



FELL PONY SOCIETY

Autumn 1994



LOWNTHWAITE SONGBIRD FP1614*,

foaled 1987, Sire: Townend Samuel FP140C*, Dam: Lownthwaite Melodic Air 16566. bred by Mr H F Wales. shown above with his grand-daughter Miss Lynsey Awde, at the 1993 Gilsland Agricultural Show, where the mare took the Fell Championship - and won the Hunter Brood Mare Class! Songbird has recently been exported to Germany, together with Lownthwaite Piccadily & filly foal and the stallion Heltondale Duke IV.

Photo: Hexham Courant.



TOWNED LUCY IV, with Judith Dickinson and TARNBECK MAYDEW, with Helen Williamson. (Photo Eric G Jones)

Townend Lucy IV and Tarnbeck Maydeu are companions at home and in the show-ring. They have both enjoyed a lot of success over the past few years but 1994 has certainly been their best. Shown by sisters Judith and Helen, they have won both in-hand and ridden classes.

Looking back I think the year with the number 'four' in it must be extra lucky, as it was 1984 that Tarnbeck Mayqueen, the Dam of Tarnbeck Maydeu and Tarnbeck Major, was the Supreme Champion at the Royal Lancs Show, this was a qualifier for the British In-Hand Championship.

Tarnbeck Maydeu suffered a quite severe chest wound in October 1993 but recovered very well without any trace of the injury. At her first show this year - NCPA Cumbria - she was Reserve Fell Pony, Overall Mare Champion and Reserve Supreme. Also second in hand and ridden Mountain & Moorland section. Ridden Champion and Reserve in-hand at Windermere, and qualified for Olympia at the Breed Show. To finish the show season on a high, at the Southern Show Maydeu was 2nd in-hand, joint winner of the in-hand and ridden pairs, winner of the ridden class for mares, ridden champion and overall Supreme Champion.

Townend Lucy IV was very successful at NCPA Cumbria. She won the ridden Mountain & Moorland Championship and was overall ridden champion. In-hand Mountain & Moorland championship and was Native Pony champion. Winner of two ridden classes at Barningham Show and at the Southern Show, won the in-hand mares, joint winners in both pairs classes and was reserve champion ridden pony.

Lucy is the dam of Tarnbeck Lightning in Florida and her 3 year old filly Tarnbeck Fantasy has recently been exported to Germany.

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- To Retire 1999: Mr J P Gibson, Mr T H Harrison,
Mr W S Potter, Mr A W Morland.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

How wonderful it has been this Show season to see so many well filled classes of Fell Ponies at Shows scattered all over the country and also to see Fell Ponies represented in so many mixed Mountain and Moorland classes.

The standard of ponies had improved so much over the last two to three years that, even where there are very big classes - as at our own Breed Show and the Southern Fell Show - there is very little "tail". The quality goes all the way down the line in both ridden and in-hand classes.

This makes the task of our judges even harder. Very often the difference between the top two or three in a class is the judge's preference on the day or even how much the pony itself "sparkles" on the day. Ponies have their off days as do humans!

As for the Competitor, why do they show ponies? There are various reasons. Some do it to advertise their stud, some for a sense of achievement in producing a pony looking and behaving as good as we can manage. Some, because they enjoy the day as a social and competitive occasion. As well as the serious side, showing should be fun, to help us know how good our own pony is compared to others.

Please let it remain that way and not allow our competitive nature to lead to rudeness, petty back-biting and unpleasantness when, perhaps, we have not done just quite as well as we hoped on the day.

No judge is infallible. If he has been honest and has done his best, it is his opinion on the day. I am sure the judge will be willing to discuss the relative merits of your pony with you, after the judging and not in the ring.

Elizabeth Ball

Council Information - IMPORTANT

Following a recent Council meeting, the following **new Regulation** was agreed for immediate implementation. The phraseology has yet to be confirmed but the following is an indication of what was agreed.

A FELL PONY REGISTRATION APPLICATION will be accepted for a pony of any age or sex provided the application is supported with full and satisfactory evidence of blood typing, i.e. samples to have been received from the pony for registration and it's sire and dam. In addition, the following conditions apply, that the person(s) involved will pay for any costs incurred, with the additional levy of £50 payable to The Fell Pony Society. It is also a requirement of the owner(s) of the unregistered pony to satisfy themselves that all parties who own the respective ponies required for blood typing are willing to go ahead with the procedure.

FPS SHOWING RULES: It was agreed that Judges will be debarred from judging ponies with their prefix, and ponies bred by their immediate family.

REPRINT OF F.P.S. RULES & REGULATIONS: The reprint was due to be circulated with this issue of the newsletter, however, there is the possibility that further changes to the Rules & Regulations will be necessary in the near future. Therefore, the reprint has been postponed until the above has been established, with publication next year in view.

B.H.S. REPRESENTATIVE: Miss Betty Walker has held this office for several years and we are very grateful to her for her work and commitment. Miss Walker indicated that having held this post for some time, she now wished to retire, following the next B.H.S. meeting to be held later this year. In her place, the Council elected Mr Russell Sutcliffe.

FOAL MORTALITY: There have been several reported cases of foal death. Whilst this is not uncommon when breeding stock, the reason for the death of these foals is still uncertain. As reported on page 17 of the Spring '94 newsletter, some incidences have been closely looked into by Paul May BVMS, MRCVS, of Rowcliffe Veterinary Hospital, Penrith. However, data received to date is not conclusive and to this end, the Society has been in direct contact with Dr D C Knottenbelt, Department of Veterinary Clinical Science, Leahurst, South Wirral. Dr Knottenbelt and his team are extremely interested in the cases reported to date, resulting in the embarkment of a joint investigation between Leahurst and the FPS to discover the underlying infertility problem. We are *very* fortunate to have their interest and expertise on the matter.

A full and proper investigation will require complete co-operation from all parties contacted and involved. It is likely that all those who have bred ponies within the last 5 years will be contacted in the near future, in order to complete a questionnaire. It is **VERY** important that the questionnaire is answered *accurately and truthfully* - for example, you must not be swayed into thinking that a foal you bred showed the same symptoms as a neighbour, as this will only confuse the issue. It is **vital** that the information you give is *exactly* what symptoms were shown so that the information can be catalogued and recorded correctly. Only in this way can a true picture be built up. Misleading information will not give us the answers we need.

The implementation of this project will require the vital assistance of a group of dedicated researchers and it is hoped that members of the Society will come forward, as it will be necessary to cover the whole of the U.K.

Leahurst have already made some preliminary investigations on a 1994 bred foal. Any information that can be received before the beginning of the 1995 breeding season can only be of benefit to other breeders.

If you feel able to assist in any way, please contact the Secretary.

TRAINEE JUDGES COMMITTEE 'SEMINAR': This will be held on Sunday, 14 May 1995 (the day after the 1995 Stallion Show), at Linnel Wood, Hexham, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs R B Charlton. The Seminar will concentrate on the ridden and performance aspects. Admission to the Seminar is by invitation only and is for the benefit of those on the Trainee scheme, applicants who are interested to join the scheme and those on the FPS Judges Panel and NPS Mixed M&M Panel.

However, the following is to be held for the interest and benefit of all FPS members (see next page):

F.P.S. OPEN DAY: To be held on Saturday, 24 June 1995. Venue to be confirmed but it is likely to be held at Newton Rigg College of Agriculture, Penrith. Further details of this event will be given in the Spring '95 newsletter. Admission will be by ticket, so that arrangements for facilities and catering can be made. The Open Day will be similar to that of the Trainee Judges Committee, however, it will include in-hand judging as well as ridden. It should prove to be an interesting and entertaining outing for all.

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## **HORSERACE BETTING LEVY BOARD (HBLB) GRANT 1994/5**

Re-distributed by The National Pony Society

The Fell Pony Society's 1994/5 allocation from the HBLB was £3,8500.00. Added to this the Society was obliged to contribute a minimum of 20%. We have allocated an additional contribution of 38.5%, totalling £5,330 to be distributed within the approved categories designated by the HBLB. Through our grant we are able to offer Premiums and also fund other areas such as the blood typing scheme. These are areas which are beneficial to the improvement of our Breed and which are therefore met with the Board's approval. We are most grateful for the continued support given to us by the HBLB.

**\*FREE BLOOD TYPING KITS\*** - as part of the **Horserace Betting Levy Board Grant**. The Society is able to offer 25 free kits for use on licensed stallions and on par with the offer in 1993, that if some kits were still available by the autumn, the offer of these kits would be extended for use on mares who are the **dams** of licensed stallions. This will enable owners of licensed stallions to have both their stallion's Sire and Dam blood typed. This is of benefit to those involved with breeding.

*There are still some kits available - please contact the Secretary if you are interested.*  
(Blood Typed ponies are identified as such with an '\*' after their name and number.)

## **ROLE OF THE COUNCIL - The 'Right Balance'**

Prompted by a letter of support to the Council and Secretary, I have been asked to write some notes on the role of the Council ....

As stated in the Society's Rules -

- 15.(a) The management of the affairs of the Society shall be conducted by a Council.
- (b) The Council shall consist of 20 of the Members of the Society.
- (d) Nominations for election to the Council must have been a fully paid up Member of the Society for a minimum of 5 years.
- (h) The Council shall have power to make or amend regulations regarding the Stallion Show and Premiums, the Breed Shows, Registrations and the Annual Sale and the distribution of awards.

Generally speaking, four members for the Council are elected by the general members at the Spring Annual General Meeting, on a five year rotation. Naturally a position on the Council is one of considerable responsibility. It is therefore important for the voting members to understand the role of the Council, to ensure that those elected will strive to work for the continuance and furtherance of the Fell Pony as we know it and as we understand it will continue to flourish in the years to come. The latter has become quite

a major issue, as interest in the breed has rapidly expanded far more so in recent years. There would appear to be a growing demand for ponies, especially for competitive riding, and this demand is being met by an increase in the number of breeders and in some cases the increased number of ponies being owned and bred by some of the original breeders.

As I have suggested before, this is a difficult balance to strive for - to ensure the traditional methods are upheld in order to preserve the foundation stock but also to look to the future and realise that in this expanding market, where there is more demand for exactness in this competitive world and where more pressure is exerted by various governing bodies - that those elected to the Council can look to carrying out their role as plainly stated in the Society's Rules: *Objects of the Society - shall be to foster and keep pure the old breed of pony ....* This statement conjures the essence of what we are here for but it doesn't give many answers! However, one should adopt the unselfish ability to look at both sides of a given situation and strive to do what is best for the common good and interest of ALL. This is something for which the Council has had some criticism in recent times, evident at the last couple of AGM's. However, the criticisms have been in the minority, as it would appear to be understood by the majority that introduction of new registration regulations and blood typing etc., have been put in place for the future good of 'All'.

To give you some idea of who 'All' are, the Society's membership is now rising to 1,400, which is a vast growth in under five years, when the membership was 750. We are led to believe that The Fell Pony Society is now the *third* largest native breed society! Understandably, this expanding Society demands a lot more work of its Council and Secretary but those with its interests at heart will always strive for the 'right balance'. However, let us not underestimate the importance of the the general voting members of the Society, who, in the first instance, are the ones who require the insight to establish who in their belief will carry out the affairs of the Society with the 'right balance'.

**Honorary Secretary, Rachel H P Bell**

#### ***COUNCIL MEMBERS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS:***

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This concludes *Council Information*

## SUBSCRIPTIONS - 1994/95

Subscription renewals are due annually on 1st January. Please note that the subscription rates for 1995 are as follows:

**FULL MEMBER** - £10.00  
**JUNIOR MEMBER** - £ 5.00  
**FAMILY MEMBER** - £ 5.00

There are still some 1994 subscriptions currently outstanding. For preference, please send your subscriptions to the Secretary's office, or pay at the Sale at Penrith, or AGM. **Standing Order** is an ideal method of paying your annual subscription. Please ask the Secretary for a mandate form, or collect one from the sales stand at shows or meetings. *A reminder to those who pay by this method but who have still not amended their mandates to the new rates, there will be the balance of your subscription to pay and a new form to complete and forward to your bank, so that the correct amount will be paid in 1995.*

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### GENERAL REMINDERS

**FPS OFFICE HOURS** Generally speaking the Secretary is available to be contacted by telephone between 9.30am to 12 pm and 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm (in the winter months). As a reminder - the Society now has a fax machine - same number as that of the telephone.

**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.**

**POSTCODES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS** - Please keep sending these in to the Secretary, as they are of much assistance.



## REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER FEES

*The current fees remain as follows:*

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|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| 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)

**1993 VOL.XIII STUD BOOK** To obtain your copy by post please send a cheque/P.O. for £3.50 (inc. 50p P&P) payable to 'The Fell Pony Society'. Please send your order to the Secretary, or Sales Officer, Mrs Laing (both addresses at front of newsletter).

The 1992 Stud Book is available at the same cost as above. To add to general interest, in both the 1992 and 1993 issues, a selection of black and white photographs of ponies are included.

**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 - \* IMPORTANT \*** - Could owners of stallions check whether or not they have transferred their stallion into their ownership. This is important as if the current owner is not registered, the computer stud list will be wrong and will instead show the last known registered owner. This means that prospective breeders will be contacting the wrong stud for the purpose of using/viewing the stallion.

Please send a s.a.e. to the Secretary if you would like a list of Registered and Licensed Fell stallions at stud. Again stallions that are Blood Typed are indicated with either '1', or '\*\*' if the stallion's Sire and Dam are also Blood Typed.

## **REGISTRATIONS, PREFIXES, TRANSFERS & STALLION LICENSING**

We have had many new and first time breeders, as is evident in recent Stud Books and for many the registering of stock is a first time experience. Therefore, the following notes may be of use.

**To Register a Foal:** This must be done in it's year of birth and **before** the 31st December. (The only exceptions are colt foals out of grading up Section (A) and (B)

mares, which must be gelded before registration and foals bred by *Native Heath Breeders*, which in any event must be registered by the 31 December of the following year as Yearlings - contact the Secretary for further details). A yellow registration application form should be completed - the form is self explanatory but remember to include the foal's actual **date of birth** and be precise in it's colour and in particular **any markings**, which may be white hairs, brands, ear marks, or scars. The dam's record of service slip (provided by the stallion owner at the time of covering) should be attached to the top left hand corner of the yellow form and the appropriate fee should be enclosed - **£3.00 for Colts; £6.00 for Fillies (non members pay double fees).**

**Name of Foal:** A PREFIX is likened to a breeder's signature. It is NOT compulsory to register a prefix, but if you intend breeding several foals it is preferable to have one, as all your stock will be placed together in the Stud Book and it is of much service in tracing the pedigree of an animal. If a prefix is not registered, the name given to the foal must not seem as though it could be a prefix, for example it would be acceptable for you to name a foal 'Bobby Dazzler' but you could not call it 'Townend Bobby Dazzler' unless you registered 'Townend' as your prefix. As 'Townend' is already registered you couldn't have it anyway! This is where many come unstuck because it is not just a question of looking through the FPS Stud Books to see which prefixes have been registered, it's not as simple as that I'm afraid! Indeed there are 20,000 registered prefixes, logged with the British Central Prefix Register (to whom we affiliate) so you can see there may be some competition for your chosen prefix. To register a prefix an application form should be obtained from the Secretary. Three choices of name in order of preference must be given. The choices must be a single word only (no hyphens or spaces), the completed form should be returned to the Secretary with the fee of £15.00, payable to The Fell Pony Society. The registering of a prefix is not a lengthy process and once your prefix is established, your foal's registration application can continue.

**TRANSFER TO GELDING:** A Certificate of Transfer form is not required for notification of this but the pony's Certificate of Registration does need endorsing and must be sent together with the fee of **£3.00 for members, or £6.00 for non-members.**

**TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP:** A Certificate of Transfer form is required in this instance, which should be signed by the person who has just sold the pony to the New Owner. This is NOT necessarily the last registered owner but that is not the issue and it is accepted that the Late Owner may not have transferred the pony into their name. The Transfer form clearly states the procedure but remember if the box in the top right hand corner has been ticked to indicate that a mare or filly is believed in-foal to a registered Fell stallion, you must also obtain the record of service slip in order to register her resulting progeny.

**STALLION LICENSING:** This time of year is particularly busy with the licensing of new colts. Colts are eligible for licensing from 2 years old - after the 1st January in their second year, so they may actually be rising 2 years when the application can be made. It is a relatively straight forward procedure, as follows:

The owner of the colt must supply the Secretary with the name and address of a veterinary surgeon outwith their usual veterinary practice. The Secretary will then write to the appointed veterinary, enclosing an Examination and Report form. At the same time the Secretary will send a copy of the vet.'s letter to the owner of the colt and will also send them a blood typing kit. It is then the responsibility of the owner to contact the

vet. to arrange an appointment for the colt to be examined. However, 2 points should be remembered: 1. The owner should arrange for the vet. to carry out the examination at the beginning of the week, to ensure that the blood sample arrives not later than mid-week at the Animal Health Trust. 2. The blood sample should only be taken from the colt if he passes his veterinary examination - therefore the vet. must indicate whether he has passed or failed the colt at the time of examination and if the colt has passed, the blood sample should be taken and posted immediately in the envelope provided.

The vet will find markings and identification forms enclosed with the blood typing kit which he should be return with the blood sample to the Animal Health Trust, Newmarket. The vet. should return the FPS Examination and Report form to the FPS Secretary.

The owner of the colt is responsible for the payment of the veterinary surgeon's fees and also pays a licence fee of £25.00 to the FPS - the cost of the blood typing kit, normally £40.00, is subsidised within this fee. Upon receipt of the necessary and approved paperwork, the colt is licensed with a number which will appear in the current year's Stud Book, records are adjusted to show that the pony has been blood typed and the colt will be entered on the Society's Stud List. The owner will be issued with a Licence Certificate and a stallion record of service book - the latter to be returned annually to the Secretary by 1st September and which is re-issued each spring.

#### **REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER FEES**

The current fees remain as follows:

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| To Register a Filly foal                 | £ 6.00 |
| Stallion Licence (inc. 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)            |        |

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#### **\*\*\*2nd Year at NEW VENUE\*\*\***

#### **ANNUAL SHOW & SALE OF REGISTERED FELL PONIES**

**FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER 1994**

Once again the venue for our Annual Show & Sale of Registered Fell Ponies will be hosted by **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 (at J.40 roundabout take the A66 Keswick turn off, and travel along the dual carriageway for approx half a mile, which brings you to a 2nd roundabout, at which you should go right round, heading back in the direction of Penrith. The Auction Mart is then approx. quarter of a mile on your left hand side). The Auction Mart has excellent facilities and there is ample parking space,

plus a large sale ring for the ponies. The sale is for all registered native breeds, though predominantly Fells and Shetlands.

Entries for the sale catalogue closed on Friday, 30 September and catalogues are now available. Please contact Penrith Auction Mart to obtain your copy. The level of entries is very high, with an excellent proportion of the entries being mares and fillies. The Sale should therefore prove to be a very interesting one for potential buyers.

The Show & Sale is to be held on **Friday, 21 October 1994**. As usual, there will be 3 showing classes for Registered Fells. The Judging will start at the earlier time of 9.30 am with Class 1: Colt and Filly foals, followed by Class 2: In-hand Ponies (any age) and Class 3: Broken Ponies (which **MUST** be shown under saddle). Prize money and a perpetual championship trophy will be awarded. The Judge is **Mr R B Charlton, Linnel Wood, Hexham**. The Sale of ponies will commence at approximately 11.00 am, following the show classes. *The riding/driving ponies may be 'tried' by prospective purchasers within the paddock, when the show classes have concluded.*

The Secretary, Sales and Exhibition Officers will be in attendance with the sales stand and to deal with registrations and transfers. **Please have your paperwork organised for the transfer and registration of ponies. Registration Certificates (together with stallion service slips, if appropriate) and completed Transfer forms should be handed in to the FPS Stand, which will be situated within the foyer in front of the Auction's main office.**

**STALLION & COLT SHOW** Once again we are indebted to the McCosh family for permitting the Stallion & Colt Show to be held at Dalemain. The level of entry was again excellent. This year's judge was Mr T H Harrison, Shap, Penrith, who coped extremely well with the very large classes. The results of the 1993 Show are appended:

|                                                         |                    |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Yearling Colts                                          | Closehead Whisky   |                      |
|                                                         | Boy                | Mr D F Turner        |
| Two year old Colts                                      | Heltondale Glen II | Mr D Crow            |
| Three & Four yr old Stallions                           | Darrenvale Jason   | Mr & Mrs R Sutcliffe |
| Stallions, 5 yrs and over                               | Heltondale Black   |                      |
|                                                         | Prince III         | Mr T B Capstick      |
| Driven Stallions                                        | Heltondale Rob II  | Mr D Eltringham      |
| Ridden Stallions                                        | Whitburn Major     |                      |
|                                                         | Tom                | Mr R B Sutcliffe     |
| Best foot shod                                          | Rackwood Prince    | Mr J P Gibson        |
| Youngstock Champion                                     | Heltondale Glen II |                      |
| Supreme Champion                                        | Heltondale Black   |                      |
|                                                         | Prince III         |                      |
| Blacksmith who shod<br>winning entry                    | Brian Jones        |                      |
| £30 Gelding Premiums awarded<br>to the best 3 year olds | Townend Silas      | Miss K S Earnshaw    |

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Danny             | Mrs H Hindmarch/Mr D Harle |
| Heltondale Bonzo  | Mr J Rudd                  |
| Ferrymount Thomas | Mr K Williams              |
| Lazybank Cartoon  |                            |
| Hero              | Mr B M Allen               |
| Hillhead Ralph    | Mrs H Hindmarch/Mr D Harle |

£20 Gelding Premiums awarded to the best 2 year olds



1994 Stallion & Colt Show Judge, Mr T H Harrison, with the Driving class entry, Mr D Eltringham's 4 year old stallion Heltondale Rob II FP754C\*.

**'AT HOME PREMIUMS'** Are now awarded to the six stallions which have sired the most registered foals up to 31 December of the following year. Each stallion is awarded a Premium of £50. To qualify for an At Home Premium, the stallions must parade in the At Home Premium class at the Stallion & Colt Show. Because of the changes noted above, details of the top 6 siring stallions are not yet available.

**SPRING PERFORMANCE TRIAL  
AND  
WINDERMERE FESTIVAL FELL PONY SHOW**

These events were introduced in the early eighties as ideas of enthusiastic members of the Society. They quickly became important dates in the FPS calendar and were "adopted" by the Society in 1986. They were run by a committee under the chairmanship of Clive Richardson, the then Secretary of the FPS. Since that time the committee has ceased to function as such and the events have been run by Barry and Cath Allen with the assistance of willing helpers - some former members of the original committee and others who turn up on the day to support the events. Organisation of these events, which now fall within a week or so of each other, is becoming increasingly complicated and the Council feels that it is time to reintroduce committees to run both Linnel Wood and Windermere.

The Council believes that separate committees would be preferable to a single unit as the events clash datewise and complications can arise. We are therefore looking for volunteers who have an interest in the future of these events, would be interested in planning them and who are able, on the day, to either lend their physical support, or, if they are competing, can supply a partner or friend to assist.

Barry and Cath Allen have already indicated their willingness to continue to be involved but have themselves suggested that the Society should have a greater involvement than it perhaps has of late. The Trials have reached a low point in terms of entries (though every competitor seems to thoroughly enjoy the day) and the Allens feel there is little more they can do individually to encourage support. The Windermere show has a different problem. It is becoming increasingly popular, which makes organisation and decision-making that much more onerous.

The Council has nominated the following Council members (see below) to both committees but it is essential that we have sufficient interested general members as early as possible to ensure proper organisation of the 1995 events. Would anyone interested please contact the Secretary, or the following elected Committee Members:

Linnel Wood: Mrs M C Murray (nominated Chairperson from the Council), Mrs A A D Newall, Mr J P Gibson.

Windermere: Mr M Allen (nominated Chairperson from the Council), Miss B W Walker, Mrs G Williamson

The Council have great admiration for the commitment Barry and Cath Allen and family have show with these events and wish to thank them for their sterling work.

There are many other members/competitors who I am sure would reiterate these sentiments, knowing the enjoyment that many have had from these very well run events in the past. Enjoyment generated not least of all from the friendly manner which encourages all to take part, whether a complete newcomer or old-hand.