

NEW FOREST PONY PROJECT – November 2004

Pre November 2004

The Idea – to go to the New Forest Pony Sales to buy four filly foals at age roughly 5 to 6 months old – to be brought on and then two to be sold at the appropriate stage of their training.

3rd November 2004 – travelled to Hampshire and stayed the night at Ranvilles Farm, a 14th Century farm about 1 mile from Romsey and 10 miles from the Beaulieu Road Sales



We left for home at 1ish and after a good run arrived at Charlie Mill at 4pm – gave the ponies time to calm themselves and unloaded them into the schooling area. Within minutes they were doing what equines do best, heads down and munching – excellent !!! All the other horses spent 10 minutes chasing up and down the fence trying to see the newcomers.



Beautiful, aren't they.

Today, 14th November 2004 – they have been with us for 9 days and have settled in remarkably well.

4th November 2004 – set off for the sales !!!!!



The four ponies are :

Aldermoor Penny Farthing – Jeanie
Ramnor Kate – Tara
Oakfield Misty – Misty
Oakwood Pippin – Pippin

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All four foals are New Forest Bred and Registered New Forest Breed.

We intend to become members of the New Forest Pony Breeding & Cattle Society which will assist us in bringing these ponies on and hopefully ensure a good price for them when sold. (Recently seen – advert for NF pony, riding, dressage, jumping - £20,000 – wow !!!).

Beaulieu Road Horse Sales

The sales commenced at 11ish and quite quickly a foal that we had seen being shown in another paddock, and that we wanted, was brought into the ring. Claire started bidding and the price rose above that which we'd agreed to go to, but the pony was just what we wanted - £115 guineas later she was ours (and Claire was shaking from head to toe).

1½ hours later we had our four ponies – had the auctioneers handlers load them in the trailer – and off for home.

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Aldermoor Penny Farthing - Jeanie

Completely wild and a little nervous of people coming too close – but – as with all of them, she has learned how to use a feed bucket and has let Claire be very close when feeding. Claire has stroked her and she seems to be a little bolder now – she likes Andy – when he kneels down !!!



Ramnor Kate - Tara

Tara has been handled and is used to being in a head collar – she is the more dominant of the four and is very inquisitive about people and things around her. She does let people make a fuss, but, is quite quick at turning her back end if she don't want any more, even more so with the other three fillies.



Oakwood Pippin - Pippin

The first pony we bought. Like Tara, she has been handled and has been in a head collar. A really elegant little filly, very fine build, and should make an excellent riding pony. We think her handling has been a bit rough as she is reluctant to stay near people, but we shall overcome this in time --'cos we're kind !!.



Oakfield Misty - Misty

Quite definitely the quietest of the four. At the moment her colouring is strawberry roan – but who knows – she may change dramatically as she ages. Timid with people as, like Jeanie, she is completely wild. Earning the trust of these wild fillies is going to be a real challenge – and we're up for it – and we're kind !!.

Ain't they just gorgeous