

# International Caspian Society

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## NEWSLETTER

### *Remembering Ron Scott*

It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Ron Scott on the 12th November 2016, aged 89.

The Henden Caspian Stud began in 1978, the first foal being Henden Zimbabwe, born in 1980. The stud played a major role in the preservation of the Caspian breed. Ron was also one of the people who instigated the formation of the International Caspian Society.

Henden Caspians were exported

*Caspians with Henden prefix: 192*  
*Caspians with Lanhill prefix: 48*  
First foal born: Henden Zimbabwe  
(Mehran x Hopstone Zardalu)

to the USA and Europe.

Ron and Jane tirelessly hosted many Caspian Society meetings and Breed Shows, along with countless other promotional activities such as running a show stand at the larger County Shows. Their combined organisational and hosting skills, catering, commentating and photography were truly remarkable, as was their generosity.

Later, their daughter, Fleur, took over the management of the Henden Stud along with her own, Lanhill, herd, at the same time studying to qualify as a vet.

### *Ronald Scott*



It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Ronald Scott, on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016

We send our sincere sympathies to Jane and Fleur at this sad time.



Ron with his daughter, Fleur

Ron was born in the North West of England and one of his greatest passions was supporting Manchester United Football Club which, as a member, he attended regularly until shortly before his death.

He spent his last two years in Norfolk with Fleur and her husband where he was able to meet his new grandson, Harry, who was born on the 5th November 2016.

His name is synonymous with Caspians and the breed owes him a great debt.

### *Letter from the outgoing Chairman:*

As my term of office draws to a close I am delighted to be handing over to the new Chairman, Lawrence Alderson, whose experience with Caspians is longer and far more qualified than my own.

Our new Vice Chairman, Margareta Lindahl, offers a complementary set of qualities which, combined with those of Lawrence, cover all the requirements necessary for the preservation of the Caspian. The Secretary, Lena Carrasco, will introduce herself later in this Newsletter.

I wish them all every success in their respective roles.

*Brenda Dalton*

### *Letter from the incoming Chairman:*

I am privileged to be entrusted with the position of Chairman but do not underestimate the enormity of the task ahead. I will give it my fullest attention and look forward to working with Margareta and Lena to continue the development of the Caspian as an international breed.

*Lawrence Alderson*

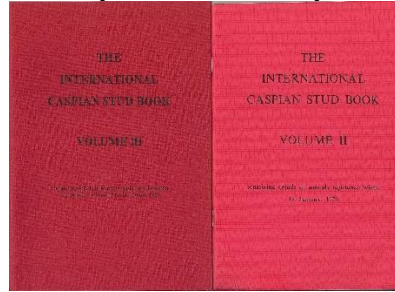
## Early Memories

By Lawrence Alderson  
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The Caspian has given the equine world one of its most romantic stories since Black Beauty, 140 years ago. Kinsem (stolen by gypsies and winner of all her 54 races), Red Rum (Grand National fame) and others, caught the imagination temporarily, but the remarkable discovery of small equines by Louise Firouz 50 years ago in Iran is an ongoing drama, magnificently captured by Louise and by Brenda Dalton between the covers of two or three splendid books – documentary books packed with history and information, but which equally could have been a gripping novel. The trials, tribulations and tragedy endured by the embryonic ‘breed’ before their eventual spread around the world are an epic story.

Caspian horses first crossed my path in the 1970s at the Royal Show. Michael Rosenberg, my good friend and business partner, had seen an intriguing display of a foreign breed of pony and suggested I might be interested. Having grown up with working horses and ponies and being acquainted with most native breeds through the Rare Breeds Survival Trust, I needed no further encouragement. Hence my first encounter with a Caspian shortly afterwards. Mehran, a superb grey stallion, was fresh from importation in 1974, but he was not a pony. Pony size maybe, but with the conformation of a hot-blood. So here was an exciting new dimension in the British equine population. It was not difficult to attract publicity and as I was Editor of the Ark (published privately at that time by my company) items on the

Caspian were included in February 1976 and January 1978.



A volume of the International Caspian Stud Book (again published by my company) appeared in 1978, followed by another volume in 1983. In the meantime, drawing on my experience with RBST’s charitable status, it was deemed prudent to revise the structure of the Caspian organisation and the

The careful planning of breeding programmes in a system known as cyclic crossing (see Vol. III ICSB) to optimally blend the different lines and control inbreeding has been utilised very effectively by breeders of Caspian horses.

British Caspian Trust was formed in 1980.

However, my main interest is genetics and animal breeding and as I had opportunity to examine more horses it became clear there was some variation in type. Mehran (Aseman x Mehri) was a real gentleman of the stronger type (although not as strong as Palang) compared with the finer Daria Nour (Dusty), a smaller feisty foundation stallion. But variation in type – within reason – is part of genetic diversity, the value of which was evident when watching Christine Belton scurrying round with great success with the elegant Mustapha (grandson of Dusty) and powerful Chahar-Chambe (son of Palang out of a Mehran daughter). The careful planning of breeding programmes in a system known as cyclic crossing

(see Vol. III ICSB) to optimally blend the different lines and control inbreeding has been utilised very effectively by breeders of Caspian horses. Quite apart from genetics some special animals catch the imagination. Dusty was one of those. I still have vivid memories of his mating (mis)behaviour – an urgent ‘wheelie’ approach to apprehensive mares, front legs flailing and a total disregard for my presence. A complete contrast to the courtesy and consideration Maroun gave to his prospective mates. Two foundation mares also were rather special. Shirine is unforgettable. Part of the ‘wolf’ shipment, her light red dun colour was striking but her early life was truly awful before she was able to live out her days in comfort and care in England. Khorshid Kola was gifted by the Shah of Iran in 1972 and a portrait of her, with her distinctive blaze and white foot, was executed by Roy Reynolds soon after her arrival in England. I maintained contact with Roy afterwards including a visit by him and his wife, Jane, when I lived in Shropshire. Khorshid Kola produced some lovely foals, including Atesh which went to work in Australia. I visited Australia in February 1979, enduring a heatwave in their summer before returning home to a blizzard in northern England. During my visit I spent a very enjoyable time with Ida Graham at the Marida Stud where I saw, among others, the grey filly, Khass, by Mehran ex Aloucheh and therefore linebred to Mehri. Ida founded the Australasian Caspian Society the following year. Another trip abroad took me to Cancale where Jean-Michel and Caroline Sourdin were developing their

interest in Caspians in a delightful corner of France. I also accompanied Jean-Michel to Chantilly to admire the palatial stables and visit the training gallops in the forest.

The Caspian now is a truly international breed, spread through widespread countries but with a firm base in its homeland.

## *The need for Co-operation and Change*

*Recent changes to EU regulations and Privacy Laws have meant that it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain the current rules for Caspian breeding. It is also evident that as the overall number of Caspians has grown, breeders no longer feel that it is so important to register them. Not so! If we are to ensure that the work of the last fifty years is not wasted it is vital that we co-operate with each other more than ever before and if this means changes to our rules then ALL member societies must become involved in these changes and make the effort to vote.*

### **A MESSAGE TO NATIONAL MEMBER SOCIETIES**

*Please keep the ICS informed of changes to your officers and your contact information so that your members can keep in touch with your Society via the 'Societies and Officers' page on the ICS website.*

### **A MESSAGE TO BREEDERS**

*Please keep in touch with your National Member Society. Caspian Breed Societies exist to help you and they can only do this if you are*

*prepared to play your part in helping them.*

*Please note changes to Rule 4 in the ICS Constitution*

*Clarification has been made to Clauses 2.1.7 and 2.2/2.3. in the ICS Rules for Registration*

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## *Introduction to the Secretary*

Lena Carrasco

My name is Lena Carrasco. I live in Bålsta (a small town about 50 km from Stockholm) with my husband and our three children aged 4, 6 and 8. For the moment I am studying at Mälardalens University to become a teacher.

I have always loved horses.

According to my mother, 'horse' was the first word I said next to 'mum' and 'dad'. I was an active rider until my early 20's then I took a break for a couple of years.

When my children started to grow up a bit I felt that something was missing in my life and that was horses. So we bought a small pony which the children could ride and drive. We were searching for another pony and I was introduced to **Margareta Lindahl** by a mutual friend. I was given the chance to buy **Nordiclights Firouzeh**, a Caspian mare, born in 2011. Firouzeh is now five years old and has been with us for three years. She and my eldest daughter have taken part in a few exhibitions and Firouzeh has been rewarded with 40 points (8-8-8-8). We are doing dressage with her and have recently started to jump a little bit. Firouzeh is easy to work with and thinks just about everything is fun.

## *Update on Team Khoja*

Since the summer Newsletter, Team Khoja has continued its phenomenal string of successes. They won their first One Day Event (at first attempt) on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July then went on to win the Evolution class. Since then they have added significantly to their collection of trophies. Amelia is also looking forward to having a novice Caspian to complete in 2017.



Kinton Khoja and Amelia Waddicor

## Remembering Ron Scott

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*Vicki Shortis*

Sadly the Caspian horse world has lost another pioneer of the Caspian horse, Ron Scott. Ron and Jane bought their first Caspians in 1978 and set up the Henden Caspian Stud, after which they bred many Caspians. They also stood several stallions at stud, allowing others with Caspian mares the opportunity to breed Caspians. Ron & Jane became very involved with the UK society, hosting meetings and Open Days so that visitors could become acquainted with the breed. They also hosted many Breed Shows, often providing accommodation for horses and competitors. Two of the stallions that they kept at stud were, I always think, extremely influential to the breed; Forstals Barewa, bred by the late Lis Liech, then part owned by the Scotts, and Shabdiz, by the foundation stallion, Palang, out of the foundation mare, Khorshid Kola.

I bought my foundation mare Siyah Gosh in 1979 and I met Ron and Jane at the British Show Pony Society Show at the West Midlands Showground, in Shrewsbury on Saturday 12th July 1980. The judges were Major Eric Worthington and Mr Adrian Meredith. Liz (Webster) and her mother, 'Jaffa' Jenvey, (Caspian Stud UK) were unable

to attend as they were away visiting the Caspians that they had exported to Australia. Following this, I made many trips to the Henden Stud with Siyah Gosh and other mares that I had bred.



Siyah Gosh

I was always made very welcome. They were very hospitable and I was wined and dined and offered a bed for the night.

The Henden Stud will always be remembered for its part in helping the survival of the Caspian Horse.

*Pat Bowles*

I was sad to hear of Ron's death. He was an excellent and generous chairman of the CHS for some years and, together with his wife, Jane, did an awful lot to further and promote Caspians, especially in the early days.

Three weeks after I had seen my first Caspian in 1994, I went to visit them to buy two Caspians and came away with three!! They were so welcoming and encouraged me to join the CHS Council straight away, which I did.

I worked quite closely with him thereafter and always kept in touch with him. However hard my resolve, he could always persuade me to look at his point of view. I had spoken to him only a few weeks before he died, just after he came out of hospital.

I was so pleased he managed to meet Fleur's son and I extend my deepest sympathy to Fleur and Jane.

## *The Kington Stud – a look back at 2016*

Jane Holderness Roddam, President of The Caspian Horse Society, reports that both the Kington Stud and Stallion Centre had a very busy and rewarding 2016.

Tessa Clarke (who spoke at the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Caspian, in Iran in 2015) visited New Zealand in January and spent some valuable time with Dr Lee Morris (Equibreed) and Sandra Wilsher, advising on their latest techniques with mare repro work. Tessa then met various other veterinary practices in NZ to discuss breeding contracts. All this good work was reinforced by Tim and Jane's visit Down Under in April, when Jane judged at Kihiki 3 Day Event. The Holderness Roddam's also spent time in Australia, where Jane judged at WAYER 3 Day Event in Perth, followed by some time promoting the brand of West Kington Stud and making some great contacts.

"We were once again involved with a successful Breeding Seminar at the Royal Agricultural University (Cirencester) at the beginning of the season .....

The Stud was busy with 34 foals born this season and numerous mares visiting. ...

The Billy Stud stand **CEVIN Z** with us – and we were thrilled when his son **BILLY THE BIZ** with Pippa Funnell made the Olympic Eventing Team for Rio, his second Olympic eventer. Cevin is also producing some very good international show-jumpers. We had his son **BILLY**

**TUDOR** at stud – a lovely 5 year old out of an Animo / Burgraff mare. He will stand with us again in 2017.

Both of our own stallions enjoyed successful seasons:-

**WELTON DOUBLE**

**CRACKER's** Browning was placed in CICs\*\* and has some nice youngstock coming on;

**WINDSOR HEIGHTS'**

offspring continue to win and be placed in numerous events, dressage and P.C.

The Stallion Centre was busy with some excellent quality stallions, including Olympic dressage star **UTHOPIA** and **U-GENIUS** (Valegro's nephew).

Burghley winner Chris Burton sent his young stallion **CALIBER ROYALE**, and Lucinda Fredericks'

**BRITANNIA MAIL** – all of which have already had good bookings from Australia and New Zealand. We have exported a huge amount of frozen semen this year to various countries .... We are thrilled to be standing **CHILLI MORNING**, the only stallion to have won Badminton .....

*Maksat – pure bred Akhal Teke stallion*

Readers may be interested to learn about Maksat, a silver dun pure bred Akhal Teke stallion, presented as a gift to former U.K. Prime Minister, John Major, by Saparmurat Niyazov, President of Turkmenistan. Maksat arrived in the U.K. in 1993, having travelled 500 miles by train to Moscow, during which the party suffered an attack by bandits in Kazakhstan. The stallion and his grooms were delayed in a railway

siding in Moscow before finally finishing the journey to London. As he was also suffering from toothache, Maksat was not in the best of tempers when he finally arrived to be looked after temporarily by the British Household Cavalry.

Gill Suttle of the Akhal Teke Society reports that Maksat, now a veteran, again competed in the Akhal Teke Points Competition in 2016, finishing well ahead of the other competitors by over 4000 points.

To read more about this beautiful horse go to <http://www.akhal-teke.co.uk/about.html>

*Out of the Caspian History Book Jehan*

The first Caspian stallion to be exported by Louise Firouz from Iran was the chestnut stallion, Jehan. Despite not, at the time, having access to pure Caspian mares, Jehan went on to found his own dynasty of part bred Caspians which live on in Virginia today.



Roshan - a half-bred filly by Jehan

*Competing in the USA*

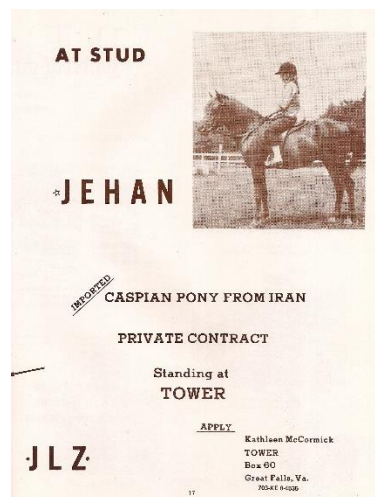
Louise took three Caspians to Virginia en-route to their new home in Bermuda with the Taplin family but they found it hard to beat the cream of well-schooled Virginian show ponies.



Louise at her childhood home in Virginia with daughters Roshan and Ateshe and Caspian mares, Momtaz-e-Mahal and Roshan

Momtaz-e-Mahal, Roshan and Daria Nour (Dusty) were eventually exported to the U.K. when drought conditions made it extremely difficult to find sufficient forage to maintain horses in Bermuda.

Momtaz-e-Mahal was given to HRH Prince Philip and all three Caspians, along with the foals bred by Joan Taplin, joined the Caspians at the Caspian Stud UK in Shropshire.



Stud advert for Jehan in the USA