



BOWDERDALE JESS, AGED 19 YEARS. RIDDEN BY SUSAN FORSMAN. JESS WAS TAUGHT TO SHOW JUMP AT THE AGE OF 10 YEARS AND COMPETES REGULARLY. PICTURED ABOVE COMPLETING A COURSE OF LARGE FENCES AT A TEAM CHASE, WELTON, NR. CARLISLE.

RYDAL - DRESSAGE RESULTS:

- 1st Twislehope Roger
- 2nd Braelees Dawn
- 3rd Frizington Duke
- 4th Tebay Just William Mrs R Barlow
- 5th =Guards Robert Miss L Flitney
- 5th =Townend Gypsy VIII Miss T Burley

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS:

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| 1st Frizington Duke | 4th Jossgreen |
| 2nd Twislehop Roger | 5th Bowderdale Jess |
| 3rd Whitburn Major Tom | 6th Hesketh Heather Miss B Ward
(Owner Mrs P Ward) |

N.P.S. Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Pony Championship Qualifier
Judge: Mr David Lee

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| 1st Twislehope Roger | 3rd Frizington Duke |
| 2nd Guards Robert | 4th Summit Harrier-A Armstrong |
| | 5th Whitburn Major Tom |

AUTUMN PERFORMANCE TRIAL REPORT AND RESULTS:

We were blessed with the most wonderful weather here and the day went well. We had eleven competitors and ten of us enjoyed a marvellous ride on the fells afterwards. There were 22 obstacles, so marks are out of a possible 220.

1st Townend Lucy IV	Judith Williamson	206	points
2nd Lownthwaite Rosetta	Helen Wearing	205	"
3rd Frizington Duke	Christine Dodd	200	"
4th Fleur	Julie Stone	198	"
5th=Bowderdale Jess	Suzanne Forsman	191	"
5th=Lownthwaite Ghostly Gossip	Cath Allen	191	"

Specials: Oldest Rider - Mrs Heather Purser on Whitegate
Welcome.

Youngest " - Suzanne Forsman on Bowderdale Jess.

Most "picturesque" pony, judged by Mrs Jennifer Buxton,
miniaturist and landscape artist - Bowderdale Jess.

Josephine Baxter.

WINDERMERE FESTIVAL FELL PONY SHOW:

The event was held on 8 July 1990 at the Lake District National Park Centre, Brockhole. Judge: Mr Peter Boustead.

Geld Mare, 4 yrs & over	- Mr E Wilson's Townend Shula
Gelding, 4 yrs & over	- Miss R Ward's Jossgreen
Brood Mare, 4 yrs & over	- Mr J Bell's Barbdale Petal
Foal	- Mr E Wilson's Townend Truth
Yearling (any sex)	- Mr J Bell's Border Black Lady
Two year old (filly/geldg)	- Mr E Wilson's Townend Dusk II
Three year old " / "	- Mr J Bell's Waverhead Pearl
Ridden Fell	- Mrs G Williamson's Townend Lucy IV
Champion	- Border Black Lady
Reserve Champion	- Townend Dusk II
Norwich Union Safety	
First Family Native Pony	
Championship Qualifier	- Mrs S Myers' Heskett Topper
Working Hunter	- Mr P Forsman's Bowderdale Jess
Trotting Race	- Mrs G Williamson's Tarnbeck Maydew
Showjumping	- Miss R Ward's Jossgreen
Junior Points Winner	- Miss R Ward's Jossgreen
Senior Points joint winners	- Mrs S Myers' Heskett Topper Mrs G Underwood's Sleddale David

BARNINGHAM FELL PONY SHOW: Held at Barningham Park on
14 July 1990. Judge: Mr P Lawson. Results are appended:

Mares, 4 yrs & over	- Mr J Bell's Redhouse Dusty
Geldings, 4 yrs & over	- Miss S Hartley's Lowmoat Roadney
Brood mare, foal at foot-	Miss K Earnshaw's Townend Polly XV
Colt or filly foal	- Mr J Bell's Waverhead Petal
Yearling (any sex)	- Mr J Bell's Border Black Lady
2 yr old filly or geld'g-	Mr A W Morland's Lunesdale Kim
3 yr old filly or geld'g-	Mr J Bell's Waverhead Pearl
Best turned pony & rider-	Redhouse Dusty/Barbara Bell
Traditional Riding class-	Mrs P Sutcliffe's Strickland May
Ridden	- Mr J Bell's Redhouse Dusty
Highest placed rider under 18 years	- Sarah Davies & Scarhead Popsy
Pony not won any prize in any previous class	- Mr P Boustead's Townend Seamus
Driving	- Mrs English's Ayresome Jem
Champion	- Mr J Bell's Waverhead Pearl
Reserve Champion	- Miss K Earnshaw's Townend Polly XV

THE ROTTEN ROW TERCENTENARY PARADE, LONDON:

Sunday, 9 September 1990

The Fell Pony Society was represented at the above parade in London by the following:-

Ridden: Mary Worthington	Drybarrows Queen Bee
Matthew Worthington	Heltondale Jester
Jane Birch	Bushby Rock Rose
Rose Barlow	Tebay Just William
Driven: Mrs Errington	Dalemain Nightshade

Miss Jane Glass of Wolds Stud, Wymeswold, managed to organise a team of Fell Ponies to represent the Society at the above parade. This was no mean feat, with the Southern Breed Show and Burghley taking place over the same weekend, Jane having to borrow ponies to go to London. The team was originally five, but Emma Grundy with Heltondale Beauty VIII was rushed into hospital on the Monday and was unable to take part. We all would like to wish Emma a speedy recovery and hope to see her at a future event.

We arrived in London at approximately 10.45 am and were diverted to the top end of Hyde Park instead of Birdcage Walk, which meant instead of drivers moving vehicles through the London traffic, we had to RIDE 3 miles across London to get to the start point of the parade. Thank heavens for

Mr & Mrs Errington with Nightshade, who "cut a dash" for us through the traffic with 4 ridden Fell's following in pairs behind them. They did a wonderful job getting us to the start point in plenty of time and Fran, who ran the three miles alongside us (we were at a brisk trot most of the time!!), very kindly got us all a drink and managed to borrow hoof oil and gave the ponies a quick rub down so that we were all spick and span for the beginning of the procession. As we were gradually moved up to Horse Guards Parade, the atmosphere was really growing. We were ushered into H.G.P. to wait our allotted space in the procession and the stewards managed to get us all sorted out and ready to move at exactly 2.00 pm. It was an incredible feeling riding down the Mall surrounded by the crowds. The ponies, who incidentally hadn't met previously, stayed in a perfect line and behaved impeccably drawing lots of admiring glances from the crowds. "That's what ponies are all about", said one lady as we waited to be allowed across Hyde Park Corner in Rotten Row.



DALEMAIN NIGHTSHADE DRIVEN TO A TRADE VEHICLE. OWNED BY MR & MRS ERRINGTON.

Once on Rotten Row and having saluted HRH Prince Michael of Kent, we were surprised to see each group allocated approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile each and had a commentary about the riders and ponies and breed to the delight of the crowd. There was a rousing march playing over the P.A. system, so we decided to have a canter all together for our $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. The ponies were great and stayed in perfect time and really did get a super response from the crowd. At the end of Rotten Row and the end of the parade, we had approximately a mile to hack across Hyde Park, back to our transport and decided to give Fran, who was still running after us, picking up lost rosettes and making sure we all looked the part, a lift so Matthew and Mary rode two up on Queenie and Fran rose Jester back to the lorry. This drew quite a lot of attention as it had been announced that Fell's were heavy weight carrying ponies; this just proved the point!! All that was left was time for a group photograph. We loaded the ponies and then headed back to Leicester with fond memories of a lovely day and thanks to Jane Glass for organising drivers, grooms and families, who helped keep us sane on the day.



THE FOUR RIDDEN ENTRIES AT ROTTEN ROW - JANE BIRCH,
MARY WORTHINGTON, ROSE BARLOW AND MATTHEW WORTHINGTON.

Rose Barlow.

18. A further note of thanks from Rose Barlow, this time concerning the Spring Performance Trial, may encourage other members to enter next year's event. Read on ...

I would like to thank the organisers of the Spring Performance Trial at Rydal. This year the weather was not quite as hot as 1989, which made it better for ponies and competitors to enjoy the day of fun on Rydal Fell. Although it is a 180 mile trip for me to bring Will's up to Rydal, as long as he is fit and well and enjoying himself, I will support this event whenever it is organised. The look on my pony's face after we have finished the dressage phase and have changed tack for the cross country has to be seen to be believed! He knows exactly what he's got to do and where he is going (this does cause me headaches at times, as William is braver than I am). We managed to jump all the 10 point fences first time this year and also cleared one or two of the more difficult 15 point fences, which is an improvement on last year when we had a disasterous time on the cross country. One fence down on the showjumping and a 4th in the dressage, we finished the day in 7th place; very tired but extremely happy and looking forward to competing next year. Thank you.

If anyone has any photographs of us at Rydal, I would love copies and would pay postage and printing costs. We were number 5 and the only bright bay Fell competing. Thanks. Ring me on 0533 864640.

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY PLEASURE RIDE:

Held on 30 September 1990, at Geltsdale, Nr Brampton. Rachel Douglas, who organised this year's event, reports on the Pleasure Ride.

Last year, I bought a mare from Mrs McCosh and she asked me if I would organise the 1990 Pleasure Ride. It would be the first F.P.S. ride I had been involved with. The route was similar to the one in 1977. With the arrival of seven members and support from a few friends, the riders set off on a damp, misty morning. Unfortunately, the weather deteriorated further. Not until the riders returned, ponies made comfortable in their trailers and all returned home, did the weather improve. At the end of the ride we gathered at a local Inn for refreshments, which were much appreciated. Despite the weather, I hope all the riders and horses enjoyed their day out. Thanks to all who participated in the day.

As already mentioned earlier in the newsletter, new ideas

for the Pleasure Ride would be welcomed and suggestions for the 1991 Ride should be forwarded to either Mrs G Cockbain, Rakefoot Farm, Keswick or the secretary Rachel Bell.

NEW BOOK ON THE FELL PONY

J A Allen & Co., the London publishers who specialise in equestrian books, are producing a new series of books on all British breeds of horse and pony, including the native breeds, heavy horses, etc. Among the first titles in print is The Fell Pony and, apart from a small booklet on the breed published some years ago, this is the first fully documented and in-depth history and profile of the Fell pony to be produced. Written by Clive Richardson and lavishly illustrated with photographs spanning the last hundred years as well as several specially commissioned line drawings by Jennifer Buxton, the book is produced in glossy hardback at a cost of £10.95.

As well as documenting the history and development of the breed over nearly 2,000 years, the book examines the influential role of the Fell in commerce, industry, sport and leisure, and closely follows the formation and development of The Fell Pony Society and it's work to preserve the breed and safeguard the breed standard. The influence of the Fell on other breeds and types is covered, and there is an up to date appraisal of the breed and it's performance capabilities in comparison to the other native breeds. The current breed standard is assessed, and the future for the Fell pony dealt with objectively in the light of an ever changing and discriminating equestrian market.

The Fell Pony is available from all good bookshops or from Mrs Molly Laing, Twislehope, Hermitage, Hawick, Roxburghshire Scotland. Tel: 03873 76272, price £10.95 plus postage and packing.

NEWS FROM SARK, CHANNEL ISLANDS

I bought my Fell pony, Townend Heather Lad II, in 1981, as a seven year old. He was bred by Mr E Wilson, but I brought him from Gloucestershire, from where he had to undertake quite a journey in horse boxes, ferried to Guernsey, craned onto the Sark cargo boat, and craned off again the other end! However, he took it all quite calmly.

He is known as Hutch, and is one of those rare ponies that actually earns his keep! In Sark, there are no cars, only bicycles, tractors and horse drawn carriages. The Island

is only $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles long and $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles wide. with a population of about 550 people. It is an idyllic place to live!

Hutch drives a Governess Car, and we take tourists around the Island to show them the beauty spots and tell them a bit of the history. This is only during the summer months, as the hotels close in the winter, so the horses have a well earned rest! However, we have a small Riding Club here, which organises several events, which Hutch and I take part in. He is such a good all rounder, trying anything. He loves jumping and is very good at Handy Pony events. With him doing so much carriaging he tends to be a little on his forehead when being ridden, so his dressage leaves a little to be desired, but he does try hard, and obviously enjoys himself as much as I do. He's not adverse from leaping in the air at odd intervals to show his spark, but is very quiet when my boys ride him bareback from the field, who are aged five and seven years. When he's carriaging, he is as sensible as they come, and if he doesn't like the look of anything, which isn't much, he will give ample warning.

As far as I know, Hutch is the only Fell in the Channel Islands, and is much admired by everyone, I wouldn't part with him however much I was offered, and I have had a few; he is very much part of the family.

If any Society members are visiting Sark, either for the day, or staying at one of the Hotels here, I would be only too pleased to show you around with Hutch.
Here goes for another season!

Mrs Sarah la Trobe-Bateman, Quarry Cottage, Sark, Channel Islands. Tel: 0481 83 2196.

See photograph on opposite page.

SPONSORED RIDE IN AID OF N.S.P.C.C.

Mrs P Dodds, Bishop Auckland, would like to say how much she enjoyed taking part in the above ride in April. Her pony Hillhead Hero behaved very well and completed the eleven mile ride, which was his first outing since being broken. Mrs Dodds says " I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my sponsors for raising £85.50, and also Mrs Jane Monk for organising the ride.
Thanks for a wonderful day".



HUTCH ON SARK

1992 HORSES FOR EXPORT

Following the article and leaflet from the International League for the Protection of Horses, enclosed in the spring newsletter, I have received a letter from Mrs H Taylor, Gotham, Notts., who writes to say "So far we have managed to organise some 100 people to write and object". I am sure there are many other horse and pony owners throughout Britain, who have supported this campaign and followed Mrs Taylors good example. However, the ILPH urge us to continue, as the battle is not yet won - so keep up the good work!

MEMBER'S LETTERS

It is always interesting to have peoples' views on the Society. Therefore, what may be considered controversial comments are published as received. The following letter highlights some areas for possible discussion. "I am concerned that the Olympia Qualifying class at the Breed Show is considered a seperate class - almost an

afterthought. It would be interesting to know whether the exhibitors and the Fell Pony Council attach the same importance to it. Surely the pony to go to Olympia should be the Open Ridden Champion of the Show.

Now that the Breed Show is getting so much larger, would it not be possible/sensible to have either an in-hand and ridden Show on consecutive days or to have in-hand ponies in the morning and ridden ponies in the afternoon. This way it would be possible for each side to see the others performing."

"Having recently looked through Clive Richardson's compilation of Stud Book records, I was pleased to see the family links which have been retained int he breed over many years. Some of the present Council were young and presumably enthusiastic members thirty years ago - should they think back and maybe consider giving way to some newer, younger members. It would be interesting to look at a breakdown of the ages of Council members, say thirty or forty years ago, compared with the present day and to act on this information, by having some younger members on the Council, who would obviously benefit from the knowledge of times past, but could put another perspective on the work of the Society."

Name and address supplied.

TRAVELLING STALLIONS

'Tis Maytime - the stallion men
 Are trav'ling ponies yet again
 Travelling far the quiet fellside
 From Easter until Whitsuntide.
 Stallions proud with bloom and care,
 Hard feathered feet and well brushed hair
 Walk easily some distant track
 Their master's needs strapped on each back.
 Each horse and groom a chosen way
 From morning light till close of day.
 Leave Carrock's slopes for Borrowdale
 Then Bassenthwaite for Matteredale.
 Another route on lone Shap Fell
 Some likely mares? One ne'er can tell.
 Or, on through Ravens' dale to wait
 Near Stouphill's bridge or farmyard gate,
 P'haps at this call their day is past;
 Good fireside meal and bed at last.

Yet other men with ponies proud
 Will walk up Mardale into cloud
 Cross Gatesgarth Pass to Kentmere green
 Where likesome mares are often seen.
 Steep Cross Fell slopes to Alston moor
 Where late spring grass is short and poor.

Perhaps Hellvelyn's starlit way
 Will find them on Ascension Day,
 In thankfulness and silent prayer
 For God's great world and sweet fresh air.
 'Tis weekends while they stay at home;
 Some neighb'ring mares will surely come.

From Hartsop head to Barton Cross
 Tread Eamont's pools and flower filled moss
 Where elm tress glow with sunlit gleam
 Along the bank of every stream

The stallions back with sun adorns
 For man, such joyful, peaceful morns
 The season ends; fees for each horse,
 A guinea to their man, of course.

Sylvia Mary McCosh
 September 1989

SALES AND EXHIBITIONS OFFICER - MRS MOLLY LAING

If anyone has any coloured or black and white 'photos of their ponies, and would like to loan or give them to the Society, please send them to Mrs Laing.

Regarding Postal Sales of goods - Mrs Laing always tries to send orders by return of post. There is a sales list available from either Mrs Laing or the secretary (address and 'phone details at the front of newsletter).

Two new sales items are Clive Richardson's book The Fell Pony and white 'T' shirts printed with two ponies and the Fell Pony Society on them.

'HAIRY PONY HUNTER TRIALS': Nr Kirkbride, Cumbria.

Bearing in mind the requirement for such events for large native bred ponies, Rachel Douglas BHSAT, ran the above in September, which unfortunately, clashed with other competitions, as the entries were down considerably.

The overall winner of class 1 was Suzanne Forsman riding Bowderdale Jess. The runners up were local girls on cross bred ponies. The three classes were 1. Junior, 2. Senior - no entries, and 3. Clear Round Hunter Trials.

Not to be deterred however, Rachel Douglas is hoping to

hold two similar events in the spring and summer of 1991. Also high hopes of other events to be arranged at a later date. Rachel adds a 'thank you' to the owners of the venue, to all her helpers, fence judges and especially to the few riders who participated.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 21.10.90 - Midland Hairy Pony Club - Driving demo and lecture. Contact Jane Glass, Wymeswold 880261 or Averil Minson, Wymeswold, 880278.
- 27.10.90 - Extra-ordinary A.G.M. and Autumn General Meeting Clifton Parish Hall, Clifton, Penrith, at 1.00pm
- 31.10.90 - Fell Pony Show & Sale, Hopes Auction Co Ltd. Annual Sale at Wigton Horse Sales. Contact either Secretary or Hopes Auc. Tel: 06973 42202.
- 10.11.90 - Midland Hairy Pony Club - Dressage and Cross-Country. Also arranging trip to Olympia on native pony show day. Contact as above.
- 11.11.90 - West Midlands Foal Show, Stoneleigh, Warwicks. Contact Mr W Farrell, 0925 66405, not after 9.30pm.
- 31.12.90 - Midland Hairy Pony Club - Winter Show, Markfield Equestrian Centre. Contact as above.
- 30.3.91 - Provisional date for F.P.S. Annual General Meeting, Clifton Parish Hall, Clifton at 1.00pm.
- 28.4.91 - Midland Hairy Pony Club - Spring Show at Markfield Equestrian Centre. Contact as above.
- 11.5.91 - Provisional date for F.P.S. Stallion Show, Dalemain, Penrith.
- JUNE - Spring Performance Trial, Rydal. Date to be arranged. Contact Barry Allen Tel:0229 774528.
- 3.8.91 - F.P.S. Breed Show, Brougham Hall Farm, Penrith, Contact Mrs M Laing Tel: 03873 76272.
- 10.8.91 - Fell classes at Lowther Driving Trials. Contact Mrs Rachel Bell Tel: 03873 76251.
- SEPT - Autumn Performance Trial, Blawith, Nr Ulverston. Contact Barry Allen Tel: 0229 774528.
- 26.10.91 - Provisional date for F.P.S. Autumn General Meeting, Clifton Parish Hall, Clifton, Penrith, at 1.00 pm.

EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting will be held immediately prior to the Autumn General Meeting, on Saturday, 27 October 1990, at Clifton Parish Hall, Clifton, Penrith.

The matter for discussion is the approval of changes to the Society's Rules and Regulations. No other matter will be discussed.

AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING

The Autumn General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 27 October 1990, at Clifton Parish Hall, Clifton, near Penrith, at 1.00 pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Secretary's Report
5. Reports of delegates and sub-committees
6. Future events
7. Member's suggestions
8. Minutes of Spring meetings
9. Any other business

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