watching them through our fingers as they go on more adventures together!

Gemma & William enjoyed great success at the Breed Show this year...standing 2nd in the Pairs with Katie Perrett on the equally diminutive Brookshill Moonbeam, to Nanny (*Mandy Pidgley*) & Dawn Vear and also winning the Child Handler (*11 years & under*) for the second year running!

Please don't dismiss the smaller ponies as they are little jewels waiting to be discovered!

Sally Marsh

