

It is with regret and sadness that I have to relay the passing of Glyn Davies (Maeslyn). He will probably be best known as the owner of the field that hosts the Tregaron Festival – it was his foresight that saw three fields knocked into one to create a proper half mile oval surrounded by his beloved Welsh hills.

He was of course far more than that, he was first of all a true horseman, brought up driving the family milk float delivering milk in Tregaron, a farmer, a breeder, a keen follower of hounds and a true supporter of harness racing not only in Wales, Britain and Ireland but all over the world. He had visited the United States, New Zealand, France, Switzerland and Sweden to watch a sport he loved. I would often ring him asking him if he fancied a trip, the following morning - on being picked up at the end of the lane his first question would be – “Where are we off today then?” It would invariably involve harness racing somewhere whether by car or lorry.

He bred all his own racehorses, Home Ground was very nearly successful on his first visit to Musselburgh in the early nineties, beaten a short head in the final, which led to an annual pilgrimage to Scotland. Home at Last, Home Ambrose and Home Jack were good racehorses from the same line. Home Dragon was bred from an American import and won the National Pacing Futurity as well as the Ceredigion 3YO Championship, when Glyn was famously filmed showing his “emotional side” crying with tears of joy. A combination of Home Dragon and his original bloodlines produced Home Habana who probably gave Glyn his proudest moments in harness racing firstly winning the Appleby 3YO championship before returning to win the Queen’s Jubilee Spring Handicap in 2012.

Although he never drove in a race he loved nothing more than the thrill of working out a good horse on the Dolrychain circuit on a cool summer morning.

Unfortunately latterly, failing eye sight and ill health had curtailed his practical enjoyment of the sport but he was still an avid supporter and until the past few months a regular at the Tregaron Trotting Club monthly committee meetings which was an excuse for a chat and a drink if nothing else.

Our sympathies lie with his wife Iris, his children, Ifan, David, Nia and their families. Glyn’s family have lost a husband, a father and a dotting grand-father, the sport has lost a great supporter, I have lost a true friend.

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