



FELL PONY SOCIETY

Autumn 1993



LINNEL MOZART FP522G, foaled 1980, sire: Linnel Romany Boy, dam: Linnel Mavis, owned and bred by Mr & Mrs R B Charlton, Linnel Wood, Hexham, Northumberland.

Mrs Sarah Charlton is pictured above riding Mozart at the 1993 Spring Performance Trials, held at their home. They are seen here jumping one of the cross country fences. We are greatly indebted to them for inviting us to use their excellent facilities at Linnel Wood and for the preparation involved to make the solid, quality course, which is very inviting to the competitors and of great assistance to the organisers Barry and Cath Allen and family. The Trials are held in June each year and new competitors are always very welcome.



WAVERHEAD MAGIC 13286,

Sire: Waverhead Rambler, Dam: Townend Polly VIII

Photograph taken by the late Mr Cole on the top of Caldbeck Fell, looking on to Carrock Fell. This was in her heyday, pictured above being schooled in the snow for the Royal Windsor Horse Show in May, which she won on four consecutive years, being Supreme of the Mountain and Moorland breeds in 1976. Waverhead Magic was put to sleep in her 27th year, on 26 January 1993, following a very short illness.

President's Letter: I have been connected with ponies and shows all my life - I was therefore very honoured to be asked to be the President of The Fell Pony Society. In the last thirty odd years that I have been on the Council and been sales officer, I have seen a great change in the Society - for one thing I note in 1970 we only had 254 members!

Although I was married and live in Scotland, I was born and brought up in Cumberland at Calder Hall Farm, and then lived in Harrogate, Yorkshire for fifteen years, and I still spend a great deal of my time travelling between the 3 areas. All my family enjoyed the ponies, which we bred for twenty years and which I had to give up when they all got married and left home.

I had Fell ponies during the war, which I broke and hunted and have ridden miles over the Border country. Over the years I owned a few good ponies but some of them for only a short time, the reason being we have no fences round the farm, all open marshes (as it is called) and some of the ponies I bought were difficult to 'heft' on to the hill and would head for home (Heltondale) and therefore I would be obliged to part with them.

I wish all our members a good and satisfying life with their Fell ponies and a great deal of happiness thrown in.

Molly Laing.

The Fell Pony Society

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Secretary's Letter

'Tis said, that this is the 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'. That conjures up a much more attractive picture to the one that this time of year brings to my mind! Dark nights, wind, rain - having to brave the elements and persuade yourself that the sooner you get outside to feed the hungry mob, the sooner you can get back in to the warm fireside!! Does that sound familiar? I thought it might. But of course, you never know, we may be blessed with a pleasant Autumnal heat wave, which may cheer us on to the winter months!

Weather-wise, we cannot really commend the summer months either but I have convinced myself that it is not only the Fell Pony which is hardy and has great stamina - their owners definitely have too! This was demonstrated not least of all at the recent Southern Show by the judges, organisers and competitors alike. The wind blew and the rain came down like stair rods after lunch but everyone took it in good heart and it was really good to see such a wonderful show of ponies from the south and some very nice ponies there were too.

The Society's team of workers have been very busy once again and we are all indebted to our helpers and workers without whom, we would not be able to run our shows, events and meetings. There is a lot of work done behind the scenes and a very big *thank you* to you all. We are always looking for willing souls and if anyone would like to offer their assistance, please contact either myself or any member of the Council.

The suggested office hours mentioned in the last newsletter seem to be working well and to reiterate them, in general terms they are between the hours of 9.30 am to 12.00 pm and 1.30 pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. There will be occasions when the above office hours will not be exercised but in most instances, the telephone answering machine will be in operation. The Society's work naturally reaches beyond the above hours but if telephone calls could be restricted in the main, to within the above hours, it will assist me in being able to carry on more easily with the administrative work.

The new Certificates of Registration have now been printed and each foal's registration will now be produced courtesy of the computer. A dot matrix printer has been purchased which will enable us to print the certificates on thin card as per the previous certificates and therefore the design has been little changed. Owners/breeders will be receiving shortly their registration certificates. Judging by the number of registrations received to date, there are many more yet to be submitted. Please remember that the new Registration Regulations are now in force and that all foals must be registered in their year of birth. Therefore, please send in your 1993 foal registrations by **31 December 1993**. The only exceptions being ponies bred by recognised Native Heath Breeders and Section (A) and (B) colts, which are eligible for registration as yearlings.

Importance of breeders submitting yellow registration application forms:

It is inevitable that some new owners will buy foals that are eligible for registration but which have not yet been registered because their yellow application forms have not been

submitted to the Secretary. This scenario is a feature of horse sales in particular and problems arise because the new owners may not be familiar with the Society's Regulations and may not therefore submit their foal's registration application until after 31 December. Ideally, to avoid this situation, the yellow registration application forms should be submitted by the breeder to the Secretary so that they are in safe keeping - the registration fee would not necessarily have to be paid at this point in time by the breeder but alternatively, may be paid by the new owner instead. The new owner can then approach the Society to register the pony.

One bit of good news is that it is **no longer a requirement to show a minimum of 5 identifiable markings on a pony's registration application**. This has been abolished and in view of the problems it would have created for our breeders, it has been welcome. However, **any white or distinguishing marks and brands must be shown on the registration application, as must a date of birth - the latter is important as part of the pony's computer data, as the date of birth is an important link within a pony's pedigree and any subsequent progeny/siblings.**

Following a recent Council meeting, there are a few adjustments and new regulations for us all to digest and these are outlined in **Council Information** over the following page but as a small introduction to that section, I shall mention a couple of the points below:

As part of our Horserace Betting Levy Board Grant, which we receive annually through the National Pony Society, the Council have implemented new Premium Awards, in the form of a new Annual Points Scheme to be awarded under the following categories: **Youngstock Points Scheme, Fertility Premium** (which will more or less replace the current At Home Premium), **and Pony Performance Scheme**. Thanks are extended to Mrs Christine Robinson for valiantly taking on the work of dealing with the new annual points scheme. Further details of the schemes are given later in the newsletter.

The Council wish to endorse and encourage the blood typing scheme which is currently underway and this has been extended to incorporate mares, in order to build up, as it were, a family tree of blood typed ponies. Indication of blood typing will be given on each pony's records and for example, as per the 1993 Stallion & Colt Show catalogue, showing if a stallion and/or it's parents have been blood-typed. To date only one stallion and it's sire and dam have been blood-typed and so it is this practice which the Council wishes to encourage. Therefore, as was announced in the Spring 1993 newsletter, by using part of our HBLB Grant, free blood typing kits will be provided for the purpose of blood typing the senior stallions. Provision was made for 25 free kits and to date only 14 senior stallions have been blood typed. Therefore, the Council have extended eligibility to the mares in order to use the 1993 quota of 25 kits. Consequently, it will now be possible to obtain the required number of free kits to enable owners to have their senior stallion, and it's sire and dam blood-typed. This will be operated on a first come, first served basis and any member interested should contact me. Please note however, that veterinary fees for the collection of the blood samples will not be met by

the Society. The blood typing scheme will be available next year, so if the 1993 quota is used up, there will be the opportunity to apply in the spring of 1994.

As a reminder, newly licenced colts are now automatically blood typed when they pass the required veterinary inspection. But the above blood typing scheme is applicable to the sire and dam of newly licenced colts, so come forward if you wish to start your colt's blood typing family tree.

Remember: the blood typing scheme will encourage breeders to use your stallions.

Well, once again, I think all that remains for me to say is read on, enjoy the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' and let's look forward to the Spring!

Rachel Bell

Council Information - IMPORTANT

PLEASE REMEMBER: From 1 January 1993, all ponies must be registered as foals in their year of birth. Registration applications to be submitted to the Secretary by 31 December of the current year.

There are few exceptions to this Regulation, further details of which are given below:

With immediate effect, the following will apply:

- ◆ An extension to the permitted time allowance for the registration of ponies will only be granted to those recognised and approved 'Native Heath Breeders', who may register Yearlings up until the 31 December of the year following their year of birth.
- ◆ 'Native Heath Breeders' are identified as those who run their ponies on the open fell, above the fell gate.
- ◆ 'Native Heath Breeders' may register their yearling youngstock at the foal registration fees, if applications are received by the end of May. Following this date, the cost of registration would be at the higher rate of £12.00 per pony.
- ◆ Those yearlings registered by the end of May will appear in the previous year's Stud Book.
- ◆ Section (A) and (B) colts will be eligible for registration as yearlings up to 31 December.
- ◆ **NEW PREMIUMS FOR YOUNGSTOCK, FERTILITY RELATED PREMIUM AND PONY PERFORMANCE - TO INCLUDE SUPER STALLION/MARE PREMIUMS**

Following the recent Council Meeting, as part of our Horserace Betting Levy Board Grant, the following Premiums are to be awarded from 1993 onwards with the Youngstock, Pony Performance and Super Stallion/Mare Premiums based on a new annual points scheme.

Points to be accrued from all the Society's shows, including Barningham but excluding 1993 Lowther. Premiums will only be given to living sires and dams of winning progeny and Premiums will only be awarded to the owner of any pony in the current year.

Youngstock Points Scheme: Premiums of £25 each will be offered to the four age groups - Foals, Yearlings, Two Year and Three Year olds. To be awarded to the pony gaining most points at shows in each age group.

Super Stallion and Super Mare Premiums of £25 will be awarded to both the sire and dam of each winning pony from the four age groups.

Pony Performance Scheme: Open to stallions, mares and geldings, 4 years and over in FPS performance trials, riding and driving classes. The owner of the winning performance pony to receive £50.00. A premium of £100 to be awarded to the sire of the winning pony and a £50 service voucher to be awarded to the dam of the winning pony.

Fertility Premium: This will be incorporated within the At Home Premium scheme currently offered at the Stallion & Colt Show. The conditions of the premium will be altered to the 6 stallions that have produced the highest number of registered progeny in the following year. **This will be in operation from the 1994 Stallion & Colt Show.**

- ♦ **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING:** The Council have called an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held immediately prior to the forthcoming Autumn General Meeting, for the purpose of discussing and voting on the proposal for the alteration of a Rule - see A.G.M. Agenda at back, for further details.

SUBSCRIPTIONS - 1993 and 1994

1993 subscription rates are as follows: Full Member £5.00, Junior Member (under 16 years) £3.00, Family Member £3.00. There are still a number of 1993 subscriptions due - please help keep administration costs down by sending your subscriptions as soon as possible. Where applicable reminders of the amount of subscription due are enclosed with your newsletter. When sending in your 1993 sub it would also be an ideal opportunity to pay for your 1994 subscription!

At the Spring Annual General Meeting, Members voted to increase the annual subscription rates from 1st January 1994, to the following:

Full Member	-	£10.00
Junior Member	-	£ 5.00
Family Member	-	£ 5.00

It is unfortunate that it was necessary to raise the fees but we hope you will continue to support the Society in it's work and for you to benefit as Members. Should anyone wish to pay by standing order, please obtain a mandate from the Secretary, or from Mrs Laing on the Sales Stand at the various events.

GENERAL REMINDERS

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FORMS Are required if you are buying or selling a pony. The forms should be completed and most importantly signed by the vendor - who is not necessarily the last registered owner but is the person who has just sold the pony - and the form should then be returned to the Secretary, with the Certificate of Registration and the Transfer fee of £3.00 for members and £6.00 for non-members.

STALLION SERVICE BOOKS Available from the Secretary (address at front of newsletter) for all registered and licenced stallions and colts 2 years and upwards. If you own or lease an entire for stud purposes you **MUST** obtain a service book from the Secretary. The service books are distributed free of charge but **MUST** be returned by 1st September to the Secretary, with a service slip correctly filled in for each registered Fell mare covered - one half of the service slip being given to the mare owner and the counterfoil being retained in the book, which should be subsequently sent back to the Secretary. The service slip given to the mare owner should be kept safely until the foal is born and forwarded together with the foal's registration application to the Secretary. **Please note - if you haven't already submitted your Stallion Service Book, please do so as soon as possible.**

REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER FEES

The current fees remain as follows:

To Register a Colt foal	£ 3.00
To Register a Filly foal	£ 6.00
Stallion Licence (includes blood-typing kit)	£25.00
Prefix (no obligation)	£15.00
Duplicate Certificate (when approved)	£20.00
Transfer of ownership	£ 3.00
Transfer of Gelding	£ 3.00

(Non-Members pay double fees)

FREEZE MARKS/BRANDS Please keep sending in details of ponies that have been freeze branded. Details should be sent to the Secretary. As a matter of course, freeze brand numbers should also be noted on your pony's Certificate of Registration.

Deceased Ponies Please send details of any ponies that have died, to the Secretary. Preferably send the Certificate of Registration and once the death has been recorded, the Certificate will be returned if required, as many owners would probably like to keep them for posterity. This knowledge is most important, not least of all because ponies entered on the computer are recorded as being Live or Dead.

Stud List Please send a s.a.e. if you would like a list of registered and licenced Fell stallions at stud. The current list is presently being up-dated, therefore there will be a slight delay in sending it out. The list will be available from the Secretary.

Members List Current membership lists are available, again from the Secretary. The size of the Members List is increasing and in order to cover some of the printing and postage costs, please send £2.00.

Postcodes and Telephone numbers - Please keep sending these in to the Secretary, as they are of much assistance.

SALES OFFICER - MOLLY LAING: It's not only ponies that I deal with as Sales Officer, we also have a list of Fell Pony Society sundries for sale, ranging from clothing to books and Christmas cards (all ideal gifts for Christmas!) - if you would like a copy, please send a s.a.e. to Molly Laing.

Many thanks for all the kind notes I have received from buyers. I try to send orders by return of post unless I am away.

If anyone has ponies for sale, please let me know. We have assisted the sale or loan of many ponies through this scheme and it costs you nothing. I always seem to have people wanting a pony and although the British Isles covers a great distance, there's usually a pony for them somewhere.

I would like to say how much I enjoyed going to the Southern Show and meeting so many of our members.

The cases are packed for the Annual Show & Sale at Penrith Auction Mart on the 22nd October and we hope to see you there - we have plenty of Christmas presents!!

Finally, on behalf of the Society, thank you to all the kind members who bring raffle prizes. Sometimes we have no idea as to who has given them, as they do not write their names in the records book. The following is a list of monies raised from raffles at our 1993 events: A.G.M. £66.00, Stallion Show £124.81, Breed Show £104.80.

Again, many thanks to everyone.

Molly Laing.

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**\*\*\*NEW VENUE\*\*\***  
**ANNUAL SHOW & SALE OF REGISTERED FELL PONIES**

At the Spring Annual General Meeting, the above was discussed and following a vote, the venue for our Annual Show & Sale has been changed to **Penrith Farmers' & Kidd's plc, Penrith Auction Mart, Skirsgill, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0DN, Tel: 0768 62323**. The Auction Mart is very easy to locate, being just off Junction 40 on the M6 motorway. The Auction Mart has excellent facilities and there is ample parking space, plus a large sale ring for the ponies. It is with some regret that we have changed from our traditional sale venue at Wigton, but we hope that our new venue will be a great success and it is hoped that in time it will be recognised as a national sale for Registered Native Ponies, which will be an asset to all concerned.

Entries for the sale catalogue closed on Friday, 24 September and catalogues are now available. Please contact Penrith Auction Mart to obtain your copy - the cost of the catalogues is 75p (inc. of postage). As already mentioned, the sale is for registered native ponies and to date entries have also been taken for Shetlands (who are also having a show prior to selling the ponies), Dales and Welsh. So it should make for an

interesting day. Depending on the level of entries, the Auction Mart may invite 'open' horse/pony entries but at present it is purely aimed at registered native ponies. The Show & Sale is to be held on **Friday, 22 October 1993**. As usual, there will be 3 showing classes for Registered Fells, which will start at 10.00 am with Class 1: Colt and Filly foals, followed by Class 2: Unbroken Ponies and Class 3: Broken Ponies. Prize money and a perpetual championship trophy will be awarded. The Judge is **Mr Jeff Hunter, Tebay, Penrith**. The Sale of ponies will commence at approximately 11.00 am, following the show classes. The Secretary, Sales and exhibition officers will be in attendance with the sales stand and to deal with registrations and transfers.



**PEEPINGS RAVEN**, by Lunesdale Jerry, ex Peepings Wild Rose. Owned by Mr C Howarth, Bolton Abbey. Placed 2nd in the 5 yrs and over Class, at 1993 Stallion Show.

**'AT HOME PREMIUMS'** The Fell Pony Society awards up to six premiums of £50 each for the stallions serving the highest number of registered Fell mares. To qualify for an At Home Premium, the stallions must parade in the At Home Premium class at the Stallion & Colt Show and by the end of the season (1st September) have served a minimum of seven mares. Next year the scheme is to change (as already mentioned in *Council Information*), and will be awarded to the six stallions who have sired the most registered progeny. This year's Premiums were awarded as follows:-

|                             |                            |            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Heltondale Duke IV FP227C*  | - owned by Mr H F Wales    | (24 mares) |
| Waverhead Prince II FP234C* | - owned by Mr J Bell       | (20 mares) |
| Murthwaite Victor FP652C    | - owned by Mr T B Capstick | (20 mares) |

Rackwood Prince FP523C\*\* - owned by Mr J P Gibson (19 mares)  
 Tarnmoor Prince FP175C - owned by Mrs J H Hutchinson (15 mares)  
 Lunesdale Henry 6932 - owned by Mr A W Morland (12 mares)

\* = pony has been blood typed

\*\* = sire and dam have also been blood typed

**STALLION & COLT SHOW** Once again we are indebted to the McCosh family for permitting the Stallion & Colt Show to be held at Dalemain and the level of entry was again excellent. This Show always attracts a great deal of interest with a large number of spectators. This year's judge was Mr R Bellas, Keswick, who coped extremely well with the large classes. Mr Bellas announced that he is retiring as a judge and so it was very nice that the Stallion Show should be his last. The results of the 1993 Show are appended:

|                                   |                             |                          |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Yearling Colts                    | Townend Jonty               | Mr & Mrs J Langcake      |
| Two year old Colts                | Lownthwaite Gary*           | Mrs N Lightfoot          |
| Three & Four yr old Stallions     | Townend Ross                | Mr W S Noble             |
| Stallions, 5 yrs and over         | Heltondale Black            | Messrs Potter & Capstick |
|                                   | Prince III                  |                          |
| Driven Stallions                  | Gibside Stroller            | Mr A Todd                |
| Ridden Stallions                  | Heltondale Black            | Messrs Potter & Capstick |
|                                   | Prince III                  |                          |
| Best foot shod                    | Heltondale Black            | Messrs Potter & Capstick |
|                                   | Prince III                  |                          |
| Youngstock Champion               | Lownthwaite Gary*           |                          |
| Supreme Champion                  | Heltondale Black Prince III |                          |
| Blacksmith who shod winning entry | Dan Fearnhead               |                          |
| £30 gelding premiums awarded      |                             |                          |
| to the best 3 year olds           | Petsal Pele                 | Mr J M Rawlinson         |
|                                   | Wolds Woodcock              | Miss J Glass             |
|                                   | Rackwood Royal              | Mrs D A Brunt            |
| £20 gelding premiums awarded      |                             |                          |
| to the best 2 year olds           | Heltondale Bonzo            | Mr J Rudd                |
|                                   | Heltondale Lofty III        | Mrs E Whitley            |
|                                   | Gibside Johnny Boy          | Mrs R Eastwood           |

### **SPRING PERFORMANCE TRIALS & N.P.S. MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND**

#### **W.H.P. CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER**

#### **HELD AT LINNEL WOOD, HEXHAM.**

Writing this with a glowing red face and neck, I hesitate to describe the weather as glorious for this year's events. It was hot and sunny after a very unpromising week and for that we were all grateful. We were again indebted to Bob and Sarah Charlton for inviting us to enjoy their hospitality for the day and for preparing an interesting and challenging course in the beautiful surroundings of Linnel Wood.

Eleven ponies contested the NPS Working Hunter Qualifier which was judged by Mrs A A D Newall. (Six ponies were 13.2 hh or under and jumped the lower height fences.)

**RESULT:** 1st Esther Maree of Inlegarth - Mrs B Hodgson  
 2nd Jossgreen - Miss R Ward  
 3rd Summit Harrier - Ms A Armstrong (rider  
 Miss A Thompson)  
 4th Linnel Mozart - Mrs S Charlton  
 5th Heskett Topper - Mrs S Myers (rider Miss  
 K Burrow)  
 6th Stennerskeugh Dandy - Miss D Chadwick

Esther Maree having already qualified for Malvern, the Linnel Wood Qualifier was Jossgreen ridden by Ruth Ward.

### SPRING PERFORMANCE TRIALS:

We were down to 23 entries for the Trials this year, several ponies having been withdrawn during the previous week due to mishaps. With 40 commemorative rosettes rather optimistically ordered, this number was rather disappointing. It would be wrong to malign the quality of the performers however. With the exception of the dressage phase which became a 3-horse race, there were consistently good performances by competitors new and not so new over the final phases. Sheila Myers' Heskett Topper was outstanding on the day with an excellent dressage score, only 5 points dropped on the cross country course, and a clear show jumping round. His rider, Kim Burrow, carried off the best newcomer trophy.

**DRESSAGE:** 1st Heskett Topper Mrs S Myers/Miss K Burrow  
 2nd Jossgreen Miss R Ward  
 3rd Lowmoat Rodney Miss S Hartley  
 4th Stennerskeugh Dandy Miss D Chadwick  
 5th Brae Lees Dawn Mrs S Lees/Miss K Troake  
 6th Townend Gypsy VIII Miss T Burley

**CROSS COUNTRY** 1st Bowderdale Jess Mr P Forsman/Miss S Forsman  
 2nd Summit Harrier Ms A Armstrong/A Thompson  
 3rd Esther Maree of Inlegarth Mrs B Hodgson  
 4th Heskett Topper Mrs S Myers/Miss K Burrow  
 5th Bluecaster Bridie Mrs G Williamson/J Dickinson  
 6th Hillhead Lucky Arnold Miss K Waugh

**OVERALL** 1st Heskett Topper Mrs S Myers/Miss K Burrow  
 2nd Jossgreen Miss R Ward  
 3rd Lowmoat Rodney Miss S Hartley  
 4th Bowderdale Jess Mr P Forsman/Miss S Forsman  
 5th Stennerskeugh Dandy Miss D Chadwick  
 6th Bluecaster Bridie Mrs G Williamson/J Dickinson

My thanks to all those who gave their time to help with fence building, judging, stewarding and scoring.

**DRESSAGE:** It becomes clear each year that the dressage section presents the greatest problem to Performance Trial competitors. Those new to the Trial should not be apprehensive as it is always a straight forward test, suitable for all standards. However, the Trials is now being won virtually on dressage score alone, so more time spent schooling on the flat will pay dividends on the day. Peter and Pauline Forsman already hold a combined training practice day near Penrith, as a warm-up to the Trials, using the same dressage test which provides an excellent opportunity for competitors both new and more experienced to prepare for the trials but as far as I know, theirs has been the only effort in this direction. I am the first to admit that Fells are not ideally suited to dressage, but the few we see performing extremely well, show what can be achieved. The suppleness, activeness and obedience required for dressage could well be used to good effect in the small arenas often set aside for ridden classes at shows.

At the time of writing, Sheila Myers, who has a riding establishment at Flookburgh, is trying to organise a combined training day in September or October.

To give dressage a higher profile, I am considering including a dressage class at Windermere. The problem is that this is costly in terms of providing a qualified dressage judge, writer, arena and (for Brockhole) a separate well-mown area. To hold such a class for a small number of competitors would be a waste of resources, so I would be most grateful for the views of those hoping to come to Windermere next year.

**WINDERMERE FESTIVAL FELL PONY SHOW** This show was again held at Brockhole, the Lake District National Park Centre in Windermere, on Sunday 4 July 1993. A record 138 entries were greeted by one of those mornings of persistent light rain for which the Lake District is well known. The day gradually improved to the extent that we were all able to drive home in bright sunshine! The weather was unable to prevent some excellent classes which were judged with commendable thoroughness by Mrs R Eastwood and Mr J Hunter. Tarnbeck Sheba took both Ridden and In-hand Champion trophies for Mrs G Williamson. Reserve In Hand Champion was Heltondale Bonny, owned by Mr W S Noble and shown by Mr J Rudd, and Reserve Ridden Champion was Sleddale David ridden by Mrs G Underwood.

Other results were as follows:

|                |                                     |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Brood Mare     | Tarnbeck Sheba                      | Mrs G Williamson              |
| Foal           | Carrock Monty                       | Mrs G Cockbain                |
| Yearling       | Brackenbank Mayblossom              | Mr D Wilkinson                |
| Two Year Old   | Greenholme Tracy                    | Mr & Mrs J Langcake           |
| Three Year Old | Heltondale Bonny                    | Mr W S Noble (Mr J Rudd)      |
| Gelding        | Heltondale Bellman                  | Miss J Glass/Mrs E Whitley    |
| Ridden Gelding | Sleddale David                      | Mrs G Underwood               |
| Ridden Mare    | Tarnbeck Sheba                      | Mrs G Williamson              |
| Working Hunter | Hesket Topper                       | Mrs S Myers (Miss K Burrow)   |
| Handy Pony     | Hesket Topper                       | Mrs S Myers (Miss K Burrow)   |
| Showjumping    | Bowderdale Jess                     | Mr P Forsman (Miss S Forsman) |
| Trotting Race  | Esther Maree of Inglegarth          | Mrs B Hodgson                 |
| Junior Points  | Miss S Hillier - Heltondale Bellman |                               |
| Senior Points  | Miss K Burrow - Hesket Topper       |                               |

**Barry Allen.**

**BARNINGHAM FELL PONY SHOW** Held on Saturday, 10 July 1993 at Barningham Park, Richmond, by kind permission of Sir Anthony Milbank. The Ridden Judge was Mrs A Leaver, Blackburn, Lancashire and the In-hand Judge, Mrs G Williamson, Seathwaite, Cumbria. Our thanks to the judges, organisers and especially the supporters of the show. A donation is to be given from the proceeds to the North of England Cancer Research Campaign. The results are as follows:

|                                               |                          | <b>Margaret Wilson.</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mares, 4-7 years                              | Lunesdale Rosie Lee      | Mr J Hunter             |
| Mares, 8 yrs and over                         | Bluecaster Gracie Grundy | Mrs R Eastwood          |
| Geldings, 4 yrs & over                        | Sleddale David           | Mrs G Underwood         |
| Brood Mare, foal at foot                      | Carrock Pollyanna        | Mrs G Cockbain          |
| Colt of Filly foal                            | Brackenfield Amy         | Mrs N Earnshaw          |
| Yearling colt or gelding                      | Sunnybrowe Jack          | Mr J Mawson             |
| Yearling filly                                | Brackenbank Mayblossom   | Mr D Wilkinson          |
| 2 Year old filly/gelding                      | Lunesdale Rebecca        | Mr A W Morland          |
| 3 Year old filly/gelding                      | Heltondale Bonny         | Mr W S Noble(J Rudd)    |
| Traditional Riding Class                      | Dene Claudius            | Mr J B Marston          |
| Best Turned Out Pony/Rider                    | Sleddale David           | Mrs G M Underwood       |
| Riding Class                                  | Townend Corrie           | Mrs M Raines            |
| Pairs Class (Ridden)                          | Sleddale Gem             | Adam Senior             |
|                                               | Sleddale Star            | Mrs C Whittam           |
| Driving Class                                 | Dene Claudius            | Mr J B Marston          |
| Junior Handler                                | Mayday                   | Paul Boustead           |
| Pony not having won a prize in previous class | Heltondale Bonzo         | Mr J Rudd               |
| Champion                                      | Lunesdale Rebecca        | Mr A W Morland          |
| Reserve                                       | Townend Corrie           | Mrs M Raines            |

**LOWTHER FELL CLASSES** This year's number of entries surpassed even last year's and despite previous indications, the classes were still held in the Main Arena, which makes for a much more prestigious event for the Fell classes but also means that judging time is extremely tight, however, the judge, Mrs Ruth Eastwood coped well on the day and the results were as follows:

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| Mare or Gelding, 4 years & over    | Lunesdale Rosie Lee  | Mr J Hunter    |
| Special for Best Brood Mare        | Barbondale Petal     | Mr J Bell      |
| Special for Best Foal              | Brackenbank Hawthorn | Mr D Wilkinson |
| Yearling, 2 & 3 Year Filly/Gelding | Lunesdale Rebecca    | Mr A W Morland |
| Special for Best Yearling          | Heltondale Beauty    | Mr Needham     |
| Special for Best Two year old      | Lunesdale Rebecca    | Mr A W Morland |
| Special for Best Three year old    | Waverhead Petal      | Mr J Bell      |
| Ridden Mare or Gelding, 4 yrs +    | Wolds Oriole         | Mrs A Minson   |
| Champion                           | Lunesdale Rosie Lee  | Mr J Hunter    |
| Reserve                            | Lunesdale Rebecca    | Mr A W Morland |

**BREED SHOW** Again held at Brougham Hall Farm, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs A Helme, on Saturday, 14 August 1993. This season's shows have all enjoyed a bumper number of entries and the 24th Annual Breed Show was no exception, with a total