

**The Fell Pony Society**

**Midlands West Support Group**

**‘Festival of Fells’ Spring Show**

**On the**

**3rd May 2020**

to be held at

Rodbaston Equestrian Centre, Rodbaston Drive
Penkridge, Staffordshire, ST19 5PH

***In hand & Ridden Judge: Mrs Pam Cox***

***Working Hunter Judge: Mr Simon Tilley***

***BSPS Ridden Judge: Mrs Emma Livesey***

(BSPS Membership is NOT required to enter these classes)

**In hand, Ridden, WHP, classes for registered Fell ponies & including a MWSG qualifier for the prestigious**

**‘Bewcastle Boy Blue Inter-area Challenge’**

Also

**Overall Supreme Champion of Show £50**

**Overall Reserve Champion of Show £25**

NEW for 2020

BSPS Summer Championship

Qualifying Rounds

BSPS Heritage Novice

BSPS Heritage Open

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**Ring One: (Indoor Arena) 9.30am Prompt Start. *Judge –Mrs Pam Cox-* Registered Fell Pony – In hand**

Class 1: Novice In hand Pony – Any age, never to have a won a FIRST prize.

(This class is designed for totally novice ponies who need experience in the ring – PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE THIS – Thank you)

Class 2: Stallions. (ALL Stallions to be bitted)

Class 3: Two & Three year old Colts - ALL 2 & 3 year old Colts to be bitted

Class 4: Yearling colt, filly or gelding

Class 5: Two old filly or gelding

Class 6: Three old filly or gelding

Class 7: Mares – 4 years old and over

Class 8: Geldings – 4 years old and over

Class 9: Veteran In hand - Ponies 15 years and over

**Immediately following class 9**

***Bewcastle Boy Blue Inter-area Championship Qualifier***

The Highest placed MWSG member from each in hand class to compete. Overall winner of the Qualifier will go forward to the Southern Show. **(Final of which to be held at the Southern Fell Pony Society Breed Show 2020)**

(Please note – If you are a MWSG member (fully paid up for 2020 season) and wish to compete at the Finals at the Southern Show 2020 please ensure that you wear a red armband showing your willingness to attend).

**MWSG membership can be taken on the day of the show**

***Youngstock Championship***

The 1st & 2nd prize winners from classes 1 (if Young pony is 1st or 2nd) 3, 4, 5 & 6 to compete. (The Stoneybank Shropshire Lad Memorial Perpetual Cup kindly donated Mrs L Weston)

***In hand Adult Championship***

The 1st & 2nd prize winners from classes 1 (if Adult pony is 1st or 2nd) 2, 7, 8 & 9 to compete. (The Trefarclawdd Perpetual Shield kindly donated by Mrs D Roberts-Jones)

***Overall In hand Championship***

Champion & Reserve Youngstock & Adult to compete.

(The Gowborrow Perpetual Cup kindly donated by Mrs R Eastwood)

**Ring Two: (Indoor) 9.30am Prompt - *Judge –Mrs Emma Livesey. –* BSPS Summer Championship Qualifiers**

Class 10: BSPS Heritage Novice Ridden class. (snaffle bridles only – Wilkies are accepted)

Registered pure bred Fell ponies 4 years old and over. Riders any age.

Class 11: BSPS Heritage Open Ridden class.

Registered pure bred Fell ponies 4 years old and over. Riders any age.

The Open class is a qualifier for the BSPS Classic Services Group Challenge, Best Rider and the Binks Family Champion of Champions to be held at the BSPS Summer Champs 2020.

These classes are affiliated to the BSPS and all classes are held in accordance with the 2020 Rule & Show Handbook and all persons entering, competing, showing or otherwise taking part in BSPS classes, whether or not members of the BSPS are subject to the Constitution and Rules of the BSPS including the disciplinary procedures and shall be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of the BSPS.

**\*\*LUNCH BREAK\*\***

**Ring Two: (Indoor) Not before 1pm - *Judge –Mrs Pam Cox -* Registered Fell Pony - Ridden**

Class 12: Traditional Ridden (walk and trot only)

Class 13: First season Novice Ridden (snaffle bridles only – Wilkies are accepted - NEVER to have won a 1st prize in a ridden class. Bronze, Silver & Gold rosettes offered in lieu of 1st - 3rd for ‘de-novicing’ purposes)

Class 14: Novice Ridden (snaffle bridles only – Wilkies are accepted)

Class 15: Open Ridden

Class 16: Veteran Ridden – Ponies 15 years and over

***Ridden Championship***

1st & 2nd prize winners from 12 – 16 to compete. The Native Ponies Online Ridden Cup kindly donated by Mrs D Key & Mr B Stamp

***Overall Supreme Fell Pony Championship***

In hand, Ridden & WHP Champions & Reserves to compete on completion of all classes. The Vin Toulson Trophy kindly donated by Dr E Whitley

R**ing 3 (Outdoor Covered) 9.30am Prompt Start –Working Hunter Classes - Judge – Mr Simon Tilley**

(Please note: There may be some jumps over coloured poles)

Class 17: Novice Working Hunter -50cms (Snaffle bridles only- Wilkie bits are also accepted)

Class 18: Open Working Hunter - 60cms

***Working Hunter Championship***

1st & 2nd from classes 17 & 18 to compete. Perpetual Trophy kindly donated by Mrs H Moss

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR

 **Generous Show Sponsors & Benefactors for whom we are all indebted:**

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| **Class Number** | **Class Name** | **Kindly Sponsored by** |
| **1** | Novice In hand Pony |  |
| **2** | Stallions |  |
| **3** | Two & Three year old Colts |  |
| **4** | Yearling colt, filly or gelding |  |
| **5** | Two old filly or gelding |  |
| **6** | Three old filly or gelding |  |
| **7** | Mares – 4 years old and over |  |
| **8** | Geldings – 4 years old and over |  |
| **9** | Veteran In hand |  |
| **10** | BSPS Heritage Novice Ridden |  |
| **11** | BSPS Heritage Open Ridden |  |
| **12** | Traditional Ridden |  |
| **13** | First season Novice Ridden |  |
| **14** | Novice Ridden |  |
| **15** | Open Ridden |  |
| **16** | Veteran Ridden |  |
| **17** | Novice Working Hunter |  |
| **18** | Open Working Hunter |  |
| **Championship 1** | Youngstock Championship |  |
| **Championship 2** | In hand Adult Championship |  |
| **Championship 3** | Overall In hand Championship |  |
| **Championship 4** | Ridden Championship |  |
| **Championship 5** | Working Hunter Championship |  |
| **Championship 6** | Overall Supreme Fell Pony Championship  |  |

Event photographer Chloe-Anne Caunt Photography, will be **i**n attendance for all your show memories. <https://chloecaunt13.wixsite.com/mysite>

IMPORTANT SHOW INFORMATION

* EMERGENCY VET INFORMATION ………………………………..
* SHOW CONTACT NUMBER FOR DAY OF THE SHOW - ………………………………..
* NO MUCKING OUT OF HORSEBOXES /TRAILERS PERMITTED
* LITTER TO BE DISPOSED OF IN THE BINS PROVIDED
* DOGS ON LEADS/ADEQUATE VENTILATION IF IN CARS
* A RESPONSIBLE ADULT MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE WHILST HORSES ARE TIED UP TO HORSEBOXES/TRAILERS

**SHOW RULES – FELL PONY SOCIETY RULES APPLY**

***COMPETITORS GENERAL RULES***

1. A competitor may speak to a judge **outside** the ring when judging has been completed. There is **never** any justification for questioning a judge on their judging of the class or making comments on other ponies in the class, whilst in the ring. **This is strictly forbidden.** The Society will take very firm action against any competitor whose behaviour in this respect is reported in writing and the complaint upheld.
2. The judge’s decision is **FINAL.**
3. A judge may require a pony which constitutes a danger to leave the ring.
4. Ponies **must** be registered and entered, at any show, in the name of the legal owner.
5. All ponies exhibited must be entered in the name under which they have been originally registered with the Fell Pony Society.
6. Fell Pony Society Pony registration number must be entered on the entry form.
7. No substitution or nominated entries permitted.
8. An exhibitor may not knowingly exhibit a pony bred, sold, leased or produced by the judge, his/her immediate family or his/her employer.
9. A rider may not ride in a class judged by someone for whom he/she has ridden in competition during the current year.
10. An exhibitor may not show under a judge for whom he/she has produced a pony in the same year.
11. The organising committee reserve the right to amalgamate or split classes and alter or amend the running order of classes.
12. **Exhibitors must take into consideration that classes may clash. If this occurs, they must nominate which class they wish to compete in.**
13. Exhibitors must enter the ring wearing the number allocated for that class.
14. Entry fees will not be refunded unless a medical certificate or veterinary certificate can be provided.
15. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure their entry is correct, eligible and to be available when called for their class.
16. Any objection or complaint must follow the outline of the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure.
17. In the event of a show being cancelled, entry fees, less a deduction for administration charges, will be refunded.
18. If any exhibitor, his employee, assistant, or other person having charge of any animal or animals, shall refuse to obey any directions of the stewards, or any of the Society’s officers, such animal or animals shall be immediately disqualified from competing further and be asked to leave the venue.
19. The organising committee accept no responsibility whatsoever for any loss, injury or damage to any person or their property whilst on the showground, car parks or approaches.
20. The mucking out of horse boxes/trailers is not permitted on the show ground and a penalty will be incurred.
21. Exhibitors are advised that all ponies should be insured for public liability.
22. Once judging as commenced there will be no entry to the ring for late arrivals. It is your responsibility to ensure that you arrive on time.

***RULES FOR RIDERS/HANDLERS/EXHIBITORS***

1. A correctly secured and fitting current BSI standard skull cap/riding hat must be worn at all times when riding.
2. Riders should be correctly attired for Ridden Mountain and Moorland classes, with a correctly fitting hard hat. (A tweed jacket and beige jodhpurs for example, are usually recommended.) Whilst there are no written rules regarding turnout, it is generally felt that tack similar to that befitting a hunter is most suitable.
3. It is not appropriate to have brightly coloured brow bands, numnahs or reins. Plain leather is all that is required.
4. Only traditional English style riding tack is permitted. (i.e. not Western style).
5. Spurs or dress spurs are not permitted in any classes.
6. Show canes and whips are not to exceed 75cms. (30”). If mis-used, in the opinion of the judge, an exhibitor may be sent out of the ring and may be reported to the Fell Pony Society Show Committee.
7. A fall of pony or rider in any class will result in disqualification and they must leave the ring dismounted.
8. Body protectors may be worn.
9. Riders or handlers may only compete with one pony in any one class.
10. Riders must have attained their third birthday on the day of the show.
11. Competitors shall not ill treat ponies at any time whether by mis-use or excessive use of a whip or bit or any item of saddlery or in any other way whatsoever and shall not cause or allow a pony to jump any hand held obstacle or be rapped.
12. Competitors are responsible for the actions of any non-competitor employed by them or assisting them or representing them or otherwise acting on their behalf and any action or conduct of such non-competitors.
13. **Exhibitors and their grooms must, at all times, present themselves in the show ring neatly and smartly dressed.**
14. All competitors under the age of 18 years must wear a hard hat to the current standard when showing in hand.

***RULES FOR PONIES***

1. Ponies must be shown unplaited and untrimmed, including head, mane, feather and tail, which should not have been previously plaited as the hair should be straight and silky.
2. Eye make-up, hair dyeing or hair extensions are not allowed.
3. Clipping of winter coats on working ponies whilst not encouraged, for showing, is not debarred.
4. Ponies will not be penalised if they have been freeze-branded.
5. Brood mares with foals at foot will be eligible for entry in hand. Foals may accompany mares into the ring but must be haltered and under control of a competent handler.
6. Foals must be a minimum of 21 days old on the day of the show.
7. Foals must only be shown in a halter or leather head collar. No foal to be shown in a bit of any type.
8. Ponies may be shown shod or unshod.
9. White rope or webbing halters may be used to show youngstock. Brood mares, mares and geldings may also be shown in rope or webbing halters or in a bridle. **Yearlings may not be shown bitted**.
10. Brood mares suckling foals are not to be shown under saddle or harness.
11. Ridden ponies will be judged 50% conformation and breed characteristics and 50% ride, manners and presentation in the ring.
12. Ponies must be four years old and over in all ridden and driving classes. The age shall be calculated from 1st January in the year of its birth.
13. All stallions and 3 year old colts must hold a current licence, and MAY NOT BE ENTERED in any young handler or junior ridden class.
14. In Young Handlers classes, all ponies must be a 4 year old or over mare or gelding.
15. Stallions and colts must be adequately bitted and under the control of a handler aged 14 or over. Stallion tack is optional.
16. No ridden pony shall be shown on a leading rein except those exhibited in classes confined to leading rein ponies, or unless otherwise stated in the schedule.
17. Only mares and geldings of 4 years old or over are eligible in junior, lead rein and first ridden classes.
18. First ridden ponies must be shown in a suitable bridle.
19. In leading rein classes, the lead rein must be affixed to the noseband only. The reins must go directly from the bit to the rider’s hands. Must be shown in a snaffle.
20. In first ridden classes ponies must not be cantered except in their individual show.
21. In Novice Ridden classes snaffle or wilkie bits must be used.
22. Bit-less bridles are not permitted. Any suitable bridles may be worn in working hunter classes.
23. Protective leg boots of a plain colour may be used for working hunter classes only and are not permitted for any other classes. No bandages, over reach boots or protective pads on pony’s legs or feet are permissible. Normal shaped plastic stick-on shoes are permissible.
24. **All ponies must be attended at all times**.
25. Exhibitors should be aware that rules for other Societies and shows may differ from the above and they should be conversant with these rules if they are competing in Shows organised by other Societies.

***RING DISCIPLINE***

1. The class is closed for judging and ponies will not be allowed into the ring:

In Hand – when the first pony has done its individual trot

Ridden & Driving – when the class goes into trot

WHP – 5 minutes after the last pony has jumped

1. Once a class has begun, there must be no substitution of rider or handler without the judge’s permission.
2. The show committee will endeavour to prevent clashing of classes, however it is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure they select classes that don’t appear to run at the same time.
3. It is the competitors responsibly to ensure they arrive at their class on time. Classes will not be held any longer than 5 minutes.
4. Competitors are not allowed to leave the ring or withdraw from any class in progress without the judge’s permission.
5. If an exhibitor leaves the ring for any reason, they must not re-enter without permission from the judge.
6. The class ends when the judge, via the steward, dismisses the class.
7. No person other than the judge, and the official course builder appointed by the show committee, is permitted to alter the course in working hunter classes.
8. Consideration must be shown to other riders and competitors at all times.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE MIDLANDS WEST FELL PONY SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP MEMBERSHIP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD FROM**

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