

## Champion Forest Run Stallion & Breed Show Supreme 2017...



### **S46/095 Brookshill Brumby 2003**

*(Brookshill Royal / Brookshill Copper)*

Forest Bred by the late Mr B D Alford, owned by Michael Maton

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Cheers of celebration were heard across the New Forest on August bank holiday Monday, when the New Forest stallion 'Brookshill Brumby' took the pinnacle status of Supreme at the annual New Forest Pony Breeding & Cattle Society Show.

'Brumby', 14 years old was born on the forest and bred by the late Mr B D Alford out of the mare Brookshill Copper and sired by Brookshill Royal. Brumby was purchased as a foal by commoner Michael Maton who had hoped that he would make the grade as a stallion as did his well known father 'Royal'.



Each year Brumby has to pass the necessary inspections under the scrutiny of 5 judges, consisting of 3 pony breeding representatives and 2 New Forest Verderer appointed judges, to enable him to be depastured on the forest and has proven himself, producing strong, good all round versatile stock.

Brumby has run the forest each season from 2005 to 2012 and again in 2016 & 2017...in addition to this year's crop of foals, he has sired 300 registered ponies. He was one of the five 5 year olds that wintered out 2008-2009 as a test of hardiness.

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After winning the championship on the Saturday Michael Maton decided to take Brumby back for the Supreme Championship on the Monday, to represent the forest run stallions. Michael said “I knew Brumby looked on form and was in great condition but I didn’t expect him to take Supreme! I am on cloud 9 and so proud of him and how well he showed himself off. He has fantastic manners and is a strong, true to type stallion with plenty of bone. I was so pleased to hear some of his progeny being placed at the show too. Brumby is the first forest run stallion to take this top prize for 60 years...I couldn’t be happier!”

***Jane Pothecary***



*A great example of just how special the ponies that run the forest are...Brumby who ran the forest during May/June, visiting Pilley Village shop. They are not just lawnmowers that hold up drivers on the road across the forest! Suzanne Kempe*