

Novice WHP and Child Handler class for Juniors under 16 years. Pending the number of entries forward, the Gelding in-hand class will be split into 2 age groups. Sponsors for classes are still needed at £10/class and offers of help at the show, plus gifts for the raffle would be much appreciated.

Schedules will be sent to previous exhibitors, will others please apply to Miss M G Longsdon, Orchard Cottage, Cucklington, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 9PT. Tel: 0963 33343. We hope you will come to make it a really enjoyable and successful show.



H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, competing with H.M. The Queen's team of Fells at Lowther Horse Driving Trials 1992

AUTUMN PERFORMANCE TRIALS This will be held on Sunday, 26 September 1993 at Pict Hall, Blawith, Nr Ulverston, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs R Baxter. This is a challenging but, above all, enjoyable day out in beautiful surroundings. The Trial is through a series of natural obstacles such as one might meet in a hack across country - marks being awarded for style - and the day ends with a ride of about one and a half hours, after the rosettes have been awarded.

Details and entry form can be obtained by sending a s.a.e. to Barry Allen at the address above (see Spring Performance Trials).

ANNUAL SHOW & SALE OF REGISTERED FELL PONIES As mentioned at the end of *Council Information*, the venue and date of the Show and Sale is to be reviewed at the A.G.M. The 1993 Judge is Mr J Hunter, Tebay, Penrith.

Fell Pony News and Articles

Our Sad News

Unfortunately, the Society has lost 3 valued members in recent months, Mr Joe Davies, Penrith, Mr G L C Gleave, Wigan and latterly Mr G Wood, Shap. All the aforementioned have been actively involved with their ponies in various ways; Mr Davis was a keen driver, Mr Gleave with his wife and daughter, Mrs Sandra Burton, have regularly shown ponies, including the former stallion Tarnbeck Topper and Mr Wood was a long standing Council member, judge and breeder. The loss of these good people is sincerely felt and our sympathies go out to their families .



*Mrs I Gleave pictured above with TOWNEND DAINTY and home bred filly foal.
Champion M&M, Haigh Agricultural Show, August 1992.*

HANDY HINTS FOR 'BEST TURNED OUT' CLASS - The Briar Trophy, presented by Mrs Marshall, is a Championship Cup awarded at the Breed Show to the Best Turned Out Pony and Rider. Unlike the other championship cups, the competition for this one could be anybody's guess. You do not have to be a superstar or a millionaire! Just a rider who has spent time, effort and thought on their overall turn-out. To quote from the catalogue, the Judges are looking for riders who "are

turned out neatly, correctly and safely"; and ponies who have "well-fitting, safe and well-cared for tack". For those who are new to showing, or want to become more professional, here are some guide-lines.

The Rider:

1. Jacket - coloured, black or tweed is your choice. It should be well-fitting and buttoned-up while riding.
2. Always wear gloves. If you need to carry a whip, use a show cane, that is a short leather-covered stick of not more than 30".
3. Wear a white shirt (not blouse) with neck button fastened. The tie, with a neat knot, centrally placed, should have the ends securely pinned.
4. Cream or white jodhpurs/breeches, are set off by clean, well-polished long, or jodhpur boots. Spurs are optional but if you wear them, choose small, blunt-ended ones and make sure you know how to use them correctly!
5. The Hat - whilst show hats without chin-straps are very stylish, a well-fitting, velvet or silk-covered skull cap (BSI standard!) with a correctly fitted chin-strap, is by far the most sensible wear and will get the judges' firm approval.
6. Make sure your hair is neat and tidy. If it is long, it could be tied back but for female riders all hair is better confined in a hair-net.

The Pony's Tack:

1. The leather should be well cleaned and soft, which will greatly increase your pony's comfort.
2. It should all be in good repair - no loose stitching or worn buckles.
3. The saddle, correctly placed on the pony's back, should fit both the pony and the rider.
4. Stirrups should fit the riders feet- either too small or too large can be dangerous.
5. Make sure the girth lies flat and smooth in the correct place - just behind the pony's elbow. Of course; it should be clean and soft.
6. The bridle should be correctly fitted, particular attention being paid to the bit, which should be the right width and placed correctly in the mouth.

Your pony will appreciate these small attentions to detail and if he is comfortable, may be a more amenable and willing ride. Safety is always important and frequent tack checks can help to eliminate unnecessary accidents.

A well-turned out horse and rider presents a happy, confident and business-like picture and in the show ring, will always draw the judges' eye.

Margaret Murray, Breed Show Secretary



LOWNTHWAITE ROSETTA, ridden by Mrs Helen Wearing and TARNBECK MAYDEW, ridden by Mrs Judith Dickinson, owned by Mrs G Williamson.

Pictured above at the F.P.S. Breed Show 1989. Photo. Roy Wallis.

*Whilst on the subject of tidiness - **Litter!***

Last year the litter on the field at Dalemain, after the Stallion Show was especially bad. In particular, our 2 main shows, the Stallion Show and the Breed Show are held by invitation and we are fortunate to have such lovely venues. Surely, out of respect to our hosts, at the end of the day, the fields should be left as we find them, '**green and clean**'. Most members are careful and caring but as always it is the few who give the whole a bad impression. Alright, someone usually stays and picks up the litter, but it is such an unnecessary job, when, with a little extra thought all members could take their litter home and thus show courtesy to our hosts.

LONG DISTANCE DRIVING - Part II

This is a new non-competitive driving discipline. The British Driving Society Long Distance Driving Committee organise events either as Bronze or Silver Awards. All participants must be B.D.S. members.

A Bronze Drive takes place over a measured 40 kilometre (25 miles) course and is divided into two 20 kilometre sections with a compulsory 45 minute halt and inspection at halfway. Most events are organised in a figure eight

with the Start, Half-way halt and Finish at the centre of the 'eight'. This makes things easier for organisers, vets, farriers, harness inspectors and participants.

The aim is to present a challenge to the driver, to demonstrate the fitness of his/her horse or pony and his/her ability to drive that animal at a given speed over a 40 kilometre course of varied terrain. At the end of the drive the horse or pony should still be capable of continuing a further few miles without distress. The course should be enjoyable both to the humans and the animals taking part!

To gain an award the participant has to complete the drive and the various inspections without penalty points. Prior to Section A, is the veterinary inspection for soundness and initial pulse rates, which must be below 56 per minute. There is also a farriery inspection, harness and vehicle inspection for soundness, suitability and the listed safety spares, including first aid kit for humans/horses must be carried. Pneumatic tyred vehicles are not allowed. There is a permitted time for each 20 kilometre section, with a 10 minute difference between maximum and minimum time allowed.

Fell Ponies come into Class 2 - 12.2 - 14.2 hh. Speed 10 kph, maximum time 120, minimum time 110 minutes. At the half-way halt, after 25 minutes rest, ponies are vetted again for pulse rate, dehydration skin pinch test and fitness to continue. Harness and vehicle are also inspected.

Section B commences 45 minutes after the end of Section A - same time allowances. At the end of this section horses/ponies rest for 30 minutes and are again vetted. Pulse rates above 56 incur penalties, and for those above 64, elimination.

Prior to the event, participants receive their start and inspection times, maps and route directions. Routes are marked with directional arrows and kilometre markers.

Grooms are responsible for navigation and must be good time-keepers, marking off each kilometre flag and recording times - not an easy task when the trap is swaying across fields and along dirt tracks!

Until this year (1992), all Drives have been for Bronze Awards, as to qualify for entry to Silver Award, the participants must have three Bronzes from different venues, all awarded to the same horse/pony. It is not financially viable for these events to have less than twenty participants. At the end of each event, all those who have completed the course are awarded a Completion rosette, grooms receive a rosette and the successful 'no penalty' participants sign the B.D.S. area commissioner application form and await the arrival of the postman, with their award certificate and Bronze Wheel badge.

Silver Award Drives cover a course of 60 kilometres (approx. 37.5 miles), with 40 kilometres driven on one day, the further 20 kilometres driven over a different course on the following day. Inspections, etc., as before. **D Billings**

Mrs D M Billings competes with her Fell mare FLY-BY-NIGHT (Jenny).

CALLING ALL FELL OWNERS IN IRELAND! Miss Gillian Davies is keen to hear from owners in Ireland, as her Fell gelding WAVERHEAD ROBIN III 7007 is presently in Co. Waterford. Miss Davies is intending to live there permanently in the future but can be contacted at present by writing to: 18 Spencer Road, Southsea, Hampshire, PO4 9RN. At present Robin has been adopted by two young Irish girls, aged 2 and 4 years and they think he is wonderful!

OLYMPIA 1992 It was a 4.00 am start. Together with Rebecca Rudd, the girl who had ridden for me all year, we were off from West Yorkshire to Olympia, London, to see the Mountain and Moorland finals, which began at 10.00 am.

Rebecca was looking forward to her first drive to London, unsupervised - I was quite apprehensive! Having been to Olympia once before it was assumed that I knew the way! So I was the navigator Needless to say, we were a little late getting there and we missed seeing the large "hairies" do their show, which was rather disappointing as all we saw were the other breeds.

Our first view of the large "hairies" came in the afternoon when all the breeds were on show. It was sad to see only one Fell representing the breed. The best in breed was selected and then, after some debate amongst the two judges, they announced the top six ponies in reverse order. Beginning with a Connemara, then Welsh ponies and a hush descended as they reached reserve champion - a lovely little Dartmoor I know quite well.

We held our breath and as the decision was announced we let forth a loud cheer as the Fell was brought forward as Champion. Everyone around us knew that we were Fell supporters!

After the awards were presented, Lunesdale Lucky Lady did a lap of honour, with just her in the spotlight and we went wild shouting our support and clapping madly. Our hearts nearly burst as they turned to ride down the middle of the arena and Lizzie Briant asked Lunesdale Lucky Lady to trot. What a magnificent sight to see a Fell in such an exalted position doing, in my opinion, the pace which is second to none.

It was late by the time I reached home, it had been a long day but one which I shall always remember, especially seeing a Fell pony under the spotlight at Olympia trotting down the centre of the arena.

Dineen Brunt.



GIBSIDE JOHNNY BOY, foaled 1991, bred by Mr J Gibson owned by Mrs Ruth Eastwood



BEWCASTLE EIGHT BELLS 17574, foaled 1978, by Charlie Drake out of Dene Beauty Belle, bred by Miss M Longsdon and owned by Mrs S Christie. 'Bella' is pictured above, being ridden by Mrs Christie's son, John Gurrin, in competition last April and came 4th in the mini-mus, for riders over 17 years. She has previously been 2nd in the mini-mus and 2nd in the Pairs class. 'Bella' has been owned by Mrs Christie since she was an 8 year old, and was the last foal out of her illustrious dam. 'Bella' is quite a character and her own woman! Ridden regularly by Mrs Christie and her 19 year old son, 'Bella' has done just about everything, with the exception of driving. She has won and been placed in both in-hand and ridden M&M, many Pony Club events and 3 Pony Club camps, numerous sponsored rides, clear round jumping, hunter trials, cross country and dressage - particularly enjoying dressage to music!

EQUITANA, ESSEN, GERMANY - APRIL 1993 This is the largest gathering of horses/ponies and the associated industries and the Fell Pony will be represented by the Muller family, from Germany. This has been a very large task for them and Barbara Muller has been very noble to take it on. The stand will be divided and shared with another German family representing the Highland Pony. The Fell stand will be adorned with many photographs and breed information. We wish them a successful week and hope it goes well.

Details of a British Horse Breeders Information Stand have only just come to light through the N.P.S. and there will be some breed information on this also.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 1993

- 27 March - F.P.S. Extra-ordinary and Annual General Meeting, Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe, Penrith, at 1.00 pm.
- 18 April - F.P.S. Dressage & Show Jumping Instruction Day. Enquiries to Mr & Mrs P Forsman, Penrith, Tel: 0768 890372.
- 25 April - Midlands Hairy Pony Club Show, Markfield Equestrian Centre, Markfield, Leics. Contact: Miss Jane Glass, Tel 0509 880261.
- 8 May - F.P.S. Stallion & Colt Show, Dalemain, Ullswater, Penrith, at 11.30 am. Contact: Mrs Rachel Bell, Tel: 03873 76251.
- 22 May - B.S.P.S. Area 1, Lowther Park Show, Penrith. Contact: Rosalyn Samuel, Rose Cottage, Cumwhitton, Carlisle, Tel: 0228 560808.
- 26 June - Midlands In-Hand Show, Malvern. Contact Mrs P Williams, Cartreleaven, Byton, Presteigen, Powys, LD8 2HS, Tel 0544 267762.
- 27 June - F.P.S. Spring Performance Trials, Linnel Wood, Hexham. Contact: Mr Barry Allen, Tel: 0229 774528.
- 4 July - F.P.S. Windermere Fell Pony Show, Brockhole, Windermere. Contact: Mr Barry Allen, Tel: 0229 774528.
- 10 July - Barningham Fell Pony Show, Barningham Park, Greta Bridge. Contact: Mrs Margaret Wilson, Tel: 06974 78638
- 7 August - F.P.S. Fell Classes at Lowther Horse Driving Trials. Contact: Mrs Rachel Bell, Tel: 03873 76251
- 14 August - F.P.S. Breed Show, Brougham Hall Farm, Penrith. Contact Mrs Molly Laing, Tel: 03873 76272
- 15 August - PROVISIONAL date for F.P.S. Pleasure Ride - venue and date to be confirmed. Contact Mrs G Cockbain, Tel: 07687 72133
- 12 Sept. - F.P.S. Southern Show, Shotover House, Oxford. Contact Miss Mary Longsdon, Tel: 0963 33343
- 26 Sept. - Autumn Performance Trials, Blawith, Nr Ulverston. Contact: Mr Barry Allen, Tel: 0229 774528
- Oct/Nov - F.P.S. Show & Sale of Registered Fell Ponies. Date and venue to be confirmed at Spring A.G.M.
- 30 Oct. - PROVISIONAL date for F.P.S. Autumn General Meeting, Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe, Penrith, at 1.00 pm.

The National Stallion Association are holding a Performance Day - if you are interested in taking your stallion, please contact the F.P.S. Secretary for further details, which were not available at time of going to press.

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TEBAY SILVER, bred by Mr D Trotter, pictured above with owner Mrs C Johnson



DENE DAUNTLESS, pictured above with owner/breeder, Mrs A A D Newall. Winner of many prizes both in-hand and ridden, bred 10 filly and 4 colt foals.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Will be held on Saturday, 27th March 1993, at Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe, Penrith, and will be preceded by an **EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** at 1.00pm. The A.G.M. will commence immediately following the Extra-ordinary meeting.

THE EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING has been called for the purpose of the Members to consider the following revisions to the Society's Rules:

Existing Rule- GENERAL MEETINGS, 9. "The A.G.M. and a General Meeting shall be held each year at a time and place in the United Kingdom determined by the Council. The A.G.M. shall be held in the Spring and the General Meeting in the Autumn. A Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the 12 months shall be forwarded to each member of the Society with the notice convening the meeting. At the A.G.M. the Accounts shall be submitted for adoption."

Proposed Revision- (changes shown in **bold type**) "The A.G.M. and a General Meeting shall be held each year at a time and place in the United Kingdom determined by the Council. The A.G.M. shall be held in the Spring and the General Meeting in the Autumn. **A notice convening each meeting shall be forwarded to each member of the Society.** A Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the 12 months shall be forwarded to **any** member of the Society **upon request.** At the A.G.M. the Accounts shall be **circulated and** submitted for adoption."

Existing Rule - PREMIUMS, 17. "Details of all Premiums awarded by the Society shall be available to members.

Proposed Revision - "Details of all Premiums awarded by the Society shall be available to members. **Premiums shall only be awarded to ponies born and resident in the United Kingdom.**

A.G.M. AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence.**
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting.**
3. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
4. **Election of five Council members.** The following retire and are eligible for immediate re-election: **Miss B W Walker, Mr J Bell, Mr T H Harrison, Mrs M C Murray.** Due to the sad loss of **Mr G Wood**, a fifth council member is to be elected and will hold office until 1997 and be eligible for re-election thereon. There are four new nominations:
 - Mr M Allen - proposed by Mrs E A Ball
seconded by Mrs R H P Bell
 - Mr A W Morland - proposed by Mr E M Wilson
seconded by Mr J S Dargue
 - Mrs M Raines - proposed by Mrs G Williamson
seconded by Mr D Eltringham

Mr R Sutcliffe

- proposed by Mr W Farrell
seconded by Mrs M Wilson

5. **Election of Officers:** a) **President** - Mr J Bell is eligible for immediate re-election
 - b) **Chairman**
 - c) **Vice-Chairman**
6. **Adoption of the Accounts.**
7. **Secretary's Report.**
8. **Review the rate of annual the subscription fee.**
9. **Pleasure Ride** - to arrange date and venue.
10. **Registered Show & Sale** - to arrange date and venue.
11. **Date of Autumn Meeting.**
12. **Any Other Business.**



FIVE FELS AT 'FELSTEAD SHOW' 9 AUGUST 1992

From the left: SLEDDALE DAINTY XVI - Ruth Jubb; PACKWAY STRIDER - Lorraine Chapman; HELTONDALE JOHN BOY - Pauline Warnecke; MURTHWAITE BEAUTY II - handler, Kelly Chapman; BANNISDALE HEATHER - Miss S Conway.

The next newsletter will be produced in October and anyone who wishes to submit information, photographs or articles should send them to the Secretary by 11 September. Look forward to receiving them!

Mrs R H P Bell

Secretary/Treasurer

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Back cover - the 22 riders and ponies setting off on the 1991 Pleasure Ride.

