



## FPS-MESG Newsletter – Summer 2007

### The Mane Thing

Although the Summer doesn't really seem to have started at least MESG is lucky enough to have at least one outside event that has gone ahead, which is more can be said of other societies, who have had to cancel shows, rides etc due to the wet weather. In this issue we have a report on the Sandringham Show, which took place on a dry day in May. Thanks to Lisa Dunger for all her efforts in organising the show and for Barry Mallinson for judging the ponies and travelling all the way from Cumbria to do so. We look forward to an even better event in 2008 as it is planned to combine the MESG show with the ride that takes place on the Royal Estate – look out for details in the Winter newsletter and on the FPS website. Make a weekend of it!

There is also plenty to look forward to in our area for the rest of 2007 with the FPS Southern Show on the 9<sup>th</sup> September (entries close on 31<sup>st</sup> July). Chris Poole is running a series of Fell Pony & Friends shows, rides etc over the summer – please support these events as Chris puts a great deal of effort into making these fun days out for the whole family. We also have the usual FPS-MESG social events that are planned for the Autumn & Winter. See the diary section for details. If you are attending events it is advisable to ring to check they are still going ahead given the recent bad weather in our region.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tracey Apperley for all the hard work she has put in as membership secretary since the inception of FPS-MESG. Tracey is now standing down to concentrate on her studies and we wish her great success. Michelle Thompson will be taking over from Tracey as our membership secretary – we wish all the best in her new post.

I also intend to stand down at the end of July – after three years co-ordinating FPS-MESG activities I now feel it is time to make way for new blood and fresh ideas. I have enjoyed myself and have met an amazing number of lovely people through the group and also accumulated two more Fell ponies! A replacement co-ordinator will be announced soon. I hope the weather soon brightens up and we can all get out there with the ponies. Best wishes for the rest of the summer!

*Denise Bumford*

### Diary dates

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2007 – FPS-MESG Fun Show, Lambley Show Field, Gotham, Nottingham.** Starting at 10.30 and with classes ranging from the traditional show classes to trotting, handy pony and games. Entries £2.50 per class. Similar events will also be run on 19<sup>th</sup> August and 30<sup>th</sup> September. This event is being run by Christine Poole – please contact her on 0115 984 4729 or 07817 442293 for schedule & entry form.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August –Open Day at Cheese Hill, Notts.** Come & meet the Fell Ponies and the new foals. Pony rides from £2.00. Bring a picnic. Please book in advance. Adults £3.00 and children £2.00 each. This event is being run by Christine Poole – please contact her on 0115 984 4729 or 07817 442293 for more details.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – FPS-MESG Ride & Picnic, Gotham, Nottingham.** Starting at 11.00. Adults £5.00 and children £2.50. Please book before 22<sup>nd</sup> August. This event is being run by Christine Poole – please contact her on 0115 984 4729 or 07817 442293 for more details.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - FPS-MWSG 'Leg-It', Seighford, Stafford.** This event scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> July was cancelled due to bad weather. It is now being run on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Annual trotting race over a measured mile organised by MWSG. Followed by an afternoon gymkhana including Fancy Dress and Handy Pony Competitions. Rosettes for all taking part. You should have your own insurance. Entry forms available from Diane Key on 01785 822723. It would be great if as many FPS-MESG members as possible could support this event as Diane and her family work hard to make it a fun day out.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2007 – FPS Southern Breed Show.** This year there is a new venue – Berkshire College of Agriculture near Maidenhead. The college is easily accessible and is situated on the A404 between



J of the M4 and J4 of the M40. This is a super venue, with lovely level fields and good facilities. This year there will also be dressage classes in addition to the usual show classes. Entries close 31<sup>st</sup> July. See FPS website for schedule and entry form or send SAE to Liz Whitley, Crifftin Mill Cottage, Oxtan Road, Epperstone, Notts NG14 6AT. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Native Pony Dressage Day, Great Bookham Equestrian Centre, Great Bookham, Surrey.** This event is being run by the Highland Pony Enthusiasts Club (HPEC) and will include walk & trot, prelim, novice and elementary tests. Not strictly in our area but close enough for MESH members in the South of the area to attend. Entries close 29<sup>th</sup> September. Georgina Blair (area rep for Berks & Bucks) is happy to provide MESH members with more details – please contact Georgina on [clandongabriella@fsmail.net](mailto:clandongabriella@fsmail.net) or mobile 07796 685992. It would be great if we could get a number of Fells to attend to promote the breed.

**Early October.** Pleasure ride in Berks & Bucks area. Contact Georgina Blair (area rep for Berks & Bucks) to register your interest by e-mail at [clandongabriella@fsmail.net](mailto:clandongabriella@fsmail.net) or mobile 07796 685992.

### **Jumping classes**

Christine Poole also runs clear round jumping and class jumping at Cheese Hill, Gotham, Notts every Wednesday. Please contact Christine on 0115 984 4729 or 07817 442293 for more details.

**Hold the Date. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Kate & Bruce Merry's Luncheon, Crick, Northants. **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – FPS-MESH Christmas Dinner, Six Hills, Leics. More details of these events to be provided in Autumn newsletter.

### **How Scotgate Spectrum Came South!**

S: Towerview Spirit of Joy  
D: Scotgate Sophie  
Breeder Mr and Mrs Dorman

Jane Glass has once again done what Jane does best and match ponies to people. Thanks to Jane, Barry and Tracy Mallinson have sent Specky 'down south' to compete with myself. This talented pony has already had a successful career in hand and ridden with Barry and Tracy and has continued his success in the Midlands.

We swapped trailers just off the A1 on 3 March 2007 and to date this special little bay pony has qualified for Ponies UK Winter Championship, PUK Summer Championships, L&EMNP Championships 2007/2008, NCPA Championship, The Royal London, NPS Picton and won Leicester County show - what more could you ask for in 2 months.

I never thought I would find another bay pony that came close to Wolds Woodcock, but Specky has a very similar personality and approach to life that is full of enthusiasm and spirit. We are still working on our partnership and have plenty to polish off.

A huge thank you to Jane, Barry and Tracy - we really have thoroughly enjoyed our season so far.

*Jane Anderson*

### **Scotgate Spectrum and Jane Anderson - Newark**





### **FPS-MESG Show at Sandringham: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

The day dawned sunny with a light breeze, which held all weekend and was therefore comfortable for both the MESG show on the Saturday and the charity ride on the Sunday. Our judge Mr Barry Mallinson honoured us by coming all the way down from Carlisle to judge both the Fells and Fell friends.

Although numbers forward were quite modest the quality was very good. The in-hand Fell champion was Shepparton Kim – bred by Judy Hill and now owned by Sarah Prior. As you can see from her photograph Kim has great movement. A young Fell pony – Ludworth Viking Silver owned by N Nash stood reserve to Kim.

The overall Fell championship was awarded to Tighewood Model (Helfondaleve of Paradise by Townend Barnaby) who was the winner of the Fell ridden class. Model was beautifully ridden by Claire Lawrence. Shepparton Kim the in-hand champion stood reserve overall.

The Fell friends classes also brought out some lovely horses and ponies. The in-hand Fell friends class was won by Gramblin Square Dance (owned by Sarah Prior) a beautiful Dartmoor Pony. Gramblin Square Dance then took the overall Fell friends championship with Estrella (winner of the Fell friends ridden class) owned by Anne Holt taking reserve spot.

As many people as possible after the show stayed on for dinner at the Ffolkes Arms to join Barry and Tracey Mallinson and their family to celebrate their marriage, which had taken place only a few days earlier. We wish them a long and happy life together with their three girls and lovely ponies.

Thanks to Lisa Dunger and her family and friends for making it such a great day. In addition we would like to thank Anne Holt for her help and for including the Fells in the Sunday ride. All much appreciated by those out towards the East Coast.

We would also like to thank her Majesty the Queen, her agent Mr O'Loone and the Royal Estate for use of the lovely venue. The super photographs of the Sandringham Show were taken by Richard Dunger. If you require a photographer for an event please contact Richard at [www.richarddunger.com](http://www.richarddunger.com)

The FPS show was followed on the Sunday by the Sandringham Charity Ride, proceeds of which go to the Sandringham & West Newton Churches. Over 80 riders and carriage drivers took part – leaving between 10.00 and 13.00. This isn't a competition and riders can enjoy the scenery at their own pace. Commemorative rosettes were awarded to all completing the course. This is a lovely way to see the private estate.

The idea behind the Sandringham show is that it should be an enjoyable event where people and ponies come together to socialise and compete and learn in an informal atmosphere. It is intended that this will now become an annual event around the same weekend in May. In 2008 for those that want to stay the weekend we will be offering a package for the show, stabling and the charity ride. Watch the FPS website and Winter FPS-MESG newsletter for schedule and entry form.

#### **Results:**

Class 1: Reg Fell Youngstock: 1<sup>st</sup> Ludworth Viking Silver - owned by N Ash

Class 2: No entries:

Class 3: Reg Fell 4yrs and over: 1<sup>st</sup> Shepparton Kim - owned by Sarah Prior  
2<sup>nd</sup> Northlodge Dill - owned by C Jex  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lunesdale Mountain Gypsy - owned by M Jefferies

Class 4: Fell Friend 4yrs and over: 1<sup>st</sup> Gramblin Square Dance - owned by Sarah Prior  
2<sup>nd</sup> Calset BB - owned by S McHale  
3<sup>rd</sup> Estrella - owned by Anne Holt

Class 5: Best Turned Out: 1<sup>st</sup> Persephone - owned by Miss J Rear  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tighewood Model - owned by Claire Lawrence  
3<sup>rd</sup> Calset BB - owned by S McHale

Class 6: Reg Fell Ridden: 1<sup>st</sup> Tighewood Model - owned by Claire Lawrence  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lunesdale Mountain Gypsy - owned by M Jefferies  
3<sup>rd</sup> Shepparton Tara - owned by Lisa Dunger



Class 7: Fell Friend Ridden: 1<sup>st</sup> Estrella - owned by Anne Holt  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Persephone - Miss J Rear  
 3<sup>rd</sup> James

Champion In-Hand Fell Pony: Shepparton Kim  
 Reserve: Ludworth Viking Silver

Champion In-Hand Fell Friend: Gramblin Square Dance  
 Reserve: Calset BB

Champion Overall Fell Pony: Tighewood Model  
 Reserve: Shepparton Kim

Champion Overall Fell Friend: Gramblin Square Dance  
 Reserve: Estrella

**Tighwood Model - owned by Claire Lawrence  
 (photo courtesy of R Dunger)**



**Shepparton Kim & Sarah Prior (photo courtesy  
 of R Dunger)**



**Wanted – Stewards for FPS Southern Show**

Liz Whitley urgently needs two stewards for half to a full day for the FPS Southern Show on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2007. The show will be at a new venue at Berkshire Agricultural College near Maidenhead. If you can help please leave a message on either of Liz's telephone numbers and she will get back to you - 0115 9653584 or 07774 292787. She can also be contacted by e-mail at [liz.whitley@cornwall.ac.uk](mailto:liz.whitley@cornwall.ac.uk)

**Wanted – FPS-MESG Co-ordinator & Newsletter Editor**

**Co-ordinator** - if you are interested in this role; have time to attend some events and are keen to work with the area reps to co-ordinate MESH activities please ring Judy Hill (MESG Treasurer) on 01455 552534 or e-mail her at [Judy@Gileshill.com](mailto:Judy@Gileshill.com) and she will be happy to provide you with more details.

**Newsletter editor** – older teenager or semi-retired computer literate person with the time to put together and dispatch up to 3-4 newsletters per year. If you are interested in this role please ring Denise Bumford on 01327 262959 for more details.

**FPS-MESG Membership – Important Notice**

If you still need to renew your FPS-MESG membership for 2007 please send a cheque for £3.50 payable to FPS-MESG to Michelle Thompson at Sans Souci, Melton Road, Scalford, Leics, LE14 4UB by 6<sup>th</sup> August at the latest. If you do not renew your membership by 6<sup>th</sup> August you won't receive any further newsletters in 2007.



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**Scotgate Spectrum and Jane Anderson – PUK Winter Champs 2007**