

FELL PONY SOCIETY

Spring 1995



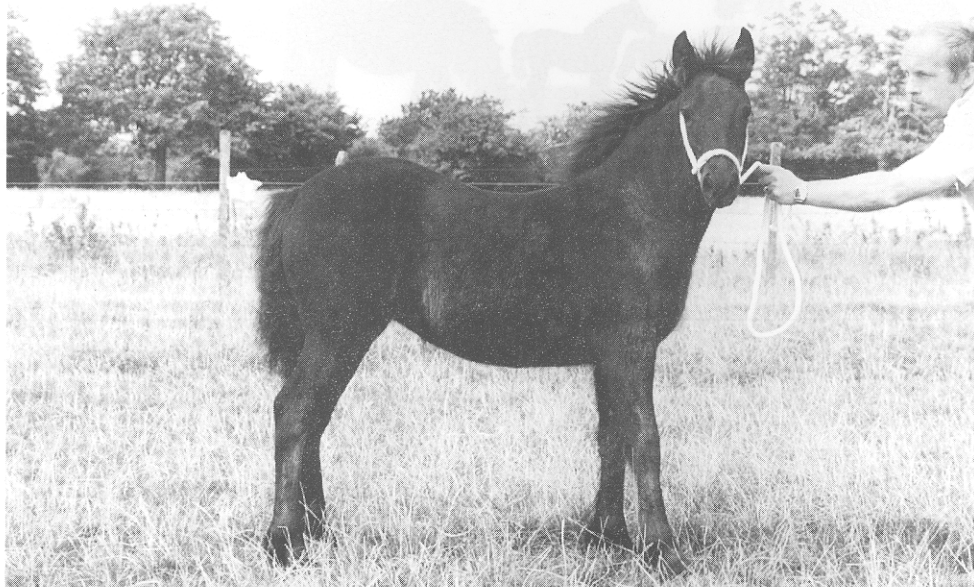
'NATIVE PONY'

(adding a new concept to the phrase)

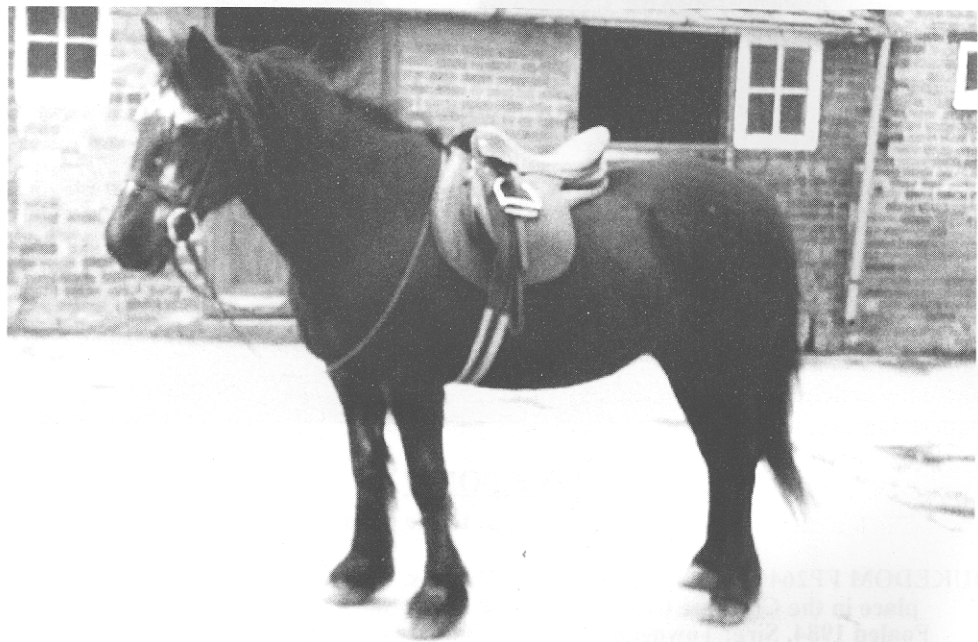
'DUKEDOM FP264G' and his owner Anne Higgins, with daughter Katie, took first place in the Costume Class at the 1994 Breed Show. (Photo Roy Wallis)

Foaled 1984, Sire: Townend Flash II 5278, Dam: Guards Jenny FP1280

Dukedom tells us this is not his usual apparel as he is really a hard working ride and drive pony, with more than a modest string of successes from the show ring to his credit and he was actually born in Bradley, West Yorkshire, not the Serengeti but he is after all a versatile Fell Pony, who just happens to be a good sport too!



WASDALE POLLYANNA FP2505, S: Bewcastle Boy Blue, D: Murthwaite Beauty II, owned/bred by Mr & Mrs I F Warnecke, Hockley, Essex. (Photo: courtesy of Anglia Horse)



PACKWAY CURLEW (pictured recently) will be 30 years old this year and is still ridden, by her owner Jo Barnacle, round the lanes a couple of times a week. On a Monday she is used for the RDA and is still ever willing to trot on the lead rein. What a wonderful character!

The Fell Pony Society

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- To Retire 1995: Mrs M Laing, Mr J Wykes,
Mr T B Capstick, Mrs A A D Newall.
- To Retire 1996: Mrs C H Robinson,
Mr E M Wilson, Mrs G Williamson.
- To Retire 1997: Mrs E A Ball, Miss M G Longsdon,
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- To Retire 1998: Mrs M C Murray, Miss B W Walker,
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- To Retire 1999: Mr J P Gibson, Mr H F Wales,
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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Another session of Fell Pony activity is beginning with the prospects of ever more events to attend.

All N.P.S. Ridden, Novice and Working Hunter Pony M&M qualifiers will count as our Breed Society Performance Qualifier. Also, all the Olympia In-hand qualifiers. This should give most Fell Pony owners a chance of gaining points wherever they live.

It is good to see Fell Ponies all over the country competing in all spheres of equestrianism from cross-country to dressage and all things in between.

Blood Typing is gathering momentum with all the subsidised kits being used up again in 1994. More breeders are having their mares blood typed and interest is being shown in registering over-age stock after checking them with blood typing. This will help to build a solid foundation for the breed in future years.

I hope all members will have a good season with plenty of what they want most, be it foals, rosettes or just plain enjoyment with their Fell Ponies.

Elizabeth Ball

Secretary's Letter

The title of 'Spring Newsletter' sounds rather hopeful - is Spring really round the corner I wonder? North, South, East or West, one thing we are all sure to agree is that we are certainly due a break from the dreadful weather we have been having. As mud and rain prevails, so diminishes the coveted hair and feathering on our ponies. Comments concerning the lack of such precious commodities will undoubtedly be exchanged at the ringside by those less fortunate of us, unable to keep winter's wrath at bay!

As fodder prices reach the nether heights and the elements continue to batter us we could be excused for wondering why we chose this for our interest or hobby in life - why not beachcombing in the Carribean instead?

Crop growers and feed merchants certainly seem to hold the horse industry over a barrel, especially at this time of year. By comparison sheep and cattle feeds cost much less - can the feed companies justify their prices one asks? Perhaps not - a Clydesdale horse breeder contacted me last week as part of his efforts to establish the total native horse/pony population in the U.K. He requires such statistics in order to quantify to a feed company the actual 'market' for their products. From a trial feed sample they have already produced for him, the cost of the feed per bag is considerably lower. It's certainly food for thought anyway! Perhaps it's time the consumers started to bring more pressure on the feed companies to be more competitive!

Sadly, we have lost a well-respected Council Member, Mr Robert Bellas, whose family bred the MOOR ponies, breeding several notable ponies, especially stallions, over the years. They showed ponies at White City, London, with great success both there and in their native Cumberland. He is survived by his sister, Miss Mary Bellas, who has

contacted me offering us some of the mementoes and awards that they have treasured over the years. This is a very generous offer and we are grateful to accept them. It is likely that many of the items will go on display, possibly at the Fell Pony Museum at Dalemain, Penrith, where they can be appreciated by an even greater audience in the years to come.

Due to his other commitments it is with regret that Mr J Wykes, Warwickshire, has decided to relinquish his place on the Council, which was due for re-election at the forthcoming A.G.M. However, we are grateful that Mr Wykes still wishes to play an active role within the Society and will continue with his daughter Sheila, to make all the arrangements for our stand at the Royal Show and Equine Event at Stoneleigh. Sheila also represents the Society at RASE and Central Prefix Register meetings. Their commitment to helping the Society is therefore still very much in evidence and our very grateful thanks go to them and Mr & Mrs J Bell, Waver Head, for keeping the flag flying for us at these two important events.

Please note that The Fell Pony Society office is open to telephone enquiries most weekdays between 9.30 am to 12.00 am and from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Due to a restructuring of the office the above times will be more strictly adhered to for incoming calls. As I will be unobtainable for part of April please avoid submitting applications for stallion licenses or sending any other urgent correspondence during this month. Please arrange to send such in good time before the A.G.M. on 25 March.

In recent years the Society has expanded beyond expectations and so has the administrative workload which has now surpassed the reasonable capacity of chiefly one person to deal with it. To this end, the Council have approved additional paid clerical assistance and it has been decided to purchase an additional computer - a bigger and faster one! But it's not quite a case of 'out with the old and in with the new' because both computers are to be used in an effort to keep abreast of the work.

Naturally, the above will encompass extra expense. Unfortunately, this will require a rise in the subscription fees for 1996 if we are to meet the expense in providing an efficient service for the development of this expanding Society. The Council have therefore put forward a proposal for the AGM on 25 March 1995, that the subscriptions be increased to £15.00 for Full Members, and £7.50 each for both Junior and Family Members.

Whilst there are bound to be increases in our overheads, the Society does still benefit greatly from being able to have its office in my home, which makes for considerable saving if one were to consider the expense of renting an office in a town and all the heating, lighting etc. So whilst it is unfortunate that we shall have to raise the subscription fee, we trust you will appreciate the reasoning behind it and acknowledge that our subscription rates are still very favourable when compared to many other societies. Please remember that your support and contribution towards the future success of the Society is very much appreciated.

In addition to the colour information leaflet that is currently being produced, Council has decided to go ahead with the production of a Stallion & Youngstock Guide, which

will include a written list of stock currently for sale. Printed in black and white the Guide itself is to be made up of individual studs advertising their stallions/stock. The cost of producing the Guide - which will be distributed free to all enquirers - will be funded by the advertisements placed by the individual studs/breeders. As the idea has only just been formalised further details of costs are not available at present but hopefully the Guide will soon be put into practice. Therefore, if anyone is interested in advertising within the Guide, please contact me as soon as possible. Please bear in mind that your advert can contain black/white photographs as well as text/logos.

There are still a number of outstanding subscriptions due for 1994. Please note that these 'lapsed' members will receive this spring edition of the newsletter but unless payment is received before the autumn, they will not receive their autumn newsletter.

Last but not least, I wish to thank our dedicated Chairman, Elizabeth Ball, whose articulate and active support throughout the year I cannot commend sufficiently. Once again, it has been a very busy year for **all** those involved in the running of the Society and we all benefit from their dedication - my sincere thanks to each and every one.

My good wishes for an enjoyable and successful year.

Rachel Bell

COUNCIL INFORMATION

TRAINEE JUDGES SCHEME

With immediate effect the following will apply:

Newly elected ex-Trainee Judges to the Judges Panel will initially go on to a 'B Panel' section where they will stay until they have judged 5 shows. It will be the responsibility of the B Panel judge to report back to Trainee Judges Committee with the details of the shows at which they judged.

GERMAN AND DUTCH DAUGHTER FELL PONY SOCIETIES

Representatives from both countries have expressed their wish to create daughter societies which the Council have acknowledged and will assist where possible. The Dutch have just formed their society and hope to be recognised by the Dutch government by the end of this year. They will create their own stud book in time, unlike the German society who will operate, for the foreseeable future, more along the lines of coordinating all present and future German Fell Pony owners and in promoting the breed standard.

GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW

There have been many requests over the years for Fell Pony classes at the above show and we are pleased to inform you that they have at last been granted, **it is therefore vital that the classes are well supported with exhibits**. The prize money is generous and is offered from 1st to 8th place, with an additional £30 and £25 awarded to the Champion and Reserve respectively. The Fell classes are on Thursday 13 July 1995 and the Judge is Mrs Ruth Eastwood, Bishop Norton, Lincoln. The 1995 Show will have the following 3 In-hand Fell Pony classes:

- i) YEARLING COLT, GELDING OR FILLY
- ii) COLT, GELDING OR FILLY, TWO OR THREE YEARS OLD
- iii) STALLION, MARE OR GELDING, FOUR YEARS OLD OR OVER.

To obtain a schedule/entry form please write to Yorkshire Agricultural Society, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate, HG2 8PW, tel: 01423 561536, fax: 01423 531112.

ANIMAL HEALTH TRUST- equine diagnostic unit: This unit is under threat of closure unless further funding can be found and the AHT are appealing for donations. The specialised unit has an international reputation for its contribution to the control of equine contagious diseases - for example they were involved in the control of the E.V.A. outbreak in this country. Their appeal has the backing of the British Horse Society, which is asking each of its members to give a minimum donation of 50p with their subscription. As we are a Corporate Member of the BHS we could have taken advantage of their scheme but have opted instead to offer a larger donation by giving the proceeds from the raffle at the Annual General Meeting. May we therefore appeal for raffle prizes to be brought to the AGM - with thanks in advance.

FOAL MORTALITY INVESTIGATIONS We are very fortunate to have gained the interest of Dr Knottenbelt of Leahurst College of Veterinary Science, S. Wirral. Both he and his veterinary science team are willing to assist in the research which will commence with questionnaires being given to breeders to complete. The questionnaires will help to discover

- a) is there really a problem or is it a case of normal random loss of foals
- b) is there some specific reason which underlies this random loss, or
- c) is there something in the foals or their environment directly connected with the health status of the mare, or the foal's placenta before parturition and this may be the direct result of some nutritional factor.

We have the bonus of a Professor at Leahurst who is probably the world's leading pathologist and from the one foal they have post-mortemed to date, they have been able to confirm a severe selenium deficiency in the muscle tissues. In order to build on this foal's case history it will be of much use if other mares/youngstock from the stud can be blood sampled for their selenium levels. Likewise, if you have experienced problems with foal mortality on your stud, you may be able to provide some valuable information to the project and for yourselves, if you are prepared to have a selection of your breeding mares sampled for selenium. Any data must then be sent to Leahurst for Dr Knottenbelt's attention, or to the F.P.S. Secretary and she will forward the information. Similarly if you lose a foal, or have one which is dying, it is vital that it is sent to Leahurst and identified as a **Fell foal, for the attention of Dr Knottenbelt. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.** If you cannot get the foal (live or dead) to Leahurst, then send it to either your local Veterinary Investigation centre or your own veterinary surgeon but in all cases, refer them to Dr KNOTTENBELT. As yet there is no funding available for this project but Leahurst are aware of this and are therefore keeping their costs to a minimum. To keep this goodwill, we have to do our part - the questionnaires must be completed as honestly and accurately as possible and any foals for post mortem/investigation must be identified as part of Dr Knottenbelt's Fell Pony project. We are looking for volunteers who will be required to visit breeders in their designated 'zone' to assist in the completion of the questionnaires if need be. We will be calling for

recruits at the A.G.M. Anyone else willing to help should contact Mr Russell Sutcliffe, 48 Hampden Avenue, Darwen, Lancashire, BB3 2HB, tel: 01254 776389.

FREE BLOOD TYPING KITS - as part of the Horserace Betting Levy Board Grant.

The Society will again offer **25 free kits**, which will be offered in the first instance to **Senior Licensed Stallions**. Depending on the demand and the number of kits still available in the autumn, the remainder are offered for use on **Dams** of Licensed Stallions. This will enable owners of licensed stallions to have both their stallion's Sire and Dam blood typed. **In addition from 1995 the scheme will be extended to approved breeding mares, which are not necessarily the dams of licensed stallions.** All blood typed ponies are now identified within our computer system and will be identified as such within the stud book etc, with '*' after their registraton number.

JUDGES & TRAINEE JUDGES SEMINAR/ASSESSMENT DAY - to be held the day after the 1995 Stallion Show, by invitation only to all FPS judges, members of Council, NPS judges from the M&M panel and trainees. The seminar will concentrate on riding, ridden classes in the show ring and performance. The Master Judge is Mrs Sheila Clark, Haddington, East Lothian, who has a lifetime's experience with native ponies and in competition.

CODES OF PRACTICE (including E.V.A.) - the Horserace Betting Levy Board have updated their *Codes of Practice*, which cover the control of disease in breeding stock. Copies of this are available from the F.P.S. - contact the Secretary.

HORSERACE BETTING LEVY BOARD (HBLB) GRANT 1994/95

Re-distributed by The National Pony Society

The Fell Pony Society's 1994/95 allocation from the HBLB was £3,850.00. Added to this the Society was obliged to contribute a minimum of 20%. We did in fact contribute 30.65%, giving a total of £5,030.00 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. We are most grateful for the continued support given to us by the HBLB. Details of our 1995/96 Grant allocation have not yet been given.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Mr M Allen	-	01539 726273	Mrs E A Ball	-	01556 680216
Mr T B Capstick	-	01931 714656	Mr JS Dargue	-	017683 51459
Mr J P Gibson	-	01207 270230	Mr T H Harrison	-	01931 716653
Mrs M C M Laing	-	013873 76272	Miss M G Longsdon	-	01963 33343
Mr A W Morland	-	015396 24615	Mrs M C Murray	-	01833 50474
Mrs A A D Newall	-	01434 672218	Mr W S Potter	-	01931 716267
Mrs C H Robinson	-	01946 861127	Mr R B Sutcliffe	-	01254 776389
Mr H F Wales	-	017683 61388	Miss B W Walker	-	017687 77202
Mrs G Williamson	-	01229 716477	Mr E M Wilson	-	016974 78638

This concludes *Council Information*

GENERAL INFORMATION/NEWS ITEMS

1995 SUBSCRIPTIONS

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

Standing Order is an excellent method of paying your annual subscription. Please ask the Secretary for a mandate form, or collect one from the sales stand.

NATIONAL STALLION ASSOCIATION STALLION PERFORMANCE TEST - Once again the FPS will offer a Grant of £100, being the cost of the entry fee, to approved stallions to take part in the annual NSA Stallion Performance Test, to be held later this summer. Other costs involved will be met by the stallion owner. Successful completion of the Test will permit owners to advertise their stallion as Performance Tested. Further details of the requirements and further information and an application form can be obtained from the FPS Secretary. It is very much hoped that owners will come forward, sentiments which are echoed by the NSA.

NEW CHRISTMAS CARDS AND POSTCARD We will have a selection of 3 full colour Christmas cards, hopefully available from the Spring A.G.M. All the cards are taken from photographs of member's ponies. The 3 snowy designs are as follows: Group of mares (1994 design), **New** - Group of mares on Cumbrian fells, and a grey stallion cantering in the snows of Colorado. Also, a new black and white postcard has been produced. Drawn in 1944 by the renowned artist Lionel Edwards, reproduced by kind permission of Mr & Mrs R B Charlton.

NATIVE PONY NEWS The native pony world has recently lost **Elizabeth Polling**, well known journalist for Horse & Hound, breeder and judge - including our Fell Pony Judges Panel - who died recently following ill health, which she bravely faced and disregarded to the end.

On the native pony news front it looks doubtful that we will have the benefit of **Valerie Russell's** reports in the magazine *Riding*, which have recently made drastic changes to the layout of their magazine. This is a great shame and loss to all those interested in native ponies. We can only hope that news items of Valerie's will be included in *Horse & Hound* but it seems unlikely that we will benefit from her 'Talking Natives' and 'Native News' as we have in the past.

Fortunately we do benefit from the specialised magazine '**Going Native**' which is available by subscription only. Further details of which can be found within this newsletter.

There is also '**The British Pony Centre**', run by Dr Alma Swan, The Leys, Gaddesby, Leicestershire, LE7 4XF, tel/fax: 01664 840160, where there is a museum and information centre with ponies on view representing all the native pony breeds. At present they are not yet permanently open to the public but do have a series of Open Days. In an effort to raise funds, they have produced a colour poster depicting

drawings of the native breeds available from Alma Swan @ £2.25 inc. P&P, or £1.50 each plus 75p P&P, which is sufficient postage for up to 6 posters.

REGISTRATIONS, PREFIXES, TRANSFERS & STALLION LICENSING

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 'Sleddale Bobby Dazzler' unless you registered 'Sleddale' as your prefix. As 'Sleddale' 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 the prefix you wish to choose. 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 - **Please avoid the month of April if you wish to license your colt promptly. License applications received in April may have to wait until May, so please note the*

above to avoid disappointment. 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 markings and identification forms enclosed with the blood typing kit should be completed by the vet and returned 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:

To Register a Colt foal	£ 3.00
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)

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. Please bear in mind that new colts are regularly added to the list.

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 the Secretary details of any ponies that have died. 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.

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

NATIONAL FOALING BANK The Society has again sent a donation of £25.00 to this notable charity, which offers assistance and advice, available **24 hours a day**, to anyone who may have lost either a mare or foal. The Foaling Bank can **also supply dried milk** - namely *Aintree Foalmilk*, which is the only foal milk they recommend, produced by Day, Son & Hewitt. For further information, contact Miss J E Vardon, The National Foaling Bank, Meretown Stud, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 8BX. Tel: 0952 811234.

POINTS SCHEME RESULTS The results of the 1994 Junior and Senior Points Schemes are as follows:

Juniors

- 1st - **830 pts Michael Poole riding Wolds Twite**
- 2nd - **185 pts Katherine Yemm riding Admergill Alexander**

It is disappointing to see only 2 Juniors competed for the points scheme in 1994 - where are you all?! But very well done to Michael, who at the great age of 10 years has obviously had a busy season in '94, to accumulate the number of points shown above.

Seniors

- 1st - **1560 pts Mrs Susan McKinlay; Guards Jonathan** (owner/rider)
- 2nd - **960 pts Miss Jane V Brindley; Edenview Moonstroller** (owner/rider)
- 3rd - **800 pts Diana McGrail; Heltondale Lady VIII** (owner/rider)
- 4th - **440 pts Mrs Susan Millard; Tebay Tommy** (owner/rider, driver)
- 5th - **410 pts Miss Viktoria Lloyd; Lazybank Bolero** (owner/rider)

Well done to all who have taken part and congratulations to Susan McKinlay for winning the Seniors for the second year in succession. To obtain Junior Points competition rules and score sheets, please contact Mrs C Robinson, 6 Crossgates, Lamplugh, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 4TU. Senior Points Scheme details are available from the Secretary, Mrs Rachel Bell (address at front of newsletter).

**NEW YOUNGSTOCK, STALLION & MARE AND PONY PERFORMANCE
AWARDS 1994**

Premiums of £25 each are offered to the four youngstock age groups - Foals, Yearlings, Two and Three year olds. The Sire and Dam of each winning pony also receive £25

each. The winning performance pony, aged 4 years and over receives £50 and it's Sire and Dam also receive £50 each. Further details of the Awards are given below.

The results of the 1994 Premium Awards are appended:

(There is insufficient space to print all the results in the newsletter but the full list of results will be on view at the AGM and Stallion Show.)

Winning Foal with 85 points:

BRACKENBANK JET - Owner Mr D Wilkinson
Sire: Waverhead Prince II* - Owner Mr J Bell
Dam: Lownthwaite Melody - Owner Mr D Wilkinson

Winning Yearling with 135 points:

KERBECK WILDFIRE* - Owner Mrs C H Robinson
Sire: Firequest of Kerbeck* - Owner Mrs C H Robinson
Dam: Sleddale Rosemary III - Owner Mrs C H Robinson

Winning Two Year old with 65 points:

BRACKENBANK MAYBLOSSOM - Owner Mr D Wilkinson
Sire: Heltondale Duke IV* - Owner Frau Dietke Preiser
Dam: Lownthwaite Melody - Owner Mr D Wilkinson

Winning Three Year old with 250 points:

LUNESDALE REBECCA - Owner Mr A W Morland
Sire: Lunesdale Henry - Owner Mr A W Morland
Dam: Lunesdale White Rose - Owner Mr A W Morland

Winning Performance Pony with 270 points:

TARNBECK MAYDEW - Owner Mrs G Williamson
Sire: Townend Duke III* - Owner Mr G Jackson
Dam: Tarnbeck Mayqueen (B) - Owner Mrs G Williamson

The 1994 winner of The Barncross Perpetual Cup offered to the breeder of the winning Performance Pony is Mr & Mrs D Williamson.

The Premiums are only awarded to live ponies. The points are accrued to the **pony**, therefore if a pony is sold during the show season, the points accrued to date are transferred to the new owner (if subsequent points are gained). The 'current' owner is deemed to be the person who gained the last points with that pony by 30 September and any further transfers of ownership after this date would not entitle the new owner to the Premium.

In 1995 the list of qualifying shows will be further extended to encompass even more N.P.S. shows (a total of 66), which will enable Fell Pony owners throughout the U.K. even more opportunity to compete for the above premiums. These shows are in addition to our own FPS events, which are listed below:

FPS Shows & Events: (Where appropriate in-hand, ridden and WHP sections will apply to all of the following) Stallion & Colt Show, Windermere Fell Pony Show, Barningham Fell Pony Show, Lowther Fell Classes, Breed Show, Southern Show, Linnels Spring Trials and Blawith Autumn Trials.

Due to lack of space in this newsletter, please obtain a list of the qualifying NPS shows from the Youngstock & Performance Pony Premium Awards Secretary, Mrs C H Robinson, 6 Crossgates, Lamplugh, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 4TU. S.A.E.

PLEASE.

STALLION & COLT SHOW The Show will again be held at Dalemain, by kind invitation of the McCosh family, on Saturday, 13 May 1995. The Judge for this year's Show is Mr A W Morland, Tebay. Schedules will be sent out to everyone who exhibited in 1993 and 1994. Will others please apply to Mr B Allen, Tarn Bank, Arnaby, The Green, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 5HZ, or collect a schedule at the AGM in March. Entries to be returned to Barry Allen. The Stallion Show will commence at 11.30 am. All ponies of 3 years and over must be licensed and will be measured in the morning by the vet in attendance - please arrive in good time for your class, as the vet will only be in attendance for a couple of hours. Show numbers will be handed out at the measuring stand by the Steward - Miss B Walker. The Ring Steward is Mr R Bicknell and Rosettes/Trophies Steward is Mrs M C Murray. **Stallions entered in the At Home Premium class must be blood typed prior to and as a condition of entry and will be required to parade in the relevant class - please submit, either with your entry or to the Show Commentator, some details of your stallion for a short commentary during the parade. Please note: in an attempt to encourage more driving entries, the 1995 Driving class will also be open to Geldings, 4 years and over.**

OPEN DAY To be held at Blackdyke Farm Riding Centre, Blackford, Carlisle, Cumbria, on Sunday, 18th June 1995, starting at 10.30 am. *(Please note this is a change of date and venue to that which was printed in the Autumn '94 newsletter).*

All are welcome to attend. There will be classes of in-hand and ridden Fell Ponies for judging and discussion by 3 Master Judges, followed by questions and answers from the audience. Tickets cost £2, and are available from Mrs Molly Laing S.A.E. **please** (address at front of newsletter). Please make cheques/P.O.'s payable to F.P.S.

INSTRUCTION DAY - DO YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT DRESSAGE OR JUMPING IN A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE AND HAVE SOME FUN??

This could be just the day to help you or your four legged friend get started - especially if you have thought about trying the Spring Performance Trials but keep putting it off. This will be the third Instruction Day to be held on Sunday, 28 May 1995, commencing at 10.00 am, at Barn End, Sockbridge, Penrith, by kind invitation of Peter & Pauline Forsman. So that each rider can gain maximum benefit it will be restricted to a limit of 10 riders/ponies, so go for it before you change your mind again! Tel: 01768 890372.

**SPRING PERFORMANCE TRIALS & N.P.S. MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND
W.H.P. CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER**

These events will be held on Sunday 25 June 1995, at Linnel Wood, Hexham, again by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs R B Charlton.

The Qualifier will commence at 10.00 am and is open to registered stallions, mares and geldings, five years old or over. Exhibitors need not be members of the National Pony Society nor ponies entered in the Competition Record. The Qualifying exhibitor must however become a member and the pony be entered in the WHP Competition Record within seven days for the qualification to be valid. At the Final riders must be members of the NPS. The height of the jumps is increased for ponies exceeding 13.2hh. It is therefore essential that you have an accurate assessment of your pony's height. A copy of the full rules will be made available to all Qualifier entrants. **The Spring Performance Trials**, for those new to the event, this is completely separate from the